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STORY OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY.

NASHVILLE, TENN., June 17th-20th, 1897.

Probably not since December, 1894, when our Convention met, has the Tulane Hotel held a jollier set of men than assembled for the work of the Eighth Annual Convention of our Fraternity, on Thursday, June 17th, 1897. The first to arrive on the scene was the Grand Treasurer, who reached Nashville at 6:45 on Wednesday morning, the 16th, *minus his trunk*, which had gone astray on the road. This, when the thermometer was playing around the century mark! About half an hour later, our worthy Councilor Princeps, R. Randolph Jones, *with his two valises*, appeared on the scene, and these two brothers were assigned a room (No. 217) on the third floor of this hotel. On the arrival of each train during the day the baggage was carefully examined by these brothers, but at 7 o'clock in the afternoon there were no signs of the Grand Treasurer's trunk. This trunk contained, besides *all the wearing apparel* of the aforesaid officer, his books and papers which were to be submitted to the Convention the next morning. The C. P. offered the loan of *some garments* to the Grand Treasurer, but as the

latter stood 6 feet 2 inches, wearing 36-inch trousers, while the former stands about $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet, wearing probably 26-inch trousers, it will be seen that the loan could not be arranged no matter how good the security. We are glad to say, however, that after much telegraphing and a great deal of worry the trunk arrived about 9 o'clock that night, and was welcomed by a committee consisting of the two officers already mentioned and our good brother J. H. McCallum from Zeta, who had also been on the watch for the wicked trunk.

No other brothers made their appearance until the next morning when Brother Floyd Hughes, of Norfolk, came in and was welcomed by those already there. After breakfast it was found that a number of other brothers had arrived, and at 9 o'clock those present assembled in the auditorium of the hotel, which had kindly been placed at our disposal.

The following Chapters were represented by delegates :

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Mu—H. S. Griffin.

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Sigma—G. W. Sybert, Louis Leftwich.

Upsilon—F. W. Van Ness.

Alumnus Alpha—E. P. Cox.

Alumnus Gamma—J. A. Arbuckle.

Alumnus Delta—Robert A. Smyth.

Alumnus Epsilon—Floyd Hughes.

There were a great many other brothers present, and upon vote they were made corresponding members with the privilege of speaking on any question, but not of course the right of voting. The following is a list of the corresponding members :

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T. C. Sienknecht, *Zeta*.
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The Convention was opened with a prayer, whereupon Brother Hughes introduced John S. Foster of *Theta*, who, on behalf of Tennessee, the active chapters of *Pi Kappa Alpha*, and the alumni in that State, extended a most cordial welcome to the delegates. His address was a most interesting and eloquent one, and was received with great applause. Upon motion he was requested to furnish the editor with a copy of the same for publication in this magazine.

The regular business of the Convention was then taken up, and it was suggested that as the most important work of the Convention was the revision of the Constitution, that the report of the committee appointed at the last Convention should be read, so that the revision could be considered at once. Brother Smyth rose and stated that although not appointed the chairman of the committee, Brothers Jones and Bird had elected him to such position, and he therefore begged to submit a revision of the Constitution which he had prepared. This revision was then read by Brother Smith, and was listened to with great attention by the Convention. Upon motion it was referred to a committee composed of a delegate from each of the chapters represented, and the following committee was appointed: Wm. K. Howe, *Rho*, Chairman; Chas. C. Orr, *Beta*; G. W. Sypert, *Sigma*; V. Moldenhawer, *Theta*; R. Randolph Jones, *Iota*; F. W. Van Ness, *Upsilon*; H. S. Griffin, *Mu*. The chairman of this committee called a meeting for 3 P. M. for the consideration of the prepared constitutions, both printed and secret.

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Brother Jones, on behalf of the Executive Committee, then suggested the order of business for the afternoon, the reports of the Grand Officers and the reports of the Chapters. It then being near the hour for dinner the Convention adjourned.

SECOND SESSION—Thursday Afternoon, 4 P. M.

Notwithstanding the many attractions offered by the Centennial, the brothers were prompt in their attendance at this meeting, and close attention was given to the reading of the Grand Officers' reports.

The report of the Councilor Princeps was a most thorough one, giving a full review of the work of the past year with a status of the Order, recommendations for the establishment of new Chapters, and suggestions for the needed changes in the financial system. One of the most important suggestions made by Brother Jones was that the names of defunct Chapters, in cases where revival of same was impossible on account of the laws of the institution, be used for the new Chapters as they shall be planted in the future." This suggestion was discussed favorably by several speakers, and was then unanimously adopted.

In the absence of the Grand Secretary, Brother Smyth read his report, which was a most interesting one, giving a detailed account of the formation of the Chapters. A most valuable portion of this report was in the shape of recommendations to the Fraternity for the adoption of more stringent rules for the government of the financial department. These suggestions were made by Brother Hill after careful study of the systems of several other fraternities, and their entire object was to place this important department on a good business basis, such as that adopted by other organizations.

The next report was that of the Grand Treasurer, which was read by him and which was devoted principally to a discussion of the financial situation, as to the causes of the past trouble and suggestions for the improvement of

the same. The report showed the fraternity to be out of debt, but the condition of the treasury not as promising as last year, though a large amount was due by the Chapters and Alumni. He reported *Upsilon* as being the banner Chapter for the year, being the first to pay the yearly dues and a subscription for each member on the roll.

Upon motion the reports were referred to a committee composed of G. W. Sybert, chairman; C. C. Orr and W. K. Hunter, with instructions to carefully examine all the recommendations contained therein, and bring in a report on the same at the morning session.

The Grand Officers' reports in full, as also the complete minutes of the Convention, will be published later on in the *Dagger and Key*. It was deemed inadvisable to publish these matters in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND as heretofore.

Reports were then received from the Chapters represented, the delegates from each Chapter giving the report. One of the most interesting and instructive hours was then spent in questioning the delegates of each Chapter with regard to the working of his Chapter, the meetings held, and the modes adopted for the entertainment of the Chapters after the regular sessions; also the condition of the College. R. E. Blackburn, of Theta, was then called on and gave an interesting speech on the subject of "Old Theta," and ended up with praise of Pi's in general. Bro. Floyd Hughes then announced that his brother, Robt. M. Hughes, Gamma, had founded a scholarship in William and Mary College, to be called "*The Pi Kappa Alpha Scholarship*." This announcement was received with loud applause. After some informal discussion, the Convention then adjourned until 9:30 the following morning.

THIRD SESSION—Friday morning, June 18th, 1897.

The first order of business of the morning was the report of the Committee on Constitutions. This Committee had held a meeting at 3 o'clock on the previous afternoon,

and at 8 o'clock this morning, and carefully considered each paragraph of the proposed revision. The report was received, and, upon motion, it was decided that Brother Smyth should read his revision by articles, and then Bro. Howe the suggestions of the Committee as to any changes advised. These articles were then thoroughly discussed by those present and finally adopted. This work lasted from the beginning of the morning session until 1 o'clock, but when completed gave the Fraternity a strong and useful Constitution. In this manner the printed and secret Constitutions were carefully considered, first by a Committee, in which each Chapter had a representative, and then by the entire Convention, the corresponding members as well as the active members taking part in the discussions. Thus many valuable suggestions were received, and as we have said, the Constitutions were made most complete. The Convention returned to reports from the Chapters and Bro. Van Ness, from Upsilon, who had just arrived that morning, gave a good report of his Chapter.

The following report from the Committee appointed to audit the Grand Treasurer's report was then received and adopted:

"NASHVILLE, TENN., June 18, 1897.

We have examined the accounts of the Fraternity, as kept by the Grand Treasurer for the past year, June 30, '96,-June 30, '97, and find them neatly and correctly kept in every particular, vouchers having been produced before us.

R. RANDOLPH JONES, Chairman,
CHARLES C. ORR,
G. W. SYPERT."

The report of the Committee on the Grand Officers' reports was then read by the Chairman, Bro. Sypert, and was brought before the Convention for discussion. We publish here the first page of this report, the full report to be published in the *Dagger and Key*:

"Your Committee appointed to examine the reports of the Grand Officers of the Fraternity beg leave to submit the following report: We have made a careful examina-

tion of the reports of the Councilor Princeps, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them carefully prepared and full in every respect. We call especial attention to and endorse the suggestion in the report of the Grand Secretary that our financial troubles are due largely to carelessness, and we can never have satisfaction until slipshod methods give place to order. We also call attention to the suggestion in the report of the Grand Treasurer that the Chapters should feel it their first duty to pay their dues to the General Fraternity before assuming local expenses and heartily endorse all he says."

The rest of the report dealt with the recommendations of the officers as to the system of fines used by other Fraternities. This, of course, caused a great deal of discussion and a great many changes were suggested. However, the report of the Committee containing all the recommendations of the officers as to this system was adopted. It being necessary to refresh the inner man, upon motion the Convention adjourned until 4 P. M.

This was the hardest worked session of the Convention, and the delegates and corresponding members certainly deserve praise for the close attention given the work. This same close attention, however, was given throughout the entire Convention to all the work, and the sole object of those present seemed to be to arrange the best plans for the Fraternity, irrespective of personal comfort. Hard work was characteristic of the entire Convention, and the writer has never been present at a Convention where fuller attendance of delegates was secured, than at this meeting.

FOURTH SESSION—Friday afternoon, June 18, 1897.

The session was not called to order until 4:45 P. M., owing to the fact of the presence of Charles K. Payne, an alumnus of Epsilon, who had only one-half hour to spend with us. The time from 4 o'clock was therefore spent in a social session and was much enjoyed by all present. After bidding farewell to Bro. Payne, the Convention was called to order

and the following report was made by the Committee appointed to discuss the incorporation of the Fraternity:

"Your Committee appointed to look into the matter of incorporating the Fraternity deem it impracticable to take this step at the present time.

FLOYD HUGHES, Chairman,
ROBERT A. SMYTH.

On motion, the Committee was instructed to report at the next Convention. Brother Robert A. Smyth then read the following letters from New Orleans, which had just arrived:

"NEW ORLEANS, LA., June 15, 1897.

*To the Annual Convention of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity,
in session June 17, 1897, at Tulane Hotel, Nashville, Tenn.*

Greeting—It is with very great pleasure that we announce to your body the birth of another child within the fold of Pi Kappa Alpha. On Monday night, June 14, 1897, at 8 o'clock, Alumnus "Eta" Chapter was instituted in the city of New Orleans, with twenty-five Charter Members, including alumni from the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, and representing eight different Colleges. This is the culmination of the effort put forth by the New Orleans Alumni Association, which was formed a few weeks ago, by the local Pi's; and we earnestly hope that the fruit of the establishment of Alumnus "ETA" will show itself during the session of '97-'98, in the founding of Active Chapters in these various States.

Regretting that our extreme youth prevents our official representation in this Convention, we trust that your labors at this time will redound to the advancement of Pi Kappa Alpha throughout our dear Southland.

Yours in bonds,
ALUMNUS "ETA" CHAPTER,
Per Smyth, Scribe.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., June 15, 1897.

*To the Grand Secretary of Pi Kappa Alpha,
Tulane Hotel, Nashville, Tenn.*

Dear Brother—We desire that you officially notify the Convention of our application made to you under date of June 8, 1897, for our formation into Alumnus "ETA" Chapter.

Supposing that the delay in the forwarding of the Charter was due to your recent removal from Tennessee to Texas, and owing to

the fact that we had sent out the call to the surrounding States for the brothers to meet in New Orleans on Monday, June 14, 1897, at 8 P. M., we formally instituted the Chapter last night, by electing as our officers the following:

S. C. Byrd	<i>Xi</i>	S. M. C.
Alex. McCollum	<i>Delta-Alpha</i>	I. M. C.
H. Dickson Bruns	<i>Alpha-Eta</i>	Treasurer.
F. D. Smyth	<i>Theta</i>	Scribe.
J. W. Caldwell	<i>Iota</i>	Chapter Correspondent.

Yours in the bonds,

ALUMNUS "ETA" CHAPTER,

Per Smyth, Scribe.

These letters were received with loud applause and created a great deal of enthusiasm, as well they may.

The next matter before the Convention was the election of officers. Brother Smyth arose, and in a very complimentary manner nominated Brother Floyd Hughes for the office of Supreme Councilor. This nomination was seconded by numbers of brothers, and a motion was made that Brother Hughes be unanimously elected by a rising vote. This was done, and Brother Hughes gave the Convention a fine address on the subject of the Fraternity and his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him.

Brother Hudson, of *Zeta*, nominated Brother R. R. Jones for the office of Councilor Princeps, which was seconded and unanimously carried. Brother R. R. Jones then nominated Brother Robert A. Smyth for Grand Treasurer, which was also carried. Both these brothers being called upon made short addresses. Brother Smyth on behalf of Brother Hill, Grand Secretary, read the following letter of resignation:

To the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity,

in Convention Assembled, Nashville, Tenn., June, 1897:

Dear Brethren: It is with great reluctance that I herewith tender you my resignation of the office conferred upon me at the last Convention. This step is not prompted by dislike to the work itself, in fact it has been very pleasant. Not by lack of interest in the Fraternity, for that has been an ever increasing quantity with me from the very beginning. But I am forced to it solely from

lack of time to attend properly to it and the other important duties to which I am bound. It is quite clear to me that it would be impossible for me to fully and instantly attend to both another year, and I prefer resigning to half doing.

Yours, in the bonds,

ROBERT HILL, *Grand Secretary.*

This was received with disapproval and cries of "No! No!" Brother Sybert, who has been closely associated with Brother Hill at *Sigma*, stated that he thought that in his new field Brother Hill would be able to give more time to the Fraternity work. He thought that the principal thing which gave Brother Hill so much work in Nashville was the chairmanship of the Committee on Publication of the Presbytery, and that in this new field he would not have this work, and he therefore thought that if the Convention would ask Brother Hill to serve again as Grand Secretary he would do so. Brother Smyth then spoke of the way Brother Hill had done his work during the past year, and how valuable he was to the fraternity, and that he thought Brother Hill would not refuse to serve the Fraternity again if requested by the Convention.

On motion Brother Hill was then unanimously re-elected to the office of Grand Secretary. Brother J. R. Hower-ton, D. D., was then re-elected Grand Chaplain.

The matter of the July magazine was thoroughly discussed and new steps taken which would aid in its publication. Brother Jones then stated that there would be a Pan-Hellenic Congress to be held at Nashville some time during the summer, and that it would be very desirable if *Pi Kappa Alpha* had a representative at this meeting. He then nominated brother John S. Foster, of Franklin, to represent us, and the election was unanimously carried, the Grand Secretary being instructed to notify Brother Foster. A vote of thanks was then adopted to the Grand Officers for their earnest work during the past year on behalf of the Fraternity.

An informal discussion was then entered into with reference to matters relative to the good of the fraternity, after which Brother R. E. Blackburn, of *Theta*, closed the Con-

vention with a prayer, and upon motion Brother Hughes declared the Convention adjourned.

The Editor.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

DELIVERED BY REV. J. S. FOSTER, THETA.

Eighth Annual Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

Officers, Members of the Convention,

and Visiting Brothers:

I count myself fortunate in the privilege I enjoy, as well as the duty I perform, in welcoming this convention to Tennessee. It affords me an opportunity to express my unfaltering love for the *II K A* Fraternity. Some how there is prevalent an idea that the Fraternity is a college organization in the strictest sense, an alumnus ceasing to have any interest in her affairs. I do not champion this idea. As death always paints our loved ones in fairer colors and makes them dearer to us, to-day, standing three years from the death of my active Chapter life, I love it more than I ever did, and honor the men who made its existence possible.

In welcoming you to Tennessee and to Nsshville, I am clothed with no official rank in the State; my welcome, therefore, is void of formality. I hold no office within the Fraternity; my welcome, therefore, is not *ex-officio*, but within my heart I hold an intensity of affection for *II K A* which, having first derived an existence upon Tennessee soil in Theta Chapter, makes my welcome the tribute of a sincere heart that knows the worth of the Order I welcome to the State.

I welcome you for what you are. Yours is a noble mission. I shall never cease to love you. Some alumni said to me, "After passing through the degrees in Masonry, and actively associating with benevolent Orders, 'tis hard to arouse enthusiasm for the College Fraternity." I cannot sanction the sentiment. The college world is as real as the active, after collegiate life, and the Fraternity to the

college world is as potent as the Masonic Order to the after collegiate life.

Weak and hungry and among strangers, a man finds a boy endowed with humanitarian principles, who satisfies his hunger, offers a place where hunger soon departs, and the extended hand of friendship unlocked human hearts, and strangers became friends. Years afterward this same man, absorbed in business, finds kindred spirits who cheer his heart, making his commercial load lighter in weight and easier to carry. Should he forget the boy in his love for the men? In the elaborateness of its ritual, the college fraternity may be as a boy to a man, compared with other organizations, but in the strength of its principles and the benefits of its influence upon character, and the time of their application, the college fraternity is as real and vital as the large benevolent organizations.

Man is a social creature, and the same vein of humanity that gives rise to the great Orders in men gives rise to the college Fraternity in the young man. The Masonic bodies may be compared to the wife who cheers and comforts by her sympathy and presence in life's conflict; if so, I will compare the Fraternity to the mother, who shapes the life for the coming conflict. The true wife does not scorn the mother, and the mother recognizes the position of the wife. In the life of the same man they find a place near his heart and both influence his character. I welcome this organization as a real, vital, potent factor in life.

I welcome you for what you have done. Upon college life you have stamped an impress which gives complexion to the man. A love of truth you have inculcated; a hatred of falsehood you have taught. Virtue and honor and true nobility of character you have expounded, and within this organization we have been experimentally taught that principle is better than policy, valor better than cowardice, friendship better than gain, manhood better than fame. Whom can we love? Is it not that one who in the old Chapter life revealed a lovable nature? Whom can we trust? Is it not he who never deviated in Chapter life?

I welcome you for what you will do. What you have done in the past, you will do in the future. The home-sick lads, just entering upon a collegiate career, will be blessed through you with friends, who in the ebbs and flows of life will be anchors to restless spirits, a boon for discouraged spirits, showers to parched spirits, strong counsellors in difficulties, brothers in adversity. I think of the college life brightened and made a joy in my own career through its associations with kindred spirits, and as one who knows its power to cheer, and knows the craving of the soul for a balm, I bid you welcome, and pray a heavenly benediction upon your plans that other lives might enjoy the benefits of an organization which has so potentially crowned mine. Welcome to our city—enjoy our centennial, and may the angels of Him who never sleepeth protect you from all sickness and guide you safely to your distant homes.

J. S. Foster.

COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

From the Article by P. F. Piper, Cosmopolitan Magazine, April.

The Greek letter fraternity system existing in American colleges is as old as the Republic itself. The Phi Beta Kappa Society, whose badge is so eagerly sought by students at the present time, was the prototype of the scores of secret societies whose eight hundred Chapters are to-day struggling for existence in our colleges and universities.

There are many new traditions concerning the origin of Phi Beta Kappa. One says that it was a branch of the Illuminati imported from Europe; another ascribes its origin to Freemasonry, while the third claims that Thomas Jefferson was the founder. The minutes of the Society state that on the evening of December 5, 1776, five students from the college of William and Mary, at Williamsburg, Virginia, met at the Raleigh Tavern, made famous by Patrick Henry's patriotic speech. At this meeting it was de-

cided to organize a secret society. A Greek motto was selected consisting of three words, whose initials became the name of the Fraternity.

Although founded during a period of great patriotic excitement, the first year of American independence, the Fraternity was not organized for political purposes, but for "the promotion of literature and of friendly intercourse among scholars." The modern Fraternity system owes much to these early societies, for had it not been for the broad policy upon which they were founded, it is probable that there would have been nothing but social clubs and literary societies to take their place in the college world to-day.

The honor of being the first on the roll of General Fraternities belongs to Kappa Alpha, organized in 1825 at Union College. Union has been called the "Mother of Fraternities." Three others had birth there: Psi Upsilon in 1833, Chi Psi in 1841, and Theta Delta Chi six years later. In 1844 Delta Kappa Epsilon was founded at Yale in opposition to the Chapters of Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi. Alpha Delta Phi was founded at Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., in 1832. Beta Theta Pi was organized in 1839, at Miami, at Oxford, O. Two others were established there—Phi Delta Theta in 1848 and Sigma Chi in 1853.

In the East, New York University brought forth Zeta Psi in 1846, followed a year later by Delta Psi at Columbia. The University of Pennsylvania presented Phi Kappa Sigma in 1850, and four years later Chi Phi was born at Princeton. Two others were established at Jefferson, now Washington and Jefferson, in Pennsylvania—Phi Gamma Delta in 1848, and Phi Kappa Psi in 1852. Four years later, Sigma Alpha Epison was founded at Alabama University, followed by Delta Tau Delta at Bethany, W. Virginia, in 1860.

Owing to anti-fraternity laws passed by the college authorities, Princeton is the only prominent college which now excludes Greek letters societies. Attempts have been made to maintain *sub rosa* Chapters there with poor suc-

cess, owing to the opposition of the two secret literary societies—Clio Hall and Whig Hall. As nearly all the students in the University are enrolled in these two organizations, it leaves little opportunity for the entrance of fraternities, even though they were sanctioned by the Faculty.

In 1832 Skull and Bones was organized at Yale. Nine years later, Scroll and Key was founded, and in 1884 Wolf's Head was established. In consequence of this trio of societies, fraternity life, as known in other colleges, does not exist in Yale.

At Harvard the conditions are unfavorable for the Fraternity system as understood elsewhere. Although Fraternities exist, they have a peculiar relation to the various clubs which are the centers of social life.

There are no similar organizations in Europe. The German Universities have their corps and Burschenschaften, whose reason for being is dueling with beer and blade. Attempts to extend the Fraternity system to Europe have failed, except in the case of a Chapter of Chi Phi, which was established at Edinburgh University. It lived only a few months and has never been revived. Extension into Canada has resulted more favorably.

The civil war had a disastrous effect upon most of the Chapters in Southern colleges. In many instances, both in the North and South, entire Chapters enlisted, and the minute-books convey the patriotic record "adjourned to go to war." They were mere boys, most of them, and in many cases were barely of age when they were mustered out. The catalogues of membership of every Fraternity then in existence contain long lists of starred names with the simple record, "KILLED IN BATTLE." Some members of Sigma Chi in a Southern brigade maintained a Chapter, which they called the Constantine Chapter, during part of the war.

After peace was declared, several new fraternities were organized in the South. Two at the Virginia Military Institute—Alpha Tau Omega in 1865 and Sigma Nu in 1869. The Southern order of Kappa Alpha made its appearance at Washington and Lee in 1867, followed, the same year,

by Kappa Sigma, and a year later by Pi Kappa Alpha, both at the University of Virginia.

While this completet the list of men's fraternities, excepting a few small organizations which have no Chapters, it must not be supposed that the secret society movement was confined to the men alone. As the co-educational scheme gained strength, local societies were organized among college women. These societies soon took on Greek names and became organized into sororities. The first to become organized was Kappa Alpha Theta at De Pauw. These societies have grown, until, at present, there are about one hundred active Chapters, with a total membership of about ten thousand.

The multiplication of Chapters of the various college fraternities has continued, until there are now more than eight hundred Chapters, with a total membership of nearly one hundred and twenty thousand. Delta Kappa Epsilon has the largest number of members, about twelve thousand, and is followed in order by Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, and Phi Kappa Psi, which has a membership of more than seven thousand.

When there were but a few Chapters, men were selected from the junior and senior classes, but as the societies increased in numbers, competition forced them to initiate men from the lower classes. This has led to a ridiculous scramble for freshmen each autumn, during what is known as the "rushing season." Chapters are often notified by their alumni of desirable men about to enter college, whereupon committees are appointed to look after each new comer.

Fortunate is the man whose fame has preceded him and who has had the good sense not to make an early decision. He becomes the lion of the hour, and is overwhelmed with invitations to dinners, drives and social affairs of all kinds. He sees the Fraternity colors and emblems in great profusion, and their songs of praise are ever in his ears. What a life it is while it lasts!

The Constitutions and Rituals of many of these societies were stolen in the early days by members of rival organizations, hence it is known that a general resemblance ex-

ists. The Greek letters are usually the initials of some motto. There is also a system of signs, grips and passwords, a distinctive set of colors, a flower, and in many cases, a banner upon which is emblazoned some symbol of the Order. All have elaborate symbolic engravings, in which serpents and skulls, swords and shields, pyramids and ruined temples are conspicuous. The initiation ceremonies are supposed to be dignified and somewhat elaborate in character.

The ambition of every Fraternity man is to have his Chapter domiciled in a comfortable Chapter house. There has been great activity in this regard during the last five years. The public, and even Fraternity men themselves, are hardly aware of the large amount of property owned by the various Chapters in the leading colleges. Much originality has been displayed in the construction of these Chapter houses and society halls.



Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

The final exercises at the University of Virginia were in keeping with the dignity of the grand old school. One of the most important events was the oration delivered by William Jennings Bryan at the request of the Washington and Jefferson Literary Societies, on Tuesday morning, June 15th. A stand was erected in the centre of "the lawn" and the large audience, estimated at 15,000, composed of the people at the University and from the surrounding country, was gathered around the stand. The subject chosen was "Jefferson Still Lives," and it was dealt with in Mr. Bryan's plain and forcible style. His words, though not at all flowery, were well chosen and full of meaning. He wisely did not refer to politics, and chiefly addressed himself to the members of the societies, who had reserved seats near the stand. The intense heat and the largeness of the crowd made speaking a difficult task, but those who heard were greatly pleased.

During the evening the visitors and members of the University repaired to the brilliantly illumined lawn—which looked prettier than ever—where hours were spent in promenading, Weber's band of Washington discoursing sweet music the while. The beautiful arcades were draped in bunting, both of the college and national colors.

Of all the exercises the most important to the student occurred on Wednesday night, the 16th, when, in the lovely stone chapel of the University, the diplomas for graduation in the courses and degrees, for graduation in the departments were conferred by the chairman of the faculty, Dr. P. B. Barringer. Alpha had one graduate—in the law department; while others of her number received diplomas

for graduation in courses. The new Public Hall will be ready for this event next year.

Virginia's fairest daughters were "at finals" to attend the germans which were given every night during the last week of college by the many clubs and organizations of the University of Virginia. Bros. John W. Fishbourne, John S. White, Wilson Lawrence Smith, Lorenzo S. Brown, Jr., and Frank D. Moore were conspicuous among those who tripped the light fantastic.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached by the noted chaplain of the United States Senate.

Bros. Booth, Brown, Lee, Moore and White will return in the fall. We understand that Bros. Robertson and Kelly will be in college once again; and, besides this good news, it is reported that a splendid athelete—a sure man for the foot-ball team—and a brother in *II K A*, will attend the University for the first time next session. So our outlook for next year is good. Members of Alpha know how important it is to be on hand a few days early, "for there are other bubbles on the brook," and each should bear this in mind.

Bro. Wilson Lawrence Smith will probably practice law in West Virginia, and the writer will enter the same profession as a practitioner in Knoxville, Tenn. [Alpha is exceedingly sorry to give us up (!)].

The Chapter is very sorry indeed that circumstances prevented our having a representative at the convention. We did try to have one (and a good one) in Bro. L. S. Brown, Jr., but matters over which we had no control prevented it, to both his and our regret.

The last days were intermingled with merriment and sadness as we shook hands with old friends and told others good-bye.

Now, with best wishes for dear old *II K A* and her worthy and efficient officers, and hoping that the Fraternity will continue to grow stronger as the years roll by, the writer withdraws from active membership and Chapter life, but will EVER be an earnest *II!*

J. Pike Powers, Jr.

THETA.

The history of *Theta* for the months of May and June is a record of tranquility and peace. Everything progressed smoothly, and the Commencement season was as joyous as the most light-hearted could wish. *Theta* carried off two medals, Brother Frierson the Inter-Society Orator's Medal, and Brother Robert Eleazor, the Stewart Bible Medal, second honor in the three years' course of Biblical instruction. Brother Eleazor is the latest accession to the Chapter, and was initiated since the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. "Bob" is not a large man, but when he is in anything his influence is generally felt. To use an expressive slang phrase, he is "little, but loud."

Several of our Alumni were present during Commencement, Brother "Jack" Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Dallas, Texas, officiating in his own inimitable fashion as the deliverer of several of the medals. Rev. Thomas H. Rice, II, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Atlanta, Ga., delivered the Homiletic address, Brother James N. Joy posing on the occasion with splendid effect as President of the Homiletic Society.

The order of exercises of S. W. P. U's 22nd Annual Commencement was as follows. On Saturday night, June 5th, the class of '97 held its celebration, and dealt out to the audience its usual fiction in the shape of class history, class prophecy, and such like. On Sunday morning Rev. A. B. Currie, of Birmingham, Ala., delivered the Baccalaureate sermon, a discourse which in strength and spiritual fervor we have never heard surpassed. Rev. Marion Kennedy, of Pulaski, preached the sermon to the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday night; on Monday morning Professor Foggartie delivered his inaugural address. In the oratorical contest Monday night *Theta* had two representatives, Brothers Gladney and Frierson. Brother Frierson, as already stated, carried off the medal. On Tuesday morning the Homiletic address; on Tuesday night Hon. Josiah Patterson addressed the Literary Societies. Wednesday morning—the day of all days, saw the delivery of diplomas

and medals. Brothers Joy and Parr took the B. D. S., and Brother Moldenhawer his A. B. All three of these brothers seemed reluctant to depart from their college home, and lingered for several days. *Theta* had four men at the Convention, and could report that her prospects for the coming year are promising. May the promise be no greater than the realization.

V. *Moldenhawer.*

The Commencement season was not one of unalloyed pleasure to the members of *Theta*, because of the loss of three of our brothers, who were among the degree men of the year. Brothers Barr and Ivy were graduates from the theological department, and left for their respective fields of work in Louisiana and Texas. Brother Moldenhawer, with his Baccalaureate degree tucked snugly away in his grip, went to his home in far away Baltimore. Three broad-minded and great-hearted men, whom we loved as brothers should, and it was a hard task indeed to say good-bye to them with philosophic cheerfulness and composure.

Still it is not a surprising thing to greet one of our alumni brothers as he returns on a visit to Clarksville, and at his departure to say farewell to *two* wearers of the old gold and garnet. So we feel assured that there is good ground for hoping that we shall see some of the brethren (perhaps all; who knows?) again with us at some future day.

Dr. E. R. Long, who for two years has occupied the chair of English in the University, left us this year to accept the presidency of the college at Batesville, Ark. Dr. Long had won the esteem and confidence of faculty and students, and it was with genuine regret that we saw him go. The Doctor is still a loyal II, and was often with us in our Chapter meetings, and we of *Theta* feel his loss deeply indeed.

At Commencement we had with us Brothers Theron Rice, "Jack" Anderson and James Wallace. Brother Rice delivered the Homiletic address in his delightfully original

and telling manner, and Brother Anderson, as usual, was in constant demand, because of his happy style in the delivery of medals.

Theta was well represented at the Convention, and all who attended were well repaid in increase of interest, loyalty and enthusiasm.

We believe we have reason to be well satisfied with our year's work. All the boys came through honorably, and two medals fell to our lot, Brother Frierson being victorious in the Inter-Society Oratorical contest, while Brother Eleazer took the second medal in the Bible course. Brother Moldenhawer distinguished himself still further in the line of oratory by his speech as one of the faculty orators. We have had a prosperous year, and look forward to another in '97-'98.

R. A. Eleazer.

NOTE.—These two letters of *Theta* were so interesting that we publish them both.—*Editor.*

MU.

"After the storm, a calm." So, while the past month was full to overflowing of events, it is hard to set about reporting them. Examinations, as they drew near, were made known by long faces and sleepy eyes that indicated premonitions of "flunks," which, however, ended in premonition for all *II's*. *Mu's* men stood well—all receiving 90-95, or 95-100, on some studies; one received 90-100 on all, and Bro. A. L. Vidal had the "Sodh's."

The change in the Faculty, mentioned in last issue, of the President was the principal feature of outside interest and inside importance. Rev. E. C. Murray who, to his surprise, had the degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred on him, handed the reins to Professor A. E. Spencer, A. M.

The best of the medals, that for "Debate," was awarded to *II K A* success. Bro. H. S. Griffin has agreed to wear it. Bro. A. P. Russell represented us in the graduating

class. He and our *II* sister, Miss L. Ina Vance, received B. S. degrees. And the mention of Bro. Russell calls to mind the sweetly painful sensation we had as separation approached. Bros. J. J. Murray and A. P. Russell will not return—we are uncertain as regards the rest.

Now a word about the Convention. Our delegates had to forego the pleasure of what was to have been his first banquet to attend; but he feels amply repaid. Mu has never before been represented at a Convention—a delegate was started off some years ago, but he failed to “get there.” Although a *II* “first, last, and all the time” before, we are now more *II* than ever. To meet and mingle with our worthy leaders and the representatives from other Chapters; to fraternally associate with the handsome, the gifted, and the true whom we have never before seen; to become acquainted with our government, Constitution and By-Laws by hearing them discussed, and to learn more than ever of the loyal self-sacrifice that has advanced our Order—all fired us with a greater love than ever for beloved *II K A*. The Convention prophesied great things for the future. And now we “holler” *II* louder.

During the last month we received visits from our alumni Brothers R. P. Walker, H. A. Copeland, D. D. Peden, E. C. Doyle, Will Livingston, Joe Dendy, F. C. Jennings and J. M. Jennings, of Beta. Our banquet came off on Wednesday, June 16th. Besides the active members present, Brothers J. D. and T. Jacobs, B. R. Fuller, R. R. Copeland and R. C. Davenport graced (grazed) our board. The banquet was a splendid success. “Interested parties” superintended the decorating and catering in beautiful style. The toasts were listened to and applauded by a pretty set of *II* sisters and *II* supporters as ever wore the colors. So pleasant was the event that it required will-power to leave.

In some unaccountable way we failed to note in our last letter our appreciation for a handsome mantel lambrequin—old gold trimmed with garnet—which was the gift of Misses Clara Duckett and Ina Vance.

A few weeks ago one of our men was one of several who

got into a difficulty that came near resulting in the expulsion of two of the others. Our brother, however, was exonerated from all blame.

Brother J. P. Marrion writes that he expects to be an "active" next year. We look forward with joy to having genial, "Flowery J. P." among us once more.

Where is the man who said "Hot Weather?"

H. S. Griffin.

NU.

Nu sends greetings to all the Chapters, and in the beginning expresses her saddest disappointment at not being represented at the Convention. Hope the Convention will prove to be both profitable and pleasant as well. How much good it would have done us to have been with you!

Wofford's Commencement passed off pleasantly and hotly. We had eighteen graduates. The Commencement sermon of Dr. Steele and the literary address of President Craighead were scholarly efforts, and such are seldom heard on such occasions.

As usual, Commencement brought with it hot weather, and the Marshal's staff, three of whom were *II's*, can testify to that. After Commencement the boys left for their homes and the *II's* parted to meet in October. Brothers Allen and Brown stayed in Spartanburg for a week. Bro. Brown lives there. Bro. Allen worked in a book store, and played ball and counted pencils for a week. He then left for Anderson, where he often longs to go. The magical influence of a charming maiden mysteriously draws him thither. He expects to teach school in Lexington county.

Bros. Blackwood and Hannon, the two inseparables, went up to the mountains to spend the summer. Don't infer from this that they are sporting characters, for they live in the mountains.

Bro. Fike went home to his mamma in Laurens, where he may profit by her counsel.

Bro. Jennings went to his home in Winnsboro, where he

will spend the summer enjoying the company of a fair young lady.

Bros. Stuckey and Stuckey, brothers in a double sense, went to their homes at Bishopville. Everybody there rejoiced at their arrival, for the population is increased two.

Wishing every *II* a very pleasant time, *Nu* says farewell, but not forever.

John Clayton Allen.

XI.

At the South Carolina College an eventful year has just closed. Probably never before in its history has the old college overcome so many difficulties and passed through so many changes. The session of 1896-'97 marks the never-to-be-forgotten fight against Fraternities, resulting so disastrously for them. It also furnished to the college history one of the most exciting riots in its annals, when the students, in defence of their rights, met militia and police and came out victorious in the fight before the investigating committee and before the people of South Carolina. Again, Dr. Woodrow, great as a scientist, but greater still as a man, resigned the presidency of the college and was succeeded by Professor F. C. Woodward.

Of the Fraternity fight enough has been said, but probably the college world has not heard much of the great clash between the students on one side and the militia and police on the other. The unfortunate and deplorable affair was caused by the overbearing conduct of the Adjutant and Inspector General of the State, who, small in importance, but great in his own estimation, attempted to drive the students from a field on which he had no permission to hold his inspection, on which the students were playing a match game of ball, and on which they had a right to be. The students did not purpose to be run over in any such way, and when the militia, under Watts' order and assisted by the police, attempted to clear the field, a clash resulted in which the students, the police, and some of the militia took

part. The college men carried the day. A policeman and two or three of the militia were considerably the worse for the fray, and a student, D. D. McCall, Jr., had his skull dangerously crushed, from which he has, however, recovered. Governor Ellerbe, at the request of the Faculty, appointed a committee of inquiry which investigated the matter finding that Watts and the militia had no right on the field since they had permission there only for the 26th and the trouble occurred on the 28th of May. It requested the Governor to reprimand Watts, and recommended that the Legislature take some action in regard to his conduct. The committee further recommended that the militiamen participating in the riot be censured or expelled from their companies according to the offence. So the result was an all-round victory for the students.

Dr. James Woodrow, Ph. D., LL. D., M. D., D. D., at the close of the session tendered to the trustees his resignation as President of the college. Dr. Woodrow gives as his reason the fact that he has about reached his three-score and ten mark; and feels that he should retire from active life. Dr. Woodrow has been President of the college since it was reorganized in 1890, and has guided it safely through the darkest period of its existence into its present prosperous condition. A man of wonderful learning, deep foresight and untiring energy, he has proved an able and faithful executive officer, and in retiring leaves behind him a clear and admirable record, and lasting monuments in the deep impress his noble character has left on every young man that has come under his influence.

Dr. Woodrow's successor is Prof. F. C. Woodward, who has for nine years been professor of English language and literature here. He is an excellent teacher and a man of executive ability, and no doubt the college has before it a prosperous future.

To come to the chapter news, there is very little of it, since fraternity life has been so very quiet in college of late. We have initiated no new men, but will go out with the four who have upheld Xi for the past year—Carson, McCutchen, Belser and Hughes. *II K A* has no man in

the Fresh. class. Bro. Belser, though absent a large part of the year, came out near the top of the Sophomore class. In the Junior Bro. McCutchen leads, with Bro. Carson close to him. Bro. Hughes was President of '97, and presided on class day. He was also selected as one of the five speakers to represent the graduating class on Commencement Day.

Bro. F. K. Sims, who has been attending the Theological Seminary here, graduated in May and has accepted a call to the Second Presbyterian church in Mobile, Ala. Bro. T. F. Brantley, of Orangeburg, "Lawyer, Politician and Orator," paid us a visit not long ago. Bro. E. F. Strother was over during Commencement.

The Pan-Hellenics Ball and Banquet, the last and greatest one given, passed off nicely Tuesday evening, June 29. In spite of the extreme warmth of the weather, it was well attended and was pronounced a great success. Toasts were responded to, and fraternity zeal arose. There was one common feeling and expression among the Greeks and their fair young lady friends, "Fraternities must live."

Now our end has come. With the Chapters of her sister fraternities here, Xi does not die a hopeless death, but goes down triumphantly before the host of socialism and ignorance, for we have died honorably, and we feel that we will rise again. We have not despaired, but can see light in the future. Probably one more election in South Carolina will change the socialistic and revolutionary sentiment that pervades the present legislature, and then wise heads, guiding the ship of State, may steer it safely through the present, out of disorder and chaos into a steady and prosperous future. The Masonic Order exists, and so does the Pythian. The College Fraternities *shall* exist. There is no reason why they may not be back here in less than five years, and in bidding her sister Chapters farewell, Xi feels that it is for only a brief period, and in the meantime we confidently await the result, for in the end the right will triumph.

J. G. Hughes.

RHO.

Your correspondent is handicapped in writing the news for *Rho*. Not being a student it is impossible to enumerate the many college honors that fell to the lot of several *F. K. A.*'s, and the brother who promised to furnish us with that material has, for some reason, neglected to do so. Hence our letter will, of necessity, be short and uninteresting.

The honors of two classes fell to brothers, and one very fine gold medal, for which there were many contestants, was carried off by a *F. K. A.* This is not all, by any means; but under the existing circumstances, and the fact that your scribe did not keep in very close touch with the University, he dares not trust his memory further.

The Commencement was one of the best ever seen in Lebanon, lasting days, interspersed with fine speeches, good music, and the usual much-anticipated Commencement party, where the farewells were said, and the final promenade with sweethearts was indulged in to heart's content.

Brother Howe and the writer represented *Rho* at the Convention, and speaking from our standpoint, we never saw a finer looking set of young men that assembled there.

The prospects at present are that about eight brothers will return next term to hold up the Fraternity, and they will keep *F. K. A.* in the position she has always held, the strongest and best here.

We sincerely regret the circumstances that prevented a more complete letter, but it was unavoidable.

A. F. Hudson.

UPSILON.

Well, Commencement has come and gone. We have as tangible evidence of this fact a few crumpled programmes, a miscellaneous assortment of company, class and "frat." colors, and several dainty little cards which bear the sug-

gestive title, "Order of Dances," to which are attached tiny enameled pencils by silken cords of Orange and Blue. These last mementoes are the most potent in bringing to mind the pleasures that are past.

The Commencement exercises, which marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the College, were brilliant and successful in every way. The thorough illumination of the campus at night by means of many electric lights placed in the windows of the towers of the different buildings was a feature both useful and ornamental. Several unique electrical effects were introduced in the interior lighting of the buildings. One design which was peculiarly appropriate was an immense star, holding aloft the figure '97. The arrangement of the globes and connections were such that the whole device was shown alternately in the several colors of the College.

The literary features could not have been excelled. Eminent speakers and distinguished alumni took part in the programme. The commencement sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Barnwell, of Selma, Ala. In it he expressed the wish that every member of the graduating class might receive the degree of B. C. S.—Bachelor of Common Sense.

E. C. Dillard, '77, Sherman, Texas, spoke before the literary societies. W. W. Pearson, Montgomery, Ala., delivered the alumni address. We had as our guest, also, Prof. Thornton, of the University of Virginia. His masterful oration was enjoyed and appreciated by every member of the large audience present.

The battalion, company and individual drills were interesting in the extreme. The battalion was reviewed by Gov. Johnson, who expressed his admiration of the soldierly manner in which every movement was executed.

Company C, better known as the "infant class," won the prize sword, thus proving the truth of the old saying, "The unexpected always happens."

Brothers Tate and Yonge received certificates of distinction, attesting their high grade of scholarship. Some of the rest of us might have been similarly fortunate had

we not conceived a sudden and irrepressible desire to go a-fishing on April 1st.

Brother Tate has the honor of representing his College at the Southern Inter-collegiate Oratorical Contest to be held this summer at Monteagle, Tenn. We have no fears of his failing to represent his alma mater in a manner entirely creditable.

Each brother has planned to spend the summer in a mann'r peculiar to himself. Bro. Tate will pass the greater part of his time in Auburn, where he will pursue a course of reading.

Bro. Fleming, also, will be a citizen of this little town during the heated term, ostensibly to continue his duties as librarian, but in reality to frivol his time away at that soda fount where drinks may be had on ice and credit. Bro. Fleming, be it said, has shown a decided *penchant* for those hammocks which are guaranteed to hold two but not three.

Bro. Purifoy is too economical to think of "spending" the summer anywhere. He has leased a gopher hole at a very reasonable rate, which he will occupy until October 1st.

Bro. Dean has decided to remain at home all summer. Very considerate of his friends is Bro. Dean. We would feel easier if we had the certain knowledge that Bro. Woodruff had reached the same decision.

The manner in which Bro. Pollard will pass the time away is shown by his recent inquiry at the library for a "rhyming dictionary" and "Love-making Made *Easier*."

Bro. Fenton came in a little late and asked, deprecatingly, for "The Ever-ready Letter Writer."

Brother Harvey is in Nashville attending Vanity Fair. He writes that there is a side-show near by centennial, which he intends to visit later on.

Bros. Yonge and McIntyre are doing the "Robinson Crusoe-and-His-Man-Friday Act" down on the lonely shores of Pensacola bay. By the time they return home they hope to have acquired such an amount of nautical knowledge as will enable them to discrimihate between a flat-boat and an Atlantic liner.

We have not as yet heard from the Convention, but we know that whatever was done was for the good and advancement of our fraternity.

To those of our brothers who may for any reason think it to be to their interest to attend in the future an institution of learning other than the one they have attended in the past, and especially to those brothers of Xi whose fraternal relations are, to all intents and purposes, broken up, we give a most cordial invitation to come and cast their lot with us. We have a college that ranks among the first in the South, and we assure you as warm a welcome as it is possible for *Upsilon* to give. *W. Menefee Dean.*

PHI.

We, of Phi Chapter, regret very much indeed that we were unable to send a representative to the Convention, but as much as we wished to do so we found it impossible.

Our Commencement is over now, and each member of Phi has gone home expecting, or at least hoping, to return next session.

Of course we are glad to be home, as all college boys are, but already we are beginning to look forward with impatience to the pleasant times we expect to have when we are together again. Two more men have promised to join us next year, and we feel very proud that our number is to be increased by two of the most popular students in college.

Quite recently a new fraternity, the *Theta Nu Epsilon*, has found its way into Roanoke College. This fraternity, of which seven Phi Gamma Delta's, two Sigma Chi's, and two Pi Kappa Alpha's are members, is composed entirely of men who belong to other fraternities. We think it will be a great help to our college, and hope it will have a long and successful career.

Once more we will express our regret that we were unable to be represented at the Convention. It was certainly to the interest of the fraternity that each Chapter should

be represented, and we will ever be sorry when we fail, in any way, to lend a helping hand in advancing the prosperity of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Walter H. Lobertson.

ALUMNUS ETA.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., July 7, 1897.

Dear Brother Editor: I had hoped that a full account of the founding of Alumnus Eta Chapter would have been sent you by our chapter correspondent, but having the data in my hands, and at your request, I will attempt to give a brief account of the same, but it will necessarily contain many names and addresses.

The matter of establishing an active chapter at Tulane University had been talked over by some of the alumni in this city, but deeming it impracticable at that time, owing to the scarcity of the kind of material with which they would care to organize a chapter, the brothers decided to postpone the matter, and in the meantime, to form themselves into an Alumni Association, with the intention of applying to be chartered as an Alumnus Chapter, as soon as we could enlist a sufficient number to make a creditable showing. As an initiative, a paper was drawn up agreeing to form the "New Orleans Alumni Association"; this was signed by the following:

- H. Dickson Bruns, M. D., Alpha.
- E. L. Bemiss, Alpha.
- James Legendre, Attorney-at-law, Alpha.
- Rev. F. C. Byrd, Xi.
- Rev. J. W. Caldwell, Iota.
- E. F. Koelle, Theta.
- F. Douglass Smyth, Theta.

Professor Smyth was asked to compile a list of all the alumni in the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, and at such a time as he had completed the list, then to call a meeting of the above named association. I

addressed a letter to the chapter correspondent of each active chapter, asking him to refer to the roll of his chapter, and mail to me at once a complete list of all members who had gone out from the chapter since the publication of the "Catalogue" in 1891; some chapters were very prompt in complying with the request, others were a little slow, and I am sorry to have to record that I have yet to receive a reply from Iota chapter, although I have written them twice on the subject. Just here I will explain the object we had in view when we decided to include all the alumni of the four States of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. It is suggested that as each State should develop sufficient strength in her own borders she will withdraw from us and form a chapter of her own; and let the alumni of each State, through the Alumnus Chapter, look after the colleges and universities within that State, and place active chapters in these institutions. Accordingly, on May 3rd a meeting was called at Brother E. L. Bemiss' office. The following were present: Brothers Bruns, Bemiss, Byrd, Caldwell, Koelle and Smyth. A temporary organization was effected with Brother Byrd as President and Brother Smyth as Secretary. The Secretary then reported that from the "Catalogue" and the four chapters that he had heard from up to date he had a list of seventy-eight names.

A motion having been made to that effect, the chair appointed Dr. Bruns to draft a letter to be sent the alumni of the four States. Dr. Bruns' paper was adopted, and the Secretary instructed to have 200 copies of the same typewritten, and to mail them as soon as possible, urging an immediate reply. The following is the letter:

NEW ORLEANS, May 3, 1897.

My Dear Brother: The undersigned members of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, residents of New Orleans, desiring to form an Alumnus Chapter, take pleasure in thus opening communication with you.

We wish to know if, after writing to all members of the fraternity in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas, whose addresses we have, or may be able to obtain, we find it ex-

pedient to call a meeting, will you make it convenient to come to New Orleans, and join us in the formation of such a chapter?

Will you be kind enough to let us have a reply as soon as you can, and will you also be good enough to give us the names and addresses of and members whom you may know in any of the above named States?

How would a day between the 10th and 20th of June next suit you for such a meeting in New Orleans?

By giving this your immediate attention you will greatly oblige

Yours in Phi Kappa Alpha,

S. C. BYRD, Chairman.

H. D. BRUNS,

E. L. BEMISS,

J. W. CALDWELL,

E. F. KOELLE,

F. D. SMYTH, Secretary.

The Secretary went to work on these letters as soon as replies were received from the various chapters.

After about a month's work in this direction we had a second meeting on the night of June 7, 1897; at this meeting we had welcomed to our ranks Brother C. C. Mallard, *Theta*, of this city, and learned that Brother Legendre had settled in New York city to practice law. Having by this time received a reply from all active chapters except Iota, there had been sent out 118 letters; of these 11 had been returned unclaimed, and of the remaining 107 only 19 answers had been received, saying they desired to join the chapter. Not discouraged at our prospects, it was decided at once to apply to be chartered as "Alumnus Eta Chapter," to include the alumni of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, with headquarters at New Orleans, La. The following letter was then sent out to the brothers who had signified their intention of meeting with us:

NEW ORLEANS, LA., June 5, 1897.

Dear Brother: Alumnus Eta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity will be instituted in this city on next Monday night, June 14, 1897, in the office of Brother E. L. Bemiss, in the Electric Building, No. 313 Baronne street.

Headquarters for visiting brothers will be at the Hotel Grunewald, on Baronne near Canal street, but do not engage rooms un-

til after we see you at the meeting, as we will be glad to entertain you at our homes if we can possibly do so.

Anticipating the pleasure of your company with us on this happy occasion, we are

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

NEW ORLEANS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

It was indeed a jolly though small band of Pis that assembled in the handsome new offices of Brother Bemiss, on Baronne street, on the night of June 14, 1897. After social greetings had been passed around we at once proceeded to the election of officers for the term of one year. The following were declared elected:

- S. C. Byrd, Xi, President.
- Alex. McCollum, Delta-Alpha, Vice-President.
- H. Dickson Bruns, Alpha-Eta, Treasurer.
- F. Douglass Smyth, Theta, Secretary.
- J. W. Caldwell, Iota, Chapter Correspondent.

The Secretary was then instructed to send "A Letter of Greeting" to the Annual Convention at its meeting on June 17, 1897, as we found we would not be officially represented.

The following are the charter members of Alumnus Eta Chapter:

- H. D. Bruns, M. D., Alpha, New Orleans, La.
- E. L. Beemis, Alpha, New Orleans, La.
- J. H. Bemiss, M. D., Alpha, New Orleans, La.
- A. McCollum, Delta-Alpha, Ellendale P. O., La.
- J. D. Hanson, M. D., Eta, Donaldsville, La.
- C. C. Mallard, Theta, New Orleans, La.
- E. F. Koelle, " " " "
- F. D. Smyth, " " " "
- J. C. Barr, " " " "
- F. E. Maddox, Theta, Greenwood, Miss.
- Chas. Oberschmidt, Theta, Brookhaven, Miss.
- Marshall Hicks, Theta, San Antonio, Texas.
- W. M. Anderson, Theta, Dallas, Texas.
- T. H. Scovell, Theta, Shreveport, La.

C. P. Colmery, Theta, Edwards, Miss.
J. W. Caldwell, Iota, New Orleans, La.
S. C. Byrd, Xi, New Orleans, La.
W. H. Garrow, Jr., Pi, Houston, Tex.
A. S. Maddox, Rho, Oxford, Miss.
G. H. Hogan, Rho, Water Valley, Miss.
J. W. Purifoy, Upsilon, Auburn, Ala.
R. T. Russell, Upsilon, Fort Payne, Ala.

We desire to increase our membership to at least 100 names, so that I am now busy sending out a letter to all those parties who have not yet joined us, and I will close this letter with a copy of the same, and hope that any brother living in the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, whom I may fail to address personally, will at once send in his name for enrollment. It is as follows:

Dear Brother: Alumnus Eta Chapter of Phi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, to include the alumni of the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, was instituted in this city on the night of June 14, 1897, headquarters 1,728 Josephine street, New Orleans, La. We call upon you as an alumnus of the fraternity to affiliate with us in this chapter, and beg that you will at once send in your name and address to the undersigned for enrollment as a member. We propose having but one meeting a year, but we hope to make this annual meeting of our chapter an event to be looked forward to with great pleasure by the alumni scattered through these four great States. Also, please oblige me with the names and addresses of any members living in your neighborhood.

Anxiously awaiting your reply, I am

Yours, in Phi Phi Kappa Alpha,

ALUMNUS ETA CHAPTER,
Per Smyth.

F. Douglass Smyth.

The Pi's.

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.

—Rev. S. C. Byrd, our brother of Xi, delivered the Comment Sermon of the Home Institute Class of '97 in the basement of the Coliseum church, corner of Camp and Terpischore streets, New Orleans, Sunday, June 20th, at 5 o'clock P. M. The Alumni of this Institute and the public generally attended, and the occasion was one of great interest to all.

—The *Southwestern Presbyterian* of June 3d contains an interesting letter from our Brother F. E. Maddox, *Theta*, with reference to the work of his church at Greenwood, Miss. The congregation have just completed a new manse and installed Bro. Maddox in it. It is a neat, beautiful structure consisting of six rooms and a nice hall and a front and rear gallery. The lot on which the old house stood was enlarged and the two converted into one. The cost of the house and lot, all told, in round numbers is \$2,000.

Bro. Maddox says: "While much of this amount was given by the church members and friends, much of it was given by the Society of Earnest Workers, a band of earnest, consecrated women, who have been untiring in their efforts for God's cause of Presbyterianism in this place. This church promises to be one of the strongest in Central Mississippi Presbytery. Greenwood is a growing town and Presbyterianism already has a good hold, being the second

strongest in the town." We congratulate Bro. Maddox on his new home and wish him continued success in his field.

—The SHIELD AND DIAMOND received a beautiful engraved invitation to attend the Annual Ball and Banquet of the Pan-Hellenic League of the South Carolina College, June 29th. This League is composed of the following Fraternities: Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, Chi Psi, Chi Phi, Sigma Nu, Kappa Sigma. Among the officers of the League we note as one of the Vice-Presidents our worthy Brother, J. G. Hughes. We also received a beautifully gotten up invitation from the class of '97 to be present at the class day exercises on June 28. This latter invitation is one of the prettiest and neatest of its kind we have ever seen. We note that Bro. J. G. Hughes was President of the class and delivered the opening address at the exercises.

—Rev. Robert Hill, Grand Secretary, of Nashville, Tenn., has accepted the invitation to supply the Westminster church, Dallas, Texas. His address is 165 State street, Dallas, Texas.

—Rev. Bro. G. A. Blackburn, Pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Columbia, S. C., filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church in Charleston on Sunday, July 4th. Bro. Blackburn took for his text John 3-36, and delivered a most eloquent sermon. The newspaper report, in writing up the sermon, said: "Mr. Blackburn handled the subject differently from the usual pulpit orator and there was a distinct vein of originality discernable in every thought brought out from the beginning to the end of the sermon."

—The General Office has received a copy of the publication "Charity," which is published by the Colored Orphanage Asylum, an Industrial School of Lynchburg, Va. On the first page we note the name of our Brother, Rev. C. B. Wilmer, of *Gamma*, who is Secretary of the Board. Bro. Wilmer is also the Superintendent of this institution,

and is the prime mover in this benevolent school. In the copy of the pamphlet before us is a scholarly and interesting article on "Infant Baptism," from the pen of Bro. Wilmer. The subscription price to this little pamphlet is but \$1.00 a year, and the funds go to the support of the colored orphans of the Institute. We will be glad to see our Brothers come to the support of Bro. Wilmer by subscribing to this paper.

—At the First Annual Convention of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, held in Nashville June 22-24, our Bro. Robert A. Smyth was unanimously elected Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. In the absence of Mr. J. B. Stuart, of Richmond, the former Commander, Bro. Smyth presided at the sessions of the Convention and delivered the response to the Address of Welcome. The election of Bro. Smyth was a very complimentary one. On his Official Staff Rev. Theron H. Rice, Jr., of Atlanta, our Brother of *Theta* and *Iota*, has been appointed Chaplain General, and J. G. McAllister, of Richmond, Va., our Brother of *Iota*, Quartermaster-General. Thus the organization has three Pi's at its head.

—For the month of July Bro. F. K. Simms, *Mu*, will supply the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian church, Charleston, S. C., in the absence of the regular pastor. This is a very high compliment to our brother, for the charge is a very large one and the field a hard one for a young minister to occupy. In his first sermon on July 4th Bro. Simms delighted a large congregation which assembled to welcome him.

—The Grand Treasurer had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Richard O. Flinn, Pastor of the Presbyterian church, Kirkwood, Ga., one of the most popular members of *Theta* Chapter, at Nashville, Tenn., during the Confederate Reunion. Bro. Flinn unfortunately did not know of the Convention, being called off from home before he received the May Magazine. Bro. Flinn was traveling as the guest of

General John B. Gordon, Commander-in-Chief United Confederate Veterans, in his private car.

—We regret to notice that Bro. Alex. Black, *Epsilon*, lost his house and entire contents by fire the early part of this month. Bro. Black is one of the leading merchants in Blacksburg and President of the bank, and probably one of the most prominent citizens of the town. We offer our sincere sympathy to our Brother in his loss.

—The First church, Dallas, Texas, under the care of Rev. W. M. Anderson, *Theta*, has developed some beautiful plans for the remodeling of its structure. A picture of it which we have seen gives promise that it will be an exceedingly attractive and very convenient church edifice.—*Southwestern Presbyterian*.. Bro. Anderson has sent the General Office a picture of this building, and it is certainly a beautiful edifice.

—Licentiate J. C. Barr, *Theta*, who completed his course at the Southwestern Presbyterian University early in June, has been invited to supply the Prytania Street church, New Orleans, during the summer, and it is expected that he will accept the invitation and enter on his duties about the middle of that month. Upon the close of this engagement in the fall, it is hoped that the Committee of Domestic Missions will be able to carry out its plans and secure Mr. Barr for a field in connection with the mission work of the Presbytery of New Orleans.

—Rev. S. C. Byrd, *Xi*, pastor of the Lafayette church, of New Orleans, preached at Bolixi and Ocean Springs, in accordance with the appointment of the Presbytery, and announced the dissolution of the pastoral relation between the churches there respectively, and Rev. Dr. N. Keff Smith, and declared their pulpits vacant. He preached at the former place in the morning and at the latter in the evening, crossing the bay between the two towns, as we understand, by the railroad bridge.

—Brother J. W. Basore, Jr., won on June 15th one of

the six honorary scholarships open to Virginia students at John Hopkins University. Brother Basore had previously won an ordinary scholarship at that institution.

—Robert A. Linley, *Mu*, graduated at Charleston (S. C.) Medical College in May last with first honor, and also carried off the gold medal offered for the highest average made in pharmacy.

—A. S. Lynn, *Mu*, graduated from Central University with the degree of B. S. in June last. He was selected to represent that institution in the Inter-Collegiate oratorical contest held in Lexington, Ky., July 8th.



Editorial.

THE FRATERNITY is to be congratulated on the success of its Eighth Annual Convention, the good results of which will long be manifest, in the advancement and up-building of its interests. The work of this assembly was in the right direction and was earnestly and thoroughly accomplished. The financial situation was given careful thought, and the Constitution so amended as to strengthen and improve it.

A story of the meeting is published in this issue, but it was deemed inadvisable to insert the reports of the Grand Officers or the full minutes. We hope to issue in October, however, the *Dagger and Key*, which will contain these matters in full.

THE DELEGATES did the right thing in electing Brother Floyd Hughes Supreme Councilor. In serving the Fraternity as Grand High Councilor, this Brother has given proof of his love and devotion to her interests. In the new office, with more extended duties and authority, we feel sure that he will do great things for the advancement of the Order.

Brother R. R. Jones has proven himself worthy of reelection, and we are glad that this able officer has been retained in active service. With less confining professional duties this year, Brother Jones will be able to give more time and energy to the work.

Rev. Robert Hill, by his untiring efforts and earnest labors for the cause, has endeared himself to all true Pi's, and the compliment paid him by the Convention was most fitting. We are glad to announce that Brother Hill has accepted the position of Grand Secretary for another year.

Brother Robert A. Smyth, our Grand Treasurer, was re-elected, and we trust will be better able to conduct the duties of his office under the new financial system.

The Fraternity has at its head as zealous, loyal and hard-working men as can be found anywhere. The Convention had ample proof of this, and we know that the Chapter members must have been so impressed. The Fraternity will not languish for lack of their attention. They can do nothing, however, without the cordial and hearty co-operation of each and every Chapter member. Prompt attention to letters is a very necessary part of the work; the delays occasioned by this neglect are serious and disheartening and the cause of the failure of many plans. Let us determine during the coming year that every letter from the executive officers will be given immediate attention and a prompt response. Then indeed will the work make such progress as will astonish us, when we see the results achieved. Remember, the officers can only advise and propose plans—the Chapter members must carry them out.

THE Committee to whom the revision of the Constitution was referred for examination deserve the hearty thanks of the entire Order for the systematic way in which they did their work. The dispensing with the cumbersome Grand Council of the old Constitution is a step in the right direction. The simpler a government the more readily will it be able to accomplish its purpose. Under the new Constitution, with the business principles it contains and the united efforts of the Chapters, the coming year should be the banner year of our existence.

The printed Constitution will be published as soon as possible. As directed by the Convention, the Secret Constitution will be mailed the Chapters in September, and they will make a copy for their use.

THE Chapters should bear in mind the requirements of the new Constitution as to letters in each issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and see that their correspondents mail a letter not later than September 5th for that month's issue. There can be no excuse for failure in this instance.

In this letter the names, with initials of each member returned, should be given, and also the names of any initiates.

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