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PORRITT GIVES ACCOUNT OF PIAVE CAMPAIGN

SHOWS TROPHIES OF WAR.

Three Trinity Men Tell of Their
Experiences Overseas.

An interesting and lively smoker given by the Political Science Club to the students of the college was held in the College Union on Thursday evening, March 6. During the evening, Longshaw K. Porritt, George E. Mercer, '18, Everett N. Sturman, '19, and Frederick C. Beach, '22, gave short and interesting talks on their experiences abroad.

Longshaw K. Porritt, although not a Trinity man, was a most welcome guest, and gave a very vivid description of his experiences in France and Italy. He has seen two years of active service in an American ambulance corps and has just recently returned to this country. Porritt was for a time with the 97th Division of the French Territorials, which included about nine hundred of the famous "Blue Devils." Later he went to Italy and was stationed on the Piave River the whole period during which the fighting at that point was heaviest. During this time he was often exposed to the open fire of the Austrians while removing the dead and wounded from the front lines. At this post, the wounded were so numerous, that it was only with the greatest difficulty that the ambulance corps could get them to a place of safety.

Porritt said that the horrors of the war could hardly be conceived by any one who had not experienced them. He told of one occasion when he had just finished loading his truck with wounded men and was about to start back, a wounded Italian called to him in broken English and asked him to Porritt be removed to the rear. promised to do so on his next trip Just as he was about to pick up this wounded man, one of the Italian lieutenants called to him in English, thinking that the wounded Italian did not understand what he was saying, and told Porritt not to waste any time on men who had no chance of recovery. Porritt spoke of the horror which must seize a man who hears his verdict thus pro-

But Porritt did not speak of the ghastly side of the war only. He told some amusing stories about the Italian troops. He often went out to take pictures of the Italians and whenever they saw him coming with his camera, every man hurried to be in the line of the camera. "The Italians," he said, "seem to have a strange fascination for having their pictures taken."

At the end of his talk, Porritt passed around a number of Italian and Austrian weapons and medals which he had collected as souvenirs JESTERS TO STAGE PRODUC-TION APRIL 23. Choose Two Plays.

At a meeting of the Jesters on Tuesday, March 4, it was decided to give two plays in connection with the Junior Week activities. The plays selected are "Gods of the Mountain," by Lord Dunsany and "The Crimson Cocoanut," by Captain Ian Hay Beith.

Lord Dunsany is one of the foremost exponents of a new type of the dramatic art. His work holds the interest of all truly interested in the drama. His ready imagination has conceived many colorful tales of pagan lands. The other play is in a lighter vein. It is written by Ian Hay, as he calls himself, who is one of the outstanding authors made famous by the war. He is the author of the "First Hundred Thousand" and many other books on the Great War.

Miss Hallie F. Gelbart, who coached so successfully last year, has charge of this year's production. Preliminary trials for parts will be conducted Thursday, March 13, by Miss Gelbart. All those interested should give their names to President J. H. Callen.

At the last meeting of the Jesters, the following officers were selected for the coming season: Lionel Mohnkern, '21, stage manager; John Maher, '19, business manager; Hurlburt A. Armstrong, '19, advertising manager; and W. K. Noll, '21, property manager.

FRESHMAN TEAM TO PLAY ST. THOMAS SEMINARY.

The freshman basketball team will probably play two more games before the close of the season. A game has been arranged with the St. Thomas Seminary on March 13, and negotiations are still being made for the second game. The lineup will be Mohnkern and Reynolds, forwards; Nordlund and Tansill, guards; and Johnson, center; with Brainard, Brown and Carey as substitutes.

as well as some pictures he had taken. Among the weapons were some Austrian and Italian bayonets and also several daggers.

Frederick C. Beach, '22, also gave an interesting account of his experiences in France. In May, 1917, Beach enlisted in the 102nd Ambulance Company, but upon reaching France, was transferred to the 104th Field Hospital. From there, he was sent to the 101st Field Hospital and later transferred to the Medical Corps attached to the 104th Infantry, which, he said, was the only regiment in the United States Army whose colors had been decorated by a foreign government.

In the early part of July, the 104th Regiment was sent in trains by way (Continued on page 3.)

PRICETON NOW ON TENTATIVE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

COLLEGE BODY VOTES FOR TRACK SEASON.

Jackson Chosen Secretary-Treasurer of A. A.—Wyse Elected Track Manager.

A meeting of the college body was held on Monday evening, March 10, in the Union, to elect a secretary-treasurer of the Trinity College Athletic Association. Edward M. Hyland, '19, the president of the association, presided. Seymour S. Jackson, '20, was elected secretary-treasurer, and Richard W. Wyse, '19, was elected to serve as track manager.

The question of the wisdom of carrying through a track season was brought up for discussion, and on putting it to a vote, the sentiment of the college body was in favor of track for this spring season.

It was suggested that tickets be prepared for distribution among the Alumni, covering admission to all the home games and meets. These are to be sold for two dollars. This was considered the fairest way of securing aid from the Alumni for spring athletics. It was decided to put this project into operation at once.

LITERARY CLUB ORGANIZED. To Meet Weekly.

An informal meeting of some of the members of the English courses was held in Dr. Shepard's apartment at Seabury Hall, Tuesday evening, to discuss the formation of a literary club. Dr. Shepard stated that, in his opinion, an organization of this sort was greatly needed at Trinity.

It was decided that the men who were present should form the organization in so far as there is to be one, and that they may invite as many guests as they please to the meetings of the club. The purpose of the club will be to hold informal discussions on subjects related to literature, the stage, or kindred subjects. To start the discussion, there will be papers written by the members of the club in rotation. These will be read at the meetings, which are to be held weekly.

The next meeting of the club will be at Dr. Shepard's apartment at seven-thirty, Tuesday evening, March 11.

CAPTAIN SENAY'S WORK IS PRAISED.

In a recent lecture at the Connecticut Agricultural College, Captain J. Benedict Killbride spoke in glowing terms of the work in France of Captain Charles T. Senay, Trinity, '14, who was lieutenant of the first company of regulars to land on French soil. Captain Senay was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action.

SIX CONTESTS ARRANGED AND ONE DATE OPEN.

Lafayette at Easton Closes Season. Six games with the possibility of one additional contest comprises the tentative football schedule as arranged by Manager Bond. Two of the games will be played on Trinity Field, and the other four contests on opponents' gridirons. Of chief interest is the opening game on October 4 with Princeton at Princeton. The arrangement of a contest with the Tiger eleven means not a little as to the standing of Trinity in the football world. A game has also been arranged against the formidable Lafayette team at Easton, Pa., to close the season. Wesleyan has been omitted from the schedule.

The annual election day game with New York University will be played on University Heights, November 4. The last contest two years ago resulted in a scoreless tie. The Connecticut Aggies have been added to the Trinity schedule and will be the only other Connecticut college to meet the Blue and Gold. This game Manager Bond has succeeded in bringing to Hartford on October 11, and it will be the first time these two college elevens have been seen in action together on Trinity Field.

An Amherst game is always popular with Trinity men and again Manager Bond has been successful in bringing the Massachusetts College team to Trinity Field. The game will be played October 18. Since Williams and Wesleyan have been dropped from Trinity football schedules, the Amherst game has annually been one of chief interest. Worcester Tech will be played at Worcester October 25.

September 27, the Saturday following the opening of college is the only open date. No game was arranged for Saturday, November 8 as the New York University game is scheduled for Tuesday of that week, and the remaining ten days will be devoted to preparing for the season's climax with Lafayette at Easton November 15.

The games arranged on the tentative schedule represent the pick of many offers and together from a well-balanced season's work. The following is the tentative schedule as it will be presented to the graduate Advisory Committee by Mgr. Bond:

September 27—Open.

October 4—Princeton at Princeton.
October 11—Connecticut Aggies at Hartford.

October 18—Amherst at Hartford. October 25—Worcester Tech at Worcester.

November 4—New York University at New York.

November 15-Lafayette at Easton.

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"NOW THEN TRINITY"

For the last three months the undergraduate body has been carrying on its activities without first getting the sanction of the Advisory Commission on Student Activities so that this commission has requested "The Tripod" to inform the students that it is still in existence.

The Advisory Commission on Student Activities was created by the College Senate on January 16, 1918. It supervises the finances and directs the policies of all undergraduate activities except those already under the supervision of the Advisory Committee of the Athletic Association and "The Tripod, Incorporated."

The Commission consists of five members, two undergraduates chosen by the College Senate at its first meeting in May each year, two members of the faculty and the Alumni Secretary.

The personnel of the present Commission is:

Prof. H. A. Perkins, Chairman, Prof. E. F. Humphrey, Curator. C. A. Johnson, Treasurer, Harmon T. Barber, Sumner W. Shepherd, Jr.

While the college was under the S. A. T. C., this commission was necessarily non-active. Now that the college has resumed its academic character, the commission has resumed activity under the authority invested in it.

It is incumbent upon the various organizations to report through their presidents, secretaries and treasurers to Professor Perkins, the Chairman of the Commission, as soon as possible, any plans for activities that they may have in hand or contemplate in the near future, with a budget showing the probable expenditures that will be required to carry out the proposed plans. If there are any funds in the hands of the treasurers of these organizations, they should be deposited with Mr. Johnson, Treasurer of the Council.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Joseph Buffington of Pittsburg, Penn., on Friday, February 9. Special prayers were offered in the chapel Sunday morning.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LUTHER.

Resolutions on the resignation of Dr. Flavel S. Luther as president of Trinity College, adopted by the faculty at their last meeting, have been given out by Professor Frank Cole Babbitt, secretary of the faculty, as follows:

follows:

Flavel Sweeten Luther took up the work of president of Trinity College in the year 1903, after a previous service of twenty years in the faculty. Of his great services to the college, it is fitting that the trustees should speak, as they may, with authority; it is likewise fitting that the alumni should record their appreciation of his cordial and helpful relations with the students, while the people of the entire state of Connecticut have reason to feel grateful to him for his participation in public life and for his earnest efforts to improve educational conditions in the state.

state. The faculty of Trinity College, speaking within its own province, desires hereby formally and collectively to express its appreciation of President Luther's unswerving loyalty to its individual members and of his confidence in their integrity, of his impartial manner of presiding at the meetings of the faculty, of his loyal acceptance and support of the principle of majority rule, and of the freedom he has afforded those responsible for instruction in the college to work their best in their own were

The members of the faculty of Trinity College hereby record their sincere regret that President Luther has felt constrained to sever, at this time, his active relations with the college to which he has given so many years of service. They wish also to express the hope that in the slowly lengthening shadows of life's afternoon, he, together with Mrs. Luther, may have a long-continued enjoyment of his well-earned rest and of the fruits of his labors.

MONSIEUR BERTHAULT LECTURES IN FRENCH.

Rodrigue Berthault, a veteran of of Verdun, now studying at Yale University, lectured at the College Union Tuesday evening, on the "Physionomie du soldat francais." Monsieur Berthault spoke in French, giving a great many interesting anecdotes and observations on the character of the French soldier during the war.

Monsieur Berthault paid tribute to the American soldiers, many of whom he had become acquainted with at Chateau Thierry. He said that the American army arrived at a critical moment.

He characterized the French soldier as "one of the best in the world." They accomplished a great deal because they were in the fight with heart and soul. They fought on purely patriotic grounds, there being no mercenaries among them.

In spite of the fact that they seemed to be continually grumbling and never satisfied, even going so far as to make threats, still there was always a pleasing light-heartedness evident among them. They were very fond of joking even under the most difficult circumstances. They were continually sending new recruits to the captain to get the squad's umbrella or the trajectory, and they even went so far as to play jokes on the officers. They joked during the tragic moments before the battle of Verdun, and during the battle itself they seemed to be in the same state of mind as if they were

From time to time, the French sol-

diers were not always agreeable. Their endurance was remarkable, they worked even when they were tired. Their broad-mindedness was perfectly brought out by the subjects of their conversation in the trenches. Every soldier wrote poetry, music or memoirs.

Monsieur Berthault paid tribute to the soldiers of all the Allies and in closing, quoted a few lines from Victor Hugo.

Students wishing to submit manuscripts for the fourth annual volume of the "College Anthology of Poetry" and for the second annual collection of the Best College Short Stories are requested to send their work not later than May 1, 1919, to Henry T. Schnittkind, Ph.D., in care of The Stratford Company, 32 Oliver Street, Boston, Mass.



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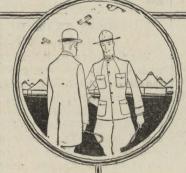
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The annual Freshman-Junior banquet was held at the Hotel Worthy in Springfield, Saturday evening, at 7.30, the program going off smoothly without a single hitch. Upperclassmen, who were present as guests, declared that the banquet was one of the best which has ever been held by Trinity men.

To keep the affair from degenerating into an ordinary banquet, the freshmen captured J. H. Callen, the sophomore class president, and took him along, a guest in spite of his handcuffs. The freshmen did not give him a fighting chance to get away. He was captured by four freshmen who had volunteered to walk down to lunch with him at noontime. He was held prisoner all afternoon, one abortive attempt to escape being nipped in the bud. In company with a very attentive committee of freshmen he made the trip to Springfield by auto. The freshmen did expect to have a few more sophomores at the banquet, but these men seeing themselves outnumbered, were forced to avert their would-be captors.

After the banquet, various guests were heard briefly. F. T. Tansill, president of the freshman class, acted as toastmaster. Those who spoke were W. E. Reiner, '18, E. G. Armstrong, '19, A. P. Bond, '20, F. P. Fox, '20, J. H. Callen, '21, E. M. Hyland, '19, L. L. Curtis, '19, E. N. Sturman, '19, and Myron Jackson, '18. The evening ended with the singing of "'Neath the Elms."

The committee in charge of the banquet, as printed on the menu card, comprised: Wilson G. Brainerd, chairman, T. B. Macauley, Robert G.

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Reynolds, Alfred N. Guertin, Harry D. Henson, Ralph Sheldon, Thomas J. Ahearn, Theodore Holden, J. Bayard Cunningham, Robert D. Byrnes and George A. Brown. Tansill was an ex-officio member of the committee.

(Continued from page 1.) of Paris, to La Ferte se Jouarre, where they embarked and made a hike to the front line. This line was in the Belleau woods, and was held by the 5th and 6th Marines until relieved by the 26th Division. remained here until the 18th of July, when it was decided that the Americans should attack. That night there was a terrible thunderstorm and the darkness was impenetrable. "Nevertheless," said Beach, "the Americans made ready for the attack all that night and did attack as scheduled in the morning."

Sturman, spoke interestingly on

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the visits he made to Paris at different times with Pinney, '18, Tiger, '16, and Leeke, '19. He was with the 101st Machine Gun Battalion, up to about ten days before the armistice was signed, when he was gassed.

Mercer, who was gassed at about the same time as Sturman, described the advance of the 101st to fire a barrage at the Meuse. He characterized the Austrian "88" as the worst gun of the war. He said it was a high velocity gun whose shell gives no warning whistle as it comes through the air and that it has probably done more than any other gun to spoil the morale of the soldiers.

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The Rt. Rev. Frank Arthur McElwain, D.D., should be addressed 2642
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1913

About a year ago Merritt F. Cromwell enlisted in the Marines and at the present time he is Top Sergeant, Co. A, 13th Marines, American E. F., France.

France.

1916

First Lieutenant Edward A. Niles, formerly a Flying Instructor at Mather Field, Cailfornia, received his discharge from the service on January 10, 1919. He is now at Harvard Law School, where his address is 4 Story Street, Cambridge, Mass.

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The Beta Beta Chapter of Psi Upsilon and the Epsilon Chapter of Delta Psi gave an informal dance at the chapter house of the former on last Tuesday evening. Costello's orchestra furnished music for dancing. Mrs. John Enders, Mrs. Thomas Chapman and Mrs. Robert Wadsworth chaperoned the affair.

The Delta Chi Chapter of Sigma Nu gave an informal dance at the chapter house on Prospect Avenue last Friday evening. The Aetna Fire orchestra furnished music for danc-



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