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GLIMPSES OF IOTA'S HISTORY.

THIRD CHAPTER.

Once more we take up the thread of *Iota's* story. It is the fall of 1888. Six men flushed with the success of the previous year, meet on the old campus at Hampden-Sidney; Well might we be proud of the Fraternity whose colors we wore, for never in the history of the old College had a Greek-letter Fraternity achieved such success in so short a time. Only three years old, yet *Pi Kappa Alpha* had men, who were first in the class-room, first in debate and oratory, first in Christian work, first in society. We always had, at least, twelve men and these were *a unit*. No dissention had entered our ranks. Together we had worked and won honors for our Fraternity and not one had ever brought a stain on her reputation.

No wonder the six men, who gathered in "councils of campaign" this year, felt confident.

The roll call was as follows: Arbuckle, Bowcock, McAllister, Moore (Charley,) Robbins, Walker.

(By mistake I sent Charley Moore and Charley Bowcock away from College in my last Chapter. They tarried with us another year. We could not spare them. Both filled large places in our Chapter-Hall, Bowcock in more ways than one.)

Had we been less confident, we might have done more for our Fraternity. We had rivals worthy of our steel. Three

of the Fraternities outnumbered us and had five men. *Kappa Sigma* had become a formidable rival. *Beta Theta Pi* and *Phi Gamma Delta* had always been. These Fraternities seemed to want the very men we wanted.

The *Chi Phi's* were very strong this year, though they seemed to "spike" men too soon and rush them in before the Chapter could know what it was getting. This year was phenomenal in the history of the College for poor Fraternity material. A new Fraternity, *Phi Alpha Chi*, gave up the fight. *Sigma Chi* must have turned up its nose at the prospects, for it refused to notice the "barbarians" and closed the year without a single accession to its ranks.

Pi Kappa Alpha was also much discouraged, but among the newcomers found one true-hearted, fine fellow. He was a brother of our brother Oscar Swineford, and we took him in the first week, only to lose him the next week. He was home-sick, and not even *Pi Kappa Alpha's* social band could dispel the gloom of his surroundings. It was a melancholy time. It rained day and night for at least ten days, and everywhere one went he found mud, water, umbrellas and "rubbers."

After Eddie Swineford left us, we settled down to work, and had many a jolly meeting.

We were backed by a fine set of fellows in the Seminary; Kennedy, B. M., Buckhanan, Engle, Telford, Palmer and Thomas. Brother Palmer was from *Theta*, and a jolly fellow he was, and one of the finest musicians on "the Hill." His guitar made a welcome for him everywhere. I wish I could hear him sing to-night, or hear him whistle "The Mocking Bird." Thomas, our brave, gentle little Fred. Thomas, was loved by every one, but, above all, by that beautiful little wife, of whom I had not time to tell you last time.

Fred. Thomas has the honor of being the first *Iota Pi* to marry. Of all the romantic things connected with Hampden-Sidney's history, this marriage was first.

Thomas' sweetheart was a Jewess; and one of the loveliest of her noted race. She was converted to Christianity through Fred's influence, and thus incurred the displeasure of her Jewish parents.

She went with her mother to Richmond, Va., and while there her father, who knew of her love for this young minister of Christ, determined to force her into a loveless marriage to a wealthy Jew with the threat of disinheriting her

She in distress told Fred., and he went to Richmond, and had many a long talk with her in old Hollywood Cemetery, and both pledged themselves anew to each other. Marriage then seemed impossible, Thomas being a student at the Seminary with limited means. Very soon, though, radical measures had to be taken. Her father had shut off every way of escape, and an early marriage to a man she had learned to despise, was held over her.

Thomas could not see his sweetheart insulted, so to protect her, rushed to Richmond, and by a trick of her own devising, got her off to Washington and married her. She was to remain in her father's house, now that she was safe from the doom that threatened her. Fred returned to the Seminary, and the marriage remained a secret, but before long the secret became known, and the insults she had to bear were too much for Fred, so he went to Richmond and nobly demanded his wife.

When he brought her back to Hampden-Sidney they received quite an ovation. All were in sympathy with the young couple, both under age, and the *Pi*'s were proud of Fred. His sweet little wife became a *Pi*, and a faithful one she was.

A happier couple it would be hard to find.

I relate this little story, because it is the *first Iota marriage*; I feel that Fred will forgive me the liberty I take in telling to his brothers this piece of his private history, for I know he is proud of it now, as any of us would be.

All of we fellows of *Iota* knew it then, and I know those who have followed us will be interested in it. I wish I could shake Fred's hand again, and see the little wife, who was so good to we *Pi*'s, and told us she was going to raise up the little boy, whom she took with her to Hampden-Sidney, to be as good a *Pi* as his "Papa."

We could not be long satisfied with our quiet, easy-going way. We were determined to get more men for our Fraternity, but only one, J. K. Hill, was found. When the session closed we had but the seven.

Again we said farewell and this time it seemed that all would leave never to return. Four of the seven were not to return to College.

Charles Moore staid at home next year, but returned to win honors for us later. Bowcock went to his farm in Albemarle, and there he is flourishing and growing fat. "Cub" Walker, the fellow who could "almost die laugh-

ing" when he was tickled, our good, noble brother whom none will ever forget, went to the Seminary, so we would, at least, see him often again. "Reddie" McAllister went to the University of Virginia, where he graduated in law and is now one of the most successful young attorneys in Virginia. He is at Warm Springs, Va., and has a wife and boy to make him happy. How *Iota* has missed his earnest work, though she has known him since as the Grand Secretary of the Fraternity. He was a tender-hearted, noble fellow, full of fun, bright, witty, often the very soul of our meetings. I am glad he sent a brother to take his place, who now is our efficient Grand Secretary, and is beloved by *Iota*.

We again took our share of honors. Robbins and McAllister were on the Magazine staff. "Mac" was the final orator for his society.

"Mac" and I graduated at the head of our class, one delivered at commencement the philosophical oration, the other the valedictory. I was appointed Fellow for the next year, so for the fifth time could sit in the old Chapter and enjoy the social benefits that were so much of College life. The next year was to be a momentous one in our history, and I am proud to feel that none has had better occasion to know its every incident than I. Would I had the ability to do justice to this part of *Iota's* history.

We met in the fall of 1889, as usual, only three of us, Hill, Robbins and myself. Robbins just wouldn't say a word to a fellow about anything. He was a fine fellow and won honors for us, and we are proud of him, but he was so quiet that I couldn't see how he could canvass for us. He did, though, in his quiet way.

His presence in our Chapter was more than the volumes of talk some of the rest used to employ to secure men.

I was the "sub," and so could not be as free among the students as I used to be. Robbins and I stood at Hill's back and urged him on.

Well, we succeeded. I had taken a brother, and so had Robbins. We "spiked" two men, and good ones, too. We got these, so we made a big show in about two weeks, when four men wore our badge out to chapel. They were Fred Robbins, J. A. Arbuckle, A. S. Higginbotham and G. A. Alexander. Again we were seven for the third time in our history. It seems that *seven* was a "charmed" number with us.

In the seminary this year we were seven men. Telford, Engle, Palmer, Walker, Thomas, Bob Moore and Buckhannan. Nothing of special importance happened until the Christmas holidays. At the University of Virginia plans were being laid which would revolutionize our Fraternity. Theron H. Rice, Jr., one of *Theta's* most earnest Pi's, one of whom she might well be proud, had gone there to complete his studies. He it was that first conceived and planned our present form of government, and he it was that saw the time and way of carrying it into effect.

The first intimation that *Iota* had of the plans came through a little Bulletin, Pi Kappa Alpha's first publication, which was issued by Bro. J. T. McAllister, at the University of Virginia. This little Bulletin was gotten out with a hectograph, and was a forerunner of the "*Pi Kappa Alpha Journal*," and the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, both of which were the products of Bro. Robert A. Smyth's push and energy.

It was made known to us at *Iota* that we were to have a Convention at Hampden-Sidney during the Christmas holidays, that Bro. Rice would be present to unfold his plans and urge the Fraternity to take some action, that *Theta* would send an able delegate to be her spokesman, and that *Lambda* would be represented by Robert A. Smyth. This stirred us up. We were aware that a critical time in our history had come.

Kappa Chapter had "subsided into peace," *Zeta* Chapter had been broken up, *Lambda* Chapter was forced for honor's sake to give up her charter, and we knew *Alpha* Chapter was fast losing its hold and must soon expire, which it did early in the spring of 1890. Only *Theta* and *Iota* to stand up for dear old Pi Kappa Alpha, mother and daughter, both imbued with the spirit of the Fraternity's noble principles, both ready to fight to the death before allowing their proud banner to trail in the dust of defeat. *Iota* was excited. In her own modest Chapter-hall she was to entertain the second Convention the Fraternity ever had. The first Convention belonged to earlier history, when *Alpha* Chapter had planted several strong Chapters in the colleges of the South, when a bright future seemed to stretch before Pi Kappa Alpha, but since then the hard hand of fate had been laid on our fair Fraternity and one by one the bright stars had dropped from her banner and now, at the close of

1889, there were really only two Chapters left to carry on the work. The record of the previous convention was almost forgotten, and not a man who was enrolled at the Convention of which I am to speak, knew that Pi Kappa Alpha ever had a Convention. All attempts of *Theta* to hold one in previous years had failed, but now Rice said we had to have a Convention, so he brought J. S. Foster of *Theta*, with him and besieged *Iota* in her stronghold, and *we had the Convention*, from which so much sprang. I think it was the twentieth of December when we went into session. *Iota* had fourteen men, the Seminites included. (We claimed Wallace Palmer as ours then, though he was from old *Theta*.) Robert Smyth telegraphed that he couldn't come, so Rice and Foster were the only visiting delegates. Both were from *Theta*, both were regular "wheel-horses."

I shall never forget the first night I saw Rice. I had been with some girls, so reached the hall late. Rice had already called the meeting to order and as I burst into the Chapter-hall, not knowing the boys had assembled, this tall, fine-looking fellow rose from his chair, his face brightened with one of his cheery smiles and his eyes beaming with the enthusiasm which filled his heart, and extended his hand.

I fell in love with him then and ever since he has been my dearest friend. Foster left his impression on us all, quiet, earnest, thoughtful, the very man to be at such a meeting.

Before he left us we had discovered in him the ability, which has marked his career since.

All *Pi*'s are aware that our Fraternity had been up to this time governed by a Grand Chapter, which soon ceased to exercise authority and organize the Chapters for work. Rice told us that some change was necessary and then unfolded his plan of government and advised the Convention to study it and modify it, or change it, but to decide on something and appoint a committee to draw up a Constitution embodying its ideas that the Fraternity might make one final organized effort to carry on its great work. The Convention heartily endorsed Rice's plan and recommended the appointment of a committee to draw up the Constitution. Wallace Palmer, Bob Moore and myself were appointed to do the work with the privilege of consulting with Rice. We worked faithfully over the Constitution and before the Convention adjourned we had adopted our pres-

ent form of government and had prepared the Constitution, which in substance is the one we now have.

Our work was done and in two days the convention had adjourned. The closing banquet was a thing to be remembered; the speeches, the music, the eating were all alike enjoyable.

Rice thrilled us that night with his farewell address. I wish I could reproduce it. It would stir up every *Pi* that saw it.

This was a great time for *Iota* and she felt honored that she must with *Theta* plan for the future of our Fraternity. This was a great day for *Pi Kappa Alpha*. A new era in her history had begun. She now had a well planned government. Of course none but Thereon H. Rice, Jr., to whom was due this important change in our history, could have the honor of becoming the first *Councilor Princeps*. New life seemed infused into the old Fraternity. I really believe this little Convention started Bob Smyth, and he sent the little *Pi Kappa Alpha Journal* on its rounds and soon aspired to the editorship of our beloved SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and has through it saved the Fraternity. Who would say that our present success does not look back to that Convention of '89 as its beginning?

After the holidays *Iota* held the even tenor of her way and did all she could to carry on the new work. We were delighted when Rice came to the Seminary, and for three months was one of us. Before the session closed we had selected three more splendid fellows. There were R. R. Jones, Holmes Rolston, and H. W. McLaughlin. Including Rice we numbered eighteen members and I never knew a set of more earnest and faithful men.

I might continue my story and relate hundreds of incidents which filled this my last and most interesting stay with my loved Chapter, but I fear you have all heard enough of *Iota* now, so I bid farewell to the story, as I tell of each one that left us.

Wallace Palmer graduated at the Seminary, went to Eatonton, Ga., to preach and is now married to his old sweetheart.

Bob Telford also graduated and came to Lewisburg, W. Va., where he was for some years my pastor, and now is principal of the prosperous Female Seminary here. He is loved by every one, and has one of the happiest little fami-

lies you ever saw. Fred. Thomas took his wife and son and went to a church at Basic City, Va., where he labored successfully until he was called to his present field of labor in North Carolina.

Bob Moore returned to the Seminary, but his impaired health drove him to Florida, where he entered the State Seminary as a teacher, and, as my associate, I knew him to be faithful till his death.

His was a noble life and those who knew him have felt his loss keenly.

F. E. Robbins graduated this year and carried away with him the senior orator's medal and was editor-in-chief of the Magazine. He afterwards returned to the Seminary and is now preaching in his native Texas.

All the others except myself returned to Hampden Sidney in the Fall. I expect most of the *Pi's* know enough about me now, so I shall not say anything of my history. Let me add, however, that my close connection with the Fraternity since I left *Iota* has made me feel that my Fraternity life has been unbroken. It was a sad day that closed my stay at Hampden-Sidney and I am glad I have been so intimately associated with my Chapter since. It was with feelings of pride that I received her call to official duty so many times and I am sure this has awakened even a deeper love in my heart for her than I had while an active member. I am proud of her past, proud of her present and look forward to a successful future with confidence and pride.

Few Chapters ever met with more success than *Iota*. In five years her men had five times graduated among the honor men, twice she captured the senior orator's medal, twice her men held the office of editor-in-chief of the Magazine, three times she carried off debating and declaiming medals.

Her alumni have gone to front rank at the bar, in the pulpit, in the home.

No Chapter has sent such a number of men into the ministry as *Iota*. She was once called the "preacher Fraternity." To-day she is proud of the distinction, when she looks on the noble work her sons are doing for Christ.

Truly the influence that has gone forth from the lives of so many of her faithful members is now a mighty stream, refreshing, gladdening, strengthening the homes and lives through which it flows.

Long live this influence! Who can say such Fraternity

life isn't the glory of college life, the bulwark of the home? My pleasant task is done; I drop the history of *Iota* here, June, 1890.

May some abler chronicler tell the future story and fill the hearts of her alumni with the enthusiasm of bygone college days.

H. B. Arbuckle.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

THETA CHAPTER, PI KAPPA ALPHA, }
CLARKSVILLE, TENN, Sept. 26th, 1896. }

Whereas, an Almighty and All-wise God has seen fit in His infinite Providence to take from our midst one whom we loved and cherished, and

Whereas, KELLY HOBSON was a man among men of marked talents, and one who, had he been spared, gave promise of great usefulness in his chosen calling, being noted for his very high scholarship, unfeigned piety, sweetness of disposition and unflinching loyalty to principle,

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, his brethren of *H. K. A.* Fraternity, while bowing in humble submission to the will of the Great Father, do hereby give this feeble expression to our deep grief and sorrow over the loss of him whom we loved so well.

Our consolation is that, though we sit with bowed heads in the house of mourning, his is the far exceeding joy of Heaven.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent, with our heart-felt sympathy to his stricken family; also, a copy be sent for publication in *SHIELD AND DIAMOND* and another copy be spread upon our Minutes.

D. W. HOLLINGSWORTH. }
J. F. FRIERSON. } *Committee.*
JNO. C. BARR. }

Our Colleges.

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

—Wm. J. Martin Jr., M. D. Ph.D., who has been for two years assistant in chemistry at the University of Virginia, has been released from his engagement there, and is carrying on the work of his lamented father in the Chemical Department of Davidson College. Dr. Martin is a young chemist of exceptional attainments and thorough training. He had already been recommended by the Executive Committee for the position of Associate Professor at the opening of the College next fall. It is fortunate that the work in chemistry has thus been carried on without the loss of a day. The place left vacant by Dr. Martin's resignation has been filled by the appointment of Dr. J. C. Harrison.

—The catalogue of Washington and Lee University for the session of 1895-'96 has been received. It shows a total enrollment of 220 students. This is an increase of nine over the number present last session. One hundred of them came from Virginia. The law class has sixty-eight members, as compared with fifty-six last session, and is larger by three members than any other session. The increase is from Virginia.

—The Southwestern Presbyterian University is succeeding well in its efforts to raise \$150,000 additional endowment. From November to February, the Chancellor, Dr. Summey, secured about \$8,500. Since then, the General Agent, Rev. T. W. Raymond, has raised in six weeks, \$2,500. Some have contributed to the Waddell Professorship, some to the Law School; some to the Scholarship Fund and others to the erection of a new building, which will contain a gymnasium, Y. M. C. A. Hall, and a large

Assembly Hall. Attendance at S. W. P. U. this year is 145 students, thirty-three of whom are in the Divinity School.

--The faculty of Wake Forest College put a stop to arrangements the students were making to give an amateur minstrel show. The President of Wake Forest College, is on his last round for an endowment fund of \$25,000. At that College on the evening of April 16th, a very interesting meeting of the Historic and Economic Society was held. A well-prepared paper on the African problems was read by Prof. Haywood. This Society is young, but it bids fair to be one of the most useful features of College life. After the two papers had been read, President Taylor mentioned some very interesting legendary history of the College. He said it was believed by many that the campus was once the site of an Indian manufactory of arrows, as great quantity of arrow heads have been found. B. H. Carroll, D. D., of Texas, has been secured to deliver the Literary Address at Wake Forest at commencement.

—Some time ago at the Medical College of South Carolina, Charleston, S. C., the address of the occasion was made before the Graduating Class, by Dr. Kemp P. Battle, ex-President of the University of North Carolina, and now Professor of History. A week ago, Dr. Thomas Hume was called to Greensboro to deliver his interesting lecture on The Knights of the Round Table, and now Professor Edwin A. Alderman has been invited to deliver the Commencement Oration before the University of Louisiana, and President G. T. Winston the same at the University of Texas.

—The oldest living graduate of Hampden-Sidney College is Dr. Thomas H. Venable, Gardenia, Prince Edward Co., Va., (Class 1828.) Dr. Venable graduated in medicine in Philadelphia in 1832, and practiced sixty years in the neighborhood in which he was born. A ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church for many years, he is now in the 88th year of his age. Another distinguished physician from this class was the late Edward C. Fisher, M. D., of Raleigh, N. C. The friends of this College will regret to learn of the resignation of Prof. Walter Blair of the chair of Latin and German. Prof. Blair is a native of Richmond; a graduate of Hampden-Sidney College in the Class of 1855; was tutor for two years, and adjunct professor of ancient languages for the same length of time, and was elected Professor of Latin in 1859, with leave of absence to study in Germany,

where he remained until the outbreak of the war, when he returned and enlisted in the Richmond Howitzers, in which he served until the close of the war, when he reassumed his professorship, which he has continued to fill with marked ability. There is no parallel to this term of service, except in the case of the late Prof. L. L. Holladay. This resignation, a sad loss to the College and community, is enforced by seriously impaired vision and apprehension of its total loss.

—Rev. C. B. Wilmer, at Pittsburg, Pa., has accepted the invitation to address the Alumni Society of William and Mary, at the Commencement in June. Mr. Wilmer is an old student of William and Mary, and a son of Rev. Dr. George T. Wilmer, former pastor of Bruton Episcopal Church, and Professor of English in the College.

—Friends of the University of Virginia, who have mourned the loss of its library last October, will be gratified to learn that the Alumni Committee have arranged for the purchase of a library, which would more than make good the loss, and put the University in possession of the famous collection of about twelve thousand volumes in Greek and Latin Philosophy, made by the late Prof. Hertz, as a working library for his own use. It is scientifically arranged in twenty-one sections, catalogued, and is said to be extremely rich in the departments most needed by students. Such a library would be the noblest restoration the Alumni could offer their Alma Mater in her crippled condition. In the interest of sound learning, at the South especially, we hope that the sum will be raised and without delay.

Chapter Letters.

THETA.

Theta once more stands forth in resplendent glory, although sadly missing many of her former men.

We were delighted to welcome back to our midst Bro. Gladney who for several sessions ago has dwelt in the Camp of *Alpha*. The term was opened by ushering into the profound mysteries of *II. K. A.*, one of whom we feel assured that the whole Fraternity will some day join with *Theta* in admiring, Bro. V. Moldenhower rode the goat very gracefully and is indeed a noble *II*.

Our coming together was saddened by the knowledge that the cold hand of death had but recently been laid upon one of our last year's leaders. As we gazed upon our draped colors there came flooding back upon us a thousand memories of Bro. Kelly Hobson, whose genial smile and bright presence we'll henceforth miss in *Theta's* Hall.

Bro. Chas. S. Sholl, whose escapades with that little villain, Cupid were so vividly portrayed by our preceding scribe, has just caused a tremendous sensation. He mysteriously returned to the opening of the University as a visiting Alumnus, uneasily flitted about for a few days and wound up by carrying off one of Clarksville's fairest maidens and *Theta's* most loyal sisters as his bride.

The brethren who have come back after the vacation spent, so they asservate, in arduous labor, to spread refulgent glory upon *Theta's* banner are, John F. Frierson, D. W. Hollingsworth, R. E. Blackburn, Toll, Ivy and John C. Barr.

We are all now looking forward with eagerness to the return of Bro. James N. Ivy, who, within a few days will arrive from the wilds of Texas, where, according to rumor, his fervid pulpit oratory has kindled many a prairie fire.

Indeed *Theta* has every reason to be proud of her present

showing. With eight true and tried men to guide her destiny, with the confidence and admiration even of enemies and with the cordial support of a loyal band whom we delight to call friends, our ship of state has been most auspiciously launched and bids fair to sail majestically into the haven of success.

John C. Barr.

TAU.

Tau sends greeting at the beginning of the school year.

We find ourselves with only three back this year, Bros. Carver, Suttle and Wray, two Juniors and one Senior.

The lines of demarkation between cliques are quite indistinct this year.

The very best spirit prevails in the inner life of our Institution.

Bro. Suttle has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Class. Bro. Carver will be our next Commencement Marshal.

The Faculty and Trustees still keep the restriction that new men must not be tampered with, and as our pledged man did not return we have nothing to add to our number.

Bro. Hurley, of last year's law class, is now wielding the rod and wearing the garb of a pedagogue in Carthage, N. C.

Bro. W. F. Rucker is at Charlotte, N. C., seeing what he can do behind the counter.

Bro. J. F. Nooe is attending a medical school in the Lone Star State.

Bro. C. G. Winstead is trying his hand at selling cigars and tobacco. He will do well if he sells as many as he smokes.

I have heard comparatively nothing of any of our other boys. We hope they are all doing well, whatever may be their avocation.

Tau has two or three copies of the Hellenian '96, which she would like to exchange with Chapters having annuals.

If it is admissible, I would like to send a special word of greeting to the boys I have met at Knoxville last summer and this, and to the boys of *Zeta*, who gave us such a nice time.

Joe S. Wray.

MU.

Our prospects for this year are the best that have been in many years. We opened our meeting last Saturday night with 7 active members.

We will miss Bro. Walker from our number this year, but hope he will take an active part in the Fraternity in Columbia, where he has gone for his Theological course.

We are glad to see Bro. Marion back in our midst, he having left us last Xmas. The following are also back with us: Bros. Russell, Murry, Simpson, Carpenter, Copeland and Ferguson.

On our return our // girls seemed to be as true as ever to the Garnet and Old Gold.

We are spending all our efforts to get a Chapter Room, and we think we are very likely to succeed. Bros. Thornwell and Dillard Jacobs of the Alumni of this Chapter, are pursuing the literary courses at Princeton and Nashville. The former at Princeton studying Theology, the latter at Nashville, assistant Professor in Chemistry in the Nashville Medical College.

Our banquet in June was the grandest affair *Mu* Chapter has ever witnessed. Besides our active members we had five (5) Alumni with us. Toasts were given by Bros. Jacobs and Jennings of the Alumni, Bro. Walker of the active and Prof. D. M. Frierson, who had just finished his course at John's Hopkins University. After many hours of enjoyment, the crowd dispersed, wishing each and every one, much success and good luck for the coming year.

We hope to initiate several men this year.

Long live Old Gold and Garnet.

J. J. Murray.

UPSILON.

It is always a pleasure to fulfill the duties of Chapter Correspondent to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, especially so now since the long rest of summer vacation causes one to enter upon all work with renewed zest.

We congratulate ourselves upon the fact that our circle of last year remains unbroken, unless we count as an absentee Bro. Hurt, who left us last March, and is now a full-fledged Cadet at West Point.

Bro. Fleming is back, and is now the dignified instructor of the Fifth Class. It was a pleasure to all of us to see him receive a first honor last June. We feel proud also of the records made by Bros. Tate, McIntyre, Yonge and Dean, each of whom received honor certificates for excellence of class standing.

Bro. Rainey says he has been studying hard all summer. Perhaps so—about that pretty *H. K. A.* sister who is wearing his badge.

Bros. Purifoy, Abbot, Tate, Pollard and Van Ness are now seniors, and never lose an opportunity of informing one of this fact.

The promotions of officers were made a few days ago, and several of our men are wearing new stripes or epaulettes in consequence. Bro. Pollard is now a 1st lieutenant, Bro. McIntyre is sergeant-major, and bears the honors of his office with a dignity that is truly sublime. Bro. Dean is a sergeant, and apparently does not remember that day in the dim ages of the past when he was only a corporal. Bro. Yonge now holds the office of 1st corporal, which is the highest office in his class.

We are now established in our new quarters, and are much pleased with the change we have made. Our rooms are convenient to the College, and are quite nicely furnished.

Our College has had a splendid opening, about three hundred and fifteen students having matriculated.

Foot-ball training has begun in earnest, and if hard work and a good trainer has anything to do with it, victory will perch upon the banners of Orange and Blue.

Now that another year's work lies before us, let us resolve to do this work in such a thorough and conscientious manner that we will experience no "vain regrets" next June. Then we will have that sense of satisfaction that always comes from the faithful performance of duty, and in addition to this we will have done honor to ourselves and to our beloved Fraternity.

F. L. Tate.

ALUMNUS ETA.

Application has been received from the following Alumni for a Charter for an Alumnus Chapter with headquarters at Dillon, S. C., A. S. Manning and T. W. Bethea, of *Lambda*; A. M. McNaull, of *Mu*; P. P. Bethea, B. B. Sellers, P. H. Edwards, W. F. Norton, F. W. Sessims and Claud P. Leisner of *Nu*.

We welcome *Alumnus Eta* into the fold and trust that her members will be kept in close touch with the Fraternity through this Chapter.

BETA.

Beta's May letter lies open on the desk before the writer's eyes and among the first lines he sees that Bro. Jones told you that we were to lose five men with the graduating class. Besides these, we have lost Bros. Orr, who graduated as A. M., and Lattimore from the Medical College. These were our graduates. From a lower class we lost "Old Troup" Bro. Whitehead, but in the last mentioned there is some consolation in the fact that our loss is *Pi's* gain, since he has not dropped out but only gone to Washington and Lee to continue his studies. Still we, as a Chapter, have lost him, making us eight men short of last year's roll. This left us only four men to return. Some of the Chapters may think that *Beta* is in a critical condition, and it is to be confessed that the future did look a little gloomy for us last June when we shook hands with so many, knowing that they were to return no more.

While we were few in number we were not so discouraged since we all believe in the "survival of the fittest." After spending a very pleasant vacation we—J. M. McKinnon, Geo. Clark, Robt. Lafferty, and R. S. Eskridge—returned the first week of the term. Should an outsider have seen us sometimes he would very likely have concluded that we were no longer four, but only one. We were one in our love for *Beta* and *H. K. A.* We were one in our efforts to lead men into her ranks. Now we have strengthened our number by the addition of Bros. Jennings, of South Carolina; Dun, of Florida, and Houston, of North Carolina. I hardly see how we could have done better. *Not a man have we failed on*, and what adds honor to our achievement is that each of our new men were worked by other Orders. Now "we are seven," and what is better, we are still one.

The new class is a very good one on the whole.

Davidson has opened under very favorable circumstances.

Dr. Harrison has received a permanent election to the English Chair.

We are very sorry that *Beta* could not be represented at the Convention and promise now that this will not be the case again. Bro. Hunter would have been present, but for the death of his father.

If all the Chapters are having the success of *Beta*, old *H. K. A.* will keep her pace in the front.

IOTA.

At the beginning of another session the members of *Iota* most cordially greet their brothers of other Chapters and of the Fraternity at large. And it is with true pleasure that we look forward to the perusal of the Chapter letters and other communications from them in *THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND*, during the session upon which we have entered. The members of *Iota*, who attended the last Convention, counted it a rare treat to meet so many "nice *Pi's*," and they hope that the friendships then formed may grow stronger and stronger and last for many a long year. At the beginning of this session our Chapter roll included the names of Bros. W. S. Wilson, R. M. Bird, L. M. Gaines, D. G. Wilson, H. R. Houston, and J. A. Kee, of (*Theta*), to which was added that of J. E. Ballou, (95,) who has entered the Seminary.

It was with a feeling of great sadness, that we gave up at the close of last session, our two graduating members, who took such high stands and whose influence was so strongly felt in the Seminary and the College, and who were in their Fraternity life so useful, loving and lovable.

Bro. John W. Caldwell has assumed pastoral duties in New Orleans and Bro. F. F. Jones, our modest and honored "Franky" is in Dinwiddie County.

On the second Saturday night of the session, N. T. Ballou, a brother of J. E. Ballou, was, with all due ceremony, initiated into the mysteries of our Order. Having passed through this trying ordeal, the new brother applied himself with much diligence to the disposal of the collation spread before him, and he bids fair to become in time as proficient as any of us in this very important Fraternity duty. We assert with great pride that it would be very difficult to find anywhere a nicer set of fellows than the new students at our College this session, and we intend ere long to count some of their number as our brothers.

It gave us much pleasure to have with us for a few days at the beginning of the session our friend and brother, A. D. Watkins, who has accepted a position as Principal of the Graded School at South Boston, Va. Our members are taking quite an active part in College politics this session. W. S. Wilson has been elected President of the Athletic

Association of the College, and R. M. Bird fills the position as Editor in Chief of the *Hampden-Sidney Magazine*.

Though our numbers are small, we feel that the spirit of conservatism, which has characterized our Order and added so much to its usefulness, is a good policy, and cannot but be of great service in keeping the standard of true "Pi-ism" up to what it has been in the past.

"The hill" is in the happy possession of an unusually large number of young ladies this session, and our members will have to bestir themselves in order to maintain their previous record of dutiful attention to the fair sex. We do not, however, anticipate any difficulty in doing so, if all the Brothers prove themselves as faithful as our young "goat," of last session; who is said to have walked, only a few days since, to Farmville and back again, for the exceeding pleasing of passing the house of a certain fair damsel of that place. Returning to more serious matters, we think that the prospects for a useful as well as a very pleasant session, within old *Iota* Chapter, stretch out before us, and we wish sincerely that our brothers of other institutions may find it a most delightful one. Again we desire to express our appreciation of the work of the Managing Editor and his colleagues; for, had it not been for their earnest efforts, the magazine would now be preserving a silence sadly emblematic of the stillness of the death, to which the Order would inevitably have approached without this vital connection of its parts. We, as a Chapter and as individual members, wish to help in the Fraternity work, and our leaders may depend upon us as willing and glad to give whenever we can such support as is needed.

J. E. Ballou.

PHI CHAPTER.

Application has been received at the general office for a charter for a new Chapter—*Phi*. Its home will be at one of the prominent colleges of Virginia, and Bro. W. H. Robertson, *Gamma*, is at its head. Fuller information cannot be given until the charter is granted. Seven names are signed to the application, and the Chapter will be a strong one.

The P'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.

—We clip the following from the "Commercial Appeal" of August 3rd, from an account of a meeting of Camp McLaurin held Sunday at Jackson, Miss., August 2nd :

"Division Chaplin Jacobs.—(Our Brother, W. S. Jacobs, of *Mu*), of Columbus, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of that city, and one of the most eloquent young divines of Mississippi, preached at the pavilion this afternoon at 5.30 o'clock, and was greeted by a large audience of soldiers and visitors. His subject was: "Speak to the Children of Israel that they go Forward." His sermon was a beautiful story of the flight of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt, and of the awful predicament they seemed to be in, surrounded by obstacles of every description, the Egyptian army behind, the Red Sea before. It was at the critical moment when the Egyptians had almost reached their slaves, who were fleeing for life and liberty, and their oppressors were already exulting in the recapture, it was then the electrical command was given to "Go forward," and they passed over on dry land and the pursuers were swallowed up by the waters of the sea. The lesson was applied practically to human life, inviting all to go forward instead of backward to certain destruction. The sermon was a splendid one and was well received. Rev. Mr. Jacobs filled the pulpit at the First Presbyterian Church in Jackson this evening at 8.30."

—Our Brother, J. W. Caldwell, *Iota*, is at present serving the "Prytania Street Church" of New Orleans, as the following clip from the *South Western Presbyterian* of Sept. 3rd will show :

"Prytania Street Church.—Since our last issue we learn that it has been determined to continue the Sabbath evening joint services of the Up-town Presbyterian Churches, which have been held at this Church during the summer, at least until the return of Dr. Walden

the pastor. For the present Dr. Palmer and Mr. Caldwell will conduct them in the absence of the other pastors of those Churches. These services have been found, as was to have been expected, very pleasant and profitable, and have been well attended.

—Our Brother, Chas. Washington Coleman, so justly famous in the South as a poet, and so well beloved by every member of the Fraternity, has been winning fresh laurels for himself by reciting two of his poems at recent celebrations. At the 288th anniversary of the landing of the English at Jamestown, in Virginia, held at the William and Mary College on the 13th of May, 1896, Bro. Coleman delivered his poem "Westward Ho." At the unveiling of the tablet at old Cape Henry lighthouse by the Association for the preservation of Virginia antiquities in commemoration of the first landing of the English colonists on Virginia soil, Bro. Coleman recited his poem "Hesperia." The newspaper account says that when he finished the audience applauded to the echo. We hope to be able to publish these poems in subsequent numbers.

—A called session of the Presbyterians of the Western District was held at the Presbyterian Church in Jackson recently, and among the members in attendance were our brothers, Rev. W. T. Palmer, *Theta*, now of Trenton, and Rev. J. D. Wallace, *Iota*, now of Brownsville. Brother Palmer was granted a vacation and leave of absence by his Church and spent the summer in Virginia visiting relatives and friends.

—Rev. bro. Jno. M. Wells, *Theta* and *Iota*, of Buena Vista, Virginia, has accepted a call to the Second Presbyterian Church of Staunton, Va.—*Christian Observer*.

—Rev. bro. Theron H. Rice has received a call from the Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia.—*Christian Observer*.

—Bro. G. Warfield Sybert, *Theta*, is studying law at the Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

—Bro. Max M. Jones, *Sigma*, is teaching at Cornersville, Tenn.

—Bro. Geo. W. Williamson, *Sigma*, is teaching at Carthage, Tenn.

—SHOLL—MABRY. Thursday morning, September 17th, at the home of Mr. Tom Mabry, Clarksville, Tenn., father of the bride, Rev. Charles Stillman Sholl, *Theta*, pastor of

the Presbyterian Church, Avondale, Ala., to Miss Julia Mabry. The marriage took place at 5 A. M., Rev. P. A. Sowell, of the M. E. Church South, officiating. Only a few friends and relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Sholl left on the 6.15 A. M. for Birmingham, Ala.

—The following complimentary notice concerning our brother, Theron H. Rice, Jr., *Alpha*, is clipped from the *Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution* of September 18th :

Rev. T. H. Rice has returned. He arrived in New York last Saturday and will soon be notified.

Rev. Theron H. Rice, who has been called to be the pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of this city, landed in America last Saturday, after a long vacation in Europe.

He was informed in an informal way of the call that had been tendered him, but made no comments on the matter. It is not yet known whether he looks upon the call with favor or not.

The committee appointed to notify him of the call will probably go to Alexandria to see him in a short time, most likely as soon as he has returned to his Virginia home and rested after his long voyage. The committee has not yet decided on what day it will leave Atlanta.

AN OLD SONG.

(HITHERTO UNPUBLISHED.)

Alack-a-day, my love's away,
Thus sighs a plaintive lover ;
But yesterday my heart was gay—
Now darksome clouds do lower.

Alas ! alas ! to think a lass
Could make me O ! so tender ;
The shining brass of my cuirass
Is pierced by darts full slender.

Full soon my dear will come—that's clear,
And leave me weeping, never ;
O haste anear, my trembling dear,
And love me ever, ever.

Edwin Wiley, Zeta.

Editorial.

At this time of the year a great many transfers of members from one Chapter to another are made. Students who begin their collegiate course in one college find for many reasons that it is necessary for them to go to other colleges for the completion of their studies. In this way Fraternity members sever their connection with their parent Chapter and pass from her care into another Chapter of their Fraternity.

It should be the aim of all Fraternities to so instill the feelings of brotherhood into its members that no matter from what Chapter a fellow member comes he will be received into close communion by any other Chapter of his Fraternity and accorded the same rights and privileges as are enjoyed by members of that particular Chapter.

We sincerely trust that in our Fraternity there is such a unity of feeling toward all who wear the old Gold and Garnet that transfers are received with open arms and cordially welcomed into the new Chapter among whose circle they have every right to claim a place.

The transfer has also every right to expect that he will be received into cordial and warm relationships in the Chapter to which he comes. He has more claim upon the kind feelings of the Chapter than a new initiate, for he has been chosen by another branch of the Fraternity, and is as truly a member of the Fraternity as you are. He comes, therefore, to your Chapter not to meet strangers, but to come into contact with brothers who are bound to him by the closest of ties. He no doubt comes to the Chapter hesi-

tating a little as to whether his mode of living will be in conformity with the life of the other Chapter members, and whether he will please you or not. For this reason as soon as his presence becomes known he should be visited by the Chapter members and the right hand of fellowship be extended to him. He will soon accustom himself to your ways and become "one of you."

No Chapter with a true appreciation of the meaning of "Fraternity" could do otherwise than accord to her visiting brethren the welcome that they so justly expect. Any Chapter who ignores these claims because the stranger does not wear the same style of clothing as they wear, or does not have the same ideas of life, is not deserving of the name of Brotherhood, and should not be allowed in a Fraternity.

If for no other reason, the Chapter should receive the stranger with great cordiality, in order that it cannot be said by the other College men that such and such a Chapter is ashamed of her visiting Brethren. Nothing would place a Chapter in a worse light before the College men generally, than such a course.

We sincerely trust that no such complaint can ever be brought against any Chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

When a man is initiated into a Chapter of our Fraternity he is a member of *the Fraternity itself*, and not of that particular Chapter *only*, and therefore has a right to come to you expecting a warm welcome, and we know he will receive it.

The Chapter correspondents are responsible for the delay in the appearance of this month's Magazine.

Before the close of the Session the Editor had written to all the Chapters calling to their attention the fact that the letters should be sent on the 1st of September for that month's Magazine and it was not until the 20th of the month that we awoke to the fact that none of the Chapters

had sent in their letters. We were therefore unable to issue the Magazine on time, as of course, we did not wish it to appear without this most interesting department.

To the Alumni probably, no department is so interesting as this one, in which is portrayed the life of the different Chapters of the Fraternity.

We desire then to make, at this, the beginning of the new Collegiate year, an earnest request that more care be taken in the composition of these Chapter letters. We desire to impress upon each correspondent the importance of having his Chapter represented in every issue of the Magazine and to have these letters as full and interesting as it is possible to make them. Not only should these letters contain the news of the Chapter itself, but in it should be given any College news of special interest and some information about the rival Fraternities represented at this College.

The Chapter letters published in the past four numbers of this volume have been far above the average letters, in point of excellence, and have reflected great credit upon the individual Chapters and upon the Fraternity as a whole. We sincerely trust that during the coming Session the newly appointed correspondents will endeavor to keep up this high standard and if possible, to even surpass it.

We desire in our subsequent numbers to make the department entitled "Our Colleges" of great interest to the readers, and to this end we earnestly ask that our college men will aid us in filling it each time with the latest news concerning the colleges at which we have Chapters.

The style of information which we desire, as will be seen from the clippings published in this issue, is concerning the college itself, such as the improvements which are

made; changes in professors; endowments and news of any other event which tends to increase the strength and usefulness of the college.

To the Alumni we would again present our request for their assistance in the literary support of the Magazine. We ask that they furnish us with Chapter reminiscences, or articles of general Fraternity interest, or any suggestions which they can make toward the improvement of the Fraternity or the advancement of its aims.

We sincerely trust that our Brothers will not pass this request by idly, but will give us a few moments of their spare time, and send us some accounts of the good old days when they were active Chapter members.

It is only by the united efforts of all the members that we can hope to make the Magazine the success which it should be, and we earnestly solicit articles for publication from any and all members of the Fraternity.

We trust that the active members have come back to college resolved to do earnest work for the advancement of the interests of the Fraternity. We extend our best wishes for the success of each Chapter.

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