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## FRENCH CLUB CONCERT HELD

Artists From Hartt School of Music Entertain.

What might be called a new high level in musical achievement was established last Friday evening at a recital given by artists of the Julius Hartt School of Music, under the auspices of the Romance Language Department and the French Club of Trinity College. One of the largest and most deeply impressed audiences which ever assembled in Alumni Hall listened to Moshe Paranov and Marshall Seeley, pianists, and Mrs. Mary Billings Green, soprano. We are indebted to these artists and to Professor S. L. Galpin and Professor L. H. Naylor, who made the concert a reality.

That Mrs. Green is a singer of no mean ability was apparent in the presentation of "Ou va la Jeune Indone"—the first number—a composition by Delibes. She has a well-developed soprano voice and remarkable musical feeling. "Le Dernier Soir", by Blazy, is contrasted with "Souper", by Leo Stern. These are beautiful selections with wonderful opportunities for expression and shading. "Oh, Si Les Fleurs Avaient Des Yeux", by Massenet, is a pleasing light melody. "Elle et Moi", by Mrs. Beach, is genuinely French. The feeling and the shading in this selection were beautiful. Mrs. Green also gave an encore. Her charming manner won many new friends for her and the delightful treatment of these French melodies helped immensely toward the success of the concert.

The other feature of the evening was the two-piano program by Moshe Paranov and Marshall Seeley. Two-piano recitals are rather infrequent in Hartford and it is a special treat when two such well-known artists as Messrs. Paranov and Seeley play for us. The interpretation of every selection, the co-ordination and the expressive sentiment made it a recital long to be remembered. The "Romance" by Arensky was well played. Mozart's "Andante" was the second number. This and the "Gavotte and Musette", by Raff, were representative of the high calibre of the work by these pianists.

In the second group another Arensky composition was played. This "Waltz" was rendered with grace and shading due a Russian waltz. "En Blanc et Noir" and "L'aideronnette" were the next selections. Both are impressionistic and the composer, Ravel, of the latter was an imitator of the style of Debussy. This, incidentally, was the first occasion of a rendition of a two-piano composition by Debussy in the vicinity of Hartford. The well-known "Arkansas Travelers", by Pattison, was the last number on the program.

Mr. Seeley deserves praise for the manner in which he acted as accompanist for Mrs. Green.

## ATTENTION CALLED TO PRIZES.

Many Awards Open to Competition.

The Administration desires very much to call the attention of the students to the many prizes which are awarded each year by the College. General information concerning these prizes can be found in the catalogue and more specific details can be gotten from the heads of the various departments.

There has been an increase in the amount of money to be given for some of the prizes this year. The amount of each prize, whose value has been changed is as follows:

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## "EXPRESSING WILLIE" TO BE PRESENTED BY JESTERS.

Tryouts Held Last Sunday.

At a meeting of the Jesters held last Sunday afternoon at the Sigma Nu House it was decided that the organization would give "Expressing Willie" by Rachel Crothers for the spring production. The probable date for the play has been announced as May 20. Mrs. Golda Curtis, who so admirably coached the last two productions, "The Whole Town's Talking", and "Wedding Bells", has again been engaged as coach for the new play. Mrs. Curtis was present at the meeting on Sunday, holding trials for new men who wished to try out for the Jesters.

"Expressing Willie" is a comedy in three acts dealing with the problems of a young man, the product of a small middle western town, who has suddenly amassed a large fortune through the sale of a new kind of tooth paste. He builds a palatial residence on Long Island and together with his mother and twenty servants goes there to live. His attempts to make an entree into so-called New York society and the designs which the social fortune hunters have on him are very humorously brought out. Of course, he finally marries the little girl from back home. Nevertheless, the play is quite unique and extremely clever.

The cast includes eleven members. The following have already been announced as holding parts: Segur, president; Large, Bent, Gibson, Coles, Sutula, Loomis and Gauthier. The three remaining characters will be chosen at an early date. Rehearsals, under the direction of Mrs. Curtis, will begin this week. The business staff for this production includes: Alford, business manager; Ihrig, stage manager; Janes, production manager; and Mills, property manager.

## FRESHMAN RULES OFF.

Sophomores Try to Get Possession of Hats.

The Freshman rules were taken off by the Sophomores last Monday after the Athletic Association meeting. As the Freshman walked out of the Public Speaking room, after all of the others had left the room, the Sophomores mobbed them and tried to get the hats. There was a struggle for about fifteen minutes and many of the Freshmen emerged from it minus their headgear.

## BY-LAWS CONCERNING FINANCE COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

Definitely Establishes Powers of That Committee.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Senate last Tuesday night the following recommendations concerning the Senate Finance Committee were adopted as by-laws:

1. The President of the Senate Finance Committee shall have the right, ex officio, to sit in the Senate.
2. The Senate has exclusive right to vote all undergraduate funds, but no funds can be voted by the Senate except on the recommendation of the Senate Finance Committee.
3. All budgets for undergraduate activities must be submitted to the Senate, through the Senate Finance Committee, for approval.
4. The President of the Senate Finance Committee shall also be the treasurer of it. The committee shall choose its other officers.
5. Candidates for the Senate Finance Committee shall be recommended by the committee and chosen by the Senate.

## HUMPHREY AND BANGS BROADCAST

Discuss "America in Turkey."

An Eastern League of Nations in direct opposition to the Geneva League is now in process of formation, but despite this fact the "Eastern Peril" is fading farther into the background each year, according to Professor Edward F. Humphrey of Trinity College, who discussed "America in Turkey" with Professor Archie Bangs over radio station WTIC here Tuesday night.

Soviet Russia and the new Turkey form the nucleus of the Asiatic League, Professor Humphrey said, and if the Cantonese movement gains control of China, they will be joined by that country. Turkey already has friendly relations established with Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Roumania and Albania, and treaties with Russia and Persia, he pointed out, and last November at one of the series of meetings held at Angora the formation of an anti-Geneva Asiatic League of Nations was discussed.

Turkey's actions in this matter, Professor Humphrey went on, constitute a counter-move to the Chamberlain system in western Europe, under which the League of Nations has turned its back upon the policy of international disarmament formulated in the Geneva Protocol of 1924 and has undertaken to pacify the world by means of a series of "regional understandings."

The Asiatic League, he said, is based upon the Pan-Asiatic policy expressed by the Chinese Nationalists, which is, "We Asiatics, who suffer at the hands of Europeans, must resist their power."

This apparent threat to European civilization is not a real threat, however, the professor declared, chiefly due to the work of American educators and missionaries in the Levant and Orient. The United States has not been territorially imperialistic in those parts of the globe, he pointed out; instead, her interests have been largely educational and her efforts are fully appreciated by the new nationalistic governments in Turkey and China. The East can never kill the Western ideas with which American schools have inoculated it, Professor Humphrey said, and no matter who administers the schools and educational policies in the future, Western civilization is ingrained in the awakened Asiatic mind.

He pointed to the amazing modernization of Turkey by Kemal Pasha as evidence in support of his statement, stressing religious emancipation and the fact that Kemal has adopted the best of everything he has found in the West, taking Italy's criminal code, Germany's commercial code, and Switzerland's civil code as the new Turkey's legal structure.

## "TRIPOD" PLANS.

Owing to the fact that the Easter vacation begins next Wednesday, there will be no more issues of "The Tripod" until Friday, April 29.

"The Tripod" Board intends to put out an issue immediately after Commencement, which will be sent to all the alumni, and inasmuch as this present issue is the twenty-fourth, the two which have been mentioned will fulfill "The Tripod's" contract for the year. It is the plan of the Board, however, to have at least two issues in May, so that baseball, track and other activities can receive the publicity that they deserve. If "The Tripod" has sufficient funds, it will put out an issue every week in May, and it is the Board's sincere hope that it will be possible for this to be done.

## COLLEGE BODY MEETING HELD.

Chapel Question Brought Up.

The regular monthly meeting of the College Body was held last Monday in the Public Speaking room. Robert Y. Condit, president of the student body, presided.

After some matters of old business were disposed of, William M. Ellis moved that the President of the College Body appoint a committee to investigate chapel conditions and make a report thereon to the Board of Trustees. This motion was immediately seconded and was passed unanimously with great enthusiasm.

Mr. Condit announced that Charles Solms, '28, was in charge of plans for a college smoker to be held after the Easter vacation. He asked the students to further this project in every possible way. He then asked Mr. Solms to speak and to give a general idea of what his committee was trying to do.

Since there was no more new business the meeting was adjourned and turned over to the Athletic Association.

## SENIOR CLASS MEETING HELD.

Plans for Prom under Discussion.

There was a meeting of the Senior Class last Monday after the adjournment of the Athletic Association. The principal matter discussed was the Senior Prom. Robert W. Hildebrand, chairman of the Prom Committee, spoke and told of the difficulty being encountered in regard to finances.

Plans for Class Day were also discussed and then the meeting was adjourned.

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETS.

Amendment to Constitution Passed.

The regular meeting of the Athletic Association followed immediately after the College Body meeting. Frederick J. Eberle, the president of the Athletic Association, presided.

Mr. Eberle announced that the Athletic Advisory Council had refused the petition of the Athletic Association and refused to grant a letter to Rudolph J. Taute, because he was not in the last game played.

A vote was taken on the proposed amendment to the constitution which provides for a different method for choosing and awarding letters to cheer-leaders. This amendment was passed with only a few dissenting voices.

After Mr. Eberle had spoken a few words concerning the general athletic situation of the college, the meeting was adjourned.

## JUNIOR CLASS MEETING HELD.

Effort Made to Collect Assessments.

There was a meeting of the Junior Class immediately after the adjournment of the Athletic Association meeting. Edwin M. Griswold, the class president, presided.

After Mr. Griswold had explained that the meeting had been called in order to try to collect the assessments of those people who had promised to pay, he called for suggestions for the collecting of the money.

John M. Young, a member of the Senate Finance Committee, spoke and urged the payment of the money due and deplored the size of the deficit of the class.

William M. Ellis, President of the

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## FIRST TIME TRIALS HELD FOR TRINITY TRACKSTERS

Dash Men Show Excellent Form.

Coach Oosting held the first time trials for the track team last Friday afternoon. The results, considering the weather conditions, the slowness of the track and the fact that the men have been in training only a comparatively short time, were quite favorable. The dash men showed particularly good form, which is an improvement over past years when the dashes were the weakest events. A number of promising men have been found among the freshmen. To all indications the prospects in track are better than they have been for a number of seasons.

The results of the trials were:

Two-mile run—Beers, first; Bartlett, second.

220-yard hurdles—Griswold, '28, first; Dower, '29, second; Janes, '28, third.

Mile run—Leahy, '29, first; Cornwall, '30, second; Petrikat, '30, third.

100-yard dash—Gillis, '30, first; Snow, '30, second; Bashour, '27, third.

440-yard dash—Cahill, '27, first; Hey, '29, second; Doolittle, '28, third.

220-yard dash—Snow, '30, first; Griswold, '28, second; Dower, '29, third.

Pole vault—Janes, '28, first; Lovering, '30, second; Stewart, '28, third.

880-yard run—Conran, '27, first; Belden, '29, second; Tomajin, '29, third.

Broad jump—Forrester, '27, first; Thomas, '30, second; Nugent, '27, third.

High jump—Gibson, '28, and Stewart, '28, tied for first; Janes, third.

Shot put—Even, '28, first; Young, '28, second; Condit, '27, third.

Discus—Condit, '27, first; Even, '28, second; Nordstrom, '29, third.

Time trials will again be held on Friday of this week.

## The Schedule:

April 30—Mass. Aggies at Amherst.

May 14—Clark at home.

May 21—Norwich at Northfield, Vt.

May 28—Conn. Aggies at home.

## "T" CLUB MEETS.

Discusses Plans for Smoker.

A meeting of the "T" Club was held in the Public Speaking room last Monday after the Senior and Junior class meetings. Plans for the Smoker which is to be held after vacation, under the management of the club, were discussed.

After other business was acted upon, the meeting was adjourned.

## PROFESSOR SHEPARD READS IN CHAPEL.

At the regular Wednesday morning chapel service, Professor Shepard read a poem of his own composition entitled, "The First Christian", after he had given a short introductory talk.

Professor Hillyer was to have read John Masfield's "Good Friday", at this time, but was prevented from being present and Professor Shepard very kindly took his place.

## COMING EVENTS.

Monday, April 11:

Debate, Trinity vs. Middlebury.

12.00 noon—P. S. R. Illustrated Lecture, by Professor Babbitt "Greek Art, II."

Tuesday, April 12:

4.00 p. m. Faculty Meeting.



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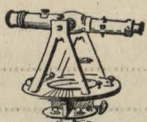
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THRU THE EDITOR'S TRIPOD

## THE CHAPEL QUESTION.

We think that the student body deserves much credit for the way in which it is taking hold of the chapel question. The motion calling for the appointing of a committee by the President of the College Body, which was adopted last Monday was made and passed in good faith and cannot possibly be branded as an indication of a desire on the part of the students to simply "throw a monkey-wrench" in the wheel of the college.

Before the motion was made it was pointed out that almost all other colleges have a more liberal allowance of chapel cuts and that Trinity should not be archaic in this respect. It will be the task of the committee to find out exactly the number of chapel cuts allowed in other colleges, particularly those in the New England states, and then to report their findings and recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

It is our opinion that this is an important question, and one which must be faced by all who are interested in the college—trustees, administrators, members of the faculty and students. We think that the dignity with which this question has been raised and met by the students is a good indication of the higher morale of the College Body.

## THE UNION.

There has been a considerable discussion during the past year over one very evident fault in the present undergraduate system. This fault is, that there is no place on or about the campus that provides a gathering place for the student body as a whole

—a place in which the various groups can get together and mingle in their amusements.

A number of tentative plans have been advanced during the last year to meet this situation. President Ogilby's excellent scheme for having all the Freshmen eat together at the Commons during the first half of their first year, for example, would have gone a long way towards meeting the demand expressed above. But this plan was found impracticable because of the present Fraternity situation and, if not actually discarded, was set aside for some future time. Again, there have been the Thursday Evening Readings throughout the year, which have offered a first rate opportunity for the students to get together, but this too was found impracticable. There was a taint of the educational in it, and the attendance soon became limited to a very few regulars, composing what might be named as "The Thursday Evening Reading Club."

As things stand now, there is only one place on college property in which the students hold a mutual interest. That place is the Union. It is run by the students for the purpose of providing a gathering place for all the men in the student body—supposedly. In fact, it is like the Thursday Night Reading Club: it is a gathering place only for those few who find the amusements there to their liking, and has come to be a club in itself. The few who occasionally come in to purchase a bar of candy are looked upon by the regulars as outsiders. There is no attraction in the Union for the great mass of the student body. Most of us do not enjoy the game of pool, and there are Victrolas in all the fraternity houses. Yet this is the complete list of the amusements now afforded in the Union.

This is not due to mismanagement of any nature on the part of the Union Committee. These latter are rather to be complimented that they have kept the Union open as long as they have, and run it as well as they have in the face of financial disability. With trade as low as it is, the Union Committee cannot hope to make any improvements; on the other hand, they cannot increase their trade without these improvements.

It is to be seen that the financial situation explains the faults of the present Union. If a sum of money large enough to make the extensive improvements were introduced from outside, the Union would certainly be a success. Its present state of solvency in the face of all its difficulties is eloquent proof of that. But the question is, where is the money to be obtained? Certainly it cannot be obtained from the student body; a consultation with the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee will convince the most sceptical. There is no chance of outside capital becoming interested.

The only solution at present is to turn the Union over to the college itself. Certainly, if the college were willing to invest money in improving the Union they would find it a not unprofitable undertaking. Under their control they could put a man in to run it on the shares plan, and in a few years' time would have the money invested back in their pockets. And it would be the best method of meeting the situation that the college authorities are so vigorously decrying.

Why doesn't the student body hang together? Why is it that we have so many cliques? The answer is that, with no common ground on which they meet, it is only natural that the students should fall away into small groups. Common interests they certainly have, and the provision of a common meeting-ground would serve to bind these interests closer together.

It is easy to picture the student body assembling in the evenings of the future in a new Union. On the far end of the room there will, perhaps, be billiard tables and card tables, perhaps a small room will be partitioned off as a reading room and another as the Union store. All will

be pleasant and clean—more so, probably, than the fraternity houses. Certainly more so than a corner store, which at present answers the purpose.

Students and faculty should discuss this proposition. There is much to be said pro and con. It would seem to be an admission of failure on the part of the student body to turn the Union over to the college after running it so many years, but this would not necessarily be so. It would only be a demand for something better. And it would be an answer to the problem of bringing the students into a more unified group.—S.

## FRENCH CONCERT.

The Department of Romance Languages and the French Club deserve a great deal of praise for the excellent concert which was held under their auspices last Friday evening, in Alumni Hall. The selections which were chosen were of great interest and were well presented.

It redounds greatly to the credit of the college to have such an excellent entertainment made possible through the efforts of one of its departments and we wish to express to Professor Galpin and Professor Naylor, on the behalf of the student body, their sincere thanks and appreciation.

## CAMPUS SINGING.

We want to congratulate the Senate for the good work it has done in fostering the plan of having the fraternities sing on the Campus at 9 o'clock on Wednesday nights.

The first trial of this group singing, which was held last Wednesday night, was very successful and showed that the general attitude is most favorable. It will be a wonderful thing for the spirit of the college if this good work is kept up and made into a regular custom.

## PRECEDENCE IN CHAPEL.

We hope that the many customs which have grown up during the life of the college, in regard to precedence in Chapel, will not be allowed to be weakened.

We have noticed an increasing tendency on the part of many students to sit in pews other than those which are set aside for their own classes. It is our opinion that it is good for the morale of the college to keep alive some class distinctions, and nowhere else can this be better done than in the Chapel, where the arrangement of the pews lends greatly to the preservation of distinctions and dignity. We should suggest that some action be taken by either the President or the Medusa, to curb this laxity.

Tradition, which is not of a sort which changed conditions, have made ridiculous, is precious and should be guarded jealously because of the dignity and mellowness with which it permeates everything with which it comes in contact. We are proud of the traditions of Trinity College and we want to do everything that we can to keep them alive and in honor.

## GREAT WORK OF LATE CANON DOUGLAS.

A late number of "The Churchman" thus refers to the far searching foundation work of the late George William Douglas of the Class of 1894, in reference to the Cathedral at Washington and New York and in connection with the re-establishing of "The Churchman."

"Conspicuous among those who were gratefully accorded positions of leadership in the generation whose work is now finished stands George William Douglas, priest and prophet and

adventurer for God. No single parish can claim him. While his ministry was spent in the dioceses of Washington and New York, he was in a unique degree the servant of the Church at large.

Dr. Douglas must be numbered among the discerning, broad-visioned men who dare to undertake the big and difficult things. Enduring evidence of this is found in the zeal and devotion with which he labored for the National Cathedral at Washington and for the cathedral at Morning-side Heights. And this in the difficult days before these projects had caught the imagination of the crowd.

It was characteristic, therefore, that he should be found as a moving spirit in that little group of eminent clergy and laymen who, in 1911, took over the ownership of 'The Churchman.' It was a bold venture. But behind it stood the brave resolve to liberate the venerable old paper for that larger leadership and service for which the Church seemed to be calling. Those who faced, with Dr. Douglas, the difficulties and discouragements in the beginning of that new era in 'The Churchman's' development will long remember his infectious enthusiasm and confidence—qualities which found expression in unsparing gifts of his own energy and means.

For him it was simply one more great adventure for God and His Church. To see in it the possibility of enriching the life of that Church and strengthening men's loyalty to its Master was all that was needed to bring Dr. Douglas to the forefront of those who labored to give new birth to 'The Churchman.' The Church at large and those who have taken up the task he has laid down, in particular—may well hold George William Douglas in grateful remembrance."

In that connection we may add that this was not the first time a Trinity man has done a great service to "The Churchman." In the post-Civil War era, when that paper was published at Hartford and was threatened with extinction, two Trinity College alumni and professors, Niles and Mallory, took on themselves the burden of Editorship in addition to their professional work and saved "The Churchman" from suspending publication. To have saved such a splendid journal as "The Churchman" is today, would have justified the existence of a College, had it nothing else to its credit.

(Courtesy of Judge Buffington.)

## BOOK REVIEW

"The Emerald of Catherine the Great", by Hilaire Belloc, Harper & Brothers, New York and London.

When William Bones visited the Russian shores in the guise of a British merchant he enjoyed the society of the aristocracy. The Great Empress was as curious to see this Briton as he was anxious to meet a sovereign. After a number of visits he was taken into her confidence. She entrusted him with a huge gem—an Emerald—the largest jewel in the world—and thereby hangs the tale. William de Bones now became more esteemed. His successes increased—it was the influence of the Emerald. So deeply imbued was this idea that his son George de Bohun—pronounced Beboon—died with the thought of the security of the Emerald.

It was on a cold Friday—a few weeks after Marjorie had received the family gem from her father, the stern Home Secretary, Humphrey de Bohum, that all the gentlemen were arriving home after a strenuous week in the city. Besides Lord Galton, son of a cousin of Mr. de Bohum, a horse puller, and the Professor of Crystallography, who had once stolen a jewel

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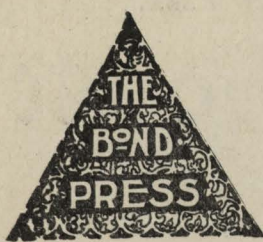
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## INTERCOLLEGIATE NEWS

If college men really were like some of the so-called collegians now in the movies—thirty-year-olds in wide pants and coon coats, with a passion for racing cars and all-night parties—college days would indeed be happy days. And think of those glorious dips in the sunken pools and then the four-course breakfasts served in true hotel style that we see now and then in some flashing, sparkling, college picture.

If folks who never went to college got their ideas of college life from a few far-fetched college pictures their views would be subject to considerable correction. College men are he-men; wide pants are on the decline, and breakfasts even at fraternity houses consist of grapefruit, toast and coffee. In fact, the cash rate for city men eating at the house at most fraternities is twenty-five cents for breakfast, forty cents for lunch, and sixty cents for dinner. And sunken gardens and swimming pools are an exception.

With all the thousands of stars now behind the Kleig lights few are college men, fewer still of the directors are college men, so here's the opportunity for ten representative college men to star in the movies, to help make college pictures real pictures. First National Pictures and "College Humor" will send an advance man to more than thirty colleges in March and April to visit the dormitories and fraternities and eating places to interview as many men as possible, and a few weeks later a camera man, make-up man, and a competent judge of photographic personality and studio requirements will arrive to make the actual screen tests. These three men will be right from the lot at Burbank, and as soon as they have screened ten men the film will be sent direct to California for immediate inspection. By the first of June the judges will be ready to announce the names of the ten men who will make the trip to California.—"Tech News" Worcester Tech.

A plan has been perfected and copyrighted by Mark Miles of the Equitable Life Insurance Society whereby life insurance can be granted to fraternity men by means of which he will have a \$1000 policy and at the same time turn his fraternity obligations over to the company.

Fraternities by this plan will be enabled to liquidate mortgages, refurnish and perhaps even build houses without running deeply in debt. The income from the policies goes to the chapter, though the beneficiary may be anyone.

The University Travel Association has announced that women will be barred from the second annual college cruise around the world. There have been too many courtships on the boat and foreign countries unused to co-education in a number of cases attribute a wrong attitude to the floating university. Is vice suppression by education rather than by legal prohibition only attainable in Utopia?

Early in the beginning of the present school year we published an account of the new unlimited cut system in the Junior and Senior classes at Haverford College which was given its first tryout last term. Dean Palmer has recently announced that in his opinion the new system is a complete success. There is little noticeable effect on scholarship and while more cuts have been taken by the average student in only a few cases has this affected scholastic standing. During the first term only four men exceeded a reasonable allowance, and only one undergraduate has been placed on probation for abuse of the privilege. Dr. Palmer stated that the system will probably be retained as a permanent policy. The privilege will not be extended to freshmen and sophomores.

A new plan to bring the college to the masses has been devised by the

mayor of Chicago. It is his hope to make a four-year college course a part of the public school system whereby students may continue their education after high school at the expense of the city. As soon as the present deficiencies in school buildings are cared for and teachers' salaries can be raised the school board will move to establish a public college.

We would offer as our humble opinion after reading the college newspapers of the past two weeks that the cause of the present suicide wave in American colleges is the formation of Anti-Suicide Clubs.

## BOOK REVIEW.

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and had returned it to its rightful owner some few years afterward, there was to be another gentleman—at any rate one of these persons who wrote so that the Prime Minister can understand them and for that reason they are sought in all social circles while the flame, of popularity which suddenly flared up, is still glowing. There is also a girl—call her a "flapper" a trifle older than the average. Victoria Mosel is a tall, frail being with either a cigarette drooping between the jaws or a vulgar expression on her tongue. If you care to consider this story as a satire on aristocracy and the futility of regard for tradition you are justified in doing it. But we think it is a good detective story which treats of an old family which is not only degenerating in ideals but also in material things. It is not quite true to life—but then, we have read Hilaire Belloc as an historian.

On that Friday evening the four gentlemen are crowding about—she drops it on the Polar bear rug. Curi-

ous—but inevitable—it is gone. They shake the bearskin. Marjorie accuses everyone roundly. Next morning the boy who does all the work at the break of day enters the room and after opening the windows shakes the rugs. Yes, the Emerald drops out of the right ear of the bear. The boy feels that he should go immediately to his superior and explain everything, but on second thought he doesn't see why the butler should get all the praise. Then the boy wonders what he will be able to do with it. He concludes that the best thing would be to get rid of it. The boy's duties include laying out the clothes for the other servants who are to have them in readiness when the "highest needs 'em." It is an easy matter to drop the Emerald into Lord Galton's pocket. We can expect the surprise of Tommy when he finds it there. He's already considered a thief, the only thing to do is to get rid of the beastly thing. Why not deposit it in the Professor's coat pocket? If he were caught, as inevitably he will be, the family will say that he was a thief after all. He finds the Crystallographique Professor and—but it's really too good. It's an excellent take-off on the modern detective story and well worth the reading.

—Karl F. Koenig.

## JUNIOR CLASS MEETING HELD.

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Senate Finance Committee, spoke and urged all those who had not paid their assessments to at least pay something because he said that it was absolutely necessary for better credit to be established with the Finance Committee so that no class activities would have to be curtailed in the Senior year.

Since there was no other new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jacqueline—"Most people admire my mouth. Do you?"

Jack—"Do I? I think it's immense."

Little Willie—"Mamma, is Papa going to heaven when he dies?"

Mother—"Why, son, who put such an absurd idea into your head?"

## Trinity College

"He was a happy combination of the amateurish and intense. His habit of absorption became a byword; for if he visited a classmate's room and saw a book which interested him, instead of joining in the talk, he would devour the book, oblivious of everything else, until the college bell rang for the next lecture, when he would jump up with a start, and dash off. The quiet but firm teaching of his parents bore fruit in him; he came to college with a body of rational moral principles which he made no parade of, but obeyed instinctively. And so, where many young fellows are thrown off their balance on first acquiring the freedom which college life gives, or are dazed and distracted on first hearing the babel of strange philosophies or novel doctrines, he walked straight, held himself erect, and was not fooled into mistaking novelty for truth, or libertinism for manliness."—"Theodore Roosevelt," by William Roscoe Thayer.

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## OBIRE OCULIS

The announcement which was made at the college body meeting about the coming Smoker was in several respects a very good one. We are glad to see that the "T" Club has chosen such an important occasion for its first public work and the general feeling of coöperation which exists will be a tremendous impulse toward creating for the smoker the best kind of spirit. The date for the smoker is, to be sure, a very good one, and with the two athletic events on the card for that day there is bound to be a pervading spirit which will lead to the best of results. In the evening there will be the usual smoker and entertainment for the benefit of those concerned and those in charge of the affair say that the plans indicate something very fine and something quite out of the ordinary.

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The week-end of May 14 will be of no value to the College unless there are some strangers who will be on hand to enjoy it. Unless there are a good number of sub-freshmen the basic plan will be unfulfilled, thereby adding little to the glamour and hilarity of the occasion. To the undergraduates and to the alumni will fall the job of having the right men here for the smoker so that the reputation of the college and of the students will be widened. The smoker is one huge opportunity by which we can properly entertain sub-freshmen and friends who want to see the gayer side of college and to do that they must be here. "Let joy be unconfined."

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Grandmother Sally Johnson certainly had plenty of instruction for her two grandsons and her letter emphasizes the statement which many have made when saying that the present generation is not as bad as it is supposed to be.

Two bits of Grandmother Sally Johnson's advice which we think are quite valuable today are the following.

"Your credit depends on your behavior," and "keep steady."

These two thoughts have a great amount of application to the school boys of today and there could be many more such suggestions which would tend to develop a truer and more sturdy American youth. The 1927 fellow is not bad and he is quite a ways from being that. If some are not sticking to the "straight and narrow path" they should not be entirely blamed, but rather those who were responsible for permitting them to wander. Too many parents treat their children in a manner which is not altogether sufficient to show exactly what is the right thing and what is not. Why should the fault be laid to the young and innocent if their parents are so inconsiderate of their future welfare? Severe training may not be entirely proper but when we see supposedly educated mothers and fathers surrendering their resources for the benefit of a wailing, half-grown human being, the reaction should not condemn the youngster but should very clearly and forcibly decry the weakness of the parents.

Of the two bits of information, which are doubtlessly the culmination of vast amounts of experience, the latter seems to be very fitting to our present needs. When a man enters college he is quite likely to be led into habits which are opposite to those which he formerly possessed and after a short while he becomes so accustomed to them that he is powerless to overcome them when he realizes his mistake. Keeping steady requires the strength of one's convictions as well as a very strong amount of will power to put the bad influences out of one's life and to retain the good. Too often the very bright upperclassmen, the men of experience (frequently undesirable experience), the person who knows everything, assumes with amazing dignity the role of a guardian of the new man. In a period of a few weeks the individual who had the

## ILLINOIS FRATERNITY MEN DISCUSS PROBLEMS.

**Three Thousand Fraternity Men Attend First Campus Conference in this Country.**

Present conditions require the Greek-letter fraternity to make sure that its ideals are not lost but are perpetuated, Dr. Joseph C. Nate, National Historian of Sigma Chi, told 3000 fraternity men at the University of Illinois early in March. These conditions result from the great change in college life during recent years and are often confusing to the student.

This was the first gathering of its kind ever held in the United States. Every fraternity man at Illinois was present. It was called by R. N. Jones, president of the local Interfraternity Council.

"Fraternity ideals and principles are vital for the welfare of our land and the life of the world today," Dr. Nate continued. "The multiform activities and distractions of the modern campus tend to deprive the fraternity of the opportunity it once had to inculcate its principles. Not only has the world turned a big corner since the great war, but on the college campus today we face conditions radically new. The small chapters of other days have given place to the groups of two score and more. The palatial house, the great stadium, and the many activities are a revolution in what we call college life."

"The modern problem of Greek-letter work is that the ideals shall not be lost in the midst of the many things among which chapter life must

fight for its share of recognition and attention. Surely there is no other thing more important than that every ideal for which we stand should be made the common possession of our chapter men," he concluded.

"Fraternities offer more chance to loaf, and more chance to work," declared Thomas Arkle Clark, Dean of Men at the University of Illinois, and a member of the High Council of Alpha Tau Omega. "Some fraternity men take advantage of both possibilities. During the initiatory ceremony idealism, fellowship, unselfishness and democratic behavior are stressed," he said. "See to it that these high principles are not words but are translated into deeds."

Dean K. C. Babcock, of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Illinois, expressed his distaste for the imbecile and barbaric antics to which some fraternities submit their pledges during "Hell week." He stated as his belief that such practices detract from the seriousness of initiations. He also pointed out that to observe the ideals exemplified in the ritual would mean a more democratic development of fraternity life.

Coonskin coats and sport roadsters do not typify the student body as a whole, any more than the be-spectacled bookworm of the stage does the up-and-coming professor of the modern university, declared H. H. Rice, assistant to the president of General Motors Corporation, and a member of Delta Phi.

"Each generation looks askance at the foibles of the succeeding, forgetting its own foolishness. The present undergraduate fraternity man is safe if he realizes the obligation of noblesse oblige which is imposed on him because of the opportunities which are his by virtue of his college life and membership in a fraternity of high ideals."

## REASONS FOR "WAVE OF DEPRESSION" GIVEN.

What the student believes to be responsible for the so-called "wave" of mental depression in our colleges and schools was revealed today when the "New York Evening Post" began printing a series of prize-winning articles from college men and women in answer to the question, "Has the American Undergraduate a Post-War Neurosis?"

"In all the articles selected for publication," says the "Evening Post," "it is apparent that our offer has led the student to put into words what he has had in mind for some time. The views expressed here, and in succeeding articles, are bred of mature thought. Educators and parents will do well to give them serious attention."

Some of the causes to which students attribute the melancholy state of their fellow undergraduates are summarized as "moral laxity hastened by the World War", "lack of understanding between parents and children", "the American undergraduate has seen too much of life, has lived too quickly, has grown old too soon," "youth has attempted to dig beneath the surface in order to get more from life than his ancestors."

In more than one instance the shattering of religious convictions is given as the reason. "Students no longer believe in God," says one letter. "Science has destroyed for us the comfortable world of a heaven and a hell," is another explanation. "The student is not suffering from a post-War neurosis, but from a worn-out creed of allegiance I was commanded to believe," writes a third undergraduate.

—"New York Evening Post."

## ATTENTION CALLED TO PRIZES.

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Goodwin Greek Prizes—First \$60, second \$40.

Ferguson History Prizes—First \$60, second \$40.

Alumni Prizes in English Composition—First \$50, second \$30, third \$20.

Prizes last year were awarded as follows:

Tuttle Prize Essay: Alfred Knightly Birch.

Goodwin Greek Prizes:

First Prize: Charles Francis Whiston.

Second Prize: (Not awarded).

Prizes in History and Political Science (Not awarded)

The Alumni Prizes in English Composition (Not awarded)

The Frank W. Whitlock Prizes

First Prize: Casimir Sutula.

Second Prize: William Pitt, Jr.

The Douglas Prize: Irving Scott Alford.

The F. A. Brown Prize: John Williams, Jr.

The Phi Gamma Delta Prize in Mathematics:

Arthur Samuel Blank.

The Christopher Trowbridge Memorial Prize:

Arthur Samuel Blank.

teachings of his parents well in hand discarded them for the very weak and tottering codes of the "he" man. The person who is the strongest when he enters generally adds to his experiences the pleasure of knowing that he "kept steady," and to him should go the honor and privilege of showing the way rather than permitting the weak-minded group from doing it.

Quite an appropriate axiom applies to this prevalent malady . . . it is that one which urges building a house upon a rock and not on a pile of sand.

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Mrs. Johnson went on to add in her postscript, a few words concerning horses and girls. She advised that each variety be regarded with in very critical manner before associating with either. Horses and girls are a peculiar combination. Bets are open as to which are most intelligent.

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