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HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

"Overthrowing society means an inverted pyramid getting straight", said one James Hinton. This last week we have witnessed the tipping upside-down of a pyramid in the abolition of the Interfraternity Council. Five years ago "cut-throat" rushing was done away with at Trinity College, with much gusto and waving of oratory arms, we may well imagine, because it had been found grossly undemocratic and inefficient. This week, with just as much gusto and waving of the arms we have witnessed the present generation wipe out the Interfraternity Council as a grossly undemocratic and inefficient system. We wager our typewriter that those of the present Freshman class who have the tenacity to stay here long enough to pass the requirements for a degree will hear more oratory concerning the evils of "cut-throat" rushing.

"Every bit of political experience I ever had," we remember one alumnus prominent in Hartford politics telling us one day, "I got it at Trinity College. It's a Russia in miniature."

TRINITY'S POST OFFICE.

It is doubtful if there is any post office in these United States of America which handles the mail more carelessly and inefficiently than the post office at Trinity College. If Postmaster-General New were to visit the archway and see the way the mail is tossed about, he would doubtless summon the Trustees to court.

Here is the present system of distributing the mail: Early in the morning "Ed" Frye goes down Broad Street and meets the "Captain", Trinity's venerable mail-man, and the "Captain" gives "Ed" the mail bound in a strap. "Ed" ambles up Vernon Street and presents the mail to Mr Schuler, the superintendent. Mr. Schuler throws it on a table, sorts it alphabetically and puts it in the rack. This rack is a most primitive contraption. It consists of twenty-six pigeon holes, with openings at both ends. In the rush for mail before chapel, letters are often pushed out the back; in such cases they lie on the floor for hours or days or weeks until they are discovered. The rack is old enough to have ben brought from the old site of Washington College forty-six years ago. It is frail enough to be carried under the arm. Several times this year some eager student has touched the thing too roughly and the mail has fluttered about the room like confetti. Special delivery letters are left on a table behind the iron screen. If one's fraternity brothers or friends see the letter and bring it to one, he will get it, otherwise it will stay there till he happens along.

That is how mail is distributed in a college which raised one million dollars in one year. One million dollars to raise the salaries of professors. Fifty thousand for a new chemistry laboratory—and not one cent for a decent mail box system! "Centennials may come and Centennials may go," said the monologuist in the last Sub-Freshman show, "but the old way of dealing out the mail goes on forever."

CHAFF.

The student body and the department of athletics would be grateful to the Faculty if it would announce eligible members of the basketball squad before the Fordham game Saturday evening. The rest of us are willing to wait if the Faculty will determine the marks of the basketball squad first.

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"What this country needs," thinks Ted Shane, of the "Columbia Spectator", "is a prize for a good bock beer and not one for a Bok Peace." It seems to us that Ted is not entirely wrong.

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There is some consolation for those who were near "the jumping-off" place in the marks on the intelligence tests recently given by Professor Costello in the remark made by Dr. A. A. Roback of Harvard, who himself is a specialist in conjuring up trick questions to measure intellects. "Genius and intelligence are separate things," he tells us. Add to that that you can't tell a genius by looking at his face and you will have a perfectly good alibi for not knocking the intelligence tests between the eyes.

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When the Junior Tree of New York University was uprooted in a recent storm Dean Perley L. Thorne decided to have the wood of the fond guardian of all succeeding Junior classes seasoned and made into toothpicks for future Alumni Dinners. Wonder what they would do with one of the Elms of Trinity in such a case? In all probability they would build new chapel pews with it.

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Excerpt from the letter of a freshman prospect in Indiana: "Speaking frankly, I rather lean towards Trinity because of the freedom of thought that seemingly is manifested in THE TRIPOD. While I believe that all members of the college should attend chapel as well as classes, yet the outspoken attitude employed by both factions in the college has led me to believe that one does not get narrowed down into a single groove of thought."

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"It is the first time in forty years," Professor McCook, who resigned from the faculty last June after two-score years of service, said at the beginning of the Mid-Years, "that I have not functioned at examinations. Such a relief! I dare say that no student ever shuddered more at the thought of exams than I did for years. For, you see, I had to prepare papers and conduct exams, and then read, mark and inwardly digest the papers handed in. A student is through—usually —when he returns his paper, but I was only half through."

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News comes from Sanford University, California, that a course in cheer-leading has been instituted and that college credit will be given sophomores who register in the course. "Bleacher Psychology", "The Correct Use of the Voice", and "Development of Stage Presence" will be among the topics of lectures by members of the faculty. A Mid-Year exam in this course must sound like the phonetic exercises of a Chinese kindergarten.

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Out of the hullabaloo of abstract generalities from this Student Prohibition Conference and that comes the voice of cold, unmitigated fact from the two largest universities of New England. Of the 2,272 votes cast on the Volstead Act at Yale only 655 favored it. The same opinion was voiced at Harvard in a similar vote.

If you are not very busy the next time you take a Mid-Year exam in Alumni Hall, take a look at the professors in charge. You will be treated to an interesting study in the psychology of the physiognomy. To quote Briggs, the cartoonist: "We wonder what the professor in charge is thinking about? "There he stands, dignified as the Prince of Wales on his coronation day. Then some other professorial worthy will step up to him, show him a joke on the editorial page of his morning paper, or, more often, some unintentional joke by an unfortunate student in one of those little blue books. Sometimes one of them will lead another to the window. They will look out on the sunny campus while they swap whispered wise-cracks. Suddenly one of them will whip around and glare at the rows of exam-takers. Then watch the expression on his face when he sees you looking squarely at him. You will enjoy that "I-beg-your-pardon, — I-didn't-know-who-was-your-fiancee" kind of expression.

TWO PRIZE CONTESTS LATELY INAUGURATED

Announcement of prize contests are constantly coming in to the editor of THE TRIPOD. Last week's mail includes two contests, one offered by the Committee of University and College Students of the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association and one by the Fiction House, which publishes "Novelets" and "Action Stories" magazines.

The growing interest among undergraduates of American universities and colleges in the League of Nations and the World Court has prompted the College Division of the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association to conduct an essay contest, with prizes of $100, $75 and $50 each to students who desire to compete for them.

The contest is announced by Corliss Lamont who, as chairman of the Committee of University and College Students of the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association, is in charge of the organization of branches of the Association in universities and colleges. Mr. Lamont reports that over eighty universities and colleges have already been organized.

The subject of the essay is to be: "Why the United States should Join the League of Nations." Total number of words submitted by the contestant must not exceed three thousand. Only one essay may be submitted by any one contestant.

Manuscripts must be typewritten and only on one side of the page, and must not be rolled. No manuscript will be returned. No postage for the return of manscripts should, therefore, be included by the sender.

All manuscripts must be received at the office of the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association, 15 West 37th Street, New York City, by 12 o'clock, noon, March 1, 1924.

The submission of any manuscript, whether or not it receives an award, shall give to the Association full rights to publish any part or all of it in such manner and at such times as it may choose.

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The following notice is from the Fiction House, Inc.:

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ADDRESSES OF ALUMNI UNKNOWN TO SECRETARY

A. V. R. Tilton, '21, alumni secretary, has requested THE TRIPOD to print the following list of alumni whose addresses are unknown to the college authorities. Mr. Tilton would be pleased if readers knowning the addresses of any of the men in the list would send them to him, No. 1 Jarvis Hall:

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PROF. HUMPHREY AFTER SCALP OF WARD BOSS

Professor Humphrey of the History Department, chairman of the Hartford High School Committee, is leading a movement against the ward politicians whom he claims are undermining the high school system. The ward politician has usurped the duties of the educational experts, the Trinity professor told the gathering of representative Republican women at the home of Mrs. John T. Robinson Thursday afternoon. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the Republican women of the city of the conditions prevelant in the Hartford schools and to enlist support in the reform movement. During the afternoon Town Chairman Walter E. Batterson announced that the Republican organization would renominate Professor Humphrey.

"Last year," said Professor Humphrey, "probably marked the high-water mark of politics in our high school, because of the near completion of the Weaver School, with its large possibilities of patronage. Think of teaching positions being reduced to the level of so much political pelf. The Bulkeley High School is to be completed in June, 1925, and you can see why the political forces that dominated the high school last year are using every trick they know at present to get back their positions. Can an educational system reach any lower depths than when all appointments are made by politicians?

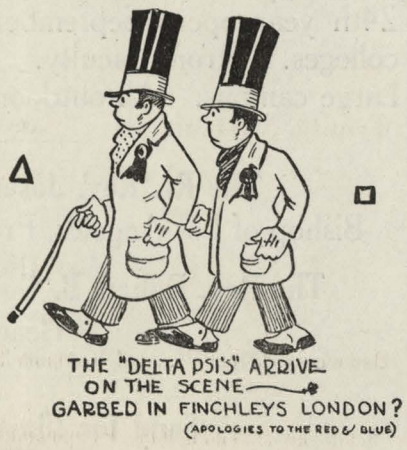
"Practically all of the time of this year's committee so far has been taken up learning and trying to undo the political crimes committed against our schools by last year's committee. Basically this crime is one of the ward politician usurping the duties of our educational experts. There is a science of education just as there is such a thing as business management and banking science.

"Last year our educators were ruthlessly disregarded; politics were supreme. Teachers were put in who were absolutely unfitted for their places. Education, personality, experience counted for nothing in the making of the appointment."

Professor Humphrey told of the disastrous effect of all this on the teachers, some of whom took to politics themselves, and pointed to inefficient help, others than teachers, because of nepotism in the system. He declared that the appointment of four vice principals for three high schools last year was ridiculous and said there was no more need for four vice principals than there was for five wheels on a wagon. "It is just the old principle of jobs, jobs, jobs."

"I will welcome at any time the calling in of experts on education from our best outside fields to survey our system. They can improve it. Every time that your local politicians lay hands on the system to change it they do great damage. Therein lies the worst of its present defects. The politician fears the expert."

J. A. Mitchell, '15, was ordained to the diaconate at St. Paul's Church, Centerville, Md., Sunday, December 23. Mitchell taught three years at St. John's College, Shanghai, after his graduation, and later took a post-graduate course at Yale. He is at present attending the Alexandria Seminary and will take charge of his parishes at Snow Hill and Stockton in June.



NEW YORK ALUMNI WILL HAVE REUNION BANQUET

A banquet for all Trinity men in the vicinity of New York City, Friday, February 8, at the Hotel Brevoort, Fifth Avenue and Eighth Street, has been arranged by a committee of Trinity Alumni of New York. The banquet will take place at seven o'clock in the grand ballroom. President Ogilby will speak, the newly-appointed coach will be announced, and the films of the Centennial Celebration last Commencement will be shown. The price of the tickets is four dollars.

Judge P. J. McCook, '95, is chairman of the committee and F. C. Hinkel, Jr., '06, secretary-treasurer. The executive committee is composed of B. Budd, '08, S. W. Fiske, '06, A. N. Jones, '17, H. B. Thorne, Jr., '16, E. L. Ward, '13, and B. F. Yates, '11.

F. H. Ameluxen, '21, who was promoted to the headmastership of the Brent School, formerly the Baguio School, founded by President Ogilby and Bishop Brent, but who resigned in October to take up engineering in China, married Miss Effie Smith, Saturday, December 1, at Manilla, Philippine Islands. He is a member of the Alpha Tau Kappa Fraternity.

JUNIOR PROM.

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C. Wilson. T. W. Jones, 25, is chairman of the tea dance committee.

Miss Anne Plumb of Hartford, and Hadlow will lead the grand march at the Prom. Yaffe's Orchestra of the Hartford Golf Club has been selected to play for the dancing. The chaperons of the affair will be Mrs. Remsen B. Ogilby, Mrs. Lyman Brainerd, Mrs. Robert C. Buell, Mrs. George Bulkeley, Mrs. J. H. Kelso Davis, Mrs. Stanley L. Galpin, Mrs. Irenus K. Hamilton, Jr., Mrs. Benjamin Knower, Mrs. Henry A. Perkins, Mrs. C. L. F. Robinson, Mrs. George Simpson, Mrs. Robert A. Wadsworth and Mrs. John C. Wilson.

The members of the Prom committee are N. A. C. Anderson of Alpha Chi Rho, W. K. Applebaugh of Delta Phi, W. J. Beers of St. Anthony Hall, F. J. Cronin of the Neutral Body, L. H. Bartlett of Alpha Delta Phi, R. A. Montgomery of Delta Kappa Epsilon, M. P. Johnson of Sigmu Nu, R. M. Healey of Alpha Tau Kappa, and C. A. Jepson, president of the junior class, ex-officio.

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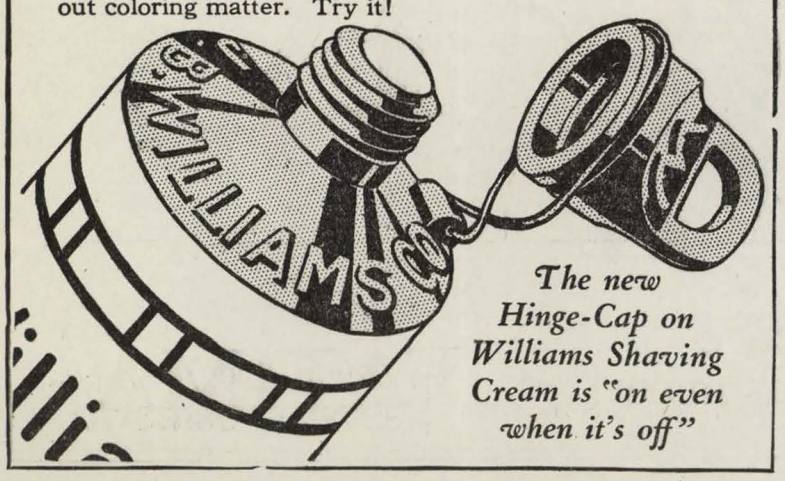

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PROF. HUMPHREY'S SPEECH.

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lini, respectively. 'Freedom' of the Giolitti type having failed Mussolini promised the Italian people a regime of discipline ('Force'). It is essentially the difference between the trickery of the cheap politician, ready to accept any device or to promise any indulgence that will bring popular votes and the contrasted openness of a rule based on the national ideal. For after all Mussolini is dictator only so long as and only because he can command the backing of the Italian people. Giolitti was the creature of a political camarilla. The student of Italian history must realize that they, as a people, reverence the tradition of Mazzini as their ideal. His greatest political treaties was 'On the Duties of Man.' Italians do not need New Englanders to teach them that political rights come after and not before political duties.

"We are to learn the need for 'scoff-law' institutions. Giolitti's performances made that institution proverbial in Italy. He pandered to Socialists and Anarchists until government in Italy had practically ceased to function as such. It was to remedy this situation that the Italian King and the Italian people freely constituted Mussolini, their leader.

"The world is judging Mussolini by his accomplishments. He has restored order, lawlessness has been suppressed, mutual tolerance has been established among the various classes. He works continuously for 'Stability, Progress and Prosperity.' The Italians themselves have made their greatest demonstration over the rise of the lire, an indication to their mind that their financial affairs are at last in train for solution. During the previous year 7,500,000 days of labor were lost through strikes alone; in one year of his administration Mussolini reduced this figure to 250,000 days. The deficit in the budget has been marvelously reduced, through careful finance. Tax dodging has been stopped and while nine of the thirteen direct state taxes have been dropped the state revenues have increased. Losses on the operation of public utilities have been cut. Railroads alone cost the previous year over a billion lire; Mussolini eliminated three-fourths of this waste.

"To save money Mussolini even has dared lay hands on the educational system of Italy. This was costing too much so he proceeded to a rigid 'de-socialization.' Under the old educational regime thousands of young men who might have made excellent workingmen loafed through free public schools and at the end of their educational career were forever spoiled for any useful occupation. Mussolini decided that the state ought to educate only those worth while. He did not attempt to deprive parents of the right to make loafers out of their own children; they were to be allowed to send them to private schools if they could afford it. To this end private schools were recognized and diplomas granted to their graduates. But the number of those to receive free education was rigorously reduced. This applied, of course, only to secondary and higher schools; Italy still feels that the state should give every child an elementary education. With the lessened number of secondary schools, the size of classes was limited to thirty-five and admission was made competitive. The students not liking this new rule, went on a strike against the new examinations. Strikes have not been very successful under Mussolini's power. As in education so with public utilities, coöperatives, the law and other branches of the administration, Mussolini saved money on each and all of them.

"Americans in their attitudes toward contemporary Italy may be divided into two classes; the one relishing the cleverness of the Giolitti group, the other admiring the seriousness of the reformer, Mussolini.

"In the former class I would include the admirers of Papini and I would illustrate his cleverness by calling attention to his paragraph on 'America' in his 'Dictionary of a Savage.' He says:

" 'America is the land of millionaire uncles, the home of trusts, skyscrapers, phonographs, electric trains, lynch law; of the insupportable Washington, the boring Emerson, the immortal Walt Whitman, the disgusting Longfellow, the too-angelic Wilson, the philanthropist, Morgan and other great men of similar stripe,' etc., etc.'

"As an excellent representative of Mussolini's followers I would cite the present ambassador to the United States, Prince Caetani. Both Yale and Columbia Universities awarded him honorary degrees last June. This prince is partly American,—by education, he studied in the Columbia School of Mines and worked as a lumberman, miner, and mill hand in the Far West. In Italy he helped to drain the Pontine Marshes. He is a leader in the movement for a closer relationship between his two countries. Recently he took the initiative in inaugurating a new exchange educational movement which is to make it possible for one hundred graduates of Italian technical schools to follow his own example and do post-graduate work in America. The first group of one hundred being brought to the United States is to be distributed among the industrial plants of Ford, Westinghouse, and the General Electric Company. Caetani and Mussolini realize that Italy must become a great industrial nation if she is to survive as a world power. Herein, again, they run counter to the Papini group. Mussolini's labor formula is, 'Economy, Labor, Discipline.'

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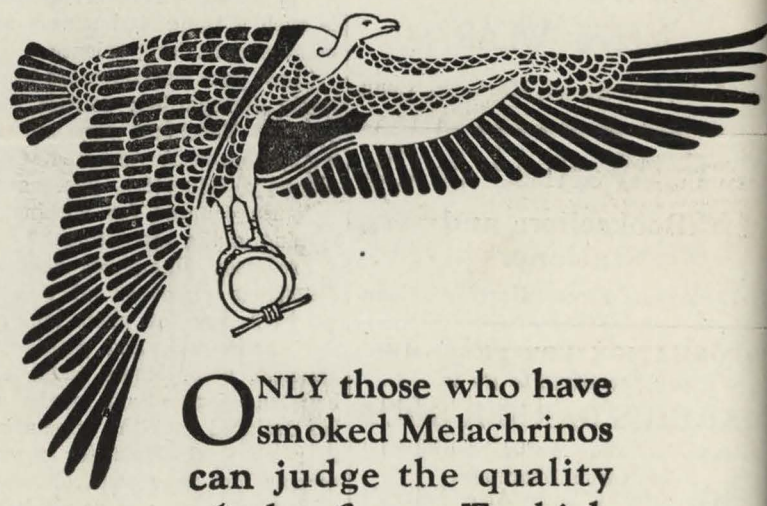

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