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## OUR BELOVED PRESIDENT TENDERS RESIGNATION TO TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 1919.

Dr. Flavel S. Luther, president of Trinity since 1904 and a member of the faculty since 1883, offered his resignation as president of the college at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held Saturday morning, December 7. The reason for his action is his age. He stated that he no longer felt capable of the activity necessary for the successful prosecution of his work. The trustees expressed much regret at his resignation and deferred action on the matter until January 18, when a special meeting will be held. Dr. Luther requested that his resignation become effective July 1, 1919. His letter of resignation to the trustees was as follows:

"Hartford, Dec. 7, 1918.

To the Trustees of Trinity College.

Gentlemen—At the next Commencement season I shall be well along in my 70th year. I cannot hope much longer to be able to discharge with any satisfaction the onerous duties inherent in the office to which you elected me in the spring of 1904. For several years past I have been incapable of the activity necessary to the successful prosecution of my appropriate work.

Again, the present is a singularly opportune moment for a change in administration. All things are to be rebuilt on new lines and many old things are to be abandoned.

I therefore tender my resignation of the presidency of Trinity College, to take effect, if you please, July 1, 1919.

I am taking this step after earnest thought and it expresses a final decision which gives me sorrow, indeed, as I contemplate breaking pleasant official relations which have existed for thirty-five years, but a decision which I am sure you will see is wise and best.

I can in no adequate way express my heartfelt thanks for the unfailing courtesy and support and friendliness which I have received at your hands. And I shall cherish the affectionate loyalty of an alumnus of Trinity College during such years as may be in store for me.

Respectfully,  
FLAVEL S. LUTHER."

After the reading of the resignation the following resolution was adopted by the Trustees:

"The president, having presented a letter tendering his resignation, to take effect July 1, 1919, it is unanimously resolved that this Board expresses its profound regret that the president, for the reasons stated in his letter, has felt impelled to take this action.

That the matter requires consideration at a full meeting of this Board and, therefore, that the communication from the president be laid upon the table, and that a special meeting of the Board be called for that purpose, to be held at Hartford on the 18th day of January, 1919."

Dr. Luther has had a very illustrious career. As professor and pres-



REV. FLAVEL SWEETON LUTHER, Ph.D., LL.D.

ident of the college he has enjoyed the esteem and been truly loved by the students. He always looked after the welfare of his boys and was instrumental in raising the funds for and personally planned and superintended the construction of the Athletic Field. He was very popular as a professor and president, and his counsel and advice was much sought and well and freely given. His boys all know the unselfish service he never failed to give, and this characteristic is highly appreciated by those fortunate enough to have been his students. He has always taken an active interest in the affairs of Hartford and is a prominent citizen. He holds a warm spot in the hearts of his host of friends and the highest respect of all his fellow townsmen. In 1906 he was appointed a charity commissioner by the Mayor of Hartford. He is at present chairman of the Rent Commission of Hartford and has been doing wonderful work on that board since its creation. His interest in state affairs led to his taking an active part in state politics a few years ago. He was senator from the First District of Connecticut in 1907 and 1909.

He was born in Brooklyn, Conn., March 26, 1850. He spent his early life on a farm, preparing for college in the country schools. He entered Trinity as a sophomore at the age of

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## RECEIVES DIVISIONAL CITATION FOR BRAVERY.

It has just been ascertained that First Lieut. John S. Kramer, '17, of the 103rd Infantry, 26th Division, received a divisional citation for bravery while on patrol duty in May. Since that time he has had plenty of exciting experiences. As 1st Battalion Intelligence Officer, he took part in the battle of Chateau Thierry, and was severely wounded at Belleau Wood in the taking of Hill 190 on July 20. He was in the hospital for over two and a half months and while still there, on August 15, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. He reported for duty October 2, but he was not at that time assigned, since he was still too weak for active service.

## MAJORITY TO STAY — MANY TO RETURN.

According to the latest information on the subject, there will be at Trinity next term at least as many students as in normal peace times. Ninety of the present S. A. T. C. men have signified their intentions of staying at Trinity and of course, the thirty-seven non-S. A. T. C. men will remain to get their degrees. In addition to these, there is a very appreciable number of men who will return to Trinity from the service as soon as they are mustered out.

## TWO MORE MEN DIE IN THE SERVICE.

Page, '08, Killed in Action — Walker, '20, Succumbs to Pneumonia.

### James Jellis Page, '08.

Word has been received that James Jellis Page, '08, was killed in action on September 29 (probably at Le Catelet). He enlisted in the 107th Infantry and served through the Mexican campaign as a member of Troop B, Squadron A. It has been learned from the Adjutant's office of the 7th Regiment that the 107th Infantry was in action on September 29th at Le Catelet, a hill near Cambrai, and that the regiment participated with the English in the drive which broke the Hindenburg line at that time, and that the taking of the hill was necessary for consolidating the lines; that the hill was strenuously defended with intricate fortifications and that the regiment lost more heavily on September 29 than on any other day.

He was born in Tokio, Japan, on February 22, 1886, the son of the Rev. Henry Deane and Sarah Nicols (Gregg) Page. He came to America in June, 1897. He prepared for college at the Hartford Public High School entering Trinity in the fall of 1904. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity.

After leaving college, he traveled extensively as agent for different oil companies. He lived in British Columbia eighteen months, a year and a quarter in Honolulu, and six months in Cuba with the Gregg Company, Limited. He then entered the employment of the Vacuum Oil Company of New York and lived in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Kimberley, visited Belgian Congo, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar, British East Africa, Uganda, Madagascar, and Mauritius, returning to America in August, 1915. He managed a branch office of the Vacuum Oil Company at Kimberley, South Africa, in the years 1913 and 1914. He had full power of attorney for East Africa since the beginning of the war. In 1916, before he enlisted, he had been appointed as assistant to Mr. C. E. Arnett, director of the Vacuum Oil Company.

### Kenneth K. Walker, '20.

Kenneth Knapp Walker, '20, died "over there" on October 7, 1918, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eben M. Walker of Auburn, N. Y. He was twenty years old. He was a graduate of the Auburn High School and of the Phillips-Andover Academy in 1916. He entered Trinity with the Class of 1920 and had finished his sophomore year when he went to the Plattsburgh Training Camp. He enlisted last July in the Auto Aircraft Division of the Coast Artillery. His

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## "NOW THEN TRINITY"

We take great pleasure in reprinting the following editorial from "The Hartford Courant" of December 8:

"The resignation of President Luther of Trinity College, as reported elsewhere, comes as a surprise to the people of Hartford and all others in the large circle of Trinity's friends, a circle that has vastly increased since he became president of the college.

He is a graduate of Trinity and has been in the faculty for thirty-five years and been president for fourteen. Dr. Luther is a scholar, a Christian gentleman, and a very human sort of person. This combination has given him large influence and enabled him to accomplish so successfully his useful work. His sympathies are broad and generous. He has felt that he had public as well as personal duties and has interested himself actively in general affairs.

As a speaker he has the gift of genuine eloquence to sustain his high purposes, and, along with his serious and thoughtful arguments and appeals, has always come a delightful humor. We have few if any public men in the state whom it is a greater privilege to hear. His many personal friends know what he is to them.

It is hard to think of Trinity College without him. Widely as it is known, the institution is as much Luther in people's minds as it is Trinity. As appears elsewhere, Dr. Luther declines to state his further plans on the unanswerable ground that he has none. We can at least trust that Hartford will not lose his choice personality from among its valuable possessions and characteristics."

## ANXIOUS TO MEET TRINITY MEN.

November 6, 1918.

The Trinity "Tripod":

Will it be possible for me to learn in any way through you of the place or places where Trinity men are apt to be located when on leave?

We are just out of the line for the first time since the offensive began on October 16th. Our success is such that I am exceedingly proud of each and every American with us. No doubt the doings of the 78th Division is already known to you.

Sincerely,

A. J. L'HEUREUX, '13.

Major, Adjt.-Gen.'s Department,  
Headquarters, 78th Division, A. E. F.

The above letter is published in the hope that other Trinity men "over there" will communicate with Major L'Heureux and get in touch with him.

## CHANGES IN SCHEDULE AND COURSES.

Now that the S. A. T. C. is to be disbanded it was decided by the faculty to make certain suitable and appropriate changes in the schedule and in the courses for the second and third terms. Generally speaking, the tendency is to revert to the schedule and the courses of previous years. In the first place, the hour of the first class will be 8.45 instead of 8.00 a. m. Probably no attempt will be made to reestablish the regular schedule of groups, for the present order of courses will be adhered to as much as possible to avoid unnecessary confusion. In planning the courses for the next two terms, special consideration is being given to making them such that the undergraduates returning to Trinity from the service will not be handicapped by their not having covered the first term's work. These men may rest assured that they will receive the generous treatment from the faculty which they deserve.

Those courses which have been completed this term on a six-hour basis, Physics I for example, will be given over again on a three-hour basis, extending over the balance of the year. Some courses which have not been completed this term will also be started over again, but will be so changed that the men who are taking them now will have no advantage over the men who enter the courses after Christmas. For example, Latin II and Economics I will be started anew next term, but the men entering the course at that time will not by any means be at a disadvantage.

In addition to these, a number of other courses which were not offered this term will be started with the new year. Among these are French 3, Spanish 1, Biology 4, either Biology 2 or Physiology and Hygiene 2, Chemistry 7, Civil Engineering 2, Greek 1 or 4, History 7, Economics 3b and 4b, and Latin 2x.

There will also be a general change in the viewpoint of almost all the courses now given, since the military aspect which was so appropriately given to them three months ago, has now lost much of its importance.

AUBREY G. KING, '22.

The funeral of Aubrey Gordon King, '22, who died of influenza-pneumonia early Monday morning, December 2, was held from his late home in Middletown, Conn., last Wednesday afternoon. The military authorities at Trinity offered to give him a burial with full military honors, but owing to the character of the disease his parents preferred a private funeral.

Private King was born in Red City, Mich., January 23, 1900, but when he was still young his parents moved to Middletown, Conn., where he received his education, graduating from the Middletown High School with the Class of 1918. After his graduation he came to Hartford and worked during the summer in the office of the Maxim Silencer Company, resigning his position there to enter the Trinity S. A. T. C. He was a communicant of the Church of the Holy Trinity of Middletown, Conn. He leaves

besides his parents, two brothers and two sisters. One of his brothers is a captain in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army, who was severely gassed in France and has been recuperating at a hospital in England.

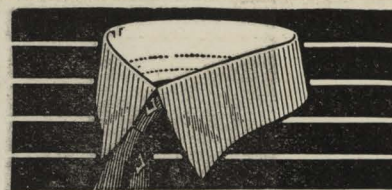
A gold star will represent him on our service flag as one of the twenty Trinity men who gave their all for their country.

## TWO MORE DIE IN THE SERVICE.

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parents received a card from him October 10, informing them of his safe arrival overseas, but it is believed that he died on shipboard.

He was a member of the Glee Club and was also assistant manager of the baseball team. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity.



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The process of mustering out will consist only of receiving an honorable discharge from the United States Army and the pay which is due the men. If the snow is off the campus by Friday, a last formal parade may be held Friday afternoon. Physical examinations for the men to be discharged will be held Friday.

All equipment including blankets and rifles will be turned in to the supply officer Saturday morning except for one suit of outer clothing which the men will be required to turn in to the Zone Supply Officer within four months. The Zone Supply Officer for most of the men will be at New York, and they will be furnished with franked labels addressed to him, so that there will be no expense attached to the return of the government clothing. The enrolled

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A form of sport not covered by the rules of the A. A. A. has been indulged in for the past two or three days by members of the S. A. T. C., namely, snowball fighting. A terrific "battle" was fought between the end of mess and call for drill Monday between A and B Companies and ended about even, although A company actually advanced their front a few

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Dr. Edward E. Humphreys, Northam Professor of History and Political Science, read a paper on "The Commonwealth in Two Wars, 1754 and 1914", at a meeting of the Connecticut Historical Society on Tuesday evening, December 3.

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17 and was graduated at 20 with high honors with the Class of 1870. After graduation, he took charge of a parish school of some 100 members at Troy, N. Y., being ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church at the age of 21. Dr. Luther was married November 2, 1871, to Isabel Blake Ely of Hartford. In 1873 he was appointed Rector of a large Episcopal school at Racine, Wis., and he was made Professor of Mathematics at Racine College in 1876. From 1881 to 1883 he was Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy at Kenyon College, Gambier, O. From Kenyon he came to Trinity as Seabury Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy. During the year 1903-1904, he was acting president and in 1904 he was inaugurated as president of the college, succeeding Dr. George Williamson Smith.

Dr. Luther received the degree of Ph. D. from Trinity in 1896 and LL.D., in 1904. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity.

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1908

The home address of George H. Wartman is 257 South 38th St., Philadelphia, Pa. He is in the service of the American Red Cross in France and his address overseas is Bureau of Personnel, 4 Place de la Concorde, Paris, France.

Captain Herman T. Morgan, commanding 301st M. G. Bn., is now with the American Expeditionary Forces, France, A. P. O. 773.

1917

Guy M. Baldwin, First Lieutenant, Air Service, can now be addressed care of American Express Co., 6 Haymarket, London, S. W. 1, England.

1918

John McK. Mitchell, First Lieutenant, Co. B, 319th Infantry, is now with the American E. F.

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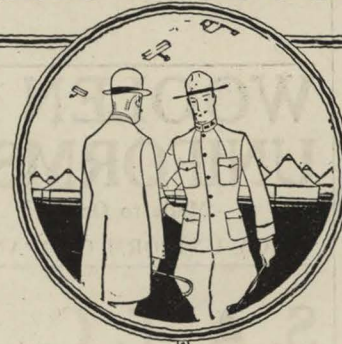
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