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ROBERT A. SMYTH.



November 27th, 1890.

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We are about to edit a magazine in the interests of the

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Yours, in the bonds of P. K. A.,

ROBERT A. SMYTH,

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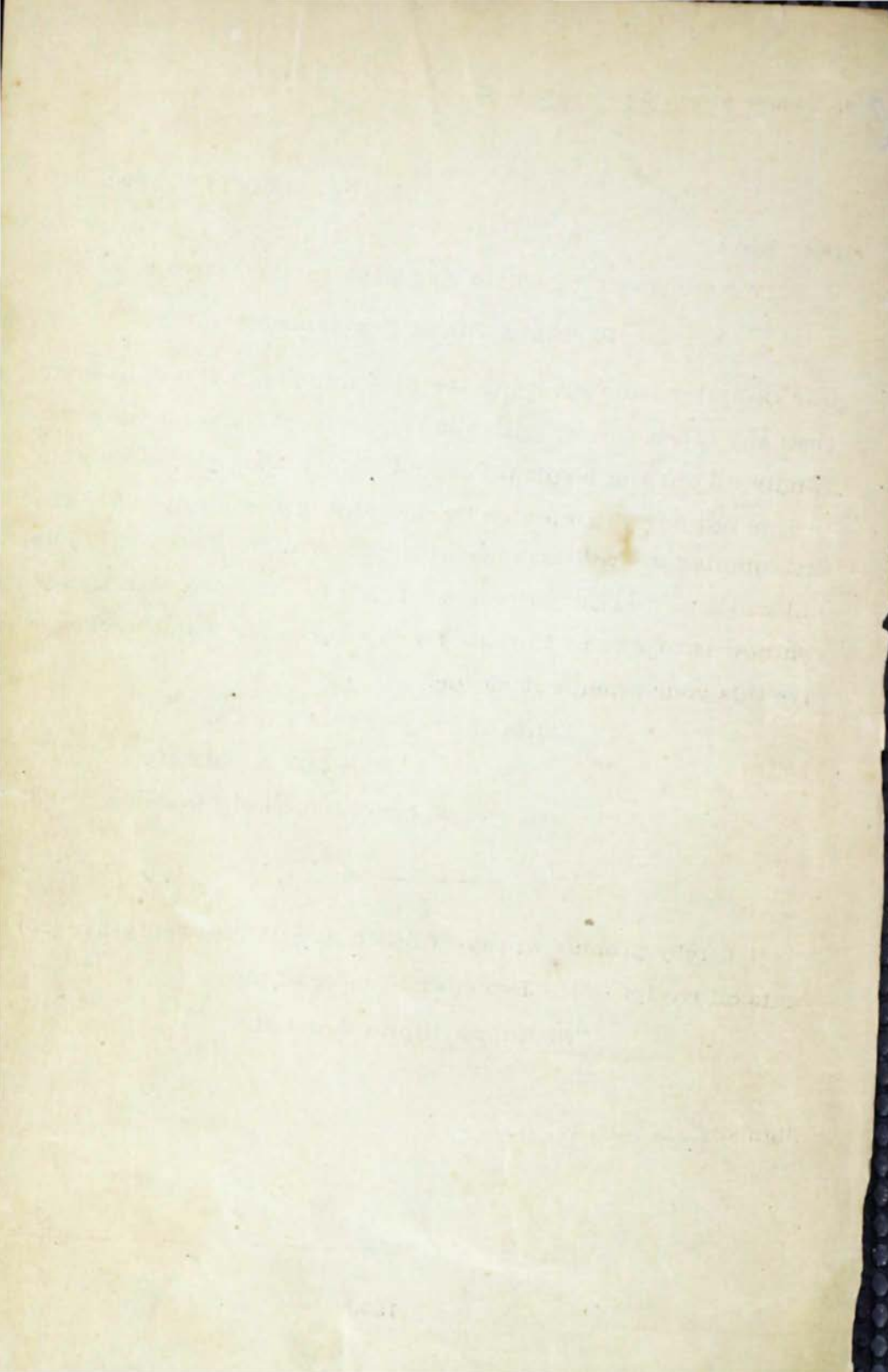
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## MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION.

Held at Hampden Sidney, Va., December 20th to 23d, 1889.

The convention was called to order by Bro. T. H. Rice, Jr., (W. H. M. of "A" Chapter.) The following delegates were present:

T. H. Rice, Jr., of Alpha, R. E. Moore, H. B. Arbuckle and A. S. Higginbotham of Iota, and J. S. Foster of Theta.

The remaining Brothers of Iota were invited to take part in the deliberations of the Convention.

J. S. Foster was appointed Recording Scribe, pro. tem. Balloting for W. H. M. was next in order. Bro. Palmer, of I, was appointed to collect same. Bro. Rice was elected permanent W. H. M., and H. B. Arbuckle, elected W. M., of the Convention. The W. H. M. then appointed Bro. R. E. Moore, C, and J. S. Foster, R. S.

R. E. Moore moved that the Convention empower the W. H. M. to make an address stating the main object of the meeting. This motion was carried and the address made.

Communication from Chapters was next in order. The reports were as follows:

*Alpha* reports ten (10) men namely: J. K. Fishburne, E. W. Robertson, S. K. Powell, W. W. Daggett, J. R. Harrison, J. T. McAllister, F. M. Magruder, T. N. Reade, P. H. Grinn and T. H. Rice, Jr.

The situation of "A" Chapter is different from that of any other Chapter of the Fraternity.

Regarded merely as a Chapter, she is strong and vigorous; but on account of her environments, she is in no condition to govern the Fraternity at large. Political honors are mostly sought after in the University and all her energies are devoted to this object. She is acknowledged to be the strongest Fraternity in the College. Her members are in the Jefferson Library Society.

*Iota* reported thus. She had fifteen (15) men, viz: F. E. Robbins, H. B. Arbuckle, J. A. Arbuckle, J. K. Hill, A. S. Higginbotham, R. R. Jones, R. L. Telford, R. E. Moore, G.

A. Alexander, F. D. Thomas, W. C. Buchanan, W. T. Walker, Jr., S. M. Engle, W. T. Palmer and F. M. Robbins. She started with eleven (11) men and the following year ran the number up to twelve (12). Never had to expel a man, or have one resign. Commenced this session with three (3) members in the College. Now have eight. Have taken as many honors as any Fraternity in the College.

*Theta* reports only one (1) man at the beginning of the session. Three members initiated this year, 1889, viz: R. O. Flynn, J. L. Stubblefield and G. W. Syper. She still holds her place amongst the Fraternities of the College. Bro. Hill, of "I," read a letter from one of *Lambda's* men. She reports eight (8) worthy men, viz: Robert A. Smyth, Walter M. Smith, Fingal C. Black, W. W. Stewart, A. S. Manning, T. W. Bethea, B. W. Andrews and J. P. Thomas. She has taken many honors and her men have held high positions as officers.

Bro. Arbuckle reported that Bro. Smyth had been telegraphed and would come if possible. He also stated that "K" had been telegraphed, but no answer had been received. After these reports Bro. Palmer, Moore and Arbuckle were appointed to arrange a programme and submitted the following.

#### FOR SATURDAY, December 21st, 1889.

##### MORNING SESSION.

9—12 A. M . . . . . Discussion of Constitution.

##### ANTERNOON SESSION.

3—4.30 P. M . . . . . Extension of Fraternity.

##### NIGHT SESSION.

9.30—11.30 P. M . . . . . Badges Regalia, etc.

#### FOR MONDAY, December 23rd, 1889.

##### MORNING SESSION.

9—12 A. M . . . . . Devoted to Constitution.

##### AFTERNOON SESSION.

3—5 P. M . . . Determine time, etc., of next Convention.

##### NIGHT SESSION.

9.30—11.30 P. M . . . . . Grand Supper.



**SECOND DAY.**

SATURDAY MORNING, December 21st, 1889.

Convention called to order at 9 A. M., by the W. H. M. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and after some correction adopted. The morning was devoted to the discussion of the Constitution, in reference to the form of Government. Bro. Arbuckle read the minutes of a Convention held in 1874, showing that it had amended and totally revised the Constitution.

Moved and carried that a section entitled "Fraternities in General," in Baird's manual be read for the benefit of the Convention. Bro. Rice then read the section referred to. The subject of the "Form of Government" was fully discussed. Moved and carried that a Committee of three (3) be appointed, one of the Committee to be the W. H. M., to draw up and submit to the Convention, in the evening, a Form of Government. The Committee appointed consisted of Rice, Moore and Arbuckle. Moved and carried to adjourn until 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION 3—4 P. M.

Called to order by Bro. Rice. Time devoted to discussion of formation of Chapters. Waco, Texas, was suggested a proper place for an alumnus Chapter, there being five (5) of Theta's men there. Bro. Rice suggested that men be sent to visit colleges in regards to Chapters. Robert A. Smyth, of Lambda, telegraphed. "No holiday given us. Impossible to come. Act for us in everything." Moved and carried to adjourn.

NIGHT SESSION, 9—11 P. M.

This session was devoted to the discussion of Badges, etc., and much was said pro and con.

**THIRD DAY, December 23rd, 1889.**

MORNING SESSION.

Moved and carried that the work of the morning be postponed till evening.

EVENING SESSION, 3—5 P. M.

The Committee made their report on the Form of Government which was accepted. The following sections, conflicting with the adopted form, were, on motion, stricken out.



Article IX, Section 6, Article X, Section 2, Article XI, Sections 2, 3 and 5.

Article XI, Section 1, was changed to the following:—  
 "Each member shall pay to the F. S., an initiation fee of . . dollars, and after the first year a monthly due of . . dollars. Above amounts to be decided by the Chapters."

Article XII was replaced by Article I, of new Form of Government. Article XIV and the rest were changed to harmonize with those of the new.

The Convention then thanked the Brothers of "Iota" for their hospitality.

Moved and carried that the W. H. M. make a farewell address.

It was decided that the next Convention meet in Richmond, Va., during Christmas week 1890, the time, etc., to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

THERON H. RICE, JR., W. H. M.  
 J. S. FOSTER, R. S.

## THE ADOPTED CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION

on the point of Form of Government.

### ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. In the main, all legislative functions shall be vested in its Conventions.

SEC. 2. In cases, however, of emergency, any point of legislation may be decided by vote of the separate Chapters at the suggestion of the Council. In such special cases a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote shall be necessary to cast the vote of any Chapter in favor of, or against any measure. In case of a Convention, or otherwise, the consent of two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the Chapters in existence shall be necessary to alter the Constitution.

SEC. 3. Each Convention shall fix the time and place of the next Convention.

SEC. 4. Each Chapter may send as many delegates as desired. But each Chapter is entitled to but one vote, cast by the chairman of the delegation.

SEC. 5. The "Executive Council" shall prepare a suitable programme for each Convention assigning topics, etc.

## ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The administrative functions of this Fraternity shall be vested in an "Executive Council."

SEC. 2. This council shall consist of one representation chosen annually by each Chapter, from its active membership and one chosen annually from its body of alumni.

SEC. 3. These members, active and alumni, of the "Executive Council," may be re-elected as often as expedient.

SEC. 4. These representatives shall elect their ablest Executive member as presiding and administrative officer of the "Council." His title shall be "Councilor Princeps." In general, in election of "C. P." the preference shall be given to alumni members. The "Council" shall also have the power to elect such other officers, and appoint such committees as it deems best, and shall adopt such methods of working as shall be best suited to its wants, governed always by the Constitution of the Fraternity.

## ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The functions of this Council shall be purely administrative, legislative functions being vested in the Chapters, either in Convention assembled or acting as otherwise provided for in Article I, Section 2.

SEC. 2. The specific functions shall be as follows. It shall supervise all outer communication, by correspondence or otherwise, between the several Chapters and between the Fraternity and outside parties.

SEC. 3. It shall receive, at stated intervals, reports from the Chapters and preserve them in permanent form. It shall thus be the depository of all information concerning the Fraternity and shall faithfully distribute the same to each Chapter.

SEC. 4. It shall use every effort to plant the Fraternity in Institutions of acknowledged standing in the South; it shall have power to grant and withdraw charters.

SEC. 5. It shall be the custodian of all property belonging to the Fraternity at large. It shall administer all finances of the Fraternity at large; collecting the annual assessments (by means of a Treasurer) and making such special calls on the Fraternity as may be demanded by emergencies.

SEC. 6. The "Executive Council" shall issue the annual pass-word to the Chapters through the Councilor Princeps. It shall issue the official call for each Convention and have charge of all preliminary arrangements.



SEC. 7. The Council, (by means of its Secretary) shall report to the Chapters, by means of an annual message, the results of its work and the status of the order, at each Convention and shall present a comprehensive survey of the administration from the time of the last Convention.

#### ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The W. H. M. of each Chapter shall, at the expiration of his official term, send a full report of the work and condition of his Chapter to the Councilor Princeps. Said reports to contain the names of all men voted on and rejected, of all men accepted but who have not been secured.

SEC. 2. The F. S. of each Chapter shall remit \$10.00, by the 1st of October of each year, to the Treasurer of the Council, (as in the old Constitution) all alumni, not affiliating with any Chapter, shall be taxed \$3.00 per year.

SEC. 3. At the first meeting in January of each year, each Chapter shall elect its representatives, active and and alumnus, on the Executive Council and forward the names to the C. P.

The officers of the Council, governing the Fraternity are:

THERON H. RICE, Jr., C. P.

H. B. ARBUCKLE, Secretary,

ROBERT A. SMYTH, Treasurer.

#### TO OUR ALUMNI.

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 5th, 1890.

MY DEAR PI BROTHERS:

I have been asked to contribute a letter to this first issue of the "Pi Kappa Alpha Journal," and I avail myself of the privilege of addressing my brothers everywhere on a subject that lies near to the interests of this Journal and near to the interests of our Fraternity—it is one that lies near to my heart.

Four years ago—from '86-'87, I devoted a great deal of my time and energy to a fraternity enterprise which finally proved abortive—The P.K.A. Index. It was with reluctance that those of us who were actively engaged in that labor of love gave it up, because we failed to meet with the encouragement that we needed, and, I think, truly merited from our alumni brethren. Many of you may remember the



ardent and urgent letters that we wrote to you personally at that time, to too many of which we, alas! received no reply at all. Since then I have been an alumnus myself for three years, and so I speak as alumnus to alumni, though my remarks will, I hope, deserve the attention of active members as well; for sooner or later they, too, must leave the Chapter hall where heart throbs in unison with heart by force of proximity, and take their rank among the retired veterans. Is this figure happily chosen or not? If we understand by "retired veteran," one who, having served his time, retires to private life and, "letting the dead past bury its dead," strives to forget the joys as well as trials, the friends as well as foes of those lively days of active service, and even ceases to interest himself with the affairs of the government for which he has toiled and whose rewards he has enjoyed—if this is meant then I abandon my figure. But is not a veteran, one who having done his duty *faithfully* and having become saturated with devotion to his country is honorably retired, but still *truly* loves his country and his former mates as well as, for their sakes, all who subsequently enlist, and who is ever ready "to start at honor's call," and again temporarily enter the ranks? Are we not such veterans, Brother Alumnus, *mutatis mutandis*? I believe so.

The question that confronts the fraternity man when he finally quits college is "shall he maintain an active interest, a correspondence, a living connection with his Fraternity, or shall he regard it as he does his connection with the College nine or foot-ball team as a thing of the past, to be severed in the same way?" They are called "College Fraternities;" Is one's connection with them, one's interest in them to end when the "halcyon happy days" of college life are gone? Some seem to so think; I do not. There are strong reasons to my mind why our Fraternity interest should not end with our active connection with our chapter. Whatever we may say of fraternities in general or of the fraternity principle theoretically, all Pi's must acknowledge that Piism, so to speak, is adapted to *symmetrically* develop the manhood of those who are nourished at her fountains. I for one, owe to P. K. A. and to my brothers with whom I was actively associated, a lasting debt of gratitude for the wholesome influences so kindly and pleasantly exerted over and around me, at that period which with even the most mature man, is the really formative period of his life from which his whole future takes its trend. I am ready to grant that

any fraternity may become a power for evil, by getting into the hands of bad men, even in direct opposition to principles it may be the purest, I make no exception of ours. It is more to my purpose for you to consider seriously this very possibility of your chapter getting into the hands of bad men, and becoming a means for evil and a disgrace to the fraternity at large. Were our principles of election with absolute inflexibility carried out the danger would not exist in any great degree. But young inexperienced collegians *may* be lacking in due conservatism and caution. It is the alumni of a chapter who are its truly conservative element. And so if we want our chapter to always remain a power for good among future generations of collegians nourished by our *Alma Mater*, if we want it to remain an honor to us and to our Fraternity, we *must*—there is no escape as a matter of conscience—take a more or less active interest in living connection with and jealous supervision over our chapter. This much presupposes a lively interest in the fraternity at large. And are we not to maintain this? We have sincerely espoused those principles; we recognize their potency for character formation as well as for adding a charm to the homeless life of the college-boy; we feel that they have done us good. Then the natural and practical conclusion must be that they should be disseminated, the sphere of their influence extended till the network includes every institution of required standard. It involves too sending first-class men to college, properly instructed to become Pi's and nothing but Pi's. It involves moreover a care that chapters which are becoming disreputable be purified or else "dechartered."

I repeat, the alumni are the conservative element of a fraternity; the reserve energy, too. A fire that is kept up by replacing old fuel all the time by new, will never become very hot. An army constituted and kept up, from three-month recruits will never do much effective service. We should at least be as storage batteries to keep the machinery up to the required maximum of efficiency.

A good thing ought to be fostered, developed and improved whether it be a rose-bush or fruit-tree, a discovery or science, a denomination, party or society. There is no need to go into the fraternity argument here—may do this at a future time—we know that our Fraternity is a good thing; it behooves us consequently to preserve our interest in it.

There is another point of view from which to look at this question, that is of a more selfish nature. That is the



point of *influence*. By maintaining an active interest in our Fraternity our sphere of influence is enlarged sometimes much to our own advantage, at others ennobling us to be of material service to a brother Pi. I have myself experienced very decidedly the advantages of this, and have, I hope, enabled others to experience the same to some extent.

From two points of view then, it is important that we keep alive the interest in our chapter and Fraternity, the glowing embers of friendship and all the nobler virtues with which we left College. The next point is, how is it to be done? Only a suggestion or two need be given.

1. By showing a cheerful interest in Pi's *personally* wherever met up with.

2. By availing ourselves of *every opportunity* to attend a chapter-meeting or convention.

3. By *forming*, when possible, *Alumni chapters*.

4. By some *financial consideration* occasionally, for a banquet or convention, or to forward some plan of the Fraternity.

5. By being on the *alert* for *good men* in colleges where we have no chapter, through whom to organize, and by sending good men *properly instructed* to colleges where there are chapters.

6. By *contributing* when asked such *material* and information as is needed for catalogues and other publications.

7. By *cordially subscribing* for *all* these *publications*. There will never be any large number. It was failure in the last two particulars, especially the 6th, that made "The Index" fail.

I have written in haste and these have been rambling remarks, I could easily extend them, now that I have gotten into the subject, and by re-writing, I could unify and compact them all much more; but I did not set out to write an essay but a letter, and Prof. Hill of Harvard, says, a letter should be devoid of anything like labored logical sequence and accuracy. I have written about as I thought, and my whole object will be gained if I succeed in getting my brothers to weigh this matter and after due deliberation to resolve in the future to be Pi's. I hope this Journal will be a success, though I knew nothing of it till a couple of days ago, when asked to subscribe to this number and also to contribute to it. I hope that our dear old Fraternity which has been through so much tribulation and lost so many of her children, may yet come out like Job, and be blessed with great substance and with daughters fairer than any others in this land. But as a parting word I say that



just as I have observed that the most flourishing fraternities have drawn their strength from their Alumni, so ours must, if it ever secures a similar footing, be steadily pushed by us from the rear, while our active brothers are pulling in front. Certainly she deserves to live as surely as any other could. Then rouse ye Grecians, buckle on your armor and present a solid phalanx against any further misfortunes that may threaten P. K. A., yes, help her on to a glorious triumph!

D. J. BRIMM.

#### WHAT SOME OF THE ALUMNI ARE DOING.

—Bro. W. M. Smith is in Chattanooga, Tenn., where, as a civil engineer, he has won great praise.

—Bro. H. B. Arbuckle is a professor in the Buena Vista Normal College and is quite a favorite with both scholars and professors.

—Bro. F. E. Robbins is a professor in the Southern Female College in Petersburg Va. and is also a great favorite.

—Embry M. Holmes is editor of the "*Kansas City Times*."

—Julien A. Hall is First Assistant Engineer of the Richmond & Danville Railroad.

—Theron H. Rice is studying for the ministry, at Hampden-Sidney College.

—T. W. Bethea (of Lambda) will be manager of the shipping department of the Marion Lumber Company.

—We believe that Charles J. Epps is studying for the ministry.

—D. A. Blackburn is a student at the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C.

—F. W. Latta is with Brooks, Neely & Co., Memphis, Tenn.

—M. H. Hunt has charge of a department of the C. R. Ryan Grocery Co., of Memphis Tenn.

—R. F. Craig is a Lawyer in Chattanooga Tenn. and is doing himself great justice.

—We believe that Robt. Whittet, Jr. is one of the firm of a large printing company in Richmond Va.

—D. J. Binmm, is a student in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C.

—R. O. Flynn is with Winn, Johnson & Co., Macon, Ga.

—H. R. Dillon is in the National Exchange Bank in Lexington Ky.

—Oscar Swineford is in the insurance business in Richmond.

—T. H. Scovell is in a large cotton house in Shreveport, La.

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CHARLESTON, S. C., December 13, 1890.

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## EDITORIAL.

It is with pleasure we hand you this, our first number of the JOURNAL, and also with pride, for it is what we have been working to do for years. We are indebted to the Chapters for their promptness in sending the letters asked for. Our Alumni were also very obliging, and we herewith give them our hearty thanks. We ask all those who have not yet done so, to send the 25 cents promised, by *postal note*, and not by stamps. You will please notice this. In our next number we hope to have letters from more of the Alumni, and would be glad if more of them would write for us. Cannot you give us a letter for the next number?

Without a *Magazine* we cannot expect to accomplish anything, and without *support* we cannot have a Magazine. Not only do we want *money*, but we want *letters from our Alumni* to publish. Red-hot Fraternity letters. Surely our Alumni will do this. We only ask a little amount for our Magazine, and cannot but expect all our Alumni to subscribe. All letters will be welcomed for No. 2. Let us have them by January 20th, 1891. Will our Alumni who cannot write a letter answer the four following questions, so that our personal news and records may be complete?

1. What is your occupation at present?
2. Are you married?
3. What Chapter did you belong to?
4. In what year did you graduate?



Kindly answer these at once. You can do so by "numbers" on a postal. For instance:

1. Farmer.
2. Yes.
3. Theta.
4. 1880.

Then sign your name and *full address*, and send it to the Editor.

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#### EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER FROM AN ALUMNI.

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RICHMOND VA., Dec. 1st, 1890.

*My Dear Bro:*—Feeling a most hearty interest in anything which may serve to promote the welfare of P. K. A., I am willing to co-operate with you and the other Brothers in this or any other scheme which has that end in view. Such a publication, as a Fraternity magazine, is a means of binding the different Chapters unto one harmoniously whole. It is something which we have long needed. A medium by means of which we become better acquainted with each other and without whose aid our purposes must always be partially frustrated.

We, as members of an organization whose prime object is to promote mutual good fellowship, are not so well known to each other as we would be beneficial to us. By the individual wishing of our brothers we may judge their characters and learn to appreciate their merits. I think *every* member, (both active and alumnus) should regard it as his *sacred duty* to further the interests of this Fraternity by *subscribing* to our magazine and also *write for it* whenever he can say anything which will be of interest to the Brothers. It is my desire that we may meet with the *hearty co-operation of our alumni*. I hope soon to meet our men on the pages of the Journal.

Yours in the bonds,

CHARLES B. MOORE.

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Right you are Bro Moore, what we need is the help of our alumni, particularly in the forming of chapters. They can, on account of being to a certain extent more at freedom to come and go, give us the greatest help. They ought, as you say to write for the journal and help us to have interesting

matter for our readers. I fully agree with him also in regards to the importance of a magazine which however cannot be kept up without the help and support of the alumni. We want only enough money to pay expenses and think all the alumni should answer the call for the modest amount asked for.

THE EDITOR.

**THIS SHOWS WHAT OUR ALUMNI ARE WILLING TO DO.**

SHREVEPORT, LA., Dec 2d, 1890.

*Robt. A. Smyth*—MY DEAR BRO.: I inclose \$3.00 for my yearly dues; would have done so sooner, but my firms house was burnt and so have not been able to do so. When you decide the amount of your yearly subscription, put my name on your list and send me amount I owe and I will remit it to you promptly.

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If our Fraternity *has*, or is likely to *have*, anything in view which will require *money*, I would be pleased to be notified of the same, and *will contribute my share*.

Yours in the bonds,

TILEY H. SCOVELL.

**REPORT OF FUNDS IN PI KAPPA ALPHA TREASURY.**

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By Chapter dues . . . . .	\$20 00
By Alumni dues . . . . .	35 25

Total to date . . . . .	\$55 25
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DR.

Blank Books, Paper, etc . . . . .	\$ 1 50
Stamps . . . . .	4 05
Charters . . . . .	12 00
Discount on Checks . . . . .	40

\$17 95—

Amount in Treasury . . . . .	\$37 30
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ROBERT A. SMYTH,

December 3d, 1890.

*Treasurer.*

I have received three reports in full, of money in Treasury, from the Treasurer.

THERON H. RICE, JR., C. P.



## LETTER FROM LAMBDA.

"CITADEL," }  
 CHARLESTON, S. C., December 2nd, 1890. }

*My Dear Brothers:*

I had intended to write a full sketch of our Chapter for the first number of the Journal, but will only be able to say a few words thereon, as I have not had time to do more.

Lambda Chapter was established by W. M. Smith and Robert A. Smyth, February 11th, 1889. A room in Bro. Smyth's house was then used as our Hall and many a pleasant meeting had we there. We initiated the following Brothers during the year, besides the founders:

Charles J. Epps, Fingal C. Black, Austin S. Manning, Bert. W. Andrews, Wm. A. Stribling, W. W. Stewart, A. C. Caldwell and Tristram W. Bethea.

We then hired a large hall in the Irish Volunteer Armory where we initiated, John P. Thomas and James R. Verdier.

The "Board of Visitors," who govern the Military Academy where our Chapter was established, have made such laws that unless a man breaks his word of honor he cannot "join, or have active interest with any secret organization or Fraternity." We therefore decided that we could not honorably and therefore not at all, hold meetings or be actively engaged in Fraternity work.

Our hearts are over burdened with grief at the dismemberment of our Chapter but it could not be otherwise, and to-day, as far as active work is concerned, Lambda Chapter is no more. But the six Cadets who are still at the Citadel, will never let the laurels of P. K. A. be dragged in the dust. The "Pi's" here now are, W. B. Andrews of Orangeburg, S. C., A. C. Caldwell, Newton, Ga., J. P. Thomas, Union, S. C., W. A. Stribling, Spartanburg S. C., J. R. Verdier, Beaufort, S. C., and A. S. Manning, Little Rock, S. C.

Bro. W. M. Smith, from Glenn Springs, S. C., graduated from the Citadel, July 3rd, 1889, after having stood first in his class for three years. He was also Adjutant of the Corp of Cadets, President of the "Polytechnic Literary Society," President of the "Y. M. C. A.," President of the "Cadets of Temperance," and Leader of the Cadet Band.

On December 30, 1889, he married one of Charleston's acknowledged belles, who has just presented him with a fine son and heir.

Bro. Smith is at present in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he is considered to be a civil engineer of great ability and has already done some fine work for one of the large railroads.

He also came to Charleston this summer to accept a position offered him as one of the chief surveyors of the East Shore R. R., in this city and was highly complimented for his excellent work.

Bro. Robert A. Smyth, was taken desperately ill on June 20th, 1890, with typhoid fever from which he has just recovered, and has had to leave the Citadel, an "honorable discharge" having been granted him on account of aforesaid sickness.

Bro. T. W. Bethea had to be "honorably discharged" December 1st, 1890, on account of "eye failure." He is very much missed as he was a great favorite and a leader in Society.

Bro. C. J. Epps was also obliged to leave February 3rd, 1889, on account of his eyes. He was a leading man in his class and was acknowledged to be a young man of rare abilities.

Bro. Andrews and myself are members of the second class and are intrusted with very high offices. Bros. Thomas, Stribling and Verdier are third classmen and Bro. Caldwell is a member of the fourth class.

Bro. Andrews is regarded as the most fluent orator in the Academy. His address to the Polytechnic Society, not long since, on "Hope", was adjudged the best that had ever been delivered in the Society.

Lambda sends love and greetings to her sister Chapters and the best of wishes for the success of the "Journal."

Any one of us will be glad to hear from the Brothers at any time only be sure and put *nothing on the envelope relative to Fraternity.*

Address us as this letter is commenced.

Yours in P. K. A.,

AUSTIN S. MANNING.

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#### LETTER FROM IOTA.

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HAMPDEN SIDNEY VA., Dec. 3rd 1890.

The active members of "Iota" chapter, in the order in which they were initiated are as follows:

J. K. Hill, of Moxton, N. C., A. S. Higginbotham, Tazewell County Va., G. A. Alexander, Chestnut Mills, Tenn.,



J. A. Arbuckle, Lewisburg, W. Va., F. M. Robbins, Matagorda, Texas, R. R. Jones, San Marino, Va., Holmes Rolston, Chrisman, Va., H. W. McLaughlin, Marlinton, W. Va., J. G. McAllister, Covington, Va., D. H. Rolston, Chrisman, Va., J. Wm. Basore, Broadway, Va.

At the Union Theological Seminary, located also in the most privileged of spots, there are those of our own alumni, R. E. Moore, E. M. Cfaig, S. M. Engle, W. C. Buchanan, and from Theta, Wallace Palmer, Theron H. Rice, and J. M. Wells, whose presence lend tone and depth to our festive board, and among whom it is very little trouble to find the self-constituted goat, when occasion requires him.

As every chapter is more particularly its own property than anybody else's, we deem it our inalienable privilege to say what we please about ourselves, individually or collectively, and no one may gainsay our claims for several logical reasons which you shall not be wearied with here, but, however, can be adduced if it is at any time deemed necessary.

We will first note affairs within the wicket. The strongest bond of union and sympathy exists among our boys, among whom is no one whom his brother cannot look in the face and say, "There is a man of integrity, and a true staunch and loyal friend." In our meetings there is an abundance of the kindest repartee, good-natured joking of one another, yet always that respect for another's feelings and opinions which exists in the breast of a true "Pi," and the W. H. M. has a hard time to get a mite in his coffer.

Without prejudice or bias, it can be affirmed of the "Pi's" here, that they are the finest body of students in the college, and have the good will and regard of the faculty and community.

Though the session opened with eight active members on the ground, they were none the less on the alert in picking out and taking steps to secure the best men to be had. From this it must not be supposed there was not due conservatism manifested, for, on the contrary, it was by our very conservatism that we lost one of the finest men proposed. But it is better to err on the safe side, if you err at all.

"Lock" (for further identity inquire above) had the audacity and cheek to carry off the Freshman Declaimer's Medal in his Literary Society last year, as well as scared one fellow pretty badly on the class scholarship.

"Basor" presides at the chapel and Sunday School organs with the natural grace and cultivated touch of the connoisseur in his chosen art.

"Cowboy" (H. Rolston used to ride the plains just after his first girl went back on him) reigns in the gymnasium, even the floor holds him in *hole-y* horror.

Sandy (J. A. A.) can *cube* anything, and write more perfect French exercises than you can put on the point of a pen.

We have *personified* enough, and will leave the rest in agonizing suspense till the next time our indulgent Manager allows us extra space.

"Calicoing" is not the forte of most of our boys, although we have some of the finest sisters to be found anywhere, but suffice it to say, there are several who do their share at times, "Shonsey" and "Alex." are actually "painting things red" when they start in pursuit of the *fair*.

"Iota" is fully alive to the necessity and importance of chapter extension, and is watching and working more or less for chapters at Washington and Lee University, Richmond College, and Randolph-Macon College. We wish all our alumni to co-operate with us in this, and always to report to us promptly of any first-rate men who are at, or contemplate attending these or other institutions of high standing in the South. The key note to progress and success is, *Let every alumnus keep in constant enthusiastic touch with his chapters*. It is the greatest mistake in the world for an alumnus to think that the new men of his chapter do not care to hear from him. Such intercommunication would give, and does give an activity and an encouragement to the chapter, and hence, indirectly to the fraternity at large, which it cannot otherwise obtain.

Hurrah for what P. K. A. has done! And with a steady determined effort, let us one and all see what we *will* and *CAN* do.

It will probably interest you to know what other Greeks have staked their tents, and assembled about mystic shrines within our college walls. The Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, Chi Phi, Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Theta Psi's can be heard by faint echoes from the inner cloisters of their secret temples, holding high carnival on stated occasions. The two last mentioned have been formed this year. The Sigma Chi revived its chapter this year, after having passed a year in the grave.

J. K. HILL, W. H. M.



## LETTER FROM THETA.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE,  
CLARKESVILLE, TENN., December 8th, 1890. }

*My Dear Brothers* :—I wish I was an orator. No, I wish I was gifted with a facile pen so that with the "stately step-pings" of a Macaulay, I might tell you and all the Brothers how "we are about to edit a magazine called the Pi Kappa Alpha Journal," was received in Theta Chapter on the night of the 2nd of December.

We have watched the good old ship as she plunged and tossed these long years; we have seen the waves almost engulf her as she struggled manfully to breast the difficulties with which she was beset; we have heard the news, one more sailor lost, now only two are left; we have peered into the future with anxious glances to catch some ray of hope, solicitous lest the number left be not sufficient to guide her safely through; in this frame of mind we hail with joy the beginning of a new era, a day full of hope and promise to Pi Kappa Alpha. Therefore Theta Chapter says, blessings be upon the head of the man that originated the Journal.

It would be useless to give reasons why a Journal is a necessity. Suffice to say that without it, we would soon disband; with a good Journal our forces will be augmented as the days go by. Theta requested your correspondent to write the above remarks.

Now for some news from Theta? Yes, we have a strange story to tell, yea, an eventful one.

Twelve years ago our Chapter was placed in this flourishing University. Her charter members have long since left the walls of their Alma Mater, in their chosen vocations each has mounted the top round of the ladder and one of them to-day is not the least among the Board of Directors of the South Western Presbyterian University. With men as these were, to instill in the hearts and affections of the younger Brothers the principles of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, no one need be amazed at hearing the results of this Chapter's labors since 1878. It is the pride of Theta Chapter, that being the oldest in the University, and having up to date, because of her conservatism, initiated a smaller number of men than each of her four (4) rivals, (save one, the K. A.), established at a later date, yet she can proudly say, Theta with her fewer men has won more honors than any other Fraternity in the University. As outward acts are the manifestation of the inward principles, Theta Chap-

ter thus vindicates her honor and integrity and upholds the boast of the Fraternity, that her members are not drones and that their principles call for the most vigorous exercise of every faculty that makes up the perfect man, thus fitting him, for the coming struggle of life, mentally and socially.

My first knowledge of the Fraternity was in 1887-88. That year the P. K. A. boys towered head and shoulders above their rivals and how vividly does the scenes of that year pass before my mind. How my throat pained me when I finished applauding, no, not applauding, but shouting as P. K. A. won the Nashville Oratorship and the Bible Medal, the two first honors in the University. And then after making a display of their mental qualities and demonstrating their superiority in the College world, how well do I remember that \$2 00 bouquet, which effaced every doubt in the way of gaining unanimously from the people of Clarksville the title so justly deserved "Intellectual leaders and chiefs in Society."

The year 1888-89 found three members of the preceding year's Chapter, on the University grounds ready for work. Our rivals showed a solid front and undiminished ranks. But did I not tell you that the "Pi" boys had the element of "work" within them. If any one doubts my words, lend your ear for a few moments to the recital of a few facts. The session's close saw ten (10) boys firmly knit together in the bonds of our Order, applauding a "Pi" Valedictorian and another "Pi" the possessor of the only M. A. degree awarded that year. And I must not fail to mention that a "Pi" also received a B. A. degree and came first in the Bible contest.

The years 1887-88 and 1888-89 were the "blooming of flowers in spring" before the coming dreary winter. The session of 1889-90 appeared to be a fatal one in the history of Theta. Only one (1) Brother composed the Chapter roll at the opening of the term. The smallest number of a like organization was composed of four (4) members. It was almost hoping against hope to think of succeeding. Let no one say that alumni members are not necessary for a Chapter's success. To Theta's alumni she is indebted for her stand at the opening of the term. After the lapse of a few weeks the Chapter seemed to give promise of great success, but owing to several reasons the inevitable result was, that we were destined to record only five (5) names upon our Chapter roll. During that year the other Fraternities



occupied about the same position as Theta Chapter did. All complained of the scarcity of good men; the disadvantage to Theta under these conditions is evident to the mind of every Brother that advocates conservatism in regard to initiating men into the mysteries of our order. And coupling this fact, viz., that only one (1) Brother returned to the University, to the preceding statement that material was scarce, and every one will readily acknowledge the debt of gratitude the Fraternity owes to the following members of Theta Chapter, R. Hill, Stubblefield, Sybert and Flinn, who so nobly upheld the honor and principles of the Fraternity, and who won the just title of "The steadiest crowd" from the other members of the student body. And as is usually the case, Theta obtained one of the scholarship medals of the University that year.

Never before did a year seem so bright, or a session appear more favorable to Theta than the term 1890-91. We are proud to introduce to the other Brothers, R. Hill, of Arcadia La., G., W. Sybert, of St. Bethlehem, Tenn., T. L. Stubblefield, Orlando, Fla., W. C. Smith, Port Gibson, Miss., F. D. Smyth, Charleston, S. C., E. F. Koelle, New Orleans, La., J. S. Foster, Mobile, Alabama.

I seem now to hear some of you say, what a small Chapter to be so highly spoken of. With the exception of one of our rivals, whose object appears to be merely the bodying of a great number of men, we are the largest in the University. And a more sociable, agreeable, enthusiastic, brotherly body of boys cannot be found, search where you please. From a body so firmly knit together in the bonds of our Fraternity, one would expect to see some results manifest themselves. All such, we bid patiently wait and remember that we have promised you something in the near future.

With the other Fraternities in the University we are on the most friendly terms. Not a ripple has occurred to mar the tranquility existing among any of the Greeks here in our midst.

The S. A. E. numbers twenty men; K. A. three; A. T. O. six; K. S., six; P. K. A., seven. Usually the numerical numbers are on the side of S. A. E. and A. T. O. From the day of the establishment of S. A. E. down to the present time, I think they have always been the largest in the University.

This year we have initiated three (3) men; two (2) of these were earnestly worked for by our Greek Brethren. Some "non-frat" friends of ours had unawares to us instilled into

the minds of our initiates the standing of the different Fraternities; as a result both of our labors and of their unknown influence, the Pi badge is proudly worn by three new members.

We have been conservative in the choice of our men; hence it is needless for your correspondent to tell Pi boys that our members occupy high places in this College.

In this our first letter to the Brothers, we desire to say to all that if circumstances or pleasure call you into our neighborhood, consider yourselves morally bound to inform us of it before you leave for other place.

J. S. FOSTER, W. H. M.

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#### THE COUNCILOR PRINCEPS LETTER.

There came to the headquarters of the Fraternity, on the evening of December 1st, 1890, the most remarkable demand which has ever reached the venerable body of "Executive Councilors." We have often received requests, for letters reporting to interested Pi's the news of our year. We are not unfrequently assaulted with requests for funds for various laudable purposes. But never has just *such* a demand been thrust into our august presence. The demand came from "Bob Smyth" that terror to all impecunious alumni, that stirring, energetic, quick-witted Treasurer of the Executive Council, that "dearest fellow in the world;" faithful, trusted, tried and loyal in every fibre of his being "Bob Smyth"! And for what was the demand? For money? Yea, and for *more than money*—for an "article"! And when we inquire of "Bob" what he can do with an "Article" he answers "Put it in "Pi Kappa Alpha Journal." The fact has, after the first joyful surprise, dawned upon us, that inside of ten days Smyth, the invincible, the dauntless, has conceived, planned and partly executed a Journalistic enterprise which may revolutionize the Fraternity eventually. It was for a contribution to the first number of "Pi Kappa Alpha Journal" that the demand called. And it is with great pleasure that the writer, drawing his arm chair closer to a blazing hickory fire and looking placidly at the fair, white sheets under the soft study lamp light, begins a little history of that brave and gallant order with which he has the honor of being connected, not only in private but in official capacity.



The Fraternity of which we are all members was founded at the University of Virginia, that home of classical culture and Southern chivalry, in the year 1868. Alpha Chapter, located there, by virtue of its situation and seniority among the others, became the governing or Grand Chapter. For years it did noble work under many disadvantages. Founded so soon after the close of the Civil War, whose awful consequences fell with no more telling effect on any part of the South than on the great representative University, the wonder is that the Fraternity lived at *all*. But live it did and *grew*. Chapter after Chapter was added, bravely and patiently was the temple built in spite of reverses that would have daunted less spirited workmen.

First Beta was organized in 1869, at "Old Davidson" and embraced some of the flower of the fine student body of this time honored institution. Some of her alumni, now in honored positions of trust, were members of "Bonnie Beta" born so soon to die. In the same year, finding that the Chapter could only be maintained "*sub rosa*" under the ban of the Faculty's disapproval, the fellows decided to disband rather than resort to any underhanded means to maintain their beloved organization. This same loyal adherence to honorable principle which cost the infant Beta her life, only a few months since doomed Lambda to an untimely death in the very blossom of her promise and usefulness. The two instances exemplify, however, the high toned sense of honor which the order cherishes, that sense of right that will meet death calmly but cannot bear a stain.

In 1871, Gamma Chapter was founded at the venerable "William and Mary" College. After a life of seven years this Chapter was destroyed by the decline of the College at which it was located. The College, as is well known suspended and was only reopened at a comparatively recent date.

While Gamma was living out its seven years another Chapter, founded in the same year (1871) had met its fate. This was Delta, at Southern University, Greenboro, Ala., which was compelled to surrender its charter on account of the failure of any of its members to return to College at the opening of the session of '73. This Chapter, too, produced some fine characters whose moulding power upon their State is still to be felt.

Virginia Agricultural College was the home, during eight years, of Epsilon, founded in 1872. This Chapter was

killed by the decline of the College which has since been put on a better basis and is now a reasonably good institution. The Fraternity chose the University of Tennessee at Knoxville for its next effort and succeeded in placing there Zeta Chapter in 1874. The order soon decayed, living but one brief year and dying in 1875 on account of failure of its members to return, as in the case Delta. It will, however, appear again in the history.

A promising Chapter, Eta, was formed at the University of Louisiana, in 1878, but lived only about three years. In the same year, however, a Chapter was born to "Old Pi Kappa Alpha" which was to be a child of hope indeed. In the young and vigorous institution, then known as Stewart College, but soon enlarged and modified in its scope under the title of the "Southwestern Presbyterian University," Theta Chapter was planted and grew into hardy strength and fruitful maturity. Not only did she manifest, from the beginning, a remarkable vitality in her self, she seemed determined to infuse or transmit her energy. Alpha had grown torpid under the chilling influences of repeated reverses. In 1885 Theta succeeded in raising Alpha then the only other living Chapter, into a new hopefulness and activity. At the request of the younger Chapter in the West, the Grand Chapter in the East granted her power to form Chapters and issue charters to them. Almost immediately Iota Chapter was formed by Theta, at Hampden Sidney College, Va., amid great rejoicing. The life blood began to flow quicker. Before the end of the College year of '85-'86 Zeta, at University of Tennessee, dead since 1875 was revived through the efforts of Theta. Revived Zeta was a noble Chapter, her members exhibiting through some most trying circumstances the noblest qualities of heart and soul. Death invaded the ranks. Two of the finest fellows were taken. Another, the soul of his chapter, was removed from her by failing health and after an existence of little over a year, Zeta died once more.

A more cheerful fate awaited the fair "Iota." Catching the spirit of "Mother Theta" she began seeking openings for new Chapters, and in 1888 was successful in placing Kappa at Kentucky Agricultural & Mechanical College, Lexington. This Chapter survived, however, less than one year. Iota's second attempt was more *permanently* successful. Lambda, at the Citadel, Charleston, S. C., was the result. This noble little band became a centre of wonderful activity, and aided much in keeping alive, and in augmen-



ting the enthusiasm of the Fraternity at large. We hear that one of its members has added undying luster to his Chapter, by entering upon the exalted state of primitive fatherhood, and is capable of exhibiting to all comers, the finest "Boy" in Chattanooga! Congratulations are in order. Let us give the "old boy" the grip and the young boy, a rattle. One more item of history must close this brief sketch of our progress.

Up to the year 1889, so far as the records inform us, only one Convention of the fraternity had been held.

This Convention's main work was the modification of the constitution. So that when, in 1889 the fraternity felt that the present form of government was inadequate to the needs of such an organization as ours, the demand for another Convention seemed so imperative that it could not be put aside. Iota opened her arms and to Hampden-Sidney, Va., the second Convention, accordingly came. Those three days in which the delegates from three Chapters, Alpha, Theta and Iota sat in earnest consultation in Iota's Chapter hall, were eventful ones. The result of the labors of this Convention, was a revised and radically new form of government. The new constitution which we hope soon to have printed and in the hands of all members, will contain all the modifications adopted.

Suffice it here to say, that the Legislative powers were vested in the Fraternity at large, while the executive functions were entrusted to an Executive Council, made up of a full representation from *all* Chapters. This we conceive to be a vast improvement over the old system which vested almost all power in the hands of one Grand Chapter. Under this new form, affairs are moving smoothly, and the energy of Treasurer Smyth has done much to quicken interest and rouse it. The Pi Kappa Alpha Journal is the culmination of his work, and will be of inestimable benefit to our Fraternity. Let all of us who love the "Garnet and Old Gold" be true to our "Triple Bonds," and rallying round our plucky editor and other officers of the Fraternity, make a "long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether" and the new ship will be launched in triumph upon her voyage of usefulness and glory.

THERON H. RICE, JR.,  
*Councilor Princeps.*