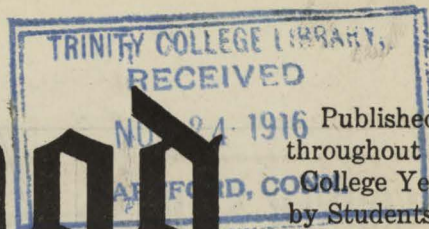




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## "COMMISSION GOVERNMENT FOR THE UNITED STATES."

Address Last Night by N. T. Dowling.

Mr. N. T. Dowling, of the Legislative Drafting Bureau of Columbia University, gave an address in the history room last evening on "Commission Government for the United States."

Among the first points that he brought out was the fact that commissions practically exercise the three functions of government, legislative, executive, and judicial, although the qualifying quasi- is put before their legislative and judicial powers when any official reference is made to them. When a legislature passes a law which is to be carried out by a commission, the legislature only lays down the broad fundamentals, leaving the specific rulings to the commission. Here is where their quasi-legislative powers come in. An appeal from a ruling of a commission customarily passes through the commission itself before coming into the court. As the commissions are composed of trained men, thoroughly versed in their own fields, the courts seldom interfere with the rulings of the commissions unless eminently unjust or unfair. Here is where their quasi-judicial powers come in.

Mr. Dowling pointed out that if laws are made specific they are bound to be inadequate and ineffective. No body of legislators can have sufficient technical knowledge to deal with the numerous diversified questions that come up. The function of the legislatures is rather to point the way to men with technical knowledge, who carry out the wishes of the legislatures in detail. In this way affairs are handled smoothly, with the least amount of friction and conflict.

It is evident that such great powers as these commissions have should not be vested in individuals but in a group, free from the prejudices of the individual, and escaping the distrust which is felt toward any one man with too much power.

Among the commissions that Mr. Dowling spoke about were the New York Industrial Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the Federal Trade Commission. He also mentioned the proposed commission to deal with unfair practices between employers and employees.

## S. D. C. ELECTION.

Four More Men Elected.

Last Thursday at a meeting of the Sophomore Dining Club, four new members were elected jointly by the 1918 delegation and the recently elected Sophomore members. The following men were elected: John Breslin, of Malden, Mass.; Edward Armstrong, of New Haven, Conn.; Herbert Armstrong, of New Haven, Conn.; and Everett Sturman, of Hartford, Conn.

Breslin, Delta Kappa Epsilon, has played on the 'varsity football team for two years.

E. Armstrong, Psi Upsilon, was a member of the 'varsity football squad, served on the Freshman Rules' Committee, and was captain of the Freshman football team last year.

H. Armstrong, Psi Upsilon, has been elected assistant manager of the baseball team and is also assistant stage manager of the Jesters.

Sturman, Alpha Chi Rho, is a member of the Glee Club, has played on his class baseball team, and was president of his class during the Trinity term.

## POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB ELECTIONS.

Immediately after Mr. Dowling's address last night, the Political Science Club elected officers for the year. D. S. Stark, '17, was elected president, and J. M. L. Cooley, '17, was elected secretary.

## POSSIBLY—BUT ?

The following clipping is part of a news item sent to the *Hartford Courant* by its Wesleyan correspondent. The article was dated November 21, and appeared in the *Courant* day before yesterday.

After saying that Wesleyan is still considering the question of inaugurating a course in military training, it goes on to say:

"While the action of the faculty has been halted, it is definitely known that President Shanklin is strongly in favor of courses of military instruction being inaugurated at Wesleyan. While no other colleges have attempted to inaugurate the system, he deemed it a chance for Wesleyan to take the lead among the colleges and is enthusiastic about it."

The article seems to show a greater regard for college spirit than for accuracy. If "The Tripod" is not mistaken, Trinity sent in an application a week ago for a course in military training, more than enough men having promised to take it. Also, if "The Tripod" is not again mistaken, the Connecticut Agricultural College has already had such an application granted. Here are two colleges in Connecticut alone that seem to be ahead of Wesleyan.

## MISSIONARY UNION CONFERENCE.

Only Four Trinity Delegates So Far.

The fourteenth annual conference of the Connecticut Valley Intercollegiate Union will be held at the Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, Mass., December 1, 2 and 3. The conference will open Friday afternoon and close Sunday evening. In view of the present missionary need, and remembering that this is not primarily a Student Volunteer, but a missionary conference, each college is urged to send a large number of its very best and most influential students as delegates. The delegates from Trinity will be Cooley, F. L. Johnson, Grime and Purdy.

## COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of "The Tripod":

I am having "my" "Tripod" addressed to my young son (aet. 3) instead of to myself, because I want him to grow up with the idea that "The Tripod" is his paper, and that Trinity is his College. I will see it anyway, whereas if it were my paper he would not be as much interested. It will be the first publication to which he is a subscriber and the first one he will learn to read. When he goes to Trinity his subscription will pass on to his next younger brother (if any), for he will subscribe like all good undergraduates.

Another Practical Point for Proud Parents: Don't say: "When you go to college", to your boy. Say: "When you go to Trinity". It's a good habit—there's a difference, and it's all in the boy's favor.

J. A. Wales, '01.

## THE MUSICAL CLUBS.

Although many seem to have the idea that the Musical Clubs are going to follow the course laid out for them by precedent, that they are going to be satisfied with giving their regular annual concerts at Wapping, Bloomfield, and other small Connecticut towns. This idea of our musical clubs must be corrected, for this year they are planning to show the country at large that Trinity has fine musical clubs.

The clubs are planning a trip to Baltimore, Maryland, which they expect to extend over at least one week and during which they intend to give concerts in New York, Atlantic City, and Baltimore; also, if the present plans are found entirely possible, the trip will be ended with a concert at the Bijou Theatre in New Haven.

## \$1,000,000 FOR TRINITY.

President Luther to Start Campaign.

President Luther will leave for New York before the end of the week to start to raise a fund of \$1,000,000 for the college. The plans are not yet completed, but will be soon. This campaign follows the action of the trustees who last June voted to raise such a fund.

In an announcement issued to the alumni concerning the campaign, the following statement of the special needs of the college was made.

"A few years ago, from the gifts of a great number of alumni and friends, half a million dollars was added to the funds of the college; the service rendered by this amount has made it evident that the college must immediately ask for a million dollars more, that its available income may be increased by \$40,000 to \$50,000—not a large sum in consideration of the growing needs of a home of widespread learning, that it may provide salaries for its professors corresponding to the value of their services and the requirements of the times in which we live, and that it may in other ways worthily serve this day and generation, requiting those who have thus far maintained it.

"Two special needs are also urgent now; one a spacious chapel or college church, fully fitted for the worship of the academic body and amply endowed for its maintenance; the other a gymnasium much larger than that which is now in use, more modern in its appliances, and adapted to more needs of the students for individual and team work. If a third may be suggested, it might well be a new block of students' apartments or students' senior hall, the income from which would readily meet the cost of maintenance."

## NEUTRAL BODY SMOKER.

The Neutral Body will hold an informal smoker in the Union this evening. This smoker is not only for the purpose of getting the Neutral Body together, but to show the new members the advantages and uses of the Union. Mr. Bussörn will give a short talk on some of his experiences in Europe this summer. This is the first smoker of the kind this year, and if it is a success, will be followed by several later in the year. The smoker begins at 7.30 p. m.

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### AN EDITOR'S REVERIE.

It rather makes us weary to have gotten out an issue, and then receive a letter cheery saying "I sure wish you would sometimes print some news that I could read with pleasure, for great, glum blues you give me without measure". And the writer, reader note, 'though he crabbed us roundly, never ever thought or wrote, a criticism soundly, for to carp without suggestion, shows sure psychical congestion, a state which really shouldn't be. But to point to us the work, which he thinks that now we shirk, would be better both for you and me.

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## ALUMNI NOTES.

B. Q. Morgan, '04, gathered together from the pages of his fraternity magazine twelve of the alumni notes which appear in this issue. Eight notes in the issue of last Friday were sent in by one alumnus. The number of alumni who wish the Alumni department of "The Tripod" to be a success and really serve its purpose seems to be increasing.

'43—Miss Mary Althea Curtis, eldest daughter of the late Chief Justice William Edmond Curtis and Mary A. (Scovill) Curtis, died at her home in New York, Saturday. She leaves a brother Wm. Edmond Curtis, '75. Miss Curtis was born in Watertown and lived there until her removal to New York. The funeral will be held in Watertown. Miss Curtis was a granddaughter of W. H. Scovill, a trustee of Trinity College, one of the founders of the Scovill Manufacturing Company of Waterbury.

'71—A tablet in memory of the late Reverend James Stoddard, has been placed in Christ Church, Watertown, Connecticut, where he was rector from 1876 to 1886. At the service of dedication the present rector, Rev. Francis B. Whitcome, '87, was assisted by the Rev. Samuel Hart, '66, who also preached the sermon.

'79—V. F. Morgan is supervisor of scheduling of the gun department of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. He is responsible for all stock tracing, for production records, and for developing graphic representations of facts recorded. He has a personal staff of about 60 men, and is expected to schedule the activities of about five thousand.

'97—Address: H. T. Sheriff, Athol Avenue, Oakland, California.

'98—Address: Henry Jones Blakeslee, West Hartford, Connecticut.

'99—Lloyd R. Benson has just succeeded in raising \$30,000 of a \$50,000 fund for his new Church, St. Augustine's, at Illion, New York.

'01—James Albert Wales is author of an article "Start Now to Offset War's End," in *Printer's Ink* for May 25.

'02—Married: Miss Grace Peloubet Norton, of Chicago, to Edward Henry

Lorenz, June 24, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz will be at home after October 1, at West Hartford, Connecticut.

'03—C. C. Thurber is superintendent of the Industrial School and Farm for Homeless Boys, Covington, Virginia; he acts as editor of *The Boys' Appeal*, a monthly printed by the boys at the institution.

'03—Howard Bell Ziegler is rector of St. Barnabas' Church, Reading Pa. He has been welcomed to his new parish, as "the new rector at Barnabas, a live wire preacher".

'04—B. Q. Morgan has issued from the press of Henry Holt and Company an *Elementary German Syntax* which is dedicated as follows: To Professor John J. McCook in Memory of Happy Hours in Seabury Hall.

'10—Engaged: Miss Dorothy Dalton to Albert M. Smith.

'12—A daughter, Ann Frances Bird, 4th, was born November 18, to Mr. and Mrs. William Augustus Bird at Washington, D. C. Mr. Bird is connected with the Washington bureau of the *New York Tribune*.

'12—George Lawton Barnes was ordained a priest of the Episcopal Church by Bishop C. B. Brewster, at Christ Church, Ansonia, Connecticut, on Tuesday, May 16. On November 1 he assumed a pastorate at Jefferson City Missouri.

'12—Thomas F. Flanagan is sales and advertising manager of the Pyrene Manufacturing Co., a million dollar corporation, with forty branch offices and two hundred salesmen.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor of "The Tripod":

Allow me to commend "The Tripod" for its policy of running short articles on representative alumni. By doing so you are making the alumni more than a mere name, or possibly less. The average undergraduate is rather apt to think of the older alumni much as he does of the ancient Greeks and Romans, as more or less mythical beings with certain vague functions rather beyond his ken. The series of alumni articles is supplying these shadowy beings with flesh and blood, making them human like the rest of us. I believe that I am expressing the opinion of a large part of your readers in urging you to continue this excellent series.

Senior.

To the Editor of "The Tripod":

Whatever has possessed "The Tripod" to publish such a ghastly series of short writeups of our prominent alumni? If they were not written in such a chill "Who's Who in America" manner they might be somewhat interesting, but as they are, they are repellant. We all have access to "Who's Who". It does not speak very well for the ingenuity of the editors if they cannot fill their columns with more interesting material. Why not run more intercollegiate notes? They at least are interesting, and the sources of them are not open to many of us. Get busy.

Critic.

Which would remind one of the remark that Don Marquis made in his column, "The Sundial," in the *New York Sun* some time ago, "The only way to edit things is to do as you damn please, and then see what happens".

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### INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

Smith College now has an enrollment of 1903 students. 34 of them are graduate students, and the remainder are distributed as follows: seniors, 327; juniors, 438; sophomores, 437; and freshmen, 667.

December 1 is the date set for the completion of the Newberry Organ in Woolsey Hall, Yale, which has been under construction since last March. The finished organ will have 163 stops, making it the third largest in the world, according to recent statistics. An organ in Breslau, Germany has 187 stops, and the Cathedral Organ in Liverpool has 167.

Through a gift of \$10,000 from Mrs. Robert Gould Shaw, Wellesley College has inaugurated a course in Constitutional Government. This course was endowed because in the mind of the giver the spread of woman suffrage makes such a course a necessity in every woman's college.

In celebration of the recent Harvard-Princeton football game, the "Crimson" got out a twenty-eight page edition, including an eight page special supplement containing full information of the rival elevens and pictures of the stars in action.

Dormitories are too expensive and will not be supplied at the University of Wisconsin for some years to come, so the students are divided into rooming clubs. Thus the men will be in individual groups. Such organizations are unrivalled for economy and companionship. Coöperative buying, simple and comfortable furnishings, and the lack of social obligations, make the plan an ideal one. No man will be compelled to stay in any one group as re-organization will take place each year, so there will be no narrowness and undesirable exclusiveness.

At Drake College, a large, luscious pumpkin was given to the student who cut practice hours most frequently in the Conservatory. Six students were tied for the honors but their names were not published to the great sorrow of the professors who might get a chance thus to give

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The Sophomores of McGill University went on a costly rampage recently and tore up the town in general. As a result of this method of making their class spirit known they were brought to task by the university authorities and each member of the destructive class was obliged to forfeit one dollar.

The University of California has installed equipment in the gymnasium so that the students may play indoor golf. The physical education professor is to teach the game. This new game may be submitted in place of the regular gym. work.

Aviator Don McGee and his military tractor biplane are at the University of Michigan and he is making passenger-carrying flights. Over half a dozen students were carried up and got their first view of Ann Arbor from the clouds. The flying is to continue until the end of the week.

In an official order made public last week it was announced that the Yale Batteries of Field Artillery will be disbanded this fall. The Reserve Officers' Training Corps will be established in its stead at Yale and the order from the War Department will come some time this month.

Plans have been made for the establishment of an elective course as an addition to the college curriculum and the War Department will give the plan its complete authorization. Colonel Danforth who has been in command of the Yale Batteries since the establishment a year ago will be in full charge of the course.

A description of the course, the credit it will give toward a college degree and the detail of the organization will be published soon. Service in a Yale Battery will be counted toward a Reserve Officer's commission.

On a field that was covered ankle-deep with the stickiest kind of mush, the Sophs and Freshmen of the University of Pennsylvania tried to drag each other around on the end of a rope. The contest was more of a submarine act than a tug-o'-war. However, each side had the pleasure of dragging their hated rivals through the mud as the festive occasion ended in a draw.

A few of the students at M. I. T. were treated to a little excitement when an old man became demented in the Tech. yard and drew a large sized toad-sticker and proceeded to cut up. He was about to attack a girl near by, when several Italians who were helping to erect more Tech. buildings, saw him. An exciting chase followed which was soon quelled by the campus cop, who grabbed the cause of the trouble, handcuffed it, and took it away to the cooler.

Eugene Neeley, left guard for Dartmouth, is one of the few one-armed men who have ever made good in collegiate football.

The University of Nevada is considering abolishing all athletics for one year, because the students failed to give the financial support.

The University of Pittsburgh has recently erected a campus post office to be used by the faculty and students.

## TWO ALUMNI.

The Reverend John James McCook, '63, A. B., A. M., D. D., LL. D., clergyman and professor, was born in New Lisbon, Ohio, on February 2, 1843. He is the third son of Doctor John and Catherine Julia (Sheldon) McCook.

He is a member of the "Fighting McCooks", two Ohio families with a remarkable military record, often distinguished as the "Tribe of Dan" and the "Tribe of John," from their respective heads—two brothers, Major Daniel and Dr. John McCook. All the sons, fourteen in number, served either in the United States army or navy, and all but one were commissioned officers.

Doctor McCook was at Jefferson College from 1858 to 1860. In 1861 he studied law. It was during this year that he received his commission as second lieutenant in the First Virginia Infantry (Volunteers)—a regiment recruited almost exclusively from Ohio. He was at Kellysville, one of the earliest engagements of the war, and stayed through to the end of the Rebellion.

Dr. McCook's brother, Edward Moody McCook, rose to the rank of major-general, and another brother, Anson George McCook, rose to the rank of colonel, and at the close of the war was brevetted a brigadier-general of volunteers for "gallant and meritorious services".

In 1863 Doctor McCook received the degree A. B. from Trinity College. From 1863 to 1864 he studied at the College of Physicians and Surgeons (Columbia). Shortly afterwards Doctor McCook went to Berkeley Divinity School. In 1866 he was given the degree A. M., in 1901 the degree of D. D., and in 1910 the degree LL. D., all by Trinity College.

Doctor McCook became a priest in 1867, and was rector of St. John's Church, Detroit, Michigan, for a short time, after which he came to St. John's Church in East Hartford, Connecticut, which celebrated its 50th anniversary last spring. He was for a time editor of *The Church Weekly*.

Doctor McCook is a distinguished linguist. Since 1872 he has been Professor of modern languages at Trinity College. He was secretary of the Board of Fellows of Trinity College from 1883 until his resignation last year. He has served on Trinity's Athletic Commission for a number of years. It was largely through Doctor McCook's efforts that the funds for the building of the present gymnasium were obtained. Some years ago he secured subscriptions of over five hundred thousand dollars for Trinity College.

Doctor McCook's sons, John Butler McCook, B. S., M. D., Philip James McCook, B. A., Anson Theodore McCook, B. A., and George Sheldon McCook, B. A., are graduates of Trinity. All volunteered for service in the Spanish-American War, 1898. George Sheldon McCook was killed in action, and a bronze tablet to his memory now stands in the entrance to the chapel.

Doctor McCook has been on the Hartford High School Commission since 1882, being made president in 1915, and has also served as chairman of the Hartford High School Building Committee for a number of years. He has been president of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Reformatory. This reformatory is the result

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of Doctor McCook's work amongst vagabonds and criminals. His large experience in work of this nature made him believe that boys and young men should be confined in an institution separate and apart from the common jail.

Doctor McCook has twice been appointed by the government on commissions for penal legislation.

He has written reports on poor-law administration and prison reforms, which to-day are regarded as authorities on the subject, and magazine articles on venality, vagabondage, pauperism, drink, American professors and the war, and other subjects. He is the author of a witty booklet *Pat and the Council*.

Doctor McCook is a member of Theta Delta Chi, Phi Beta Kappa, the Loyal Legion, and the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Honorable William Edmond Curtis, '75, A. B., A. M., LL. D., a lawyer, born in New York City, June 2, 1855, is the eldest son of the late William Edmond Curtis, sometime Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New York.

He was graduated from Trinity College in 1875. He received the two degrees of A. B. and A. M. from Trinity College, and the degree of LL. D. from Columbia University.

Mr. Curtis was Secretary of the Treasury in Cleveland's first cabinet. He was a delegate from New York City to the Democratic National Convention in 1904.

Mr. Curtis is a Trustee of Trinity College and was chairman of the Committee of Trustees to select a candidate for President of Trinity College which reported Doctor Luther's name. He was vice-president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York in 1912, is a fellow of the American Geographical Society, a life member of the New York Historical Society, a member of the Society of International Law, an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa, and a member of Delta Psi, and of the following clubs in New York: Union, Century, University, Manhattan, St. Anthony, Church, Down Town, Automobile Club of America, Middy, Garden City, Golf, Tuxedo, Sleepy Hollow Country Club, and the following Washington clubs: Metropolitan, Church Club (vice-president), and the National Democratic Club (secretary).

He is interested in Church affairs, being a vestryman of St. George's Church, New York City, vice-chairman of the Diocesan Missionary Committee, chairman of the Co-operative Committee of the Episcopal Church in the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and is connected with other organizations.

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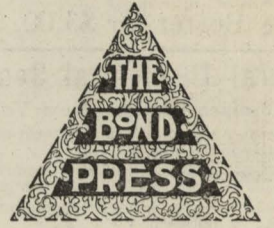
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