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MASS. AGGIES MEET TRINITY'S TRACK SQUAD ON SATURDAY

Will be Opening Contest for
Trinity Men—Last Week's
Meet Cancelled

GOOD RECORDS ARE EXPECTED

Visitors Have Shown Strength in
Last Two Contests—Home Team
Needs Experience

On Saturday of this week the Trinity track team will run against the Massachusetts Aggies aggregation at the home field. This will be the first meet of the season on account of the cancellation of last week's meet with Worcester Tech.

The Aggie team is rather strong and last year it won with comparative ease over the Blue and Gold. One of the outstanding performers on the Massachusetts team is Captain Schappelle, who is a strong two-miler and can run equally well in the one-mile. Trinity will run Ikeler and Beers against him and it is quite certain that he will be forced by each of these men.

Time trials have indicated an increase of strength in the Trinity team. The two-twenty and the quarter have been strengthened by "Bill" Nye's excellent running. Nye is a new man on the track team and he has been showing very much promise. Posting will count on Nye for high places in each of these events. Captain Jackson, running in his fourth year of Trinity track, will enter the century and the two-twenty as well as the broad jump. The half-mile will be run by Apter, Ihrig, and Meeker. The promising milers are Ikeler and Roots and they have turned in excellent time in trials.

Dower and Cornwall are working hard on the hurdles. These two runners will help Griswold, a veteran hurdler, and they should have considerable strength. Dower has recently suffered from an attack of grippe and is slowly regaining his speed, and expects to be in condition by Saturday.

The weight events show considerable skill and they will count up quite a few points during the season. In the shot-put Even, Young and Rogers are showing good distance. Even has equalled his last year's record in this event and it is generally expected that he will surpass that mark before the season is over. Even is also throwing the discus well. Other men in this event are Rogers and Strong. Strong, in his first season of track, is throwing record distances and is being pushed by Uhlig and Rogers. Lovering, letter man from last year, will again work on the pole-vault and is struggling against Ambrose Higgins, a Freshman, to maintain his leadership in this event. Bob Gibson, Senior, will compete during his last season in the jumps. With him in the high jump are Dignam, and Dower. The other performers in the broad jump are Captain Jackson, F. S. Smith and Welivar, who is showing promise in this event and the one-hundred-yard dash.

The team will face a strong team when it meets Massachusetts Aggies here tomorrow. The visitors have an advantage in distance and in one or two other events. Trinity will find her greatest strength in the dashes and in the field events. The meet will start about two o'clock and will be followed by the ball game on the adjoining field.

Brill Made Alumni Secretary of Athletics by Trustees

WAS ONCE EDITOR OF
"TRIPOD" AND "IVY"

Captain of 1922 Football Team—
Member St. Anthony Hall

William Gregg Brill was appointed to a newly created position as alumni secretary and manager of Trinity athletics at the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees last Saturday. Mr. Brill's resignation from the editorial staff of the "Hartford Courant" is effective June 30, and he will begin his new work July 1.

Mr. Brill entered Trinity in the fall of 1919 after being discharged from the Army and was graduated in 1923 with the degree of bachelor of science. He joined the staff of the "Courant" and has served as State Capitol reporter and copy reader. In June, 1927, he took a master of arts degree in English.

While an undergraduate at Trinity Mr. Brill was captain of the 1922 football team and was a member of the basketball and track teams for four years. He was also editor of "The Tripod," and of the 1923 "Ivy," a member of the college quartet and Jesters, and was elected to the Sophomore Dining Club. He is a member of St. Anthony Hall and of the University Club of Hartford.

A few weeks after America entered the World War, Mr. Brill enlisted in the Thirteenth Pennsylvania Infantry, then in Federal service, and he served a year in the A. E. F. with the Twenty-Eighth Division. While in France, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of the Infantry. He is now adjutant of the Second Battalion.

The position of alumni secretary and graduate manager of athletics at Trinity has been vacant since Theodore C. Hudson, famous football and track star of 1910-1914, resigned in 1922 and the work of the alumni organization was taken by the Trinity Centennial committee, then organized. The duties of graduate manager have been cared for by a member of the physical training staff.

In reviving the dual position, the college trustees created a new department in the faculty, appointing Mr. Brill alumni secretary and faculty manager of athletics with the faculty rank of instructor thereby emphasizing Trinity's recognition of athletics as an integral part of the college curriculum rather than an undergraduate activity quite separate from the formal college work.

Clayton Hamilton Lectures on "Sardou and Sardou Plays"

Small Audience Listens to
Famous Dramatic Critic Who
Spoke Here Last Monday

On last Monday evening a small but appreciative audience heard Clayton Hamilton, well-known dramatic critic and professor at Columbia, lecture in Alumni Hall on "Sardou and Sardou Plays."

Mr. Hamilton began by recalling the fact that this year is the fiftieth anniversary of the production of Sardou's play, "Diplomacy," which had its premiere in 1878, and which was such a tremendous success both in Europe and America. For this reason, a revival of "Diplomacy" with an all-star cast is being presented this season by Mr. Tyler, and will come to

STEVENS TECH. WILL OPPOSE BASEBALL NINE HERE TOMORROW

Trinity's Home Season on
Diamond to be Opened by
Jersey Men—is Third Contest

MATCH IS ANNUAL AFFAIR

Trinity Victor Twice in Past
Three Years—Whitaker's Fourth
Tilt Against Stevens Team

Trinity will meet the Stevens Tech baseball team tomorrow afternoon on the home diamond. This is one of Trinity's annual games and should be keenly contested. In the last three years Trinity has won two and Stevens one.

In 1924 "Bub" Whitaker pitched air tight ball in the Stevens' game and Trinity won 3 to 2. In 1926 Whitaker pitched another fine game and Trinity won again 7 to 2. Last year "the Engineers" turned the tables on the Blue and Gold. Whitaker was batted hard and Trinity lost 9 to 3.

The outcome of tomorrow's game is in doubt. Trinity has been handicapped by unfortunate weather conditions so far this year. They have only played one game this year, losing a one-sided contest to Harvard.

As far as we have heard, Stevens' record is two victories and one defeat. They have beaten Pratt Institute and Wagner College. They were beaten by C. C. N. Y. 5 to 4. They have a veteran team which is said to be better than their last year's team.

Coach "Johnny" Merriman has been experimenting with various line-ups. George Hardman, veteran first baseman, has been bothered by a sore hand. "Yaddy" Durant, a husky Freshman, has been taking his place in practice. However, Hardman will be stationed at the initial sack tomorrow.

The remainder of the infield will probably be composed of Sturm, Gooding and Solms. Bush, Broughel and Cooper were tried in a practice game with Kingswood Prep last Tuesday. This line-up didn't work as well as the first named combination.

Whitaker, Mastronarde, Anderson, Belden and Horton have been taking their turns in the box. Captain Whitaker will probably get the call over the other men, although it is possible that Coach Merriman will save him for the Connecticut Aggies game next Wednesday. In that event "Nick" Mastronarde will be "on the mound."

Slossberg will be at his post in centerfield. Whitaker or Mastronarde will be in left field and "Dud" Burr will be in right.

Trinity will be on her toes trying to get the first victory of the season. The team is anxious to hit the stride before the game with Connecticut Aggies.

Hartford for one performance about the middle of May.

Sardou, according to Mr. Hamilton, was the first "big business man" among playwrights, and he made more money than anyone else has ever done by merely writing plays, and doing nothing else. He was extremely poor in his youth, but he was determined to be a successful playwright, and at the conclusion of his career he was a millionaire. He learned the technique of playwrighting by studying the method of Scribe, the most popular dramatist in France at the time when Sardou began. In this way Sardou learned the craft of the theatre, and this, combined with his
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HARVARD AGAIN INVADES THE TRINITY CAMPUS

Dr. Thurman Losson Hood, Ten Years on Harvard Faculty,
Named for Post by the Trustees

SUCCEEDS HILLYER IN ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Professors Kleene and Perkins are Granted Sabbatical Leave
for the Coming Year

Tennis Team Starts Season by Defeating Tufts College

"Del" Britton Star of Match—
Smith Also Plays Well—Score
Was 5-1

Trinity's tennis team made an excellent start this season by defeating Tufts College 5 to 1. "Del" Britton, a Freshman, was the star of the match. He played number one man for Trinity and easily beat Young 6-3, 6-1. "Jimmy" Smith and Britton in the doubles, defeated Gifford and Hyson. Britton's shots were deeply driven and were very accurately placed.

Smith, Captain "Jack" Bissell and "Dick" Reppert won their matches in straight sets. Smith got the most opposition, being forced to an 8 to 6 set by Gifford. Bissell defeated Captain Stevens of Tufts after a long battle. His serve was his chief offensive weapon and it opened the way for his steady net game. "Dick" Reppert was a bit nervous, but his stroking was very steady and he forced his opponent into many errors.

Stevens and Young won Tufts' only point when they defeated Bissell and Baldwin. Bissell and Baldwin had not played together before and their teamwork was poor.

It looks as though Trinity will have a successful season. Britton, Smith, and Reppert made a fine showing in their first appearance on the Trinity team. We wonder if the "Black Buick Roadster" with the red wire wheels was an inspiration? It might have been the occupants, or perhaps, the "gallant efforts" of the hard-working assistant manager, "Red" Loomis. Anyway, it was Trinity's first tennis victory in several years.

The summary:

Trinity:	Tufts:
Britton defeated Young,.....6-1, 6-3.	
Smith defeated Gifford,.....8-6, 6-2.	
Bissell defeated Stevens,.....6-3, 6-3.	
Reppert defeated Hyson,.....6-2, 6-4.	
Bissell and Baldwin lost to Stevens and Young,.....6-2, 6-4.	
Britton and Smith defeated Hyson and Gifford,.....6-0, 6-2.	

Cast for Spring Show to be Given by Jesters May 29

Large, Ikeler, and Scaife Have
the Leading Masculine Roles—
May 29 Date Set for Play

Plans for the spring production of the Trinity College Jesters are already underway. The play selected is "Fast Workers." Tryouts have been held and the following have been chosen for the various parts:

Judson, Mitchell; Olga, Klurfeld; Totten, Large; Angus, Scaife; McClutchy, MacInnes; Brett, Ikeler; Aunt Kate, Coles; Millie, Hall; Kitten, part has not been chosen. Tryouts for the part of Kitten will be held in the Public Speaking Room, Thursday, at 7.30. Copies of the play may be secured from the coach, Paul R. Ihrig.

It is expected that "Fast Workers" will prove to be one of the most finished and perfectly presented plays ever attempted by The Jesters.

An unusual number of changes in the Trinity College faculty for next year were announced by President Remsen B. Ogilby Saturday, April 28, after the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees. Nearly all of the changes are temporary, however.

Dr. Thurman Losson Hood, for ten years a member of the Harvard College faculty, was appointed assistant professor of English and Dean of the College, effective next fall. Professor Hood will take over the Freshman English work taught by Professor Robert Hillyer, who is returning to Harvard next year as the successor to Professor Charles T. Copeland, and will relieve Professor Edward L. Troxell, head of the Geology department, from the duties of Dean. Professor Troxell created the office at Trinity three years ago.

Two Get Leave.

Professor Gustav A. Kleene, head of the Economic department, was granted sabbatical leave for one year. His place will be taken by Professor J. L. Leonard, formerly Professor of Economics at Wabash College, who this year is completing work for his doctor's degree at Yale. Mr. Leonard will be acting head of the department at Trinity next year.

Professor Henry A. Perkins, head of the Physics department, was also granted a sabbatical leave. Professor Arthur P. R. Wadlund of the Physics department will return from a year's leave of absence for advanced study and will be acting head of the department.

The arrangement by which Professor Odell Shepard, head of the English department, will remain in Europe for a second year doing research which he started last summer under a Guggenheim Fellowship, and Professor Paul Spencer Wood, chairman of the English department at Grinnell College, Iowa, will be acting head of the department at Trinity for another year, was ratified by the trustees.

Archie Roy Bangs, instructor in German, was promoted by the trustees to an assistant professorship.

The New Dean.

Professor Hood, the new Dean, has been instructor in English composition and literature at Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges since 1918, and since 1919 has served as secretary of the committee on the use of English by students, whose function is to see that proper standards are maintained in the written work of students in Harvard College and certain other divisions of the university. In this capacity, he has had unusual experience in teaching the art of writing to students of various degrees of proficiency, as well as in administrative work affecting undergraduates.

Professor Hood's publications include critical and scholarly articles, reviews and notes in various periodicals. He is the author of a definitive monograph on "Browning's Ancient Classical Sources," and in 1927, in collaboration with Professor Charles T. Copeland, produced the educational edition of the famous "Copeland Read-"
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THRU THE EDITOR'S TRIPOD

AN APPRECIATION.

Words seem rather trite when so important a question comes to our attention. And yet, since our training has been one that has not given us full power over all or any faculties, and moreover, should we be so equipped, others should find our language, whatever it may be, quite vague, we have concluded that words must be used for a substitute of our feelings.

We have continually stated that it is not our purpose nor our policy to be partial and we have tried to keep within these limits. Therefore, should this treatment seem to you not impartial, we suggest that you kindly keep in mind the fact that we are here concerned with a man—one who can and should be considered a Trinity man—in fact one who has remained loyal to her—even more faithfully than many who have taken the much-coveted degree from this, their dear old Alma Mater.

Three years ago there was established at Trinity College an entirely new position. That was the position of Dean. Not many of the students remember the old system (if you can call it that) which existed just previous to this innovation. The irregularities of the student body were not taken care of properly and it was obvious that there should be someone to attack this difficult problem. Dean Troxell began his work, and with the exception of a few errors—and who among you, regardless of your station in life, can claim a better record—he has done remarkably well. He accepted his position and took his work seriously; he worked conscientiously

and made a transition from no system to one which merits great praise. Little do some of us know—and much less do more of us care about the obstacles which lie in the path of a new work. The easiest way would have resulted in a complete ruin. But let it be known that Trinity College, or, at least, the student body, appreciates the work of Dean Troxell. We had a slight suspicion at one time that the opinion of the students is of some value, but apparently we are wrong.

Not very many years ago this college was on the verge of ruin—its students were becoming inferior, scholastics average, athletics were very poor, and the school paper had passed out of existence. Since the establishment of that new office the calibre of the new students has been materially raised. No one can deny that. And yet someone must be dissatisfied. Who but a conscientious man would be willing, or even capable, of expending time and thought on the selection of men as the present Dean has? We ask each reader to imagine himself at the desk in the Dean's office and to visualize the whole procedure. Anyone can be lax and let things slide, anyone can be petty and favor a certain few. Anyone can be a tyrant and rule with iron rod, but our Dean has been a square, and probably a too just man.

We greet you, Edward Leffingwell Troxell—you who have treated all with equal candor and equal friendliness. You have our condolences and our heartiest good wishes.—May you fare better.

LITERARY COLUMN

ONE SUMMER'S NIGHT.

On a certain warm summer's night a boy awakened by the heat of the air and his fever which painfully tormented him, looked at the darkness of the room. He wanted to see something in the room that might amuse him until he should fall asleep. But his eyes penetrated the darkness and could only see a black something that filled his small room; and he looked and looked in vain, like a blind man searching for a particle of light in the vast daylight in which he is buried.

The boy's body was warm with sweat and his face was the red of a painted hydrant. Occasionally he wiped his face and head to remove the clinging sweat which came on him as quickly as it disappeared. He was uneasy and restless, turning from one side of the bed to another. His hands snatched at the darkness, his feet kicked impatiently, and to the very bone his body struggled that it might overcome the sleeplessness of his burning mind and the heat of the dark air. And in this Hell in which he was living with agony, he imagined frightful shapes that cruelly threatened him.

Through the windows that were wide open not a breeze entered, only the low, melancholy sound of a train whistle that pierced the dark quiet in the distance. In the room the boy could hear nothing but the monotonous ticking of an old clock which seemed to wear away his mind and body, like water slowly wearing away land. And he feared the darkness in which he saw only wild and grotesque monsters. He wondered what was this black something or nothing that swallowed him up, in which terrible and ugly forms danced.

He tossed in his bed, continually changing his position, kicking the light covering from him until it fell on the floor, and hiding his face in the pillow to avoid the sight of the horrible figures. But whatever he did he saw them.

Soon he became tired, his limbs relaxed, and his eyes closed, while a cool wind lightly combed his hair and ran over his red face and sweaty body.

—JOHN KAZARIAN, '30.

YOUTH'S REPLY TO WORDSWORTH.

The world presents our challenge, late and soon,
In strife and fighting, we increase our powers.
All things desired of nature earned, are ours.
The world gives Man his Manhood, priceless boon!
The ocean raging 'neath a cloud-swept moon;
The winds that roar about us at all hours
And try to crush us down like fragile flowers,
These ills and all their kind, keep us in tune
For greater work. O God, it's good to be
In this great age of deeds and conquest born,
That we, in flight o'er vale and hill, may see
New sights that make whole nations less forlorn;
See palaces with cargoes cross the sea;
Or hear Earth's music, from an unblown horn.

—HERBERT T. WILKINSON.

SNAKES ALIVE!

(Continued from last week's issue.)

Another erroneous story which has gained wide credence is that in time of danger young snakes run down mother's throat for protection; the danger having past, the babies some trooping out again to resume their usual pastime. This tale may have been inspired by the careless observation of certain actual habits of the snake family, such as cannibalism and regurgitation. Many snakes prey upon their own kind, swallowing them as they do all food, unmasticated, usually head first, and most often alive. The swallowing, if the prey is large, is a long process but accomplished without serious mutilation of the victim. If for any reason the food swallowed doesn't please, the snake may disgorge it instantly, so it sometimes happens that the Jonah of such an experience escapes to live "happily ever after."

A nature-faking story that has cost many innocent snake lives concerns the character of one of the farmers' best friend, the Milk snake or checkered "Adder." Both names sprang from ignorance. The second and least objectionable is the fact that adder refers to a different type of serpent; the term adder is not found on this continent. The fellow we are discussing, like practically all serpents in the United States, is a member of the snake family. The particular reason he needs defending arises from the lie which gave him his common name. It is said of him that he is an accomplished milker, sucking the cows dry while they are pasturing. Raymond Ditmars, curator of the Bronx Zoo, who has written extensively about reptiles, says that a full-grown specimen of this snake, about three feet long, can drink only about two teaspoonfuls of water. A pretty small capacity for liquids! Coming from so high an authority this should effectively squelch that preposterous yarn. The Milk snake is fond of rats and mice as food, and besides accounting for many destructive field mice, often haunts the vicinity of farm buildings in search of house rodents. He should be protected along with the Black snake who has much the same tastes.

Since I have mentioned the Black snake it may be well to correct the common impression that he is a constrictor and crushes his prey to death; even being dangerous to man. He is not a constrictor. The Milk snake and several others of our common snakes are, but not the Blacksnake. However, any large snake is apt to hold on rather tightly when coiled around anything, and while handling one should not allow a six- or eight-foot

snake to wind around one's neck.

The common Water snake, often mistakenly called "Water Moccasin", is harmless although he is an ugly appearing "critter" and as disagreeable as he looks. His teeth are not long and his bite not at all serious; certainly not poisonous. Though, I hold no brief for this useless and unlovely individual, I would give the devil his due. The Cottonmouth Moccasin is a very deadly snake, but is commonly found only in the South-eastern States.

The medal for fantastic snake story should, I believe, be pinned to that Hoop Snake fable. The Red-bellied or Hoop Snake, common in the South-eastern States, happens to have a sharp spine on the end of its tail. In handling carelessly one might easily come in contact with this spine and be scratched or pricked, all involuntarily on the part of Mr. Red-belly. That is the truth about the Hoop Snake's sharp tail which is his only special characteristic of popular interest. But here is the absurd story widely believed, as it was told my friend in Florida by a fairly intelligent native. Upon sighting an object of prey, or an enemy, Mr. Red-belly takes his sharp tail firmly in his mouth and rolls hoop-fashion with great speed straight at said object. Just before the impact he quickly unrolls and hurtles through space, tail first, javelin like, to pierce the unfortunate victim. Millions believe that! No specimens have ever been seen by an authority, even after one State Agricultural Department offered \$500 reward for one of these.

One would expect a native of the Florida Everglades to be well enough acquainted with snakes to distinguish between the poisonous and the harmless but such is not always the case. A fisherman on the shore of Lake Ochechohee warned my friend very seriously that a specimen of the common Brown Water Snake which he was examining was only slightly less deadly than the dreaded Cottonmouth. With such ignorance in that snaky locality perhaps, northerners should be excused their misconceptions concerning the subject.

The Hognosed Snake is a most interesting character and as he is the butt of much superstition I shall try to set him right. A stubby little fellow and not very active he is too slow to depend upon flight for safety but instead is well equipped to frighten his enemy into running away. Confronted with danger he presents a ferocious attitude of fight. He has the same manner of flattening his neck as the terrible Hooded Cobra of India, and one of the loudest hisses of any snake. He will suck in air until greatly bloated, then release it in long hisses, striking industriously the while, but never opening his mouth. He is all bluff. If bluster fails to disperse the enemy, he has still another trick. Rolling over on his back he pretends death most convincingly, remaining in that position until all is quiet when he will turn over and wriggle stealthily away. He is the most harmless and timid of creatures.

I recall that when I was a child I became greatly perturbed over a story that snakes had the malignant power to hypnotize their enemies. I had hankered for bloody combat with these supposed foes of the human race, but this newest exposition of their satanic endowments upset my calculations. One might engage in physical contest even with a snake, but it was mighty dangerous to oppose an adversary that used superhuman weapons. Eventually I discovered this to be just another of the myths originating in the popular ignorance of the subject. The basis of this one probably lies in the fixed stare of the snake's eyes. Lacking the movable lid of our common animals he has instead a hard, transparent film, like a window over his eye. The snake does not fascinate birds as has been often reported, but venturing near a nest he may be attacked by parent birds who sometimes approach so close in their sallies as to tempt him to seize one.

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Bremen Flyers Disappoint Trinity Faculty and Students

Professors Spaulding and Bangs
Asked to Act as Interpreters—
Classes Dismissed

A great deal of disappointment was experienced by the non-appearance of the "Bremen" flyers in Hartford last Friday noon. Several classes were dismissed early to allow the students to participate in the welcome. The city officials asked Professor John A. Spaulding, head of the German department at Trinity, and Assistant Professor Archie Bangs to act as interpreters for Baron von Huenefeld and Captain Koehl. However, after some delay, a plane was sighted and the crowds expected it was the long-awaited-for plane. Great was the regret when the plane landed, to find that it did not carry the German flyers but Clarence Chamberlain, who had been sent to inform the people of Hartford that owing to the funeral of Bennett the flyers did not think it proper to allow a celebration of their triumph.

Presidents' Grove Will Add to Beauty of College Campus

Descendants of Bishop Brownell
to Present Tree as Memorial—
Other Trees Planted

The plot of ground just across the road from the President's house has just been planted with trees which have been set out in what will be known as the Presidents' Grove. Three trees have been planted in memory of each of the former presidents of Trinity College and it is expected that each succeeding president will plant trees there to bear his name. In due time this grove should add to the beauty of the campus and as at least one of each tree should survive, a permanent memorial of the Presidents of the College will be secured. In a number of cases descendants of former presidents are giving these as a memorial.

The different varieties of trees in the Presidents' Grove are as follows:

White Oak,	President Brownell
White Pine	President Wheaton
Horse Chestnut,	President Totten
Norway Maple,	President Williams
Rock Maple,	President Goodwin
Hemlock,	President Elliot
Larch,	President Kerfoot
Ash,	President Jackson
American Beech,	President Pinchon
Pin Oak,	President Smith
American Elm,	President Luther

In addition to these, Professor Perkins, who was twice acting-president of the College, is setting out three Norway Spruce trees and President Ogilby three Copper Beeches.

SUMMER COURSE AT GOETTINGEN.

What are you going to do this summer? Perhaps you are of the leisure class that can indulge in European travel. Perhaps you are one of those who could spend a month or so abroad, and feel you can't because you have some work ahead of you in a summer school. Into whichever category you fall, here's some news that should interest you.

We have at hand an announcement of the summer courses for foreign students to be given at the University of Goettingen, July 9 to August 5. The subjects offered cover a vast range in the field of knowledge. As we glance down the list of subjects in which lectures are given, we note the following as those connoting especially of the beneficial, interesting, or unusual: History and the History of Art; European Economic Problems; Mapping by Smooth Functions; Problems of Flow; the Theory of Flow; Band Spectra; and the Top in Science and Technology.

The tuition fee of twenty dollars entitles the student to attend all classes. The charge for board and room in Goettingen is from \$1.50 to \$2 a day. Rooms may be reserved through the Secretary of the University of Goettingen. The program includes trips to Kassel, Braunschweig, and the Harz Mountains.

It might be well to mention that all courses are in German, by the regular professors of the University.

Goettingen is a delightful old German University town, situated in the heart of Hanover. It is in the midst of a province noted for the purity of its spoken German, and is one of the most famous centers of culture in the German Commonwealth.

Should one prefer to attend lectures at any one of the other twenty or so German universities, one will find summer courses conducted in most of them especially for the benefit of foreign students.

Further information may be obtained from Archie M. Palmer, Assistant Director, Institute of International Education, 2 West 45th Street, New York City.



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Six Men Eligible to Compete for Prizes in Public Speaking

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As a result of the preliminary trials for prizes in Public Speaking held on Tuesday evening, May 1, the judges, Professors Kleene, Wood and Burkett, have designated Hachman, Lipkowitz, Morgan, Rosenfeld, Wise and Young as eligible to appear in the final competition to be held in the Public Speaking Room on Tuesday evening, May 8, at 8 o'clock. All of these men are candidates for the two Whitlock Prizes of \$30 and \$20, respectively. In addition, Lipkowitz, Rosenfeld and Young, as members of the Senior Class, are eligible for the Brown Prize of \$100 if their orations are of unusual merit. The judges at the final competition are Professor A. R. Purdy of the Hartford Theological Seminary, the Hon. Roger W. Davis and R. C. Buell.

CLAYTON HAMILTON LECTURES. (Continued from page 1.)

natural sense of the theatre and his passion for it, made him one of the most ingenious, dexterous writers for the theatre in its history.

Some of Sardou's methods of making the most possible money out of his plays were described in a rather amusing way by Mr. Hamilton. For example, when Sardou wrote plays for Sarah Bernhardt, who could play only in French, he took care to make them comprehensible even to an audience which did not understand the lines, by explaining most of the action in the pantomime.

Sardou was not one of the great playwrights, according to Mr. Hamilton, but he had conspicuous merits, included among which were his ingenuity, dexterity, and his natural sense for theatrical effect, which made him one of the foremost technicians of the theatre.

HARVARD AGAIN INVADES. (Continued from page 1.)

er," which in its original edition has already run through several printings.

In 1927, Professor Hood was appointed Charles Dexter scholar at Harvard and spent the summer of that year in England doing research work. He has recently been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship open to Americans who have demonstrated unusual creative ability, for the purpose of bringing out a volume of the uncollected and unpublished letters of Robert Browning, and he expects to spend several months in England pursuing this subject.

SNAKES ALIVE! (Continued from page 2.)

Ridiculous stories that snakes have extraordinary jumping abilities are so common that I must include here a paragraph of correction. The snake's well-known habit of coiling spring-like, lends an air of probability to the idea which is not supported by the facts. There is no doubt but that he can strike most freely while in the coiled position but he seldom strikes further than a third of his total length the action being nothing like a jump. The striking of a snake is one of a series of rapid thrusts of the head, usually with jaws wide open, the greater portion of the body remaining stationary, either coiled or at length.

The reptiles occupy a link in the evolutionary chain, roughly speaking, between the fishes and the mammals, and nature made some important early experiments with snakes in the bringing forth of living young. Not all snakes, however, adopted the new idea, so we find today some varieties producing fully developed and very lively babies while others stick to the old fashion of laying eggs to be incubated

by the sun or by the warmth of decaying vegetable matter such as a rotting log. The little ones shift for themselves from the first and if food is plentiful it is not long before they outgrow and shed their first skin. Where food is abundant a snake may shed his skin three or four times a year. With the Rattlesnakes each skin-shedding leaves a new button on the tail. One will readily see that the number of buttons is not an accurate indication of the snake's age but rather of its skin-sheddings, which may be one or several in a year. The vibration of the Rattler's tail which sometimes, (though not always) gives warning of his presence, is a common characteristic of the snake family. Many harmless snakes show agitation in this way, but lacking the rattles are of course noiseless. Perhaps the origin of our house-cat's manifestation of excitement by his tail would show a surprising relationship with that of the humble snake, though, as I am no authority on biological evolution, this must not be taken as an opinion of great weight.

In an article of this length it is impossible to take up and correct all of the misconceptions abroad concerning snakes. There is here, however, sufficient to arm the layman with a few "pooh-poohs" and a couple of "bahs" to hurl into the next discussion of the subject which includes the usual line of bunk.

—LEWIS H. BABBITT.

"To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion, to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; to listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious grow up through the common—this is to be my symphony."

—William Ellery Channing.

"We have got but one life here, and what comes after it we cannot with certainty tell; but it pays, no matter what comes after it, to try and do things, to accomplish things in this life, and not merely to have a soft and pleasant time."

—Theodore Roosevelt.

AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE 167 SCHOLARSHIPS.

New York, May 6—One hundred sixty-seven collegiate loan scholarships will be provided by the American Bankers Association Educational Foundation, 98 of which are now being proffered to 71 selected colleges and universities in 33 states, it is announced by John H. Puelicher, President Marshall and Ilsley Bank, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as chairman of the Foundation's board of trustees. The foundation fund of \$500,000 was started in 1925 by the association to commemorate its fiftieth anniversary and aims to stimulate and aid worthy men or women students to pursue courses in banking and economics in collegiate institutions throughout the country. The scholarship awards will be available for the scholastic year beginning next fall and will provide recipients with loans of \$250, to be repaid on easy terms following their entry into earning business life.

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