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## A DREAM VICTORY.

BY CHARLES WASHINGTON COLEMAN.—(*Alpha.*)

### I.

Once in a dream I came unto a place  
Where through the sunlight green boughs met o'erhead.  
Love, there I saw thee lying as one dead,  
Beneath the trees, the sunlight on thy face.  
Thy lips, as last I kissed them, still were red;  
The smile I knew, they had not ceased to wear;  
The old-time sheen still lingered on thy hair;  
And looking on thee in my dream, I said :  
" Lo, she is dead while still the world is fair.  
She never knew what sorrow dwells in truth  
Nor felt the ache of love, nor learned what ruth  
Comes after life has touched the lips of care.  
Her life but kissed the beauty of her youth !  
Lo, I am glad."—I said it standing there.

Then spoke an angel, in white samite clad,  
Who seemed the watcher there, " Since thine the grace  
To look on death and yet hold life more sad,  
Give now, brave heart, thy love one last embrace."  
Then I again, in that most lovely place,  
Whose calm was infinite, said, " I am glad."

### II.

The moveless hands, that oft in days of old  
Had slipped my clasp to hold me to thy heart.  
I took once more, and yet I felt no smart  
To know my touch could quicken not their cold ;

That to the lips my lips could give no breath,  
Nor my heart's throbbing set the heart a-beat ;  
But from the hair's sheen e'en to the feet  
All that of thee was mine I gave to death.

And then again I said, " Yea, I am glad."  
My soul seemed filled in that most lovely place,  
Whose calm was infinite, with strength and grace ;  
Too still my heart was even to be sad.

### III.

But sudden, as pierced by a knife,  
The heart seemed severed in twain ;  
I sucked in my lips with the pain,  
And I cried : " She was mine in life !  
She died, and I knew not when ;  
She is dead with no last good-byes !  
Oh, lift up the lids from her eyes ;  
Let them mirror my face again ?"



In a passion of tears I cried,  
With sobs that my being shook,  
"For me was her last earth-look,  
And I was not there when she died!"

The dead gave never a sign,  
And the angel guarding the place  
Turned on me a sorrowful face;  
But I cried out the more, "She was mine!"

In pity the angel spoke;  
"Poor child, to grant the thing  
Thou cravest the spirit would bring  
To the body from which it broke;  
For the soul was the light divine  
That shone through her eyes on thee."  
Still I cried, in blind agony,  
"The last look of her eyes is mine!"

## IV.

As leading me sob-shaken to thy side,  
Right sorrowful the angel answered then,  
"Reclaim thy gift, take thee thine own again;  
Since thou hast chosen, by thy choice abide."

Again I looked upon thee lying there  
In the vast calmness of that sunlit place;  
I marked the old-time smile upon thy face,  
The old-time sheen still glinting through thy hair.  
And o'er my sobbing passion sudden fell,  
E'en as the evelids veiled thy lustrous eyes,  
A sense of deep and wondrous mysteries.  
I whispered faint, "She sleepeth; it is well—  
Yea, it is well." The words seemed in my heart  
To strike a hurt beyond the power of balm,  
As knelt I, circled by that perfect calm,  
One moment at thy side, then drew apart.

## V.

Yet with the hurt a strange new strength was mine.  
That I could turn away and leave thee there;  
Then spoke the angel with a smile most rare:  
"The lesson thou didst lack makes love divine.  
Who truly loveth doth for love's sake give  
E'en that he loveth; self he doth not know.  
Since now; brave heart, thy dead self lieth low,  
To thy old life return; thy love doth live!"

## VI.

Since I passed from those dream-still skies,  
From the infinite calm of that place,  
Dear love, to the light of thy face,  
With the soul looking out through thine eyes,  
I am troubled to know if I keep  
The lesson I learned in my heart;  
If awake I could suffer the smart  
Of the strength that was mine in sleep.

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### COME TO THE CONVENTION.

*To the Members of P. K. A., Active and Alumni :*

The time for another meeting of Convention is at hand.

The time is **December 27th, at 8 o'clock P. M.**, and the place **Knoxville, Tenn.** The time is well chosen and the place is by far the most convenient to the majority of the members and Chapters of our Order.

The Convention is undoubtedly a necessity, and it should be the duty as well as the pleasure of all our members to come to the meeting unless some good reason presents itself for not doing so.

Whatever you may think as to its influence upon the after life of the alumni you cannot question the fact that is a power for good upon the college student and that it can be made more effectual by the manifestation of the right sort of interest upon the part of those who have passed through college and taken their place among the busy workers of the every day world. With your experience you have gathered lessons which may be of value to those who now stand in the place where you stood not many years ago. These lessons can be given by you and effectually through the fraternity when they would fall with little force if given otherwise. Can you deny to the fraternity the help which you so needed when you were younger and which was then given you with ready hand?

The Convention of 1891, was the first one of a general nature that we had for several years. That it was in every respect beneficial is well known to all. That it was not dull and monotonous is the unanimous verdict of all who attended, and, whatever one may think the value of the differences of opinion there shown, it appeared most distinctly that the Convention was not a cut and dried meeting for the purpose of mechanically carrying out the ideas of any set of men, but a body of representative active thinkers.

The coming meeting promise to be of unusual interest. Situations for Chapters are to be discussed and the advisability of granting certain charters already applied for, passed upon. These are matters of the first importance to the fraternity. We need your opinion, we need your advice. Come and let us reason the matter together.

Certain fundamental changes in the fraternity have been proposed. These are things touching our fraternity at vital points. If they are proper and the fraternity's welfare de-



mands them, they should be passed, and your voice and your vote should be a power toward that end. If they are harmful how can you shift the responsibility for their passage upon others when your voice is silent and your vote is not given.

The line of method upon which the affairs of the fraternity have been and are conducted will then be fully opened for inspection, for comment and for revision. Do you not care for such things? Is it not your fraternity? And be you active or alumnus yours is the right and yours the duty to help in shaping these matters. From you the officers have received their trust and to you do they wish to render the account of their stewardship.

There is pleasure to be anticipated in this work as well as a duty to be performed.

Then too, what an opportunity is this for meeting with your college mates of years ago. Of returning the eager grasp of those with whom you started out on the journey of life. *Haec olim meminisse juvat.* You will find that their friendship has grown not less warm because of the number of years that have passed since last you met. They have watched your progress as best they might at a distance and your heart will grow warm as you go over with them your old college days, and tell of the battles since they ended.

"Man's nature is a social one, and his highest as well as his purest enjoyments are gleaned from his intercourse with his fellow man." Here you will meet those whose hearts received as yours did the impress of those high and noble principles of the *shield and diamond*. Leave for this time the cares of your busy life and take up the thread of life which binds you to these happy college days. Your heart will glow beneath this renewed touch and life's song take on a deeper and truer meaning from this meeting.

J. T. McAllister.

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### AN ACCOUNT OF FOUNDING OF RHO.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN., Oct. 25th, 1892.

Dear Bro. Smyth:—I guess you will be glad to have an account of the formation and final establishment of *Rho* Chapter, at the Cumberland University, at Lebanon, Tenn.

Last session, pretty near its close, we took some steps to—

wards the founding of a Chapter at the above mentioned college, being led to that step by the fact that our Bro. Maddox had a brother there, Mr. A. S. Maddox. Bro. Maddox by direction of *Theta Chapter*, wrote to his brother asking him what would be the prospect for founding a Chapter of *H. K. A.* at the Cumberland University, if he would go into it himself and whether he could secure two more, three being necessary to get a charter. After some correspondence on the subject we got a favorable reply and immediately wrote for a charter. The charter was some time getting here and as the men who had given us their names were about to leave, we decided to send a commission to secure them as members, initiating them into the Fraternity as we initiate our own members into *Theta*. This step was imperative in order to hold the men, as it was one of them had gone, but as Mr. Maddox had secured four we still had a sufficient number left.

In course of time the charter came to hand but the men were all gone and we had to wait until it suited them to receive us again, for we had promised that when the charter arrived we would send another commission to give them full instructions, as to the proper meaning of the Chapter in every respect.

Two weeks ago the State Convention of the Y. M. C. A., met here and Mr. A. S. Maddox was a delegate from the Cumberland University, Y. M. C. A. We invited him up to a meeting of *Theta Chapter* and gave him a lesson in our own regular style of business. Mr. Maddox was favorably impressed and told us that in about two weeks his friends would be ready to receive their charter, and he thought that one or two new men would be secured by that time and he was very desirous that our commission go and initiate them and set them to running. Accordingly a commission was elected consisting of the writer and Bro. Norman Smith, but as Bro. Smith is not a student but engaged in the Tobacco Exchange, an alternate to him was elected, so that if his business kept him from going, there would be no trouble at the last minute. Bro. Sholl was elected alternate. This commission was directed to go to Lebanon and "do the necessary" for our new brothers and at the same time to go to Vanderbilt University and see what could be done towards the establishment of a Chapter there, for you must know that we have been working to that end some time. In fact we have secured two names, certainly Max Jones,



brother of our own Shirley and Kenneth Jones and James Blackburn, brother of our own R. E. Blackburn.

Last Friday morning (the 21st,) we set off Bro. Sholl and I, Bro. Smith being unable to go, and reached Nashville about 9 o'clock A. M. We made pretty close connection with the Lebanon train and found ourselves on the way again without a chance to eat breakfast.

The distance from Nashville to Lebanon is thirty-three (33) miles. Our train was a mixed one and we made the journey in about two hours and a half. We arrived in good time for dinner and after meeting a friend or too of Bro. A. S. Maddox, we set to work to get things in order for the night, Bro. Maddox having informed us that several men would be initiated. I wrote the entire ritual and as much of the constitution as was absolutely necessary for them to have at present, about twenty pages in all that evening.

Just before supper Bro. Crawford and Bro. Maddox took us riding around the town which was quite a pleasant recreation after the evening's confinement.

It had been agreed that we should meet in the Eureka Society Hall after the adjournment of the Y. M. C. A., or about 8.30 P. M. Shortly after that time everything was ready and we initiated five new men making eight in all. The charter was delivered and *Rho Chapter* formerly organized according to the Constitution of *II. K. A.*

We have every reason to be proud of *Rho*. Her men are men sure enough. Pleasant, intelligent gentlemen, the kind of men we love to see wearing the *shield and diamond*. Their standing in the College is of the highest and their character's unimpeachable. Their names have been handed to you ere this I guess, by their own correspondent. I may say that we were right royally treated by them and the true *II* spirit was everywhere manifest.

We do not doubt that this, *Theta's* second child, will do honor to her mother and the Fraternity at large, as has *Iota* in an unmistakable manner. It is with pleasure and pride that we point to this new star in our banner and hope that its lustre may ever be as undimmed as at the present.

At Vanderbilt we did a big day's work next day and hope to hear in a day or too of our success. We will gladly hail the message that informs us that the way is opened there also.

Yours in *Φ. Φ. K. A.*

Robert Hill.



### A STATEMENT.

About one year ago the first two Chapters of a serial story appeared in the JOURNAL (NOW THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND) under the title of "*A Romance of Chapter Life*."

This serial was undertaken in the summer of 1891, by its author at the earnest request of one of the Editorial staff and in perfect good faith, with no other thought than that it would reach a satisfactory completion. The effort to carry it on was kept up during the fall and winter of 1891, under increasing difficulties. The writer began to see that he had undertaken more than, with his other pressing duties, he could do. Having lately assumed the pastorate of a church of 350 members, the only church of its denomination in a city of 18,000 people he finds that all his time is demanded by duties relating to his office. It will be impossible for him to continue the composition regularly. If at any future time the leisure should be granted him he may be able to complete the tale and will gladly place it in the hands of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. It is with real regret that he relinquishes what was to him a pleasure, a labor of love.

Very respectfully your Brother,

*Theron H. Rice, Jr.*

### CORRESPONDENCE.

*Mr. Robt. A. Smyth :*

*My Dear Smyth :*—The September SHIELD AND DIAMOND has just reached me. I have read it with a great deal of pleasure and must express to you and your associates my heartfelt appreciation of your labors. The SHIELD AND DIAMOND has continued to improve and if it continues at the same proportion we will in a short time have a periodical equal to any and surpassed by none. The work that has been accomplished must be placed to the credit of those directly connected with it, not to the Fraternity as a whole. If we as a fraternity would take half the interest in it that you all do, every man's account would be marked "paid," the SHIELD AND DIAMOND would be on a firm basis, and the Fraternity strengthened thereby. I trust that the Fraternity will make a rapid stride this year. Love to all *It's*.

Yours in *Φ. Φ. K. A.*

*E. M. Craig.*

Hampden-Sidney, Va., Oct. 4th, 1892.

Mr. Robt. A. Smyth :

*My Dear Smyth:*—My heartiest congratulations on No. 6 of Vol. II, SHIELD AND DIAMOND. It is by far the best issue of our periodical and would do credit to any fraternity however strong and rich. I have been absent for a week and just in an hour ago. While gone I saw T. N. Read, *Iota* and *Alpha*, a lawyer at Newcastle, Va., and I ran over to Lewisburgh, W. Va., to see Rev. R. L. Talford, for whom I have the warmest appreciation. He has just suffered the loss of his only child.

Hastily and most sincerely in *Φ. Φ. K. A.*,  
J. T. McAllister.

Warm Springs, Va., October 6th, 1892.

Mr. Robt. A. Smyth :

*Dear Bro:*—Please find inclosed my check in payment of subscription to SHIELD AND DIAMOND. I wish you to publish my card in the Law Directory in the Magazine. Send me the bill and I will forward the amount at once. Hoping that this year will be an eminently successful one for the Fraternity, I am,

Yours in *Φ. Φ. K. A.*,

Richmond Va., Oct. 3rd, 1892.

Edwin P. Cox.

### THETA.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY, }  
CLARKSVILLE, TENN., Oct. 30th, 1892. }

*Dear Brothers:*—Aside from being my first letter to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND there is an additional weight in writing a long letter as Brother Smyth requested.

It will be impossible to go back and record all the many interesting things that have occurred in *Theta* since the May issue. Sorry that last issue, which was the best, did not have a letter from one of the "windy" brethren, for it is an acknowledged fact that the *II* boys are a "windy" set; a reputation that we are trying to discourage, and the brevity of this letter is more for a defence than for want of inclination against the charge of "windy."

The last letter from this Chapter carried us down to commencement, when everything was astir, and all were rejoic-



ing that they would soon join the girls they left behind—all that were so fortunate.

The *II*'s were only auditors in the exercises. Brother Smith graced the stage as one of the degree men. His eloquence to the faculty to save him from this dreaded ordeal of being one of the orators of the day, deprived *Theta* possibly of an honor, and Bro. Smith of a medal; however, *Theta* must take off one of the honors as she is not usually left entirely out. Brother Sholl succeeded in taking one of the Literary Society improvement medals, which we think quite a victory to one so small.

*Theta* lost two of her most popular men in Brothers Smith and Keolle, the former distinguished for his modesty, the latter as a student? The joke of the season is that "Dutch's" mother saying "that he had studied so hard he would have to stay out and rest a year." When he recuperates he will go to McCormack and take theology.

Bro. Jno. Wells spent several days with us during commencement, rejoicing in the company of his friends and the addition of an enthusiastic moustache. Bro. Wells made himself useful in the interest of *Theta*.

Bro. Howerton was on a visit to his mother, and also attending the board of S. W. P. U. He honored us with his presence at one of our meetings in company with our staunch old *II*, Bro. Bill Young, who is always glad to attend when he can get off from his business. What a treat it is to see one who has the honor of being called Papa, and can revel in the company of young ones.

Bro. F. D. Smyth was compelled to leave on account of his eyes, after working at Nashville several months, he recently accepted the principalship of a school at Hickory Withe, Tenn., teaching "young ideas how to shoot." At the expiration of the term, we hope he will get his desserts—a Maj. Gen. stuck to his name and a pension for life.

After commencement all the boys left for different parts, Bro. Maddox to take charge of two churches in Giles Co., which he served with great efficiency. "Jumbo" Oberschmidt to Mississippi, to use the rod during the summer, which he did with great persuasive power, and with less acceptability—to the "kids" Bro. Oberschmidt possesses most of the corporeal majesty of *Theta*, and a moustache approaching Zero as its limit.

Bro. I. Sholl spent his time traveling through the East, nothing to do, and doing it successfully.

Bro. Hill returned to Arcadia to fight mosquitoes and talk to Mrs. Hill.

Bros. Fox and Smith spent the summer in Clarksville.

We are glad to record the recovery of Bro. Syper, who was confined for several weeks to his bed with typhoid fever; hear that he is speaking of pulling a "bell cord," which we dare say he will find a healthful exercise, more so than eating Washington pie for which he distinguished himself last year.

Bro. J. S. Foster, who has graced the chair of Greek and Latin at Hartwell, Ga., is with us again taking his theological.

Our *II* Chancellor, young in years, yet mature in wisdom and executive ability, is distinguishing himself in his new work.

*Theta's* men have entered on a prosperous year, we think with eleven good men, enthusiastic in *II* ism, and faithful in studies, the latter has always proven a good criterion and in which *Theta* can boast in the past and we trust this year will not be an exception.

In consequence of this, the *II* sisters are not as numerous and enthusiastic as we would like to see, but it has so happened that the "Sistren" have married *II* boys, they are not so ready to attach themselves to the present crowd. We nevertheless have one *II* sister so true and loyal as to give us a banner, as adopted at last convention. What other Chapter can boast of such a sister? Would like to give her name, but she forbids.

We would be unfaithful not to mention what *Theta* has done outside in the last year. The establishment of *Rho* Chapter, at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., with eight fine men.

One laying claim to a better-half and called papa, another entirely destitute of hair on the top of his head, which is a fine indication being removed further from the monkey, and the balance not more than eight nor less than six feet high.

*Theta* is very hopeful of establishing a Chapter at Vanderbilt University soon. So you see *Theta* has caught the true spirit. "Let her spread."

Agreeable to contract that we would not weary you, we close in *Φ. Φ. K. A.*,  
*Jno B. Gordon.*



## IOTA.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE, }  
HAMPDEN SIDNEY, Va., }  
October 24th, 1892. }

*My Dear Brothers*: I attempted to confer the pleasure of the present communication upon one of my brothers here, whom I wished especially to honor, but, alas for our good intentions and vain attempts! Said he, "If you stop going to roost when the chickens do, and go to work, you will have a plenty of time and can write that letter easy enough."

"What time do you go to bed, Basore?" was my feeble rejoinder. I got the desired information, "I retire at one, and rise at five!!!"

I am your humbl(ed) servant, my brothers; what can I do for you? If nothing but relate the achievements of *Iota's* sons—see above.

Well, the first thing we did was to go over to the seminary to see some new preachers who were old *II's*; namely, Brother Altfather, of *Theta*, and Brother Frank Robbins, of *Iota*. We were very much pleased with our beginning.

Next, we went back to the college to see some new boys, who were no *II's* at all.

And we were equally as pleased with the continuance of our action; so much pleased that we continued to continue; and there were so many "new boys" who were not *II's* that we—continued.

Brother Jones had obtained, during the summer, a *fac simile* of himself, (but in jollity he 'out Joneses Jones') whom he brought to college and named Frank—one.

Bro. Arbuckle, who had sent a brother of his, who was much better looking than our Brother Arbuckle—two.

Ditto for Brother Swineford—three.

Then there was a long, "nice looking fellow," named Erwine, a friend of McAllister's, and we "looked at" him also—four.

One more, "Watkins' friend," dark haired and dignified, named Ballou—five.

And we told them what *matriculate* means, and helped them to enter college life, and "continued"—to like them better and better. But to put an end to the continuation, they liked us too.

So one Saturday night, a group of eager boys met in *our* room. And we were highly excited, for we were afraid the

ice cream would melt before we were ready for it, we had so much to do.

And we went to work with such a vim that we got quite "topsy turvy," and Bro. Jones got mixed with the other and turned Sub-Freshman instead of Sub-Professor, and Basore got his dignity knocked off and didn't find it till quite late that night.

Time fails me to tell how those "Goats" trembled when led to the slaughter; and talent to describe how quickly, gracefully and effectually they recovered when it was over.

And the "Semnies" helped them to do so with such loyalty and devotion as you never saw, (except on initiation nights.)

Our last graduates have obtained good positions.

The rest of us are back, except Brother Eddie Moore and Brother Gillespie. We have the very best boys in the world, and I can wish your Chapter no better success than that they get as lovable new men as we did this year.

Always yours in *Φ. Φ. K. A.*,  
Asa D. Watkins, Jr.

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### MU.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE OF S. C., }  
CLINTON, S. C., Aug. 31, 1892. }

*Dear Brothers* :—Two months have taken their flight into the shadowy land of memories since last the pen of a *Mu* graced the pages of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and I trust I will not disgrace them this time. We all enjoy the SHIELD AND DIAMOND and what a scramble we have to get to peruse its pages first.

How delightful it is to read our Chapter letters! What feelings of nearness they awaken in every true *II*.

Everybody is delighted to receive letters.

Nobody is waited for with more real anxiety than the postman. Though he comes ever so often he never wearies.

A delicious flavor of anticipation and a spice of uncertainty hang over his quick, imperative ring.

He is like a messenger of destiny, himself uninterested, void of speculation, unstirred by surprise, as he rapidly passes in his freight, addressed to people whom he does not know.



In his mysterious repository, he carries a whole world of conflicting hopes and fears.

Here is a thin missive, directed in a tremulous, angular hand, and it has crossed the sea to tell, in a remote household, of the death of one whom the head of the house calls father, but from whom he parted so many years ago that he has come to be little more than a memory.

Here is a schoolboy's jolly letter home, here a tender message from friend to friend, sweet and full in its outpouring of affection. Whatever the letter be about, it will be opened with expectation, and read with desire to take in its purport and intention. Truly, there is a divine quality of beneficence in the postal system, which annihilates distances, and brings scattered friends close together, so that heart feels heart, and hands clasp, though miles lie between them.

In olden days, dim and beautiful though the shadows of the past, angels were wont to visit men, and often tent, door and temple portico were thrilled with their flute-like voices.

Now, though the golden wing messengers come no more in visible shape, they have learned to fold themselves up, and to carry their words of cheer in four-square envelopes, borne far and near by steam.

I fear that the ordinary way with many of us is to read and enjoy our Magazine, and then lay it away in desk or drawer until a convenient season comes for writing up our Chapter. So doing, the freshness and glow which it awakened have gone by the time that the pen and paper are taken for writing. The sense of nearness has receded.

The duties of the days between and the pressure of our college cares have laid a pile of accumulated materials, most of the alien, upon the feelings which it awakened.

Instead of something vivid, descriptive, charming and natural, the effort to write a duty letter to succeed in producing that which is stiff and artificial as a wax flower compared with a real one.

*Mu* is growing rapidly, having taken in its embrace three more members during the last month, and we anticipate a bright future.

The *Mu* boys propose making this their best year at college and are making good records in the class room.

We succeeded in capturing "a dignified senior" last meeting and I wish all of you could have witnessed the initiation, but will just say that our Sophomores and Juniors dealt with him in such a manner that no one would have recognized that that was one of the "elite."

We have jolly times among our *II* boys now, our new brothers, Messrs. Doyle, Frierson and Buck, are all full of life.

"Fri" is our clown and he fills the atmosphere all around him with life.

Buck is our bad boy, he was not very "tame" when a "kid" and since then he has grown to be a "*wild Buck*."

We miss from our midst many faces that we would like to see.

Those who left us last session, have left with us kind feelings of regard and friendship.

Since Bros. McNaul, Hill and Owings left, *II* girls are a negative quantity. While they were with us, there were a good many, for each had "*several*" apiece.

By the way, our Parson (Dendy) reminds one of the fact that he possesses one of those delicate articles and I tell you she is a "Boozer."

I suppose I had better bring this to a close, as some one of my *Mu* brothers will attempt to "exterminate" me, but if such should be the case I am sure he would not break any girl's heart, of which Bro. McNaul accused me of in his communication to the Journal, but really, in fact, honestly *I believe* his girl is *mighty* nice, I would advise him to be looking out. But she still says she wishes there was a Theological Seminary in Clinton.

But I will stick to my word (the girls all say I am good at that) and close this boring epistle.

Yours in *Φ. Φ. K. A.*

*F. K. Sims.*

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#### NU.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, Oct. 25th, 1892.

*Dear Brothers:*—The time when joy reigns in the College boy's heart—when enthusiasm is at its height—has again rolled on.

The bright summer days of pleasure and enjoyment have slipped quickly by, and with renewed energies we have again faced the ordeal for another year.

With the first of October the ringing of College bells is heard on all sides. This has been looked forward to by both old and new students as a time of separation from home and fond parents.



To the old student it is nearly always a time of joy, for he is eager to grasp the hands of his Brother's and be among the scenes of pleasure incident to a college life. To the new student who enters college for the first time, it cannot be so pleasant. He has perhaps heard of the custom practiced at some colleges of hazing new students, and it is no wonder that he enters upon new scenes and experiences with drooping spirits. But when some one takes him out for a walk and he hears the old story and is kindly asked to unite himself to a band of everlasting friends who shall try to make his pathway through college as void of difficulties as possible, he finds that he is not friendless after all and will avail himself of the opportunity to bind himself close to those who will take an interest in his success.

When he has experienced all the beauties of Fraternity life, he finds that after all college life is different from what he expected. The poor barbarian, however, will have to plod his weary way alone always envying his more successful class-mate.

"Billy," after several months of inactivity is brought out, eager for the fray and the way he converts a Barb. to a full fledged Greek is astounding.

As for *Nu's* prospects they are indeed bright. We opened with nine old members and also one initiated from the Fitting School last June. Since opening we have initiated five others—all of whom we feel confident of being shining lights for *H. K. A.*

There are six Fraternities here and the rush for new men was sharp and spirited, but we succeeded in getting some of the best. Mr. F. W. Sessions, a new Brother, entered the Sophomore class. The others, Clinkscales, Edwards, Slightnes and Cain, entered the Freshman class without difficulty.

Of the two Seniors who passed from the shades of Fraternity life last June, Bro. Bethea is dealing in pedagogics and birch rods at Gaddy, S. C., Bro. Holly, at last accounts, has also gathered together an assortment of both sexes, in order to inculcate within their craniums, what knowledge he may have acquired, and perhaps to try to forget amid the tumult of the schoolroom, his unhappy experiences at courtship during his Senior year. That he will rise from the struggle better qualified to enter the matrimonial field, we have no doubt. Bro. Giles, one of our brightest boys' in last years' Sophomore class, is not with us this year, but has

gone to Atlanta, to learn Civil Engineering. Bro. Crosswell has taken up his "grip" for a while and may be found on the road. Bro. McEachern, a Sophomore last year, considering himself qualified "to teach the young idea how to shoot," has gathered unto himself the children of his section and opened school. Bro. Reid is clerking at West Union, S. C. He writes us that owing to the difficulty of his being able to see the customer on the other side of the counter, he will soon give up the job and seek more suitable employment.

Thus are all accounted for, and if other Chapters have bestirred themselves as *Nu* has, the future of the Fraternity is bright indeed.

Your Bro. in *Φ. Φ. K. A.*

*C. R. Calhoun.*

## XI.

S. C. COLLEGE,  
COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 9th, 1892. }

*Dear Brothers:*—Another session has opened and the campus of the old S. C. College is now assuming her winter garb, the merry laughter of the gay college boys may be heard on every hand as of days of yore, when *II. K. A.*, first set foot within our classic walls with five dear friends as charter members, united still closer by the loving ties of *Φ. Φ. K. A.* and when they received the banner of *II. K. A.*, they took it with the determination to place it upon the highest pinnacle of success.

After her organization her first important step was the initiation of J. Douglass Pitts, a young man greatly admired by the faculty and loved by all who knew him. This was the only initiation of any active member during the session of '91 and '92.

*Xi's* condition when the college closed for her vacation was very blue indeed, she having graduated four men, but even before the beginning of the present session two light-hearted and jolly *II's* of last session, might have been seen around a certain white house on the corner, attending to the first duty of every loyal *II*, that of paying their respects to their beautiful and loyal *II* sisters, to associate with these lovely creatures seems to inspire the heart of every *II* with the determination to work more earnestly for the noble order that he has had the good sense to adopt. These two *II's* on leaving these beautiful ones that makes the said place so attractive to we *II's*, had our hearts filled with the



inspiration to work harder for *H. K. A.*, than we had ever done, and these inspirations were strengthened by our subsequent visits to our other *H* sisters.

These two brothers were soon joined by a third, who was no less a person than handsome, affable Tom Brantley, the person whom we were so afraid would not only lose from college, but that we would be superseded in his "big heart" by one of Columbia's fair belles, but both are with us yet.

While all these events were transpiring the college bell had begun its call to duty, and the campus was filled with all kinds of humanity; dignified seniors, stately Juniors, jolly Sophs. and verdant Fresh., then we began to consider which was the most suited for *H*'s. We all struck upon one young man that seemed to be very much more dignified than the rest of his kind, so we immediately set to work on him and a few night's after, he rode our "goat" remarkably well, considering that he had on neither bridle nor saddle; this young man I will introduce to his Brother *H*'s, as W. G. Belser, Summerton, S. C.

Last, but in no ways least, we have my room-mate, somewhat like myself, a lazy ladies' man, a poet and an all-round mental gymnast while among the fair sex, a famous quoter of Scripture, his favorite verse being I John, 4, 7, 8. He is an all-round good for, something, kind of a fellow that never lets his anger rise. This most interesting *H* is Tom Weathersbee, of Norway, S. C.

All the boys that left us last session are doing well.

Pope, the most loyal *H* that ever wore a shield surmounted by a diamond, is at the Charleston Medical College, while our girlish little Williamson is at the University of Virginia, learning the art of healing.

Brantley is at the South Carolina College wrestling with "Kent."

Pitts, after sojourning during the summer in North Carolina, has returned to his home and is now teaching the young idea how to shoot.

With much love to the other Chapters and especially to the new ones, yours, in *Φ. Φ. K. A.*

*Edwin F. Strother.*

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Be sure and be at Knoxville, Tenn., December 27th, at 8 P. M., so as to start in with the work of the Convention promptly.

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## PI.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, }  
LEXINGTON, VA., Oct. 29th, 1892. }

*Dear Brothers:*—Our Chapter opened this session with only two of the old members—Bro. L. P. Dillon and myself, Bros. Hopkins and Price having left us. Bro. Hopkins is at the University of Pennsylvania, in the Medical Department, and Bro. Price remains at home. We have enrolled two new members and hope to add others to our list by the end of the session.

Pi being the youngest Chapter of the Fraternity, we hope the older Chapters will not expect too much of us at this early period of our existence. Our hearts are with our Fraters., and we will exert our best efforts to build up the Chapter.

We are in the midst of our foot ball season and our team has done some good work. We will play our final game next week and it is looked forward to with a good deal of interest.

With best wishes from "II," I am, yours in the bonds,  
*Jno. C. Dillon.*

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## RHO.

LEBANON, Tenn., November 4, 1892.

*Dear Brothers:* I am asked by Bro. Smyth to write a letter for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, giving an account of the formation of *Rho* Chapter of *II. K. A.*

So we seize the first opportunity to send greetings to the Brothers of *II. K. A.*, to tell them of our existence and let them know "we're coming."

This is my first attempt to write a letter to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and as I am not accustomed to this sort of work, I will hold the floor but a short time.

Last May Bros. F. E. Maddox and E. F. Koelle, of *Theta* Chapter, came over and organized *Rho* Chapter, with A. S. Maddox, W. M. Crawford and W. J. King as charter members.

It was but a few days until school closed, and we were separated for vacation. Of course we could not do anything last term in so short time. When school opened this term we were not in condition to do anything, but now our hands are untied and we are ready for work.



I should have stated that Brother G. H. Hogan was to be received as one of the charter members, but had to leave school just before we were organized, hence was not received until later. October 20th we had a most pleasant and profitable visit from Bros. R. R. Hill and Sholl, of *Theta* Chapter, who put us in good working condition.

At this time the following named persons were initiated as members of *Rho* Chapter: C. L. Henry, J. C. Arnett, J. W. McDonald, W. D. Laudis and G. H. Hogan.

Five better men could not have been selected from the students of any University, and we are indeed proud of them. This makes eight men in all for *Rho* Chapter. None of our men graduated last June, and all are here now.

We will, however, have several graduates next June. Bros. Hogan, Laudis, McDonald and King are "Senior Lits," and will graduate in June next.

Bros. Maddox and Crawford are "Junior Lits," and are now groaning beneath the heaviest burdens of their college course. Bro. Henry is in the law class, and Bro. Arnett in the junior theological. Allow me to state (modestly) that our boys *all* stand high in their classes, are among the *best* that Cumberland University can afford.

Not only as to their mental capacity and work do they "stand high," but also as to their physical make up. Bro. Hogan stands *six feet two inches*, Bro. Henry *six feet three inches*, while Bro. Arnett measures *six feet SEVEN inches*.

The Amasougasseau Society (Literary) holds an oratorical contest every year.

Last May they allowed any young man of the University to enter, and Bro. A. S. Maddox entered the contest. There were four competitors, and a hard fought battle it was. Bro. Maddox won the prize, which was a handsome gold badge. His subject was "The Outlook of the World," broad subject, you see, but he handled it well.

We think our prospects for this year good. We have a good hall in which to meet, and very well suited to our purpose.

We feel much encouraged, and hope to accomplish glorious things for *H. K. A.*

There are four other fraternities represented in school, viz: *Kappa Sigma*, with 12 members; *Sigma Alpha Epsilon*, with 10 members. *Beta Theta Pi*, with 7 members; *Alpha Tau Omega*, with about 8 members.

We hope to increase our members a little more this year,

but *Rho* Chapter has decided that she will never increase her "quantity" at the expense of "quality."

Permit me to say a few words in regard to our school here.

This institution of learning is fifty years old, and has over two thousand graduates scattered over different parts of our country. Among her Alumni you will find Governors, Senators, Congressmen, Jurists and Divines—men of eminence and learning. Cumberland University is proud of her work, and hopes to accomplish even greater things in the future. On her fiftieth anniversary, October 27, the Trustees and Faculty laid the corner-stone for a new building for the Literary and Theological Departments. The site selected is a beautiful one, and the building is to be a handsome and commodious structure.

With her new building and most excellent faculty, may we not expect even greater things from her? And I trust that as we look forward to brighter days for our University, we may see our *H. K. A.* reaching forward into great results, and continually "pressing toward the mark."

Now, there is a waste basket in the Editor's office, and it is a thing to be dreaded by those unaccustomed to write for publication. So, I close my letter for fear of the waste-basket. We promise you a better letter next time, for another will write it. I trust our prospects are brightening, and now,

I remain yours in the bonds of *Φ. Φ. K. A.*,

*J. W. King.*

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All Active and Alumni Brothers should attend the Convention at Knoxville, Tenn., December 27th, at 8 P. M. Be there the first day. All who intend coming should at once report their names to Brother D. J. Brimm, 82 Richland Street, Columbia, S. C., or to the Editor.

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## EDITORIAL.

The C. P. has issued the call for the Convention, to be held at Knoxville, Tennessee, December 27th, at 8 P. M.

We look upon this Convention as the turning point in the history of old Pi Kappa Alpha. If it is successful, it means the grand and glorious rebuilding of our Order. It means the enlarging of our borders—the recalling to our ranks of those who have grown lukewarm and indifferent. It means all that we have been working for during these past three years. If it should fail, it means the death of our Fraternity. For so surely as the Convention fails will *H. K. A.* die.

There are a few who are clinging to the work, who are battling against the odds that oppose them ; who are trying to look forward and beyond this dark cloud of neglect that is surrounding them. They look upon this Convention as their last hope. These few are but awaiting the result of the Convention. If it is a failure, they will cease working and give up the ship. They cannot attempt the work for another year with only the moderate support they have received during the past year.

This lack of support, they feel sure, is caused by want of sympathy and knowledge of the work these few have to perform. If there is a large attendance at the Convention of Alumni and active brothers, the state of the Fraternity can be laid before them more clearly, more forcibly. For everything can be explained and new life infused into the Fraternity.

Therefore, we urge and beseech you, COME TO THE CONVENTION.

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Now, how can you make this Convention a success?

We answer you, that the most important thing is to *come to it, and come prepared to work.* Do not come with the expectation of a banquet or a good time only. Come pre-

pared to discuss thoroughly the questions of importance to *H. K. A.* that will be brought up during its session.

Come prepared to suggest improvements, and to take in all the inspiration of the occasion, and to carry it off with you, and to keep it always fresh. Let the Chapter delegates come, bringing with them all the data concerning their respective Chapters. Come to get advice and assistance for all the weak points. Do not be afraid to speak them out. Tell all the troubles and difficulties that have occurred.

The Chapter delegates should understand thoroughly the feeling of the Chapter on the different questions. They should understand how to vote so as to carry out the wishes of the Chapters. Above all, let them come full of earnest determination, and prepared to carry back to their Chapters all the enthusiasm they can obtain at the Convention. Let them remember all the suggestions as to Chapter government, all the hints that will be of so much importance to their Chapters.

Chapters in selecting their delegates should appoint their most energetic men, their most enthusiastic men. Choose those who have been your hardest workers; those who have pushed the Chapter forward so much; those whose counsel has always been so wise and so helpful. Those who make good *H.'s* will not necessarily make good delegates.

In sending your delegate do not choose the richest man, nor the best looking, nor the best orator. Send those who have been tried and not found wanting, whose every fibre burns with love and zeal for *H. K. A.*; whose hands have always shut off the throttle and stopped a too rash speed; who have been conservative and watchful for the Chapter's good.

But what need to describe them more. You all know them. Send them to Knoxville.

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Let our large Chapters send two or more delegates.

Do without the oysters and ice cream at the meetings for a month or two, and put the money in the coffer for the



delegate fund. Strive to get the money to send two or three delegates, always remembering that this Convention decides the fate of *H. K. A.*; whether she shall live or die. The officers of the Council have placed all their hopes on the result of this Convention; have worked with their eyes always gazing forward to it with longing, yearning looks.

Its success or failure decides whether they shall continue to work or whether they shall give up. Let us, then, come, one and all.

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We hope for a large attendance of the Alumni—for a grand reunion of the *H*'s of ye olden days.

How pleasant it will be for these older brethren to meet with us and with each other. To meet and know the active brethren who are trying to guide the old ship over the stormy sea and amid the threatening billows. To see those dear to them whom they have known but in memory's casket of late years; whose faces they have not seen for five, ten or twenty years; whose once familiar voices they have all-but forgotten.

To hear again the old-time greeting—to see the old-time smile. To clasp again in warm *H* grip the hand of some old class-mate and club-mate or room-mate; a hand once smooth and rosy, now wrinkled and rough with the battle of life; to go back together to boyhood's days; to walk in memory through the old college halls and groves. Hush! hear we not the rush of feet, the merry laughter of clear young voices, the clatter of books, the distant ding-dong of the old college bell? 'Tis lesson hour! Again we seize our book and hat and rush down the long corridors and steps. Are we not at college again? No! 'tis but the sweet memory of the good old college days—the happy days so free from care. The familiar faces and voices have made us a boy again.

Together we will talk over college scrapes, the last Chapter meeting, the Commencement, the ball game, that merry

sweet-faced girl. Then, in hushed tones and with saddened faces, we will speak of the comrades who have gone before us to the Heavenly land, who, though absent in body, are with us in spirit and in memory. How we will remember our little sayings and doings, and laugh again and again over the old jokes and oft-told stories. How many of these will we remember.

Ah! indeed, this will be a privilege—a happy, happy meeting. How it will gladden our hearts. Then come and enjoy it. Let us but have you attend this year, and we shall have you always with us at the Conventions. Other Fraternities gather a large attendance of Alumni at their Conventions; cannot we? Certainly our Alumni are as able to come as others. They love their Fraternity as do the others. Then let us come!

Oh! we are coming—we Alumni are coming! We will make glad the hearts of those who have been toiling so faithfully, so earnestly these three years; who have been looking and longing for the day of a general awakening.

Yes! we are coming.

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We wish all who think they can attend and all the Chapter delegates to report *at once* to the C, P., Bro. Daniel J. Brimm, 82 Richland street, Columbia, S. C., so that we can arrange a programme, and also secure rooms. The time for interchange of letters is short, brothers; so act at once.

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Read carefully the Literary Editorial on page 279, and follow instructions as to the Convention.

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## LITERARY EDITORIAL.

For a long time we have tried to arouse the dormant semi-indifferent element of our Brotherhood by pleading and persuasion. We did our utmost in that direction, with but little result. They seemed to anticipate the siren effort and to have stopped their ears with bees' wax or something. They were at any rate as deaf adders that would not "hearken to the voice of the charmer, charming never so wisely."

Next we tried ridicule as an antisoporific and the effort was equally unavailing. "A little more slumber and a little more sleep, a little more folding of the hands to sleep." No matter if the day of a bright prosperity had dawned and her sun was shining brightly, and everything united to energetic effort, rosy with the promise of success, some would yet sleep and learn no lesson from the ant, nor brook any lecturing on the use of present opportunity. If others wanted to labor, let them do so provided *they* were left to indolent repose. And then we lifted up our voice in a lamentable complaint, "a great and better cry." We mourned but they lamented not. We are somewhat at our wit's end. But one thing is left to do and that we love not. We mean *scolding*. But we do feel somewhat, as we sit in our sanctum and reflect, as though we would much like for all the ears of the Fraternity to be united into one ear in order that we might pour into it a perfect torrent of abuse.

Sympathy is a great force, a something for which the human heart yearns in any sphere of activity, or experience: Yet not the sympathy of mere empty words, but the *sympathy of action*, a sympathy that will not merely grip your hand and bid you "God speed," but will lay hold with its own hand and assist with a will. This is the kind of sympathy we want from our brethren both active and alumni. How are we to get it? We surely need it; we certainly haven't it from all, *nor any but a small fraction*, in the way we need it. It is perfectly unjust, it is prodigiously absurd for *you*, brother, to lie back on your oars and shout "Hurrah!" to the few who are pulling manfully. We will not give way to vituperation now, although we have been always regarded as particularly fluent in this element of our vocabulary. We feel strongly that we would do ourselves justice and perhaps give pleasure to the Fraternity if we would throw up the sponge, not that we feel that we are

in any way victims of personal antipathy, for we love all *I*'s and hope all *I*'s love us: but just because we are so conscious of a want of that kind of sympathy of which we spoke and which we so much desiderate. Half-sick, worn-out, with hands plumb full of other work, still it seems to be expected of us by most, that we do everything for the Fraternity, and pour from our own craniums the contents of an excellent SHIELD AND DIAMOND every two months. Humanity cries out against such a thing. True *I*ism utterly abhors it.

We have received quite a number of high commendations of last number, and we were justified in concluding that the Symposium was entitled to part of them as it was one of the features of it, and we hoped to present an even more interesting and instructive one in this number, on the subject of "initiation, its elements and purposes; what it should and what it should not, be—with a discussion of the propriety, and value of degrees." We selected our contributors, wrote to them, and were expecting in due time to receive our replies. But the result is seen in this number. *One* brother at once wrote an excuse for not being able to accommodate us, and thus we accepted as perfectly valid and freely released the brother though we should have liked to hear from him. Another brother had his Chapter talk over the topic and gave us the substance, but in a form that necessitated our cutting it to pieces almost. The rest, where are they? They wrote no reply and so we were entitled to expect that they would fulfil the duty assigned them. But now it seems they have utterly ignored us. We are sorry, for the subject is a good one, and we had much to say on it ourselves, but we will refrain, as we do not desire to present our views alone since we know they are antagonistic to those of other brothers. We hope by next issue to find some who will be willing to write for us.

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The very fact that we have been able to accomplish as much as we have, shows how easy it would have been, or would yet be, to move right ahead to a grand success, if we had the hearty sympathy and support of *all* or the large majority of our alumni and active men. Three things ought to be kept in mind and looked to constantly by our alumni.

1. They ought to look to the better building up and



strengthening of their respective Chapters, by keeping a lookout for first class men who are going to their *admae matres*, training them to become *II*'s, and putting their brothers in the Chapter on the track of them. This would involve no great labor, or expense, or sacrifice. Only be careful to select first-class men. Men that you would be willing to sleep "*three in a bed with*" as Sheridan Cavitt used to say in describing a *II*.

2. They ought in the same way look to the better building up of the Fraternity, by looking after men who are going to good Institutions where we have no Chapters, and training them to start a Chapter there. This involves no great trouble or expense or sacrifice, and has been done by some.

3. They can at a very little outlay, sustain the general Fraternity exchequer and support the SHIELD AND DIAMOND and give us an occasional contribution to it in the way of a brief letter, Chapter story, bit of news, &c. They can at almost no outlay of individual energy and cash keep the machinery going and keep those who are managing the affairs encouraged and willing to keep on working with a steady hand. *There is discouragement enough to make a man resign, and swear he never will do anything more for such ungrateful brothers, when his letters are ignored and so many show such unwillingness to do their little when he has to do so much, and do it all gratis.* There are also three ways in which the active brother may work, and support effectively our movement.

1. He may look after the interest of his particular Chapter, in various ways, by making little sacrifices of time and money to get the hall better fitted up. We believe *II*'s have less of this spirit than any Fraternity men we ever saw. Where other Greeks will spend \$5.00, the average *II* will not spend 50c. for the general weal, or for fixing up, adorning and beautifying their halls. Of course there are noble exceptions, but we are speaking of the average *II*. Again, he may make himself specially attractive to good men and help secure them as brothers. Some fail egregiously in this particular. They are too proud of their present club and a little too independent, too fond of saying we have quality, not quantity, &c. Another important thing is to come back to the same institution and help uphold the Chapter when her ranks are being depleted badly by graduation. Several of our dormant Chapters became so from this very trouble of men failing to return to college, and right now we are in

great danger of suffering the extinction of one or two Chapters, because, the *few* men they had last session have mostly failed to *return*, but have gone to other Institutions in the North, &c. A man can usually come back to the same Institution, if he desires, as well as go to another and our men should have a little more of the *esprit du corps* in this respect. We believe other Fraternities have the advantage of us in this respect, also

2. The active brother can also look to the interest of the Fraternity at large, and he should cultivate a Fraternity spirit as well as a Chapter spirit. There is a disposition sometimes manifest, and right now it is in several quarters, strongly so too, to do everything for the Chapter and claim that nothing can be done for the Fraternity. That is the natural outcome of the other spirit of doing for self first and Chapter second, already spoken of, and should be guarded against. For the extension of the Fraternity at large, Chapters that have full membership might send out one or two missionaries each year to other desirable Institutions where they could establish Chapters. Other Fraternities have extended themselves thus: A college man can usually elect to change his Institution, and if Chapters would arrange this systematically, so as at the end of the session to send two men, say, to take the next year's course at some appointed Institution, we would rapidly increase our list. A man should work like a Trojan to make his Chapter the best, best equipped, and most enthusiastic in the Fraternity and he should work like a Greek to bring as many good Chapters into the Federation as possible. The trouble is, we are not working systematically *all along the line*.

3. He can make special effort to make our magazines and our conventions a grand success.

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*We wish all our alumni, and every Chapter would make one combined effort for this one year, just try the experiment and see what a little Spartan Band can do. We want to strengthen and solidify ourselves internally and get all the machinery in harmonious working order, so that every wheel and spring and lever will do its part just at the right time. We want to place our SHIELD AND DIAMOND on a secure footing, both in a financial and literary way. We want to beautify and adorn some features of our system. We want to extend our lines and enlarge our borders so as to have at least fifteen excellent Chapters. We want*



*to draw ourselves together alumni and active and strengthen our bonds. We want to make a little special effort in the Chapters and for the Chapters that they may have nice accommodations, and a goodly number of interested and enthusiastic brothers, and plenty of sweet and pretty sisters. We want each man to apply himself to all these objects, just as an experiment for this one session of 1892-93, and if it does not work a charm, we may as well throw up the sponge. Who is the *H* that refuses to do this much? A little united and harmonious effort will produce incalculable effects.*

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This naturally brings us to the **Convention**. Let our united effort first be made in reference to this. We want a central point where the expense will be about the same to all, and so we have chosen **Knoxville, Tenn.,** as the place and **Tuesday, December 27th, at 8 P. M.,** as the date. This Convention is certainly a critical point in our history, and every Chapter, no matter how weak, must be represented there. *And we want men that will come there to work too, and do what is assigned. We want men who can take a whole big heart-full of enthusiasm back to their Chapters too.* Every man that will make a good *H* will not necessarily make a good delegate to a convention and we want absolutely the best representatives each Chapter can send. That is the first, and a very important, consideration. Let every one of the ten Chapters, or eleven Chapters as the case may be, have delegates there at the very start. Don't send a man simply because he is rich and can pay his expenses, without reference to his qualifications, but let the rich men bear the poorer men's expenses if the poorer men are better qualified. We don't expect men to come there simply to have Christmas hurrah and general good time, *but to work AND WORK WITH A WILL.*

The larger Chapters. Alpha, Theta, Iota, Mu, Nu and Rho, ought, without reference to expense, to have two or three delegates each, and the smaller ones *one without fail.* Make a little extra effort this once and you will be there.

Some of the most important matters in connection with *H. K. A.* must be considered and the Chapters should send their delegates prepared to make suggestions on these points. Immediately on receipt of this number let all the Chapters have a meeting, discuss all subjects they think should be handled at Convention, elect suitable men that are sure to come and be there on time, report all these matters *at once*

to the C. P., who will report back other topics for them to think about, and, for the G. C., assign duties. This Fraternity must be re-organized in some way for more effective operation, and a new Constitution must be adopted. We proposed at last Convention what we thought and still think much the best scheme, but were opposed. If anybody can propose a better let them do so. By order of last Convention this same scheme will come up for discussion again and you must come prepared to argue intelligently upon it.

The next matter is to have as many of our alumni as possible to be with us. We want to discuss matters pertaining to them and we want them to be present, and promise to give the utmost deference to their counsels. *Please, all who purpose coming, write AT ONCE to the C P. to that effect.* Let all note the fact that for the interchange of letters the time is excessively short and act accordingly.

**We do hope that for this once some little special effort will be made by all, active and alumni, and if necessary some personal sacrifice will be made so that the Convention will be a success in attendance and in work. We believe that by proper management the weakest Chapter may have its delegate there, and the strongest Chapters their two or more delegates, and it is very important that all the members of the Grand Council be there, independently of the Chapter delegates. Let each // regard it as a matter of personal responsibility to make this Convention a success, and it will be, then.**

Let all who attend have the colors on and there will be no difficulty in recognizing them when they reach Knoxville. We say this because the place of rendezvous has not yet been selected, and delegates must be met at train. It will also enable them to recognize each other on train and make the trip more pleasant. A little bow of "*garnet and old gold*," ribbon in the button hole or lappel.

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#### THE PI'S.

—The following clipping from a newspaper speaks well for the popularity of the Rev. Bro. R. L. Telford, *Iota*:

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

At a Congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg, held at the church on Sunday, October 9th, 1892, the following action was taken:



"WHEREAS, It is represented to this congregation that Rev. J. C. Brown, on account of impaired health, has been forced to resign as Principal of the Lewisburg Female Institute, and the Board of Directors deeming it best for the good and prosperity of said institution, elected Rev. R. L. Telford Principal of the same for the remainder of the session, 1892-3; and,

"WHEREAS, Our people, and especially the Presbyterian Church, are deeply interested in the success of said institution, and the welfare of the young ladies whose parents have sent them into our community to be educated, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this congregation, in congregational meeting assembled, deeming it wise and best for the interests of the said Female Institute, hereby express our consent for Rev. R. L. Telford to assume the duties of Principal of said institution for the remainder of the present session, and to give him needed rest after its close, before assuming all the duties of pastor again, we do relieve our beloved and esteemed pastor from preaching and pastoral visiting, except in cases of extreme illness until the first of August, 1893, and declare that his salary shall be regularly paid as if this action were not taken.

"Resolved, That the officers of this Church be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to make such arrangements as they may deem expedient to secure a minister to preach at this church until after the close of the present session of said Female Institute."

We learn that Mr. Telford, while warmly appreciating the spirit of generosity manifested by his people, refuses to accept any salary from the church during his continuance in the Institute.

—Bro. L. C. Altfather, *Theta*, is studying for the ministry at Union Theological Seminary, Hampden-Sidney, Va. Since graduation Bro. Altfather has been in Washington, D. C., where he filled a government position. Bro. Altfather is one of our most active alumni.

—Bro. Robert O. Purdy, *Epsilon*, was in Charleston on the 20th, and the Editor had the pleasure of a visit from him. Bro. Purdy says he intends to go to the Convention this year, and hopes to meet many of his old friends there.

—On September 17th last, Mary Moore Telford, youngest daughter of the Rev. Bro. R. L. Telford, was buried. We sympathize deeply with Bro. Telford in his affliction, and trust that he may be speedily comforted in his season of mourning. The loss of a child is hard to bear, but when the child is the darling of the household the loss is peculiarly sad.

—Bro. H. B. Arbuckle, *Iota*, writes us that he is hard at work again at the State Seminary, at Tallahassee, Fla. He has Bro. Eddie Moore, *Iota*, with him at the school. Bro. Arbuckle is Professor of Greek, German and Physical Science.

—Bro. J. P. Thomas, *Lambda*, has received appointment as Lieutenant at the South Carolina Military Academy, and put in command of the Recruits. This is one of the most responsible positions in the Academy corps, and is eagerly sought after, owing to the honor attached thereto. Bro. Thomas' appointment is therefore particularly pleasing to himself and all the *II*'s, and shows what the remnant of old *Lambda* are doing.

—Bro. J. R. Verdier, who, it will be remembered, captured the prize given for the best drilled man in the *corps* last summer, and Bro. W. A. Stribling, both of *Lambda*, have also received high appointments as officers in the corps of cadets. These three Brothers, the last of old *Lambda*, graduate this year.

—Bro. Edwin P. Cox, *Alpha*, '92, is practicing law at 1103 Main street, Richmond, Va. Bro. Cox received his B. L. this year from the University of Virginia, and is already making a name for himself as a rising young lawyer.

—The Editor received a letter the other day from a gentleman to whom he had given a letter of introduction to Bro. Daniel J. Brimm, *C. P.*, in which he says: "I had the pleasure of meeting Prof. Brimm, of the Seminary, yesterday; think he is the finest scholar I ever met." This is a well deserved compliment, and is often said of Bro. Brimm, who impresses every one with his wonderful scholastic ability.

—The Editor has received an invitation to the marriage of Miss Mattie L. Rodgers, daughter of Capt. R. H. Rodgers, of Gaddy, S. C., and Bro. P. P. Bethea, of *Nu* Chapter. The wedding will be Wednesday, November 16th. We wish the young couple a long life of happiness and prosperity. Bro. Bethea has charge of the Union High School of Gaddy, S. C. The school averages 75 scholars during the year, and Bro. Bethea has two assistants.

—Bro. J. J. McEachern, *Nu*, is Principal of Ridgeway High School, Ridgeway, S. C.

Bro. J. K. Crosswell, *Nu*, is drumming for a Baltimore Flour House.

—We are sorry to report the extreme sickness of Bro. J. M. Giles, *Nu*, at his home in Rock Hill, S. C. Bro. Giles is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism. We trust he will soon be well again and be able to return to *Nu*.



— The *Euphradian Society* of South Carolina College, announces the appointments for its winter public exercises. Among them we note *three II's*: Bro. E. C. Bacot, *censor*; Bro. T. F. Brantley, as debater to cope with those from the *Clariosophic Society* in the December contest; Bro. W. Gordon Belser, debater at the contest to be held Saturday night, November 26th.

—Bro. Robt. E. Moore, *Iota*, is now teaching at Tallahassee, at the State Seminary.

—Beverley B. Munford, Gamma, of Richmond, Va., is making an enviable record during this campaign. He was one of the most prominent members of the last Legislature, and holds remarkably high legal positions for so young a lawyer. His partner, Judge Walter R. Staples, is one of the foremost lawyers of Virginia.

—We have two other Brothers in Richmond, who are making fine records in the legal profession: Bro. P. H. C. Cabell, *Alpha*, and his partner, Bro. J. A. Cabell, *Alpha*, the firm name being Cabell & Cabell.

—Bro. J. C. Maloy, *Alpha*, is now in Chicago. It was a disappointment that he did not go back to the University. But he struck out manfully towards success, and we look for good tidings from him in his venture.

—Bro. Jno. L. Cochrane, Jr., *Alpha*, is now in Philadelphia, in business. His headquarters are at the "Girard House."

—Rev. Bro. W. S. Jacobs, *Mu*, was in Charleston on Sunday, November 6th, and preached twice at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Editor had the pleasure of having Bro. Jacobs dine with him. He is certainly a healthy specimen of humanity, and is adjudged a fine orator and a deep thinker. We hope he will come again soon.

## INITIATES 1892-93.

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## SIGMA.

James K. P. Blackburn, Jr., ——  
 Max Miller Jones, ——  
 Robert Lee Yeager, ——



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**A SCENE BY MOONLIGHT—THE SYMPATHETIC  
SAND CRAB.**

A maid, a man, a moonlit sky,  
A sea breeze blowing lightly by,  
A glistening rock, a silver sea—  
A sand crab watching silently.

A look, a word, a blush, a sigh,  
A sweet sly glance, a downcast eye,  
A rapturous kiss, a whispered name,  
A sand crab overcome with shame.

Another kiss, a long embrace,  
A pillowed head, a manly face,  
A happy thought : " no one to see !"  
A sand crab dancing jigs for glee."

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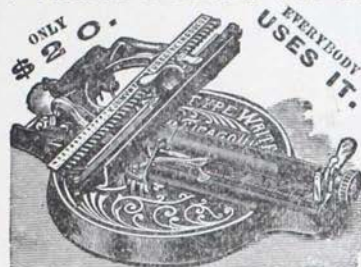
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**AT THE STILE.**

Marjorie stands across the stile,  
Her small feet kissed by the half-grown clover,  
And I, on the other side, wait the while  
And hold out my hands to help her over.

The soft winds play with her dark brown hair  
As she stands demurely debating whether  
To come or stay. A moment—There,  
Over the fields we're off together.

Marjorie stands at the stile between  
Childhood and womanhood, and her eyes  
Reflect the beauty of wood and green  
And the peaceful quiet of summer skies.

And I, on the other side, wait the while.  
Shall I hold out my hands to help her over  
Or leave her there across the stile,  
A child to romp through her world of clover?

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Demurely settles the question whether,—  
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Leave Hope Mills .....	7.43 "	Leave Maxton .....	9.13 "
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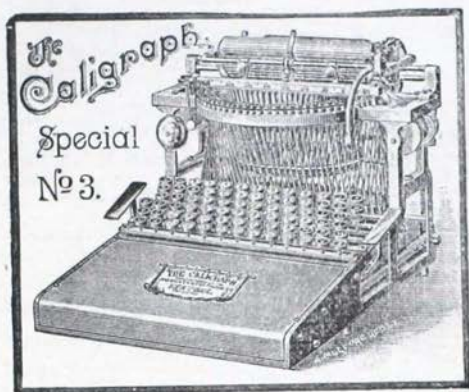
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