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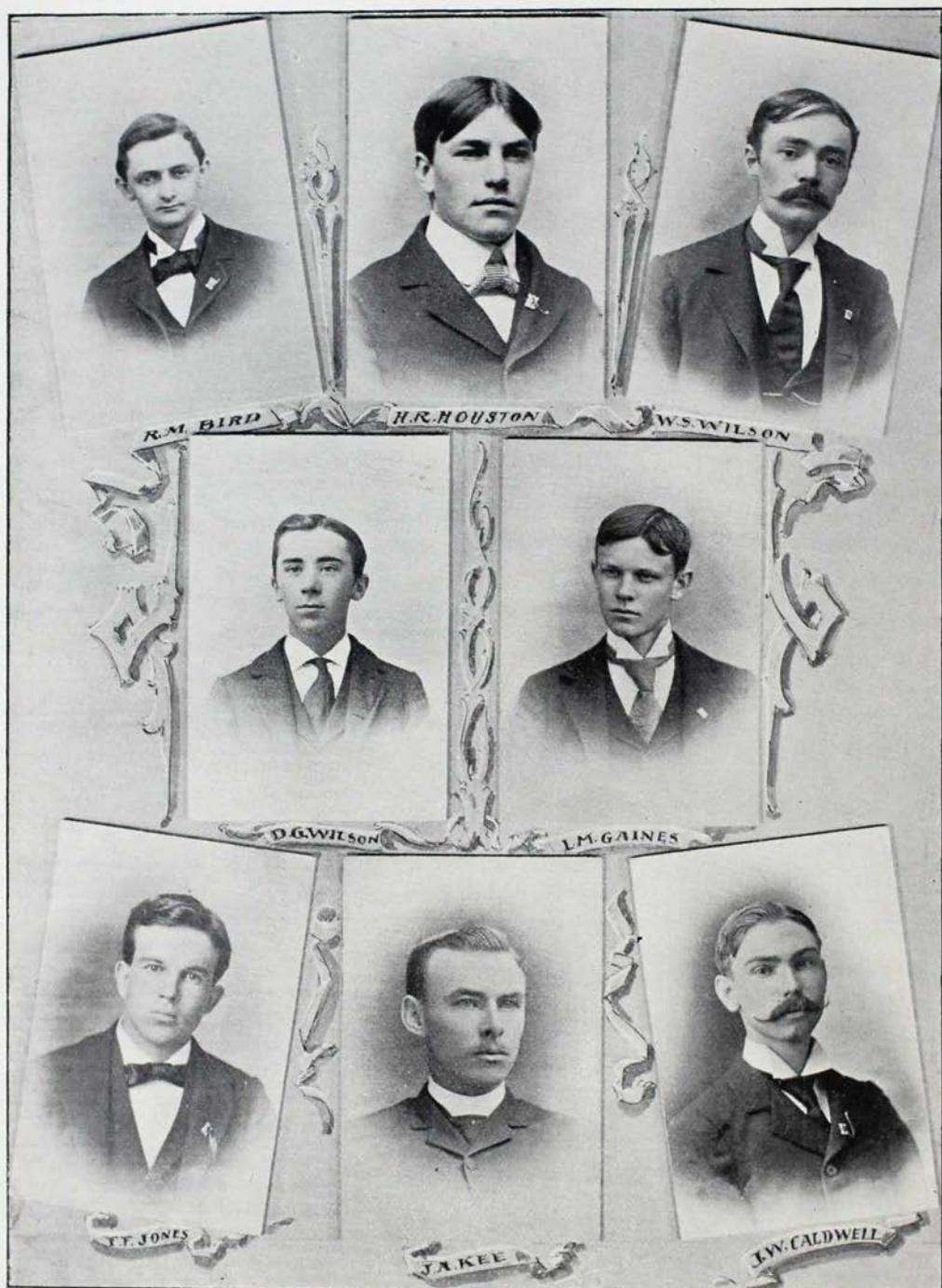
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The Convention.

STORY OF THE 7th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY.

Held at Richmond, Va., July 1-3, 1896.

*(Prepared from the Notes of the Grand Secretary, by the
Editor.)*

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 1ST.

Pursuant to call the Convention was constituted in the Hall of the Woman's College, Richmond, Va., at 8.45 P. M., July 1st, 1896. The Grand High Councilor, Rev. D. J. Brimm, in the Chair. In the absence of the Grand Chaplain, the Chair appointed Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., the Grand Chaplain *pro tem.*, and the proceedings were begun with prayer.

The following members were present during the sessions :

Alpha, W. H. L. White and W. L. Smith.

Zeta, J. W. Hudson, W. K. Hunter.

Iota, R. M. Bird, D. G. Wilson.

Pi, A. B. LaFar.

Nu, J. C. Shannon.

Xi, G. McCuthen, J. R. Leary.

Alumnus Alpha, E. P. Cox.

Alumnus Epsilon, Floyd Hughes.

Grand High Councilor, D. J. Brimm:

Councilor Princeps, R. R. Jones.

Grand Treasurer, Robert A. Smyth.

Grand Secretary, J. Gray McAllister.

Corresponding Members,

Iota, F. F. Jones, J. E. Ballou, Asa D. Watkins.

Sigma, G. W. Williamson, George E. McLaurin.

Alumnus Alpha, E. D. Moore, Robert Whittet, Jr., H. L. Swineford.

Alumnus Epsilon, Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D.

T. F. Brantley, an Alumnus of *Xi*.

Upon the announcement by the Chair that only ten accredited Chapter members were on hand, and that the Constitution gave no clue as to the number necessary to form a quorum, it was decided that a quorum was present, and the motion was offered, seconded and passed, that during this Convention any Alumnus Chapter that had no delegate on the floor of the Convention, should be represented by any member of that Chapter present. The privilege to sit as corresponding members was, by resolution, accorded all Pi's who are, or will be present, and not representing any Chapter.

The hours for the morning session were fixed at 9-11, and for the afternoon session, 4.30-7 P. M.

Upon motion it was decided not to read the minutes of the last Convention at this session, owing to the small number of delegates present. The Convention then adjourned to convene at 10 A. M., Thursday morning.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 2ND.

First Session.

The Convention being called to order at 10 o'clock, the minutes of the last Convention were read, adopted and ordered to be spread upon the Grand Secretary's book. Minutes of last night's session were read, and upon motion adopted.

The Executive Committee, through its Chairman, R. R. Jones, presented the order of exercises for the Convention. Some corrections were ordered, and the report as altered was adopted. The regular order of business was dispensed with to allow Bro. J. R. Howerton, of Norfolk, Va., who was to leave early Friday morning, to address the Convention on some important themes. Bro. Howerton urged an even greater simplicity of ritual, and spoke strongly against Northern extension, for the reason that our advantage as the one distinctively Southern Fraternity would be totally lost to us if we went North, and in this loss we would surrender a prestige that is not only dear to us, but one that places us at the front in col-

leges we are now in, or later may enter. Again : In going North he showed that we would have to do what we have never yet been forced to do, that is, to scramble for men. And our Fraternity, being comparatively young, and unknown in the North, would not succeed in securing the best class of men in the Northern Colleges. Whereas, if we would wait for a few years and thoroughly strengthen and build ourselves up in the South, we would have gained such a name and reputation as would enable us, if we then deemed it advisable, to enter any College at the North we wished. These remarks were listened to with great attention throughout, and the speaker was frequently interrupted by loud applause, and was given quite an ovation at the close.

Being asked by Bro. Brimm what he considered the distinctive features of our Fraternity, Bro. Howerton replied, "*Friendship based upon character.*" He then appropriately developed this idea, and said that some of the dearest friendships of his life, and friendships which would always be dear to him in memory, although in many cases the brother had long since died, had their origin in *Theta* Chapter.

Bro. Howerton's address was a most beautiful exposition of the merits and benefits of a Fraternity which is conducted on the right basis, and his plea against going North was one of the most intelligent and forcible arguments that it has ever been the pleasure of the writer to hear.

The Editor has made a special request that Bro. Howerton if possible put his thoughts, as expressed at this meeting, on paper for publication in the *SHIELD AND DIAMOND*, and we sincerely trust that we will be able to have the same for publication before very long, as they would certainly be of great value and interest to the Fraternity at large.

The rest of the morning session was taken up with a discussion of Article 112 of the Constitution with reference to the auditing of the Chapter books at Conventions. The Convention then adjourned to meet at 11 P. M. The reason for fixing so late an hour was that several of the members present were required by their duties to attend a session of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Second Session.

Convention was called to order at 11.45 P. M., and the Chair then appointed the following committees :

Auditing Committee, Hughes, Bird and White ; Memorials on deceased members, Hunter, Smyth and Hudson ; on min-

utes of last Convention, R. R. Jones and Bird; on revisions of Constitution, Bros. R. R. Jones, Hunter and Smith.

An informal but full explanation was then given by Bro. Brimm, Chairman of the committee appointed at the last Convention to draw up a ritual for the degree system, setting forth the proposed degrees as he had composed them. This explanation was listened to with great attention by the members, and questions pro and con, were asked.

Reports were received from the following Chapters: *Iota, Alumnus Alpha and Epsilon.*

Action and discussion of territories governed was tabled as unfinished business.

The following telegram was then read and ordered to be spread on the minutes and published in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND: "*Hot Springs, Va., July 1, 1896, to Pi Kappa Alpha Convention, Richmond, my best wishes for a successful and joyful Convention. Faithfully yours, J. T. McAllister.*"

Letters were read from several of the Alumni with reference to Fraternity affairs, after which, upon motion the Convention adjourned to re convene at 10 o'clock, Friday morning.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY, JULY 3RD.

First Session.

Convention was called to order at 10.30 A. M.; minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Bro. McCutchen of *Xi*, was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Convention.

The Grand Councilor then called for reports from Grand Officers; The Councilor Princeps made his report first. It was moved and carried that this report be received, and filed and published in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. The Grand Secretary then made his report, which was also ordered to be filed. The Grand Treasurer then submitted his report, which was likewise ordered to be published.

Upon motion it was then decided that these three reports should be placed in the hands of a committee who should examine them, and make note of any suggestions contained in them. The Chair then appointed Bros. Cox, LaFar and Wilson as the committee.

It was moved and carried that the thanks be, and are hereby, expressed to the three Officers for their excellent work for the Fraternity.

Reports were then called for from the Chapters, and those Chapters represented at the Convention tendered a report for the past year. The Grand High Councilor then asked permission to ask questions concerning each Chapter from the delegate present. This was probably one of the most interesting features of the Convention, and a great deal of information concerning the Chapters was obtained in this manner.

The Editor wishes it were possible to have for publication a copy of these reports as they would certainly give a great deal of information to the Fraternity at large concerning the Chapters.

The following report was then read by the Committee on Ritual, and was received as information and ordered spread upon the minutes:

Report of Committee on Ritual, appointed at Nashville, Tenn., December, 1894.

This committee beg leave to submit the following report;

Pursuant to the instructions of the Nashville Convention, we have fully canvassed this matter of preparing a Degree Ritual as outlined in a letter of the Chairman of this committee to that Convention. While still deeply impressed with the feeling that Degrees would be a valuable feature of our Ritual, in our judgment the Fraternity is not prepared to adopt the system outlined, and for the following reasons, to wit:

First. A large element of the Fraternity are evidently unable to undergo the expense of providing the necessary Regalia.

Second. Another element of the Fraternity seem incompetent to take the degrees on moral grounds.

Third. There seems to be a pronounced inability to appreciate the value of the Degree system on the part of a goodly number.

Thereupon we recommend the abandonment of this scheme, and ask that your Committee be discharged.

D. J. Brimm, }
Robert A. Smyth, } Committee.

Richmond, July 3, 1896.

Upon motion, the Committee was discharged as requested.

The matter of incorporating the Fraternity was then brought up, and was given a great deal of discussion. Upon motion, it was decided that an *ad interim* Committee be appointed to inquire into this matter of incorporation. The Chair appointed Bro. Floyd Hughes and Bro. Robert A. Smyth as this Committee.

This Committee will look carefully into the matter of incorporating the Fraternity, and will render a report as to the advisability of the step at the next Convention, and the Fraternity will then act upon the same as they see fit.

A great deal of discussion then took place on the unwieldiness of the present mode of the Fraternity government, especially in the matter of the Grand Council, and a great many suggestions were made as to beneficial changes which could be made. It was moved that a Committee be appointed, at the discretion of the Grand High Councilor, to look into the present mode of government of the Fraternity, and to advise steps for its supervision, if necessary, and also advise changes in the Constitution. The following Committee was appointed: R. R. Jones, Robert A. Smyth and Robert M. Bird.

A motion was then made to allow each Chapter three votes at the Convention, provided it sent as many as three delegates. It was soon shown, however, that this would be a very unfair provision, as it would always give the local Chapter at the place of meeting the preponderance of votes; and after some little discussion the motion was lost.

As usual, Northern extension was brought up before the meeting, and a great deal of discussion was heard, pro and con, on this most interesting subject. At half-past two, the discussion still going on, it was moved and carried, that a vote on this matter should not be taken until the afternoon session, when every member should have had a chance to express his views on the subject.

The session then adjourned, to meet at 4.30 in the afternoon.

Second Session.

Convention called to order at 4.30 P. M., and the first business transacted was to receive the report of the Grand Secretary on his examination of the Chapter books. This report showed a woful lack of interest by the Chapters in this most important matter, for there were only two Chapter books sent to the Convention for inspection.

Bro. Floyd Hughes, on behalf of the Committee appointed to audit the Grand Treasurer's books, made the following report, which was adopted, and ordered spread on the minutes:

RICHMOND, July 3, 1896.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report, that they have carefully audited the accounts of the Grand Treasurer,

for the years 1895, and 1896 to date, having had submitted to them the original books and vouchers for disbursements; they find the former most carefully kept, and the latter in proper form.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd Hughes, Chairman.

Robert M. Bird.

W. H. L. White.

After further discussion a vote was taken on Northern extension, and as usual the motion was lost, and the Fraternity still remains a distinctively Southern organization.

The report of the Committee appointed on the Grand Officers' reports for the past year submitted the following:

"Your Committee appointed to examine the reports of the Grand Officers of the Fraternity beg leave to report:

That they have made a careful examination of the report of the Councilor Princeps, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them in proper form and so full that your Committee has no changes to recommend or suggestions to offer, except in regard to the Grand Treasurer's report. In reference to this matter your committee would recommend that an effort be made to get all the active members of the different Chapters to pay up their subscriptions to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. If this be done there will be sufficient funds in hand to pay all expenses of publication for the next six months. Your Committee would also recommend that the thanks of the Fraternity be extended to the Officers for the able, energetic and enthusiastic manner in which they have carried out their duties and made report of the same."

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin P. Cox.

Arthur B. Lafar.

David G. Wilson.

This report was adopted, and ordered spread on the minutes.

As the terms of office of the Grand High Councilor and the Grand Chaplain expired at this Convention by limitation, an election to fill the vacancies was ordered. Bro. Smyth in appropriate words placed in nomination for the position of Grand High Councilor, Bro. Floyd Hughes, of Norfolk, Va. This nomination, if we can so express it, was unanimously seconded, as probably every member on the floor rose to second the same, and then it was unanimously carried with a rousing cheer. Rev. Bro. J. R. Howerton, of Norfolk, Va., was then duly and unanimously elected Grand Chaplain.

Article 33 of the Secret Constitution, with reference to the ordering of all badges, cuts, regalia and stationery, and the like, by the Grand Treasurer was then brought up for discussion, and upon motion it was ordered that the word "stationery" be stricken from this Article, and that the Chapters and individual members be allowed to order these articles for themselves. This was done at the request of the Grand Treasurer, on account of the extra trouble and work it devolved upon him. He explained that it was necessary for badges and regalia to be ordered through him, as a certain per cent. of the total amount spent for badges by the Chapters was allowed by the jeweller for his advertisement in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and it was necessary to have the orders passing through one channel, so that a check could be kept on this amount.

The following motion was made and unanimously carried:

Moved that this Convention instruct the Grand Council to make every effort to extend the Fraternity throughout the South.

Bro. Smyth then read a communication from Bro. Robert H. Troy, an Alumnus of *Zeta*, entitled "A plea for more conservatism on the part of Chapters," in which he outlined the strong necessity for strengthening the Fraternity Chapters now existing, and of conservatism in the formation of other Chapters, and also in initiating members.

This article was a very strong and interesting exposition of these important doctrines, and were it not that it had matters in it of a secret nature, it would be most beneficial to the Order at large to have the same published and read.

Bro. McAllister offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention of the *Pi Kappa Alpha* Fraternity in losing Bro. D. J. Brimm from the office of Grand High Councilor, and Bro. T. H. Rice from the office of Grand Chaplain, wishes to place on record their appreciation of the enthusiastic and efficient services of these two brothers in their respective offices.

It was also moved and carried that a vote of thanks be tendered to Grand High Councilor Brimm for the patience, tact and efficiency exercised by him during the sessions of this Convention.

The following motion was also adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention does tender its thanks to Bro. J. Gray McAllister for his faithful and efficient discharge

of his duties during the period that he has been Grand Secretary, and especially during the sessions of this Convention.

A vote of thanks was also tendered Bro. E. P. Cox for his services in making the arrangements for this Convention, which services were rendered under most trying circumstances, for the Convention of Sons of Confederate Veterans left him little time for the work of the Fraternity.

Bro. Jones, on behalf of the Committee on Constitution, submitted his report, calling attention to several desirable changes in the same. It was moved that the majority of them be left to the committee appointed to thoroughly revise the Constitution, but the following resolution was adopted and ordered to be incorporated in the printed Constitution :

Resolved, That a legal quorum of the Annual Conventions of this Fraternity shall be duly constituted when delegates from such a number of Chapters as shall equal half the number of active Chapters then in existence be present, whether those delegates represent active or alumnus Chapters.

A great deal of discussion was then brought about as to the word "chairman" in Article 107 of the Constitution; this Article reads: "Each Chapter shall be entitled to one vote at the Convention, same to be cast by the chairman of its representation at said Convention." After much discussion the word "chairman" was stricken out, and the word "delegates" substituted, so that the vote of the Chapter at a Convention is expressed by the vote of its delegates. In this way *each delegate is allowed to vote, but each Chapter has only one vote*. If, therefore, there are two delegates from the Chapter, each delegate's vote counts one-half; if there are three delegates each delegate's vote counts one-third, and so on. This change was necessitated by the fact that the majority of the Chapters did not appoint a chairman nor instruct their delegates as to how to vote, and, as on a great many subjects they each held different opinions, it was decided as only proper that they should each be allowed to vote as they saw fit.

A vote of thanks was then tendered Bros. Floyd Hughes and J. R. Howerton for their presence and valuable assistance during the sessions of the Convention.

The following report of the Memorial Committee was received, adopted, ordered to be spread on the minutes, published in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and sent to the families of the deceased :

It is with feelings of deep emotion that we are called upon to express, at this Convention, our sorrow at the loss which has been visited upon the *Pi Kappa Alpha* Fraternity during the past year by the grim reaper, Death.

Frederick Southgate Taylor.

R. Mark Kennedy.

James Taylor.

James M. Bryson.

George S. Fort.

G. A. Alexander.

Brothers true and tried, loyal, devoted and earnest in their love for old *Pi Kappa Alpha*, have gone to their eternal rest and have left vacant places in our ranks which we can never fill. Be it therefore

Resolved, That we, as a Fraternity, express our sincere sorrow at the untimely death of these Brothers.

And furthermore, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes and published in the *SHIELD AND DIAMOND*.

Respectfully submitted,

<i>Robert A. Smyth, Chm'n.</i>	} <i>Committee.</i>
<i>W. K. Hunter,</i>	
<i>J. W. Hudson,</i>	

It was ordered that a special memorial be passed upon the death of our founder, Frederick Southgate Taylor, and Bro. Robert A. Smyth was appointed to prepare and forward this memorial.

As it was necessary that the present Grand Secretary's resignation be accepted at this Convention, the Constitution was on motion temporarily set aside to allow the Grand Treasurer, in accordance with Articles 60-62 of the Constitution, to place a Brother in nomination for the office of Grand Secretary. Bro. Smyth then nominated Rev. Robert Hill, an alumnus of *Theta*, of Nashville, Tenn, and Bro. Hill was then unanimously elected in a most flattering manner.

Bro. Floyd Hughes, Grand High Councilor-elect, was then escorted to the chair by Bros. Smyth and McAllister, the delegates rising to their feet as a mark of respect.

The retiring and incoming Grand High Councilors then made short and appropriate speeches.

The sessions of the 7th Annual Convention were then closed with prayer by Bro. Brimm, and declared formally adjourned by Bro. Hughes.

Probably no Convention of the Fraternity has transacted more business than this Convention, which has just adjourned, and probably at no Convention has there been such diversity of opinions on the different matters brought up. And yet with it all it is our pleasure to chronicle that there was not the slightest jar or discord to mar the harmony of the meeting, and though Northern extension had some very enthusiastic backers and supporters, when the motion was lost they submitted to the dictates of the Convention quietly and in a brotherly manner, and entered into the remainder of the work with as much interest and spirit as they had previously shown.

This was truly gratifying to all the members present, for it was proof positive that there was prevailing among the members that true Pi spirit which, while it governs the Fraternity, will forever prevent any discordant or bitter feeling between one Chapter and another, or between individual members.

The Grand High Councilor, as presiding officer, truly had a most trying position, for the motions, amendments, and motions to table came thick and fast, and it was no easy job to preside with any degree of firmness and efficiency when such a hubbub was going on, and it was indeed most appropriate that a special vote of thanks, as to the calm, quiet and dignified way in which Bro. Brimm presided was passed.

It is greatly to be regretted that all the Chapters did not send delegates to this Convention, for it is of the greatest importance that every Chapter should come in direct contact with a Convention, in order to become thoroughly imbued with the work of the Fraternity, and properly understand the orderings of the Convention.

We sincerely trust that next year every Chapter will have a delegate present at the Convention, for it is good for us all to be present at these meetings.

The Editor.

Reports to Convention.

REPORT OF THE COUNCILOR PRINCEPS.

To the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, in Convention assembled, Richmond, Va.—Greeting:

In making to you what is called the annual report of the Councilor Princeps, I labor under peculiar difficulties. In the first place, though elected to this office in March, it was only in May last that I saw my way clear to accept the trust. Besides for nearly three years previous to my election I had been entirely cut off from all intercourse with the Fraternity and it has been impossible in so short a time to get into close touch again.

This report should have been made to cover the period of nearly two years extending back to the Convention held in Nashville, Tenn., in December, 1894. However, as my predecessor, Bro. H. B. Arbuckle has given me no data for the last year of his term I can only speak of recent events. It may, perhaps, be best to state that the Grand officers of the Fraternity are: D. J. Brimm, Grand High Councilor; R. R. Jones, Councilor Princeps; Robert A. Smyth, Grand Treasurer; J. G. McAllister, Grand Secretary; Rev. T. H. Rice, Grand Chaplain. As the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary each submit reports it will be hard for me to say anything without trespassing upon their particular fields. From the report of the former you will learn of the plan concluded and executed in the fall of 1895, by which in January of the present year the publication of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND was resumed upon a strictly cash basis after being suspended for a year. This was a master stroke by a man that has more than once shown his right to occupy the position of Grand Treasurer of our Order. He will explain to you fully the plan for its continuance and I urge you to support him heartily.

During the past winter quite a lengthy correspondence was engaged in by our young and enthusiastic Chapter, Tau, of the University of North Carolina, with certain parties at Trinity College, located at Durham. The effort was

earnestly made at first to establish a Chapter there, and at one time it seemed that the proper men had been secured, and that all was ready for the issue of a charter. But more careful investigation on the part of our Grand Council brought to light certain facts that made them decide not to issue a charter during the session of 1895-6. The principal reason for such a decision was a certain opposition on the part of the Faculty to Fraternities, though they are allowed. This is by no means an insurmountable difficulty however, and we have our eyes still fixed upon Trinity, and we hope in a few months to see our banners planted there.

I myself, during the winter, had some correspondence with students of Randolph-Macon College, at Ashland, Va., in regard to founding a Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha there, but I have nothing definite to report now. With some help we may establish a Chapter there in the fall.

Very recently I have received letters from Alumni calling the attention of the Fraternity to the fact that the University of the South, at Sewanee, and Tulane University, at New Orleans, will be easily accessible to us in the fall, as we will have men at both Institutions. In these, as in all matters, I must invite correspondence from all members, both Active and Alumni. But a few days before our assembling application came to me from five good Alumni of Norfolk, Va., for a charter for Alumnus Epsilon, thus making our fifth Chapter among the Alumni.

In matters of jurisdiction there are many words of commendation, yet some of disapproval. I cannot speak of the Grand High Councilor. He is beyond criticism from me as well by virtue of superior authority as by a wise oversight of our affairs, such as he alone could give. I would commend in unqualified terms the efficiency of our Grand Treasurer and Editor. His quarterly reports have been promptly and carefully made. I would, in like manner, commend the administration of our Grand Secretary. As far as I have been able to observe, and my opportunities have been ample, he has been most diligent and successful in performing the duties of his office. While he has not submitted *official* reports to the Councilor Princeps, reports have come almost daily from him.

If I understand aright, I should now be giving you a report of the Grand Council, both as individuals and as a body. I regret to say, that during my term of office, and for a very long time previous, no meeting of this body has been held. The Grand Officers' reports show what they

have done. The private members have not sent me any reports as required of them by the Constitution monthly. It is here that I would speak a word of censure. The roll of the Grand Council needs to be purged that it may become more efficient by being more correct; and would that some Solon would arise to formulate laws under which this body might do better work than it now does. As it is now, all work done is performed by the five officers. At the election in October, we do sincerely hope that all Chapters will elect men who are well posted and enthusiastic about our Fraternity affairs, and colleges generally, that the coming scholastic year may be a notable one in our history.

In founding Chapters, we have come down to *Upsilon*, the twentieth letter of the Greek Alphabet. Of these, eight are extinct, leaving us twelve active and five Alumni Chapters. Of the eight extinct, four cannot be revived; the others may, and they should be revived during the coming session. They are *Gamma*, at William and Mary College, Va., *Delta*, at Southern University, at Greensboro, Ala.; *Eta*, at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., *Omicron*, at Richmond College, Richmond, Va., and *Sigma*, at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. While these claim our first attention, we are equally anxious to establish new Chapters, and the prospect for three is encouraging. And as this report will appear in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, we hope to receive some communications from the Brothers of different sections in regard to this matter.

Before closing I would sound a note of warning. We have on all sides the cry for more Chapters. Brothers, let me say that if the twelve we now have be of the right stamp, we may make haste slowly in granting further Charters. Yes, let's have a longer Chapter roll, but first of all see to it that our present twelve contain only the genuine *Pi* article.

In conclusion: Let each Chapter practice greater care in preserving all Chapter history, and of the men after they have left college halls so far as such data can be secured. Also greater promptness in performing duties imposed by the Grand Council and Editor such as reports and answering letters. Also a more enthusiastic support of the Fraternity organ, the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, both in a pecuniary and literary way, that it may take such rank as our official Magazine should maintain.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Randolph Jones,
Councilor Princeps.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

*To the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity in Convention Assembled,
Richmond, Va., July 1-4, 1896 :*

Greeting :—It is with feelings that are difficult to express that we begin the composition of this, our 7th annual report as Grand Treasurer of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Part of this report, covering the year 1895, would have been rendered to the Fraternity last December had the Convention been held.

For seven long years it has been our duty to receive, guard and disburse the finances of this Fraternity, and at the end of each year to render a just and true account of the receipts and expenditures, with comments on the finances of the passing, and forecasts for that of the coming, year. Each report thus made has been a record of hopes and disappointments, of ups and downs, of successes and failures. Each year has passed leaving us with unpaid debts, some owing to us and some owed by us. Each year has opened bright with renewed promises and new leaves turned over. Each year has passed away gloomily with many unkept resolutions. And so the years since 1890 have gone.

And now that the year 1895 has gone and its book closed we are called upon to review its pages and chronicle the financial happenings of the Fraternity for these twelve months.

The year 1895 has been heavy with disappointments, yet brilliant and shining here and there with gems of success. The voice of the Fraternity, its official magazine, has been silenced since March, 1894. Failure and complete dissolution stared us hard in the face.

Is it, then, any wonder that we say that our feelings, as we attempt to bring up the financial picture of this year, are hard to analyze? Were it not better to leave this year's report unmade? Where shall we commence and what shall be the nature of this recital? What shall be stated and what shall be omitted?

No! 1895 is a part of Pi Kappa Alpha's history, and like the reports of other years, must be rendered and filed away.

The following is the official report of the moneys received and expended during the year 1895 :

RECEIPTS FOR 1895.

Received for Badges	\$345 50	
" Regalia	46 50	
" Engravings.....	52 60	
" Charter Fees.....	15 00	
" Back Debt.....	91 55	
" New Plan.....	252 00	
Balance from 1894.....	9 76	
	- — —	\$812 91

EXPENDITURES FOR 1895.

Paid for Establishing Chapters.....	\$ 19 70	
" Postage.....	28 25	
" Stenographer.....	75 50	
" Badges.....	296 26	
" Regalia	38 00	
" Engravings.....	48 25	
" Incidentals, Paper, Envelopes, &c.....	44 80	
	—————	\$550 76
Balance due in Bank.....		\$262 15

STATEMENT.

In Bank for New Plan Account.....	\$251 90
In Bank on General Fraternity Fund.....	10 25
	<u>\$ 262 15</u>

In connection with this report I would call attention to the following notes :

First. It will be noticed that but \$296.26 of the amount received for badges was paid out during the year. We were due Mr. Newman for badges undelivered at the end of the year, \$30.20, making a total for year to be paid for badges \$326.46. Total received for badges during the year being \$345.50, leaving a profit to the Fraternity arising from small discount given by Mr. Newman of \$19.04.

Second. It will also be noticed that but \$38.00 of the \$46.50 received for regalia has been spent. Tau Chapter had not yet received her set of gowns at the end of the year for which she had remitted. Thus \$44.50 would be spent for regalia, leaving \$2.00 as profit to the Fraternity.

Third. Again, the profit on engravings amounts to \$4.35 for the Fraternity, \$52.60 being received, and \$48.25 expended for the same.

These three apparent discrepancies are accounted for in this way, and special attention called to them in order to thoroughly explain them. In explanation of the reason for ordering all these goods through the Grand Treasurer, and to show that these profits do not come from the purchaser, we would like to quote the following, offered by Brother James Taylor at the last Convention, in explanation of his motion to amend the Constitution, so that these articles should be purchased through the Grand Treasurer :

“ This method will not make the cost of the articles any greater than they now are, for by making the Grand Treasurer sole agent for all these purchases it will enable him to get them at a reduced figure, and the matter, therefore, simply means that from this time forward that surplus profit heretofore gotten by the dealers and manufacturers, will now be turned into the Treasury of our Fraternity, by means of the rebate which will be made to the Grand Treasurer on account of the bulk of orders coming from one man.”

An examination of the above figures will show that whereas the receipts of 1895 amounted to \$812.91, as against \$467.91 for 1894, \$726.54 for 1893 and \$469.43 for 1892; but \$120.30 could be used for the running expenses of the Fraternity during the entire year, the greater part of the receipts being for badges and regalia. Hence it was that we were unable to revive the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. At the last Convention a resolution was adopted instructing the Grand Treasurer to issue a number of the “ Dagger and Key,” as provided for in the Constitution, to be sent to members only, “ in which will be set forth the condition of the Fraternity and a prospectus for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, as it is to appear from henceforth ”

It was impossible for the Grand Treasurer to carry out these instructions, on account of the lack of money.

All during the summer months of 1895 your Grand Treasurer was deeply interested in seeking for some plan whereby the SHIELD AND DIAMOND could be revived, and at last hit upon a plan which he incorporated in a circular under date of September 30th, 1895, and sent it to each of the Chapters, giving an estimate of the necessary expenses to run the Magazine for one year, and showing how easily the same could be raised by each Chapter remitting their yearly dues of \$10.00, and sending in a subscription for each member of every Chapter, estimating the membership at eight for each Chapter. This plan required that the en-

tire amount necessary to run the Fraternity for a year should be raised in advance. At first we intended to issue a 64-page Magazine, but as we saw that the necessary money would not be forthcoming, we reduced the size of the Magazine to 44 pages.

On November 6th, a sufficient amount being in sight to guarantee us in so doing, we wrote to the Alumni urging them to subscribe to the Magazine, and pledging them six issues of the Magazine for their \$2.00. We regret to say that the response to this call was not as heartsome and ready as we had hoped for.

At the end of 1895 we had raised \$251.90 for the credit of what we called the "New Plan" account, which was to be used for publishing the SHIELD AND DIAMOND for 1896. Had it been possible for us to have held the Convention in last December, we believe that, the iron then being hot, we could have shaped a different course for the Magazine during 1896, and raised a more adequate amount.

Be that as it may, however, suffice it to say that on January 25th we mailed to all the Chapters and Alumni, the first issue of Vol. V. of the revived SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and in March and May the regular numbers were issued in due time.

We feel very proud of the revived Magazine and hope that its career of usefulness will not receive any hindrances during the years which are to come, but that it will increase in size and power with each year and soon be the best Magazine of the grandest Fraternity in the South.

We now pass to our report for the six months of 1896.

REPORT FOR 1896.

1896 has probably had the most prosperous beginning of any year since the re-organization in 1890, and had the Chapters responded promptly with their full *pro rata*, as provided for in our circular of September 30th, it would not have been necessary for us to make any further report than to give you the official figures showing the receipts and expenditures for this part of the year.

As it is, we regret to say that for reasons best known to themselves, all the Chapters have not sent in subscriptions to the Magazine for all their members. However, we will treat of this later.

The following gives an itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures for 1896:—

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1896.

Received for Subscriptions to "S. & D." from Alumni..	\$ 64 25	
" Subscriptions to "S. & D." from Chapters.	36 00	
Received from Chapters for yearly dues.....	6 00	
" Chapters for charter fees.....	4 25	
" Interest from bank	20	
Received for Advertisements in SHIELD AND DIA-		
MOND.....	17 00	
" 1894 Caulfield Pledge.....	15 00	
" Miscellaneous.....	2 75	
" Badges this year.....	39 80	
" Paper and Visiting cards for Chapters....	7 30	
Balance from 1895.....	262 15	
		\$454 70
Expended for 3 issues "S. & D.".....	\$120 72	
" General office expenses.....	35 00	
" Miscellaneous expenses.....	5 90	
" Postage on letters ..	13 59	
" Paper and envelopes, &c., for general		
office	9 85	
" Exchange on checks.....	30	
" Back debt of March, 1894	60 29	
" Visiting cards, &c., for Chapters	6 28	
" Badges unpaid 1895, a/c and 1896.....	58 56	
" Gowns	5 00	
		\$315 49
Balance due in Treasury		\$139 21

It will be seen from the above that the actual running expenses of the Fraternity for the past six months of 1896, has been but \$185.36.

We have now in bank but \$139.21, which it will be seen at a glance, is not sufficient to carry us through the remaining six months of the year unless the amounts now owing to us are paid up and the Alumni give a more hearty response. Our expenses during the fall and winter months are much heavier than the spring and summer months, for during that season it is impossible for your Grand Treasurer to attend unaided to the work and correspondence of the General Office.

We would call attention to the following table with no intention of censuring, or blaming the Chapters, nor of making an unnecessary display of their indebtedness but simply that we may thoroughly understand the assets of the Fraternity and be better prepared to arrange at this meeting for the coming six months.

Alpha has 10 members but has only sent 3 paid Subscriptions to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Beta has 15 members but has only sent 11 paid Subscriptions to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Zeta has 11 members but has only sent 3 paid Subscriptions to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Theta has 10 members and has sent 10 paid Subscriptions to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Iota has 8 members but has only sent 3 paid Subscriptions to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Mu has 9 members but has only sent 4 paid Subscriptions to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Nu has 13 members but has only sent 6 paid Subscriptions to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Xi has 9 members but has only sent 7 paid Subscriptions to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Pi has 7 members and has sent 7 paid Subscriptions to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Rho has 18 members but has only sent 3 paid Subscriptions to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Tau has 6 members but has sent *no* paid Subscriptions to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Upsilon has 12 members but has only sent 8 paid Subscriptions to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

It will be seen from this that Alpha owes for 7 subscriptions; Beta, for 4; Iota, 5; Zeta, 8; Mu, 5; Nu, 7; Xi, 2; Rho, 15; Tau, 6; Upsilon, 4; making a total of 63, or \$126.00. Could we collect this amount it would give us in hand \$265.21, which we think would be ample for the expenses of the coming six months.

To Theta Chapter belongs the credit of having been first to respond to the call of September 30th, and she and Pi are the two Chapters who have paid in their 1896 dues in full, and sent subscriptions for every member on their roll.

Be it said to the credit of every Chapter on the roll. however, that they have all paid their \$10 yearly dues, so that the Chapters as a whole have done their part nobly. It may be that some of their members are a little careless about subscribing to the Magazine, but for this we cannot blame the Chapter entirely, though according to the Constitution it is the duty of each financial scribe to collect the \$2 from each man on the first of each January and remit the same to the Grand Treasurer. We wish to impress on the members of the Chapters here present, the importance of having their financial scribe give close attention to this requirement of the Constitution in order that the subscriptions for the full membership can be sent in one lump, thus saving trouble in the matter of the keeping of the books and giving us a chance to cut our suit exactly in accordance with our cloth.

Our Alumni have not given us the support which we had hoped for, although we have exerted our best efforts to interest them in the Magazine of their Fraternity, and pledged them that we would guarantee them the six numbers of the Magazine for their money. It is to be hoped that those of the Alumni who are present will interest themselves in seeing that all the members of their acquaintance become subscribers to the Magazine. It should be the duty of each member of the Fraternity to interest himself personally in every branch of the work and never lose the opportunity to say a good word for the Fraternity.

In closing this report we beg to say that we desire to express to those noble workers who have striven so hard with us to make it possible that the SHIELD AND DIAMOND should again appear, our grateful thanks and appreciation for all that they have done and assure them that but for their encouragement and help we would never have been able to accomplish the reviving of the Magazine. Especially do we extend our thanks in this matter to J. Gray McAllister.

The future of the Fraternity is in the hands of its active members. The officers who are now striving with earnest and loyal efforts to so shape its course that it will soon become one of the leading Fraternities of the South can do nothing unless they are aided and supported in their movement by every Chapter member. We alone can suggest and advise means for the advancement of the Fraternity. It is the active men who must take hold and carry out these suggestions if the Fraternity is to accomplishing anything.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Smyth,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

To the Pi Kappa Alpha Convention, Richmond, Va. :

The present Secretary succeeded to office February 11th, 1895, and among the most pleasurable tasks first in order was the issuance upon that date of a charter for *Tau Chapter* to five staunch men, students of the University of North Carolina. Application came March 22d, following from an equal number at the A. & M. College of Alabama, and thus *Upsilon* began her commendable career. A splendid future

seems destined to issue from the establishment of these two Chapters, judged from both their strategic position and their personnel.

March 18th, 1895, J. F. Newman, of New York, was appointed the official jeweller of the Fraternity. It was just following this time that another determined effort was made by the Fraternity's officers to raise a fund for the permanent placing of new Chapters. But few responses came from the many men addressed. This I believe was due not so much to the indifference of the alumni and active men as to the financial plight of every one's purse. As May drew to a close depression settled over the Order.

Naturally, for official means of communication had been regretfully severed, when the SHIELD AND DIAMOND ceased publication, for lack of funds, some months before. Yet considering the discouraging circumstances, the Chapters did well in the fall, and when Brother Smyth's scheme for republication was presented to them about the 1st of October a response was given more cordial than any preceding it. The enthusiasm attending the reception of our Magazine each issue bears witness to the wisdom of the spot cash plan and certainly no less to the esteem in which the Chapters hold this organ of information and interchange of views.

Since last we clasped hands in Convention halls more than one brother brave and true has gone up higher. Their names we know; their manly memories abide within shrines that are closest to our hearts. Standing in the presence of losses we count irreparable, of sundered ties which fleeting years were making more strong and tender and pure, how sternly we find emphasized the truth: "Thy ways are past finding out." And Faith makes answer to the silent heart: "He giveth his beloved sleep."

I do not deem it necessary to outline the plans which presented more or less directly through the Secretary's office, are to come up for discussion in this Convention. Only one would I touch upon. Through a misunderstanding the Convention which was to be held at Atlanta in December last was not held and the Assembly now in session is its substitute. Chief among the reasons against Convention-holding during the holidays stands the strong desire of everyone to be at home at that *time*. The letters received in this office are proof that summer Conventions are popular with the members.

Your secretary regretfully calls attention to the neglect on the part of Chapters in not sending tabulated reports of new members and general reports covering the progress and prospects of the respective Chapters. Council members also have been derelict in submitting their reports. A somewhat closer study by our members of our constitution and by-laws, followed by actual practice of them, would enable the officers of the Fraternity to be not only much better informed as to our growth, but likewise, better able to advance the interests of the Order, we all love, and for which, I feel sure, we all stand willing to make some occasional personal sacrifice.

On the whole the Fraternity has reason to congratulate itself upon the good work done by its members, active and alumnus. The obstacles against which progress was to be made—the depressed times and consequent discontinuance of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND for many months—were sufficient to have baffled brave hearts. The Fraternity has, we believe, tided over its uncertain and roughest days. It is now better fitted than ever for work. We have excellent prospects for Chapters next fall at Tulane and Trinity, an effort being made to enter the University of the South, and only to-day a charter is issued for Alumnus *Epsilon* at Norfolk, Va. Can any year point to a brighter future? What, then, are the immediate needs? I would say:

1st. Continued and increased support for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

2nd The raising of a fund for the planting of new Chapters in the fall, and

3rd. A more general and cordial aid to the officers by the members of the Fraternity. By concerted effort these three things can soon and without appreciable disadvantage, be secured. And there is prevalent a determined *//* spirit that should be utilized for their accomplishment.

In concluding this brief report the Grand Secretary wishes to give cordial expression of gratitude to the men who have seconded his work and thus cheered him in it. It is, therefore, with regret that he announces his business duties to be of a nature such as to have hindered his efficiency and to make necessary at this time his resignation of the office, in filling which there has never been aught save the most pleasant of Fraternal intercourse and sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Gray McAllister,
Grand Secretary.

Official Communication.

RESIGNATION OF J. GRAY McALLISTER.

RICHMOND, VA., June 25th, 1896.

To Robert A. Smyth, Grand Treasurer, Charleston, S. C.:

My Dear Brother :—By reason of duties which necessitate frequent absences, and at times long ones, from the city, I hereby tender my resignation as Grand Secretary of the *Pi Kappa Alpha* Fraternity. And in so doing I could not wish for my successor a support more cordial than the members of the Fraternity have accorded me, or a relation more hearty or pleasant with the officers of the Order.

In the bonds of *Π. Κ. Α.*,
J. Gray McAllister,
Grand Secretary.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRAND HIGH COUNCILOR.

NORFOLK, VA., July 11th, 1896.

Mr. Robert A. Smyth, Grand Treasurer, Charleston, S. C.:

My Dear Brother :—It is with much hesitation that I have accepted the high honor which was so graciously conferred upon me at the Convention just past, I am deeply touched at the confidence reposed in me by the representatives of our noble Order, and shall endeavor, to the utmost of my ability and by substantial action, to discharge this trust and show my great appreciation of the high compliment.

At the same time, I must, for some little while, beg your kind forbearance, until I can acquaint myself more fully with my own duties and the Fraternity's needs. I have been in active life so long, that you may well understand how little I can now be in touch with the Greek Letter world.

The demands of a family and a jealous profession will also prevent me from giving that time to the Fraternity that I would wish; but please be assured of this, that whatever I can do, I shall do most cheerfully and earnestly.

I can now only ask the kind indulgence and cordial co-ope-

ration of our officers and brothers, both individually and collectively, and pledging them in return my active support and heartfelt earnestness in all matters pertaining to the advancement of our brotherhood, I am, as ever,

Yours in *Φ. Φ. K. A.*

Floyd Hughes.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Mr. Robert A. Smyth, Grand Treasurer, Charleston, S. C.:

DEAR BRO SMYTH;—Yours of the 8th instant to hand.

I am grateful for the confidence which you say the Convention expressed in me at my nomination for Grand Secretary and for the unanimity of my election. At the same time it is neither more nor less than simple truth when I assure you I wish they had looked elsewhere.

The duties arising from my calling in the present field of labor are always pressing and somewhat onerous leaving me very little time for outside work. Yet I know someone must act and probably anyone else who might have been chosen would have as good reasons for refusing as I.

To no work will I as gladly devote my otherwise unemployed time as to that of the Fraternity in any capacity they desire, my interest is unabated, though College days are over, and my love for the *Shield and Diamond* is heartier than ever. I accept the position and will do my best to perform its duties.

Yours in *Φ. Φ. K. A.*

Robert Hill.

Nashville, Tenn., July 13th, 1896.

IOTA CHAPTER.

We publish this month as a frontispiece a picture of our noble brothers of *Iota*, which we know will be of interest to all the *Pi's*.

We were enabled to publish this cut through the kindness of *Iota* Chapter in furnishing us with 300 copies of the same. The cut was gotten up for the College Annual of Hampden-Sidney.

Will not the other Chapters follow this good example and have an extra number of impressions made from the cut used for their College Annual, and furnish the same to the *SHIELD AND DIAMOND*,

It will not cost much and will be a great improvement to the Magazine as well as most interesting to the other Chapters.

Whose cut goes in the September Magazine?

Editorial.

The Fraternity is to be congratulated upon the success of its 7th Annual Convention, and we are sure that a new throb of life will be sent through its entire borders, by the enthusiasm which was there instilled into the delegates.

It may appear, in reading the hastily prepared journal of the minutes, published in this number, that there was not much work done at this meeting, yet it was the best Convention that the Fraternity has ever held, and results were accomplished from which the Fraternity will benefit for years to come.

The Fraternity has now at its head, one, who, as a prominent and successful business man, will, we feel sure so advise and govern the active officers that the Fraternity will prosper greatly in the next twelve months.

Brother Floyd Hughes is all that a true *Pi* should be; enthusiastic, devoted and loyal, he has at heart the best interests of the Fraternity, and with the experience which his years of business life have given him will bring to bear upon the troublesome problems which the officers have to solve, a clear judgment and business tact which will make itself felt throughout the entire Fraternity, and tend to build up rapidly its waste places.

We cannot express in words the feelings of gratitude which should be extended by the Fraternity to the ever active, ever zealous, ever enthusiastic worker, Daniel Johnson Brimm, who has now retired from the active control of the affairs of the Fraternity which he loved and served so faithfully. He has governed the Fraternity during a most trying and troublesome period, and we can truthfully say that his advice has always been given in that calm, careful manner which is so dis-

tinctive of him, and it has always been for the best interest of the Fraternity.

We sincerely trust that although he has been relieved from the trying duties of the head of the Fraternity, with a "Well done, good and faithful servant," that he will not lose his active interest in its work, for his advice will always be cheerfully received, whenever in his judgment he sees fit to offer it.

We regret that it has been necessary for J. Gray McAllister, our Grand Secretary, to resign his position owing to business engagements, which necessitate his prolonged absence from Richmond, and his travelling about the country. For some time it has been apparent to Bro. McAllister that it was not advisable for him to continue to hold his office. The nature of his business kept him very often for many weeks from his home office, and many letters of importance could not thus receive the proper attention which they required.

The mantle of Brother J. T. McAllister could not have fallen on a more worthy or a more able successor, than his Brother, J. Gray McAllister, and the wisdom of the Fraternity in confiding this office to his keeping has been thoroughly proven.

He has given to his work the energies and devotions of a live, active worker, and has served with faithful devotion the Fraternity which he loves so dearly.

We know that throughout the borders of the entire Fraternity there will be sincere regret that it was necessary to accept his resignation.

The Fraternity has made a most wise choice in selecting as the future Grand Secretary Brother Robert Hill of *Theta* Chapter.

Those who have been thrown with him in the Chapter Circle know what a *Pi* he is, and that his capacity, and willingness for work in the advancement of the Fraternity is unlimited. The *Pi's* who had the good fortune to be with

him at the Nashville Convention, saw there, that as a worker, Bro. Hill had few equals in the Fraternity.

He will bring to bear upon the work entrusted to his care, an active mind and watchful eye, which aided by his ready and willing hands will surely accomplish great good for the Fraternity.

We congratulate *Pi Kappa Alpha* on its selection.

No member of the Fraternity on reading the reports of the three active officers herewith published can doubt that at the head of the Fraternity there are men who are ever striving to increase the strength, and develop the resources of the Fraternity. We feel sure that a word or two of comment on these three reports will not be out of place in this department.

In reading the report of the Councilor Princeps one is at once struck with the watchful care with which he has guided the Fraternity during the short term of his office. Bro. Jones has certainly taken hold of the reins of government in earnest, and will do much towards making our Fraternity the success that it should be.

We note as of great importance for the consideration of the active members, the following matter mentioned in his report. The private members of the Grand Council have not rendered to him, in accordance with the Constitution, their reports, covering the work of the Chapter which they represent. Without this data before him it is impossible for this officer to thoroughly understand the workings of the Chapters, and we would earnestly add our entreaties to his that in the future the private members be more attentive to their duty.

Bro. Jones has expressed in his report a thought which should be the key-note of our work for the coming year, and that is, that we should *go slow in establishing new Chapters*. The extinct Chapters should be revived before placing new ones, and every Chapter on the roll should be strengthened and built up. It would give the Fraternity more power to

have twelve or fifteen strong, healthy, and active-working, Chapters, than to have thirty Chapters on the roll, and half of them weak ones and thus of no benefit to the Fraternity at all.

We would ask the careful attention of the Chapter members to this important matter, and that the same be put into practice. That the Chapters be strengthened, and that those Chapters that are now extinct, be revived and placed on a firm foundation, before any attempt to place new Chapters is made.

For the first time since the re-organization of the Fraternity in 1890, the report rendered by the Grand Treasurer this year shows that *the Fraternity does not owe a cent*. As this report was read at the Convention it was greeted with smiles and applause and probably for the first time since his election the members were glad to see, and talk with their Grand Treasurer.

At the same time it should be noticed that whereas the Fraternity owes nothing, there is owing to it quite a large amount, which should be paid by the active Chapters at the very first opportunity, for it is shown in his report that if this amount be paid there will be ample funds in the Treasury to run the Fraternity for the next six months, otherwise there will be a shortage.

We would also call to the attention of the Chapters the fact that the Financial Scribe should charge every member's account with his subscription to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND on the first of January, and collect and remit the same at once to the General Office. This is in accordance with the Constitution, but has not been carried out as carefully as it should be.

We wish to reiterate the remark made by the Grand Treasurer in closing his report, "*that the future of the Fraternity is in the hands of the members of the active Chapters.*" The Officers have been, and will be, carefully on the lookout to devise plans for the advancement of the Fraternity, but it is only through the active members that these plans can materialize or in any way benefit the Fraternity.

This leads us to say, that there should be a closer touch of

the elbow between the active members and the Officers, and that a constant correspondence should be carried on between them. Each member of the Chapter should consider that he is especially appointed to carry out the directions of the Officers, and to see that their plans and suggestions are made successful.

Our Grand Secretary has given us a thought which should be borne in mind by every member of the Fraternity, and instilled by him into every initiate. And that is that the Constitution should be carefully studied, and its requirements put into actual practice. If this was done it would be wonderful to see the change in the Fraternity which would take place in a few weeks.

The Chapters are required by the Constitution to make carefully prepared and tabulated reports to the Grand Secretary at stated times, and yet we notice from his report that none of the Chapters have obeyed this law. In this way the hands of the Grand Secretary have been tied, and he has been unable to arrange a report of the Fraternity. Can we not in the future have our Constitution carefully and systematically studied, and its requirements fully and thoroughly carried out by the Chapters. Then, indeed, would our progress be wonderful, and our strength greatly increased.

It will be noticed that the Grand Secretary also makes the plea for a more general and cordial support of the Officers.

We sincerely trust that each Chapter member will carefully read the reports of the Officers rendered to the Convention and will make a note of the many suggestions therein contained, and strive to have the same put into practice during the coming year. Do not leave it for some other member of the Chapter to do, let each interest himself in this work, and by a thorough understanding and appreciation of the needs of the Chapter by every member, the great end which we so much desire, the thorough building up of our present Chapters, will be so easily and so quickly accomplished that we will scarcely appreciate the work which we have personally done to accomplish it.

The Pi's.

PERSONAL NOTES CONCERNING OUR MEMBERS.

In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to REV. ROBERT HILL, 719 S. High Street, Nashville, Tenn., *any item of news concerning a brother member, which may come under his notice.* If the item appears in a newspaper, clip it out, paste it on a postal and forward as above, giving date and name of paper.

—Bro. E. M. Craig, *Iota*, was married on October 10th, 1894. His wife was Miss Lelia L. Glenn, of Rustburg, Va. Brother Craig took charge of the Presbyterian Church at Cuthbert, Ga., on December 1st, 1894, and is still pastor of this church. He was Commissioner from the Macon Presbytery to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, at Memphis, Tenn., in May, 1896. In a letter to the General Office, Brother Craig says: "In this Assembly were other Pi's; S. M. Engle, Oakland, Maryland, and W. T. Palmer, of Trenton, Tenn., and T. H. Rice, Jr., of Alexandria. Embry M. Holmes, late of Kansas City was there and did the reporting for the Memphis paper. E. M. Craig, Jr., a lad of 10 months old, is hard to beat, and challenges Pi-dem." Our hearty congratulations to Bro. Craig.

—Rev. Bro. Robert Hill, *Theta*, has a fine son. We hope he will one day make as good a Pi as his father.

—Hon. B. B. Munford, of *Alpha*, was the orator on the occasion of Decoration Day at Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond, Va., May 9th. *The Dispatch*, which reported the speech in full, says: "Mr. Munford's oration was a masterly effort, and was attentively listened to throughout." Bro. E. Piper Cox, also of *Alpha*, was one of the Chief Marshals of the day. He is, by the way, one of the most influential sons of Veterans in Richmond.

—Cadet Frederick Loyd Tate, of *Upsilon Chapter*, of Russell County, has been appointed to represent the College in

the inter-collegiate oratorical contest to be held during July at the Alabama Chautauqua, at Talladega. Cadet Tate is a leading member of the Junior Class, President of the Wirt Society, and a fine student and speaker. There is no doubt that he will reflect great credit on his college. The contest this year will take the form of a debate, in which the University of Alabama and Howard College will be arrayed against this College and the Southern University.—*Opelika (Ala.) Post, of April 17th.*

—Bro. John B. Gordon, *Theta*, a true son of his Scottish ancestors, has just completed his second year at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. A Pi writing to us says: "John says that as soon as he finishes his course that 'he expects to hit the grit,' (what that means time must tell.)" His post office address for the summer is Brooks, Ky., where he is supplying very acceptably the pulpits of two churches.

—Bro. J. M. McNaul, *Mu*, last year finished a course at Eastman Business College, New York, but has now turned his face towards the ministry, and has just completed his first year at Louisville Seminary. His summer address is Dillon, S. C.

—Bro. G. W. Syper, *Theta*, has completed a course at the Business College of Louisville, Kentucky, and now has a lucrative position in a law office of that city. He is looking forward to the legal profession.

—Bro. J. D. Arbuckle, *Iota*, is at home with his father, on their farm near Lewisburg, West Va., and is making himself useful as well as ornamental.

—Bro. R. L. Telford, *Iota*, has completed the fourth session as President of the Lewisburg Female Institute. He is steadily raising the standard of his school, and will add, after next year, three new teachers, one from the New England Conservatory of Music, one from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and one from the University of Paris. He will then have one of the best equipped schools in the country.

—Rev. Bro. Joseph R. Rennie, *Iota*, of Covington, Ky., preached the Baccalaureate Sermon of the Lewisburg Female Institute on May 31st.

—*Zeta Chapter, Pi Kappa Alpha*, was handsomely entertained just before the commencement at the University by Brother Van D. Hite-Smith at his elegant home at Lincoln Park. There were present, besides the members of the Chapter, the *Pi* Sisters of the city, and a most enjoyable time was had.

—Bro. A. W. Simpson, an active member of *Mu* Chapter last year, has been studying medicine at Augusta, Ga., during the past year.

—Bro. J. D. Jacobs, *Mu*, who has been studying medicine at Nashville, Tenn., is spending his vacation at home. He has just been elected assistant instructor in the laboratories of Vanderbilt University, and at the same time will continue his course in medicine.

—Bro. Burt W. Andrews, of *Lambda*, was married on Sunday afternoon, June 14th, 1896, at the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D. C., to Miss Addie Thomson. Bro. Thomas F. Brantley, of *Xi*, was best man. The bride was given away by her uncle, Col. Robert Thomson. Bro. Andrews is confidential clerk to the United States Inspector of the Department of Agriculture at Philadelphia, Pa. He writes most enthusiastically of his work and expects to be transferred next year to Washington, when he and Brother Brantley will endeavor to establish an *Alumnus Chapter*. The SHIELD AND DIAMOND extends heartiest congratulations to Bro. Andrews.

—Bro. Marion L. Dawson, *Omicron*, has just been elected chairman of the City Democratic Committee of Richmond to serve for two years. Bro. Dawson's election is a very complimentary one, as there were several applicants for the position.

—"At the home of the bride's parents in LaFayette, Ky., on June 3rd, 1896, by the Rev. A. M. Milster, the Rev. Henry A. Young, *Iota*, of Bell's Va., and Miss Margaret E. Bear, were married." The SHIELD AND DIAMOND extends heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the young couple.

—We have received a very interesting little pamphlet entitled "The Manual of the Presbyterian Church of Brownsville, Tenn.," giving an interesting account of the history of that church and a roll of its members. Rev. Bro.

W. T. Palmer, *Theta*, took charge of this church in December, 1895; since then the church has had a wonderfully successful life. The church has been wonderfully blessed and all have worked together harmoniously.

—Rev. Bro. H. B. Arbuckle, Ex *C. P.*, was married on June 4th to Miss Ida Meginniss at her aunt's home in Wilmington, Del., Rev. Bro. Theron H. Rice Jr., performed the ceremony, and it was a real "*Pi*" wedding. Bro. Arbuckle writes us, "She is a great *Pi*, and really reads the SHIELD AND DIAMOND with as much interest as I do." Bro. Arbuckle has been appointed Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Johns Hopkins University for next year, so that he will return to Baltimore and continue his course under most pleasing auspices. It is needless to say that the hearty good wishes and congratulations of every member of the Fraternity is extended to Bro. Arbuckle, who so zealously and ably served the Fraternity. We trust that his will be a long life of joy and prosperity.

—We quote the following from the *Kentucky Register* of June 12th in the account of the commencement at Central University: "The first orator was Mr. A. S. Lynn, (our brother of *Mu*.) who spoke for half an hour, and handled his subject with the ease of one inspired by conscious duty. His composition was almost faultless and his speech one of the best of the commencement season."

—Rev. Bro. Richard Orme Flinn and Rev. Bro. Theron H. Rice, both of *Theta*, sailed for Europe on June 6th, where they expect to spend three months. The both go as representatives of the Pan-Presbyterian Council, which meets in Glasgow, Scotland, June 17th, and continues ten days. Bro. Flinn writes: "We will be entertained by the good Scotchmen of Glasgow, and then proceed on our travels, visiting the chief places of interest in the English Isles, and then spending a month or more on the continent of Europe."

—The following is from the Richmond Times of July 4th: "The annual meeting of the Virginia Society of Cincinnati will convene to-day at 12 o'clock, at Chamberlain's Hotel, Old Point. P. H. C. Cabell, (*Alpha*.) . . . attending."

—We regret to announce the death of Bro. James M. Bryson, *Zeta*, who was drowned while swimming in a mill pond, on June 27th at his home near Gallatin, Tenn. He was about 20 years of age and was very popular among his

associates, being reserved, modest, unassuming and esteemed by all who knew him.

—The Virginia Society of the Sons of the Revolution, of Richmond, Va., have selected as their President, Hon. James Alston Cabell, of *Alpha*, and as Registrar, Bro. Charles Washington Coleman; also of *Alpha*, Bro. J. A. Cabell has just been elected President of the Alumni Association of Richmond College.

—At the recent re-union at Richmond, Va., the United Sons of Confederate Veterans was formed, and two *Pi's* were highly honored by this Association, being given prominent offices. Bro. Robert A. Smyth, *Grand Treasurer*, was unanimously elected to command the Department of Northern Virginia, of this Association, consisting of the States of North and South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Kentucky, with the rank of Lieutenant General; and Bro. E. P. Cox, *Alpha*, was appointed Adjutant General, and Chief of Staff of the Commanding Officer. Bro. E. P. Cox was also elected as the Commander of the Grand Camp of Sons of Veterans in the State of Virginia.

—On December 24th, 1895, at Warsaw, Mo., Bro. W. D. Adams, *Pi*, and Miss Mabel Crawford, were married at the Broadway Presbyterian Church. Since then Bro. Adams has been appointed to a responsible position in the Sedalia National Bank, of Sedalia, Mo., to which city he has moved. Bro. Adams has made a great success of his life, starting as a clerk at the Bank of Warsaw, Mo. He was soon promoted to the position of Assistant Cashier, and from that Bank he was called to his present responsible position. Our best wishes are extended to Bro. Adams.

—Bro. W. H. Massey, *Iota*, who is now one of the leading attorneys of Danville, Va., made the annual address at the Commencement of the Chester Springs School, Va. He quite electrified his audience by his speech on Cuba.

—Bro. E. D. Moore, an old *Iota* boy, expects to enter Union Seminary, at Hampden-Sidney, this fall. One of the Brothers writes us: "Eddie has taken unto himself a charming wife since he left *Iota*, and she will spend next session at Hampden-Sidney with him."

—Letters have been received introducing E. M. Craig, Jr., and John M. Wells, Jr., sons of *Iota's* famous members, to the Fraternity.

—Bro. J. D. McPhail, *Theta*, has located at LaFayette, Ala. He is making quite a reputation as salesman for one of the leading dry goods firms of that city. Bro. McPhail was married May 4th, to Miss Lula Barber. We wish him all joy in his new state.

—Bro. W. C. Smith, *Theta*, is now attending college at the University of Mississippi, Law Department, where he is gaining quite a name for himself.

—Bro. A. D. Fontaine is pursuing the study of law under his father, Hon. J. D. Fontaine, at his home in Pontotoc, Mississippi.

—Bro. W. M. Keady, *Theta*, is pursuing a course in Analytical and Mechanical Chemistry, at his home in Greensboro, Ala., preparing for a more extended course at Louisville in the fall.

—Bro. L. W. Payne, a charter member of *Upsilon*, has resigned his position as Librarian at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, to accept a position as co-principal at the Agricultural School at Evergreen, Ala., a branch of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College.

—At the Staunton Convention, held last month, the Hon. B. B. Munford, of *Gamma*, added vastly to his reputation for tact and ability. All the matters committed to his charge were admirably handled, and the Convention heard him at a time when it was not disposed to be patient with others of the minority.—*Richmond Dispatch*.

—The *Okolona Sun*, of the 4th of June, says: "The Commencement Sermon of Okolona College was preached last Sabbath morning, in the Baptist Church, by the Rev. W. S. Jacobs, (our Brother of *Mu*), the popular and talented pastor of the Columbus Presbyterian Church. A large and attentive congregation greeted him, and although quite a young man, he is considered one of the foremost ministers of his denomination in our State. And fully sustained his reputation by his masterly effort. He also preached at night, addressed the Presbyterian Sabbath School in the afternoon, and left Monday morning for Westminster College, where he will receive this week the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, the highest honor given by that Institution. He made many friends in our city who wish him success, and pray God's blessing on him and his work.

—The following is from the *Southwestern Presbyterian*, Port Gibson, Miss.: "We have received a very kind invitation to attend the Commencement exercises of Chamberlain-Hunt Academy. Rev. S. C. Byrd, (of Xi Chapter,) of LaFayette Church, in this city, is to preach the sermon, on next Sabbath."

—Rev. J. S. Foster, (*Theta*.) of Sanatobia, Miss., has been called to the Church at Franklin, Tenn., and has indicated his purpose to accept this call—*Southwestern Presbyterian*.

JAMES TAYLOR.

After an illness of two months from inflammatory rheumatism, Bro. James Taylor passed away at his home near Nashville, Tenn., on May 27th, 1896, aged 31 years. For some weeks before his death he suffered great agony from boils and a carbuncle, these, his physician lanced, when blood poison ensued which was the immediate cause of death. His sudden demise was a great shock to the business community of which he was an honored member, as well as a great and painful surprise to his relatives and friends.

James Taylor was born in Montreal, Canada, though of Southern parentage. His family holds an honorable position in his country's history. In the war of 1812 his great grandfather was quartermaster general and contributed largely of his vast personal wealth to the relief of Detroit.

At the age of nineteen he entered the University of Virginia, where he joined *Alpha* Chapter, this was in the season of '84-'85. Here he spent one year, and in the summer of '85 he with a party took a trip through Europe. On his return he settled at his home near Nashville where he remained until 1891, going then to Seattle, Wash. His wife's health suffered so much in Seattle that he was forced back to Nashville where in 1892 he went into the fire insurance business. His advance was phenomenal, at the time of his death he ranked fourth in the city and was still rapidly forging ahead. He was the soul of honor, in him you saw the old time Southern gentleman at his best. His ability to make friends was remarkable especially so considering he was such a busy man. At the time of his death though but thirty-one years of age, he was probably as well known, and certainly as greatly respected as any business man twice his age in the city.

A near relative related to me the following story to show

his capacity to make friends and his determination to succeed in any difficulty which were the key to his great business success.

While in Europe in 1885 he wished to go from Rome to Constantinople and though he had no passports, he would not listen to the warnings of his friends, but leaving them all in Rome he set out by himself. On the voyage one of the ship's officers took a fancy to him and learning his purpose undertook to smuggle him past the guards and into the city, an undertaking of great danger, but very successfully carried out. But now it is dangerous for him to appear on the street without passports in his possession, so taking a favorable moment he set out to find the American minister to get his assistance. Hon. Sunset Cox was then minister to Turkey. To him this lad of twenty told his adventure and his purpose. Mr. Cox was very much interested and finding he knew his grandfather, Col. James Taylor, of Newport, Ky., he furnished him all that was necessary and enabled him to spend several days in the ancient capital of the West very pleasantly.

All who attended the Nashville Convention in '94 will remember Jas. Taylor who almost abandoned his business to be with us, and to them his death will be a sad blow. We mourn the loss of a loyal brother and a noble man, in all respects a man indeed.

Robert Hill.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

IOTA CHAPTER OF THE PI KAPPA FRATERNITY, }
April 20th, '96. }

Whereas, God in His wisdom has called home on the nineteenth of March, our brother, George A. Alexander, who was associated with us so closely for four years, and by his happy, wholesouled disposition endeared himself to us all and

Whereas, we feel keenly the loss of one who gave such promise of a noble and useful life, setting all the example of a true Christian, and showing that even though in ill, health he could attend strictly to his duties both secular and religious, be it

Resolved, That we extend to his family our truest sympathy for our common loss, and that these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and published in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

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