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## FOOTBALL CAMP GREAT SUCCESS Men Enjoyed Trip

The Trinity College football team encamped at Plainfield for ten days of pre-season work from September 12 to 22. The team was housed at the Lawton Inn, and was allowed free use of the Plainfield Community House, which is thoroughly equipped with bowling alleys, pool tables, swimming pool, showers, and lockers. A large radio kept the men in contact with the outside world.

This Plainfield is a quiet little Connecticut village, centered around one mill, so it lent itself admirably to the team's needs. The villagers were glad to see the new faces around, and the coaches were glad to be in a town where the simple life was the law of the land.

For the first four days the men went through practices both morning and afternoon. This was mostly conditioning work, and quickly brought the men into good condition. After these morning workouts were over, the men were required to spend the morning in some kind of exercise. Some played tennis, some hiked to neighboring towns, some drove to Pomfret or Putnam to play golf. When the men were in good shape the dummy tackling was added to the practice. It was a good old dummy while it lasted, but it wasn't long before one leg was ripped off, so the men were set to tackling each other. None of this standing still and having another man deposit you softly in a prepared pit, as the news reels show other colleges doing, but tackling on the dead run, with two live coaches inspecting. The coaches only allowed one scrimmage during the camp, and that on a day so warm they were sure no one would be laid up, but there was a great deal of separate line work, and the backs were put through their paces regularly and thoroughly.

The most notable result of the camp was the remarkably fine team spirit developed. All the petty jealousies that might have developed with our barbarous rushing system were never thought of with the college fifty-six miles away and the fraternities a memory of the previous June.

The camp was made possible through the generosity of some of our most loyal alumni. Those who have followed the team in its early work are already convinced that the camp has been worth while. Those who will follow the team through the rest of the season can judge for themselves what this early work has meant to the squad.

**COLLEGE HAS PUBLICITY BUREAU.**

**Follows Example Set by Others.**

With the beginning of the academic year an organized publicity bureau was instituted at Trinity, known officially as the Trinity College News Bureau. It is being organized and directed by W. G. Brill, 1923, a member of the editorial staff of the "Hartford Courant."

The function of the bureau, as explained by the director, is to supply newspapers throughout the country with legitimate news of Trinity College and the activities of its personnel. It is an advertising medium only insofar as the mention of Trinity College in news stories is advertising, just as the mention of any person, corporation or institution in news matter is advertising of either beneficial or detrimental nature.

Stories released by the bureau will cover activities and projects of the college, faculty members, students

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## FIRST COLLEGE BODY MEETING HELD Students Meet in Alumni Hall

The first College Body meeting of the year was held in Alumni Hall on September 23. Robert Y. Condit, president of the College Body, presided. Condit welcomed the Freshmen to the college on the behalf of the undergraduates and then there were some songs, which were led by "Charley" Solms. "Dick" O'Brien, the captain of the football team, then spoke and asked the Freshmen to come out for the Junior Varsity, but to be sure not to do that unless they were well up in their studies, because he said that it was far more important that they be able to come out for the squad next year than that they should play Junior Varsity. Dr. Ogilby was the next speaker and after a very amusing comparison between freshmen and eggs in the Philippines, he urged the new students to find out something about the college, to know her heroes and their great deeds, and asked them to resolve to be men of whom the college could be intensely proud, in the years to come. The Dean spoke next and read a little poem about the football team. He spoke of our fine coach and of the many things we have to be proud of, and preached the spirit of optimism. Coach "Johnny" Merriman followed him. He told of how pleased he was with the football camp and said that prospects were excellent. He repeated "Dick" O'Brien's advice to the Freshmen and urged every member of the college who was able, to go out for the football squad. After some more songs Dr. Anson McCook gave a very fine speech, telling of our past traditions in football. He described the famous 14 to 13 game with Wesleyan and told of other great athletic victories. The meeting closed with the singing of "Neath the Elms."

The whole spirit of the meeting was typical of the feeling which shows itself on every hand at college this fall. There was a great deal of enthusiasm, and fine feeling of optimism and comradeship, which every one who was at the meeting felt. The cheering was well led, the speakers were good, and the whole meeting seemed to be a good omen for the coming year.

**PROF. SHEPARD GIVES LECTURE TO FRESHMEN**

**Tells Aims of Liberal College**

Professor Shepard in his speech to the Freshmen on the "Aims of the Liberal College," said that a "liberal education" should fit men, not for the world as it is, but as it ought to be.

The lecture was centered on a definition of "liberal education", which the speaker said should be designed to fit men for the life of freedom. Professor Shepard defined the words "Freedom" and "Liberty" with extreme care, saying that when properly understood these words mean something very different from license, and that the true freedom is the liberty to do, not as one likes, but as one ought. He said that it is a willing and intelligent acceptance of much the same laws and restraints as the unfree man must accept under compulsion.

Professor Shepard then told the Freshmen that they were about to begin an education which would fit them for the life of freedom, if they would accept it. He told them that society considered it right that a cer-

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## FACULTY-FRESHMAN DINNER GREAT SUCCESS Fine Spirit Shown

The newly inaugurated "Freshman Week" opened on Monday night with a dinner in the Commons for the class of 1930, thus giving them a chance to see each other and meet the members of the faculty, most of whom dined with them. This was also the first opportunity that the majority of the College Body had had, to try out the Commons under the management of Mr. Goodwin, who is to be in charge there this winter.

The room was crowded to its utmost capacity, which put a severe strain on the kitchen and on those who served the meal, but, though there was some delay in starting, it was an excellent repast when it did arrive and promised well for those who are to eat there this winter.

While waiting for the dinner to be served the group of new students on the campus had a good opportunity to get acquainted and to meet the professors, who mingled with them after they had greeted each other and compared notes on their various vacations. In the diningroom students and professors were quite well intermingled, and the process of getting acquainted proceeded satisfactorily, so that many a new boy began to realize thus early in his career that the members of the faculty are human beings after all, with many of the interests that he has himself, and with the same fondness of having a good time. The discovery that his teachers are not cold blooded, dry-as-dust fossils would alone justify such a gathering before the opening of college. After coffee and smokables had been served, the President addressed the new class, welcoming them to the college and explaining the purpose of the various exercises that had been arranged for their benefit during Freshman Week. He laid special emphasis on the importance of getting a "running start," so that when the classes should begin, the new men would not flounder about or mark time as is so likely to be the case. The first six weeks of the Freshman year he said, often determine, not only the success or failure of the student's college career, but even his entire life. In order to prevent a repetition of last year's catastrophe at mid-years, the Committee on Admissions, he explained, had taken especial care to weed out the unfit at the very start, while those who had been enrolled were being safeguarded as far as possible from the fatal blunder of too late a start.

The President then introduced Professor Babbitt as the champion handball and tennis player of the college, who, incidentally, taught Greek. Professor Babbitt explained to the Freshmen that the members of the faculty were their "best friends"; not their "most intimate friends", of course, but their "best friends", because they are most concerned with your best interests, and will help you to the limit of their powers whenever you call upon them for advice, or assistance in your work. "Don't," he urged, "go to a 'college lawyer,' when you need advice, because these gentlemen spend their time in studying how to evade rules and 'get by' with the minimum of effort." He said that their advice is often wholly wrong, and always pernicious. He told the Freshmen to go instead, first to their advisers, and then to others of the faculty, and that by doing that, they would get sound advice and an ever ready sympathy and kindness. He told the Freshmen not to feel, however, that because a member of the faculty does not slap them on the

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## PRESIDENT AND DEAN BROADCAST State Views on College

The first of a series of dialogues by members of the Trinity faculty was given Tuesday evening, September 21. The President and the Dean spoke on "Getting Into College and Staying In." Many interesting points were brought out in the discussion. The Dean stated that not a single person who entered Trinity by examination, was dropped at mid-years. This is an interesting fact, because there is so much discussion as to the relative merits of the different means of entrance.

President Ogilby stated that he was inclined to think that biologists as well as educators are coming to realize that an individual is limited to a certain extent in his capacity to advance, by the restricted equipment with which he starts his life at birth. The Dean seemed to think that environment has a great deal to do with the aptitude of the student, even more than does heredity.

Dr. Ogilby brought out the point that selection was needed continually so that the weak students would be weeded out and only those fit for higher education would remain. His point was that selection should be before the students came to college and should continue all the while that they are there.

Dean Troxell said in reply that the college had made every effort to learn of the personal qualifications of the new students and had not limited themselves to the grades which had been attained in High School or in set examinations. He said that the college had sought personal interviews whenever possible and that confidential information blanks had been sent to the Headmasters and Principals of the preparatory schools, and that letters of recommendation had been requested for a large number of applicants. Dr. Ogilby summed up the situation by saying:

"In other words the grades show what a man knows; his extra-curricular activities and hobbies show what he does; but it takes all of these together with an examination and close analysis of a man's personality to know what he really is."

Another fact of interest which was mentioned was that a degree from Trinity College was worth \$17,500. Dr. Ogilby arrived at this figure after compiling much data on the subject.

In conclusion Dr. Ogilby said:

"If the problem of getting into college is one of preparation by which the student is able to demonstrate his ability to pursue a college course, then the chief problem of staying in is one of responsibility, primarily on the part of the student, but shared by the college which strives to awaken, in the minds of those who are in, a realization of the privileges they enjoy and a readiness to take advantage of the opportunities of preparation for the success which will be theirs."

These dialogues are given every Tuesday evening from 7 to 7.30, and are broadcasted by station WTIC.

**TRIPOD CORRECTS ERROR.**

THE TRIPOD wishes to correct a mistake made in its first issue. It was stated that Assistant Professor Rafael Semmes had received all of his degrees from Johns Hopkins, but it was subsequently learned that Professor Semmes had received his Master of Arts degree from Princeton and his law degree from Harvard. We apologize to Mr. Semmes and to the Department of History.

## FOOTBALL WILL OPEN SATURDAY Cooper Union in Opening Game

The Blue and Gold will open the 1926 gridiron season Saturday, October 2, against Cooper Union, on the Trinity field. This will, however, be the second game of the year for the visitors, Cooper Union having been beaten by an 18 to 0 score last week by Upsala College.

The Trinity squad returned from their camp in Plainfield, Conn., on the 22nd, and have had about a week's hard practice on the home field in preparation for the first game. Scrimmage on Wednesday showed everyone to be in excellent condition. The only casualties so far have not been of serious import. "Chilli" Jackson has been out a few days because of a bad cold and Bob Condit has been troubled with boils. They are both letter men from last year. It is expected, however, that they will both appear in the line-up for tomorrow's game.

The squad has been materially strengthened by the addition of ten new candidates since the return from camp.

The probable line-up for the game will be:

Cooper Union	Trinity
Klotz	LE Eberle
Freedel	LT Even
Strothkamp	LG Young, Ward, Hardman
Reinhardt (Cpt.)	C Condit, O'Leary
Cramer	RG Hallstrom, Kelly
Blircher	RT Capt. O'Brien
Di Santo	RE Jackson, Cutler
Bateman	QB Whittaker, Taute
Brown	LHB Mastronarde
Keirs	RHB Burr
Warchak	FB Fertig, Uhlig

**FRESHMEN BREAK**

**Sophomores Retaliate**

Another "Bloody Monday" has passed into the annals of Trinity history.

For the first time in many years the freshmen were unable in the Bulletin Board Rush to break through the sophomore defense to touch the Bulletin Board in the required time.

However, the class of 1930 were not disheartened by the defeat. In the Rope Rush that followed they made quick work of tying up the sophomores. At the expiration of the twenty minutes the judges reported twenty-six sophomores against four freshmen tied up in the contest.

The freshmen were then lined up and marched to the State Capitol, the former site of the college. On the way past the President's House a rousing cheer was given for Dr. Ogilby. At the Capitol "Neath the Elms" was sung (sic). On the way back the class of 1929 scented trouble but too late. Suddenly a shrill whistle broke the stillness of the night and a cry of "Break" was heard. And the freshmen BROKE. In every direction, over fences and hedges, into yards and alleys they vanished before the sophomores realized what had happened. When the dust lifted two lone sophomores were struggling to keep their grip on two freshmen. The rest had vanished into the mysterious recesses of the darkness. However, the sophomores succeeded in rounding up enough freshmen to conclude the evening by an entertainment at Alumni Hall where the freshmen displayed their talents and the upper classmen their pitching ability.



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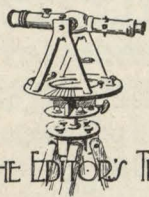
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THRU THE EDITOR'S TRIPOD

## FREEDOM.

Professor Shepard said in his speech to the Freshmen that "Freedom" meant a person's giving the law to himself internally, making himself independent of external authority. He then said that the difference between a free man and a slave was that the free man, though seemingly bound by many restrictions, forced himself to comply to the laws which governed society about him, while the slave, although in continual revolt against the laws governing him, was forced to comply with them by someone who had authority over him.

This is an enlightening and inspiring idea. If one accepts it, it makes him feel with Henry, "I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul." To him who accepts this idea an immense responsibility comes immediately. He cannot excuse failure by saying that he never had a chance. He must regard himself as one charged with a great mission. He must marshal all of his forces and fight the battle of life for himself. To do this is not easy, many prefer to be slaves, tossed about by every current of changing opinion; but how much nobler it is to take the responsibility of this "Freedom" and to fight always to retain it.

We, at college, are young enough to decide what we shall try to make of our lives. We can choose what path we shall take. We have the opportunity to put ourselves far along, either on the road to "Freedom", where we shall find full self-respect and satisfaction, or on the road to slavery, where we shall never find peace.

## FRESHMAN WEEK.

Now that we have had for the first time a "Freshman Week" at college, we can well look back over it and find out whether we think it was a success or not.

We think that having this week was the finest thing that has been done by the college for a long time. To those who could look at the experiment from the outside it was an in-

spiration and it seemed to be a promise of many great things for the future. The feeling of oneness which was engendered was felt by all who were present at the many meetings and this in itself is most worth while.

We feel that the administration and the faculty deserve the thanks of Freshmen, particularly, and of the rest of the student body and of the alumni. They did something which was unprecedented here, and which has probably not been done at more than a half a dozen other educational institutions in the country. It was something to be remembered to see the faculty taking such great pains to help the new students, and to see the unusual response which they received. The Class of 1930 has gotten a better start than any other class which has come to Trinity and there is every reason to believe that it will be one of the best.

## THE CHRISTMAS TERM.

After a week or more of delightful lazy existence we have begun our regular college work. The play is over and now we have serious business on our hands. For many of us the most critical part of our lives has just been reached. The Freshmen are facing the crisis of their college careers. If they can successfully navigate through the shoals which lie in wait for them in this term, they can be reasonably sure that their stay here will last for the full four years.

It is most important for the new men to form habits of study which will enable them to complete their assigned work, and to gradually adjust themselves to college life. It is up to them not to have their heads turned by the great freedom which they so suddenly find that they possess. No one will tell any Freshman that he must be in bed by eleven o'clock or that he must not go to the movies except during week-ends. What a Freshman does with his spare time is entirely his own concern. He must not allow himself to drift along, swayed this way and that by every chance desire, but must face the situation squarely and make up his mind that he must attend to his lessons before he participates in extra-curricular activities. It is very easy when one first comes to college to allow oneself to get into the habit of going to the movies three or four times a week and spending whole evenings fruitlessly, but the Freshmen must guard themselves against that sort of thing and must decide, if their careers are to be successful, upon a regular plan of study and carry it out faithfully.

To the upper classmen a new opportunity is presented for making further progress in their academic work. Many of us who feel that we have wasted much of our time, now start with a clean slate and can realize some of our cherished ambitions. It is a critical time for us just as it is for the new students. After all, we have only four years here and if one or two are gone already, we don't have much time left.

Let us all prepare for an enjoyable and excitingly keen year of study, so that when June comes we shall not have to feel that we have wasted away our time and that we shall have to try again to satisfy our apparently impotent desires for high scholastic attainments.

## BLOODY MONDAY.

We have had another Bloody Monday at Trinity and it seems quite apropos to say a few words about that old custom, concerning which much good and much bad can be said. We really believe that the Bulletin Board Rush and the Rope Rush are good things to have and to keep, but we don't believe that there is any reason for having the annual entertainment which is held in the gymnasium after the return from the Capitol. These entertain-

Perry T. Hough, of the class of 1926, will begin his course at the Yale Medical School this fall.

ments are usually disgraceful, the one last Monday certainly was, and make their appeal simply to a love of the vulgar which, unfortunately, is in most of us, to a greater or smaller degree. There ought to be a common feeling which would make such vulgarity as was shown on Monday night outlawed. The better class of students should actively work against it, because it puts the whole student body in a very bad light. The Sophomores are not the worst offenders at these de luxe entertainments, it is the upper classmen who are usually to blame. It is to be sincerely hoped that next year we can have harmless fun on Bloody Monday night, and not riotous disorder; it would do much to increase our self-respect.

## CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN.

There have been no communications received by THE TRIPOD for publication, as yet. We hope that soon the students, faculty, and alumni will use this paper for the expression of their opinions concerning the college. There could be much interesting and helpful discussion carried on through the medium of the "Correspondents' Column" and it is to be hoped that advantage will be taken of it.

## LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

We are publishing this week in a department to be known as "Literary Contributions", a piece of work done by one of the members of last year's English II class. As we announced in our first issue, we intend to make THE TRIPOD more and more literary in its scope. We wish to thank the writer who has allowed us to publish his essay, and we hope that others will permit us to use their work.

## THE TRINITY EXTENSION COURSE.

The continuation of the extension course by Trinity College, a plan put into operation a year ago, is the best indication of the success of the scheme. Registration for enrollment in any of the various courses offered by the college may be made tomorrow or Tuesday at the Young Woman's Christian Association building on Ann Street, and it will be unfortunate if many do not avail themselves of the opportunity. Universities and colleges during the past decade have not only expanded greatly, both in their size and the scope of the things taught, but also in the realization that their immediate advantages are not of necessity to be confined behind their ivied walls. Extension courses have been placed at the disposal of men and women who were unable to devote all of their time for a certain period as undergraduates, and the results have, without question, been far more important and successful than any mere statistical record available would show. Extension courses that are conducted by mail, as is the case in connection with certain great universities, unquestionably have their value, but there is lost the personal contact between the instructor and the instructed that is highly desirable. The Trinity extension courses give the actual classroom work where professors of the college appear, not through written outlines, but in person, a most desirable condition.

The courses offered are many and catholic, and include such subjects as biology, economics, mathematics, physics, philosophy, languages, history and many others. The young man or young woman, or those of more advanced age, thus may find a most excellent field for the pleasure and self-improvement that comes from the study of such things. Trinity is adding to the advantages of Hartford in providing the opportunity.

—Hartford Courant.

Truth is stranger than fiction—also more decent.

—Washington Dirge.

## ALUMNI NOTES

Last week Mr. William Gwinn Mather, of the Class of 1877, and one of the trustees, entertained President Ogilby on an ore boat trip up the Great Lakes. Mr. Mather is President of the Cleveland Cliffs Mining Company, one of the great ore producing and carrying companies of the North West. That company operates some sixteen ore mines in Northern Michigan, transports the ore over its own railroad to Marquette, Michigan, and from there uses some twenty-five steamers which carry ore to Lake Erie Ports. Ex-Mayor Newton C. Brainard, President of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company, Charles Shiras Morris, President of the Hart & Hegeman Company, and Hon. Joseph Buffington, United States Circuit Judge, of Pittsburgh, Trinity College Trustees, were also guests. The party gathered at Mr. Mather's beautiful home, Gwinn, in the city of Cleveland, and were later entertained at Mr. Mather's Cliff Cottage at Ishpeming, Michigan, where the mines of the company are located. The lake trip was made on the steamer William G. Mather, which is the latest, most up-to-date and speediest ore boat on the lakes. It was built last year to replace a sister boat of the same name. The capacity of the vessel, the tremendous magnitude of lake ore operation generally, the ease with which cargoes of ore and coal were loaded and unloaded, all combined to surprise and delight the members of the party and gave them a new vision of the magnitude of these operations and an insight into the scope and volume of their brother trustee's work. It will interest THE TRIPOD reader as well if he has never made the Great Lakes trip. The gross tonnage of the ore passing the Sault Ste Marie locks, commonly called the Soo, largely exceeds that of the Panama or the Suez Canals and one is never out of sight of a string of vessels as large as the Mather, always carrying ore down, and often, coal, up. In fact, the Mather was delayed several hours at the Soo locks by boats ahead, which had the right of way. For example, the Mather brought down, on this trip, between thirteen and fourteen thousand tons of ore, but so effective and powerful are the Lake Superior Docks in loading, and the Lake Erie docks in unloading, that this great bulk of ore was loaded in three hours and unloaded in four. It was a sight to see the great steam shovels enter the Mather's hatches, pick up loads of eight and ten tons, raise them up and carry them over ore-carrying railroad cars and dump the ore into them, all in an unbelievable short time. So also in loading coal into the vessel. A coal car containing sixty tons was run on a platform which was turned over on its side and the coal run by chutes into the vessels' bunkers.

The ore mines of the Cleveland Cliffs Mining Company are models in their way. Some years ago, Mr. Mather, in studying German mines, was impressed by the way the surface surroundings were improved. He has, for years, followed the same methods and now the entire surface surroundings, the walls of the building and the grounds generally are made most attractive by climbing vines, landscape gardening and flowers, a remarkable contrast to the bleak and forbidding aspect of coal and ore mines generally.

The delay of the Mather on the return trip prevented carrying out of the original plan to return to Cleveland and the vessel was stopped mid-stream in the River at Detroit and the dignified President of Trinity and the two Hartford trustees went down the ship's side by ladder into a small boat, so as to board the Eastern train at 6 o'clock and enable President Ogilby to be at Hartford the next morning to welcome the incoming Trinity Class. In that connection, it is of interest to know that during the summer vacation, large numbers of students in Ohio colleges and universities hire as deck hands on these ore boats and so finance themselves (Continued on page 3, column 2.)

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## ALUMNI NOTES

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the following year. The student deck hands on the Mather soon found a college President was aboard and had sympathetic chats with him.

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Joseph Wellington Shannon, of the class of 1887, who has for four years been legal adviser to Federal Prohibition Directors and Administrators, has announced his resignation to resume the general practice of law. His offices will be located at 133 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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The Rev. Horace Fort, a member of the faculty and secretary of the Berkeley Divinity School in Middletown, Conn., has resigned to accept a position with the Church of England and will be connected with the adult religious education movement, with offices in London. Mr. Fort was graduated from Trinity College in 1914, and from Berkeley in 1919, after which he went to England and was connected with this movement for three years. He then returned to Berkeley and has been there since that time.

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Alfred M. Niese, of the class of 1923, is now in Philadelphia, where he has a position with the Franklin Sugar Refining Company.

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Lewis Hall Bartlett, of the class of 1925, has accepted a position with the New York Telephone Company.

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James B. Burr, of the class of 1926, has accepted a position as Director of the Physical Department of the Junior Section of the Kingswood School, in West Hartford. Mr. Burr has one class a day, in addition to his departmental work.

## COLLEGE PUBLICITY BUREAU.

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and alumni that are of general news interest and will serve to keep scattered alumni, as well as the general public, in touch with what the college is doing.

## HARTFORD MUSIC CENTER.

Trinity College is indeed fortunate in being located in such a center of culture as is Hartford. It is a well-known fact that any cultural offering here is always greatly appreciated. The following article, taken from the "Hartford Courant", serves to illustrate that point:

"Hartford may attain the distinction of establishing a record for the United States, at least, and possibly the world, for patronage of concert courses. Robert Kellogg, manager of the Kellogg concert course, announced last night that thus far 2,100 tickets for the music course for 1926-27 series have been taken. The music world, he said, looks upon the sale of 2,800 season tickets in a western city as the record, but the patronage of his course last season numbering 2,226 course tickets, stands second for this country.

"It can become a matter of pride if Hartford eclipses that record this season, for it is substantial evidence of musical appreciation to stand foremost," Mr. Kellogg said. "There are choice seats still available to all parts of the Capitol Theatre where the course will be given, and I expect during the next few weeks to witness the passing of the 2,800 mark. Practically every one of the artists who have been heard in the courses here have commented on the apparent appreciation and culture of the Hartford audiences and all anticipate opportunities to appear here with the greatest of pleasure." —Hartford Courant.

It's easy enough to be morbid,  
When one has a paralyzed gall,  
But the one for my own  
Is the one who can groan  
When nothing's the matter at all.

—The New Yorker.

## OUR LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS

### BEAUTY AS A MORAL INFLUENCE.

You have witnessed many varied and unusual attempts to direct the morals of the individual and of the community. Perhaps the most obvious one, the one which stands out most strongly in the mind, is religion. Whether it be Mohammedanism, Buddhism, Deism, or Christianity, we find that each has a standard of morals to which it expects its followers to conform. Again we have custom and the laws which grow out of custom. They lay down a definite rule of conduct to which people must adhere or suffer punishment. Just lately the tide of prohibition seems to be gaining ground. Liquor has been prohibited. In many places dancing is frowned upon and forbidden. Still more radical "blues" advocate a restriction on tobacco. "Prohibit everything which can possibly do harm," not, "take the bad out of a thing and make it good," seems to be the spirit of the present.

But there is another influence which might be brought to bear which, I believe, would prove far more effective than any of these. It is the influence of beauty. You laugh and think the idea absurd, but at one time or another everyone has felt this influence, some to a greater, some to a lesser degree. The appreciation of beauty when once acquired works from within the person. Instead of restraint the effect is of freedom, and it applies not only to certain defined things, but to one's whole moral conduct.

Again perhaps you will think my illustration of the effectiveness of beauty as absurd as my idea. Have you ever stood looking at a fine painting, which, if judged by our present standards, would be very obscene? Did it have a degrading influence upon you? The beauty with which the artist surrounded his figure removed all of the baseness and left only the impression of something fine. Upon leaving an art gallery one feels much the same as after a good church service. He feels that he has been lifted above the coarseness and meanness of life into a new world.

In the same way poetry raises one to a higher plane. As the artist painted in a beautiful setting for his figure, so does the poet surround the things of life with beauty of color and sounds, until we begin to believe that life is a fine thing after all, and that we have been overlooking the best part of it.

For an hour each day for a period of two weeks a large class of young men and women met together to draw and paint the nude figure of a model. I am told, by a member of the class, that during the whole period not an evil thought entered his head, and that, in discussing the model after class, no one spoke of her in a coarse or disrespectful manner. He accounted for this extraordinary circumstance in the following way: Everyone was so impressed with the beauty of the body of the model, which was made still more beautiful by the use of colored lights, that they forgot about anything else. It is not hard to understand how a few might be so affected but in this case it seems that the same feeling was universal. This illustrates how the sex instinct, second only to the instinct for self-preservation, can be controlled by beauty. What is ordinarily considered obscene and shameful is turned into an elevating influence.

Let us turn now to the influence of out-of-door nature. A young man and a girl step lightly into a canoe, seat themselves side by side in the middle, and lie back among the deep, soft, cushions. The girl is pretty and the boy a rather attractive chap. As the canoe slips out into the river and disappears from view you chuckle wickedly and say to yourself, "The devil will get that pair before they return tonight."

True, everything seems to point to an unfortunate, instinctive act be-

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tween the two. You ask yourself, "Under such conditions how can they possibly resist the temptation?" You have seen the pair, their comfortable boat, and their attitude of affection toward each other, but you have left out one thing, the beauty of the evening, the thing which perhaps will prove your surmises to be groundless and strengthen rather than weaken the characters of the two young canoeists. Unless one has seen the moon just before it sinks from sight, a huge orange ball behind a fringe of dark pines, and the golden light which it reflects from the rippled surface of the river, he can hardly realize the power of beauty to control the actions of a person, or even of two of opposite sex.

You do not have to look far to see the influence of the beauty of nature upon man. Have you ever seen a man who was sincerely a great lover of nature who was not also of high moral character? Living among the beauties of nature seems to take out of a man all that is mean and contemptible. On the surface he may appear rough and unpolished but beneath can be seen the results of this powerful influence. Many poems have been written in praise of the out-of-doors but the following extract, from I do not know what, seems to express what I have been trying to say:

And the sawdust of the pine  
In around the mill  
Makes a man as clean inside  
As the sky that stretches wide  
In the brightest weather.  
God may walk in city streets  
But when man outdoors He meets  
They walk together.

It is unnecessary to give further examples of the power of beauty. Every way one turns he is confronted with them. Perhaps though these few will serve to illustrate what I mean by "Beauty as a Moral Influence."—B.

## LECTURE TO FRESHMEN.

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tain number of young people should be given an opportunity to gain a "liberal education", even though the risk involved be great. He said that in college much of the restraint that they had before been subjected to, would be removed, and that it would be up to them to choose the right paths. Professor Shepard told the Freshmen that they had reached a great crisis, that they must go from boyhood into manhood during their stay at college, that although the path was beset with many dangers, they must do their best and choose wisely.

Professor Shepard twice quoted in his lecture, the following passage taken from a discussion of liberal education, by Cardinal Newman:

"It (liberal education) is the education which gives a man a clear conscious view of his own opinions and judgments, a truth in developing them, an eloquence in expressing them, and a force in urging them. It teaches him to see things as they are, to go right to the point, to disentangle a skein of thought, to detect what is sophistical, and to discard what is irrelevant. It prepares him to fill any post with credit, and to master any subject with facility. It shows him how to accommodate himself to others, how to throw himself into their state of mind, how to bring before them his own, how to influence them, how to come to an understanding with them, how to bear with them. He is at home in any society, he has common ground with every class; he knows when to speak and when to be silent; he is able to converse, he is able to listen; he can ask a question pertinently, and gain a lesson seasonably, when he has nothing to impart himself; he is ever ready, yet never in the way; he is a pleasant companion, and a comrade you can depend upon; he knows when to be serious and when to trifle, and he has a sure tact which enables him to trifle with gracefulness and to be serious with effect. He has the repose of a mind which lives in itself, while it lives in the world, and which has resources for its happiness at home when it cannot go abroad. He has a gift which serves him in public, and supports him in retirement, without which good fortune is but vulgar, and with which failure and disappointment have a charm."

The Federal Government announces the perfection of a machine for slicing artichokes. This is misdirected energy. What is needed is a machine to prevent novices from ordering artichokes in the first place.—Life.

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Congress has at last discovered a good reason for adjourning; it had to give the Anti-Saloon League a chance to straighten out its accounts.—Life.

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Fairy Story—Once upon a time there was an after-dinner speaker, who did not pretend that his speech was impromptu.—Life.

## Trinity College

"John Marshall was never out of the simple, crude environment of the near frontier for longer than one brief space of a few months until his twentieth year. \* \* \* Lucky for John Marshall and this country that he was not city born and bred; lucky that not even the small social activities of a small country town drained away a single ohm of his nervous energy or obscured with lesser pictures the larger panorama which accustomed his developing intelligence to look upon big and simple things in a big and simple way."—The Life of John Marshall: Beveridge.



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**FACULTY-FRESHMAN DINNER.**  
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back every time he meets them, or invite them to a meal at his house, that he is not just as much their friend. As to rules, Professor Babbitt said that there were only two at Trinity; that students meet their various appointments and obligations and that they conduct themselves as gentlemen. He told them that if they followed out those two, they could forget all of the others. He said that the other rules are made for those who are trying to evade their responsibilities and obligations.

In introducing Dean Troxell as the next speaker, the President said he hoped the students would all get to know him well and assured them that they would always find him ready for consultation and help, but, "may all your conferences with the Dean be of your own choosing."

Dr. Troxell spoke some time in explaining certain appointments the Freshmen had to meet before the final enrollment, in discussing the "intelligence test", and in noting some of the differences between the methods of school and college.

Professor Oosting of the Department of Physical Training then addressed the class and told them of the opportunities open to Freshmen in the way of athletics. He urged everyone to get into some form of sport for his own benefit, and said that lack of previous experience was no serious obstacle to success, especially in a small college where everyone has a chance to develop what is in him. He told them that even if they have never played football, they should try out for the Freshman squad. He said that several excellent runners were developed last year on the track, out of men who had never tried the sport before. He said that his department asked the help of the new class in supporting the various teams by their presence at games and by their interest in their athletic work.

Dr. Hillyer, the new member of the English department, was introduced as one of the Freshmen of the Faculty, some of whom looked so young that it was necessary to label them as professors to avoid misunderstandings.

Professor Hillyer spoke with much charm and humor about the virtues of brevity and matters connected with his course of English I. He said that he would not give away his plans for that course, but that the stage was set and the curtain ready to be rung up. He said that he would not spoil the dramatic effect of the opening scene, by giving it away at that time. In closing he commented upon the green badges worn by the Freshmen, and said that he liked green, and that it was not a bad color at all, because it stands for spring, youth, and growth, and that among other things, it is the color of Ireland.

The President closed the meeting with a very moving appeal to the Freshmen to get the most out of their course. He said, "we want you to have a splendid time here, to enjoy your stay at Trinity to the full, and when you look back in after years on your college course, may you only think of Trinity with feelings of gratitude and affection."

Coolidge economy for the first time has invaded the field of crime, the American people having decided to make a four-year-old murder mystery do for another season.—Life.

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If I were King  
I'd take my tea  
With brandy blent  
And always be  
Benovolent,  
A sanctified  
Inebriate.  
Were that denied,  
I'd abdicate.—The New Yorker.

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Jane—"There's one thing I don't like about Joe—his English is bad."

Joan—"Yes, and his scotch is terrible."—Life.

**The Sixth International  
Congress of Philosophy**

The Sixth International Congress of Philosophy met at Harvard University, September 13 to 17, inclusive, 1926. The last previous Congress met in Italy in 1911, though there was a later Italian Congress that was partly international. This is the first time since the war that a really international gathering has been possible. The seventh meeting is set for Oxford, England, in 1930.

Owing to the great numbers present, there being over six hundred members regularly enrolled, including more than seventy foreign delegates, it was necessary to run four sections in parallel, with occasional general assemblies. It became, therefore, impossible for one person to attend all meetings, or even all those that had programs of great interest. Addresses were delivered in English, German, and French successively at the same session, and Spanish and Italian were also heard from time to time. Fortunately all the Japanese, Russians, Dutch, and Hindus spoke in English, and the Poles and Czechs in French or English, or the confusion of tongues would have been intolerable. As it was, the strain on the listener's attention was severe. There were, of course, humorous aspects to this, in the frantic efforts of two people to converse when neither knew the other's language. Or there were the difficulties in which some poor foreign delegate floundered, when he had five languages at his command, but not one of them English, and who tried to explain what he wanted for breakfast to a waiter who understood only English. He would ask for toast in five languages, and the waiter would bring him pancakes. But the difficulties of language were gotten over somehow, and everyone seemed to be having a delightful time.

The Harvard Freshman dormitories were thrown open for the occasion, furnishing excellent accommodations, and meals were served in the great Smith Hall dining-room, which was filled to capacity. Various automobile trips and other side attractions were furnished freely, and the weather was ideal. All these factors helped to keep down the fatigue of listening to such a varied array of learned papers and complicated discussions.

Like a general scientific congress, the meeting brought together people of the most diverse interests, ranging from logic and aesthetics to Greek history and modern legal and social problems. In one room might be heard Weyl of Zurich, speaking on relativity, and in a neighboring room Gilson of the Sorbonne, speaking of the Arabian sources of Duns Scotus; here might be found Kuwaki of Tokyo or Mehmed Ali Ayni of Constantinople, yonder Enriques from Rome or Alberini from Buenos Aires, and each with his interested audience. Most picturesque of all were the Hindu delegates, Dasgupta and Radhakrishnan from Calcutta, each with his big turban, the one in a white nightgown costume, the other in a long sinuous straightjacket effect of blue. Both made quite a hit, not because of vesture, but because of ability and wit. Radhakrishnan's address to one of the general assemblies stood out as a highlight of the whole Congress. It was a brilliant defense of the possibility of a religion that would satisfy the man of today. Some of his epigrams stick in the memory, such as "Remember that every sinner has a future, and every saint has a past."

But most impressive of all was to see the French and German delegates seated side by side, and rising in succession, but each to say the same thing, that some solution other than war must be found for the problems of international rivalry. Particularly moving was Erich Becher of Munich, when he spoke of the millions of silent crosses that close in every frontier of his Fatherland, and all due to a mistaken national philosophy. It is not, of course, the professors of philosophy who can set these things right, but it is a task for all thinking people, for philosophy, therefore, in

**FACULTY TEA A SUCCESS  
Freshmen Entertain**

The Tea which is given each year by the wives of the members of the faculty, was held Sunday afternoon in the Union. Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Kriebel poured. The ladies of the faculty saw to it that no one was neglected and brought every one into one of the many circles of students clustered about them. Many Freshmen went because they thought that they had to, and stayed until the end because they wanted to. Mrs. Troxell acted as hostess and was untiring in her efforts to have every one enjoy himself, breaking up the usual cold formality of such affairs. The afternoon was most enjoyable and the comments made by the Freshmen afterwards proved that it was a great success.

that wider sense, as being a reasoned view of life and human ideals. Mr. Schiller of Oxford made a humorous appeal for some such new philosophy from America, to offset the international influence of American bankers and American films. And the leading American philosopher, John Dewey, in a rather startling speech as coming from him, accused Americans of being too timid in thinking, too subservient to certain alleged hard facts which were mostly prejudice, not bold enough in speculation, the way they had been bold in business and industry.

The American members of the Congress outnumbered the visitors, but scarcely outweighed them. Some of the best American papers were by people almost unknown to fame, rather than by the reputed leaders. W. M. Wheeler, the Harvard zoologist, took the public fancy on one occasion much more than did Lovejoy, Driesch, and others—as he launched into some cleverly ironical remarks about man as the top of creation, with his pride in his monstrosity of a brain that had grown like a cauliflower, and was possibly a sign of biological degeneration. Of Mr. Will Durant, who has written a widely advertised philosophical best seller, and was therefore prominently quoted in the newspapers when he spoke before the Congress, one hearer was heard to say that his wit was almost as funny as his eloquence. Some of the best papers obtained no great applause or publicity at the moment, but it was good to note that the choicest of these came from younger Americans as well as from some of the younger visitors, such as Nicolai Hartmann and Moritz Geiger of Germany.

Professor Armstrong of Wesleyan, who did much to make the Congress a success, has many stories to tell of the correspondence with possible delegates, and particularly of the pathetic replies he received from Russians and others, written on rags of paper with cheap ink, revealing the tragic post-war conditions more plainly than direct language would do. From

**FIRST CHAPEL HELD  
Amusing Rush Afterwards**

The first chapel service of the year was held on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. This service is the most impressive one of the whole year and is most worth while. The faculty marched in, in full robes, with the senior members of the body coming last. After they had reached their pews, the national and state flags were carried in by the President of the College Body and by the Captain of the football team. There were prayers, hymns, and an address by Dr. Ogilby. The service closed with the singing of the Trinity College Hymn, and the faculty marched out, followed by the student body in the order of "seniores priores."

About fifteen minutes after the chapel service had ended three one-minute rushes took place between the Freshmen and the Sophomores, while the rest of the students looked on in a patriarchal manner (the Juniors especially) and cheered on the opposing classes. As usual many Freshmen found themselves fighting with all their might with their classmates much to the amusement of the on-lookers. "Button" Lee was the most ferocious Sophomore, although it was hard for six Freshmen to hold George Hardman on the ground. There was no particular star in the Freshman group, they all fought valiantly and with great earnestness. Every one left before a decision was made, as to which class had won the rush and it is still a secret.

**"TRIPOD" PUBLISHED FRIDAYS.**

It was stated last week that THE TRIPOD would be published on Wednesdays, but due to the great amount of work which our printers have on that day, our day of publication has been changed to Friday. The first issue of THE TRIPOD was late in getting to the alumni, because our printers have been moving, and it was, of course, very hard for them to get out their work. We hope to have no more delays this year now that we have started on our way.

Italy Croce sent a paper to be read; age prevented Hoffding of Denmark, illness Bergson of France, and approaching blindness Vaihinger of Germany from attending.

Many incidents might be related of this great Congress, but perhaps the most unexpected of all was in one session when the great authorities were debating when it was that the doctrine of creation out of nothing came into Jewish theology. They made mention of suggestions in second Isaiah, and of commentators on the Talmud and so forth. A Catholic priest arose and interrupted the discussion—a man obviously of no small scholarship, as appeared from his subsequent remarks. He said the whole question had a very simple answer: the doctrine of creation out of nothing came into Jewish theology when God Himself explained it to Adam.—H. T. COSTELLO.

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