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VALUE OF FOOTBALL TO COLLEGE MEN.

Professor Gettell Praises Sport.

Professor Raymond G. Gettell, of Amherst, a former coach of our football team, delivered the following address at the annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

"A phenomenon of frequent recurrence in widely separated times and places has been the intense general interest in games or contests manifested by those people who held the leading place in the civilization of their day. The Olympic games in Greece, the gladiatorial contests in Rome and the tournaments of the Middle Ages alike were characterized by the enthusiastic zeal of those actively engaged, by the presence of crowds of frenzied spectators, and by the interest and attention centered upon them by the public at large. All these athletic carnivals were subjected to severe criticism in their age, yet they increased in popularity in spite of opposition, and declined only with the decadence of the peoples interested or with changes in culture that made them no longer possible. In the modern world Teutonic peoples hold the reins of power, and among them great football, baseball and cricket contests inspire widespread interest and enthusiasm. One explanation of this phenomenon, using football as an example of the modern type, is here attempted.

"As might be expected, football has been subjected to unusually severe criticism. The danger to life and limb, the accompanying evils of gambling, professionalism or unsportsmanlike methods, the enormous expenditures, the comparatively small number who actually take part in proportion to the numerous spectators, the false standards created in the minds of growing schoolboys, the over-emphasis on athletics in general in colleges and universities—these are some of the direct accusations that the sport has been compelled to face.

"In spite of these criticisms and these defects, however, football has become during the autumn season the preeminent sport, especially in American schools and colleges. The football star is a college hero; ambition to make the team is a chief desire in the mind of many a student, and pride over the football victories is a powerful stimulant to loyal college spirit. Nor does public interest in the game show sign of decline. Each Saturday during the season thousands assemble to witness the contests, additional thousands, even in the remotest parts of the country, crowd around bulletin boards which

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MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN WELL UNDER WAY.

Almost One-Fourth Now Subscribed.

Almost one-quarter, \$246,000 in all, has been subscribed in the campaign for raising \$1,000,000 for the college. Of the total amount subscribed, \$150,000 is the gift of J. Pierpont Morgan, a trustee of the college, whose father, for many years a member of the Board of Trustees, gave Williams Memorial Hall.

The sum of \$600,000 will be used as an endowment to increase and provide for the salaries of professors and instructors. The balance will be used as a fund for the building of a new chapel and a new gymnasium, and for alterations to be made in Jarvis Hall Northam Towers, and Seabury Hall. Additions are to be made to the Jarvis Laboratories and the Boardman Hall of Natural History.

President Luther has been in New York City since the first part of December, his work so far having been chiefly the perfecting of a systematic campaign. He has made addresses at alumni association meetings in New York and in Hartford. Doctor Luther will return to Hartford in a short time to conduct the campaign to be made here.

PROPOSED RUSHING AGREEMENT CRITICISED.

To the editor of "The Tripod."

I have read with great interest the articles printed in your paper in regard to the so-called rushing agreement between fraternities. I agree with the committee in charge that something should be done to remove the deplorable condition now existing at college, but do not approve of the plan as proposed.

This plan is absolutely impractical. If I had time I should like to point out its various impossibilities. I shall merely content myself with asking the honorable committee if it thinks that old alumni who are fraternity men would be pleased to be bound by that part of the agreement which states that no man entering Trinity should be approached by any fraternity member—graduate or undergraduate. I maintain that it is absolutely impossible to expect it among the alumni. Suppose a Trinity graduate, a member of some fraternity, has a son entering college. Do you think it is human for this gentleman while he is talking Trinity to his son during the summer previous to his entering to omit the little fact that he is a member of his fraternity? I do not say that this gentleman will urge his son to join his fraternity, but he will state the advantages from so doing.

Yours for old Trinity,

SOPHOMORE.

LADD, '08, IN ARIZONA GOVERNORSHIP CONTEST.

Secretary to Governor Who Refuses to Quit.

Leroy Austin Ladd, the son of George W. Ladd of Windsor, is one of the principal characters in the political struggle between governor G. W. P. Hunt of Arizona, and Governor Thomas F. Campbell who was inaugurated Monday at Phoenix. Ladd is a graduate of the Hartford Public High School, and was graduated from Trinity in 1908. He entered college in 1905 from Leland Stanford university. While at college he frequently contributed articles to various magazines. Immediately after his graduation, he became a member of the staff of the "Hartford Courant." For about two years he acted as a reporter and automobile editor. He then went south and soon afterward became secretary to Governor Hunt. Ladd has held this important position for four years.

Although the Arizona state canvassing board has officially declared Thomas F. Campbell, republican, elected governor by a plurality of thirty votes, Governor Hunt, democrat, governor during the term just closed, refuses to give up his office, since he is contesting the election on grounds of alleged fraudulent voting in several precincts. The courts are inspecting the ballots, preliminary to a formal contest. Hunt, meanwhile asserts that so far the inspection bears out his contention, although it is not a recount, and refuses to give up his office. Campbell was forced to make his inaugural address outside on the capitol grounds. While he was doing so, the rival parties nearly came to blows, but peace was maintained by Ladd, who had command of armed deputies who were scattered through the crowd.

He is a member of I. K. A.

WATER AT ONE HARTFORD HOTEL ANYWAY.

Report to be Investigated.

Prohibitionists and the Y. M. C. A. will doubtless be interested to know that Professor Barrows startled his Geology One class yesterday by announcing that there was a plentiful supply of water at the Allyn House. Some members of the class have an insatiable thirst—for knowledge—and are planning to investigate the matter.

BIBLE CLASS.

There will be a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Bible Class at 7.00 o'clock this evening. Doctor Adam, who has conducted the meetings since the early fall, will be present. This is the last meeting at which he will speak, and those in charge expect a good attendance.

SENATE MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the Senate in the public speaking room at seven o'clock Thursday evening.

THE CALL OF THE SOLDIER.

Captain Danforth Tells of Need for Officers.

Yesterday morning the freshman class listened to a talk on the "Call of the Soldier," given by Captain Danforth, U. S. A. The speaker showed that this call at present is very strong. The army needs officers, and the majority of these must come from the civilian professions.

Captain Danforth brought out the fact that the profession of the soldier is not one of the past, and that the European war will not be the last war. He said, "Until righteousness reigns supreme, and as long as there is work for the doctor and lawyer, there will be work for the soldier." He showed that as far back as 1845 it was said that there would be no more war. After that we had the Mexican, Civil, and Spanish-American wars in this country, besides the Russo-Japanese war and the present great struggle in Europe. He said that although officers are retired after thirty years of service, it is significant that none have ever escaped war in their time of service.

Captain Danforth spoke of the recommendations of the Endicott Board, previous to the Spanish-American war. These recommendations provided for an expenditure of fifty million dollars for coast defense. There were to be twenty-three hundred guns for this defense. The measure was approved by Congress, but action was so slow that when the Maine was blown up we had only one hundred and fifty-one of these guns. Mr. Cushing had urged quicker action, but Mr. Cannon had said that he did not believe there would be war in that century or the next, and the measure went along slowly. A month after the sinking of the Maine most of these defenses were completed, but with great waste, due to the necessary haste. Guns were used that had not been discharged for years. This procrastination is one of the discouragements of a soldier.

Captain Danforth also showed how unprepared we were when we went to Santiago, and that it was only by the greatest luck that we were not defeated.

Lately the army has been greatly increased. In the next five years there is to be an increase of four thousand officers. Some of these will come from West Point, but about sixty per cent. must come from civil life. Among these the college man is usually in the front.

The speaker spoke of the Officers' Reserve Corps, of which we are to be a part, as a very wise plan. He said that now is the time to study for a commission. At Yale, where he commands the battalion of field artillery, he said that there is great interest being shown in the movement.

After this course is completed, there is no legal obligation unless the commission of second lieutenant is accepted. There is the moral obligation of accepting this, however. He showed this to

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ALUMNI NOTES.

'55—Brigadier-General George Abishai Woodward, U. S. A., retired, died at his home in Washington, D. C., December 22 last, aged 81 years. He was the son of former Chief Justice George W. Woodward of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. After his graduation from college he studied law and later was city attorney in Milwaukee. He entered the military service and became colonel of the Fifteenth United States Infantry. He was advanced to the rank of brigadier-general, retired, by an act of Congress in 1904. From 1879 to 1887 he was editor of the "United Service Magazine." He was commander of the District of Columbia Commandery of the Loyal Legion in 1896. He was a member of I. K. A. The only survivor now of the class of 1855 at Trinity is the Rev. Dr. Edwin C. Bolles of Tufts college.

'88—Professor Henry M. Belden, Ph.D., 21 Jason Street, Arlington, Mass., is on leave of absence for the current academic year from the University of Missouri, where he is professor of English.

'92—Thomas L. Elwyn, 505 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

'94—Miss Charlotte B. Clark, daughter, of President William B. Clark of the Aetna Insurance Company, and Edwin S. Allen, '94, of Kenyon Street, were married December 16 in the chapel of Trinity Church by Rev. Dr. Ernest DeF. Miel, '88, rector of the church. There were no attendants and only immediate relatives were present. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Allen will be at home at No. 28 Kenyon Street. Mr. Allen, who is a graduate of Trinity College, is a member of the University Club of Hartford, the Trinity College Alumni Association, the Church Club of the Diocese of Connecticut, and the Naval League, Washington, D. C.

'95—Frank S. Burrage, the Jones Apartments, 9th and Thornburg Streets, Laramie, Wyo., is secretary of the Board of Trustees and also registrar and secretary to the president of the University of Wyoming.

'01—Martin W. Clement, Pennsylvania Station, New York, N. Y., is division engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

'03—Samuel St. J. Morgan, 10 High Street, Boston, Mass., since 1914 has been district manager of the Boston office in charge of the business of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company in the New England States. Since leaving college has devoted himself to the study of electrical machinery and appliances and the marketing of them among electric light and power companies, street railway companies, and industrial plants.

Ex-'04—Harry Beebe Altemus died at Grace Hospital, Detroit, Mich., October 30, 1916.

Ex-'08—Lieutenant Philip S. Gage, care of the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., was graduated from the United States Military Academy in June, 1909, and was commissioned second lieutenant of the Coast Artillery Corps. April, 1911, he was commissioned first lieutenant. During 1914 he attended the Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Va., and was graduated with honors as "Distinguished Graduate," December of that year. At present he is stationed at Fort DuPont, Del.

'10—Henry S. Marlbor and Miss Mildred Sutton Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Ward, and great-granddaughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt, were married in Christ Church, New York, Saturday afternoon.

'12—Word has been received in Hartford of the marriage in Cambridge, England, this week, of Lieutenant Charles Hurd Howell, of this city, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dawson Howell, of No. 314 Collins Street, and Miss Margaret Russell, daughter of the late Governor William E. Russell of Massachusetts.

Lieutenant Howell was graduated from Trinity College in 1912 and has been a member of the Royal Flying corps of the British army since August, 1915.

After the death of Governor Russell, his widow, who was the daughter of the Rev. Joshua Swan of Cambridge, married Dr. Michael Foster,

a professor in Cambridge, England, where they have since lived.

After Lieutenant Howell was graduated from Trinity he taught for two years at St. Mark's school before going abroad in September, 1914, to study at Oxford University. In August, 1915, he entered the Royal Flying Corps and after training at the Brookfield flying school he received his commission and was gazetted, becoming one of the aviators engaged in the defense of London against Zeppelin raids. He is 25 years of age.

'12—Percival H. Brandin, New Amsterdam Apartments, 325 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, N. Y., is connected with the National Meter Company at 84 Chambers Street, New York.

'12—Reverend William Short, 351 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto, Cal., was graduated from the Episcopal Theological School in June, 1915, and has been in charge of the Unitarian Church of Palo Alto since November, 1915.

'13—Leonard D. Adkins, 136 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y., was graduated from the Harvard University Law School, June, 1916, and commenced the practice of law, August, 1916, with the firm of Cravath & Henderson, 52 Williams Street, New York, N. Y.

'14—Leslie F. Wallace, Greenwood Street, Lawrence, Mass., is a student in the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Mass., from which he expects to graduate in June, 1917.

'14—Robert E. Cross, 315 Pearl Street, Hartford, Conn., has been in the employ of the Engineering Department of the City of Hartford as a civil engineer since June, 1914.

Ex-'14—Theodore L. Story, 224 Washington Street, Hartford Conn., on leaving college in June, 1911, was employed in the Hartford Electric Light Company until the fall of 1913, at which time he entered Tufts College Medical School, and will be graduated in June, 1917.

'15—Robert H. Johnson, 52 Garden Street, South Manchester, Conn. Student at the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn.

'15—Stanley M. Merrill was married December 30, 1916, to Miss Lucy Broderick, a graduate of Miss Ely's School in Greenwich, at Farmington, Conn. Their address will be 268 North Oxford Street, Hartford.

'16—George G. Nilsson, Squantum, Quincy, Mass., is teaching in the Fessenden School, West Newton, Mass.

'16—Jira T. Jennings, 9 Library Street, New Haven, Conn., is employed in the Winchester Repeating Arms Company of New Haven.

'16—Joseph H. Cahill, 992 Broad Street, Hartford, Conn., is connected with the Civil Engineering Department of the Windsor, Conn., Water Works.

Ex-'17—Douglas D. Myers, 750 Avenue C, Bayonne, N. J., is a student at Williams College in the class of 1917.

Ex-'18—Ernst H. Brandt, 1796 Broadway, New York, N. Y., is connected with the Ajax Rubber Company.

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be of great advantage to anyone later entering the service.

As a member of the reserve corps, a man is liable for fifteen days service in each year, for which he will be paid. This term may be extended if desired by the man.

Captain Danforth showed what advantages men in this corps receive in time of war, coming before all volunteers.

There is to be a bulletin printed giving the names, age, rank, and institution of all the members, and he said he hoped that this would include many from Trinity. The army needs them.

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give detailed descriptions of the plays or announce the scores, and still other thousands turn first to the sporting columns of the Sunday morning newspapers. A game that inspires such widespread devotions must rest upon certain underlying principles of human nature.

"Football is not a contest between individuals. It is a contest between groups or teams. The union of eleven men under their captain typifies the characteristic human factor of organization. In no other game is the individual, as individual, of so little moment, and the unit, or team, so closely integrated. The success of almost every manoeuvre depends upon a detailed division of labor, a distinct part being assigned to each member within the machine; and the success of a team in competition with others depends mainly upon the perfection of its organized work. Football, then, demands co-operation, the subordination of the individual interest to the welfare of the larger unit.

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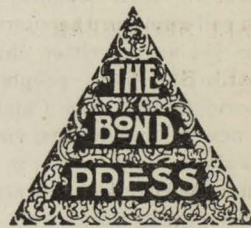
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CONN. MANUFACTURERS AT YALE.

Connecticut manufacturers will be the guests of the New Haven Local Safety Council at Mason Laboratory, Yale University, Tuesday, January 30. There will be two sessions, and matters of considerable interest to employers and employees will be discussed at each. A general invitation has been extended to all manufacturers in the state and a large number of delegates is expected to attend.

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ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES AND THE WAR.

The effect of the war upon the English universities is described by a correspondent of the "Newark Evening News" in an article which recently appeared in that paper. This article is so full of meaning to the American universities, so significant of the probable effect upon them in case our own country were forced into war with one or more of the great foreign powers, that we quote it here:

University Men Saved England at Time of Greatest Danger.

Those at home in America best know what, if any, interest the American universities have taken in the preparedness movement which has swept the country. They know whether college men have claimed a leading place in the preparations for the safeguarding of their native land, have offered to train themselves for service or organize their brains toward giving in time of need the scientific or other specialized kind of help which only they would be trained to give.

What the English universities have contributed to their country since the great call came in the summer of 1914 is as yet an unwritten chronicle of the war. How many people know that historic Oxford and Cambridge and the newer universities virtually saved England, and what is more sensational still, have practically been wiped out in doing so? Few, even in England, know it yet.

These striking facts were recently pointed out to the London correspondent of the "News" by a government official in a high diplomatic post, who, because he is an official, must remain unnamed. He, however, being not only a graduate of Cambridge, but, until a few months ago, a Don in Corpus Christi College, speaks as an authority on the subject of the English universities and the war.

"Cambridge," he said, "had 4,000 students when the war began. It has now 300 and most of these are either foreigners or Indians.

"Corpus Christi College in Cambridge University had 120 students. Not one is left! There were 14 Dons (professors). But two are still there. Never since 1350, when this college was founded, has it been totally cleared out like this. During the Cromwellian wars the Royalists left in a body, but their places were filled by the Commonwealth men. At the time of the Peninsular wars a good number left to fight with the colors and it took us nine years to recover from the losses the college suffered then. But even in those two epochs, the most stirring hitherto that the universities have known, the institutions kept their doors open and their diminished courses continued.

"Now, however, the few courses still offered and attended for the most part by women, aliens and Indians, are improvised. The universities proper are extinct. And all of this exodus, it must be remembered, took place before conscription came in.

"Trinity College has gone down

from 700 to forty-eight. Oxford University, with its 3,000 at the outbreak of the war, now harbors less than 400.

"Where are they all and what is the service they have given?

"They are in France, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Macedonia, for the most part leading the new armies that were civilian before the war. A terrible percentage are lying under the wooden cross on the fields where the earlier battles of the war were fought.

"It may not be widely known in America that a few years before the war, Lord Haldane, who was then War Secretary, inaugurated in the universities a system of officers' training corps. They were not compulsorily introduced, as the universities are not in any sense controlled by the state, but at his suggestion they were adopted by the colleges, and it soon became the thing to belong to one of the corps and receive an officer's training in the cavalry or the artillery division. There was

also a scientific corps at Cambridge connected with the Engineering College, and at the outbreak of the war forty-three men in this corps who had specialized as wireless operators were called for at once and sent to Aldershot. They were found to be so expert that they beat the regular army operators hands down. It need not be pointed out that they were invaluable.

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