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INTER-FRATERNITY COURTESY.

“DO UNTO OTHERS—”

With fraternities at most institutions the period of “rushing” is now over and we are right glad it is so. The fraternity goat is now hibernating and he will not appear again this session in many chapter-halls. At others he will be brought out for another ride or two, and then I wager he will have the choicest backer of the season. By this I mean that very often in the rush for the handsomest and seemingly most polished and prepossessing men the best material is overlooked until later in the session—many diamonds in the rough, which though last discovered, shine with steadiest glow.

But I began a preachment against the custom, too often used, of rushing men headlong into the Chapters. “Festina lente” is a good motto for any Chapter. Hasty selection is very often poor selection, and those earliest in the lists not infrequently stoop to unfair and unfraternal schemes. And now I reach my real purpose, which is to call attention in no uncertain terms to the disgusting manner in which members of one fraternity heap harsh criticism and abuse upon other fraternities when trying to win over to membership some unpledged favorite. There is no whisper of disgrace too secret or any matter too delicate, but that they will sound it in the ears of the hesitating candidate.

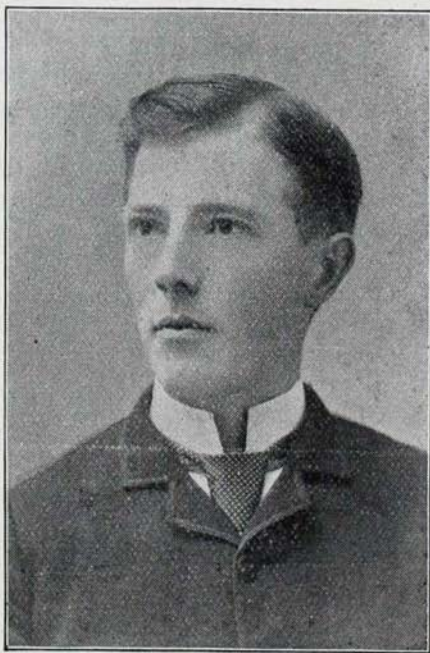
Such actions have lately come under our notice. It is unbecoming in any Greek, whoever he may be. If you consider

your Order the best, in candor say as much, but abuse of others is never the best way to show off one's own virtues, and if there is anything that the fraternity idea should inculcate it is genuine courtesy.

The man whose mental vision is so contracted by conceit or narrowed by prejudice as not to be able to see above the fraternity horizon any but his own brotherhood is by no means an ideal Greek; and any Chapter that bases its electioneering upon such methods should be doomed to fall, hoist by its own petard. J.

REV. F. D. THOMAS, OF IOTA CHAPTER.

The following interesting account of the life of our brother, F. D. Thomas, of Iota Chapter, appeared in a recent copy of the "*North Carolina Presbyterian*." Through the courtesy of this paper, we secured the loan of the accompanying cut, and knowing that the article would be of great interest to our members, we herewith re-publish it.



REV. F. D. THOMAS.

"Rev. F. D. Thomas was born in New Berne, N. C., December 2nd, 1867, and is one of five living sons of the late Judge C. R. Thomas. The father and mother being respectively of Methodist and Congregational families, the five boys all grew up and entered the Presbyterian Church, being soon followed by the parents.

Mr. Thomas' boyhood and youth was spent in the City of New Berne, where he attended the old Academy and the Graded School, always easily ranking first in his classes. Two years were then spent at the University of North Carolina, where he took the classical course, and stood among the first three of his classmen.

His health failing he dropped out of College, but continued privately his studies, teaching a short while till his health was recovered.

Having been always a hard student and a lover of books, and even as a boy delighting to hear the legal talks and discussions of his father, his mind turned naturally to the study of law as a profession. And it was a frequent saying at that time that all of Judge Thomas' boys would be lawyers like their father.

But just at this juncture he united with the Church and his mind at once turned ardently to the ministry. He went soon to Union Seminary, Virginia, being the first young man to enter the ministry from the Presbyterian Church, of New Berne, at least since the civil war, his brother, Rev. James Thomas, of Wilson, being the second.

Two years were spent in Union Seminary, during which time he married Miss Flora P. Marks, of New Berne, "which was a Jewess, and believed," in whom he has found a strong co-worker and supporter.

Upon leaving the Seminary, Mr. Thomas supplied for a few months the Church at Springfield, Mo., whence he moved to Virginia to take charge of the mission work at the booming town of Basic City. Here the work was growing nicely, when the financial stress that came over that section at the time, through removals and losses, caused his change to Warrenton, N. C. There he served as evangelist the churches of Warrenton, Louisburg and Geneva, the work at Geneva in particular being blessed under his ministrations.

Removing thence to Rocky Mount, where he has lived since February, 1893, he has served Rocky Mount Church, and part of the time Littleton, and then LaGrange. His

present charges, Rocky Mount and LaGrange, have been greatly blessed during the past year.

It having been his fortune to serve for six or seven years in small and weak and sometimes divided Home Mission Churches, his experience has taught him that at least in such work the progress of the Church is measured by the worth and efficiency of the eldership."

GLIMPSES OF IOTA'S HISTORY.

FOURTH CHAPTER.

In the last issue Brother Howard Arbuckle left Hampden-Sidney an honor man, an A. M., a sub-professor. This was in June, 1890. In the fall of the same year I entered College a Freshman, a green-horn, a home-sick boy. Our readers will have to overlook personalities. This sort of a history is nothing but reminiscences, which, in their turn, are nothing but a part of the rememberer; therefore my part of these records is the records' part of me, since it is only through the narrow glass of my own personality that I myself got glimpses "of Iota's history." 'Tis with this scope narrowed once more, that you must get glimpses through me. The same is your fate with more important historians. As I was thinking of entering College the following session I attended the commencement of 1890. On commencement day, next to the valedictory the programine had "*The Master's Oration*," When his turn came the band ceased playing and the Master himself stepped to the front. I then had my first view of Brother Howard Arbuckle. He spoke with confidence and grace and quickly gained the attention of his audience. More than once, I think, applause broke through his *Plea for the Classics*, and he finally took his seat covered with glory and bouquets. I well remember in what a high place in my estimation he was docketed.

Little did I think that I would ever see or hear of him again; and how I did wonder whether Time would ever bring me one of those wide, white ribbons and sealed papers. Two years from that week Arbuckle and I were lounging together in McLaughin's room, in jolly conversation about the commencement and the girls of '92. He had returned for a visit, and I, now through my Sopho-

more year, was proud of my fraternal intimacy with a great man.

All the *Pi*'s now know him as our last C. P. as well as through his late articles in the *SHIELD AND DIAMOND*. To begin the session of '90 and '91 there were J. K. Hill, Fred Robbins, J. A. Arbuckle, A. S. Higginbotham, G. A. Alexander, R. R. Jones, Holmes Rolston, H. W. McLaughlin. During that session they initiated J. G. McAllister, D. H. Rolston, J. W. Basore, W. J. Gillespie, making, altogether, twelve men in the College; and a good set they were. One of these very gentlemen should have undertaken the next point in my task which is here difficult to me, since I must record the Fraternity happenings of '90, '91, when I myself did not become a *Frater* until '92. My Freshman days were spent in the depth of barbarity. I did not even know what Chapters were at College or how the boys were distributed amongst them. I must record, though, a few glimpses I got of *Iota* from the outside, without even knowing that it was she; just as you used to notice a certain attractive personage whom you afterwards met and, later found, to be your own sweetheart.

I knew that Theron H. Rice was considered the most promising man at the Seminary. Even the college boys used to flock to hear him.

He held a revival meeting in the College which endeared him to many whom he helped.

I remember, too, a concert gotten up by the music lovers of the Hill, wherein the selections from *The Creation* and the heavier instrumental productions were relieved by a guitar duet and song of unusual sweetness from two Seminary students. This brought down the boys in applause and they obtained a humorous selection as encore. These two guitars were noted amongst the students. They belonged to Bros. Rice and Palmer. I found out more fully the worth of one of them (Rice's) after I was admitted to our circle, but the other had departed. Our meetings were never without their music. There were Rice's and McAllister's guitars, and there were Basore, a real musician, and Young, one of the best voices in the church choir, and the rest of us sang; moreover and above all, there was that old book of McAllister's with the College songs scribbled in it. And shall I ever forget our jigs? But I am digressing. I should confine myself in this chapter to session '90-'91. I remember one other glimpse gotten from the outside which is worth recording. I heard this remark from a man of another

Fraternity: "I would take a *II's* word for anything he might say. They are solid." If *Iota* can hold to this reputation amongst the students themselves she will do well, for the remark means more than the surface shows.

During this session McAllister and McLaughlin represented their classes in the Freshman and Sophomore celebration, and McLaughlin captured, in Union Society, the Freshman declaimer's medal.

This winds up these scattering glimpses of session '90-'91. In the next I shall be "one of them," and can give, I hope, a more satisfactory account of our dear old Chapter.

A. D. Watkins.

To be Continued.

THE FOUNDING OF PHI.

On Friday, October 23rd, a Union messenger boy handed me the familiar yellow slip, whereon I read as follows:—

SALEM, VA., Oct. 23rd, 1896.

Come Saturday. We are ready.

W. H. ROBERTSON.

I shall crave the reader's indulgence while I explain in rather round-about fashion how I came to receive such a message, and other incidents that followed.

Williamsburg is perhaps the most historic spot in the Old Dominion. No other place within her borders can claim associations so hallowed by age or a prominence in matters of State and education of such unbroken continuity. Besides being the Colonial Capital of Virginia, Williamsburg contains other institutions of interest and the one most pertinent to this sketch is William and Mary College, save Harvard, the oldest in the New World. Of royal establishment, she seemed to transmit to her sons the stamp of royalty, for certain it is that they have been the princes and peers of this commonwealth, yea of the Union.

Her alumni have been famous as Attorney-Generals, Congressmen, Senators, Governors, Jurists, Generals; four of her sons were signers of the Declaration; three were Presidents; seven have held Cabinet portfolios; the most eminent Chief-Justice, and the chief author of the Constitution also claimed her as their Alma Mater.

We linger thus on the ancient renown of the old College, but it is not all of the past. True, the first century and a half were her palmiest days, but to day William and Mary is vigorous and exults in renewed strength.

In June, 1871, there was established at this Institution, *Gamma* Chapter of the *PI KAPPA ALPHA*.

For seven years it flourished and in its day placed its stamp upon some noble men; men whom the Order could not now afford to lose.

In 1878, by failure of members to return to college, the Chapter became extinct and so remained until 1894.

In the fall of this year an effort to revive *Gamma* proved successful, and for another session *Gamma* was recorded as an *active* Chapter.

Failure of members to return caused her to lapse once again into inactivity after a year's fitful existence and the work of Bro. Hughes and other loyal alumni seemed to have failed. But seeming defeat has been turned into a glorious victory in an unexpected quarter.

Among the members of revived *Gamma* was a student from Washington Co., Va., W. H. Robertson, who became quite an enthusiastic Fraternite man.

Circumstances were such that he could not return to college in 95-96, but the opening of the present term found him again at his studies, this time at Roanoke College, where he found no Fraternity welcome, as only *Sigma Chi* and *Phi Gamma Delta* were represented. He at once began casting about for men to join with him in the enterprise he had set his heart upon—the establishment of a Chapter of *his* Fraternity. There was plenty of material. Other Greeks were friendly, and he used tact and wisdom in his selection, and five good men were soon pledged. The Grand Council, upon application, promptly issued a charter, for they had been wishing for just such a turn in our wheel of fortune to open the way into Roanoke College.

On October 23 I received the telegram that began this rambling epistle, and Saturday found me aboard the west-bound N. & W. train for Salem. Under the circumstances a ride of six hours was not the least tiresome, for there were friends on the train, and others would be seen at nearly every station. At Farmville there were sights and sounds to remind us that thence the muddy road led to Hampden-Sidney, the Mecca of many college boys, and I would fain have left my train to ride thither with faithful Walker Cawley, but remembering my

errand I settled down again until the sights along the James warn me that we are entering Lynchburg.

Did it ever strike you that more Fraternity men are to be seen in the Union depot in this city than in any other similar place? At this time, as usual, Fraternity badges were the first objects to engage my attention. But my subjective power being so much engrossed with things they represented, perhaps, I was more sensible of their presence. A hurried conversation with a wearer of the Star and Crescent (*Kappa Sigma*) and of *Chi Phi*, and I was off again.

During the rest of my journey sights outside the car held my attention. For was I not passing through Virginia's lovely mountains at the season which paints them her most gorgeous and wondrous hues? Had I the poet's fancy and the writer's skill I could do but faint justice to the beauties of mountain and valley that passed before me with kaleidoscopic change. But at length Roanoke was reached and passed, and the next stop was Salem.

At Hotel Duval I rested and refreshed myself until the boys came in from the foot-ball game in Roanoke. I knew they would be around soon, as indeed they were, six fine fellows, at sight of whom a thrill of genuine satisfaction passed through me.

The old hall of *Phi Delta Theta* had been secured, and there the hour of ten found all of us, Robertson and I ready to try our hands at initiating the other five. The surroundings suited the occasion, and success was within our reach, so far as two men can perform the ceremony. It has been changed since my college days, and Robertson had only one year's training at *Gamma*, but I believe I never took part in a more impressive ceremony. After it was concluded, the boys listened patiently to such instructions as I could give. Officers were elected, and everything put in proper order, so that, when we parted company in the early morning there was a regular Chapter of the *Pi Kappa Alpha* Fraternity established in Roanoke College, as follows:

W. H. Robertson, Saltville, Va.
W. S. Claiborne, Lynchburg, Va.
J. J. Lloyd, Lynchburg, Va.
W. N. H. Terry, Nelson Co., Va.
Henry A. Rhyne, N. C.
George W. Rhyne, N. C.

On Sunday morning we were seen together on the campus and on the streets, with old gold and garnet plainly in

view. Boys crowded around with surprise depicted on their faces to offer congratulations. Greeks and barbs were most cordial, and I consider this the most pleasant feature of it all.

I am sure that no Chapter ever started out with better prospects, and we have added a strong link to our lengthening chain.

I spent Sunday and part of Monday in pleasant companionship with the boys of *Phi* and other students. They took me to see some of the girls, who I expect now wear *Pi* badges. In the social circle I am sure *Phi* will do well.

On Monday I took leave of Salem, with pleasant recollections of the town and College. I must say a few words before closing about the town and College, which in the future we shall watch with so much interest.

The college has a most progressive and able President and Faculty, and the student body, numbering some two hundred, is a most attractive lot of fellows. Salem is situated in the beautiful Roanoke Valley, 1,100 feet above the sea, and is surrounded by beautiful mountains, so that the scenery is enchanting and the climate most healthful. The town bears all the stamps of progress, such as electric lights and water supply. Its citizens are amongst the most refined and intelligent in the State. The Lutheran and Episcopal Churches both give their patronage to Roanoke College, and many other States, and even foreign countries, are always represented.

Phi Chapter thus has an attractive home, and in such an institution we predict for her a long and honored career.

R. R. Jones, C. P.

Blackstone, Va , Nov. 1896.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

It is a pleasant thing to meet again our friends in college and especially our brothers in *H. K. A.*; but, pleasant as it is, we greatly miss the happy faces and hearty grips of many of our men of last year. Bros. Owen, Robertson, Cullen, Fishburne, Sloan and Gladney are no longer at the University. Dr. Owen is now in New York, Bro. Robertson is at his home in Slater, Mo., Bro. Cullen is at his home in Knoxville, Tenn., where *Zeta* will take good care of him. Bro. Gladney is at the S. W. P. U., where *Theta* will gladly welcome him. Bro. Sloan is probably at his home in Charleston, S. C. We miss them—but college students must separate. They have *Alpha's* best wishes in all their undertakings.

Our membership at the opening of this session was very small—only three. Bros. W. H. London White, W. Lawrence Smith and the writer. We have not been idle.

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to *H. K. A.* at large, our new and worthy brother, Mr. Lorenzo S. Brown, Jr., of Washington, D. C. We feel honored that we can call him one of the *H's*.

So our present membership numbers four; but our motto is "quality." We hope, however, to get a good crowd before the year closes.

Brother Brown is a member of the Academic Class, Bro. White of the "*Red*." Class, and Bro. Smith and the writer of the Law Class. We have representatives from the chief departments of College.

Hon. John W. Fishbourne and Bro. John White are both prominent lawyers in Charlottesville and we see them often.

Bro. Chas. H. H. Thomas is now Secretary of Miller School, Va., and comes in to see us occasionally.

We wish for all the Chapters a most prosperous year, and especially do we wish the same for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

The work on the new buildings of the University is progressing slowly but surely. They will, when completed, present a grand appearance.

We have a splendid foot ball team this year, and expect to conquer on Thanksgiving Day when we play the University of North Carolina at Richmond, Va. A special train will leave here on that day and we anticipate a splendid time.

We defeated Blacksbury, Va., to-day, (October 31st.) The score: 44—0.

Permit us to extend our greeting to our new Chapter. Let the good work continue.

With best wishes to all the brothers our letter for this issue is closed.

J. Pike Powers, Jr.

BETA.

We are looking forward to the publication of the November number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND with unusual pleasure, since all *IIs* have had ample time to settle down and let themselves be heard from. The last issue would have been much more interesting if all the Chapters had written something.

We were very glad to hear of applications for new Chapters. Let the good movement be pushed until every institution of any note in the South has a leading *II. K. A.* Order firmly established.

We have gotten pretty well fixed for the year. Among the greatest problems before us now is the approaching examinations. Bros. Dun, Jennings and Houston are new men, and, of course, they are dreading the test.

All the different Orders here seem to be on pretty solid footing. The new men of each Chapter seem to be good Fraternity men. The additions are from three to five men. There seems to be perfect harmony between all Frats., and the non-element is not so bitter as it was last year.

We will publish our Annual again this year. There are an equal number of "Frats." and "Nons" on the staff. Bro. Eskridge was elected one of the editors and also as one of the two business managers.

Bro. Clark spent a few days at his home a few weeks ago, owing to sickness. Bros. Houston and McKinnon have lost some time on account of sickness.

The young ladies of the village made a King's Daughter (?) of Bro. McKinnon in a play which was given about the first of the month. You may guess what he looked like; I fear it would not do for me to express my opinion, since we room together.

Concerning our old men I can only say where they are and what they say they are doing. Bro. Story is teaching a flourishing high school at Ellerbe Springs, N. C. Bros. Hunter and Little are teaching near their homes. Bro. Orr, at Steele Creek, and Bro. Jones, at Lowrysville, S. C. Quite a number of pedagogues. Bro. Pope is taking a course in law at the University of Michigan; Lattimore is in New York studying medicine; Whitehead is at Washington and Lee University. We have lost old Pitts. Don't know where he is this year.

R. S. Eskridge,

THETA.

Already two months of the session of '96-97 have fled away and still the days are hastening on. In this interval things have not been at a standstill in the S. W. P. U. Our new building, to be called Waddell Hall, is gradually rearing its walls, and promises to be a right handsome and roomy structure.

The foot-ball epidemic has struck us, and some of the boys, to judge from their dilapidated appearances, have had a rather severe attack. A trainer has been secured for the season, and although till now we have met naught but defeat on the gridiron, better things in the near future are hoped for. None of the *II's* are foot-ballists. We are all far too handsome to run the risk of having our comely features and limbs marred in the rough and tumble scrimmages that are a seemingly necessary concomitant to all mighty deeds done by the long haired knights.

In Fraternity circles the most exciting event of late was the aftermath of a card party given by the *SAE's*. The faculty investigated the workings of the aforesaid party, and as a consequence half a dozen of the *SAE's* are under suspension.

In *Theta* all is quiet and serene. Bro. Frierson has of late made a reputation as bass singer in the choir of the Presbyterian Church.

Bro. Moldenhower is in a continuous state of worry and nervousness brought about by an effort to act as one of the editors-in-chief of the Journal, attend to the girls (or girl.) and at the same time keep up with his class work. Bro. J. N. Ivy is with us again. He is the same lively and erratic Jim, and makes things in his vicinity hum. It is a generally accepted opinion that he has not yet realized that he is a preacher. Bro. Hollingsworth is one of the business managers of the Journal. This in connection with his multifarious other commercial schemes makes him quite a man of affairs. He and Valdemar are both at present in a state of collapse owing to the heartlessness displayed towards them by the "Lady." Bros. Gladney, Toll, Ivy and Blackburn are lying low and doing hard work.

Altogether the *II's* of *Theta* are, in their own way, having a real good time and are doing their level best to carry out the timely injunctions contained in the last encyclical of our Councilor Princeps.

John C. Barr.

IOTA.

The hands of the clock on the mantel indicated that before many minutes should elapse the old week would close and a new one with new cares and new pleasures would be ushered in. In other words it was almost twelve o'clock on Saturday night.

The old Fraternity hall had that night been a scene of much enjoyment, but now the last empty plate had been set aside and the last joke had been told and we arose realizing that it was fully time for us to be dispersing. And as we stood around the big table to give again our Fraternity cry, how forcibly were some of us reminded of others of our Fraternity brothers who in days gone by had stood in that same place at the close of a meeting and, with faces beaming with expressions of love toward each other; had sung some farewell song! They had gone, some to a rest everlasting and the others to fill positions of honor and of usefulness in their various callings in life. But the same spirit of loyalty to the Fraternity and of devotion to each other which bound them so closely together seemed to rest upon those twelve members of *Iota* Chapter of the present day as they passed out last Saturday night. They seemed so per-

fectly congenial and each one was so solicitous as to the welfare of the others.

Among these brothers we now count four who have joined us since our last letter, in fact, an initiation ceremony has found a place on the programme of almost every meeting held by us this session. On the night of the third of last month, Mr. Thomas Butler, Jr., of Louisiana, cast in his lot with us; he is a quiet young Southerner, very pleasant and agreeable, and is quite an addition to our Chapter.

Mr. W. B. Stevens, of Atlanta, Ga., joined us two weeks later and we feel that in him we have one who cannot but reflect much credit upon his Chapter by his standing in the class rooms and among his fellow-students.

Again, last Saturday night, our attention was demanded by new men; this time we were confronted by two dear little Freshmen, Messrs. Thomas N. Jones, of Charlotte County, Va., and W. B. Lorraine, of Richmond, Va. Suffice it to say, that if the former of the two last named makes for himself a record such as has been left here by our two brothers of a like name and if the latter develops the high qualities of heart and head which have been exhibited by other brothers from our State Capital, our highest hopes for them will be realized. Indeed, we feel that we have been unusually fortunate in obtaining our five new brothers and we hope that our brothers of the other Chapters may know them some day or, better still, that they may be so highly favored as to obtain as nice goats for themselves.

Of course the students of our College are much interested in foot ball matters and the members of our eleven have played two games with teams from other colleges of Virginia; in the first of three games not allowing their opponents to score and in second being themselves so unsuccessful as not to have a single point placed to their credit. The members of *Iota* Chapter never gained for themselves a reputation for excelling in athletic games, though from time to time we had men among us who were almost indispensable to the various teams.

We are, however, glad to know that our brothers at other institutions are taking a good stand in athletics and that four of the members of the new Chapter at Roanoke College belong to their College foot ball club.

It is not out of place just here to welcome unto the Fraternity members of the Chapter just mentioned and to wish for them all the joys which we have found within its bounds.

As this session progresses, it is our earnest hope that our Order may enlarge its borders and become more firmly established in everything which tends to make it even more useful and more delightful to its members than it has been in the past and that at the next Convention its condition be found to be better than at any time before.

J. E. Ballou

MU.

Since we were heard from in the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND many events of some interest have transpired in our college, and of still more importance in *Mu*. To begin with the outside first, let us take up a few facts about our college.

Since our last term's work, our Math. Prof., Mr. Campbell, resigned his position much to the regret of the students and college at large. But we are not at all backward in saying that we have his position well filled by Prof. Martin, who is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and who has been teaching for some time. We have a faculty about as strong as any institution of our size in the State. We believe our students to be as solid a set of boys as we have had for some years. Consequently we are having good work done this year.

So far so good. I have exhibited some of the encouraging qualities of the institution, now let's look at some of the discouraging points. I suppose it is known by many that this is one of the smallest institutions in which *H K A* is represented. The college is running on a meagre financial basis, and there is a good chance of its having to do so for some time yet. Our town is very small, but is growing every year, and we hope to have a large city very soon. With it we have the prospects of getting a good sized college. So much for the college. Now let's have a word about Fraternities. Owing to the inferior size of our college we haven't a large school of Frats. Besides ourselves, the *Phi Phi* Fraternity is the only one here. This Fraternity, so far as we know, was organized in Austin College, Texas. From there they sent a cow boy or two and organized *Beta-Alpha* Chapter of this college. This is the extent of the Frat, as far as we know.

Since we were last heard from we have increased our number by revealing to Bro. H. S. Griffin the mysteries of *II K A*. We are now fixed up in a very comfortable little Chapter Hall, so we are ready for the work of another year. We are very glad to see so much interest manifested by our sister Chapters toward the Fraternity at large. We want to see old *II K A* go to the front this year. So let us all work for the Order at large. We will not prosper unless each Chapter does its duty. If it is in our power *Mu* will meet all her obligations this year.

J. J. Murray.

NU.

Nu again finds herself upon her feet, with bright prospects for a fruitful and prosperous year.

Wofford opened with 200 students, five of whom were "*II's*." We went to work and have added four to our ranks.

Bro. Hannon was initiated into our sacred bonds, and well may we be proud of him. He is a Junior and stands well in his class and in the college community.

Bros. Fike, Stuckey and Carr, were selected from the Freshman class. Bro. Fike is noted for his brains, Bro. Stuckey for his good looks, while Bro. Carr is the wittiest man in college.

We feel the loss of some loyal brothers. Bro. Leitner, '95, is teaching in Marion County, and "Doc" Clinkscales has a position in a telegraph office in this city. Bro. Cottingham is teaching at Whaley. Bro. Smith is flying around the girls in Marion, and will soon be marrying some of them. Bro. Shannon, who was Junior debator last commencement, won laurels for himself and us. Jim's speech won the debate. We miss him and hope to see his merry face next year.

Bros. Jennings and Allen are on the foot-ball team, and they are hard to down. (Bro. Jennings is Captain.) Bro. Allen is Chief Marshal and handsome "Jack" Jennings is on the staff. *Nu* always has her share of college honors, and is second to no Fraternity here.

We are glad to hear such good reports from our Richmond Convention. May it ever be looked upon as marking a new era in our Fraternity.

Long live the SHIELD AND DIAMOND

R. A. Hannon.

XI.

Xi had no Chapter letter in the September number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, on account of the late opening of College. However, it gives us great pleasure to greet our sister Chapters again through the Fraternity magazine, and we extend to them our best wishes for a successful year.

College opened under most auspicious circumstances. So far, there have been matriculated about 175 students, 15 being young ladies, who are taking advantage of co-education here.

Athletics are flourishing. Enthusiasm in foot-ball is high, and we can see nothing but victories illumining the future. For the first time the team has a "coach." He is Mr. R. S. Whaley, University of Virginia's last year's full-back, and he is developing an excellent eleven to represent the South Carolina College on the "gridiron" this season. No games have been played as yet, but about half a dozen have been arranged. During the season, we will play probably Wofford, Furman, Clemson, Mercer, and perhaps two or three more colleges.

Of our seven last year's Chapter men, only three returned, Bros. J. G. Hughes, of the Senior Class, and A. C. Carson and Geo. McCutchen, of the Junior. Our eyes have been open, but we have found only one subject for "rushing." He is Richard B. Belser, of Summerton, S. C., and is fraternally related to Bro. W. G. Belser, who graduated in 1895. This is our new initiate. He entered the Sophomore Class, and bids fair to make a splendid record.

Bro. J. P. Leavy, on account of a recent spell of sickness, was prevented from returning this year. He is now at his home in Richmond, Va., but will probably return next season to complete his course.

Bro. J. L. Flinn has gone into the insurance business in Memphis, Tenn. Bro. W. B. Lyles is in business at Strothers, S. C., while Bro. W. L. McCutchen is at his home in Williamsburg County. So all *Xi*'s men are present or accounted for.

Bro. Hughes is president of the Senior Class, while Bro. McCutchen holds that honor in the Junior Class. Bro. Carson is on the editorial staff of the "*Carolinian*."

At the last Chapter election all of us were recognized in the distribution of offices. The result was as follows: S. M. C., Carson; I. M. C., Hughes; Th. C., McCutchen; Chap-

ter Correspondent, Hughes ; Alumnus Member of Grand Council, W. G. Belser ; Active Member of Grand Council, Hughes. Those who haven't enough offices will receive others by appointment of the incoming S. M. C.

Bros. E. F. Strother, of Batesburg, S. C., and Thos. Z. Tyler, of Cameron, S. C., were here for a few days' visit recently. Bro. Strother is a rising young lawyer. Bro. Tyler intends entering the Georgetown Law School, Washington, D. C., in January. His plans are to practice in Atlanta, and—well, anyway, it is possible, though not probable, that the latter plan may break up the former.

Bro. Leon Weathersbee, of Norway, S. C., has been attending the Atlanta Commercial College. In the meantime, however, he made use of his spare time. Becoming possessed of the opinion that he was only half a man, Bro. Weathersbee came to the conclusion that it would be to his advantage to take unto himself another and better half. He did so, and in a very novel way. It was romantic, indeed. To make a long story short, he became enamored with a beautiful Tennessee heiress—Miss Carson, of Nashville, Tenn.—who was attending a fashionable boarding school for young ladies, in Atlanta. A mutual love sprang up, both were willing, and we know the rest. They broke the rules of the school, and, with the consent of the young lady's guardian, they were married in Chattanooga August 4, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Weathersbee are now at their home, Norway, S. C. They have the best wishes of all *H's* for a long and happy life.

Bro. W. G. Belser, '95, has gone to John's Hopkins for a post-graduate course, to prepare himself for a professorship in English.

Xi wishes the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, as well as the Fraternity at large, a most successful and prosperous year.

J. G. Hughes.

UPSILON.

Again *Upsilon's* knock is heard upon the portals of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. This time she brings two new members to introduce them to our beloved Order, Bro. R. C. Fenton, of Willimantic, Conn., who ranks as a Junior, and who will some day startle the world with his genius as a civil engineer ; next comes Bro James Woodruff, of

Columbus, Ga., who comes to us as a Freshman, but who might well be called a Senior, if class rank depended upon one's love of fun and capacity for mischievous trickery. Thus our band now numbers thirteen. May the number not be of ill omen! Nearly all of the A. and M. C. boys are hard at work, and while our college honors are few as compared to some of our colleges, still old *II K A* is struggling hard for her share. Bro. McIntyre is keeping a sharp lookout for the honors of the chemical course, Bro. Yonge bids fair to head his class, and Bro. Rainey is "lying low and saying nothing;" but woe to the man of his class whom he catches napping. There is quite a promising outlook in college athletics this year, and we are ably represented by Bros. Harvey and Van Ness. Auburn does not expect to play a losing game this year.

Our college paper, "*The Orange and Blue*," has been placed under the joint control of the Literary Societies and the Athletic Association for this year, and as a result we expect to have one of the liveliest college papers of the South. In addition to this paper, The Fraternities of the college will publish their first College Annual this year, and *II K A* holds the honor of furnishing the Editor-in-Chief. We cannot close without recommending to every *II* the careful study of the Convention number of the *SHIELD AND DIAMOND*. It is full of meat for every member, and can but make every one who reads it feel that there is something more than outward show to be found within our Order, and that the greatest honor comes to him who strives most earnestly for the welfare of our Fraternity.

F. L. Tate.

PHI.

It is with pleasure that *Phi* sends her first greetings to the other Chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha. The organization of *Phi* Chapter, which took place on Saturday night, October the 24th, was a great success. Brother R. R. Jones, of Blackstone, Virginia, came up to help in the initiation of the new members, the names of whom are as follows: William Sterling Claiborne, of Lynchburg, Va.; Wm. Worthington Terry, of Lynchburg, Va.; John Janney Lloyd, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va.; Walter Glenn Rhyne, of North Caro-

lina ; Henry Abel Rhyne, of North Carolina ; Walter Henderson Robertson, an old member of the *Gamma* Chapter, at William and Mary College, is one of us. His residence is Saltville, Va.

Brother Jones spent Sunday with us. We cannot express ourselves sufficiently well to say how much we enjoyed his visit.

All of our boys are new students at Roanoke College except Mr. Claiborne.

Robertson and Lloyd are in the Freshman Class.

The two Rhynes and Terry are Sophomores.

Claiborne is a Senior.

All of us expect to return next session except Claiborne. He expects to go to the Theological Seminary, at Alexandria.

Phi's boys are very much interested in the Fraternity's welfare, and hope by hard and earnest work to make Pi Kappa Alpha the leading Fraternity at Roanoke College.

W. S. Claiborne.

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, 655 Bass 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.

—On Wednesday evening, October 16th, Prof. P. H. Edwards, Nu. and Miss Mamie Ford, were united in marriage by the Rev. Rufus Ford, at the bride's home in Bennettsville, S. C. The SHIELD AND DIAMOND extends hearty congratulations and good wishes to the young couple.

—Rev. Theron H. Rice, Jr., of Alexandria, (our brother of *Iota*,) who has been called to the pastorate of the Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Ga., was to preach for that church on last Sabbath. He has not yet given any intimation of his decision, unless it has been within the last day or two.—*Southwestern Presbyterian, Oct. 15th.*

—Rev. S. C. Byrd, Xi; is serving as clerk of the Presbytery of New Orleans, which has just convened in the Prytania Street Church of that city.

—Bro. Charles H. Little is the principal of the Martindale High School, Martindale, N. C. He has a flourishing school and is making a great success in his profession. Brother Little was one of the charter members of revived *Beta* and graduated last year.

—Bro. D. K. Pope, another charter member of *Beta*, who graduated last year, is now at the University of Michigan, studying law. Brother Pope says "he is the largest man there in a crowd of more than three thousand students." It will be remembered that he was the brag foot ball player at Davidson, and is truly an immense man.

—Bro. A. D. Watkins, *Iota*, is the principal of a large boys' school in South Boston, Va., and has 117 little fellows under his charge. We know that he will make a great success in his undertaking, for Brother Watkins is peculiarly gifted as a teacher.

—The Presbytery of New Orleans was opened on October 14th at 7.30 P.M. with a sermon by the Rev. S. C. Byrd, *Xi*; at the request of the retiring moderator. During the business session, Brother Byrd was appointed as the Presbyterial correspondent on publication, and he was also elected a member of the Domestic Mission Committee.

—Bro. Charles C. Orr, who graduated from *Beta* last year is principal of a large school in Dixie, N. C. He writes us: "I have a very good school with the prospects of a much larger one later on."

—At a meeting of the Presbytery of Mississippi, on the committees appointed by the Presbytery, we find our brother, Rev. W. S. Jacobs, *Mu*, placed on the Committee of Home Missions.

—On last Sabbath, at the morning service, Rev. S. C. Byrd, *Xi*, by appointment of the Presbytery, preached at the Prytania Street Church, New Orleans, and announced the dissolution of the pastoral relation between the pastor and the church and declared the pulpit vacant.

—We note that J. H. Bemis, our brother of *Alpha*, was ordained as deacon in the Tuscumbia Church on October 18th.

—Rev. J. M. Wells, *Theta*, has moved from Buena Vista to Staunton, Va.

—The meeting of the Presbytery of New Orleans, on October 23d, was opened with prayer by Rev. J. W. Caldwell, Jr., *Iota*. Rev. S. C. Byrd, *Xi*, presided. In the appointment of committees we find Brother Byrd appointed on the committee of Hebrew, and also Logic and Rhetoric.

—At a meeting of North Alabama Presbytery, on October 20th, Rev. S. C. Sholl, *Theta*, was dismissed to the St. Louis Presbytery. We will be glad to receive the new address of Brother Sholl.

At a meeting of the Savannah Presbytery, held at Poulan, Ga., on Oct. 15th, our Bro. Rev. R. C. Gilmore, of *Iota*, was chosen moderator. Bro. Gilmore was also directed to visit the Waynesville Church and preached and administered the communion on the following Sabbath.

Cadet Frederick Lloyd Tate, *Upsilon*, who was appointed to represent his college in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest at the Alabama Chatauqua at Talladega, nobly upheld the honor of his alma mater and now wears a gold medal to prove it. In addition to this victory he has been elected editor-in-chief of the college annual. Thus he bears his blushing honors thick upon him.

—Bro. J. W. Basore, *Iota*, '93, was in October awarded a scholarship at Johns Hopkins University, where he has been pursuing studies for more than a year. The scholarship entitles him to free tuition, and is an honor much sought after. Congratulations! We told you so!

—Bro. Edward P. Cox, *Alpha*, attended as Commander for Virginia, of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, the recent meeting in Winchester, Va. The State Camp of C. V. was in session at the same time, and at the final banquet Bro. Cox responded in appropriate manner to the toast: "The Sons of Veterans."

—A brother writes of Bro. H. B. Arbuckle, *Iota*, who is at Johns Hopkins University: "Howard, I believe, is the happiest mortal this side of the grave." As well he might be with such a wife.

—The following are the newspaper accounts of the formation of *Phi* Chapter :

PI KAPPA ALPHA AT ROANOKE COLLEGE.—Saturday night there was organized among the students of Roanoke College a Chapter of the *Pi Kappa Alpha* Fraternity. There are now fourteen Chapters of this Order in leading Southern Institutions. The Chapter members at Roanoke are: W. H. Robertson, of Saltville, Va.; W. S. Claiborne, of Lynchburg; W. N. W. Terry, of Nelson County; W. G. Rhyne and Henry G. Rhyne, of N. C. A prominent member of the Lynchburg bar, Mr. Randolph Harrison, is a member of this Fraternity. Her alumni are prominent in every State in the South, among all professions.—*Lynchburg, (Va.) News, Oct. 28th.*

On Saturday night, Oct. 21st, a representative of *Pi Kappa Alpha* introduced this Fraternity into the College, with six charter members. The following are their names: Messrs. Claiborne, Rhyne, Brothers, Robertson, Terry and Lloyd. This makes three Fraternities now in College, all of which are flourishing. Let the good work go on.—*Salem Sentinel*.

—Wedding Bells.—Rolston—Forrer.—A very interesting event at New Erection Presbyterian Church, Rockingham Co., Va., on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 27th, was the marriage of Miss Eva Forrer, daughter of Henry Forrer, Esq., to Mr. Hinton Rolston, *Iota*, of this county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Holmes Rolston, *Iota*, of Horton, W. Va., a brother of the groom. Mr. J. D. Arbuckle, *Iota*, was the groom's best man. Meeting at the altar, Rev. Ralston, in an impressive manner, conducted the ceremony—"Harrisburg (Va.) Register." The SHIELD AND DIAMOND extends congratulations to the young couple.

—Rev. Theron H. Rice, Jr., *Theta*, our well beloved and well known brother has accepted the call to the Central Church, Atlanta, Ga., made vacant by the Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D., who accepted and is now filling the chair of Systematic Theology in Union Seminary, Va. It is somewhat of a coincidence that Bro. Rice was repeatedly called to a chair in the same institution, but as many times declined. Central Church has 902 members, thus being numerically one of the most important Churches in the Southern Assembly. The following is the report, which was unanimously adopted, calling Bro. Rice to the Church.

—"The Southern Pulpit" is the name of one of the best books yet issued by the Presbyterian Committee of Publication, Richmond. A sermon each from 32 of the ablest living ministers is given, and among them is one by Bro. J. R. Howerton, D. D., on the subject, "To me to live is Christ." A good photograph of our esteemed brother accompanies it.

—Hoge Academy, of which Bro. R. R. Jones, *C. P.*, of *Iota*, is one of the Professors, has had a splendid opening. Bro. R. L. Telford's school at Lewisburg, W. Va., has a most flattering attention, and enjoys a reputation than which there is none better in the two Virginias. An interesting article could be compiled on "*Our P's as Educators*."

—Grand Chaplain J. R. Howerton, was on Sunday, Nov. 8th. unanimously called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C. This is considered one of the most influential Churches in the North Carolina Synod. Dr. Howerton gave no encouragement to the Church Committee who previously visited him in Norfolk, and the call was made in the face of almost a positive refusal.

—The unveiling of the beautiful window in memory of Governor Alexander Spottswood, in the old magazine known as the "Powder Horn," took place at Williamsburg, Va., to-day. Hon. Beverly B. Munford, *Alpha*, made the address of the occasion.—*Richmond State*, Nov. 11th.

—Bro. Frank Hopkins, *Pi*, who has been very dangerously ill at his home, Warm Springs, Va., is recovering rapidly. He is a rising practitioner of medicine, having graduated with high honors at the University of Pennsylvania.

—On Saturday night, Nov. 14th, the second anniversary of Camp Moultrie, Sons of Confederate Veterans, of Charleston, was celebrated, and our Brother Robert A. Smyth, retired from his two years' term as Commandant of the Camp. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That in the retirement of Comrade Robert A. Smyth as the first Commandant of Camp Moultrie, Sons of Confederate Veterans, to take his place in the ranks of the Camp, he carries with him the highest appreciation and earnest thanks of all his comrades for his zealous and faithful efforts, not only in founding and organizing the Camp, but for the prosperous and excellent condition in which we find it upon his retirement from the office of Commandant.

"*Resolved*, That in further mark of our esteem for the faithful services rendered by him, a committee be appointed to procure a gold badge of the Camp, suitably inscribed, to be presented to him at the next meeting of the Camp."

—Rev. Bro. Charles Oberschmidt, *Iota*, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Church at Brookhaven, Miss.

—Bro. C. C. Owen, *Alpha*, graduated in medicine at University of Virginia last year. Dr. Owen is living in New York.

Bro. Charles H. H. Thomas, *Alpha*, is secretary of Miller Industrial School, of Albemarle County, Va.

—Bro. W. G. Belser, *Xi*, is pursuing a post-graduate course at Johns Hopkins University.

—Bro. Leon Weathersbee, *Xi*, of Norway, S. C., was married on August 4th, 1896, to Miss Cathleen Carson, of Nashville, Tenn. They will reside at Norway. We extend congratulations and best wishes.

—Bro. L. D. Teackle Quinby, *Alpha*, formerly of Onancock, Va. but now a prominent young lawyer of Atlanta, has just been elected secretary and treasurer of the Virginia Society, of that city. He is the youngest son of Mr. Upshur B. Quinby, of Onancock, and went to Atlanta about ten months ago. His many friends here and in other parts of Virginia will be delighted to know that he is so highly and justly esteemed in his adopted home.—*Dispatch*.

—Bro. W. S. Wilson, of *Iota*, was on November 14th selected as final orator of Union Literary Society, Hampden-Sidney College, and Bro. H. R. Houston one of the final marshals.

—The congregation of the Central Presbyterian Church, after long and deliberate consideration has decided to call to its pastorate the Rev. Theron H. Rice, of Alexandria, Virginia.

At a meeting of the committee of twenty-one, appointed to select a minister to whom the Church should tender a call, the following report was unanimously agreed upon, and subsequently adopted by the congregation :

To the Congregation of the Central Presbyterian Church :
Brothers—Your committee for suggesting a pastor beg leave to submit the following as their unanimous choice :

1. That in our endeavors to find a worthy successor to Dr. Strickler, we have prayerfully considered the need, not only of a consecrated and able preacher, but of a man who in his pastoral and upbuilding work will sustain and continue the great enterprises of our church.

2. That in our investigations we have with diligence and care considered what we have of personal knowledge and the information gathered by inquiry from others prominent in our denomination, as to the suitableness to our people of the many able ministers presented for our consideration.

Finally, that we recommend the Rev. Theron H. Rice, of Alexandria, Va., for pastor of our church.

Col. P. L. Mynatt, Mr. D. A. Beaty and Mr. Robert E. Rushton were appointed to extend the call.

—In speaking of the acceptance of Bro. Rice to this call, the *Atlanta Journal* says:

Mr. Rice, although not yet having reached his 30th year, is already one of the ablest ministers in the Southern Presbyterian Church. By birth he is an Alabamian, but his father is now a resident of Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Rice made an enviable record in college. His university course was taken in the Southwestern Presbyterian University, at Clarksville, Tenn. From that institution he went to the University of Virginia, and thence to Hampden Sidney, Va.

Mr. Rice is now pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Alexandria, and has, during his four years' pastorate, received several calls to prominent churches, all of which he has declined to accept.

The congregation of the Central Church is well pleased with the prospect of securing Mr. Rice as pastor, and earnestly hope that he will accept. It was a matter of difficulty to select a successor to the greatly beloved Dr. Strickler, and the fact that the call to Mr. Rice is unanimous is a high compliment to that eminent young divine.

—The *Gazette* published in Alexandria, Va., where Bro. Rice has been preaching for four years, in its issue of October 26th, says:

"Rev. Theron H. Rice, Jr., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, at the conclusion of the services yesterday morning announced to his congregation his determination to accept the call recently tendered him at Atlanta, Ga. He further stated that he had so notified the committee from that city by letter on Friday last. While some of Mr. Rice's congregation have entertained the belief, founded on hope, that their pastor would decline the call, as he had done on a dozen other occasions since he has been here, others thought differently, and while his statement yesterday was a decided surprise to some, others had prepared themselves in a measure for the result. Mr. Rice has been pastor of the Second Church for over four years, and he enjoys a deserved popularity. He is one of the most earnest and perfectly consecrated gentlemen who ever filled a pulpit in this city, and his hearers embrace not only Presbyterians but those of most every creed in the city, all of whom sincerely regret that he is to leave Alexandria.

The following is the account taken from the *Atlanta Constitution*:

"Rev. Theron H. Rice, the bright young Virginia minister, has accepted the call of the Central Presbyterian Church, and if his Presbytery acts favorably he will in a short while be installed as pastor of the Church.

Dr. Rice is a young Presbyterian minister, and one of the best in the South. He has a reputation that is most enviable and is known all over the United States. He has received flattering calls from a number of prominent Churches, but refused all until the Church of this city called him.

When Dr. Strickler resigned the pastorship of the Central Presbyterian Church and the congregation began to look around for a man to take his place Dr. Rice was favorably mentioned by several parties. His name was sent in and with it came the highest kind of recommendations.

Some of the committee appointed to select a pastor knew of Dr. Rice by reputation, but none of them knew him personally, though one or two of them heard him preach at Decatur. The names presented to the committee out of which to select a pastor were many, and among them were some of the most prominent Presbyterian pastors of the South.

All the names were given the careful consideration of the committee and all were in turn discarded until Dr. Rice's remained by itself. A meeting of the congregation was then called and Dr. Rice was recommended to them as a good man to call to the pastorship of their Church. The congregation acted on the matter and as a result Dr. Rice was called.

He received the news when he arrived from an extended tour in Europe, and from the very first seemed to look with favor upon the call. He knew that the congregation here had never seen him and had never heard him preach. At the same time he had never seen them nor viewed the field in which he was to work if he accepted the call. In accordance with an invitation received from them he came to Atlanta about a week ago, and while here made the acquaintance of the congregation and preached several sermons.

He was well pleased with Atlanta and spoke very highly of the city. He was also well pleased with the field open here for him, and though he would not discuss the matter of accepting the call, it was thought that he would do so.

After returning to Alexandria Dr. Rice talked the matter over with his congregation, and as a result the committee which notified him of his call received a letter Saturday from Dr. Rice, in which he states that he accepts the call subject to the action of the Presbytery.

Dr. Rice's letter of acceptance was read to the congregation of the Central Presbyterian Church yesterday morning and received with approval. The congregation was well pleased with Dr. Rice and was very anxious to have him accept the call.

The letter of acceptance is as follows:

"Alexandria, Va., October 23, 1896.—My Dear Mr. Beattie: I have decided to accept the call of the Central Presbyterian Church if my Presbytery sees fit to put it into my hands.

"I have reached this decision after much prayer, in which I feel sure many of you, as well as others of God's people, have joined me. With all my heart I hope that the conclusion of long, hard struggle in accordance with our Father's will will issue in His glory.

"I await your suggestions as to the best time for calling a meeting of the Chesapeake Presbytery.

"Very truly yours, THERON H. RICE."

A letter in answer to the letter of acceptance will be sent to Dr. Rice to-day, in which he will be asked to call a meeting of the Chesapeake Presbytery as soon as possible. It will be necessary to notify the Presbytery of the meeting ten days before they will meet.

All who are interested in the matter feel sure that the Presbytery will allow Dr. Rice to accept the call, and the congregation of the Central Presbyterian Church will not long be without a pastor.—*Atlanta Constitution*.

We congratulate Bro. Rice on the great honor that has been paid him, and we also congratulate the Atlanta Church on his acceptance of the call.

—The following invitation has been received at the General Office of the Fraternity: "Mr. and Mrs. Gideon D. Harris request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Laura, to Rev. William States Jacobs, (Mu) on Wednesday evening, November the eighteenth, at eight o'clock, in the Methodist Church, Columbus, Mississippi." The SHIELD AND DIAMOND on behalf of the Fraternity extends hearty congratulations to the young couple.

—Bro. T. E. P. Woods, *Theta*, '95 is teaching a school of 200 at Chapel Hill, Tenn. He has private classes in German and Elocution.

—Bro. W. L. Carr, *Theta*, is assisting his father in the cotton business at Pontotoc, Miss.

—Bro. Thos. Caulfield, *Theta*, recently spent a few days in Clarksville, Tenn. His family, who spent the summer there, returned with him to their home in Waco, Texas.

—Bro. T. A. Steele, *Theta*, is Business Manager of "El Commercial American" published in Mobile, Ala., and devoted to the propagation of trade with Spanish-American countries through Gulf ports and particularly Mobile. His address is 116 Conte street, Mobile, Ala.

—Bro. Thos. A. Sleeper, *Theta*, is engaged in the grain business in Waxahatchie, Texas.

—Bro. Verner Wardlaw, *Theta*, is connected with the Stock Yards at Fort Worth, Texas.

—Bro. Valdmer Moldenhower, *Theta*, an initiate of this year, captured the essay, Inter-society oratorical, and Greek medals last commencement. He is evidently a very greedy man. May his tribe increase.

—Bro. R. P. Walker, *Mu*, took the debaters' medal last commencement, and bears the proud distinction of having carried off the highest honors ever known in the history of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina; he is now studying for the Ministry in Columbia Theological Seminary. If he keeps up his record, we'll hear from him again some day.

—Bro. Rev. F. C. Jennings, *Mu*, is preaching in Morrisville, Pa., and taking an A. M. course in Princeton.

—Bro. W. Gordon Belser, *Xi*, who graduated year before last from the South Carolina College with first honors, making the highest average for four years, which had been made for twenty years, is now at the Johns' Hopkins taking a post-graduate course, preparing himself for Professorship of English.

—"Sholl—Mabry: At Clarksville, Tenn., by Rev. P. A. Lowell, September 17, 1896, Rev. Charles Stillman Sholl, *Theta*, of Avondale, Ala., and Miss Julia Mabry, of Clarksville." Congratulations are extended on behalf of the Fraternity.

Our Colleges.

In this Department it is proposed to publish interesting notes concerning the Colleges at which *H. K. A.* has Chapters. Items of interest intended for this Department should be sent to REV. ROBERT HILL, 655 Bass St., Nashville, Tenn.

—The large three-story brick building now being erected by the SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY, will contain two Y. M. C. A. rooms, gymnasium with running gallery, bath rooms for plunge and shower baths, and an auditorium to seat 1,000, it will cost \$10,000. The number of students now in attendance is larger than at this time last year. In the faculty Albert B. Dunwiddie, A. M., Ph. D. of Richmond, Va., is Professor of Mathematics, succeeding Prof. E. B. Massie, deceased; Rev. J. E. Fogartie, A. M., Ph. D., D. D., of Greenwood, S. C., occupies the chair of Mental Philosophy, succeeding Rev. T. C. Whaling, D. D., called to Lexington, Va. Prof. A. V. Martin, A. M., succeeds Prof. L. L. Campbell in the department of Mathematics and Natural Science in the Presbyterian College of South Carolina. The curriculum and requirements for passing and graduation are higher in this institution than heretofore.

—DAVIDSON COLLEGE.—It will surprise many to know that of the regularly matriculated students at Davidson all are members of the Church except eight. Possibly there is no other strictly literary institution in the country, which can show such a remarkable proportion of Church members on its roll,—“*N. C. Press.*”

—ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.—Lucien M. Underwood, Ph. D., Professor of Biology, has resigned and gone to Columbia College, New York, as Professor of Botany. Professor Earle, his assistant, has been elected to fill the vacancy. Charles H. Ross, formerly Adjunct Professor of Modern Languages, has been advanced to a full professorship in same. J. M. Duggar, M. S., of Mississippi, A. and M. College, has been elected Professor of Agriculture to succeed Colonel Bondurant, who goes to Australia in service of the English Government. The department of Entomology has been separated from that of Biology, and Professor Baker, of Colorado

A. and M. College has been elected Professor of Entomology. The number of students constantly increasing, has rendered it necessary to build a large annex to the Chemical Laboratory. This will be ready for use before January first. A large gymnasium has just been finished and fitted out with the necessary apparatus. This session promises to be the most prosperous ever known in the history of the Institution. Three hundred and thirty students have been enrolled up to date—two hundred and ninety-seven in all, last year.

—Professor George H. Denny, who was elected last June to the chair of Latin and German at Hampden-Sidney, is filling the place most acceptably. He succeeds Professor Blair, who has been a professor at Hampden-Sidney for forty years.

—SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE The Wade Hampton Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, of Columbia, S. C., have offered a handsome gold medal to the student of the South Carolina College who writes the best essay on some subject relative to the late conflict. The medal is to be offered annually. The subject for the ensuing year is, "The causes leading to the secession of the Southern States from the Union." The foot ball team of the South Carolina College has secured Mr. R. S. Whaley, University of Virginia's last year's full back, as coach. They expect to make a name on the grid-iron this year.

—THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA has added to her faculty Mr. H. E. Mechling, of the Y. M. C. A. Training School, at Springfield, Mass. Now they are going to have physical culture of a high order.

Dr. Alderman, formerly occupying the chair of pedagogy, has been elected as President in lieu of Dr. Winston, the latter having accepted a similar position in the University of Texas.

Prof. Sam'l May, Ph. D., of Harvard College, has been chosen as assistant in the Modern Language Department.

Dr. Linscott, of University of Chicago, is the new assistant in Latin. Greek is the only department but has two good professors.

Our old gymnasium has been added to and is now fitted up to merit the name Commons Hall. Dr. H. V. Wilson has been working steadily on his laboratory until now it is surpassed by none in the South.

President Alderman was a delegate to the Princeton Celebration. On Thursday evening, October 29, he gave the

students a description of the occasion. It was quite interesting, coming from one who has such a characteristic way of describing as well as observing.

Dr. Battle, ex-President of the Institution and Professor of History, is very popular throughout the State. He is in great demand as speaker before all *kinds* of societies and especially school commencements. When they get out of jokes or their stock runs down they just send after Dr. Battle, and he from his bounty gives them a supply that is not soon exhausted.

—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.—Many changes have been made in the faculty of late. Col. Charles S. Venable resigned last March his position as Professor of Pure Mathematics. Mr. W. H. Echols was elected to succeed Col. Venable, and Dr. J. M. Page has been chosen as successor to Mr. Echols' former position—that of Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

Dr. Barringer is now Chairman of the faculty, in the place of Prof. W. M. Thornton, who resigned last May. The latter retains his position as Professor of Applied Mathematics.

The sad death of Dr. Vass leaves the University without a Chaplain. Dr. Vass died of pneumonia at the first of the session, having preached only one sermon at the University.

The work on the new building and the restoration of the Rotunda destroyed by fire on October 27th, '95, is progressing. The architects in charge are McKim, Meade & White of New York. The cost of the construction will be about \$250,000. The Rotunda when completed will present almost the same appearance as before. The main portion of the interior will be used as a library. There are four small one story annexes adjoining the Rotunda to be used as class rooms. These will soon be ready for occupation. The Rotunda will be ready for use by the first of next session.

Three new buildings—the Physical Laboratory, Engineering Hall and Public Hall—situated at the southern end of the lawn facing the Rotunda, are now in construction. These buildings will be a great improvement to the University, as well as tend to beautify the grounds. They are situated in a semi-circle connecting East Lawn with West Lawn. The Public Hall is in the center, the Physical Laboratory being at one end of the semi-circle, and the Engineering Hall at the other. There will be some lecture rooms in the Public Hall, and also two buildings for lecture rooms erected, one at the end of East Range and one at the end of the West Range.

The students took great interest in the Presidential election though few could vote. Both the gold and silver clubs had large membership, and many "warm" speeches were made on each side.

Editorial.

It is with great pleasure that we hand you this last number of Volume V of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. A completed volume, a year's work ended, both without break or delay! Truly we should rejoice over the efficiency of our "new plan," under which we have so successfully conducted our finances during the past year. At one time matters were a good deal unsettled as to the final issue, but attention being given to our calls, we end the year in a good financial condition.

The experiences of the past year should impress upon us the truth of the axiom "In union there is strength." We have seen how important it is for each one of us to do our whole duty. The failure of a few members to do their duty came near disarranging our plans, so carefully and closely are we figuring as to our needs during these hard times. It is only with the earnest co-operation of every member of each Chapter that we can accomplish our desired end.

Now that we have completed Volume V we must begin to arrange for Volume VI, the first number of which should appear in January. In the arrangement of the finances for the coming year it is our earnest hope that we will meet with the same cordial support which made our past year a success. In a few days we will mail to each Chapter and to each Alumnus member, a statement of the plans for the coming year, to which we earnestly hope to have prompt attention from every Active and every Alumnus member.

In the first number of Volume VI, which will be issued, we trust, in January, 1897, space will be reserved for a general discussion of the time and place for holding Conventions, with an especial reference to deciding when and where our next one shall be held. Our Constitution now provides for an Annual Convention, time and place to be selected by the Grand Council, the Chapters, of course, being consulted. These Conventions have been held quite regularly at Hampden-Sidney, Danville, Knoxville, Richmond, Nashville and Richmond again. We have met at Christmas and we have met in mid-summer, and it is necessary for us now to decide which is the most seasonable time. Although our Constitution fixes the mode of deciding as to the time and place for holding these Conventions we would like to have a full discussion and expression of opinion on the subject. For everything that admits of improvement ought to be improved, and it is our opinion that in the method of holding Conventions, we can make a helpful change.

One matter to be considered in these discussions is that the best time for holding the Conventions is when cheap railroad rates prevail. Last year we took advantage of the wonderful cheap rates offered by the railroad for the meeting of the Confederate Veterans. At the same time, our Convention being held at this period, had its disadvantages on account of the trouble experienced in getting the delegates at the meetings on account of the inducements offered by the festivities in the city. Let us take all of these matters into consideration in making suggestions. We waive all further discussion, however, until the next issue, in which we hope to see other thoughts than ours on this important subject.

It is extremely pleasant for us to note in the Chapter letters the expressions of good will towards the SHIELD AND DIAMOND and the love which the members seem to have for their magazine.

Those who have been working so hard during the year to make its publication a success, find especial pleasure in knowing that their efforts are appreciated and have been of such benefit to others. In this thought they have ample reward for all the labors expended.

We cannot close this volume without a few words of commendation to the Chapters for the excellent letters which have been published in each issue of this volume.

The pulse of the Fraternity can only be known by observing its Chapter life, and as their activity and interest is shown, so is their Fraternity's strength judged.

What a responsible position then the Chapter correspondent has, and how necessary it is for him to carefully prepare his letters for publication. In every issue of the magazine it should be his aim to have his Chapter represented by a good letter, and he should allow nothing to prevent the regular appearance of the same.

We therefore desire to express our appreciation of the efforts which have been put forth during the past year by the various Chapter correspondents and to assure them that their work has done much towards advancing and strengthening the Fraternity. We ask from them the same attention to duty and the same thoroughness of work for the coming volume.

To our Alumni members we also desire to extend our thanks for the various articles which they have given us for publication, from time to time, and which have done so much to encourage the active members. We know that it has been hard for them to spare time from their busy lives to prepare these articles, and we therefore take this opportunity of thanking them. We ask, for the future, the same help and support, which they have given us in the past.

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