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## BRIGGS HEADS Y. M. C. A. LIBRARY IN FRANCE

FORMERLY LIBRARIAN OF  
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Walter B. Briggs, former head of the Trinity College Library, is now chief librarian for the Y. M. C. A. in France. He resigned his place as librarian of Trinity College in August, 1915, and became assistant librarian at the new Widener Memorial Library at Harvard University. He came to Trinity as chief librarian in 1909.

He was born in Charlemont, Mass., September 8, 1870. In 1880 he went to Cambridge, Mass., attended the public schools in that city and later took special work at Harvard University. From 1896 until 1904 he was superintendent of the reading room at Harvard College Library and in 1904 went to the Brooklyn, N. Y., Public Library as reference librarian. He left that place in 1909 to become librarian at Trinity College.

In June, 1915, he received the honorary degree of M. A. from Brown University. In conferring the degree, President William H. P. Faunce of Brown University said: "Walter Benjamin Briggs in whose genial teaching and enthusiasm for wisdom Trinity has lured thousands of students in an appreciation of books, not only as tools, but as friends."

He is a member of the American Library Association, of the American Bibliographical Society, and former president of the Connecticut State Librarians' Association. He was a member of the University Club of Hartford and of the Hartford Golf Club. He was chairman of the West Hartford Public Library, a member of the West Hartford School Committee, and vice-president of the West Hartford Business Men's Association.

## JUNIOR PROM. TO BE HELD

It was the sentiment of the Junior Class at a meeting held Dec. 6 that the annual Junior Promenade should be held. E. M. Hyland, Jr., was elected chairman. He appointed the following men to assist him: H. W. Nordstrom; S. W. Shepherd, Jr.; L. L. Curtiss; E. L. Skau; K. D. McGuffey; J. E. Jessen; A. E. Haase; H. S. Beers, and R. C. Buckley.

## DR. FREDERICK GARDINER DEAD.

The Reverend Frederick Gardiner, L.H.D., brother of Mrs. Henry Ferguson, died suddenly at his home on Saturday, December 8. Doctor Gardiner was for a time instructor in Biology at Trinity College, and had much to do with the early up-building of that department.

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If we are to win the war, we must win it as a united people. The savings of every man, woman, and child are necessary if we are to hasten the victorious ending of the war. War Savers are Life Savers.

A single strand in the cables which uphold the great Brooklyn Suspension Bridge is not very strong, but thousands of these strands bound together uphold one of the great thoroughfares of the world.

When our fathers and sons and brothers were called by our Country to take up arms in her defense, you did not hear an individual soldier refuse to serve because his service alone would not win the war. Each man was ready to do his part. The great army thus formed is going forward to face the fire of battle and to risk everything for the safety and security of our homes and our families, and for the very existence of our Country.

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## NEW YORK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING

### PRESIDENT LUTHER SPEAKS ON TRINITY'S WAR RECORD.

The annual meeting of the New York Association of the Alumni of Trinity College was held at the University Club in New York City last Thursday evening. More than fifty members of the association were present.

At this meeting President Luther spoke on Trinity's war record.

Charles Amos Johnson, '93, spoke on the scope and purpose of the new Trinity College Alumni Council, of which he has recently been appointed the secretary.

Edward S. Van Zile, L.H.D., '84, war correspondent, who has just returned from the French front, related some of his most interesting war experiences.

The officers of the New York Association of the Alumni for 1918 are: Robert Thorne, '85, president; F. R. Hoisington, '91, Rev. Karl Reiland, '97, P. J. McCook, '95, and G. N. Hamlin, '91, vice-presidents; F. C. Hinkel, Jr., '06, secretary-treasurer.

The members of the executive committee are; A. D. Vibbert, '99, G. D. Hartley, '92, J. W. Bradin, Jr., '00, DeF. Hicks, '96, and W. A. Henshaw, '09.

## SCHOLASTIC STANDING

### TABLES SHOW RELATIVE RANKS OF FRATERNITIES.

Tables showing the relative rank of the several units in the college body have been prepared by President F. S. Luther.

The first table is based on the percentage of A's and B's received. That is to say, the larger the number of A's and B's, the higher the rank:

- Delta Phi—Sigma Psi.
- Delta Psi—Neutral Body.
- Alpha Delta Phi—Hartford Club.
- Alpha Chi Rho.
- Delta Kappa Epsilon.
- Phi Gamma Delta.
- Psi Upsilon.

The second table is based upon the percentage of E's received. This is to say, the larger the number of E's the lower the rank:

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- Alpha Chi Rho.
- Delta Kappa Epsilon.
- Phi Gamma Delta.
- Sigma Psi—Neutral Body.
- Delta Phi.
- Delta Psi.
- Psi Upsilon.



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## "NOW THEN TRINITY"

### THE SERVICE FLAG.

The service flag was given to Trinity College by Harold G. Hart, '07, of Hartford, who is a lieutenant in the Connecticut Home Guard and who has been aiding Captain J. H. Kelso Davis in the military work at college. The pole was given to the college by Mrs. Henry Ferguson of Hartford.

### ALUMNI ENGLISH PRIZES.

Notices calling attention to the Alumni English Prizes have received considerable attention. It is reported that many of the undergraduates will submit essays.

Three prizes of \$25, \$20, and \$15, respectively, are from a fund contributed by the alumni. Papers prepared in any regular course may be submitted if the instructor in whose department they are written allows them to be used. Winners of the three awards are eligible to compete for the Whitlock prizes of \$30 and \$20.

Four students, including the three who have won the Alumni English Prizes, will deliver their themes in public in competition for the prize.

### POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB BOOKS.

The Political Science Club of which Edward K. James is president, has received the following books: "The Great Illusion," "The World's Highway," "Japan in World Politics," "Alsace Lorraine," "The Rebuilding of Europe," "The Reconstruction of Poland," "Russian Realities and Problems," "After-War Problems," and "The German Terror in France."

## ASTLETT WRITES

WORK OF AMERICAN AMBULANCE FIELD SERVICE DESCRIBED.

Eric A. Astlett, one of the first undergraduates to leave college for war service, is now in France as a member of the American Ambulance Field Service. His letter is as follows:

"Well we are sure in it up to our necks and have been for the last week. The work is hard. One night we started work and went on duty out at our post and when we were finally relieved we had been on for 27 hours. We made six trips out to our advanced poste-de-secours and brought back to the hospital a number of wounded.

This is awful land for rain and the roads out on the front are horrible. The mud is so sticky and slippery that it makes driving very difficult. Also at certain times of the night a great deal of ravitaillement goes out as well as ammunition, which clutters up the roads very much and many jams occur. These jams are not very conducive to health and long life, especially when the Boches start shelling the roads searching for convoys. As all the country we are working in out here was once in German hands, they have the range of the roads down to a matter of yards and that means something when the big shells are flying.

Our chief went with us on one of our trips, and I am glad he did because we got into a jam and were held in one place for over five hours with French batteries booming away all around us. As luck would have it, the Boches didn't try for the road or they could have made a slaughterhouse out of it. We saw the dawn break and I hope I shall never see a more ghastly sight. I have been there during the daytime and it's terrible enough then, but when you wait there and see the dawn come with things close around you first appearing and finally spreading out in the distance until everything can be observed in the gray light,—well, it is horrible that's all. One cannot believe that forests once covered this country. In some places there are a few stumps still standing, but not many, even of those. The ground is literally torn to pieces and overturned. I do not believe there is a level place out there. The shell holes are rim to rim. Before I left home I had seen pictures of shell-torn ground and I thought I knew what it looked like, but since I've come out here I've learned that pictures cannot begin to show what it really is.

I should like to get some pictures but when I am driving an ambulance through that country all I can think of is to miss the cannone and ravitaillement wagons but still remain on the road and to get out as quickly as possible. It is no place to linger in, longer than is absolutely necessary.



James L. Cole, '16, who is now a second lieutenant in the 167th United States Infantry.

## SOPHOMORE HOP

1920 GIVES SUCCESSFUL DANCE.

The annual Sophomore Hop was held on Friday evening in Alumni Hall. The committee in charge consisted of Harold V. Lynch, chairman; Frederick R. Hoisington, Kenneth Knapp Walker, Jack W. Lyons, Alfred P. Bond, Richard P. Pressey, Samuel Griffin, Gibson G. Ramsey, James G. Nichols, Francis G. Fox, Robert O'Hearn, Caleb T. Harding. The patronesses included: Mrs. Flavel S. Luther, Mrs. Arthur Adams, Mrs. Wilbur M. Urban, Mrs. LeRoy C. Barret, Mrs. Odell Shepard, Mrs. Charles C. Beach, Mrs. Charles E. Shepard, Mrs. William F. Whitmore, Mrs. William E. A. Bulkeley, Mrs. Benjamin Knower, all of Hartford; Mrs. Frederick R. Hoisington of Rye, N. Y.

## "IVY" BOARD CHOSEN.

The board of editors of the "1919 Ivy" has been chosen. Albert E. Haase is the editor-in-chief, and Irving E. Partridge is the business manager and treasurer. The associate editors are: Harmon T. Barber, Henry S. Beers, Richard C. Buckley, Theodore F. Evans, Leslie W. Hodder, Francis V. Potter, Kinsland D. McGuffey, Herbert E. P. Pressey, Laurids W. Skau, and Lansing W. Tostevin.

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# ALUMNI NEWS

In order to make this department the clearing house for Trinity service news throughout the war, "The Tripod" must depend in large measure upon the interested cooperation of its readers. The Alumni generally are, therefore, cordially requested to make use of this department regularly for the publication of war-time information concerning their friends and themselves, which will appear as space limitations permit. Personal items, letters or other literature growing out of the war, not excepting matter already published, and pictures of Trinity interest are desired at all times. The Alumni Secretary is working conjointly with us in this department and communications may be forwarded to Mr. C. A. Johnson, Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., or to "The Tripod".

### WAR 1900

Samuel Richard Fuller, Jr., who was engaged by the navy as a steel expert, has recently received the commission of lieutenant-commander in the U. S. N. R. F.

### 1909

Clinton J. Backus, Jr., has recently received a commission as lieutenant in the Field Artillery. He was in the second Reserve Officers' Training Camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

### 1911

Blinn F. Yates during the past winter, studied at Governor's Island and was commissioned second lieutenant in March. He was detailed as an instructor at the first Plattsburgh Training Camp in May and in August received a commission as first lieutenant. He was chosen as one of the two thousand officers to go to France for special training and arrived there in October. Address, care of American Express Company, 11 Rue Scribe, Paris, France.

Alfred E. Rankin received a commission as captain in the Reserve Officers' Corps at the close of the second Plattsburgh Training Camp.

### 1912

William H. Bleecker is in the Aviation Concentration Camp, 77th Squadron, Camp No. 2, at Garden City, L. I., N. Y.

### 1913

Lieutenant Henry B. Dillard has been transferred to the 105th United States Engineers at Greenville, S. C., from Company I, 19th Infantry.

### 1914

Hobart J. Roberts is at the training depot of the University of Toronto.

### 1915

Harold C. Mills has received a commission in the United States Army.

### 1916

Hampton Bonner, who enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps last spring, is now a lieutenant in the 46th Company U. S. Marine Corps, stationed at Portsmouth, Va.

William L. Peck is acting corporal in the 81st Machine Gun Company U. S. Marine Corps, Quantico, Va.

Alvord B. Churchill who in August entered the second Plattsburgh Training Camp has recently received a commission as second lieutenant and will report at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., this month.

### 1917

Sergeant Philip W. Warner is at the Base Hospital, Fort Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

James W. Hatch, who entered the second Plattsburgh Training Camp in August, was later transferred to Fortress Monroe, Virginia. He recently received his commission as second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery.

Chester B. McCoid is a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps of the Regular Army, and is stationed at Fort Rodman, New Bedford, Mass.

Paul E. Fenton is now a cadet in the Aviation Service. His address is U. S. Army School of Military Aeronautics, Squadron 26, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

### 1918

Wilbert A. Smith, '18, has obtained a commission as an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve Force, and is training at Annapolis for a commission in the navy.

### 1919

George V. Brickley enlisted in the U. S. Navy in April. Address, U. S. Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass.

Paul H. Alling and Stanley H. Leeke are members of the 101st Machine Gun Battalion now in France.

C. B. F. Brill enlisted in Troop C, Third Separate Squadron, C. N. G., and spent a month in training at Niantic, Conn. After attending the second Plattsburgh Training Camp he received a commission as second lieutenant in the Signal Officers' Reserve Corps. Later he was appointed a first lieutenant in the Field Artillery Reserve which he refused in order to accept a commission as a provisional second lieutenant in the Regular Army.

### 1920

Stuart S. Purves, '20, is a midshipman in the U. S. Navy, stationed at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

George S. Huggard, '20, has been stationed at Paris Island, S. C., with the U. S. Marine Corps since the first part of July. On October 2, his company was transferred to Santo Domingo. His present address is Private George S. Huggard, U. S. Marine Corps, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, care of New York Postmaster.

Gardiner P. Johnson, '20, enlisted in June in the American Ambulance Service in France. His address is 7 Francois 1er, Paris, France.

### GENERAL

### 1860

Rev. George M. Stanley who, for some time has been rector of St. John's Church, Pine Meadow, Conn., has recently become rector of St. James' Church, West Hartford, Conn.

### 1872

The address of William A. Valentine is now 60 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, New York.

### 1879

Henry J. Tusch has moved to Athens, Ala.

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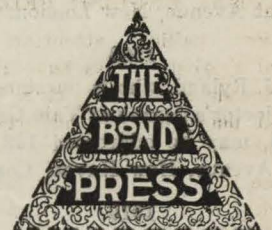
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## ALUMNI NEWS.

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1890

The Rev. Thomas A. Conover of Bernardsville, N. J., has been appointed executive secretary of the War Council, Executive Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey.

1892

E. Kent Hubbard of Middletown is the new president of the Manufacturers' Association of Connecticut. Colonel George Pope, of Hartford who has been the head of the organization for the past year, was made honorary president at the annual meeting, held at the Hartford Club last Wednesday.

1895

The Rev. S. H. Littell is now living in Hankow, China.

1898

M. R. Cartwright is the managing director of the Adanac Silver Mines, Ltd., Cobalt, Ont.

1899

The Rev. J. W. Nichols, after many years of service as a missionary in Wusih, China, has been transferred by the Bishop of the district to St. John's University, Shanghai, where he is dean of the School of Theology.

1900

The address of David L. Schwartz has recently been changed to 1336 Real Estate Trust Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

P. S. Bryant is managing editor of the "Far Eastern Review", Shanghai, China.

1901

J. S. Mitchell is now with Mustard and Co., Tientsin, China.

Carlos C. Peck is general secretary of the Standard Copper and Tube Company. His address is 183 Connecticut Avenue, New London, Conn.

1908

W. J. Ryland, who is pursuing work for a doctor's degree at Yale Graduate School, may be addressed 142 Edge-wood Avenue, New Haven, Conn.

1910

S. W. Green is teaching at Mahan School, Yang Chow, China, for his fourth year. Last year he received an appointment as a regular missionary in the American Church Mission.

## W. L. SQUIRE AT ANNAPOLIS.

William Lord Squire, who was an instructor in English at Trinity College, is now teaching International Law at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

## MEN-IN-THE-SERVICE TRIPOD FUND.

There are over 300 Trinity men in the war. "The Tripod" should be sent to them. It is now being sent gratis to 103 Trinity men who are engaged in war work, at the front and in this country. This has been made possible by contributions to this fund. "The Tripod" will be sent for one year, to Trinity men in war work for every dollar received. The following contributions have been received:

Previously acknowledged	.....	\$100
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T. F. Flanagan, '13	.....	2
		\$103

1912

Carl A. Sommer is now employed in the accounting department of the Aetna Life Insurance Co., Hartford.

1914

Chambers Chow is with MacDonald, Chow & Co., importers, of Shanghai, China.

1915

Rev. E. Pinkney Wroth has been elected treasurer of the Clericus of the Diocese of Maryland.

I. A. Mitchell has been teaching at St. John's University, Shanghai, China, for the past three years. He expects to return to the United States in July, 1918.

1917

Harry Dworski on graduation, entered the employ of the General Electric Company at their works located at Windsor, Conn.

Morris Dworski, is pursuing graduate work in Public Health at Yale University.

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