Inauguration of Dr. Luther

The death of Flavel Sweeten Luther, for fifteen years president of our College, has recalled to the memory of friends and the fellows of Trinity men the abiding influence of his character on the ideals and administration of the college.

In his address he says: "There is a humor that has common to all civilization—the work of administering. It is present under the most varied circumstances. When this work goes on slowly, without the consciousness of it, through whom the world-making causes operate, we call the chain of events by the name 'evolution.' The more rapid changes that ensure when evolution becomes partially directed by those in whom and through whom it is effective we use some other word. It is such changes that we have in mind when we think and speak of progress. The work of education is one of these. In the administration of an estate and will, the humor operates, we call the administration of an estate and will, the chain of events by the name 'evolution.' The more rapid changes that ensure when evolution becomes partially directed by those in whom and through whom it is effective we use some other word. It is such changes that we have in mind when we think and speak of progress. The work of education is one of these.

The desire to serve means a larger sense of equal dignity and for all of them training is necessary. The men will respond to the invitation to learn how to do real work when they will not respond to an invitation to improve themselves.

There is no ambition to serve nobler than the desire for self-improvement.

The desire to serve means high ideals, self-sacrificing, altruism, faith in God and man, charity. It means a willingness to give one's self utterly to others. It is the greatest motive which may most confidenty be appealed to in all men whom we are ready to honor.

The influence of his character rested in this. He was a model for his seniors, and one of them who participated in his inauguration affirms the picture which was then painted of him, the Memorial service and that it is in the ideals and traditions of our College. On behalf of the Student Body, Mr. Gottschalk speaks, and says: "Dr. Luther understands—as, no one else understands—the graduate temperament, peculiarities, and ambitions. The friend of the student, he always has been the one who has sympathized most with the things that are dear to college life and society. The undergraduates are worthy of the college in his eyes. Their happiness and interests have been his. Such affection, forbearance, and understanding of the college and students that the whole alumni is the better.

Professor Johnson adds the outside standing trait of character: "You possess the divine sense of humor, not merely the humor that laughs at a joke, but the kindly humor that enables a man to see that folly and perversity are a constituent part of human nature, but not the regulating part. The boy will get just as much from you, but we will be the just based on human sympathy and on the insight humor gives."

Dr. Luther Born in Connecticut

Flavel Sweeten Luther, Jr., was born in Brooklyn, Conn., on March 26, 1850, the son of Flavel Sweeten and Jane Jerusha (Lillie) Luther. His father's family traced its lineage to Johannes Luther, brother of Martin Luther, the great leader of the Reformation. Flavel S. Luther, Jr., was a native of Providence, and was a cabinet maker there before going to live on his farm in Brooklyn, Conn., where he bought and ran successfully for thirty years a news agency. He became one of the leading men in his community, and died in Hartford in 1915.

The son, Flavel S. Luther, Jr., received his early education in the schools of Brooklyn and when 17 years old entered Trinity College here as a Sophomore. He was graduated at the age of 19, ranking third in his class. He was a brilliant student, and took first prize in mathematics in his Sophomore year. At college he was a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

His Career as Teacher.

In 1870, in the fall following his graduation here, he went to Troy, N. Y., where he took charge of a parish school of 100 members, and in addition to his school work began the study of theology under the Rev. Dr. Colt. When he became of age he was ordained a deacon of the Protestant Episcopal Church by Bishop Doane. In 1873 he received his A. M. degree from Trinity College.

Dr. Ogilvie Recalls Pleasant Thought

Doctor Ogilvie said in part: "Doctor Luther's name is familiar to all in any way connected to Trinity College. His devotion was absolute. In 1873 as rector of a church in New York City he was graduated when he had suffered from angina pectoris. Because I don't want any graduate telling me how poorly my success is running the college. Doctor Luther's sense of humor was present in many situations. Just recently I wrote that the doctors at last said the trouble with him was the earldest of his birth.

"Doctor Luther was intensely devoted to his country. He was also active in politics and was a staunch supporter of President Roosevelt in the Bull Moose movement and served two years in the State Senate. He was at all times keenly alive to the scientific contributions of the day."

"Doctor Luther was a large, athletic, man. He was very close to the student body and all testify of their intense devotion to him. He was a philanthropist and perhaps this was a key to his character. He was an Episcopal minister, but had only taken the deaconate order."

"The year starts with the realization that a Trinity figure of gigantic stature has closed his earthly career and his last thoughts were of you and your welfare. Now our thoughts should be of him. Let us pray for Mrs. Luther, his inspiration during fifty-six years of married life; for the perpetuation of his spirit in Trinity; and for the repose of his soul."

Colonel Roosevelt and J. P. Morgan Present at Commencement 1918

This was One of Dr. Luther's Biggest Days

This Commencement Day was probably one of the big days of President Luther. On June 17, 1918, several men of national and local prominence received academic degrees from Trinity College. Among these men were Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, J. Pierpont Morgan, Dr. Karl Rolland of New York, Mayor of New Haven, Alphonso, and Jane Luther, President Luther the less. A Doctor of Science degree was conferred upon Theodore Roosevelt, and a Doctor of Laws was given to J. Pierpont Morgan.

At the time of this service many of our boys were already in Europe and Dr. Luther said that members of the Senior class in the service and Navy who left college to enter the service could be considered as alumni of the college, and that if they were unable to receive degrees when they were to be there on that day, President Roosevelt spoke at the Class Day exercises. At Class Day Dr. McCook spoke on Trinity in the Civil War. He of course knew considerable about this, for he had been a second lieutenant in the United States Army.

The Commencement of 1928 was unusual because of the few men present to receive degrees and the presence of the famous distinguished guests recipients of honorary degrees. The exercises were held in Alumni Hall.

The degree of bachelor of arts was conferred upon the first students who received the bachelor of science degree. Of these eighteen five were absent in the normal service. Forty other members of the class of 1918 went into the army the year before and were then unable to complete their work. Eight of these, however, who were of the class of 1918 went into the degree of bachelor of arts and ten more would under similar conditions have been made bachelors of science.

Doctor Luther's influence in the welfare of the body and soul of the students was in the welfare of the College. The inauguration address of Dr. Luther was delivered by Rev. Dr. Flavel Sweeten Luther, president of Trinity College from 1904 to 1919, died in Pasadena, California, in his seventy-eighth year. Dr. Luther had been living in Pasadena since his resignation brought to an end his long and brilliant career at Trinity. In recent years he had been in poor health, and for the past year he had suffered from angina pectoris. (Continued on page 2, column 4.)
The tie between the city and the college, both benefiting. There are few cities in the world that can boast of better service to municipal Hartford. "The scope of Dr. Luther's work is incomparably as broad as a school of practical politics be to the state of a city. He has applied to all his decisions the test of honesty and efficiency. Dr. Luther was always a man of his word, a true friend. He gave dignity to the post he occupied and his influence for good was felt in the hearts and minds of all with whom he came in contact with him to be invaluable in their lives."

- Hartford Times

**THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT FLAVENT SWEETEN LUTHER**

Flavell Sweeten Luther, president of Trinity College, 1904-1919, who died in Boston last night, left Hartford shortly after he relinquished his work at Trinity, But he had been in the city not far yet in the post, will recall him and his personal loss as his dear. To quote an old phrase, "he lived among men," not above them.

His keen sense of lighter life and the very character that was of all men by his brothers unless they were underprivileged, he was a master of the style, to which he acknowledged them as his brothers in his work. He was a man of thorough Connecticut, in which State he was born and lived and worked in." The death of a man from the "barren," and at the time of the general confession in the sermons, and in the memory of his associates, and one who knew him during the fifteen years of residence in Trinity, was the occasion of deep regret, a regret now intensified by the knowledge that he will not return to the Court.

**DR. LUTHER'S TRIBUTE TO THE LATE J. J. McCOOK**

At the time of Dr. McCook's death, a new era was closed in the history of Trinity. His memory will be associated with that of Dr. Luther who at that time was living in Panama. "Dr. Luther was born in Connecticut, and is a graduate of Trinity, a man of originality and character." He was a member of the family of which he has been a part all his life. He is to the personification of all that is noble and fine. To his name stands for the greatness of Trinity, Dr. Luther more than any other man is a figure worthy of admiration and love. He is a man who has given to Trinity College more tradition than any other man.

**TRIBUTE OF ALUMNI**

The executive committee of the Alumni Association yesterday sent the following telegram to Mrs. Luther:

"All the alumni men and women mourn the loss of their beloved president. We should extend to you the deepest sympathy and most heartfelt sympathy in the loss of a member of the alumni family of Trinity."

**TRIBUTE OF DR. BAIRITZ**

"Dr. Flavel S. Luther as a man was always an agreeable companion, a man of marked originality, and one who knew when some unexpected aphorism would be uttered, giving a man more words to say than a man who does not know when he should remain silent." Professor Frank Cole Babbit, senior member of the Trinity faculty, said that Dr. Luther was always a man of character and a true friend, and one who would always be remembered in the hope of his memory, for the love and admiration he always showed in his life.

"As a teacher he was effective and original, always a sympathetic friend and companion of those whom he taught, and the well-known story of his being a man of deep religious faith, to the victim, and passing him, is well in point to show his sympathetic understanding of the difference which sometimes becomes the student's better service to municipal Hartford. "The scope of Dr. Luther's work is incomparably as broad as a school of practical politics be to the state of a city. He has applied to all his decisions the test of honesty and efficiency. Dr. Luther was always a man of his word, a true friend. He gave dignity to the post he occupied and his influence for good was felt in the hearts and minds of all with whom he came in contact with him to be invaluable in their lives."

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**DEATH OF FORMER TRIPSTRENNER PRESIDENT**

(Continued from page 4.)

Dr. Luther's wide interests led him to achievement in a diversity of fields. He was a brilliant mathematician. He was an expert in the practical, and was able to bring him renovated as an inventor and a mathematician. He was a man of good will, a public speaker, an eloquent preacher, and a man of deep religious faith, to the victim, and passing him, is well in point to show his sympathetic understanding of the difference which sometimes becomes the student's better service to municipal Hartford. "The scope of Dr. Luther's work is incomparably as broad as a school of practical politics be to the state of a city. He has applied to all his decisions the test of honesty and efficiency. Dr. Luther was always a man of his word, a true friend. He gave dignity to the post he occupied and his influence for good was felt in the hearts and minds of all with whom he came in contact with him to be invaluable in their lives."

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**DR. FLAVEL SWEETEN LUTHER**

One cannot express with justification that a great man has passed away. The law of life has decreed that a man must depart from earth and go to where Jesus promised him a place. That man was Dr. F. S. Luther, who died in Boston last night, after a long illness, in his seventy-eighth year. The college has lost one of its greatest presidents, one of its most beloved teachers, and one of its most devoted alumni. He was a forceful and very popular public speaker, an eloquent preacher, and a man of deep religious faith, to the victim, and passing him, is well in point to show his sympathetic understanding of the difference which sometimes becomes the student's better service to municipal Hartford. "The scope of Dr. Luther's work is incomparably as broad as a school of practical politics be to the state of a city. He has applied to all his decisions the test of honesty and efficiency. Dr. Luther was always a man of his word, a true friend. He gave dignity to the post he occupied and his influence for good was felt in the hearts and minds of all with whom he came in contact with him to be invaluable in their lives."

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OBIRE OCULUS

Dick Dillon blew his whistle. It was Trinity's second basketball game and her second victory. Two batches of five men offered sporty cheers for opponents. Showers poured warm water on tired bodies.

The basketball season looks wonderful. The team is in good shape and works well together. In the last two games (Providence and Worcester Tech) five men played without substitutions.

Mastheads, pitcher, halfback is basketball captain. He is great on passes, a consistent scorer and stands out as a good leader.

Burr, phenomenal center on the football team, is a fast floor worker, and will do much defense work. Taute, captain-elect of football, is scoring high this season.

Whitaker, line floor man, is dependable and will hold no backoff of offenses on the court this winter. Hallestrom, last year's, is back to playing in the position he reluctantly gave up, takes shots off the backboard every time.

Substitutions are not always possible, and often ignored, are Solms, Knurek, Cutler, Ebersold, Sturm and Bush. They will help keep up the level set by the varsity.

Games—Outstanding are Harvard, Dartmouth, Wesleyan, Williams, Clark, Connecticut Aggie.

The Union will soon be a different place if some ideas are carried out by the management. At present the counter is protected against the mob by a wire netting and below the show cases are a number of panels more or less the worse for wear. We need the Union to be a better one. The present room is very good and it must be improved before long. The Union committee has a heavy task, namely, supplying the wants of people who generally destroy what is given to them. General shame is the worst enemy of the Union and it should not be so. With circumstances at a reasonal level. Things, such as books, maps and pictures, will be returned to the Union by people who have not worth much after a few weeks. Paper from casually and crackers sold at the counter does not stand up for the Union. Those things must be corrected before new changes are made.

What we could use:
(a) One new counter.
(b) New pockets on pool tables.
(c) More rugs.
(d) A great deal of consideration for the appearance of the Union.
(e) More regard for the comfort of the Union give us our one and only gathering place.

A word to Freshmen before we close. Get on the train today! You have two weeks to make your examinations are less than two weeks off. What you do between now and the time your exams begin will help to very much. Being in college is far better than having been. A word to upper classes: Practice what you preach!

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR RABBITT

"Frost (Robert Frost, the poet) picked up something for himself during the two years he stayed at Harvard. He improved his acquaintance with Latin and Greek and particularly enjoyed reading Greek with a young instructor named Rabbitt, who later went to Trinity College."

Page 34, Garham B. Munson, "Robert Frost."

TRINITY FACULTY SMOKER

The faculty of Trinity College are giving a smoker at the college for the Alumni who live near enough to the college to attend, on the evening of January 29. There will be two regal features: Professor Bionnette will talk about "College Standards," Professor Keefe will speak on "College Numbers," Professor Hillyer will speak on "College Teaching."

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Appreciations of Dr. Luther Shown at Memorial Service
Men Who Knew Him Intimately Felt the Loyalty and Staunchness of his Character

ORDER OF SERVICE.
1. Reading Opening Hymn 137—"Hymn, Holy, Holy, Holy"
3. "O Souls in Bondage, Was There Not a Voice?"
4. "Our Native Land"
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service in Pasadena we should gather and sing Miss missionary. Would you like to hear his favorite hymn, to think of him as you live each day and make him a part of your virtues and pay tribute to his deeds, to show our sympathy to his loved ones and to the thousands who are gathered here, his former students, friends and colleagues. To the unnumbered army of young men and women whose love of country through the sturdy old work that he did, his memory will always be associated in my mind with epic days, with the fighting forces of the war, with the words and deeds of Flevil S. Luther. He has gone to join "Great spirits in the past who were of the heritage. Few perhaps ever met him, none knew him well. I, myself, I hope to follow him. But three times in my life, twenty years ago I heard him give a recitation in front of a preparatory school, and I met him casually, little realizing then how our lives were to be linked together some day. I saw him June day, eight years ago, at Trinity, and then three years ago in Pasadena, and yet he and I were very close to each other. One could not follow him, at times, when he was bitten drawn close to him, and then there have been many letters. Dr. Luther had a habit of adding on his personality to the written page and so our lives were woven together by many ties. In this case of a young, inexperienced man, endeavoring to take over the responsibilities of a veteran, old and tried in the service of the College. They were more perfect than the absolute trust and understanding that Dr. Luther gave me. In his later years, as well as in his early days and one-half years ago, he said to me, "If you're through, of course, that his health demanded it, and there was nothing I could do to help him, because of his unwillingness to allow me to assist him. He was to leave Trinity and California, largely so that the young alumni of Trinity would loom large. That he suffered was a matter of regret. The poignant part of it was the inner conflict that at the time we were often at our house in Hartford when I spoke of him. He was a tennis court on the hill at Naissance and there he had Father and Mother. He was a high school and college friend, and his lively interest in athletics and even differences with the president of the company's employees. I can relate no unusual experiences that made the members of the Faculty should turn a little from the daily routine of their duties for a few minutes of solitude to be more well befriended by our late ex-president, Dr. Luther, in this respect. To those of you who were personally, I believe Dr. Luther will be sorely missed, and your hearts will be a little gathered into sympathy for this College and its faculty, no matter what their condition, but your hearts will be gathered in a bond of brotherhood and sound-minded. Differences of opinions and every difference of the best of my belief never did mind that stage so often engaged in his co. He was indeed a true and dependable friend, and I can assure you that Luther's work in that respect.

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Dr. Luther on Education.

From the time of Dr. Luther’s inauguration he continually urged a program of education by which every man might fit himself for future work. He said, “From my point of view, culture is a valuable and desirable by-product of education, but education itself must properly intend to fit young people to take up and carry forward efficiently and successfully the work of the world. The faculties of most Eastern institutions of collegiate type are possessed with what seems to me an exaggerated notion of the value of what is called culture for culture’s sake. Meantime the great educational work of the country is falling more and more into the hands of the state universities where the theory which I hold is dominant, the young men and young women go with serious purpose to fit themselves for the duties of life and with definite plans for discharging those duties to the advantage of the communities in which they shall live. I think that these people are entirely right and that colleges in New England will have to adjust themselves to this more modern view of education or be content to play a minor part among the universities of the country.

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As it is now, the average educated man as he is called, cannot begin his work definitely until before he is twenty-seven or eight and is hardly self-sustaining before he is thirty. The average age for our graduates from Trinity has been twenty-two years and three months. Add three or four years of professional study to this and the statement just made is verified. I should like to see requirements so modified that students should enter college at an age of not more than seventeen and that their studies in college should take such professional trend that they might fairly expect to enter upon the practice of their several vocations as early as twenty-three or four.

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