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ANOTHER REMEDY SUGGESTED.

Alumnus terms Trinity's Minuteness its Greatest Source of Strength.

To the Editor of "The Tripod":

In your issue of February 24, you report a Hartford business man and Trinity alumnus as saying. "I went to college * * * to get an arts education. That need is not found today."

Will you kindly allow another Trinity alumnus to say that that is probably the most astounding statement that he has ever seen in print? If that statement is true, Trinity's whole problem has ceased to be a problem. If there is no longer any need for the one thing which only a college can supply, Trinity College had better close its doors tomorrow and join the list of obsolete institutions.

To be frank I cannot help thinking that, if its real condition and spirit are reflected by your issue of February 24, Trinity is suffering from a bad case of nerves. If I made that statement in an alumni meeting, I should first be hissed and then a dozen men would fight around me crying, "This is no time for joking. We need more money. We need more men. Can't you realize this, that, and the other."

I am not joking. Come now. Calmly. Why do we need either more men or more money? How would double our supply of both better our condition one iota? Just forget for a minute the old, conventional college fetiches and consider this as a cold proposition.

The whole tenor of "The Tripod" for February 24 shows just where we and the colleges like us are on the wrong tack. Through lack of nerve to take a firm stand and through slavery to the "boom" tradition, we are wearing ourselves and our friends to exhaustion in a game in which we really hold the trump cards. That number of "The Tripod" is headed in big, black letters "What are Trinity's Selling Points?" The simple answer to that is that Trinity has no selling points whatsoever. Trinity has nothing to sell. No legitimate college ever had anything to sell. Nor has Trinity any favor to ask of the public. Trinity has only a noble privilege—a liberal education—to confer on those who wish it and who are willing to come to her and ask for it in the humble spirit. Trinity is not a beggar; Trinity is not a charity; and Trinity is not an auctioneer. Trinity is a benefactor and a teacher. That is her sole excuse for existence. If students no longer gather around her,—what does she owe to anybody that she should go into the market-places and offer herself like a hussy? Rather let her bow her head in dignity and retire.

"But," cry the indignant alumni, "would you like to see Trinity die?"

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SENATE MEETING.

Friday noon, March 12, a special meeting of the college Senate was held in the history room. Those present were Lyon (president), Breslin, Sturman, Fox, Lynch, Cunningham, Reitemeyer, Levin, Strong, Ameluxen, Ransom, Puffer, Keating and Hodder.

At the request of the president, the secretary read Article II, Section I of the Constitution. Reitemeyer moved and Puffer seconded, that an amendment be made to this section. The motion was tabled.

Hodder moved and Breslin seconded, that the recent action of the Senate, taken March 10, be rescinded. This resolution limited the number of men of the two lower classes who should take part in the St. Patrick's Day Scrap. After discussion, the motion was carried.

Breslin moved and Keating seconded, that this matter be left in the hands of the Sophomore class, inasmuch as the Senate could depend on 1922 doing what was fair in the coming contest. The motion was carried.

Attest: LESLIE W. HODDER,
Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF THE TRINITY COLLEGE SENATE.

It is deemed advisable to publish the Constitution of the College Senate, in order that all the students may acquaint themselves with the power and laws of this body.

ARTICLE I.

Name and Purpose.

Section 1—The name of this organization shall be the Trinity College Senate.

Section 2—It shall act as the Executive Committee of the college body and shall have authority over such matters as may be delegated to it by the college body.

ARTICLE II.

Members.

Section 1—It shall consist of the following members:

One man elected by the college body from the Senior class.

One man elected from the Junior class by that class.

One man elected from the Sophomore class by that class.

The men holding the following offices:

The President of the Athletic Association;

The Editor-in-Chief of "The Tripod";

The Captain of the Football Team, from the opening of college to the end of the Christmas recess;

The Captain of the Track Team, from the end of the Christmas recess to the end of the Easter recess;

The Captain of the Baseball Team, from the end of the Easter recess to the end of the college year.

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HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SCRAP.

Contest between Two Lower Classes Changed somewhat from that of Previous Years.

The Saint Patrick's Day scrap at Trinity is one of the oldest institutions of the college. No one seems to know just how or when it originated. It is likely, however, that the contest between the two lower classes was devised to take the place of a more sanguinary conflict between the students and that portion of the population of Hartford, which seized upon the birthday of Ireland's patron saint as an opportunity to enjoy itself in a way no longer permitted by the Constitution.

The earliest form of the scrap that we know of was a cane rush, which was in vogue here in the eighties and nineties. The freshman class lined up on the campus facing Jarvis Hall. One member carried a cane. The object of the freshmen was to carry the cane to the room of one of the juniors. The sophomores took a defensive stand in front of Jarvis Hall. Their aim was to capture the cane and carry it to the room of one of the seniors. If the freshmen won, they had the privilege of carrying canes at the commencement festivities. The rush was held about eleven o'clock in the morning. The entire college body, grotesquely costumed, adjourned to Heublein's for the remainder of the day, doing more or less parading through the streets of Hartford.

Due to the passing of canes and to the danger of fighting in the narrow confines of a Jarvis hallway, the cane rush was abandoned for the present flag rush. Shortly after the present system was instituted, one freshman class foiled its opponents by raising the flag over the heads of the struggling men by an elaborate system of fishhooks and lines, operated from the window of one of the dormitories. Since that time the tree selected for the scrap has been located too far from the buildings to render this feasible.

Until 1911, the downtown activities of the night before formed a larger part of the scrap than they do now. It was customary for the freshman class to raise a banner downtown. Numerous fights occurred in the streets of Hartford when the sophomores tried to destroy or capture the banner. One year the flag was raised on the old city hall. Sophomores effected its removal by canvassing the leading merchants of Hartford and securing the use of their telephones long enough to give the mayor the impression that all the leading business men objected to the flag being on the Municipal Building.

The freshman flag was raised on the Memorial Arch on Trinity Street the following year. Two freshmen

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BASEBALL PROSPECTS.

Trinity launched its 1920 baseball season last Wednesday when Captain Nichols collected his squad together in the cage in Alumni Hall. There were about forty men out for this initial session. Practice will be held as often as possible, as the opening game with Holy Cross is scheduled for April 14. Weather predictions are good, and within a couple of weeks the team ought to be whipping itself in shape on the diamond instead of in the cage.

The coach will have a big job on his hands, for the Hill College has one of the hardest schedules that it has ever had. The opening game is bound to be a hard one. Holy Cross invariably sends out a team of major-league calibre. Catholic University, Norwich, Wesleyan, and the Connecticut Aggies will be seen here in addition to Holy Cross and Springfield. Among the out of town games are ones with Yale, Brown, Tufts, Massachusetts Aggies, and Amherst.

The material this year is promising. There is no reason why the Blue and Gold should not have a winning team. Reynolds and Bowdidge look like the mainstays in the box. With better support than he had behind him last year, Reynolds should go far towards the top of the list of intercollegiate pitchers. Last year he allowed the strong Springfield team, which conquered Yale, to slam only two of his offerings out of the infield; but sixteen errors in the first line of defense told the story of the Springfield victory. Reynolds is a brainy pitcher, and has the uncanny knack of finding his batter's weak spot. Nordlund, last year's catcher, may not be able to play on account of injuries received in football, but Brown, Doran, Booth, and Berkman are likely candidates for the position. First base is vacant. Canner, Smith, Brill, and Beard are after the position. For the rest of the infield, there is Cram of last year's team, Captain Nichols, who played a good game at third base last year, and again this year. In the outfield Reddish and Leake, who have been in the service and entered college there are Lynch, Bruce, Buckley, Schumann, Carroll, Ortgies, and numerous lesser lights.

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This June Trinity hopes to have one of its largest and most important Commencements. Mr. Alumnus, the college wants you to be present. It desires your presence not only for the sake of the institution you once attended, but also for your own sake. Come back, greet your classmates, see again the scenes in which you passed so many happy hours, and display your college spirit. The college calls you. Does it call in vain?

SOPHOMORE SMOKER.

In a few days, the members of the Sophomore Smoker Committee will ask all those who are able to contribute to the entertainment to hand in their names. Let's all get together and help them to make this event a success. They do not need Carusos for the choruses, or Stones for the dances. If you are willing to help, a suitable part will be found for you. Let's not hesitate to let them know that we are "with" them when they call.

Communication.

To the Editor of "The Tripod":

Wesleyan has just entertained one hundred sub-freshmen, and from all reports the prospective entering class seemed to have received a wonderful reception and probably were able to learn a great deal about their future Alma Mater.

Cannot Trinity do something to tell the graduating classes of surrounding preparatory schools what she has to offer: The least that each of us can do is to "talk Trinity" to every fellow we meet—especially when we are home over the holidays. We can make the Sophomore Smoker a success, and we want plenty of sub-freshmen to be here to enjoy it.

Can we not organize a corps of "ten-minute speakers" and send them around to the different schools from which we draw our men? Let's all get together and work for the largest entering class ever, for next fall.

UNDERGRADUATE.

CONSTITUTION OF SENATE.

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One member shall be elected by each fraternity that is not represented by one of the above-named members, captains of teams excepted.

One member shall be elected by the neutral body, provided it is not represented by one of the above named members, captains of teams excepted.

One member shall be elected from the Medusa, provided that three of its members are not included among the above-named members.

Section 2—The term of office for all members, except the captains of teams, shall be one year, beginning with the opening of college.

Section 3—The new men elected respectively by the college body, the Junior class, and the Sophomore class, must be chosen before the first of June.

The men elected by the fraternities and by the neutral body must be chosen before the tenth of June.

The men elected by the Medusa must be chosen before the fifteenth of June.

The name of the representatives chosen by each electing body must be sent in writing to the Secretary within three days after the specified time of election.

Failure to comply with this section shall cause the delinquent body to forfeit its member.

ARTICLE III.

Officers.

Section 1—The officers of this organization shall be a President and a Secretary.

Section 2—The member elected by the college body shall act as President.

Section 3—A Secretary shall be elected by the Senate, from its own number, at its first meeting each college year.

ARTICLE IV.

Duties of Officers.

Section 1—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Senate, and of the college body, both of which meetings he shall have the power to call.

Section 2—The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the body, post notices, and take charge of all communications.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

Section 1—Regular meetings of the Senate shall be held on the first Monday evening of each month, at seven o'clock, at such place as the President shall designate.

Section 2—Special meetings may be held at the call of the President.

At the written request of three members of the Senate, the President must call a meeting within three days.

Section 3—At the written request the President must call a meeting of the college body within three days.

Section 4—Notice of the meetings of the Senate and of the college body must be posted by the Secretary on the bulletin board at least the day before such meeting is to be held.

ARTICLE VI.

Amendments.

Section 1—Proposed amendments must be read in a college meeting

and posted on the bulletin board at least one week before final action is taken.

Section 2—Amendments may be made at a college meeting at which one-half of the college body is present, and the consent of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary for amendment.

SOPHOMORE DINING CLUB.

The annual banquet of the Sophomore Dining Club was held in the German Room at Heublein's Hotel, Saturday evening, and was fully up to the standard set by the affairs of other years. Clapp, '22, president of the club, was toastmaster. Reitemeyer, '21, president of the club last year, spoke of the duties of the new members. Clapp and Mohnkern spoke for the new members of the club. Breslin, Lyon, Walsh, Bond and Fox spoke of the position of the S. D. C. in Trinity's future. Those present were: Breslin, E. G. Armstrong, H. A. Armstrong, Lynch, Bond, Lyon, Fox, Walsh, Reitemeyer, Nordlund, Reynolds, Mohnkern, Ahern, Tansill, Clapp, and Puels.

ALUMNI MEETING.

The Hartford alumni held their second meeting to discuss the advised resignation of Professor Humphrey at the University Club, Monday evening. About seventy-five were present. T. C. Hudson, president of the Hartford Association, presided. The following statement was given to the press after the meeting by a committee consisting of Samuel Ferguson and C. G. Woodward:

"Acting on the suggestion of Acting President Henry A. Perkins, the following committee of five were appointed to confer with the executive committee of the trustees: Russell Johnson, Walter Schutz, T. C. Hudson, Anson McCook and Seymour S. Jackson."

ALUMNI NOTES.

'55—The Universalist Ministers of Massachusetts recently adopted resolutions expressing their common sorrow at the passing away of Edwin Cortlandt Bolles.

'70—Reverend William C. Prout, M. A. (h), has resigned his parish at Herkimer, N. Y., and is now in charge of a church at Middleville, N. Y.

'96—James W. Gunning is connected with the Hartford Rubber Works, Hartford, Conn. His new address is 297 Park Street, Hartford.

'99—Captain Emmett Addis, U.S.A., is at the present time stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is an instructor in the General Service Schools.

'00—Lieutenant-Colonel Charles T. Smart, U. S. A., of the 15th Infantry, is stationed at Tien Tsin, China.

'01—Reverend Hugh Wilson, Jr., formerly of Delta, Col., since September, has been under treatment at St. Luke's Hospital, New York City. He has resigned his work in Colorado, and accepted the rectorship of the Church of the Ascension, Bloomfield, N. J.

'05 — Reverend Carlos Eugene Jones has been in charge of a parish at Iron River, Mich., since November, 1919.

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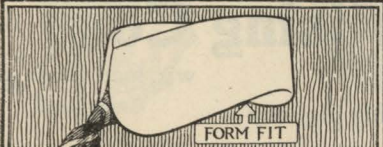
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Would you like to find yourself a graduate of a college that had ceased to exist?"

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Trinity isn't going to die; but what are we going to do about it? Advertise? Yes, if we advertise like a college and not like a cake of soap. The kind of advertising that modern colleges are trying to do is time and money thrown into the gutter. The only advertisement that ever does a college one atom of permanent good is the name it bears among persons—whose opinion is really respected. Modern colleges, like modern churches—caught pathetically in the "booster" spirit—are trying to advertise by the wornout publicity methods of 1890. Just let me show you; then ask any practical advertising man if I am not right.

You could try to "sell" Trinity whenever you caught a listener, you could establish curious and special courses in pre-dental science and fig culture, you could send tons of press matter to editorial waste baskets and it would not do you one atom of good.

But just let me write you one line and I will wager that it would be copied by every paper in America and make a dent on millions of readers. What would I write? I would write this.

The Smallest College in the Country is Trinity.

Don't laugh. Just think it over. To take that as a slogan would be the shrewdest thing that Trinity could do. Do you know whether the University of Wisconsin or the University of Minnesota is the larger, or do you care? Yet if you saw that line in a newspaper would you ever forget it?

The simple fact is that the one thing that Trinity has always considered her shame is really her greatest source of strength—her minuteness. That is her best selling point

'19—Lieutenant Raymond T. J. Higgins of the Joplin, Mo., recruiting station, has been officially notified by the War Department that his plans for an essay contest in connection with the recruiting drive for the army have been accepted. Higgins is a member of Tau Alpha of Phi Gamma Delta.

—if you must have one. Wesleyan seems to be fast approaching twice our number of students, and what good has it done her? She is in just the same boat that we are. And she can say the same thing about Dartmouth, and Dartmouth about Cornell. They are all hard up and all worried sick. Why? Because they are trying to do the public some good and the public won't let them.

Trinity men and college men, I tell you that it is time that the colleges realized their innate strength and stopped this humiliating self-abasement before a condescending public. Any given college today is just as well able to hold a pistol to the public head as a given coal dealer or merchant tailor.

If the question were one of carrying the torch of education to a nation in darkness, that would be one thing; but it isn't. The boot is curiously on the other foot. The country is crowded with colleges of every sort which are entreating students to come and take what they have to offer and the students won't come. For years we alumni have been implored to beg students to come to Trinity, which is just about the last way to get them. Other colleges like us have been putting their entrance bars lower and lower which is even a more futile plan. If you want to get people to enter a door the best way to do it is to hang out a sign: "No Admittance." Look at those technical schools which we are urged to copy. They are shoving the bars higher as we shove them lower, and even then they can't keep out the crowds. While the endowed colleges have been growing poorer and poorer, the high-priced boarding schools, run for pure profit, and charging a stiff fee, have been springing up like mushrooms all over the land. What people want is something that is hard to get.

Before my fellow alumni smile at these statements as the vaporings of a literary dreamer, just let me ask them what the old conventional plans of Boom, Boom, Boom and Beg, Beg, Beg, have ever got us. Temporary patches, that is all. What we want is a real operation—one that will put us on a self-respecting basis for good.

Three cries we have been hearing for twenty years: "We must have men. We must have money. We must have winning teams."

What for? How should we be any better off with twice the men and twice the money? Ask Wesleyan. If hordes of men should determine to come to Trinity of their own accord, the money would come to take care of them as it has come to Yale and Harvard; but what is the use of go-

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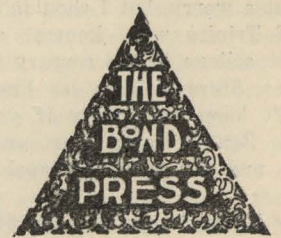
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ing out and dragging in reluctant students with one hand and reluctant money to take care of them with the other? As to the teams, I am just as exultant as anyone else when Trinity wins a game, but winning teams should only be a source of spiritual pride to a college and not a "selling point." That is a view of sport worthy of neither a college nor a college man. Incidentally it is an exploded theory. We have had fine teams in the past, but have they ever brought us fifty high-class men? Do Colgate's magnificent teams do her any good in the long run? I doubt it. Have the events of last fall diverted any great stream from Yale to Boston College?

"The Tripod" very justly asks for honest, constructive plans. I am only too eager to state what mine are and they are not as mad as they sound. If I were made dictator of Trinity College tomorrow, I would do just what any business man would do if given a trust fund. I would cut my coat to fit my cloth and tell the general scramble of the intercollegiate Wall Street to go to. I would have a financial expert find out just how many buildings, just how many students, and just how many professors our present endowment would support. We seem to forget that we have already an income probably larger than that of three-quarters of the universities of Europe. Then I would cut the college down to just that size which it could support in first-class style, if it left me with only one room, one student, and one professor. But, believe me, if it came to that pass, that one professor would be a crackerjack and so would that one student. One split infinitive and out he would go. In five years I would have a college known to every intellectual man in America, and half the real scholars in the country would be waiting for my next vacant professional chair.

If I had to run the college twenty years on that basis, I would do it without a worry, but I shouldn't have to. If Trinity was known as the hardest college in the country to get into, as Stevens is in its line, you couldn't keep men away if you required Zend-Avestan for entrance exams and compulsory chapel twice a day.

"The Tripod" says that Trinity has come to a crisis. And why? Because, for twenty years, she has been the bullfrog of the fable trying to swell and swell in imitation of a bullock. Because we have been engaged in the hopeless as well as the criminal task of trying to make an exquisite miniature into a landscape.

We can "drive" and "drive" until doomsday and still find ourselves in just the hopeless fix that we are in now. The country does not need any more Dartmouths, any more Universities of Kansas, any more Worcester Techs. If it does it will get them by simple operation of the law of supply and demand. It is Trinity that wants something and Trinity wants a place in the intellectual sun. What the country does need is more intimate colleges consisting of "a log with Mark Hopkins on one end and a student on the other." Trinity has a sufficient endowment, given, for

the most part, by stately lovers of learning who would ask for no ideal beyond this one.

Without asking for one more cent from anyone Trinity could, by a simple far-sighted act, make herself into a real institution of learning of a kind for which one hundred years of her traditions have perfectly prepared her. By no superhuman efforts of "boosting" can she make herself into anything else.

Yours truly,
PHILIP CURTISS.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SCRAP.

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were locked up in the tower to guard the flag. The most exciting episodes took place the years that the banner was raised on the Connecticut Mutual Building and on the Wise, Smith and Company store. In the former case a sophomore was lowered from the roof of the building to cut the ropes holding the banner, but he was seized and dragged through a window by the freshmen. Then an attempt was made to set fire to the banner by throwing blazing waste on it, but it failed to catch fire. The year that the banner was raised on the Wise, Smith and Company store, sophomores used sky rockets in an attempt to set fire to it.

Sentiment, both in college and in Hartford, finally forced the abandonment of this method of celebrating Saint Patrick's Day. Now all that the good citizens of Connecticut's capital see of the scrap is the glaring numerals of the freshman class flaunting from telegraph poles and an occasional fight when a party of sophomores meets a band of the freshmen publicity agents.

ALUMNI NOTES.

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Ex-'05—Reverend Frederic C. Meredith is engaged in missionary work in Japan. Shortly after graduation at the General Theological Seminary, he took up missionary work in the Philippine Islands, and in 1911 was elected dean of the Cathedral at Manila, which he declined, to enter the missionary field in Japan. His address is 46 Tera Machi, Aomori Ken, Aomori Shi, Japan.

'08—Giles D. Randall is connected with the Federal Adding Machine Company at 251 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Ex-'08—George W. Hubbard is vice-president of W. F. Gilbert & Company, Inc., of New Haven, Conn. His address is 11 Everitt Street, New Haven, Conn.

Ex-'10—The address of James F. Townsend has been changed to R. F. D., Mt. Carmel, Conn.

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