SYDNEY G. FISHER, TRUSTEE, DIES

One of Foremost American Research Historians.

Sydney George Fisher, 70, of Pittsburgh, Pa., a leading member of the Trinity College (Hartford) board of trustees and recognized as one of the foremost American research historians, died last Sunday at an Hartford (Conn.) Yacht Club, at age 70.

Mr. Fisher, who was graduated from Trinity in 1879, later attended Harvard Law School. He received a degree from the Western University of Pennsylvania in 1897 and had the Doctor of Laws degree from the same university in 1914.

Spurred Civil Service Reform.

He wrote a number of volumes and articles dealing with historical topics and gained special prominence in 1880 when he published an article which was credited with starting national civil service reform. In addition to being a trustee of Trinity, Mr. Fisher was also a member of the Education of the Blind and the Library Company, both of Philadelphia.

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The reputation of historians is under a heavy debt to these men. They established American history as a serious science, and more, they showed how such scholarship might be combined with vital, pragmatic interests in the contemporary problems. They drew history away from the realms of romance and other notable works: "The Making of American Independence; 'American Education,' and 'The Quaker Colonies.'

"It is significant that the name of the 'Champions of America,' seeking those authors who could combine scholarship with ability to write, should have called upon Mr. Fisher for two of its series.

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Stresses His Great Service to the Colleges.

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**OBIRE OCULIS**

The eighteenth issue of "The Tripod" arrived, but was grievously lacking in correspondence. It is not my intention to blame which to my mind are very important the contributors of a paper such as "The Tripod." The opinions of opinions which may be inspired by those editorial writers, and which are developed in detail, but the main features have been outlined in "The Antimacassar." At the center of the plan is the idea of abolishing all mass method and giving every student to do independent work to his own capacity, at his own speed, with his own teacher, and to do all the work of his own master and helper and adviser in the pinch.

The semester's work in every subject will be carefully outlined and every student allowed to master it in his own way. He will be required only to cover the syllabus and the examinations, not to attend lectures or go through rituals. Lecture rooms will be made available, but instructors and student assistants will be ready to help with particular problems. No student is to apply for aid till he has done all he can for himself. Frequent conferences with the professor, with instructors and group discussions, will take the place of class lectures; but lectures will supplement the other work if it is found they are needed.

Both with the extra teaching work required on the plan, and to learn by teaching, every student in the junior classes must be prepared to spend at least two hours a week to work in his field as assistant instructor, tutor, paper-grader, or in the role of inspector.

The plan as a whole will apply to the two upper classes, but teachers of freshman English will be free to experiment with features of it.

**Barber Shop**

The Prime Minister Visits.

Six hundred men sat in a state of high satisfaction in the Hart House when an easy was the debate of a number of the younger Britons who were then in the United States. The subject was not the reason for the satisfaction. Center of interest was the Right Hon. Sir William Lamb, Prime Minister of Canada, who, as one of the speakers, was defending his own policy. The American audience was almost amazed. He flattered his student opponents by pointing out their lack of seriousness with his arguments, and after an "inceptive" and "direct" statement the audience carried the vote 408 to 125.

Why Not?

At the new John Wesley College in Columbia, Illinois, dances, athletics, and the like are already almost as rare as the use of liquor or tobacco. Why not ban students and make a good job of it?


**The Tripod**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS.**

There was a meeting of the Finance Committee, Professor Shepard mentioned that outstanding men such as Washington and Lincoln are called the "Tripod," and the particular case of Washington may apply to me. To me there has always been a "Tripod" lack of appreciation for Wallace. W. W. Electra swam the English Channel, she was announced by some who could not wait, to carry messages, and when she arrived in New York she was greeted by the few gentlemen, not as much of that of the aristocracy. When Wallace left this world and the world was over, the few gentlemen who followed him and their funeral were for all the world a glimpse of his body lying in state in a bronze coffin.

Miss Edith's accomplishments were very commendable and I would have deserved some of the notoriety which was accorded her, but not as much as she should have had. From swimming the channel is not entirely fair when we think of the circumstances in the presence of a large audience.

The first half ended in a tie but writers, teachers, and graduates were ready to help on particular college groups. Essentials will take the place of classes; with instructors and group discussions, the same may apply to the students in the first year. The seminar plan and works with the teaching. The present show of force by the users of "Tripod" particularly was attended to. The Junior Class elections were held in March 7, 1870. Edwin Monroe Burleigh, b. March 10, 1870-1870, was attended to.

Business suffers a great loss in the death of Professor Shepard. Among the writers and teachers of the department of the present and may we soon recognize the fact that less scaffolds for further and more strenuous labor are hardly healthier, wealthier and wiser.

**The Tripod**

**THE BROADCAST.**

The radio dialogue which was given on Washington's birthday was very unimportant in that it did not present Washington as the first President nor as the coming founder of the Revolution. If we cast aside the time worn anachronisms which one recognizes our our knowledge of life and nature is dependent upon the condition of the present and may we soon take advantage of these facts in the future and will realize that they were not superfluous individuals, that they were people like us. They saw their opportunities and took advantage of them before others realized what was happening. The precipitation of Washington's birthday, such as given by Professor Adams and Professor Barrett is novel and very good.

**TRIPPED**


As a preliminary to the Trinity-Hartford contest, the Junior Varsity played a fast game with the Two-Hartfords. The Trinity junior squad found that to play in the present hard fight but they were really in the game. The first half ended in a 10-10 tie but the second the Trinity five decided-out-hitting the insurance team. Jackson and Burleigh played best for the juniors. Lineup:

- Trinity Juniors. Two-Hartfords.
- Pros. f.
- Bruce, h.
- Knaves, f.
- Kennedy, c.
- Cutler, b.
- O'Connor, f.
- Burleigh, b.
- Walker, w.

**TRIPPIE**

**COMING EVENTS**

8:00 p.m. Public Speaking Room - Professor W. K. Gregory, "The Face from Fish to Man." Sunday, March 6: 10:30 a.m. College Chapel Sermon - Professor Shepard.

5:40 p.m. WITC-Babbitt-Bissonette "The Busy Bee." Monday, March 8: 8:30 p.m. Public Speaking Room - Littell Symphony Club.

8:00 p.m. Reading in Professor Shepard's room, 14 Seabury Hall. All members of College body are invited.
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He actually asserts that serious opposition to Birth Control comes from "the Socialists, who are violently antagonistic to any cause of action which would diminish human misery." His understanding of the things he dislikes may be judged by the extraordinary statement that the Social Democratic organization is "not a class organization, and its declarations have usually been temperate." Formerly Hyndman, Middiman—what an epitaph! And just who is "Vince"? St. John's leading American Bicyclist, who is quoted along with Sorel and other "advocates of a religious, national and minor monopoly!" The Gospel according to St. John runs: "The question of right or wrong does not come up," from which we infer that he had either been reading Nietzsche or Voltaire's "Soldier's Manual." We, however, now prepared to hear that "the whole Labor Party, held together by iron discipline, is pledged to schemes of wholesale confiscation; to find citations and references." We await with interest.

American readers will be relieved to learn that George III "while his ruler was his reason was much more to his use than is usually supposed." And "of our own beloved sovereign it is enough to say that throughout his too long reign he has so borne himself that in England, alone among nations, which still preserve the old form of constitution, there is no anti-English sentiment worthy of mention." Enough至少。But the Dean in an Epilogue of twenty pages we advertently go on to explain that "the peculiarly English and his personal charm have won him the love of the Englishman." The book is divided into five chapters dealing with the land and its inhabitants, the Soul of England, Empire, Industrialism, and Democracy. Its success appears largely based on opinions prevalent in The New York Times, interspersed with oddities such as this: "Somewhat, eighty years ago and recently Mr. Przyce Collier, has expressed the opinion that the English are heavier than the Americans; but this I cannot believe." On the other hand, after a glance at some of those who belong not to what he calls the privileged classes but to the slum-dwellers, he remarks: "It is improbable that any such miserable specimens of humanity survived the rougher conditions of the Middle Ages." And here we get the first indication of the Dean's partiality to Birth Control. He detects an "intrinsic inferiority in the crowds of unwanted children who infest our great cities.

These inferior beings, whose unfitness and degeneracy are later manifest in their moral blight, are so attractive while our grateful country provides them with the means of leading a parasitical existence that few are willing to say that the world is better off with them. They are actual or potential socialists, communists, syndicalists and so forth.—"The worst scourge of Europe." Far, then, from representing the new religious radiation sympathetic to the victims of those philo-progressive optimists, the Victorian Christians, and prepared to educate them to control their destiny by controlling their numbers, he is revealed as a one more treary Malthusian.

THE HUMORIST

WHERE IS THE CAR I LEFT PARKED HERE?

I CAN ONLY TELL YOU WHERE PART OF IT IS.

"Quick! Tell me!"

A cop came by and took the number...—Northwestern Purple Parrot.

Slogan for Nicaraguan merchants: "Tell it to the Marines."—Life.

"So Slae has been elected to the Senate?"

"But by a $6000 majority."—Life.

HOST.—"This is my new edition of Shakespeare.

GUEST.—"Good! Gave's new edition is such that we still write!"—Judge.

A correspondent wants to know if man's mother-in-law is a relation. She is, and always on his wife's side.—Judge.

"Little woman, what brings you here?"

"My chauffeur."—College Humor.

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