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## DEATH OF PROFESSOR W. F. GILL CASTS GLOOM OVER COLLEGE COMMUNITY

*Head of Latin Department Dies at Watts Hospital After Short Illness*

### COLLEGE PAYS SIGNAL HONORS TO BELOVED TEACHER

Body Lay in State in E. Duke Building—Memorial Services Held in Craven Memorial Hall—Funeral at Henderson—Dr. Few's Eulogy

Professor William Francis Gill, head of the department of Latin, died at Watts Hospital last Thursday morning at 7:45 o'clock. Death followed an illness that began with a severe inflammation of the throat on the preceding Tuesday morning and later developed into quinsy and pneumonia. Although friends of the college community were acquainted with the seriousness of his illness and were prepared for the worst, his death came as a sudden shock to these friends as well as to those outside the immediate bounds of the college.

On Monday morning Professor Gill met his classes as usual. On the following morning, however, a bad throat required the attention of a physician, who at once ordered his removal to the hospital. Before an operation could be performed, quinsy, followed by rapid pneumonia, developed and furnished a complication that he was unable to resist.

The first tidings of his death reached the college community, in which both students and faculty held him in such great love and esteem, just as it was beginning the routine work of a new day. All college duties were immediately dispensed with in reverence and honor to the lamented professor. The college flag was lowered to half mast, arrangements were begun to have his body lie in state in the East Duke Building, and preparations undertaken to have the various college organizations take part in his funeral.

At 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon the body was brought to the East Duke Building where, surrounded by most beautiful floral decorations and guarded by groups of the students with whom Professor Gill had labored so tenderly, it lay in state until the following morning when it was carried to Henderson, Vance County, for interment.

Following regular chapel exercises on the same morning, at which it was announced that college work would again be suspended for the day, special memorial services were held for the deceased teacher. Promptly at 9:20 the college bell began tolling. At that time the funeral procession left the East Duke Building for the Craven Memorial Hall where these services were to be conducted. Professor W. W. Peele, head of the department of Biblical Literature, had charge of this last tribute and honor that the college community paid its late member. He was assisted by Dr. E. K. McLarty of Winston, who was a college mate of Professor Gill, and by Rev. H. M. North,

pastor of the Memorial Methodist Church, and by Dr. W. H. Pegram, head of the department of Chemistry. The hall was nearly filled with members of the college community and many friends from the city of Durham.

Immediately after these services the funeral procession, accompanied by practically the whole student body, left the campus for the Union Station where the remains were placed upon the 11:05 Seaboard train and taken to Henderson, the old home of the deceased, for burial. Numerous members of the faculty, representatives from the student body and the various college organizations of which he had been a member, quite a few members of the Durham commandery Knights Templar, of which he was the ranking officer, and several representatives from the blue lodge of Masons made the trip to Henderson and did final honor to their dead teacher, associate, and brother.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. A. Young, of Henderson, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment took place in the burial ground of his forefathers at Plank Chapel Methodist Church where Professor Gill retained his membership throughout his long stay in Durham, six miles from the

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### TRINITY PROFESSOR AIDS GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

PROF. E. C. BROOKS CONFERS WITH DR. P. P. CLAXTON AND MR. HERBERT HOOVER

At the request of Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, Prof. E. C. Brooks, head of the Department of Education here Trinity, will assist in the compiling of a series of monthly lessons dealing with "Community and National Life," which will be sent out by the government to the various elementary schools, grammar schools, and high schools throughout the entire country.

Prof. Brooks left Monday for Washington where he is now conferring with Dr. Claxton and Mr. Herbert Hoover, United States Food Administrator, who have direct and complete charge of the matter. The first lessons for the month of October have already been sent out, and it is the series for November upon which Prof. Brooks is now contributing his efforts. The series which will cover a considerable extent of time will form a part of the general educational campaign for efficiency and preparedness which the government is waging among its adherents.

E. C. Few, '17, pastor of the Methodist Church at Roanoke Rapids, spent several days of last week on the campus.

## ATHLETICS AT LAST COME TO LIFE AMONG STUDENTS

VARIOUS MANAGERS BEGIN WORK ON PLANS FOR SEASON

Class Basketball Practice Starts—Class and Varsity Tennis Tournaments Being Played—Plans for Class Relay and Track

### BASKETBALL

Although Earl Long and H. G. Edgerton are the only members of last year's basketball squad who are in college this year, the outlook for a team is very good. There are a number of Freshmen who are showing up well in practice. With this new material, good men can be found for practically all of the positions.

Director Card has arranged the schedule for gymnasium classes and the work was commenced Monday. The schedule has been arranged so that the gymnasium will be open for basketball practice from two to four o'clock on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from five to six o'clock every day. The class teams have already begun practice, but there will be no need of regular varsity practice for some time, because all of the men in college are eligible as members of the class teams. Manager E. M. Wannamaker is already at work and expects to arrange an attractive varsity schedule.

### TENNIS

The tennis season opened on last Monday with the qualification matches for places on the class teams. A large number of men came out for places. The playing was exceptionally good, and the indications are that Trinity will have some very spirited games in the near future. In the class finals F. C. Aldridge and R. A. Few succeeded in making the Junior team, and E. S. Hale and C. W. Hackney the Sophomore.

On Tuesday the varsity matches were held. There were four candidates for places. R. A. Few defeated F. C. Aldridge 3-2. W. E. Powell defeated C. L. Nichols 2-0. In the finals Powell defeated Few 2-0. The matches for second place will be held at a later date.

### TRACK

Owing to the unsettled state of athletics, none of the early track activities have as yet been started. Since the recent meeting of the Athletic Council, however, which resulted in the election of a track manager, arrangements have been made whereby the usual fall track work will be continued.

Manager R. H. Durham hopes to hold the inter-class relay as soon as the preliminary can be arranged and the teams sufficiently trained. The date for the preliminary has been set for Tuesday afternoon, November 30. Every student is urged to come out and participate in order to maintain the usual interest in this event. Further announcements will be made by the manager on the college bulletin board.

The manager has already been corresponding with the managers of several other colleges both in and out of the state. As yet no definite information has been given out by the Athletic Council,

## TRINITY STUDENTS WAGE PATRIOTIC CAMPAIGN FOR Y. M. C. A. AND LIBERTY LOAN

*Endeavor to Raise \$2000 for Army Y. M. C. A. and to Sell Liberty Bonds*

but Manager Durham hopes to arrange a series of intercollegiate meets for the spring.

The course English 14, Advanced Composition, has been changed by mutual agreement between the students and Dr. Ellis to include for the year the subject matter of English 4, American Literature. The composition feature will continue to be stressed, the themes being based for the most part upon the study and criticism of American poets, novelists and writers of the essay and short story, with some original work in the last two fields. The lectures and notations will cover the history of American literature. The new work is beginning this week.

Baseball Manager J. A. Bolich requests that every Freshman and Sophomore who wishes to try out for any assistant managerial position hand his name to either him or Prof. R. N. Wilson some time this week. Let all who are interested take note for this matter is one that demands prompt attention.

C. C. Blades E. S. Creadle, N. M. White, Charles Harris, J. A. Bolich, James Wooten, and John Burrus were Greensboro visitors last Saturday.

### FRESHMEN AND JUNIORS WIN IN CLASS GAMES OF WEEK

SOPHOMORES AND SENIORS HANDED STINGING DEFEAT BY VICTORIOUS TEAMS

	W.	L.	PCT.
Juniors	2	0	.1000
Freshmen	1	0	.1000
Sophomores	1	1	.500
Seniors	0	2	.000

### FRESHMAN vs. SOPHOMORES

The Freshmen defeated the Sophomores last Saturday afternoon on the Hanes Athletic Field in the third game of the Inter-class Series by a score of 18 to 3.

This game gave the College an idea of the freshman material, for those who saw the first year men slug the ball to all corners of the lot went away believing that some good players will be found among the new men.

Chapin with several extra base hits to his credit led members of both teams in stick work. The game abounded in errors especially on the part of the second year men and was absolutely devoid of fielding feature.

Batteries, Cole and Koppe, and Chapin, West and Carson.

### JUNIORS vs. SENIORS

In a very slow and unevenly matched game the Juniors defeated the Seniors by the score of 18 to 1 on Tuesday afternoon. The game was the second victory for the third-year men who as yet have not suffered a single defeat.

The third year men took the

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### MASS MEETING GETS TWO CAMPAIGNS WELL UNDER WAY

Work Now in Full Sway—Y. M. C. A. Campaign Closes Tonight, Sale of Liberty Bonds Tomorrow—Results To Be Announced Later.

Not content with having contributed many of its number to various branches of the service and having adopted military training as a part of the regular college work, the student body of Trinity College has now most clearly shown its patriotism and loyalty to the government by waging a joint Army Y. M. C. A. and Liberty Loan campaign on the campus. Trinity students, on their own initiative, and working through various committees composed of members from their own ranks, have undertaken to raise \$2,000 for the Army Y. M. C. A. and to sell Liberty Bonds to as many organizations and individuals as possible on the campus.

Preparatory to the opening of the Y. M. C. A. campaign, Mr. C. D. Kepler, Jr., connected with the Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Green, Charlotte, addressed a joint meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. last Wednesday evening on "The Work of the Army Y. M. C. A." Mr. G. F. Warner, secretary of the Durham Y. M. C. A., and L. L. Gobbel, president of the local association, also stressed the importance of the Y. M. C. A. work and briefly outlined the campaign that was to be waged at Trinity. The Liberty Loan campaign had its beginning last Friday night when a meeting of representatives of the various fraternities and organizations was called. H. P. Newman, of the Trinity Law School, who was the originator of the movement, was elected chairman of the assembled body and given charge of the campaign.

A mass meeting of the whole student body last Monday night launched the actual campaigns. At this meeting competent speakers made clear exactly how the two campaigns were to be waged and why Trinity students should contribute liberally to both causes.

Dr. W. H. Glasson, of the department of Economics, was the first speaker introduced by H. P. Newman, who served as chairman of the meeting. Dr. Glasson characterized a Liberty Bond as a voluntary loan to the government. He appealed to the patriotism of those present and then declared that, if not for patriotic reasons, because of its security, its non-taxability, its uniform value, and its tendency to cultivate thrift, students ought to purchase a bond as an investment.

Following Dr. Glasson's talk, Chairman Newman introduced L. L. Gobbel, president of the Y. M. C. A., who in a few words outlined the Y. M. C. A. campaign to be waged at Trinity. Thirty-five

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"Will you be more tender with your dollars than with your son?" has been answered most emphatically in the negative by Trinity within the last few days. The wonderful success which the Army Y. M. C. A. and Liberty Bond Campaigns have met, justified and proved the truth of this emphatic answer.

"War ain't what is used to be." In the good old times a man shouldered his rifle, marched away to the battlefield, and died for his country in heroic action. Nowadays a man straps on his rifle, gasmask and spade, halts twenty miles from the front, digs his grave, and waits for some shell to come at its own convenience and kill him.

## TRINITY'S LOSS

In the recent death of Professor W. F. Gill Trinity College and the college community suffered one of the greatest losses that it has experienced in its entire history. A man who always had the interest of the college, of every individual student of the college, at heart and who strove in his everyday life to lead every person with whom he came in contact in to higher and nobler channels of thought and action, that was Professor Gill, that was the man for whom Trinity College and every loyal son of Trinity throughout the entire world now mourns.

For nineteen long years Professor Gill was connected with, and for quite a few years head of, the Department of Latin. During all that time, in spite of ill-health and numerous discouragements, he labored unceasingly and unselfishly in the class room to instill in the students under him the high ideals and Christian principles which underlay his whole life and to kindle the dormant qualities in their minds with



PROF. W. F. GILL

sparks of his own exalted regard for scholarship. Ever ready to help, to explain, to counsel, he won the love and affection of every one who ever took any of his courses.

But not only was Professor Gill's influence noticeable upon those with whom he was associated in the classroom. He was interested in the student body as a whole and at the same time in every individual student. He belonged to numerous student organizations, mingled with the students, and was in reality one of them. This bond of intimacy made only the more excellent his opportunities to develop true, wholesome characters by means of his own personal life and conduct. For all those who needed it—even for animals—he always had sympathy, encouragement, a willing and helpful hand. In a true sense of the words he was everybody's friend.

For such a man then Trinity College mourns. His scholarship, his pure life and noble traits of character will be sorely missed in the college community and even outside in the city of Durham where many friends admired and loved him. His memory and the good which he accomplished will forever be held sacred by an undying institution.

## TRINITY MEN IN ARMS

The week-end visits on the campus of so many khaki-clad men recall but too vividly that man that Trinity is playing or soon will play in the great world war.

Not a week passes but that "Tom, Dick or Harry" as you used to know him, comes back to his old Alma Mater as Lieutenant or Captain "Smith, Jones, or Brown." The nickname, the happy-go-lucky spirit, the sporty clothes and the cane have disappeared, and with their disappearance have come the officers' title, the set jaw, the khaki, and the sword. The good fellow, the brilliant student, the leader in college activities, the sport, the old chum that you knew last year has been transformed into the man, soldier-ready to go, ready to do, ready to die. Suddenly as has the transformation been, it has been complete in every way.

In this transformation Trinity along with all other colleges, looks upon her sons with pride and reverence. They represent her contribution to democracy, her challenge to Prussianism, its influence and evils.

The Army Y. M. C. A. and Liberty Loan Campaigns as undertaken by the student body serve to furnish evidence of the strong yet tender feeling of the college

toward her sons. Not "You're Helping a Fighter Fight" but "You May Be Helping a Trinity Man Fight" is the thought that accounts for the wonderful success of both these campaigns on the campus.

With outstretched arms Trinity welcomes every soldier-visitor. To those who are soldiers but whom duty keeps from being visitors likewise, the College sends hearty greetings and the assurance of eternal remembrance.

## TRINITY STUDENTS WAGE PATRIOTIC CAMPAIGNS (Continued from Page 1)

million dollars are to be raised by the country at large and of this amount one million is to be raised by the colleges. Trinity's share is two thousand dollars.

Mr. G. F. Warner secretary of the city association, was the next speaker on the program. Mr. Warner briefly described the work being done by the Y. M. C. A. both here at our national cantonments and abroad in the trenches. He sought to bring home a realization of the awful conditions to be met with in the army and of the necessity of making sacrifices to make the work of the Y. M. C. A. successful.

Captain C. R. Bagley, a former student and instructor here at Trinity, followed Mr. Warner. In a simple and straightforward manner he impressed his hearers with the worthiness of the cause. He laid great stress on the personal responsibility of his audience to do their part in providing for the amusement and recreation of their friends who are already in the camps. "It is your friends," he concluded, "who will get the benefit of the \$2,000, and it is the smallest thing we can do to uphold those who are willing to give up their lives to make the world a better place to live in."

Dr. Few then expressed his faith and co-operation in the work and urged the hearty support of all the students.

The two campaigns have been waged most vigorously since their launching. The one conducted for the Army Y. M. C. A. will end tonight, while the sale of Liberty Bonds will continue through Thursday. Both campaigns have been meeting with wonderful success, but as their results are yet incomplete, definite figures and names cannot be given until the next issue of the Chronicle.

## FRESHMAN AND JUNIORS WIN IN CLASS GAMES (Continued from Page 1)

lead in the first frame when Jerome laced out a single over short stop, stole second and score on Wannamaker's double. Carver followed with another double-sacker, scoring Wannamaker; Edens walked, and both scored on Mallard's single. The Seniors were unable to resist the strong batting order presented by the Juniors, and throughout the game the pill was hammered to the four corners of the lot.

The Seniors scored in the second inning when Saunders walked, advanced to second, stole third, and scored on a wild throw. After the second inning they were unable to connect with Mallard's twisters. Bolich's double was the only safety secured by the Seniors during the entire game.

The pitching of Mallard, who struck out ten men and allowed only one hit, furnished one of the chief features of the game. The stick work of Jerome, Carver, Edens, Thompson, and Few played

an important part in the heavy scoring of the Juniors.

The game was called in the midst of the seventh frame when darkness prevented further play.

Score by innings:

	R	H	E
J.	5	13	0
T.	3	2	5
—	18	11	1
S.	0	1	0
—	0	0	0
—	1	1	9

Batteries, Mallard and Thompson; Bolich and Wiggins.

First Lieutenant W. J. Rothenbies, '17, and Second Lieutenants W. J. Smoot, '17, Banks Arendell, '17, Frank McNeill, ex-'18, and E. S. Savage, a member of last year's Law School, all stationed at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., have been recent visitors on the campus.

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## DEATH OF PROF. GILL CASTS GLOOM OVER COMMUNITY (Continued from Page 1)

town of Henderson. The pall  
bearers on this occasion were all  
taken from the older members of  
the faculty who had been longest  
associated with the late Professor  
here at Trinity. They were Pro-  
fessors A. M. Gates, J. J. Wolfe,  
W. W. Card, A. M. Webb, J. P.  
Breedlove, W. K. Boyd, C. W.  
Edwards, and W. I. Cranford.

William Francis Gill was born  
in Vance County in 1874 and fol-  
lowing preparation in the high  
schools of that county, he entered  
Trinity College in 1890 and gradu-  
ated four years later with the  
degree of Bachelor of Arts. Throughout the years 1894 to  
1897 inclusive he pursued special  
work in John Hopkins University.  
In the fall of the next year he en-  
tered upon his work as professor  
of Latin at Trinity College in  
which position his services have  
been continuous during the past  
nineteen years. During this long  
period he has been intimately as-  
sociated with and become the  
friend and adviser of hundreds of  
students. He has served as a  
member of several important com-  
mittees of the faculty and had  
practically entire oversight of  
the military training at the col-  
lege last year.

Not only did Professor Gill  
play an important part in the  
workings of the college, but he  
was also actively identified with  
many phases of various student  
activities. He was a member of  
the Kappa Sigma fraternity, the  
9019, and one of the founders of  
the Classical Club. On account  
of such popularity with the stu-  
dents and keen interest in all that  
worked for the betterment and up-  
building of the college, his death  
brought doubly strong grief to the  
community in which he had la-  
bored for the greater part of his  
life.

The dense gloom that his death  
spread over the entire college com-  
munity, the marks of respect show-  
ed by the student body, and the  
beautiful floral offerings all testi-  
fied to the popularity of Professor  
Gill, to the noble life that he lived,  
and to the warm place of affection  
that he occupied in the heart of  
every student. Most true in its  
import and best fitted to the man  
to which it applied was the final  
tribute paid to the late professor  
by President W. P. Few in his  
short eulogy delivered at the  
memorial service Friday morn-

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ing. President Few spoke as fol-  
lows:

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cult task of becoming for a brief  
moment a voice for the feelings  
which we all share concerning our  
departed friend, two words come  
into my mind—gentleman and  
scholar—words that used to be  
often on men's lips than they  
are today and words which, in the  
fulness of their meaning, stand  
for the highest attainment possi-  
ble to an academic career. And  
these two words are preeminently  
fit to characterize Professor Gill's  
career; for he was, we all know,  
both a scholar and a gentleman.

"Professor Gill seems to have  
realized early in life that he was  
destined for a scholar's career.  
And it is rare for anybody ever  
to become a scholar unless he be-  
gins early, for art is long and  
time is fleeting. It signifies seri-  
ousness of purpose and solidity of  
character for a boy to set as the  
goal of his living the scholar's life-  
long search for truth and rever-  
ence for facts, which, rightly un-  
derstood, are but the phenomena  
of truth. He must put aside ease  
and acquiescence. He must early  
"learn to scorn delights and live  
laborious days." Professor Gill  
began early and remained a schol-  
ar to the end; and if his output  
in productive scholarship was not  
in proportion to his ability, it was  
due to ill health and absorption in  
the soul-consuming tasks of teach-  
ing. For, despite uncertain health  
and all the discouragements that  
are everywhere incident to the  
pursuit of an ideal, Professor  
Gill was a devoted teacher down  
to the very last. I have heard  
that his father again and again  
offered to give him more than the  
salary he received for teaching if  
he would quit and set about the  
task of rebuilding his broken  
health. But his was a labor of  
love that he could not abandon.  
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rewarded by the love and grati-  
tude of the great Trinity family  
the world over. And they will  
always think of him as of the  
teacher who has taught hosts of  
pupils to welcome honest work in  
whatever degree of excellence and  
of the friend who never failed to  
help and encourage even the  
humblest of his fellows.

"Professor Gill was a gentle-  
man, and this means more than  
fine manners or some hard finish  
of outward polish. It was the  
beautiful emanation of an inner  
self-hood. It was high-erected  
thoughts seated in a heart of cour-  
tesy. He had as the very essence  
of his personality something of  
that fineness of the clay which is  
an essential part of the spiritual  
constitution of every gentle man  
and gentle woman.

"This fineness of soul ran itself  
out at the man's finger tips, in his  
work and in his play. It was  
evidenced, for example, in his  
sympathy and tenderness for all  
kinds of animals. The last time  
I ever saw Professor Gill he was  
leading a highbred young horse.  
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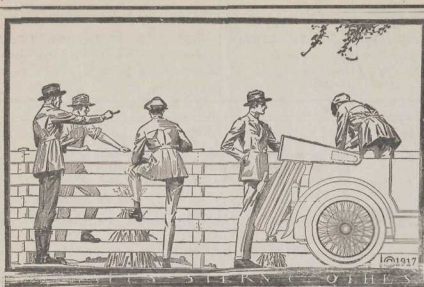


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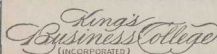
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### DEATH OF PROF. GILL CASTS GLOOM OVER COMMUNITY (Continued from Page 3)

She was running and kicking, and I feared for my friend's safety and my own. But he seemed to have an understanding with the horse. Their spirits were akin, for they felt alike the universe their home, and they were alike at home in their common world.

"A cynic has said that no man can be a hero to his valet. If true, this would mean that a constant witness to the commonplace uses of the body can never see at such close range the heroic proportions in any man however great he may be. Not so with Professor Gill. Those who knew him best loved him most. The long attachments between Brack, as we call him, and his dead patron and friend are a tribute to the character of them both.

"He loved little children. Without any of his own and untouched in his personal experience by this tenderest of all life's appeals to a man's fainting heart, Professor Gill understood children and drew them to him because he, like them, lived in a world of simple sincerity and elemental truth.

"Professor Gill, like every other fine-souled man, had the chivalric ideal of women. I think that every young woman who has known him has instinctively felt this in him and has been touched to fineness by it. To keep oneself unspotted from the world and to have all the time white hands that are free from any complacence—this is the flower of knighthood. But it is not an accident. It is born of the travail of the soul. You may be sure your white-souled man has spent sleepless nights dreaming of romantic ideals and has wept at the grave of buried hopes.

"Professor Gill had a rare gift for friendship. Men loved him because he first loved them. Since his death I have heard a typical story that explains it all. On another sad occasion like this one today, some one expressed to him the regret that he was not able to send flowers for the grave of a dead friend. It later developed that Professor Gill sent the flowers and in the name of the one who had been so anxious and yet unable to do the thing his heart prompted.

"The loss of such a man is great. But it is not all loss. 'And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.' So too, I think, the influence of every good man becomes freer and more unhindered when he himself has gone. Then, too, Professor Gill had the good fortune to ally his transitory life with a great and undying institution that will keep his memory alive long after he has ceased to live and work.

"My dear aged friend," concluded Dr. Few, turning to the father of the dead Professor, "that sits here in sorrow this morning, having given such a son to the world, I think can never feel that he has lived in vain. In the gratitude of his heart surely he can go softly all his years. And in return for your rich gift to us we tender back to you now the great memories of a true and a faithful man."

Manly Fuller, of Whiteville, N. C., was initiated into the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity last Friday night.

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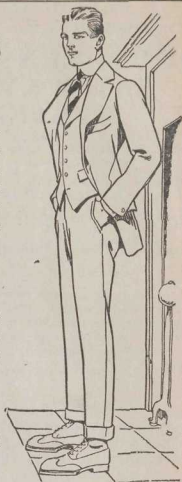
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