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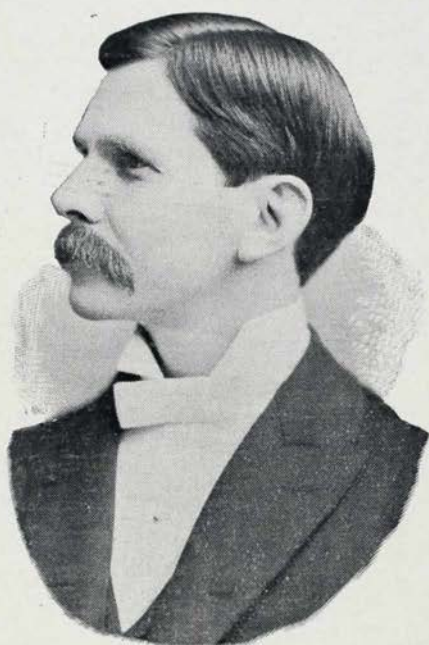
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REV. GEORGE SUMMEY, D.D.

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THE FRATERNITY QUESTION.

[President Charles F. Thwing in April *Review of Reviews*.]

Before the student is admitted to college he probably has reflected upon the question of whether he shall join a fraternity. Certainly, if he has not been obliged to consider this question before he has received his matriculation papers, he will find himself obliged to consider it soon after he has begun work. The Greek Letter fraternities, as they have come to be known, represent a very large element in American college life. For more than fifty years they have played *an important role*. It is apparent that they are to be permanent factors. Of them are more than fifty, which have chapters in many colleges. There are also local fraternities. The foundation of some of them runs back more than sixty years. Various purposes control and various methods prevail. In some the literary purpose and motive, in some the oratorical, in some the scholastic; but more generally and quite generally the social and friendly method and purpose dominate. College fraternities are becoming more and more simple associations of men who like each other, and who like to be associated with each other. Whether a student shall join one

depends very largely upon the student, and also upon the fraternity which he may be asked to join. On the whole, I feel confident that if he can afford the expense—and the expense in some cases is slight, and in others heavy—he *will get more out of his college life by being a member.* He will form more numerous, more ardent and more lasting friendships. The disadvantage of fraternities is pretty closely related to what is called college politics. College politics, on the whole, is quite as bad for the college as what is known as “politics” in the larger world of civil relations is bad for pure democratic government. For the bickerings and squabblings prevailing in college politics consume large amounts of time and strength without rendering adequate results. But the same temptation of going into college politics exists for the man who is not a member of a fraternity.

OUR RICHMOND PIS.

BY ONE OF THEM.

In this Capital of Old Virginia we should expect to find quite a gathering of Pi's, such indeed is true; and the presence of two recent Conventions have made them more than usually well known to brothers from afar. The legal profession claims six who bear our badge; three (brothers also of the flesh) are successful insurance men; two find work in the publishing business; one is a druggist, and the last a student; and from any one of the thirteen that are lucky being Pi's, a visiting brother would find a whole-souled welcome, which reminds us of the royal greeting Richmond gave the '93 Convention. It was brother C. A. Boyce who so royally expressed it, and who did not fail to include Richmond's fair ones as among the throng advancing to do us honor. Several brothers, in doubt of the truth of this, tested it personally, and by after tardiness at a session or two, proved that a lawyer off guard will sometimes tell the truth. Brother Boyce was then, as he now

is, prominent in the political circles of Richmond, having an influence especially strong over the young democracy of the city. He is successful in the law and personally a man most popular with men.

A few steps below the postoffice, you will find, on the second floor, the legal apartments of brothers Allston and Patrick Cabell. We have it from the newspapers that the former, who has for some years represented Richmond in the House of Delegates, will not stand for re-election, which would be his for the asking. The firm does a successful business, and stands among the first in the city.

Brother Edwin Piper Cox is quartered across the way. This brother graduated at Hampden-Sidney in the '80's, (while there belonging to a fraternity since extinct), and Alpha secured him when he entered for law at the University a few years afterwards. The years intervening were spent in teaching and travel, Europe being several times visited; but of this, another, and not himself, would tell you. His friends best know him by the name of Piper and the Pi's will recall with grateful feelings his services at the Convention of 1896. Cox has held offices of trust in the Sons of Confederate Veterans Organization, a work to which he has given of both time and means; and while a working Pi and a "General," he cannot be said to have neglected his profession, in which, steadily rising, he has won important cases more than once.

Indomitable will power and native force have brought to the front another of our men, Brother Marion L. Dawson, who, as Chairman of the Democratic party in Richmond, is essentially a man of the public. For one so young advancement to this high position and his retention there, is proof of a public recognition that is flattering in the extreme. No man of his age in the city has sounder political judgment or knows better how to use it. He has, too, entered the field of writers, and last year contributed to the *North American Review* an article that attracted wide and favorable attention. He is a man to be heard from in less than a few years.

Last of this list of lawyers, and the most prominent one perhaps, is Brother Beverly B. Munford, who some predict will be Governor of Virginia in fifteen years' time. Certain it is that as a lawyer, legislator and man of solid civic influence his equal is not to be found among the younger men of the Old Commonwealth. With all classes his popularity is unbounded, and a Memorial day does not pass, nor a deliberative meeting of the populace take place, into the service of which his eloquence and counsel are not pressed. Handsome, magnetic, brainy, a trained scholar and ripe logician, he holds in balance, right adjusted, the essentials of eminent success. We notice, as this is penned, the death of his partner-in-law, Judge Waller R. Staples, one of Virginia's legal lights. His death will devolve the whole of an extensive practice upon the stalwart shoulders of a younger but not less able man.

Our Brother Lorraine, now at Hampden-Sidney, has been one year only in our circle of Pi's, and you will hear of him when *Iota* counts up her yearly honors. We know him as one of the best of fellows.

Brother Mercer has kept himself so entrenched behind domestic cares and prescriptions that we haven't caught a glimpse of him yet, but we learn that he is a man who has in him the stuff that Pi's are made of.

Stepping under the sign of the Equitable Life Assurance Society at 1110 East Main street, you could enter no handsomer offices in the city than the ones in which Messrs. Howard Swineford & Co., conduct an extensive life and fire insurance business. The sons, Messrs. Oscar, Edward and Howard, are all Pi's of the true type, goated at Hampden-Sidney in *Iota's* own way, and losing not a whit of the old-time loyalty by a separation of busy years from the old college. Oscar is married and lives in the western portion of the city; Edward conducts the large fruit and truck farm of his father; and Howard—positively the most natural fellow on earth—comes into business every morning from his father's home at Drewry's Bluff, seven miles distant in Chesterfield county. Oscar's boy, Tom, is as

handsome a six-year-old as one sees in a cycle of Cathay. Both Howard and Oscar are much on the road and Richmond doesn't hold two greater "hustlers," the departed Smith included, on whom there are "no flies."

As soon as the Swinefords let you get away (insured of course) Brother J. Gray McAllister, of the *Central Presbyterian*, would be glad to see you at 1015 East Main, third floor. While not the "littleest man in town" he is pretty near it. Any Pi has full liberty of the office.

In the art preservative there is still another—Brother Robert Whittet, Jr., a Pi royal. The printing firm of Whittet & Shepperson, of which he is one of the junior members, is without a superior for the best work in Virginia or the South. Brother Whittet is happily married, is of immediate Scotch descent, and consequently a blue-stocking Presbyterian. His special work is the careful proof-reading of the large establishment, which issues practically all the literature of the Southern Presbyterian Church—of itself a huge contract—besides book and job work from numberless sources in and out of Virginia. Surely, no pleasanter ending could be of any day or round of visits than Bob Whittet's genuine greeting as you enter and his hearty Pi grip when good-byes are said.

REV. GEORGE SUMMEY, D. D.

Through the kindness of the "*North Carolina Presbyterian*" we are able to publish the following interesting account of the life of our brother, George Summey, one of the charter members of old *Beta* Chapter. We are also indebted to this paper for the loan of the cut:

"REV. GEORGE SUMMEY, D. D.

Our illustration this week is of a native of the Old North State, Rev. George Summey, D. D., the Chancellor of the Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville, Tenn.

Dr. Summey was born in Asheville, N. C., June 3d, 1853, and is the son of A. T. Summey, Esq., now the oldest resident of that city, and for about fifty years a faithful ruling elder. Dr. Summey's mother was S. Rose Morrison, so that the subject of our sketch belongs to that family which has given more ministers to the church, in the past four generations, than perhaps any family in the South.

Dr. Summey was prepared for college in the widely-known classical school of Col. Stephen Lee, of Asheville, his step-grandfather, and at a very early age entered the University of Georgia, and afterwards Davidson College, graduating at the latter institution as the first honor man the same month in which he was seventeen. Entering Union Seminary in Virginia immediately, he completed the full course there and received his certificate in 1873. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Mecklenburg in August, 1872, and took the charge of Bolivar church, Tenn., in May, 1873, before reaching twenty years of age, being the youngest minister in the history of our Church. In 1875 he became pastor of the Ninth Street, now Madison Avenue church, in Covington, Ky., where he labored for something over five years, the church doubling in membership during his pastorate. After being laid aside, from a throat trouble, for nearly a year, he had charge, for three years, of the work at Graham and Burlington, N. C., both of which churches developed rapidly in numbers and activity. He then became pastor of the church at Chester, S. C., where he labored for nearly nine years, developing one of the largest and strongest churches in South Carolina.

He was for a number of years chairman of the Presbytery's Executive Committee, and contributed much to the advancement of the evangelistic interests of the Presbytery. In 1892 Dr. Summey was called to the Chancellorship of the Southwestern Presbyterian University, in Clarksville, Tenn., and for five years has devoted himself with success to the interests of that important institution. Throughout his ministry he has been greatly interested in educational matters. While in Covington, Ky., he was connected with the School Board, while in Chester he was

a member and then Chairman of the School Board, and for years he was an active trustee of the Davidson College Board, and also a director of the Seminary at Columbia. He is now the President of the Board of School Commissioners of Clarksville, Tenn. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1891, from the institution which subsequently called him to its head. Since 1887 Dr. Summey has been the managing editor of the *Presbyterian Quarterly*, which he founded, and the great success of which, as a theological review, is due to his activity. For a few years he was also the half owner, as he was with a distinguished Northern minister, also the founder of the great Review of the Church north of the Potomac. In the midst of his many duties and cares he has found time to travel extensively through Europe and the East, and his services are often in requisition for lectures, addresses, etc.

Dr. Summey was married in 1875 to Elizabeth Rebekah Worth, a native of Wilmington, the daughter of the late Thomas Clarkson Worth. They have four promising children, two sons and two daughters, one of the latter already distinguishing herself in gifts of expression and vocal music.

THE DEATH OF BROTHER J. H. BEMISS.

We are sorry indeed to announce to the Fraternity at large, the death of our Brother, John Harrison Bemiss, M. D., one of the most prominent Alumni of our Fraternity, a member of old Alpha Chapter, and a charter member of Alumnus Eta Chapter, recently established in New Orleans.

The following is an account of his death and funeral services, taken from the *Times-Democrat* of September 3rd and 4th, and Bro. Bemiss' death is a great loss to the Fraternity as well as to his City and State. On behalf of the

Fraternity we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family.

"Dr. John Harrison Bemiss is dead. He died yesterday morning at Ocean Springs, Miss., where he went something over two weeks ago for rest and recreation. He spent the summer of 1896 at Ocean Springs, and was well known and highly esteemed there as a physician. His brother, Mr. E. L. Bemiss, was on his way to him with Dr. Veazie, of this city, when his death took place.

The last days of Dr. Bemiss' life were spent, as, indeed, has been his whole splendid manhood, in succoring distressed humanity.

At the time of his arrival in Ocean Springs there was an epidemic of fever in progress there, and he was at once pressed into service. His old friend, Dr. Bragg, was overwhelmed with work, and Dr. Bemiss, with the self-sacrifice which was part of his nature, at once lent his assistance. He worked night and day as earnestly and unceasingly as if he was one of the resident physicians. Finally Dr. Bragg was taken sick, and Dr. Bemiss, with Dr. Bailey, took the added burden of work unflinchingly. He was constantly on the go. Sunday night he was well. Then he was taken sick, but it was not believed that he was in any danger until yesterday morning, when his family was notified of his illness. According to the message received by his people, he died of congestion of the stomach, but whatever the direct cause of his death, the overwork to which he was subjected at the place where he went in search of rest undoubtedly contributed in bringing it about.

For the past several winters Dr. Bemiss' health has been none too good. Twice he was attacked by pneumonia, and both attacks were severe ones. Last April his health failed and he gave up his residence and office in the city for a rest during the summer at the beautiful family home, "Cloverlands," in St. Bernard parish.

About two weeks ago, accompanied by one of his brothers, he went to Ocean Springs for rest and recreation. A week ago Sunday his brother returned to "Cloverlands," leaving Dr. Bemiss at Ocean Springs. At that time he

appeared to be perfectly well, and was working hard. Dr. Bemiss was then of the opinion that his health would be good enough the coming winter to allow him to resume practice.

Under these circumstances the shock experienced by his family when, yesterday morning at 1 o'clock, a telegram was received notifying its members of his serious illness and requesting that one of his brothers come at once with a physician, was most severe.

Mr. E. L. Bemiss left on the first train yesterday morning for his brother's bedside, accompanied by his mother and by Dr. Veazie. Before he reached Ocean Springs, Dr. Bemiss had died.

The remains of Dr. Bemiss will be brought home this morning, and the funeral will take place this afternoon from the family residence at "Cloverlands." The interment will be at Metairie cemetery.

The deceased was the son of the late distinguished Dr. S. M. Bemiss, of this city. His father was a native of Bardstown, Ky., and he was born in Louisville, Ky., in 1856. His father was at that time a practicing physician there. Dr. S. M. Bemiss entered the army when the civil war broke out, sending his family to Clarksville, Tenn., where his wife's relatives lived. His wife, who is still alive, was a Miss Fannie Lockert, of that town.

At the conclusion of the war Dr. Bemiss with his family moved to New Orleans. That was in 1867. John Harrison Bemiss was then but eleven years of age. He was prepared for college at Mr. Lusher's school, and graduated at the University of Virginia. After his graduation there he took a course in medicine at the University of Louisiana, where, as at the University of Virginia, he graduated with distinction. When he received his diploma he was just twenty-one years of age.

After graduating in medicine the young doctor went to the Sandwich Islands, where he practiced for four years, returning to New Orleans in 1881 and entering into partnership with his father, Dr. S. M. Bemiss, who died several years after his son's return.

While in the Sandwich Islands Dr. John Harrison Bemiss made a study of leprosy, and was regarded as the highest authority on this terrible disease. For twelve years he resided in New Orleans and practiced his profession. Virtually the founder of the New Orleans Polyclinic, he devoted much of his time to that institution. It was his pet hobby. When, last spring, he retired from active work he was its president. His loss will be felt with especial keenness by those interested in the polyclinic.

The deceased was unmarried. He leaves his mother, who resides at the family home in St. Bernard, two brothers, E. L. Bemiss, the head of the Edison Electric Light Company, and S. H. Bemiss, a planter, and three sisters, Mrs. Samuel Bryan, of Washington, D. C., and Misses L. L. and A. L. Bemiss, who reside with their mother at "Cloverlands."

The family of the deceased is related to many prominent families of Kentucky and Tennessee. Dr. Bemiss was at his death a member of the Boston Club, where, as everywhere else, he was greatly beloved.

There have been few men more sincerely mourned than Dr. Bemiss will be. Learned in medicine, devoted to his profession because he understood its highest possibilities, with an unfailing sympathy for the unfortunate and an unswerving loyalty for his friends, genial as the day is long, true as steel, tender as a woman and brave as the bravest, it is no wonder that his death will come as a personal bereavement to the hundreds who knew and loved him.

No man stands higher in the medical world than he stood. An earnest worker, he never ceased his studies, keeping abreast of the times as do few physicians. He held his profession as a sacred trust, and from the time he entered it has striven to uplift it. The New Orleans Polyclinic stands a monument to his name. It was in his brain that the idea was given birth of a polyclinic here, and it was by his untiring devotion to the cause and his unceasing efforts that its construction was made possible.

He was but forty-one years of age at the time of his death, but the twenty years which he has devoted to the

practice of his profession have been full of work and steady progress. For years he has been recognized as one of the most capable diagnosticians in the country. The sick came for hundreds of miles to consult him, so widespread was his reputation.

From his early youth to his untimely taking off, Dr. Bemiss' life was a beautiful lesson of devotion to those who stood in need of sympathy and help. It is such men as he who make the world better and brighter and life worth living.

FUNERAL OF DR. BEMISS.

Just a simple white crepe fastened to the gate and a long array of waiting carriages and the story is told of a life that is gone and of hearts filled with a desolation beyond all words. Such were the scenes at the old family mansion of the late Dr. J. H. Bemiss in St. Bernard parish yesterday afternoon, when the funeral services were held in the presence of a large number of his relatives and friends. The house is situated in the midst of beautiful grounds, which make its name, "Cloverlands," peculiarly applicable. The hour for the ceremony was fixed at 3:30 o'clock, and though the distance from the business part of the city was so great the most prominent men of the city, and particularly the medical fraternity, was largely represented. Carriages met the Rampart and Dauphine cars, whose terminus is some little distance from the house, and conveyed the friends of the family to the Bemiss residence.


The funeral services, which were very simple, were performed by Rev. Dr. Webb, who is occupying the pulpit temporarily of Dr. B. M. Palmer, of the First Presbyterian church. A short, heartfelt prayer by Dr. Webb followed the reading before the remains were conveyed to Metairie Cemetery. There another prayer was said, and the funeral services of one of the most widely-known and deeply-loved physicians of New Orleans were over.

The floral offerings were unusually numerous and elaborate. The most conspicuous were those sent by the Char-

ity Hospital Alumni, the New Orleans Polyclinic, the employees of the Edison Electric Works, St. Anna's Asylum, Dr. Ed. J. Rodriguez, Professor Robert Sharpe, John Dymond, Jr., Grayson Auze, Alford Auze, Garland Wolfe and Mr. Birney Fellows.

Seven of the most prominent physicians of the city, all personal friends of Dr. Bemiss, were chosen as his pallbearers, with Mr. E. L. Simonds. They were: Drs. Rudolph Matas, Isidore Dyer, A. G. Freidrichs, H. A. Veazie, E. A. Martin, G. F. Patton, and F. W. Parham.

A large number of ladies and gentlemen, friends and acquaintances of the family, were present at the house and grave.



Chapter Letters.

THETA.

School has again opened and with it hard work, both in class and the fraternity. Only four are left to represent last year's Chapter—Brothers W. T. Ivy, R. L. Gladney, R. B. Eleazer and G. W. Fraser, Brother U. D. Mooney, of Pass Christian, Miss., has returned to pursue his divinity studies after an absence of a year. This makes five men to uphold the *II. K. A.* banner in S. W. P. U. Of those who left us, Brother J. C. Barr is in charge of the Prytania Street Church in New Orleans; Brother D. W. Hollingsworth is at Hampden-Sidney; Brother Frierson is teaching in Mississippi; Brother J. N. Ivy is preaching near Fort Worth, Texas; Brother V. Moldenhawer is at his home in Baltimore, Md.; Brother Blackburn is at his home in Lynnville, Tenn. We miss these brothers very much, but hope to see some of them back next year.

Though we are but a small band just now, yet we are a loud one, and one working hard to secure the best men in school. This we hope to do, and so far have promise of good success.

Aside from our fraternity work, we are pursuing the even tenor of our ways. Brother Eleazer pines for some one who lives among the cedars, but who at present is out of town. Brother Gladney is again taking long rambles into the country as of yore. Brothers Mooney and Ivy are "killing" when it comes to the ladies. The writer looks on with quiet amusement at the wild doings of his youthful brethren.

We were much pleased with the work of the convention,

and hope that a new era of prosperity has dawned for *Pi Kappa Alpha*.

We send our good wishes to our sister Chapters, and wish them a prosperous year.

George W. Fraser.

MU.

The Fall term of 1897-'98 will commence on September 15th, and our active membership will be four in number, viz: J. P. Marion, J. B. Carpenter, T. E. Simpson and H. S. Griffin.

We, the above, of Mu, salute our brethren of all other Chapters, and wish them a prosperous, successful school year.

Brother Howard Sankey does not return from his Alabama Home. Brother A. L. Vidal, of Florida, also does not continue this year. Brother A. V. Russell, B. S., will take charge of the Mountville, S. C., School, this Fall, and Brother F. C. Ferguson, of S. C., is in Baltimore studying medicine. Brother J. J. Murray, S. C., will enter the Sophomore class in South Carolina College. We feel safe in predicting the success to our departing brothes that all *II's* wish them.

Prof. S. T. Martin, of the University of Virginia, is our English instructor this year. He is a brother of our Math. Prof., A. V. Martin.

We have been informed that Brother (Dr.) E. C. Doyle, having completed his course in Bellveu Hospital, will practice in Laurens, S. C. We are glad to have him so near us. We will not have to be quite so careful with our goat, now that some one is supplied with lint and bandages, ready for an emergency.

Brother R. P. Walker, who has supplied the Presbyterian pulpit at Mountville, S. C., this summer, has returned to Columbia Theological Seminary to continue his course there.

We started to set out for Klondyke, but after being told that the gold was harder to get than Greek roots, that the thermometer was lower than a dunce's marks, and that provision's were harder to secure than a professor's good favor, we decided to let bad enough alone.

The P. C. of S. C. will open under favorable circumstances, and we expect to see a larger enrollment of students.

The Tri-Phis. will surpass us in numbers at the opening, but as to—well, we will refrain.

If Brother J. P. Marion had arrived from Texas, where he has been *rustycating*, we could give you something to amuse you; but in the absence of him we must close, repeating our good wishes for all *II*'s.

H. S. Griffin.

NU.

Though scattered over our State from ocean bed to mountain top, from breezy palms to laurel groves, *Nu* is still alive and in touch brother with brother. Thank God, neither time nor space can break the sacred bond of love and truth that binds us together! A tie as strong as that of blood, and stronger, unites the *II. K. A.* fraternity together and makes the members of *Nu* Chapter as one. We are joined to every member of our fraternity by the most sacred bonds of love and truth; this, and intimate association with the brothers of our own Chapter, have made us lovers to the end, and our love is founded on manly character and personal worth.

Some improvements have been made on Wofford's campus during the summer. Two new cottages have been erected for the comfort of the students.

Mr. Gus. M. Creitzberg, the famous athlete, has been elected to take Mr. Wertenbaker's place as Instructor in the Gymnasium and Professor in Fitting School. We wish him much success. A number of the Professors are pursuing courses in Northern Universities and preparing themselves to make it still hotter for us.

I shall try to give some information concerning each of our brothers. Some of it is founded on fact, some of it is instinctive and imaginative.

To begin at A and go to S, Brother Allen has just wound up a flourishing school in the "fork" of Lexington county. He goes to his home in Saluda, where he will have two weeks of retirement and pleasures of home life. Afterwards the magical and irresistible cords of love will draw him by Anderson, the banner county of the world—(don't ask him why he thinks so, *she* lives there, of course!) He will be on hand when college opens.

Ibra Charles Blackwood, the politician and renowned wit of the campus, has been teaching near his home in the mountains. When his school is out he will visit the "Dark Corner"—he lives in the corner of it—where the buxom mountain girls and "mountain dew" go hand in hand. We hope to see his smiling face and once again come in contact with his great and majestic personality in October.

Brother Brown has been at his home in Spartanburg and adjacent country, breaking bicycle records and bicycles. He is also getting the faithful old goat fat and sleek for us in October.

Brother Fike stays with his widowed mother at Laurens, and we are sorry to hear Enwort is not to return.

"Bobby Lee" Hannon, assisted by his sister, has held forth in the old country school house where he used to go, and wields the rod over those with whom he used to play. He returns to college.

Brother Jennings has been spending his time at home with his mother and girl, when he has not been camping out on the river. "Jack" is a royal good boy, and we are glad he is coming back.

Brothers Walter H. and J. Hoyt Stuckey are peacefully and happily passing away their time counting the days before they will have to leave home. They are home boys, good and true. Both of them will perhaps return to college, and we know they will represent Sumter county well.

Lastly, but not least, do I mention the name of Brother

L. W. Mathias, who could not return to college after last Christmas on account of serious illness. The writer has enjoyed his presence for two months at home, and has been benefitted by his associations. He is a loyal *II*, and we hate to give him up. He is attending to his father's business and will not return to college. In losing him we lose a faithful brother and true personal friend. The stamp of manly character is on his brow, revealing the man within. We wish him much success in whatever profession he may follow.

Now, we bid you farewell till after our happy reunion in October.

R. A. Hannon.

SIGMA.

Little *Sigma* greets her sister Chapters through the pages of our beloved SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and wishes them a happy New Year for the session of '97-'98. She makes her best bow to her neighbors, *Theta* and *Rho*, and makes acknowledgement to *Rho* for the valuable assistance rendered in her inception. She has no hope of surpassing in glory either *Theta* or *Rho*, but promises she will do all in her power to get in the front ranks of old *II. K. A.*

The Academic and Law Department will open on the 15th, and the Dental and Medical Departments will open about the first of October. We have only three that we are sure of for a beginning, and they are all in the senior law class. They are Brothers R. E. King and Louis Leftwich, our initiates of May 1st (the date of our reorganization), and G. W. Sypert, a transfer from *Theta*. Brother J. Hamilton Brown, one of the charter members of *Sigma*, may be back in the Academic department, but we have not heard from him and are not at all sure of him. Brother G. W. Williamson, another charter member of *Sigma*, will be in the Medical Department and will be with us Oct. 1st.

The Medical, Law and Academic Departments are in three different parts of the town and almost like separate schools; this, added to the fact that we are not sure that

we will have a man in the Academic Department, where most of the fraternity timber is, of course, places us at somewhat of a disadvantage. But we are all enthusiastic and awake to the interests of the fraternity, and expect to put *Sigma* on a firm basis at Vanderbilt this year.

Brother G. E. McLaurine, an alumnus of *Sigma*, is located in the town and has rendered us valuable assistance and is always ready to do all he can. Brother Harry Ijams, of *Zeta*, is also in the town and will meet with us.

We are sorry to lose our jovial Brother Thos. H. Peebles from our ranks this year, but will have to rejoice with him in his good fortune. He was recently married to Miss Lonnie Harris, of Farmington, Tenn., a young lady of many noble qualities, according to Tom. He and his bride have gone to Kearns City, Texas, to live, where Brother Peebles is Principal of the Public Schools, which place pays a good salary. The best wishes of all the boys here go with him for a long and happy life.

Though our Chapter was only a month old at commencement, we carried off one honor, and we will make a better showing next commencement, we hope. Bro. R. E. King managed to pocket one of the two scholarships awarded to the two members of the Junior Class who stand first in their class. He was, of course, either first or second. We think he stood first. He was the youngest member of the class. The rest of our men stood well in their classes—none of them “flattening.”

G. W. Sybert.

UPSILON.

It is needless to state that the July number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND was read with unusual interest. All of us were anxiously awaiting news of the convention, and were highly gratified to hear of its success. Doubtless the good effects of the work done by that gathering of loyal *II's* will be felt throughout the fraternity for many years to come. We were glad to note, also, the formation of *Alumnus Eta*

Chapter. Let the good work go on! May the time soon come when our fraternity will be not only known, but in existence in every Southern State.

Upsilon's prospects for next year are bright, despite the fact that six of her sons of last year will not be with her. Brothers Pollard Purifoy and VanNess received their "dips" last June, and the loss of their loyal, earest work will be a keen one. Brothers Fenton and Dean, also, will be numbered with the absent ones.

Perhaps some of our brothers of Tennessee had the pleasure of hearing Brother Tate in the Southern Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest held a few weeks ago at Monteagle. His effort is said to have been nothing less than magnificent, and many were the praises lavished upon him.

Now that the time is fast approaching when college work must again be taken up, let us all unite in the resolve to make the coming year a glorious one in the history of *II. K. A.*

W. Menefee Dean.

The A. P. I. opened with 150 matriculates the first day, which was considered quite auspicious under the present circumstances of low-priced cotton, small-pox and yellow fever epidemics.

While the opening, in point of numbers, was about fifteen short of last year, yet, when considered from point of class, we may be congratulated, as the men seem better classified as a whole, and more mature.

Yellow fever has cut off our attendance from the Southern States considerably, and a good many of our men, owing to quarantine, had to take a circuitous route and come in via Georgia.

Quarantine came very near making us lose Bro. Yonge for some time, but after many delays he managed to reach us on the night of the 15th. His failure to get here on time would have caused us much regret, as he holds the

highest office in the Junior Class, a distinction we would hate to lose.

Brother McIntyre, we are glad to say, escaped the quarantine and is now with us, ably supporting the dignity he assumes this year—that of Senior Captain, the highest office in the corps of cadets. He, in company with Brother Abbott, of Columbus, Ga., spent several weeks of the summer with Brother Yonge and a party of friends on Perdido Bay, Fla., where they reveled in dancing, fishing, boat-rides, bathing and moonlight promenades, greatly to the detriment of neighboring water-melon patches.

Brother Woodruff, our invincible, as well as incorrigible, reached town O. K. We did not ask him where or how he had spent the summer, but many expressed their opinion after having seen the blue-green-yellow-red shirt in which he was attired, that he had either been posing as a lady-killer or “spieling” at the Nashville Centennial. The greatest wonder to them was that he had escaped arrest *en route*.

Brother Fenton will not be back among us this year. He is now at Clark’s Corners, Conn.

Brother Rainey tells us that he is here with mind made up to enter everything in reach from Y. M. C. A. to the foot-ball team, while at the same time leading his class. Consequently, we are expecting great things from Brother Rainey.

Brother Baldwin, who lives here, says that he spent a very quiet summer at home, relieving the monotony of the summer by a short visit in the country.

Brother Dean will not be back again, so he writes. We are very sorry to learn this, as his prospects were unusually bright for the ensuing year, being one of the editors of the *Glomerator*, besides holding an office in the Battalion.

Brother Hardey holds a position at the Centennial grounds in Nashville, and all who saw him there this summer say that he is the same jovial, good-natured old soul that he always has been.

Brother Fleming is here still, holding the position of College Librarian and Chief Heart-breaker of the town of Auburn.

Brother Abbott, who was compelled to leave college before graduation, on account of the death of his father, is now engaged in the mercantile business in Columbus, Ga.

Brother Tate, who narrowly escaped being converted to Mormonism, having been besieged by two Mormon Elders during the summer, is back as a post-graduate, having charge of the sub-Freshman class.

F. Loyd Tate.

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

The P*i*'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.

—Bro. V. D. Hite-Smith, *Zeta*, has charge of the construction of the large water-works system for the town of Chester, S. C. This is a very important position and a compliment to Brother Hite-Smith's ability as an engineer.

—The following Brothers have changed their addresses : Rev. J. C. Barr, *Theta*, from Clarkesville, Tenn., to 827 Eighth street, New Orleans, La., and Rev. W. T. Walker, *Iota*, from Townsville to Oxford, N. C.

—Our Grand Chaplain, Dr. J. R. Howerton, of the First Church, Charlotte, N. C., spent his vacation in the mountains of North Carolina. He has returned to his charge greatly improved in health.

—Bro. A. S. Manning, *Lambda*, is making quite a name for himself in Little Rock, S. C., as a successful planter. A few years ago Bro. Manning took charge of his father's farm, and since then has met with gratifying success. We wish him continued success and that he may soon succeed in his efforts to take unto himself a better-half.

—Bro. J. Gray McAllister, Business Manager of the *Central Presbyterian*, has been located in Charlotte, N. C.,

for the past month thoroughly canvassing the "Old North State" in the interest of his paper. Bro. McAllister is certainly a good man for a place of this kind. With his ready address and pleasing manners, he is certain to make his paper prosper. We noted in our last issue his appointment as Quartermaster-General of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans. This is a very important position as he has the entire care of the finances.

—On June 27th, our new church at Horton, West Virginia, of which the Rev. Holmes Ralston, *Iota*, is pastor, was dedicated here, free of debt. It is a very handsome little church, Gothic architecture, with tower on the corner, finished on the inside in hard wood, and will seat about 250 people. Three years ago this was a perfect wilderness and the paradise of the sportsman. Now we have a prosperous town with about one hundred families and a church costing over \$1,200 which the people themselves have built. This does not include the lot valued at \$200.—*Southwestern Presbyterian*.

—Bro. H. B. Arbuckle, *Iota*, so well and pleasantly known to every member of the Fraternity as one of the most pleasing contributors to the pages of the Magazine; as an active and efficient C. P.; and as one of the rising young educators of the South, spent the summer with his wife at the home of his parents at Lewisburg, West Va., near the famous White Sulphur Springs. The town of Lewisburg has given the Fraternity three loyal Pi's—H. B., J. A., and J. D. Arbuckle. Besides this our worthy Bro. R. L. Telford, President of the Lewisburg Female Seminary also resides there. Bro. H. B. Arbuckle, it will be remembered, was elected one of the assistant professors of the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, last year. He has served the institution well and has been highly complimented on his work.

—Our two young brothers of *Iota* and *Theta* Chapters respectively, are winning good names for themselves in their work in New Orleans, La., as the following clipping

from the *Southwestern Presbyterian* will show: "First Church, Second Mission.—Rev. J. W. Caldwell, Jr., pastor of the Carrollton church, and Rev. J. C. Barr, who is supplying Prytania-Street church for the summer, have kindly agreed to hold regular weekly services at the above-named mission, on Pleasant street, every Thursday evening. They began three weeks since with good attendance, and the indications are encouraging."

—Bro. Walter M. Smith, who was the prime mover in the establishment of old *Lambda* Chapter at the South Carolina Military Academy, and who graduated from that institution with highest honors, has made his home in Charleston, S. C., since graduation. He has been one of the assistants to Captain Abbott of the United States Engineer Corps, in the work on the jetties, which are being built by the United States Government for the deepening of Charleston harbor. In the work on Sullivan's Island, in the same harbor, the drawings for the interior plans of the forts, recently erected, was entrusted to Bro. Smith, which is certainly a very high compliment. Bro. Smith married a Charleston girl, and is the happy father of a fine boy and a pretty daughter.

—Rev. W. T. Walker, *Iota*, has removed from Townsville to Oxford, N. C. His field of labor has been somewhat, but not entirely, changed; he has taken charge of Geneva and Grassy Creek churches, and given up Young Memorial church, which is put with Warrenton.

—Bro. A. B. LaFar, *Pi*, has located in Knoxville, Tenn., and formed a law partnership under the firm name of Carlock & LaFar, Attorneys at Law. Their office is in Room 45, Deaderick Building, and already their name is well known in court circles. Bro. LaFar graduated with highest honors from Washington and Lee the past year, and it is certainly a compliment to his ability that he has already taken so prominent a position in the legal world. In a recent letter to the General Officer from one of the Knoxville *Pi*'s, the following notice is given about this brother: "LaFar likes Knoxville very much. He is a

great lady's man, and if we do not watch him, he will be doing like Brimm and J. T. McAllister and several *Pi*'s we know." We wish Bro. LaFar success in his efforts in this direction.

—In Atlanta, Ga., Room 205, Equitable Building, there is a young law firm which is strictly a *Pi* combination. Bros. R. W. Grasty and L. D. T. Quinby, both members of Alpha Chapter, brothers true and tried, are there located under the firm name of Grasty & Quinby. We certainly hope they are meeting with the success which their ability deserves, and that the worldly goods are coming their way.

—Our brother, D. Asa Blackburn, *Theta*, is doing a great work as the pastor of the "Church of the Strangers" in New York. In the *New York Times* of July 26th there is a full report of a sermon delivered by Bro. Blackburn on the Klondike gold discoveries. It is probably known that the lease on the ground occupied by the Church of the Strangers expires next year, and therefore the church will have to be moved. Bro. Blackburn has been hard at work raising funds for the purchase of a new site, and has already been successful in raising some \$20,000. Bro. Blackburn announces that he does not wish to move the church up town, as his field of work is in the lower part of the city. They will therefore attempt to purchase a site near the old one.

—Mr. W. Gordon Belser, *Xi*, who graduated a few years ago from the South Carolina College, as first honor man, with the highest average that had been made in the institution for twenty years, and who has since then determined to enter the educational world, has been compelled during the past year, owing to the sad death of his father, to give up his studies at Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, in order to arrange his father's estate. It is expected, however, he will return to this institution this year and finish his preparation for a professorship of English. In connection with Bro. Belser's home, Summerton, S. C., there is a pleasing little piece of *Pi* history, which we do

not think has ever been told. Two young boys of that place, John J. Cantey and W. Gordon Belser, playmates all their lives, rivals in the local school for the highest honors obtainable there, and close personal friends, separated a few years ago to obtain a college education. Cantey went to Wofford College and became a member of Nu Chapter, graduating with highest honors; Belser, as we have said, became a member of Xi Chapter; thus the two playmates, schoolmates and companions, seemingly separated from each other, were, through the bonds of the Fraternity drawn even more closely together. Strange to say, Bro. Cantey has also been pursuing advance studies at the John Hopkins University, where he is preparing himself as an educator, thus again the lines of their lives have crossed. Their subsequent movements will be watched with deep interest.

—R. R. Jones, *C. P.*, late Professor at Hoge Academy, Va., has accepted the position of Professorship of Ancient Languages at the Danville Military Institute, Danville, Va., which position he will fill during the coming season. We are glad to see this honor conferred upon our worthy brother, and wish him great success in his new field of labor.

—Dr. C. C. Price, *Pi*, who graduated a few years ago from Washington and Lee, has followed the old advice of "Go West, young man," and has located at Douglass, Ark. This is a comparatively new town, but has the promise of a big future before it, so that Bro. Price has chosen a good field in which to practice his profession. We had the pleasure of meeting this brother at the last Convention, and he is certainly an enthusiastic *Pi*.

—The general office has received a copy of the "*Glom-erata*," the annual published this year for the first time, by the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, the home of our Upsilon. It is certainly a creditable publication, and is handsomely illustrated throughout. We note that Bro. F. Loyd Tate is editor-in-chief. The book is dedicated to Dr. Broun, the President of the College. There are six

fraternities located at this college: Phi Delta Theta, and O. T. O., in 1879; Kappa Alpha, in 1883; S. A. E., in 1886; Sigma Nu, in 1890; and Pi Kappa Alpha, in 1895. All of these Fraternities have flourishing Chapters, and the coat of arms of their Fraternity, with a cut of the Chapter's members, and also their names, are published in this book. There is also a full account of the athletic and musical organizations. We are glad to receive this book, and the information therein contained about our own Chapter, as well as the other fraternities, is very valuable to our office. We would like to see this example followed by our other Chapters. A copy of the annual of each Chapter should be in the general office.

—The following clipping concerning our worthy Bro. W. S. Jacobs, of *Xi*, will be of interest to the Fraternity. Bro. Jacobs is pastor of the Presbyterian church at Columbus, Miss. He is also founder and President of an Orphanage in the same town:

"Rev. W. S. Jacobs and his charming wife are visiting his relatives in Clinton. Mrs. Jacobs made her first visit last winter as a bride and made many friends. Mr. Jacobs is looking unusually well, and the cares of the pastorate, the responsibilities of founding a new Orphanage, the Mississippi climate and the dignity of matrimony have not diminished his weight nor paled his cheeks."

—Bro. F. C. Black, of *Lambda* Chapter, visited Charleston and the General Office about the middle of August. Bro. Black is County Surveyor of Spartanburg county, with headquarters at Spartanburg, and is looked upon as one of the best civil engineers of that section. Bro. Black was married in 1891, and is the father of two fine boys, one, four, and the other, two years old. There was a small size reunion of *Lambda* Chapter, one day during his visit, at the home of Bro. Robert A. Smyth. Bro. Walter M. Smith with Bro. Black dined with Bro. Smyth. These three Pi's were room mates for a year before *Lambda* was established, and this is the first time in ten years since they have all three met together. As can well be im-

agined it was a pleasant meeting, and of course the conversation was about college days.

—The contest for the oratorical medal offered by the Chatauqua at Sewanee, Tenn., took place the other day. Representatives from a number of Southern colleges were present, and among them our Bro. F. L. Tate, of *Upsilon*. The "*Sewanee Daily Purple*" says: "Mr. F. L. Tate, of Auburn, was the next orator of the occasion. He spoke on 'A Plea for a Restricted Ballot,' and had evidently studied his subject thoroughly. His stage presence was good and he held the audience by his magnetism." As there were a large number of speakers it is no small honor to our brother to have gained the third place of merit.

—The following article is republished, as it contains a great deal of interest both as regards our brother, Rev. D. A. Blackburn, and also the Church of the Strangers, which all visitors to New York remember so pleasantly: "A new Church of the Strangers will be built down town in New York City. Thirty thousand dollars out of a needed \$100,000 has been raised. The new edifice will be known as the Deems Memorial Church of the Strangers. The location has not yet been decided upon, but it will probably be not far from the present church in Mercer street. The ground lease of the present building, which stands on the Sailors' Snug Harbor property, will expire on May 1, 1898. The society will not pay the advanced rental demanded. During the two years of the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Asa Blackburn 175 members have been added to the congregation. Dr. Blackburn is a prime mover in the plan for a new church, and is also urging the idea of honoring the name of his predecessor, the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Deems. The Board of Trustees at a meeting held on June 28th appointed a committee to secure subscriptions for the new church. The old church was bought by Commodore Vanderbilt for Dr. Deems. He paid \$50,000 for it. The first service was held there on October 2, 1870."

—It was the pleasure of the Grand Treasurer, while on a visit to Pendleton, as Commander-in-Chief of the United

Sons of Confederate Veterans to aid the young men of that town in forming a Camp, to meet our brother, D. L. Reid, *Nu*. Bro. Reid is an enthusiastic member of the new Camp and was appointed the chairman of the committee to prepare the constitution, which was quite an honor. Bro. Reid is head book-keeper for R. M. Russell & Co., one of the largest merchandise houses in that city.

—Rev. R. O. Flinn, *Theta*, of the church at Kirkwood, Atlanta, Ga., is spending his vacation at Northfield, Mass., in the Bible school, in study.

—Rev. S. C. Byrd, *Xi*, of the Lafayette church, New Orleans, we learn from the "*Southern Presbyterian*," passed through Clinton, S. C., last week, on his way to Tylersville, to visit his friends and kindred there, with whom he will spend the greater part of his vacation. We trust that he and his family will return in due time and in good health, fully restored and ready for the arduous labors of his large and important charge.

—"Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Brown announce the marriage of their daughter Nellie Swann to Rev. Henry Woods McLaughlin, (*Iota*) on Tuesday, August the thirty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, Lewisburg, West Virginia." We extend congratulations and best wishes. Mrs. McLaughlin is a sister-in-law of Rev. R. L. Telford (*Iota*), Principal of Lewisburg Female Institute.

—Rev. Dr. George L. Summey, *Beta*, of Clarksville, recently visited his former charge at Graham, N. C., and also spent a day with his friend and classmate, Dr. L. B. Turnbull, of Durham.

—Rev. J. M. Wells, *Iota*, of the Second church, Staunton, Va., has gone on a three weeks' trip. He will spend a few days at Northfield, Mass., and return home on his wheel.

—Rev. R. L. Telford, *Iota*, of Lewisburg Female Institute, West Virginia, has recovered his health, and has resumed his work in behalf of that institution.

—Rev. F. K. Sims, *Mu*, recently of Columbia Seminary, S. C., is supplying the Second church, Charlotte, N. C., during the month of August.

—Bro. J. Gray McAllister, who has been travelling in North Carolina, writes: "I ran across a true Pi near Concord, N. C., a few days ago, Bro. Lafferty, of *Beta*. He reports the outlook good for *Beta* next year. In looking the Fraternity over, I believe we can predict bright times and in three years we shall likely have twenty-five active Chapters."

—Rev. Bro. J. W. Caldwell, *Iota*, of Carrollton Presbyterian church, New Orleans, made a trip to Chataqua and Niagara and is expected home about September 10th, in company with his grandfather, Rev. Dr. Palmer, who has been summering at Glens Falls, N. Y.

—Bro. C. C. Mallard, *Theta*, is kept very busy with the duties of his responsible position as Superintendent of Construction for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, with headquarters at New Orleans.

—Extensive improvements at the plant of the American Sugar Refinery prevents Bro. E. F. Koelle, *Theta*, from making an anticipated trip to Nashville, and visiting Clarksville, his old stamping ground, where his younger brother will enter the Southwestern Presbyterian University at the session opening September 8th.

—Bro. George Summey, *Beta*, Chancellor of Southwestern Presbyterian University, at Clarksville, Tenn., spent Sunday in New Orleans a few weeks ago on his return from a tour of the Mississippi and Louisiana schools in the interests of his University.

—Bro. H. Dickson Bruns, *Alpha*, M. D., one of the foremost oculists of New Orleans and the South, leaves September 1st for a vacation at his farm in Virginia.

—Rev. Bro. John C. Barr, *Theta*, who is supplying the large congregation of Prytania Street Church, New Orleans, made a flying trip to Cincinnati and took in his Alma Mater, at Clarksville, Tenn., on the return trip.

—The Edison Electric Company of New Orleans, of which Bro. E. L. Bemiss, *Alpha*, is General Manager, now occupies the handsomest offices in this large city, in the new home of their own plant on Baronne street.

—Bro. F. Douglas Smyth, *Theta*, of New Orleans, expects to attend the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., this fall.

—McCaughlin—Brown. On last Tuesday evening, August 31st, the Lewisburg (W. Va.) Female Institute was the scene of a brilliant home wedding, where Miss Nellie S. Brown, daughter of Rev. John C. Brown, and the Rev. Henry W. McLaughlin, *Iota*, were married in the presence of about one hundred friends and relatives. The marriage took place in the large central hall of the building, which was decorated with clematis, dahlias and geraniums. The rooms on the second floor were lighted up, and the group of young ladies in evening dress and of matrons in full dress added to the brilliancy of the scene. The bride was dressed in white organdie, with full tulle veil, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The groom entered attended by his best man, Mr. Julian Arbuckle, *Iota*, while Miss Rebecca Brown acted as maid of honor. The group was completed by Misses Gertrude Brown and Anna McLaughlin and Mr. Sam. Beard and Prof. J. W. Bassore, *Iota*, attendants. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. L. Telford, *Iota*, brother-in-law of the bride, in an impressive manner, assisted by Rev. W. McC. White of this place. Shortly afterwards a handsome collation was served in the large dining-room, the tables seating a dozen guests, and each one presided over by a member of the family. The bride was the recipient of numerous and costly presents—silver, cut-glass, china, household linen, gold and bric-a-brac.—*Greenbrier Independent*.

Bro. McLaughlin graduated in 1893 at Hampden-Sidney, having won while there the junior debater's medal of Union Literary Society. He represented the College in the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical contest, held in 1893 at the University of Virginia, and secured one of the three judicial votes.

—Our Grand Treasurer has received a letter from Rev. S. K. Sims, our brother of *Mu*, who has been located in Charlotte, N. C., this summer, supplying the two Presbyterian churches there. He writes us: "I have met a good many *Pi*'s up here—Orr, Hope, Hunter, and Little of *Beta* Chapter. Brothers Hunter and Little, of *Beta*, left yesterday for Princeton Seminary. Brother Pope, of *Beta*, (of 240 lbs.) who studied law last year at the University of Michigan, has received a very flattering offer from the University of Virginia to attend that institution this fall, in order to secure him for their foot-ball team. Brother F. D. Jones, *Beta*, enters Columbia, S. C. Seminary this fall. The boys at Davidson initiated some fellows last night. Some of the Alumni from here wanted me to go up with them and witness the affair last night, but I could not get off."

—The following interesting clipping about our Brother, Oscar Underwood, an Alumnus of *Alpha* Chapter, was clipped from the *Washington Post* of July 24th, and sent us by our Brother, L. S. Brown, Jr., of *Alpha*. Brother Underwood represented the Ninth Alabama Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives, and he is one of the ablest and best known of the younger members of the House:

"Oscar Underwood was born in Louisville, Ky., and is a grandson of Joseph R. Underwood, who represented the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the United States Senate before the civil war. Mr. Underwood received his collegiate education at the University of Virginia, and as a College boy took great interest in foot-ball, rowing and other college sports. He still retains his fondness for outdoor exercise, as is evidenced by the fact that he spends a part of his leisure hours each day riding a bicycle, and is probably, in the number of years he has ridden, the dean of the bicycle enthusiasts in the House and Senate.

"Mr. Underwood represents the Birmingham, Ala., district, the largest manufacturing district in the South. For many years the Democrats of his district were inclined to

follow the Hon. Samuel J. Randall in his position on the tariff question, but years ago Mr. Underwood took the position that the natural advantages of the Birmingham district were such that they could out-rival the world in the production of iron, and that all Birmingham wanted was a fair field and an open fight to make the price of iron for the people of the world; to-day his position is being demonstrated by the fact that Birmingham iron is being sold in large quantities in the markets of Europe, Asia and Australia. He is thirty-five years old.

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was there! I set
because—I knew somebody was

At last the auction was over. The tax-
behind the cattle shed and wound across the stubble
toward town. A solitary blue crane winged screaming
up from the tule, and countless marsh birds chattered
unmolested.

In the little upstairs bedroom, Myra rose from
her knees. Her face was gray. She knew, and Tom
Brannon knew, and God knew that she, the last of
the Curtises, had lied! She stared dreadingly from the
window. On the refreshment table, empty pans flick-
ered back reflections to the setting sun. She must go
out there and gather them in.

She did not see Brannon enter one door as she
passed out from the other. Mechanically, she gathered
the cups and strung them by their handles on a cord.
She piled the pans and the platters; then, sinking to
the bench, she folded her arms on the table and stared
across the marsh.

The sun went down. Wind scudded through the
tule; blackbirds gossiped in the tenantless corrals.
Gradually, their voices lulled to drowsy twitterings.
Still, she did not stir. Over and over she repeated,
"Wherewith shall I make atonement?"

A coppery moon peered over the stubble. She could
smell the honeysuckle on her porch; its swinging
censers called her to the closed front room. She stood
up, determined. Her breath came with an effort; her
hands were as ice, but she walked unflinchingly to the
woodpile. Fiercely she split a box into strips.

"He that kindleth a fire shall surely make restitu-
tion," she quoted. "It ought to atone to give up the
only thing I've got!" Every blow of the hatchet seemed
striking her heart.

She carried the wood to the open, facing town. La-
boriously, she pulled up clumps of stubble and formed
with them a huge ring, then added kindlings, setting
each, taper-like, on end. In the corral, she found a few
loose boards. When the pyre was finished it was long
and broad and flat. Still the honeysuckle called.

The moon, filtering through the cedars, fell in white
patches on the silent house. The doors gaped; the curtain-
denuded windows stared at her like lidless eyes. Only
the flowers poured out familiar fragrance, and in the
closed front room, she knew, stood the big armchair.

She dragged herself through the empty dining room
to the door beyond. Her strength seeped from her so

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ture since 1876. It was essentially a
"war message," recommending un-
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South Carolina to more effectively, as
he stated, coordinate with her sister
States in the conduct of the war. The
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ricultural, penal and other internal
peace time problems of the State were
touched upon with a promise of special
messages as to the major of these
problems, such as taxation, State Hos-
pital for the Insane, etc.

At the conclusion of the message
there was an outburst of applause
and the House adjourned until 10
o'clock tomorrow morning, after various
sections of the document had been
referred to specified committees.

Governor Manning delivered his
message in response to an invitation
from the General Assembly, both
branches of which at the morning
session today passed a concurrent res-
olution requesting him to address the
joint assembly at a session to be held
at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon.

Undeviating, unselfish and patriotic
service should be rendered by every
South Carolinian to his State and his
nation during the continuance of the
war, said the Governor, who scathingly
arraigned those sinister forces
working at home to undermine the
government. "These are enemies with-
out the excuse of blood relationship
binding them to the Teutonic cause,"
asserted the Governor. "They take no
risk in battle, they lack the physical
courage of the Kaiser's avowed re-
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Editorial.

IN LOOKING over the past session, '96-'97, it appears to us that while our roll of Chapters has not been materially increased, the condition of the existing Chapters had been greatly improved and strengthened. We believe that the Fraternity is to-day in a better and stronger condition than ever before. The Chapters are more alive to the necessity of concentrated action; are more imbued with the importance of careful attention to their financial and other duties; and we feel, that during the coming session they will give the officers more universal support than ever before.

At the beginning of a new session the Chapters pass through probably the most critical period of Fraternity life, that of pledging new men. In some colleges, this season is unduly hastened, and the methods of "rushing" are carried to an unfortunate extreme. This is not only unwholesome and dangerous, but in many cases is disgusting. In several colleges, by mutual agreement, the Fraternities enter the field only at a certain time, and they deal with each other in a chivalrous and friendly manner. Each of course presents his inducements in the best possible light, without, however, any disparagement of their rivals. This is certainly to be commended, for such a contest should be conducted on the highest and most honorable basis and no underhanded methods should be used. Each Chapter naturally does its utmost to secure the most desirable men, but they need not indulge in denunciations of other Chapters.

We trust that no charge of this kind will ever be brought against any Chapter of *Pi Kappa Alpha*. We desire to meet

our rivals in an open field with fair and manly methods, and we cannot but believe that such dealings will command the respect of the new men and gain more friends for the Chapter.

Many Fraternities use a system for the upbuilding of their Chapters which we should certainly adopt. The members of the different Chapters, while at home during the summer, in their cities or towns, take note of the young men who will attend the various colleges during the coming session. They become acquainted with them, and in this way learn their worth. Then they report at once to their Chapter at the college, all their information concerning this student. Thus the Chapter is well informed at the beginning of the session as to the standing of the different members of the freshman class. In this way they are enabled to select the desirable men at the very outstart, and give their attention to them entirely.

We have noticed allusions to this plan in some of the Magazines, and we desire to bring it to the attention of our Chapters, as it is certainly a most excellent one. It has been used this summer by some of our men to good advantage, and one or two of our Chapters have been benefitted thereby. If carried out by all our Chapters, it will be found of great value to us. Let us try it next year. In this the Alumni can also be of great assistance.

“HE WILL get more out of his college life by being a member.” This is the opinion of President Thwing with regard to joining Fraternities, as expressed in his article on college life, a part of which, entitled “The Fraternity Question,” we publish in this issue. True indeed is this remark, and it will be re-echoed by every student who has joined a Fraternity. The close association with kindred spirits and the good fellowship which there exists, en-

ables a student to get more pleasure out of his college life than any other thing. College Fraternities, as they are now conducted, are unquestionably factors for good among the students. They are so pronounced by many of the leading college presidents. We think that it is rare when this is disproved, and it is then the fault of the individual Chapter, and not of the Fraternity system, nor of the Fraternity of which this Chapter is a part.

Every student will probably have to consider the question soon after entering college, whether he will join a Fraternity or not. The selection by him of the Fraternity with which he will become associated, is probably as momentous a question as the choosing of his college course, if not more so. Probably he has been extended an invitation by a number of the Chapters, and so far as he can see they are all desirable. It is indeed a hard task for him to decide between them.

It should be the wish of each student to join some Fraternity, for thus he forms friendships which are closer than any other of his life. One seldom reads a letter from an Alumni without his mentioning that the dearest and truest friendships of his life were formed in his Fraternity Chapter. Aside from this, the influence exerted by a good Chapter over a student is wholesome and desirable. It induces a spirit of friendly rivalry for college honors among members of the various Chapters. It bands together those who are congenial, and in a great measure takes the place of the home circle. We therefore recommend to every student a serious consideration of this question, and advise them to join a good Fraternity. The decision as to which is the best, remains entirely with him. We think unquestionably "he will get more out of his college life by being a member" of some good Fraternity, and it will also be a source of unending pleasure in after life.

In his Address of Welcome to the last Convention, Rev. J. S. Foster said: "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. * * *

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? * * *

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 * * * pray a heavenly benediction upon your plans that other lives might enjoy the benefits of an organization which has so potentially crowned mine."

OWING to the fact that many of the colleges do not open until the end of this month, many of our Chapters are not able to send letters for this issue, but those that are published show that the members are keenly alive to the best interest of their Fraternity and will do all in their power to make their Chapter strong and take a prominent stand at their college.

A great deal of attention was paid at the last Convention to the necessity of having a letter from each Chapter in every issue of the Magazine. The Chapters represented at this meeting were unanimous in their opinion as to the importance of this matter, and a resolution there adopted, will, we believe, accomplish this result. We ask that the Chapter correspondents take especial care in the preparation

of these letters so that this department may be made of great interest to the Alumni, and will also gain the commendation of the other Fraternities.

THROUGH a mistake in our printing office, the numbers on the cover of the July issue were not changed. This number should have been, Whole No. 31., No.4. We ask that the members make this change in ink in order to preserve their files correctly.

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