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TRUE FRATERNITY SPIRIT.

The ideal is the goal whither the real tendeth. Were it not that we have ideals, our real development would be slow and insufficient. But we have ideals. We look to them; we compare the real with them; we work toward them.

Our ideal is not always the same. It grows. If we are right within, our ideal to-day is nearer perfect than it was yesterday. As we advance stage by stage, light is added to light; our view is extended more and more. Our ideal also advances little by little toward perfectness. At best we have but poor ideals, but there was a time when they were poorer.

True Fraternity Spirit must go deeper than the idea of benefit, arising from a merely temporal or transient relationship. Brotherhood, in its highest development, is eternal.

There was a time when fraternities existed as a means of protection against more powerful parties. In these frater-

nities one member was bound to protect his brother in danger ; he was to share with him in need ; to help him in need ; to help him in trouble. He was not bound to associate further with him ; he was not bound to take him into that inner circle of love and friendship, that Holy of Holies of the heart. We have examples of this class of fraternities in labor organizations, guilds of crafts, co-operative strikes. Here we do not find a fraternity of soul, merely a conjunction of purpose for the betterment of physical conditions. The ideal is low ; indeed, the ideal is hard to discover. But we see displayed the shadow of a truer spirit of fraternity. The shadow cast by a material conception.

In association there often arises a relationship closer than the one above mentioned, a fellowship of mind. As mind is superior to matter, so are the ties and bands of this fellowship stronger and superior than the other. One mind recognizes in another a degree of superiority. They are attracted to each other. They are drawn by a higher law than that of temporal benefit. There is a call for higher development. Mind meets mind, and there is delight and enjoyment in the contact. Thus men are led to organize clubs and associations to further this fellowship of mind. The ideal is high. It is that of a perfect understanding and intelligent appreciation of each others' powers.

There is a still higher sphere of fellowship to be attained. We are not satisfied with merely exchanging thought power. There is no warmth in it. Our hungry souls demand a closer relation. We want not merely a kindred mind, but a kindred spirit. We want not merely intellectual pastime, but friendly deeds, words of love.

It is true that mind delights to meet mind and test its strength, exchange power for power, but soon the mind grows weary and must rest. The excitement of the contact is lost, and for the time they tire of one another.

Not so when soul meets soul ; when heart touches heart. There is never weariness. Actual converse may seem to

cease, yet there is an interflow of sympathy, a restfulness that comes from perfect congeniality. This is brotherhood of soul. This is true fraternity spirit.

Shall not this be the ideal for our Fraternity? Is not this the cause of our banding together? Surely, ours is not a literary society. Surely, it is not a protective association. Then it must be an association for the development of those finer feelings, the delicate sympathies of friendship and love. As such it is not a bond to be carelessly undertaken, nor lightly laid down. It behooves us to consider well before we say "Brother." But once said, it then becomes our duty to live it.

As my "brother," you are entitled to the wealth of my soul's treasure house. To you I open the portals of my love and bid you enter; in your sorrow my heart must bleed; in your joy must I rejoice; in your troubles must I bring peace; when affliction's withering blasts encompass you, I must hasten to interpose the shield of brotherly love.

Our lives must henceforth be in harmony. Perhaps our paths of duty may diverge, they may cross again and again, or they may lie in intimate parallels. However that may be, let our love overleap the barriers of time and space. Let our spirits blend. Let us give each to each the best that lieth in us. Let perfect faith in each other be the cement of our friendship, and let Truth be the solid foundation on which we build our Love.

Let us then "draw closer the ties which bind us together, and unite heart and hand in forwarding the objects for which our Fraternity was established.

T. E. P. Woods (Theta).

Richmond, Va.

OUR BOYS IN BLUE.

THE II'S WHO SERVED IN THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

Probably the most interesting part of the various Greek Letter Magazines, which have recently appeared, have been those pages devoted to an account of the members of the Fraternity who responded to the call of their country and volunteered for service in the recent war. Among the larger Fraternities several pages have been necessary to contain the names of all who served, while in the smaller one, naturally, only a few paragraphs were needed.

This has created a desire on the part of your editor to present in the same manner a list of our members who volunteered.

Our Fraternity comes in the smaller class, and therefore we cannot expect to fill pages with the list of names. So far we have only been able to secure the following names, though we are confident that a large per cent of our alumni entered the service. It is earnestly hoped that members who know the names which should be on this roll, will send them to the magazine at once, that we may keep on adding to the list until it is complete.

IOTA.

W. B. Stevens, United States Navy, promoted to Gunner's Mate, U. S. S. Arctic.

PHI.

J. J. Loyd, Jr., private Co. E., Third Virginia, promoted Corporal. M. K. Kelly, private, Co. G., Second Virginia.

BETA.

Troup Whitehead, Lieutenant Co. K., Third Georgia.

ZETA.

Henry L. McCorkle, First Lieutenant Twenty-fifth U. S. Infantry.

J. B. French, First Lieutenant Sixth U. S. Volunteers.

C. C. Williams, Second Lieutenant Sixth U. S. Volunteers.

Charles B. Rogan, Second Lieutenant U. S. Signal Corps.

George Templeton, Sixth U. S. Volunteers.

— — Ragsdale, Captain Fourth Tennessee Volunteer Infantry.

LAMBDA.

F. C. Black, First Lieutenant Third Georgia Engineers.

C. J. Epps, Sergeant ——— S. C. Volunteers.

W. M. Smith, Second Lieutenant U. S. Engineer Corps, regulars.

PI.

W. Loring Lee, Corporal Sumter Light Infantry, First South Carolina Regiment, promoted to Captain.

UPSILON.

W. L. Fleming, First Sergeant Co. F, Second Alabama Volunteers, promoted to Second Lieutenant Co. A, Third Alabama Volunteers.

It is with sorrow we announce that, although so few of our men enlisted we were unfortunate enough to lose one of our loyal and true brothers. First Lieutenant Henry Leftwich McCorkle, Twenty-fifth U. S. Infantry, a member of the *Zeta* of 1886, was killed July 1st, 1898, in the battle of Santiago de Cuba. The last letter written by Brother McCorkle describes in glowing terms the gallant fight of the Rough Riders, and concluded with the words, "Don't expect anything brilliant of me, but I will do my duty," and he is said to have done it nobly. He was promoted to be First Lieutenant at Tampa, and was in command of his company on the day he was killed. He was leading his men into battle when he was one of the first to fall by a shell from the batteries of El Caney.

We also regret to report that Brother M. K. Kelly, of *Phi*, has been suffering with typhoid fever contracted in the army, but we know that the *IIs* will be glad to learn

from the letter from *Phi*, in this issue, that he is improving and expects to return to the chapter. This is also the case with Brother Templeton, of *Zeta*.

One of *Lambda's* members has been for some years in the United State's Engineer Corps—Second Lieutenant Walter M. Smith, and he has done good service recently in preparing for the War Department maps and fort diagrams for the coast of Maine. While therefore our number of soldiers has been few, our men have all served valiantly, and have done their full share in helping to make the country's victories glorious.

CHI AND HER SURROUNDINGS.

As we all know, *Chi* Chapter was founded at the University of the South on May 24th of the present year, but it may not be known that the credit of its existence is due to the united and untiring efforts of two of our worthy alumni Brothers, Claiborne, of *Rho*, and McLaurine, of *Sigma*. They have accomplished what many thought impossible, and have placed at one of the finest universities of the South one of the finest Chapters of our Fraternity. They have labored under many and great disadvantages, for it is not an easy thing to place a young Chapter at a college where for so many years strong and active fraternities have existed. One of the chief disadvantages was the lack of a chapter house. The six fraternities at Sewanee have very beautiful ones, and it is but natural that they could offer greater inducements to members. But in spite of these disadvantages, *Chi* has twelve men, who would do credit to a fraternity anywhere. Her sons are prominent in every branch of the University work.

She has one of the Editors-in-Chief of the "Sewanee Literary Magazine," and the Assistant Editor of the "Sewanee Purple," also the Assistant Manager of the foot ball team and the Vice-President of the University Athletic Association. The man who has knocked the home run

two years in succession in the great game with Vanderbilt wears our badge, and the main strength of the football team is a *II*. One of *Chi*'s members was the means of winning the debate in the Sewanee vs. Vanderbilt oratorical contest.

And right here, let me say that there is no reason why each Chapter should not have its own chapter-house, if they go about it in the right way. The first thing is to get a lot. Naturally the question arises, how are we to get it? One way is to create a fund for it by taxing each man in the Chapter a certain amount per month, which should be deposited in bank, and to which should be added the donation which would naturally come in from the alumni, when they found out that the Chapter members themselves had actually begun the work. I have heard of another plan, whereby each man in the Chapter secures a loan from his father or guardian of say \$25.00 at a given rate of interest. The lot is then bought and the amount borrowed paid back by installments. After the lot is secured and the title made good to the Chapter, there would be no trouble in securing a loan to build the house.

Why should not each Chapter be paying for a house with the money they put out for rented halls and have something to show for the money after it has been paid out? Some of our Chapters are paying from \$50.00 to \$100.00 per year for rent, and this amount could easily be devoted to owning a chapter-hall, and would more than pay the rent on the cost. This is straying a little from my intended course, but it may be of use to the other Chapters, as it has been to *Chi*.

Now a word or two about the fraternities at Sewanee. The last Chapter to be founded here, until *Chi* made her appearance, was *Kappa Alpha* in 1883. You can, therefore, well imagine the surprise of the other fraternities when it was known that *Pi Kappa Alpha* had made her appearance in the University. For more than fourteen years the other Chapters had had undisputed control of the situation, and they were not a little taken back at the appearance of a new rival.

Alpha Tau Omega was the first to start a Chapter here in 1877, and only a short time after the founding of the Chapter they built a stone chapter-house. From time to time they have improved and added to this, until now it is the handsomest fraternity-house in the South. *Sigma Alpha Epsilon* and *Kappa Alpha* have since built stone houses for their Chapters, while *Phi Delta Theta*, *Kappa Sigma* and *Delta Tau Delta* have little frame houses, all large enough for any fraternity purpose. Nearly all of the houses have billiard-rooms, tennis-courts and a large yard, which of course add greatly to the enjoyment of the members. Fraternities play a prominent part in the University's life, and I am glad to say that there is almost no quarreling among them nor cliques formed against each other.

I think this peaceful condition of affairs is secured by the Pan-Hellenic Convention, which is composed of three representatives from each of the Chapters, and which settles all disputes which may arise among the fraternities.

The percentage of fraternity men in the student body is much larger than at almost any college of which I know. It runs from 60 to 75 per cent., and the Chapters all have large memberships. Every year some fraternity gives a large german, with sometimes a reception at the chapter-house before it; and sometimes a midnight supper. To these entertainments representatives are invited from each of the other fraternities.

I might sum up the whole by saying that the fraternities at Sewanee are conducted on the highest fraternity ideal, and that their life is largely the life of the University. Kindness and good feeling exists among them all, the one to the other.

Frank W. Van Ness, Upsilon.

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY.

It is with very great and genuine pleasure I address the members of *II K A* Fraternity for the first time as one of the Supreme officers, and I trust our associations during the current year may be mutually agreeable and felicitous. Since leaving my Alma Mater, it has not been my good fortune to be in close touch with the Fraternity, and from what I would occasionally hear, there was a fear in my mind that the Fraternity was not progressing as it should, that the spirit of '68 was not so active now. But last July, at Atlanta, where I attended the convention and saw the interest manifested, saw such men as Robert A. Smyth, Robert M. and Floyd Hughes, Theron H. Rice, Jr., and others, who are men of business and profession and who have long since given up collegiate work, I felt a great, new pride in *II K A*, and said to myself, *the spirit of '68 is not dead, but increased ten fold, and II K A can never die!* These men were there at the sacrifice of time, business and money, engaged in a labor of love; it gave the convention a tone of stability that could not be questioned, and I doubt if a single man present returned home without feeling a truer love for our Fraternity and a higher appreciation of its worth. I wish all of you could have been there. I wish we could make the next convention a grand reunion. I believe, and know, each man would feel repaid for the pecuniary expense.

The delegates saw fit to elect me Grand Secretary, an honor I appreciate and prize more highly than any ever bestowed upon me, and in accepting this office I did so with the desire, the firm intention, of doing something material in my humble way for the Order. After investigating the matter thoroughly, I came to the conclusion we needed a record of our Society, a list in which the name and a life-sketch of every man who has joined the Fraternity appears. The Fraternity is thirty years old now, and it would be dangerous to put the matter off longer. Heretofore so

pressing have been the financial needs of the Fraternity that the Supreme Council has had to give its united attention to this feature, and other official duties have been necessarily neglected; consequently the Grand Secretaries have not been able to do much on the matter of compiling a Roll of the Fraternity. It is true that paragon, Robert A. Smyth, to whom *II K A* is indebted for far more than to any living man, and whom we should all love and honor for his indefatigable zeal and work in our cause, issued a catalogue of *II K A* in 1891, and while still most valuable, it is now more or less obsolete, as eight years have passed, and we need nothing now so much as a record in which we can find the name and history of every member from 1868 to date. On September 22nd I sent out a general letter asking each Chapter to help me in this work, and some of them responded promptly; and just here I wish to thank them for their fraternal co-operation, and at the same time urge those who are delinquent in performing their duty to respond at once.

Experience has taught me that the active members, those who derive the substantial pleasure and benefits of the Fraternity, do not love the Fraternity as much as the alumni, and while it is a self-evident fact we cannot be alumni until we have been active, I wish the active men could, if you will pardon the phrase, look forward in retrospective—that is to say, appreciate *now* the benefits of the Fraternity as they will love it in time to come when thinking over old times.

In conclusion, I desire to urge each Chapter that has not responded to my appeal to help me in this work, for the day will come when you will feel repaid for the time you may consume now in encouraging this most useful addition to the records of our Fraternity.

ROBERT H. TROY,
Grand Secretary.

Chapter Letters.

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

Two months of school has again placed *Zeta* Chapter safe and sound upon her feet. Fraternity life at the University of Tennessee is booming. We were all afraid that enlistment in the army would cause a greatly decreased attendance here. But we seem to have been mistaken. In fact there proved to be a larger attendance than for several years; and by far a greater amount of Fraternity material.

The *II's* got to work early, and as a result are proud to say that they have gotten some of the best men in College into their Chapter. They are Brothers R. E. Harrison and H. W. Curtis and P. Templeton of Knoxville; Brother F. W. Jarnagin, of Mossy Creek, Tenn.; Brother Harry Cannon, of Philadelphia, who for the sake of convenience goes by the name of Wart; and Brother Bryson, of Gallatin, Tenn, relative of our deceased friend and brother of this same name. Gallatin has furnished our beloved order much fine material.

It was with much regret that we learned that several of our members of last year would not return. Brother Chas. B. Rogan, who graduated at this institution in the Law Department last year, has received an appointment in the volunteer army as First Lieutenant, and is now stationed at Anniston, Ala. Several other of our members and

alumni are now in the army as non-commissioned and commissioned officers.

Brothers Alexander and Campbell, of Gallatin and Talapoosa, have seen fit to go into business, and are, we now hope, able to keep the wolf from the door. Brother Hunter, who graduated in the Academic Department, we are glad to say, is with us again as Assistant Instructor in Chemistry. He is now actively engaged in "food analysis" for the government, and may be seen daily going up and down the College Hill with a ten pound weight attached to him.

Brother George Templeton, who enlisted in the Sixth United States Volunteers, Col. Tyson commanding, has received a discharge on account of a protracted case of fever, and has again entered the University. We are glad that he did not have a chance to fight the Spaniard; for if his nick-name, "*Tempus fugit*," is a fair indication of what he would have done in battle we may be sure that he would have come home long before he did.

Brother Clarence Templeton, one of our '98 graduates, is now practicing law in this city and taking part in amateur theatricals. He is making a name for himself—in the latter line. Having entered his father's firm of Templeton & Carlock, we may rest assured that he is on a firm footing.

Brother Earnest Otts, having received considerable training in the law and literary societies, is now exerting his argumentative powers on the ladies, one in particular, but with what result I am unable to say. It is needless to say he has left the University.

Our four men returned perhaps need no introduction. They are all handsome men and stand high in their classes. They are Brothers E. C. Sherwood, of Morristown, Senior of law and academic; C. R. Harrison, of local fame; Shorty Brown, future lawyer and statesman, and your humble servant. Permit me, however, to add Brother George Templeton, who has just returned from the army.

Zeta is well represented in the army. Brother J. Baird

French is now in Porto Rico, a Lieutenant in the Sixth Tennessee. Brother C. C. Williams, Lieutenant in the same regiment, is now at home sick with fever, but will go to his command as soon as he is able. Captain Ragsdale, of the Fourth Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, now in Cuba, who joined this Chapter some ten or twelve years ago, is an enthusiastic *II*, although greatly out of touch with his Chapter's active workings. In the list of heroes *Zeta*, too, has the name of one of her members placed; Lieutenant McCorkle, of the regular army, was killed at the battle of El Caney. Brother McCorkle was a member of *Zeta* of 1886, but is well remembered by our Faculty, all of whom pay him the greatest tribute of respect and honor. In memorial exercises held here *Zeta* appropriately expressed the irreparable loss which she feels she has suffered in the death of Lieutenant and Brother McCorkle.

The Chapter sends greetings to her sisters and wishes them a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

J. W. Hudson.

BETA.

Davidson College.

It is now almost time for Christmas examinations and the boys, since our foot-ball season is over, are quieting down from their excitement and are going to work in dead earnest.

After much discussion and long deliberation over a petition the student body sent the faculty, it was decided to allow our team to play *two* games of foot-ball off of our campus. This is the first year that we have ever been allowed to engage in any inter-collegiate contests, and the boys entered into this with a good deal of enthusiasm.

Our first game was played, in Charlotte, on the fifth of November, against the University of North Carolina. After a hard-fought game the score stood 11 to 0 in favor of the University. In spite of our defeat our boys returned

happy and much encouraged, for they had hardly hoped to hold this, the best team in the State, down to such a small score. Since this game the University has won the championship of the South, which makes us prouder than ever of this slight defeat.

Our second game, on Thanksgiving Day, was with the University of South Carolina. This game was also played in Charlotte, and resulted in the score of 6 to 0 in our favor. Although resulting in our favor, it was not as good a game as the other one—both teams played too slowly.

We have on our chapter roll for this year the following, Class 1901:

Brothers J. J. Adams, Laurens, S. C.; J. F. Dunn, Ocala, Fla.

Class '99: George T. Clark, Sandifer, N. C.; Robert H. Lafferty, Davidson, N. C.

Medical Class: T. C. Rawlinson, Rock Hill, S. C.

Brother Rawlinson is our only new man so far this year.

Brother W. S. Houston, of Greensboro, N. C., who had to leave college last year on account of his eyes, has paid us a short visit. We are very sorry his eyes will not permit him to return to college this year.

Brothers D. F. Hunter and Charles H. Little have returned from McCormick Seminary and are now at Louisville Seminary.

There are four other fraternities here with a membership numbering as follows: *Beta Theta Pi*, fifteen; *Sigma Alpha Epsilon*, six; *Kappa Sigma*, six; and *Kappa Alpha*, four. The feeling between the five Chapters here is a very friendly one, more so than I have ever known before.

Beta can boast of only one soldier, Brother Troup Whitehead, of Warrenton, Ga., who is a lieutenant in the Third Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Co. "K." This regiment is now in camp at "Camp Northern," Griffin, Ga.

Brother J. McJennings, of Union, S. C., was in the employment of an enlisting officer, but is now at work in Columbia, I believe.

Beta wishes Merry Xmas to all *IT's*.

Robert H. Lafferty.

GAMMA.*William and Mary College.*

College opened on the sixth of October, and *Gamma* Chapter entered upon another year. When the roll was called all answered to their names except Brothers R. R. Claiborne and E. B. Hutchison. Brother Claiborne is at the Episcopal Theological Seminary, near Alexandria, Va. Brother Hutchison at the last moment very unwisely decided to take charge of a school at Colvin's Run, Fairfax county, Va.

Those who returned are:

Brothers C. H. Gambert, McGaheysville, Va.; C. N. Williams, Norfolk, Va.; G. L. Stevens, Allmondsville, Va.; J. L. Newcomb, Sassafras, Va.; F. S. McCandlish, Saluda, Va.; R. Hankins, Williamsburg, Va.

As a result of the labors of these brothers, we introduce to the Fraternity Brothers Benjamin Spruill, of Columbia, Tyrell county, N. C., and Arthur Warriner, Jetersville, Amelia county, Va. These bring our number up to eight, the same as last year, and, in all probability, it will not be increased unless other desirable men enter in February.

The other fraternities here are the *Kappa Sigma*, with sixteen men, and the *Kappa Alpha*, with fourteen, making with us thirty-eight fraternity men out of a total enrollment of 171. The Greek world is very quiet at present, and as friendly a spirit as can be expected to exist between rival fraternities exists here.

The foot-ball season is now over. William and Mary played only two games this year, one with Randolph-Macon and the other with Richmond College. The first was played on our grounds, and resulted in our favor by a score of 5 to 0. It was a very pretty game, but the score should have been larger. Each half ended with the ball near Randolph-Macon's goal and being carried steadily down the field by our team, and a few more minutes would have meant another touchdown for us. The second game was played in Richmond in mud six inches deep. Rich-

mond College won by a score of 15 to 0. Through the superior training of her players William and Mary has as good material for a team as any college in the State, but each year she is handicapped by a lack of practice, on account of the late opening of the college. Next year we hope to have an exceptionally good team, as nearly all of this year's men expect to return. Brother McCandlish represents *Gamma* on the gridiron. He is also President of the Athletic Association.

On November the twenty-eighth Dr. Charles E. Bishop, Professor of Greek and Modern Languages, delivered in the chapel the first of a series of lectures to be delivered by the professors throughout the session. He chose as his subject "Summer Rambles," and during the course of the lecture described in a most interesting manner his trip during the summer months to Europe.

Brother C. N. Williams has been appointed by the Faculty Instructor in Greek and Latin. Brother Claiborne was appointed to this position last year, but, as he did not return, another appointment was necessitated. Brother Williams is also President of the Philomathean Literary Society.

Brother C. H. Lambert is book review editor of the *William and Mary College Monthly*.

Best wishes to all *IT's*.

Reynolds Hankins.

THETA.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

Theta sends Christmas greetings to all her sister Chapters, and wishes them a happy and prosperous New Year.

Since our last letter we regret to report the serious illness of Brother Wm. S. Barr, of New Orleans, who, on account of an attack of appendicitis, was compelled to return home. At the present writing we are glad to say that he is somewhat better.

Otherwise *Theta* is progressing pleasantly and prosper-

ously. Our eleven men are all contentedly at work, looking forward to a bright reward at Commencement. Several of the brothers will be represented in the various medal contests, and we certainly do not expect to come out empty handed.

Brother U. D. Mooney is upholding *Theta's* ancient and long continued custom by occupying the chair of editor-in-chief of the *S. W. P. U. Journal*, this being the third year in succession that *Theta* has held that honor.

Brother McFadden has repeatedly distinguished himself this year on the foot ball field, and as a result is "slightly disfigured, but still in the ring." Most of the brothers, however, less careful of their hearts than of their limbs, do their "rushing" in other fields than foot ball, their efforts being attended with greater or less extent. To mention each in particular, with his various *affaires du coeur*, would be useless, as well as impracticable. Boys will be boys, and we must pass their antics by with charity and silence, remembering that we were once young ourselves. Wisdom will come to them with years, even to "small boy" Blackburn.

In conclusion, we wish to extend our heartiest welcome and encouragement to our new sister, *Chi*, whose prospects are now so bright. "May her shadow never grow less."

R. B. Eleazer.

IOTA.

Hampden-Sidney College.

With brightest prospects for a successful session, Hampden-Sidney College opened September 13th, and the average number of students, about one hundred and twenty, were enrolled. The first day of college found six *II's* on the "Hill," out of the fourteen constituting the Chapter last year. All of the regular members returned, except Brother N. T. Ballou, of Danville, Va., who has gone into business at that place. Upon the removal of Union Theological Seminary to Richmond, we lost four: Brothers Wilson, W. S., Eskridge, Ballou, J. E., and Watson. As

members of the Senior class, Brothers Gaines, Wilson, D. G., and Stevens left us for good. Just here let us express the sorrow we feel in the loss of our worthy brothers. Often as we sit together, encircled by the sacred walls of the old Chapter room, we recur to the time when they were all with us, and to the many pleasant evenings that we have spent with them.

Brother D. G. Wilson is teaching school for several private families at Garth, Va. Brother W. B. Stevens, upon leaving college, enlisted in the U. S. Navy, and was in service during the late war for three months on the U. S. S. Arctic, and within a month's time was promoted to gunner's mate. At the close of hostilities he received an honorable discharge, and at present is traveling for a coal firm of Philadelphia. Whether we behold him as manager of foot ball or base ball team, as college student, as standing beside his gun on a cruiser, as a "commercial angel," or as "preaching the unsearchable riches," we have reason to believe that he is the same old "Judge" and as true a *II* as ever buckled on a badge. Brother L. M. Gaines, having graduated here with second honor, entered the University of Virginia, pursuing the study of medicine. He was compelled to leave on account of his health, but we understand that he has returned to his duties at that institution.

The outlook for "goats" at the beginning of the session was very dismal. That there was little material to work on is evident from the fact that the seven fraternities here initiated only eight men. One of these, and one whom all of us are justly proud of, appeared wearing the *II K A* badge, and we are glad to introduce Brother Alexander Martin to the many *II*'s all over the land. The prospects of *Iota* were never brighter, and in our next letter you may look for names of others that we will announce with pleasure.

There are seven Greek letter fraternities represented at Hampden-Sidney. We give them in the order of their establishment, and also their number of active members: *Beta Theta Pi*, 5; *Phi Kappa Psi*, 8; *Chi Phi*, 5; *Phi*

Gamma Delta, 5; *Sigma Chi*, 7; *Kappa Sigma*, 9; *Pi Kappa Alpha*, 7. The feeling between fraternities is remarkably friendly, and none of the unpleasant discords characteristic of some fraternities have been experienced this year. In fact, as far as our knowledge goes, the greatest harmony exists between all of the chapters—certainly as far as you can judge from outside appearances.

And now as the foot ball season is over, we can look back with pride on the work of our team. We were successful in every game we played—a new experience for Hampden-Sidney. In the game with Roanoke College we had the pleasure of having with us Brothers Wilson and Terry. The former was manager of his team.

The addition to the faculty of H. Monmouth Smith, Ph. D., Heidelberg, will no doubt be a great benefit to the college. He fills the chair of Adjunct Professor of Physical Science, and this change in the course necessitated an addition to the apparatus in the chemistry department, which has now been finished, allowing more practical work to be done than heretofore.

Among the offices held by *II's* this year we might mention Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager of the *Magazine* and Editor-in-Chief of the *Kaleidoscope*. At the last meeting of Union Society, the Senior Orator's medal was awarded to Brother Houston. It is probably interesting to some to know that this is the twentieth gold medal taken by *Iota* during its thirteen years of existence.

The Chapter at present consists of the following members: W. B. Lorraine, '99, Richmond, Va.; H. R. Houston, '99, Amsterdam, Va.; T. N. Jones, '00, Smithville, Va.; D. C. Watkins, Smithville, Va.; F. Davis, '00, Petersburg, Va.; A. Martin, '01, Hampden-Sidney, Va.; T. W. Hooper, Jr., '00, Christiansburg, Va.

Iota wishes to extend her best wishes to all *II's*, and hopes that each of the Chapters may have a successful year.

Thos. W. Hooper, Jr.

*MU.**Presbyterian College of South Carolina.*

We began to think Brother Smyth had dropped *Mu* from the roll, as two months passed away and no *important* letters came to us. We thought probably our worthy Grand Treasurer had "gone to war," as was reported, but finally the long-looked-for came. We remember the time when *Mu* has lost Brother Smith's address, (!) but this is the first time we have known him to lose ours.

We began work this term with the following brothers: J. P. Marion, Richburg, S. C.; J. L. McLucas, Clinton, S. C.; G. W. Wilkins, Beaufort, S. C.; T. E. Simpson, Ridgeway, S. C.; J. B. Carpenter, Anderson, S. C.

We have three "goatees" to introduce to the Fraternity at large—Brothers C. M. Fuller, Mountville, S. C.; Robert A. Sims, Lowrysville, S. C.; and Frank McCreary, Clinton, S. C.

We regret to say that Brother Marion has again found it necessary to bid us farewell. He goes to Inman, S. C., where he will engage in school teaching. We shall miss him very much, both in the "Frat" hall and on the campus. Brother Marion has been supplying the Second Presbyterian Church of this place for some time past.

Brother A. V. Russell, who was with us quite often last session, is taking a course at the South Carolina College, Columbia.

The only thing our Fraternity hall needs now is the help of a few of our "co-ads" to give a finishing touch. Brother Simpson could make a valuable suggestion right along this line.

At our last meeting we enjoyed a delightful treat from Brother McLucas and his sister, Miss Effie, who is a loyal *Pi* sister. Our boys are always welcomed and highly entertained at the home of Mrs. McLucas.

Much success to all our sister Chapters.

James B. Carpenter.

NU.

Wofford College.

We are always glad of the opportunity to give an account of ourselves, through the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and at this time are we especially glad, for we believe we can give an account which will claim the banner for *Nu* of '98-'99. We are now eleven strong, and rank third in number to the other Chapters in college.

College opened this year with somewhat of a gloomy outlook for *Nu*. The only old members who returned of last year's number were Brothers Jennings, of Winnsboro, S. C.; Stribling, of Spartanburg, S. C.; Martin, of Lydia, S. C.; and H. M. Brown, of Cowpens, S. C.

We gave in our October communication the famous ride of E. Carlisle Major, and now we take great pleasure in introducing to you the following, given in order of initiation, and faithfully commended to your brotherly care and keeping: Ben. Hill Brown, '02, of Cowpens, S. C.; Carrol H. Tarner, '02, of Senatobia, Miss.; J. Harry Minnus, '02, of Summerville, S. C.; B. A. Tolbert, '01, of Greenwood, S. C.; C. Marion McWhirter, '01, of Jonesville, S. C.; Butler H. Boyd, '00, of Goldville, S. C.

It is unnecessary to give any lengthy description of the rides, as all *II's* are thoroughly familiar with the ways and the ways. It is sufficient to say, that after "Billy" was commanded to *stick to the point*, he did his "butting" well.

Nu will come in for her share of honors.

We shall give you some of the same. Brother Jennings was recently elected President of the Calhoun Literary Society. He also has the honor of being anniversarian for '99. Brother Martin is Junior Marshall, and one of the public debaters for the "Ante-Xmas" entertainment.

The other fraternities at Wofford are *Sigma Alpha Epsilon*, numbering fifteen men; *Kappa Alpha*, with nine; *Kappa Sigma* holds second place, with twelve men; *Chi Phi* with seven, and the *Chi Psi* with only eight men.

All the fraternities have to a certain degree a fellow-feeling, but there exists some contention between them. We are especially on a good standing with the *Kappa Alpha* and *Sigma Alpha Epsilon*.

None of our members went to the army, but this is no sign of a lack of patriotism; but we chose rather to wield the pen than the sword. We do not think any of our alumni enlisted in the army, but are not positive in our statement.

We close our letter with good luck to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and wish a Merry Christmas for all *II*'s.

E. Carlisle Major.

RHO.

Cumberland University.

On account of some mishap or lack of literary quality, our letter last issue failed to pass the editor, but we will try again.

Cumberland University opened up this year with a perceptible lack of students and "frat." material. *Rho* opened with only two men, and both were new ones, the writer and Mr. H. Philips being the ones referred to. But we held meetings every time we saw one another, and on our first regular meeting night we brought out our "Goat," who had grown stiff and poor from his long summer fast. And although he could not perform well, yet Mr. Herbert Lee, of Corsicana, Texas, brother to W. J. Lee, who made us such an efficient member last year, took the prescribed course with him, and is now a *II*. After a day Brother Reichert, Director of the Musical Department at the C. Y. L., arrived and work began in earnest.

After several more days we assembled to lead Mr. R. R. Foster into our mysterious circle. Mr. Foster is a local man who is taking the C. E. in the University.

Quickly following him came Mr. L. E. Wear, a freshman, who hails from Birmingham, Ala., and who is making quite a record as a student.

After this man we allowed "Billie" to rest while our other men came in who were to attend the Theological Department, which opens in October:

J. W. Lee, of Corsicana, Texas; — Howard, Quanah, Texas; — Howe, Albion, Ill; E. B. Landis, Bellbuckle, Tenn.; James Rayburn, Beach Grove, Tennessee; W. D. Thompson, Depot, Texas.

When we had gotten over the shock of the opening of the Theological Department, on November 12th, the word went down the line, and after a brief but hard struggle Mr. Westly Miller, of the Freshmen, also a local man, succeeded in passing satisfactorily all the sentinels and was admitted in the confines past the wicket gate.

Closely following him on the 15th came Mr. Billups from Mississippi, and a member of the Junior Law. This winds up our new men, and we have gotten in all of them earnest and valiant men.

And we are certain they will make good members, and the Chapters at large will hear more of them at a later date.

Of all the men who left school last spring for good we can get only a few words.

M. Fender has accepted the pastarship of the C. P. Church, McMinnville, Oregon.

Mr. Hawkins is practicing law in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. A. B. McWilliams is teaching school near his home, and hopes to be with us again next year.

Mr. J. M. McWilliams is taking the medical course at Nashville, Tenn.

Of the several others we are unable to say for certain what they are doing, but we know they are upholding our banner, for they were all loyal *II's*.

C. U. had no foot-ball team this season, but has some fine basket-ball players, and they will be heard from soon. Messrs. Howe and Howard represent us in the team of the Theologs, and are likely timber for the regular team. Students are coming in slowly, and school at present is about as good as last year.

We have received the *Dagger and Key* and consider it a great thing and something we have always needed.

Also the new ritual has been received, and 'tis a beautiful one, and an honor to our Fraternity.

We are overjoyed to learn that several new Chapters are to be organized, and predict for our Fraternity a prosperous future.

As both ink and thoughts are failing your humble scribe we will close for this time with hopes of a "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year."

H. H. Weir.

SIGMA.

Vanderbilt University.

The dark clouds which overhung *Sigma's* destiny when Vanderbilt opened this session have dispersed and in their stead left only brightness and most flattering prospects for the future.

There were lots of good material in school this year to choose from, but the task was not an easy one. Ten strong fraternities, all standing high in college, to compete with, every one of which had a large number of men to return except *II K A*, who could only count three. This was a situation not to be envied, or calculated to make us feel jubilant.

The very fact that things looked so dark and discouraging made us work the harder; we were tireless in our efforts; we worked apart, and we worked together, and each man that was selected was with the usual care that *Sigma* selects all her men, and when once passed upon they were pursued with all the *finesse* at our command. And we are glad to say that our efforts were not in vain. When the terrible rush was over *II K A* had her share of the fraternity material, whose names are Brothers A. M. Clark, Lawson, Mo.; A. H. Pike, Springfield, Tenn.; C. S. Williamson, Culleoka, Tenn.; L. S. Pope, Pikeville, Tenn.; P. W. Hoggins, Craggie Hope, Tenn. Brothers Clark, Pike and Hoggins are in the Law Department, Pike and Williamson are freshmen B. A.'s. In securing these men several frats here received a black eye.

When Vanderbilt University Medical Department opened (about a month after the other departments) Williamson and Edwards appeared. Although they came late they rendered us considerable assistance. Later we found McWilliams, who was at Cumberland University last year and a member of *Rho*.

With four of last year's men back, augmented by five new men, we think we can uphold the good reputation and high standard of last year.

The SHIELD AND DIAMOND is anxiously awaited by every member of *Sigma*, and its appearance will be hailed with much pleasure, as it is the means of introducing to us the new *Pi*'s (which never grow tiresome). The last issue coming to us in a time of adversity was a powerful stimulant. The Chapter letters were in a large measure the motive power of our efforts; we felt like it was incumbent on us to write a similar letter for this issue, and to be able to do that it was necessary to get some new men. We got the men and leave our letter to the judgment of our sister Chapters.

The old members who are present are as follows: J. I. Armstrong and Louis Leftwich, Nashville, Tenn.; J. H. Brown, Columbia, Tenn.; B. F. Steed, St. Louis, Mo.; G. W. Williamson, Culleoka, Tenn.; J. W. Morton, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.; H. A. Edwards, ———, S. C.; J. M. McWilliams, Fayetteville, Tenn.

The following fraternities are represented here: *Phi Delta Theta*, 30; *Kappa Alpha*, 18; *Chi Phi*, 12; *Kappa Sigma*, 20; *Delta Tau Delta*, 14; *Sigma Alpha Epsilon*, 25; *Alpha Tau Omega*, 18; *Delta Kappa Epsilon*, 25; *Sigma Chi*, 6; *Sigma Nu*, 16; *Pi Kappa Alpha*, 12.

In conclusion, *Sigma*, through the writer, wishes each Chapter a most prosperous 1899, and each and every *Pi* a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and last, but not least, three cheers for our *Pi* sisters, and a vote of thanks to our grand officers, whose untiring efforts in behalf of our beloved Fraternity is evidenced by the exalted position which our Fraternity occupies in the Greek letter world today.

B. F. Steed.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Upsilon Chapter has been progressing very nicely, but with no unusual good luck ; or, as we would say, "while we are not fortune's cap, neither are we the soles of her feet." In the absence of Brother Yonge, who has left us for a while to go to New York in order to have his eyes treated, I have been called upon to write the Chapter letter. Without submitting a routine of apologies for my feeble effort, I will now proceed to give you a few facts about our Chapter as best I can.

Brother Avery, we are sorry to say, has left us for a while. Having taken the mumps, which seems to be quite an epidemic in college, he was compelled to go home.

We are glad to have Brother Deaton back with us again, who was called home on account of the serious illness, and finally the death, of his mother. We extend to Brother Deaton our heartfelt sympathies in his bereavement.

Brother Yonge, D., our bright little freshman, bids fair prospects of leading his class. But woe to the man in the Junior class Brother Baldwin catches napping.

Brothers Hall and Cory inform us that since they joined the Y. M. C. A., that organization has been slightly improved.

Brother Fleming, in the late war, raised his tomahawk in eternal vengeance against Spain and joined the Second Alabama, from which he has been promoted to first lieutenant in the Third Alabama.

Brothers Glenn, Woodruff and Willis confine themselves so closely to their books that we scarcely catch sight of them except at the Fraternity meetings.

The following is the list of our men who returned : J. C. Yonge, Pensacola, Fla.; L. B. Rainey, Fort Payne, Ala.; J. R. Glenn and R. P. Baldwin, Auburn; J. W. Woodruff and J. L. Deaton, Columbus, Ga. Our initiates are W. D. Willis, J. E. D. Yonge and A. M. Avery, Pensacola, Fla.; H. H. Cory, Mulberry, Ala.; H. Y. Hall, Birmingham, Ala.; J. N. Shuff, Ironaton, Ala.

L. B. Rainey.

PHI.*Roanoke College.*

Once again *Phi* sends greetings to her sister Chapters, hoping that they all have met with the same success in the fall campaign for "goats" as she has.

In the last letter in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, Brothers John Paris Palmer, of Greenville, Va., and Alvin Burroughs Oliver, of Asbury Park, N. J., were introduced. Now we take great pleasure in introducing Brothers John Willis Cabell, of Variety Mills, Va., and Andrew Lewis Edmondson, of Rocky Mount, Va. Brother Cabell entered college in September as a Junior, and promises to uphold *Phi's* hitherto unsullied reputation in the class rooms as well as among the fair damsels of Salem (?)

Brother Edmondson, a cousin of one of our *II* sisters, entered as a Freshman. He, too, is a student of marked ability and a heart smasher of no mean repute.

We feel justly proud of our new members, and look forward to a very pleasant as well as a prosperous year.

Brother Hill's article in the last issue on "Fraternal Courtesy and Morality" is a most interesting one, and we heartily coincide with his views on the matter and join him in his belief that *II K A* will never be entangled in such a mess.

Our college has received a very substantial donation from the late Mr. Austin, a Boston broker, who died a few weeks since. Among other bequests to Northern Colleges and institutions, he left Roanoke \$30,000 for the aid of needy and worthy students. By the earnest and faithful efforts of our president, Dr. Julius D. Dreher, this bequest was obtained for old Roanoke College.

Brother Hufford, one of our last year's Chapter, has recently met with a very serious bereavement in the loss of his father. We feel assured in saying that all the Fraternity joins in extending to him our deepest sympathy.

Now, *Phi's* roll numbers eight. Besides the four goats whom we have already mentioned the following are on the roll: W. W. Terry, of Tye River, Va.; C. H. Wilson, of

Bridgewater, Va.; T. C. Darst, of Bramwell, West Va.; and J. J. Lloyd, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va.

The other Fraternities at Roanoke are the *Sigma Chi* and *Phi Gamma Delta*, with nine and six men respectively.

The feeling between the Chapters is very good, especially between *Phi* and the other two.

When the first call for volunteers came this spring, Brother John J. Lloyd, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., enlisted in Co. E, Third Virginia Volunteer as a private, but was afterwards promoted to the rank of Corporal. His regiment was stationed at Camp Alger, Va., during the summer, but has since been mustered out of service. Brother Lloyd is back at College none the worse for his summer campaign.

Under the second call Brother Marvin R. Kelley, of Tazewell, Va., enlisted in Co. G. Second Virginia Volunteers as a private. His regiment was sent to Jacksonville for the summer.

Shortly after the regiment was recalled to Virginia to be mustered out, Brother Kelley was taken to the hospital suffering with a very severe attack of typhoid fever. He has since recovered sufficiently to be taken to his home. His regiment will be mustered out the 10th instant, and we hope to see him at College again in a few weeks.

Wishing you all the same old chestnut, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," we will say "*Au Revoir*" until after the holidays.

John J. Lloyd, Jr.

CHI.

University of the South.

Chi extends cordial greetings to her sister Chapters in this her second Chapter letter.

At the writing of this letter our school year is drawing to a close and within three weeks we shall have finished our examinations and gone to take our three months' winter vacation.

Our work this term has been progressing very satisfactorily, and we have every reason to be gratified at our success.

Plans are on foot for the erection of a Chapter house and we intend to prosecute the work vigorously this winter.

Some of our men have played a conspicuous part in college life this term.

Brother Boyd is editor-in-chief *Sewanee Literary Magazine*, and one of the two winners of the Sewanee-Vanderbilt debate.

Brother Claiborne is vice-president of the Athletic Association, and has held the position of "guard" on the football team for two seasons.

Brother Cadman is recognized as one of the hardest students in the University, and Brother Radford pushes him for a close second.

We also had an editorship on the staff of the *Sewanee Purple*, and the assistant managership of the foot-ball team, which has just closed a most successful season. Not a game lost and scored against but once.

At the Vanderbilt game, which took place in Nashville, we were very pleased to meet a good many of the brothers of *Sigma*.

While we are enjoying our vacation we wish success and prosperity to our sister Chapters, and hope to return next spring refreshed and invigorated to push on and work with redoubled energy for the advancement and uplifting of *Π K A*.

Wishing you a very merry Xmas and happy New Year.

L. G. H. Williams.

ALUMNUS IOTA.

It is certainly pleasant to report the issuing of a charter for *Alumnus Iota*, with headquarters at Knoxville, Tenn. This Chapter has been worked up by our enthusiastic Brother, J. Pike Powers, Jr., of *Zeta* and *Alpha*, and is composed of the following loyal alumni: Dr. Charles E.

Wait, *Alpha*, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Tennessee, C. E., M. E., Ph. D., F. C. S.; Edwin Wiley, B. A., M. A., Librarian University of Tennessee; Joseph J. Price; Dr. Howard A. Ijams, B. S., M. D.; James G. Comfort, James H. McCallum, Dan. K. Lee, J. E. Borches, H. P. Ijams, Clarence A. Templeton, Esq., LL. B., attorney; Lyon C. McMullen, P. J. Briscoe, Jr., J. R. Campbell, all of *Zeta*; Curtis J. Cullen *Alpha*, and J. Pike Powers, Jr., B. A., LL. B. (University of Tennessee), B. L. (University of Virginia), attorney, *Zeta* and *Alpha*.

We expect great things from this Chapter, as the men composing it, while alumni, are active members of the Fraternity. It is a great testimonial to the value of a fraternity when its alumni are so interested in it as to desire to continue their connection by means of an alumnus Chapter.

Editor.

The Pi's.

In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to ROBERT H. TROY, Room 8, Custom House, Memphis, 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.

—Brother J. C. Story, one of the charter members of the revived *Beta*, and an A. B. of Davidson College, is now located in Goldston, N. C., as the Principal of a co-educational and non-denominational academy. This academy prepares for college, business or teaching, and also has a full course of vocal and instrumental music. Board is secured for the students and the charges are very low. The academy, under Brother Story's management, has become very active, and the prospects are that it will be one of the largest in that portion of the State.

—Our brother, Joe S. Wray, of *Tau*, is now located in Washington, Ga., in business, but has not lost one bit of his interest in and love for the Fraternity, and proof of which will soon be given to the Fraternity, as he is now about to revive his old Chapter.

—We omitted to state that Julian D. Arbuckle, *Iota*, as well as his brother, "Sandy," are at the University College of Medicine, Richmond, Va.

—H. B. Lee, Jr., of *Alpha*, is also pursuing a course in the Smithdale Business College in Richmond.

—The *IPs* of Richmond had a pleasant call recently from Brother F. W. Van Ness, *Upsilon* and *Sigma*. He reports both Chapters to be in splendid shape. Brother Van Ness will probably locate in Richmond the first part of '99.

—Brothers R. L. Gladney, T. E. P. Woods and D. W. Hollingsworth, all alumni of *Theta*, are taking theology at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

—Brothers H. P. Pickering and Wesley Drane, both of *Theta*, were recently elected to the position of Cashier of two of the leading banks of Clarksville, Tenn.

—The latch string of Brother Robert Hill's house in Dallas was recently lifted and a youthful son and heir made his appearance. Our hearty congratulations are in order again, and we certainly extend them with great sincerity.

—Brother J. M. McKinnon, *Beta*, of last year's class, has recently been elected Principal of the Antreville High School, at Antreville, S. C. He has begun work in Antreville and is much pleased with the position and its outlook.

Brother F. W. Van Ness, of *Upsilon* and *Sigma*, has written the General Office of a little trip, which he has just taken, in which he met a great many of the *IPs*. In Charlotte Brother Van Ness met our loyal brother, Pope, and many others. In Richmond he visited Brother Cox and eleven others, and he reports them all as being very enthusiastic over the work of the Fraternity. Brother Van Ness will soon locate in Richmond.

—Rev. Brother D. A. Blackburn, *Theta*, as no doubt all of his friends have seen by the papers, has succeeded in building a new Church of the Strangers in New York, which was dedicated with impressive ceremonies lately. Brother Blackburn is doing a good work.

—Brother J. Gordon Hughes, of *Xi*, so well known to the readers of the *Magazine*, is now pursuing the study of law at the South Carolina College, and as usual taking a promi-

nent part in all the affairs of the College. Brother Hughes certainly has a brilliant future before him.

—"Rev. C. C. Owen, M. D., *Iota* and *Alpha*, of Mecklenburg county, Virginia, sailed for Korea from Vancouver, October 11th. He goes to be associated with Mr. and Mrs. Bell at Mokpo, and will be a very valuable accession, since, in addition to thorough ministerial training, he is admirably equipped as a physician. What a blessing such physicians are to any mission."—*Missionary*. Brother Owen goes at his own expense. In addition to this he has for a number of years been supporting another missionary in the field. This work he will continue likewise.

—Brother V. Moldenhawer, *Theta*, is at Union Seminary, New York, taking a course in Theology. Here, as ever, he is winning laurels for *II K A*.

—We hear from a very reliable source that our genial brother, L. D. Teackle Quinby, *Alpha*, is running a race for the championship as the fat man of Atlanta. We have this information from no less a source than the good brother himself, who writes us that his weight, like his law practice, is increasing. May they both never grow less.

—Messrs. Whittet & Shepperson, of Richmond, the old printing firm, of which our Brother Robert Whittet, *Iota*, is a member, has recently added to its already splendid equipment a Mergenthaler type-setting machine, the most complete of its kind in Richmond and probably in the South. The machine will be used not only in newspaper work, but in book and job printing as well.

—Rev. S. C. Byrd, *Mu*, who is now living in Columbia, S. C., as the managing editor of various religious publications of that place, supplied the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian Church in Augusta, Ga., this summer, during the absence of its pastor.

—The Presbyterian High School of Columbia, S. C., is a well organized school, and we note in a recent publication,

among the list of the professors, the name of our Brother Rev. George A. Blackburn, *Theta*.

—The time is approaching when every young man is thinking of his best girl and with this thought comes the question, what can he give her for Christmas. Naturally he wants her to have something that will last for some time, and thus he hopes to keep her in constant memory of the doner. Our *II*'s throughout the South, on account of the low price of cotton, will not be able this year to distribute diamond rings in profusion, and will, therefore, have to look elsewhere for a suitable gift that will not require a large outlay of money, and yet at the same time be appropriate and pleasing. *Sigma* Chapter comes to the rescue of the *II* boys as "a friend in need," and is going to prove herself "a friend indeed," by giving the *II*'s the very thing which will help to make the Christmas of every *II* sister pleasant and happy.

All the *II*'s remember *Sigma*'s commendable action in publishing the "*Pi Kappa Alpha March*," and it is a matter in which every *II* should be interested and at the same time towards which he should contribute his part of the expenses of publication. What is more appropriate than to give a *II* girl a beautiful two step march, dedicated to the Fraternity which she admires, and adorned with its colors and symbols? The march sells for 50 cents at music stores, but *Sigma* will furnish it to all *II*'s for 35 cents a copy, or three copies for \$1, if a post-office money order is sent to *B. F. Steed, 303 N. High Street, Nashville, Tenn.*

A word to the wise is sufficient.

—W. Loring Lee, *Pi*, Sumter, S. C., was a Corporal in the Sumter Light Infantry, First South Carolina Regiment.

—George McOutchin, *Xi*, graduate of South Carolina College, class of '98, is teaching at Mullins, S. C.

—Thos. F. Brantley, *Xi*, of Orangeburg, S. C., stumped a part of West Virginia in the interest of the Democratic party just before the recent fall elections.

—A. C. Carson, *Xi*, South Carolina College, '98, has charge of a school at Scarboro, Sumter county, S. C.

—There are four *II's* at the South Carolina College this session. They are J. G. Hughes, who has returned for the law course; W. L. McCutchen, of the Senior class; J. J. Murray, *Mu*, of the Sophomore class; and T. E. Simpson, *Mu*, who is taking a special course. Hughes is Editor-in-chief of the *Carolinian*, Orator in the Inter-society contest, and Manager of the base-ball team for the coming season. McCutchen is President of the Senior Class and Captain of the base-ball team. Murray is an officer in the Y. M. C. A., and Simpson is a new man here, having just entered at the beginning of the session.

—Brother Howard L. Swineford, *Iota*, and wife, are now living in Lynchburg, Va. He has moved there to conduct the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society for the general agents of the State, Howard L. Swineford & Co., of Richmond.

Editorial.

THE FRATERNITY can certainly look back on the year which is now drawing to its close, with feelings of satisfaction and pride, for much has been accomplished that will materially strengthen the Order. Of course, there have been the usual number of troubles and disappointments, but we think that no year will leave the Fraternity in better condition in every respect than the one which is now passing.

Conspicuous among the many good signs of the past year, is the establishment of the new Alumnus Chapters; proving that there is something in the Fraternity worth remembering, and that even when in the busy outside world, our members still desire to keep in touch with their old Order.

We believe that every one of our Chapters are stronger to-day than they have ever been, and that every active member in the Fraternity is more thoroughly enthused and more earnestly striving to do his share in placing Pi Kappa Alpha upon a foundation that will never crumble. There is yet, of course, much hard work for the Chapters to do, but we cannot refrain from expressing a justified pride in their improvement during the past year. We feel sure that they appreciate the importance of earnest and united effort in everything pertaining to *II K A*, and that for the future they will continue to become stronger and even more

useful Chapters, doing their utmost for the upbuilding of the Fraternity.

Pi Kappa Alpha dates a new era beginning with the Nashville Convention of '97, for the entire success of the past two years has been due to the changes made by that body in the Constitution, especially regarding the finances. We do not think that any Convention ever did more thorough and earnest work than that one, and the Fraternity should always look back to it as one of its turning points.

The new year holds forth many promises to the Fraternity, and we confidently expect to chronicle in our next issue the reviving of at least two Chapters and the establishment probably of others. As we said in our last issue, our energies for the next few years must be actively devoted towards the placing of a few more Chapters, and our watchword during the coming year should be "extension."

APPROPOS OF the many articles which are appearing in the Fraternity press with regard to Fraternity courtesy, we point with a great deal of pleasure to the statement contained in the Chapter letters of this issue, that at those particular colleges the relationship between all the Fraternities is most cordial and pleasant. And why should this not be the case? Because Chapters are rivals in the matter of obtaining members and in occupying prominent positions, does not in any way necessitate that they should be unfriendly.

In the business world, every man pushes his business for the benefit of himself, and yet between rival business concerns often the most cordial and friendly relations exist. No man nor set of men can possibly benefit by the throwing of mud, for it soils the hands of the men who throw it, as well as the clothes of those upon whom it falls. No Fraternity Chapter is benefitted, nor is it raised in the estimation of the college world by spiteful and underhanded

measures and insinuations, or attempts to injure their rival Chapters.

"The survival of the fittest" has always been an iron-clad rule, but it implies more the friendly wrestling match than the bitter and angry fight. Those Chapters which succeed best at college occupy themselves entirely with their own business, and while, of course, they exert their every effort to secure the best material, it is not by running down their rivals that they plan to accomplish their success.

We would wish no better testimonial of the Chapters of our Fraternity than to have it said that they were always fair and friendly towards rivals; honorable and high-minded in every contest; of irreproachable character; and that they had the respect of every other Chapter, and of the non-fraternity men of the college. Then, indeed, would the true aims of our Fraternity be carried out. We are members of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, but we are also *Fraternity men*, and we unquestionably owe a certain amount of regard towards other Fraternity men. If the above testimonial was written about each one of our Chapters, we would know, without further enquiry or knowledge, that the material composing them was of the very best, and that they were worthy in every respect to wear our badge.

WE ARE MORE than pleased with our Chapter Letters this issue, and the full list of names of members is very interesting and valuable. We trust that our Chapters will carefully follow this plan in the future in every October issue, and that during the year whenever the name of an initiate is reported his initials and address will also be given. This makes the letters more interesting, and gives them a tone of completeness and finish.

WE DESIRE TO CALL the earnest attention of all the Chapters to what our able and enthusiastic Grand Secretary says about the roll of the Fraternity. We hope that every aid and assistance possible will be given him. Surely no more important work has ever been undertaken for the Fraternity. It is by no means an easy task, but it will be made much lighter, if every Chapter will promptly respond to his letters and give him the facts and full information for which he asks. By prompt and cordial support Brother Troy will be able to give *II K A* a complete and most valuable roll, and the Fraternity needs just this thing.

Our Alumni can give us greatly desired help by sending the Grand Secretary the names and initials of those who were associated with them in the old Chapter. *Delta*, *Epsilon*, *Eta*, and *Kappa* records are particularly bare, and we earnestly ask for information about them from their alumni.

We ought soon to issue another catalogue, and it will be very distressing if we are not able to give the complete roll of all the Chapters. Brother Troy has undertaken a vast work, and from the experience we had with the catalogue of 1890, we can testify to the value of cordial, but above all, prompt responses from all *II's*. Let us all bear a hand in this important work.

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