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FRATERNITY.

The recent legislation against fraternities in South Carolina has no doubt led many to serious thought upon the subject, who possibly never gave it a moment's consideration before It has induced a train of reflection in the mind of the writer to the results of which the readers of the Shield and Diamond are welcome.

From the point of view of community of origin all mankind are brethren; religiously, we acknowledge the relationship as expressive of the obligation resting upon each to advance the highest interests of the others; socially, we hope we may not be regarded as uncharitable if we are unwilling to admit some to a nearer relation than brother-in-law, while others still are the merest acquaintances. If, however, in any sense, all mankind are brethren, fraternity to that degree becomes universal and must be recognized. But "all mankind" is comprehensive, and capable of many subdivisions, to each of which Fraterity, as a matter of course, must belong. There is therefore nothing surprising when we find it in religion, science, commerce, agricul-

ture, and politics, and why should it be a cause for wonder if we find it in the social world also? As a matter of fact its existence in these other spheres garantees its existence here.

In Religion, fraternity has always been recognized as a natural condition wherever more than one of the same faith and practice are found upon the earth. The Hebrew priesthood, directly ordained of God, was a close and limited fraternity into whose mystic circle Levites alone could enter. Under this limitation the number was of course very small at first, but the growth was rapid and seems to have lead to some confusion by the time of David. king, for their better order, divided the priests into twentyfour courses-sixteen of the family of Eleazar and eight of the family of Ithamus, officiating in regular succession. Here was fraternity within fraternity. The individuals of the same course were closely bound together by a common responsibility and work. The courses from one family were more closely united to each other than to those of the other family, while yet all were separated from the rest of the Hebrews as being priests of God. The Hindoo priests are a distinct class, and the same is true of heathen priests in general, both in ancient and modern times. In the Roman catholic priesthood there are fraternities which have wielded a mighty influence in that church The monasteries were chapter houses of fraternities, and to this day the spirit exists; every convent is a sorosis. The Christian ministry also is regarded by the Christian world as a calling separate and apart from every other, from which more and different things are expected than from other men. Some one has said the Christian world is divided into three classesmen, women and ministers; and this distinction comes rapidly to the surface when a minister of Jesus Christ swerves by a hairsbreath from truth and rectitude, though in another the divergence would excite no comment. Amongst church members in general the same spirit prevails. daughter of the pastor of a church, well known to the writer. was recently called to account by a lady member of her father's flock, because her intimate friend belonged to another communion.

In science and art the fraternal spirit widely prevails. We have the Royal Academy, Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons; the Chemical, Geological, Astronomical, Geographical, Microscopical, and many other societies whose doors are only opened to those fitted to enter.

In politics, secret societies, like the poor, are always with us—Orangemen, Fenians, Clan-na-gael, Young Ireland, Mafia, and others whose names we can well afford to forget. The political atmosphere is always warm enough for their incubation.

In trade and commerce we have knights, and brother-hoods without number, who too often, sad to say, put aside knightly chivalry and brotherly love to wage unjust and oppressive war upon their friends.

In Agriculture, we have Grangers, Farmers' Alliances, &c., while in addition to all these there are benevolent and other orders whose badges stare us in the face at every turn.

From this it will appear that the man who undertakes to "down" fraternities has upon his hands a contract of considerable magnitude, and capable of indefinite sub-letting. A foeman well worthy of his steel, if strength and vigor go for anything.

In our early days we were wont to regard Hercules as considerable of a man, basing our judgment upon such frolics as the cleansing of the stables and the killing of the Hydra. Every time we read the story we are amazed at the strength and powers of Samson. But these gentlemen can well afford to place the laurel crown upon the brow, and acknowledge the supremacy of the Emancipator of Humanity from the thraldom of Frraternity, and suffer neither in self-respect nor in the opinion of their friends and neighbors. He is facile princeps.

The race-wide existence of fraternities proves that associations of men acknowledging a common bond of unity respond to a natural desire of the heart, and are in no sense

accidental. It is not surprising that students who take to societies as naturally as a duck to water, should group themselves with their affinities, and if to better secure themselves, or for any other reason, they adopt special signs, so long as they break no law they are well within their privileges. The Greek letter fraternity has both advantages and disadvantages; the former pertain to the system of fraternity in general, the latter depend upon the weakness of human nature.

Few are in a better position to appreciate its advantages than a student who has just turned his back upon home, and now finds himself in a crowd of individual units, with whom he has nothing in common. The larger the number the more acute his misery, for all are strangers to him, and if he be at all diffident his position is by no means a bed of roses. But, should he be fortunate enough to be invited to join a good fraternity and wise enough to accept, his student life is henceforth written in different characters. He may, to the many, appear unchanged, but with himself there is a great change for the better, under the influence of the new companionship he loses his timidity and speedily becomes himself again. He feels himself multiplied by the number of the men in his chapter, and runs the gauntlet of student scrutiny with proportionate ease. His natural reserve passes speedily away and permits his native brightness to assert itself. He gains confidence, and does better work, and does it sooner, than if he had had to struggle by himself. Under the magic influence of this new life homesickness rapidly disappears, and there is not unfrequently added to the social world a jewel whose rich sparkle would have been lost amid uncongenial surroundings had it not been for the skillful touch of the lapidary

There are times in the life of nearly every man when he needs friends, at such a time the fraternity rises to its true place and dignity, and proves itself a friend indeed. Many of my readers will remember a case in point not many years ago. One of our members was in great trouble toward the

close of his last year at the university. He had the sympathy of many, but his antagonist was in a position of power, and all they could or would do was to speak of the injustice of it. Had he been a non-fraternity man he would have gone home under a ban, and his disgrace would have brought shame and sorrow to his parents. Nobody would have thought it enough his business to interpose in his behalf. But his fraternity took it up, contested every inch of ground, and came off victorious, an object lesson of the power and boldness of organization at which the "barbs" were amazed. If our fraternity had never done anything else, this struggle would have been enough to justify it as a beneficial organization, for it fought for a man's character, and won Thousands have died for less and are honored.

When the world helps a man it regards it as charity bestowed, and pats itself upon the back for its benefaction. The fraternity regards it as a duty and privilege, and rejoices in the ability. That system cannot be wrong, however much it may be abused, which secures friends to the needy.

The opponents of fraternity oppose it on various grounds. First. Some are not what they ought to be, use their power wrongly, or refuse to use it at all when they could do good service. We grant the contention, but reply, this argument is against that or those particular organizations and not against the system. If every system is to be denounced because it has unworthy disciples, what will we have left? This is iconoclasm run mad. It would leave us neither philosophy nor religion. To advocate such a doctrine is the veriest imbecility. No system is properly judged by its worst adherents.

Secondly. Objection is made to the secresy of it. That is, they object because something is kept from them. This is selfishness in its quintessence. Every man has a right to his own secrets, and if he chooses to reveal them to others he still has the right; he does no injury to those left out of his confidence, he has taken from them nothing

they had before, nor restricted them in the exercise of any right or power they ever possessed. If his having special confidants should make it impossible for them to have or impart secrets they would have ground for complaint, but it is not so. They have the same power and can exercise it without let or hindrance.

Thirdly. They charge that fraternity men combine against the others. If they do, it is more often in selfdefence than otherwise. I know that more and deeper conspiracies are made against fraternity men than by them. I have been in the secrets of both parties. The fact is that the most overbearing and merciless of all fraternities is composed of non-fraternity men when combined against the wearers of badges. South Carolina has recently furnished all the proof necessary upon this point. The shortsightedness of her legislators, who could not see who were the oppressors, is marvelous. If fraternities have been in the habit of combining now was the time, but they did not. The truth is, they stand upon too high a plane to stoop so low. There is one combination the members of each fraternity do make, and one that is bitterly complained of, that is to take as many honors as possible. But surely this is a combination not only allowable, but very desirable; it is a combination to work for the honor of the badge, and many a man dates his real studious habits back to the time he became a "Greek."

Opposition here is jealousy pure and simple, as it is elsewhere. In a contest for college honors fraternity men usually succeed to a degree out of all proportion to their numbers.

But the fraternity is here and to its friend the enemy repeats the famous interrogatory of the late Mr. Tweed, of New York, "What are you going to do about it?" It is no menace to personal liberty or the cause of education. It must, from the very nature of the case, be a staunch friend to the most advanced education, for it breathes the scholastic air; it flourishes where Greek roots abound, and is most at home in classic halls. It has done much

for colleges and universities, and is going to do more. To oppose it is poor policy.

Robert Hill.

HENRY SCUDDER GRIFFIN.

We regret to announce to the Fraternity at large, the death of Brother H. S. Griffin, of Mu Chapter, an active; loyal and enthusiastic II., a young man of exceptional piety; earnest in his purpose to serve in the ministry, and giving bright promises of a useful career.

Those of us who attended the last Convention at Nashville, remember his zeal for and interest in the Fraternity of which he was a member, and no one could help being impressed with the fact that he was a Christian. The Shield and Diamond extends sympathy to the bereaved family, who have lost a devoted son, and to our Mu Chapter, which has certainly sustained a heavy loss.

The following account of his death is clipped from the Southern Presbyterian:

"We regret to learn by private advices that Mr. H. S. Griffin, a student in the Clinton College, died on Friday, November 28th, of heart disease. He was formerly in the Orphanage, and feeling himself called to the ministry, had returned in order to prosecute his studies in the college. He was an excellent young man, and an earnest worker in school and church. He leaves his mother, sister and brother in Georgia."

His Chapter has adopted the following resolutions which express their sorrow at his death:

A Tribute of Respect.

Mu Chapter, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Clinton, S. C., Jan. 4, 1898.

Whereas Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst, by death, our friend and brother; and Whereas, Henry Scudder Griffin, being a man who was highly esteemed among his fellow men for his sterling qualities; for his unusual strong character, and for his strict adherence to principle; and being one who was noted for his scholarly attainments and for his high standing among his fellow students, therefore be it

Resolved, That we who knew him best in the II K A Fraternity, while bowing in humble submission to the will of the All-wise Father, do hereby offer this feeble tribute to the memory of him whose noble character was an example of true Christianity. We feel that while, with sorrowful hearts, we mourn his loss, he is enjoying the reward of those who have diligently served Him and have fallen while fighting under His banner.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent, with our heartfelt sympathy, to the grief-stricken family, also a copy be sent for publication in The Shield and Diamond, and another copy be spread upon our minutes.

Thornwell Jacobs,
T. Ellison Simpson,
James B. Carpenter,
Committee.

DIVIDE THE HONOR.

To the Editor:

Dear Brother—The weight of praise you lavished upon me in the issue for November touching my efforts in organizing Alumnus Theta is too heavy for one pair of shoulders. Make three parts of it and give one to each of our good brothers W. M. Anderson and F. A. Steele. Brothers J. Frank Smith and O. M. Fitzhugh also rendered appreciated assistance.

Robert Hill.

AN OUTLINE OF OUR GROWTH AND PROSPECTS

[Written for reading before an Alumni meeting.]

The objects of this meeting are three fold:

1st. By means of it to inform ourselves of the progress and the prospects of the Fraternity.

2d. To show by our coming together the interest we take in all that touches the order.

3d. To aid by suggestion or otherwise all laudable attempts to extend the Fraternity in its good influences throughout the South.

This report will attempt briefly to cover the first object. First, Past Growth. If we ask what the Fraternity has accomplished within the years from 1890 to the present, we have only to look back to the former date to see that two Chapters only, Theta, at the Southwestern Presbyterian University and Iota, at Hampden-Sidney College, alone bore aloft the banner of the order, while to-day fourteen active and seven alumni Chapters tell the increase. More than this, the greater number of these have been planted within the few years just past. Of these active Chapters five are in Virginia, namely: Alpha, University of Virginia; Gamma, William and Mary; Iota, Hampden-Sidney; Pi, Washington and Lee, and Phi, Roanoke College. Two, Beta at Davidson College, and Tau at the University of North Carolina, are in the Old North State. The latter, however, being inactive at present. Tennessee has four: Zeta, at the University of Tennessee; Theta, at Southwestern Presbyterian University; Rho, at Cumberland University and Sigma, at Vanderbilt. Mu and Nu are at the Presbyterian College and Wofford College respectively, in South Carolina; Upsilon at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, is the one other Chapter on the list at present. Three on the roll: Beta, at Davidson; Sigma, at Vanderbilt, and Gamma, at William and Mary, were reestablished Chapters. The Chapter at Roanoke College was planted last spring and good men compose it. Xi, at the South Carolina College, one of our best and strongest Chapters, has been forced to surrender its charter and cease active existence, the South Carolina Legislature, at its last session, having passed an act prohibiting the existence of Fraternies at any institution supported by the State. A full account of this legislation has been published in The Shield and Diamond. All the Fraternity Chapters at this college have been forced to suspend, but it is believed that this legislation will not last long, as its injustice is too apparent. A strong fight will probably be made by the Fraternity men in the Legislature—who are many—and probably in a year's time fraternities will be again allowed at this college.

Numerically, Alpha has 6 men, (from the November report); Beta, 7; Gamma, 8; Zeta, 10; Theta, 7; Iota, 13; Mu, 6; Nu, 10; Pi, 2; Rho, 18; Sigma, 9; Upsilon, 11; Phi, 5. These figures are minimum, being taken from the November SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Second, Present Endeavors. The loss of Xi was met the first of '97 in the re-establishment of Gamma at William and Mary, with six staunch men. Brothers Robert Hughes of Norfolk and Charles Washington Coleman, of the College, selected the men and put it through, in itself an evidence that none but the best material went into the rebuilding, and that much may be looked for in a chapter beginning its career under the auspices and personal charge of two such men.

Three additional alumni chapters have also been recently formed, one at Dillon, S. C., and two very large ones at New Orleans, La., and Dallas, Texas, respectively. Both these latter are planted in the hearts of sections where II. K. A. is endeavoring to secure strong footholds, and but for the presence of yellow fever in New Orleans we should have had, through the means of the alumni, associated at that point, a flourishing chapter at Tulane, all arrangements, practically, for entering that university having been previously made. The meeting of this association, starting with twenty-two charter members, elicited much enthusiasm and laid the foundation for work of a substantial nature through the States of Alabama, Missis-

sippi, Louisiana and Texas. This, indeed, was the main object of formation. When the scourge is overpast we may look for fine results from this not only enthusiastic, but influential body of men.

On the 28th of October a strong alumnus chapter was formed at Dallas, Texas. There were twelve enthusiastic II's present, and the chapter was placed on a firm footing. Our Grand Secretary, Robert Hill, was chiefly instrumental in working up this chapter, and he was elected the head officer. The chapter decided to apply for a charter for an alumnus chapter, with headquarters at Dallas. and such application has been made and the charter granted. Their next meeting will be held during Fair week at Dallas, Texas, and by that time it is expected that the number of members will be largely increased. Already movements are on foot, the direct result of the enthusiasm started by this chapter, for entrance into the Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, and Baylor (Baptist) University at Waco. Brother Hill writes: "In fact, the result of forming the Alumnus Chapter here has been to awaken the old men, and several went away charged anew, determined to do their best for Texas."

Thus with the New Orleans Alumnus Chapter and a new one in Texas, both working to increase the number of active chapters, and seeking for the fraternity's entrance into new fields, surely we can expect, in the very near future, a large increase of active chapters.

The Shield and Diamond, which is doing indispensable work for the Order, is being very successfully run, and with such encouragement as it received last year, will tell in the enlargement of the fraternity this session. It is hoped that those who can do so will subscribe for this periodical, and thus tide it over this juncture, when yellow fever has, of necessity, cut down the receipts without proportionately diminishing expenses. It is believed that if such support be given now, the gradual planting of new chapters will gradually relieve the alumni of even its partial support.

At William and Mary our loyal friend, Brother Robert Hughes, has endowed a scholarship, known as the II. K. A. Scholarship. The favorable advertisement, which this act of generosity gives us, means much when backed up as it is by an influential local chapter.

Third. For the future. We have much to encourage us. An assured element of progress is the personnel of our men in the chapters. Alpha, beginning the year under disadvantages, has a good chapter. Theta and Upsilon are always to be counted on, and have begun the year auspiciously. Sigma, at Vanderbilt, carried off honors at last Commencement and is backed by local alumni. Of the William and Mary Chapter I have just spoken, and of three others I know personally some or all of the men. Beta captured fine material at Davidson and Phi at Roanoke. At the latter chapter, we number some of the best names among our men. Zeta, University of Tennessee, is well holding her own. Both Mu (Presbyterian College, S. C.) and Nu (Wofford College) report good progress. Pi, while numerically small, as are other chapters at Washington and Lee, for reasons pointed out in the November SHIELD AND DIAMOND, has resident alumni who in themselves are towers of strength. Rho, Cumberland University, Tennessee, is numerically our strongest chapter, numbering eighteen men, gathered from the several departments of the University, We shall likely hear from them. Iota has absolutely the best body of college men I have ever seen banded together. It stands at the front at Hampden-Sidney, as we can easily see from a glance at the men and the honors taken by them last session and this. And among the students not only is the chapter recognized as in the lead, but the members personally are popular and progressive, being prominent in the Seminary, the Literary Societies, athletics, on the Magazine, and in the social life of the Hill. They seem, without cliquing or canvassing, to carry off all the honors they well can bear.

Besides this, the personnel of our alumni is proving of great aid in the extension of the Order. The September

SHIELD AND DIAMOND tells what honors our II's of Richmond are gathering to themselves. Equally gratifying are the reports from many quarters. In both Church and State honors are falling upon the shoulders of men who are never prouder than when wearing the Garnet and Old Gold. Not to specialize, I beg to point you to the year's files and the SHIELD AND DIAMOND for a sober confirmation of this statement.

I have touched upon our alumni Chapter at New Orleans and the good work it gives promise of doing in the far South. In addition to this fact we are to remember that our Grand Secretary, the jovial-souled Bob Hill, has moved to Texas and expects to add chapters that will do us credit in the Lone Star State. It may here be said that the officers have gone slow in the planting of new chapters, knowing that the sense of the Order would be against the establishment of a chapter in any institution not of the first rank in the point of scholarship or men,

We have yet another element of encouragement. The schools have generally opened up this year with large attendance and better prospects for continued growth. educational lethargy, superinduced by distressing financial chaos, seems to be slowly giving way to better conditions. Our Fraternity is in a position to grasp this opportunity for further growth. We have—and we may proudly say it—the one distinctively Southern College Fraternity. In this lies a shibboleth of certain conquest in institutions (and none others shall we enter) which revere the memory of men like unto those who planted our Order when war's tocsin was hushed in the blare of reconstruction days. Let us renew, if we have even partially lost, our loyalty for the one Fraternity virtually founded around the Confed-J. Gray McAllister. erate camp-fire.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNCILOR PRINCEPS.

Dallas, Texas, January 14, 1898.

I beg to acknowledge the official notification of my election to fill out the unexpired term of the office of Councilor Princeps.

ACCEPTANCE.

I humbly accept the office and promise faithfulness and promptness in the discharge of its duties. As I have been so long a time away from college and mixed in the whirl of the world, I will have much of my duty to learn, on which account I beg your indulgence.

SUGGESTIONS.

I suggest that we continue to concentrate our efforts around the following purposes, and I ask the hearty assistance of every one who has ever been enlisted under the pure banner of P. K. A.

1st. Let us endeavor to revive the defunct Chapters. I will be glad to receive information from any one who may know anything of interest about these, especially touching their resuscitation.

2d. Let us found a new Chapter in every proper available place. Let the livest Chapter in each State ascertain the character, conditions and fraternity laws of each institution within the State. We will decide which is the "livest" Chapter by the promptness and thoroughness of your service in forwarding this information.

3d. Let all the alumni in each State be banded together for the good of the Fraternity and for their own pleasure. I believe a number of the States are already thus banded together. We desire and need the interest of every alumnus The alumni of Texas have arranged for an annual meeting

in Dallas during the State Fair. What can be more pleasant than to talk over the old times for a few hours together, and what better than influences can stir our hearts to attempt greater things?

A REQUEST.

Let every member, active or alumnus, promptly forward to the Grand Secretary any information that would likely aid the Supreme Council in advancing the good of the Order.

Thanking you, brethren, for the honor conferred and the confidence bestowed,

I am yours in the triple bonds,

W. M. Anderson, Councilor Princeps.

197 Crutcher Street.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

University of Virginia.

Well, the holidays are over and every man who went home, or has even been separated from the "bunch" is trying to tell a better—or should I say bigger?—lie than any one else.

"Sinner" White went to see his father and other friends in Norfolk. Of course they were proud when they saw, standing before them, their noble son and friend who had done so well in college. McDonald went to Florida to see the proverbial "friend of mine." J. J. White, our latest "goat," walked around Washington hunting for the end of a street. He didn't find it. Myers left Charlottesville for where the conductor put him off. He lives in Tennessee, and was gone two weeks—did he get home? This is a question doubted by some and put on the table by others.

Brothers Dabney, Lee and Moore stuck with the Charlottesville people. They couldn't think of leaving home.

The last "goating" hasn't been mentioned. On about the rainiest night of November we met in our Chapter rooms with the settled purpose of 'seeing the finish" of the now worthy II, J. J. White, from Alabama. Our purpose was accomplished. After the "goating" the crowd was blown off to what may be called a banquet.

Our number is still small, but we have gotten three men this year who are "peaches." Brother J. J. White was President of Washington Literary Society, which is considered quite an honor, as the vice-president is made to do all the work. At our last meeting we passed several very, very good men and are sure to get some of them, while we have a chance to get them all. Pull for us.

With best wishes to all II's,

Paul B. Myers.

BETA.

Davidson College.

The Christmas holidays are here, and I alone of Beta's Pi's am left, so I suppose the duty of writing the chapter letter for this issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND will fall upon me.

All of the boys have gone home to spend their holiday except Brother Dunn, of Florida, who went to Washington, D. C., where his mother is visiting.

Beta is grieving over the loss of Brother Houston, who will not be able to return this year, on account of his eyes, which have been troubling him for some time, but we hope to have him with us next year.

Brother George B. Anderson, one of *Beta's* first charter members, was in the village during the holidays. He is now in the insurance business.

We are expecting a visit from Brother D. F. Hunter sometime in the early part of the session. He is now at his home near Charlotte.

Brother Pope did not return to the University of Michigan, but is now pursuing his course of law in Charlotte. He refused some very flattering offers from some of the best "teams" of the country, but he preferred to devote his whole time to his profession.

Brother Houston's assertion in the last magazine that the class of 1900 would get the "Trophy Cup" proved a mistake, for the class of '99 got it, as almost every one expected. This cup is presented by the alumni of the College to the class whose foot-ball team wins the greatest number of games each fall. If one class wins for three successive years it then becomes the property of the class-

Beta sends her best wishes to each chapter, and hopes

to hear of many new chapters springing up during the year.

Robert H. Lafferty.

GAMMA.

William and Mary.

It has again been the privilege of old William and Mary to observe the regular annual "Week of Prayer," and to realize as the result much spiritual good.

A few weeks ago there might have been seen in our college chapel a number of sadly disappointed boys, who be came so in the "twinkling of an eye," as it was announced by the twinkling of our President's tongue, that we should be allowed only a four day's holiday at Christmas. However, this did not end the matter; for a petition was gotten up in which we requested the extention of our time to ten days; and nearly every boy at college having signed this, our "Bill of Rights," it was adopted by a three-fourths vote of the faculty.

Since we have just been speaking of Christmas, it ought not to be out of the way to discuss pies, and so especially when they are of a capital quality, such, for an instance, as those who felt as if they might be enduring capital punishment when they were butted by our "goat."

About a month after the birth of the above named animal we thought that it would be a good idea to commence breaking him. So everything being arranged, on a certain "midnight dreary," Mr. F. S. McCandlish gave him the first opportunity of displaying his mysterious feats. Since this brother is not a heavy man we felt sure that, notwithstanding its youthfulness, our mischievous little pet could easily bear him into the realms of Pi. At the close of the interview between this pair we did not sing "Mary Had a Little Lamb," for our little "goat" had "Mac."

However, in a few more weeks, although our famous little quadruped had been steadily developing, we had so great a task for him that we would fain have invoked the assistance of a Samson. There was last fall on our football team a man whose strength and activity were well known to everybody. Now, this is the man who was to have "oft in that stilly night" the "falling sickness," whenever he would attempt to climb "young ambition's ladder" on the hard bucking "rounds" of his non-sheepish assailant. But, "suddenly there came a tapping, as of some one gently rapping, rapping at our chapter door." We pushed back the mysterious bolt; and there came in our famous "goat," bearing a human figure, and saying as he approached, "The game is done! I've won, I've won! and here present E. Barbour Hutchinson."

So now, though we have "eight," we still do eat, and will depend on Pi until we die.

G. L. Stevens.

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

Although we have not taken in any new men since our last letter to The Shield and Diamond, still we have been prospering as regards Fraternity life, and things have moved on smoothly.

Brother Hite-Smith, of the class of '97, visited his home in Knoxville during the holidays. He has a lucrative and responsible position as chief engineer of waterworks in Union, S. C., from which he will probably go to Statesville, N. C., also to superintend putting in of waterworks.

Brother D. E. Carmichael, an old University of Tennessee man, spent the holidays with his kinsfolk in East Tennessee. Zeta very much appreciated the visit of this brother to our school and hall; he returned to Chicago at the close of the holidays to his work at the head of a manufactory of stoves and ranges.

Our foot-ball team, which has made such a brilliant record this year, made a fine trip to New Orleans, where they played the city Athletic Association on Christmas day. The result of the game was a tie, but if there had not been

a mistake in keeping the time, the game would in all probability have been ours, as we had the ball near the opponents' goal when the whistle was blown five minutes too soon. Thanks for this fine trip are due to Brother Rogan, who was the originator of the idea and under whose management the game was played.

E. Clyde Sherwood.

THETA.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

Theta wishes a happy and successful New Year to her sister chapters.

Little of interest has happened in *Theta* Chapter since our last letter to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, but we hope that what little we have done will not prove vain.

With great state and ceremony we brought forth the II "goat" and let it have a chance at Mr. J. P. Montgomery, of Woodlawn, Ala. Jack came off victorious, after a hard struggle, but though he did not say much, we could see that he was greatly harrassed. We hope that he will fulfill our expectations and prove a benefit to the Fraternity. The only thing he lacks is personal beauty, but as all the other members of the Chapter, especially Brother Ivy, are greatly gifted that way, this deficiency is of small moment.

In our next letter we hope to give an account of some promising "goats."

Brother Mooney represented us at a reception given by the S. A. E. Fraternity. Brother Eleazer upheld the II standard at the Centennial Club reception on New Year's eve.

Owing to the shortness of the Christmas vacation most of the II boys stayed in town, but this did not prevent them from having a lively time.

We are rejoicing in the recovery of one of our II sisters who has been very ill for a long time.

We wish that every II could share with us the acquaintance of as true and earnest a friend as any fraternity ever possessed. To tell of the many acts of kindness that she has shown us would be impossible, but the brothers who have gone out from this chapter will remember the many pleasant hours spent in her parlor and the kind and sympathetic hand that was always held out to them in times of sickness or bereavement. In affliction's darkest hour her friendship has proved a beacon pointing the way to hope and comfort.

We were all glad to hear that the work was progressing so rapidly in Texas. We hope to see chapters placed in several new States in the near future.

A new year lies before us, and every true II should do his best to promote the interests of II K A in every way possible. New chapters should be established wherever they would do us good. Those already put in should be placed on as firm basis as possible, both in respect to the quality and number of men taken in, and the bonds which bind us together should be esteemed sacred, so that when a II is in trouble he can feel sure that he has a host of friends ready to help and defend him.

If these things be done the end of 1898 will see the II K A Fraternity in the front ranks of the Greek world.

George W. Fraser.

IOTA.

Hampden-Sidney.

Since the last issue of The Shield and Diamond our college-life has been marked by two of the most important events of the college year—intermediate examinations and the Christmas holidays. We came through the former with a goodly number of distinctions, and now at the opening of the second term we find ourselves back at the old college listening to each others marvelous yarns of parties, pretty girls and the like, enjoyed at the dear old home. Each fellow, too, has a box of cake or candy which each other must sample until we not only don't want any more, but feel like the small boy who "didn't want what he had."

Very little has transpired recently in our college-life which we feel would be of interest to our brothers. Fraternity-life has been marked by a more cordial feeling among the members of the different frats than has been known since the writer first saw these classic shades, and we believe that Pi Kappa Alpha still wields as great an influence in "college politics" and social life as she did in the stormy days of yore.

Brothers Gaines and Houston have been recently elected by their respective societies as two of the six orators to represent them at our annual celebration on the 22d of February, and Brother Jones was elected marshal. Bro. Houston has also been recently elected local editor of the Hampden-Sidney Magazine.

We were much pleased to hear of the revival of *Gamma* Chapter, and extend to our new brothers our heartiest welcome. May the "garnet and old gold" never be lowered again at that grand old institution which has given to the world and to *Pi Kappa Alpha* so many honored men.

We believe the formation of the Alumnus Chapter at Dallas, Texas, marks an epoch in our history. It is high time that we were represented in the colleges of that State which has given to us so many loyal men, and this, it seems to us, is the surest and safest way to begin the work. Then the formation of this chapter should stimulate every active member because it is an earnest of the love which these alumni bear to the Fraternity. Certainly no Fraternity has a more zealous and loyal band of alumni than we, and with faithful support by the active members we must advance—nothing human can stop us.

We regret that Brother R. R. Jones was compelled to resign the office of C. P. He is handed down in the traditions of *Iota* as the best of fellows.

W. S. Wilson.

MU.

Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

The Angel of Death has visited our little band and re-

moved a brother. How forcibly we felt the truth, as we gathered in our hall and saw his vacant chair and missed the familar voice that we shall never again hear on earth, that "Death loves a shining mark." Henry Scudder Griffin, our departed brother, was born at Greensboro, Ga., on the first day of September, in the year 1875. Here he spent his happy boyhood days. In later years the family moved to Mobile, Ala., and here Brother Griffin held a responsible position with the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company for ten months. Resigning his place with this road he entered the Technological School of Atlanta, Ga.. During these years he was laboring with the view of one day entering the profession of law. When he had almost completed his course in Atlanta, feeling that he was called to preach the "Good tidings of great joy," he consecrated his life and all to the Master whom he loved so well. Placing himself under the care of Presbytery he entered the Presbyterian College of South Carolina to better fit himself for his life-work. While here pursuing his course he won, by his scholarly deportment and exemplary christian character, the respect and confidence of his instructors and the love of his fellow-students.

We who knew him most closely in the fraternal bonds felt the influence of his loving disposition and of his kindly advice. He held the highest office in this chapter that it can bestow.

The Y. M. C. A. in this college, of which he was President, has lost an able officer and zealous worker. He labored with untiring energy, sometimes beyond his strength, to bring others to Christ, and to help them in as far as he could to live a Christian life. He was sent, during the summer of '97, as a delegate to the Nashville convention from this chapter. In his literary society, of which he was President, he was regarded as one of its most brilliant orators. Last June he was elected by his society to fill a debater's place in the yearly debate. Little did we think, when, after holding the undivided attention of that large audience, he rose to receive the medal which was to be

awarded to the best debater, that in a few short months that voice should be forever silent.

On the 26th of November, at 9:30 o'clock, Brother Griffin breathed his last. During his short illness he suffered great pain, but bore it with true Christian fortitude. His death was a great shock to his friends, for although they knew his health had not been good for several months before his last illness, they did not dream that the end was so near. It came as a thunder-clap from a clear sky.

On the afternoon of the 27th the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery of the Presbyterian Church. The casket was borne by members of his fraternity from the hearse to the church, where funeral services were conducted by Dr. Jacobs, his pastor. The members of the college faculty bore the casket from the church to the grave, and the last sad rites of burial were performed.

The State and community has lost a true citizen, the church a zealous worker and the college a scholar. The fraternity has sustained a loss that time can never fill.

He loved the Order and was a warm supporter of its principles, striving in every way to serve it and to advance its interests. *Mu* chapter feels a sorrow that cannot be expressed by words.

"To live in hearts we leave behind, I not to die"

J. P. Marion, Jr.

NU.

Wofford College.

Nu not being fortunate enough to catch any of her sister chapter's "Christmas gift," and being so fortunate as not to be caught, sends greetings, and wishes all many returns of the New Year. Since our last letter we have been through the fiery furnace of examinations, and we are proud to say that we have come out without the smell of fire upon our garments.

All of us went home for the Christmas holidays, and it

would be too much to attempt to give an account of the doings of each good brother while on his Christmas "booze," but we must say that when a II imagines that he is covered with molasses, he certainly has a sweet case of the "jims."

Iber Charles Blackwood, the renowned math. student, and the man who possesses "the unconquerable will and whatever else is to be or come," has not returned yet. We miss old Black much, and are anxious for him to come back to town with his cart and resin. We would remind Black that our daily watch for his return is as he said about going to college seven days in the week, not hard on the brain, but — on the eyes.

John Allen, the bell-cow of the class of '98, came back after Christmas, but after loafing around several days with a sore arm—quite a general complaint now—he left either for his mother's sympathy or for little A.'s tender smiles; we think it was for the latter. If you want some valuable information ask John what E. F. O. and B. F. G. means. If he won't tell you it may be that he will tell you who will.

Walter Stuckey—old Stuck—returned yesterday with a shave, shine and a shampoon, stiff-starched shirt and a high collar. The glee club immediately began playing "There is a new coon in town" when old Stuck was seen walking across the campus.

Everything in college is moving along about as usual. We have not yet begun to look for base-ball players, for we doubt if we will be able to play any this season.

I. C. Blackwood, Per "Jack."

PI.

Washington and Lee.

Pi is pleased to greet all who have the success of the Shield and Diamond at heart. We congratulate the fraternity at large, and especially Brother Smythe, on the progerss made in the past year.

Mid-winter examinations are things of the past with us now, and every II feels strong and ready for the work leading to the next in April.

Christmas vacation lasted longer this year than it has for several years back. Brother Thornton spent his time in Washington, D. C., and Port Royal, Va., Brother Sarrony remained in Lexington, as did a large number of Washington and Lee men who had some special attractions in the city other than college work.

Brother Lucian Dillard, of Iron Gate, Va., visits us quite often; during the holidays he was in Lexington for several days.

Brother John C. Dillon is employed as "teller" in the First National Bank of Lexington, and of course we see a great deal of him. Brothers Lucian and John are two of the charter members of Pi chapter, and still continue to take an interest in her welfare, being ready at all times to assist in an initiation.

Rumor reports that II's had a "Pi Kappa Alpha time" here Christmas week.

Since our last letter to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND we have had a short but pleasant visit from Brothers Eskridge and Sterns, of *lota*; the former was kept so busy with the "calico" that we could only get a glimpse of him; the latter we kid-napped, and thus saw more of him.

We congratulate *Gamma* upon her re-appearance, and wish a prosperous year to each of our sister chapters and to the Shield and Diamond.

G. Knox Thornton.

RHO.

Cumberland University.

The holidays have closed and the boys have returned, reporting successful expeditions and, in many places, conquest absolute. This going forth to conquer is not confined to the lawyers, for even McWilliams, of the literary department, is the last to return, and Jake K. Howard broke his shell and proceeded to the Mammoth Cave with

his lady love. He is the last theologe any one would have suspected doing such daring deeds. E. B. Landis has at last met his match and has found a counterpart of his nature in a former resident damsel of the city of Memphis, Tenn. He returned without his badge and shows upon his countenance the marks of a deadly conquest, but victory at last. J. H. Jackson says that West Tennessee and Kentucky go solid for II K A. He shows by a mark upon his jaw that he has been in the front ranks where the cannons belched their volumes of smoke and flame. Therefore you may see and understand that II K A has an ever energetic body of workers, and that her banners float higher day by day. The brothers met more II's from other chapters than they had ever met before, and each was welcomed by that silent look and grip which distinguish us from the other portions of mankind. Each was happy to meet the other, and we trust that there is a deeper interest and a more enthusiastic purpose in the genius of the noble Order, and we hope for the coming year unparallelled success.

Since our last writing we have initiated Mr. W. D. Thompson, of Deport, Texas, into the secrets of II K A.

On the 19th of January we will lose three good men: J. H. Jackson, Union City, Tenn.; C. M. Taylor, Fayetteville, Tenn., and J. A. McCracken, Russellville, Ark. The last named is a candidate for the Legislature in the State of Arkansas. The others will try their fortunes in the practice of law at their respective homes. One of our alumnus members, U. M. Crawford, decided that he could no longer live alone, so he took unto himself a wife, and they are happily situated in the parsonage in Petersburg, Tenn.

We were glad to see in the last copy of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND that new fields were expected to be entered and we hope that by this time II K A banners have been raised in other institutions. We would be indeed very sorry to lose any of our chapters.

We are glad to be able to start a college journal in

Cumberland, and our boys are fortunate enough to hold positions on the staff of editors.

N. C. Hawkins.

SIGMA.

Vanderbilt University.

When the issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND containing this letter comes out the holidays will have been over some time, but if it be remembered that it was written about the time of the usual hubbub attendant on college men getting ready to leave for home, I hope its shortcomings will be overlooked.

We are glad to state that we have put the badge of II A. A. on another man since our last letter. He is Brother J. J. Jetton, of Dversburg, this State, and is a fine member. We are to be congratulated on securing him. is a Freshman in Pharmacy, or rather a Junior, as this is a two-year course, and so gets his degree next year. have another man pledged, and expect to take him in in a short while. He is not a student of the University, but is an assistant teacher in the best preparatory school in the city. He is an old college man, but for very satisfactory reasons did not join a fraternity while in college. The school he is interested in sends quite a number of young men to Vanderbilt every year, so aside from his own merits it will be immensely to our advantage to make him a brother in our fraternal order. We can, through him, become sooner acquainted with the more promising fellows that this school sends to the University, and by his recommendation be better guided in making our selections than we otherwise would be.

As a rule it is from the neighboring preparatory schools that the best fraternal maternal comes, and a fraternity that has no members, knowing these on their arrival, is at a disadvantage.

However, we intended to be prepared to meet this difficulty by next year. To apply a popular phrase, this chapter is truly "only in its infancy," but it purposes to make the most of whatever opportunities it may have.

We are not represented in all departments of the University as yet, nor as much as we would like in the literary societies, glee club, athletics, etc., but we hope to be represented in these before a great while, thereby increasing our popularity by extending our generality.

We understand there is a II or two at Sewanee who have half a mind to start a chapter up on the mountain. I merely mention this, but it would make Sigma feel glad to know that she had another sister chapter so close by.

Sigma wishes a happy Christmas and a year of progress to all her sister chapters of II K. A.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Upsilon greets her sister chapters with a "Happy New Year," and introduces to them Brother John Glenn, of Auburn, Ala., who bravely met our goat on the night of the 7th instant. Brother Glenn is the son of our College Treasurer, E. T. Glenn, and a general favorite among the boys.

Brothers Rainey and Deaton showed their love for *Upsilon* in bringing two lovely pictures for the hall back with them from their respective homes. They claim that those pictures represent much self-sacrifice and many boxes of candy and packs of cigarettes. Some of the members were unkind enough to attribute their possesson to unsuspecting mothers, and the fact that the parlor door was not locked during their stay at home during the Christmas holidays.

Our hall is gradually taking on a lovely appearance, the improvement in which is directly proportional to the increase, or newness, of the sweethearts of the various members.

Brother McIntyre now wears a sad, dispairing look, which a good many are prone to attribute to a recent

visit to our city of a former graduate. Now that the visitor has departed, we hope to see Brother McIntyre brighten up. Upsilon is all here, and we all enjoy assembling at our regular meeting times and recounting our various woes, hopes and future prospects. The writer had the good fortune of spending a couple of days at the home of Brother Pollard, '97, in Hurtsboro', Ala., while he was taking his holiday. Brother Pollard reports a flourishing school at Costopa, Ala., where he is pursuing a course in law, as well as teaching.

The number of our matriculates has now reached 335,

with new students coming in every day.

The present prospect is, from an Athletic point of view, that Auburn will have this season the best base-ball team in her history. This may be attributed to the present decline of foot-ball, which has caused that stream of athletic energy and interest to be turned into the channels of base-ball.

Upsilon notes with pleasure the creating of a new alumnus chapter in Texas, and trusts that this is but the vanguard of new, active chapters throughout the West, for every true II is a host within himself, and wherever he is found his influence must be felt.

Praying that God's blessing may rest upon our sister chapters, and that every petty trouble, if any, may vanish as the old year, to be replaced by the brightness, the hopes and the prospects of the new, *Upsilon* launches forth to make her history for 1898.

F. Loyd Tate, Upsilon.

PHI.

Roanoke College.

Since our last letter to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND *Phi's* goat has been successfully ridden by another noble *II* (Mr. Wallace W. Hufford, of Tazewell, Va.), whose presence at our weekly meetings has greatly increased the pleasure of the hours we spend in "Old Phi Hall."

The addition of Brother Hufford made our number six. But we very much regret to say that since the holidays we have lost one of our old men. Brother W. G. Rhyne was unable to return to us, on account of his health.

All our men except Brother Kelly spent Christmas at their homes. They report a real "gay old time;" and returned in due time to resume their much-loved studies with great energy.

Brother Kelly spent the holidays in and around Salem, and affirms that he did enough skating and "sporting the fair sex" to do for the Roanoke II's all this term.

Although Roanoke's foot-ball team was not the "only team on the gridiron," it deserves a great deal of credit for the work done. II K A was represented on the team by three of our men, Brothers Wilson, Lloyd and Hufford.

Preparations have been made for an annual at Roanoke College this year, which we have reasons to believe will be real good. We are represented on the annual staff by Brothers Lloyd and Wilson. Brother Lloyd is manager of the base-ball team for next spring. There is good material in school and we hope to have a real good team this year. II K A will have four applicants for the team.

With best wishes for a pleasant and prosperous year in the Fraternity work for her sister chapters, *Phi* closes.

Henry A. Rhyne.

The Pi's.

In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to Rev. Robert Hill, 136 State street, Dallas, Texas, 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.

—The Richmond Dispatch, in extending New Year's greetings to its friends, has the following wishes for two Richmond II's:

"Mr. Oscar Swineford—That the beauty of his calendars may increase with each succeeding year."

The SHIELD AND DIAMOND can certainly re-echo this wish, as we were the recipients of two of the calendars, through the kindness of Brother Swineford, and they are certainly "beauties." We trust to be remembered in succeeding years. Brother Swineford is always prompt in sending in his subscription to the Magazine, and in renewing for the coming year he says: "I wish you the greatest success in your work for 1898."

"Senator B. B. Munford.—That he may not fall a victim to the ire of any of the office holders, whose salaries he wants to reduce."

—"The Rev. C. S. Byrd has been permitted, by the Prestery of New Orleans, to resign the pastorate of Lafayette Presbyterian Church of that city, and has removed to Columbia, S. C., where he assumes the duties of managing editor of *The Presbyterian Quarterly* and of *The Religious Outlook*, beginning January 1st.—*Central Presbyterian*."

The SHIELD AND DIAMOND extends best wishes to Brother

Byrd, of Xi, and welcomes him back to South Carolina, where we trust he will remain for good, and where we hope his work will prosper exceedingly.

—We quote the following from a private letter of Brother Charles K. Payne, Epsilon, President of the Payne Shoe Co., of Charleston, W. Va., the largest wholesale concern of the kind in the State: "Our next door neighbors were burned out on December 27th. We were considerably damaged by smoke and water, but hope to come out of the loss without any serious damage. It was a miracle that we saved our stock and building." The Shield and Diamond extends congratulations to our brother on his narrow escape, and rejoices with him that he was saved from a heavy loss. Brother Payne is certainly an enthusiastic and loyal II, and has always been a subscriber to the Magazine. In sending his subscription for the next volume, he says: "I trust that you may have great success with the Shield and Diamond this next year."

—The Southern Presbyterian, of October 28th, contains an announcement from Rev. J. Ferdinand Jacobs regarding the change in the management of that paper of the first of January ensuing, when he and his brother, Rev. W. S. Jacobs, of Columbus, Miss., will assume charge of it. The latter is not to resign his present charge. The paper, it is stated, is to be enlarged, and other improvements are to be made. Rev. W. S. Jacobs, as we all know, is our loyal and whole-soul brother of Mu, and we know that under his able management, this paper will be made one of the foremost of its kind. We extend hearty congratulations for success in the coming year.

—We clip the following from a Knoxville, Tenn., paper of December 11th. We know the Zeta II's had a good time, and we would like to have been with them:

"The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity members were entertained last night by Mr. Dan K. Lee; at his home on the Kinston pike, west of the city. About fifteen II's were present,

and the evening was most pleasantly spent with as many young ladies, who are sponsers of the local Chapter of the Fraternity. The reception room and parlors, together with the dining room, in which a sumptuous feast was spread, were decorated in old gold and garnet, the colors of the Fraternity. The beautiful contrast was also carried out in the ices and other decorations in the menu. Mr. Lee proved himself a royal entertainer, and his fraters and young lady friends, who were present, returned to the city near the midnight hour, all glad for having enjoyed the privilege of such hospitality."

—Our worthy brother, Alex. McCollam, of our *Delta* Chapter, which though short lived, has given us some of our most loyal and prominent alumni, is certainly a good friend to the Magazine. In renewing his subscription for the coming year he kindly adds the following: "Trusting that the New Year may prove a propitious one for our Fraternity." We appreciate these good wishes and reciprocate them to Brother McCollam.

—We are very glad to publish the following notice of the restoration to health of our good Brother Rennie, of *lota*, and trust that his health may continue to be good and that the New Year will deal kindly with him: "Rev. Joseph Rennie, pastor of the Madison Avenue Church, Covington, Ky., has been absent from his charge for some time on account of sickness, but has recovered his health and has resumed his labors."

—We are glad to report that our Brother Walter M. Smith, Landa, who has left our sunny clime to make his home at the North, is meeting with great success in his work and receiving the well deserved commendation of his superior officers in his new field. We extend to him, in his far away home, our best wishes for the health and happiness of himself and family and for his success in his chosen sphere.

-Brother J. Gray McAllister, to whom can justly be

applied the famous quotation "None know him but to love him, none name him but to praise," is certainly giving a good illustration of the Irishman's definition of the flea, "When you think you've got him, he ain't there," for he has been here, there and everywhere in the last few months in the interest of his work. We have heard from him from Washington, West Virginia; from Maryland, from Kentucky and again from Virginia. Wherever he may be, however, the good wishes of all II's will follow him for a long life of happiness and prosperity.

—We regret to announce to the Fraternity that our brother, Rev. A. L. Patterson, of Mu, was forced to tender his resignation on January 1st as pastor of the Walterboro, Church, S. C., on account of the failure of his eyesight. Our sympathy goes out to this brother in his affliction and we trust that he may be soon restored.

—Brother H. W. McLaughlin, *Iota*, a recent graduate of the Theological Seminary, Hampden-Sidney, Va., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the church at Hampton, Va.

—The General Office was very glad recently to hear once more from Brother H. B. Arbuckle, who served the Fraternity so zealously as C. P. As will be remembered, Brother Arbuckle was married a few years ago and went to Johns Hopkins University to continue his studies. He was there elected assistant professor, and has now made his home at that institution. He writes that he is very busy preparing a paper to present to the Chemistry Society, and is also working on his Thesis, on which he will get his degree: He reports a little nest of II's at this institution. Basore, Bird and himself of Iota Chapter; and J. W. Cantey of Nu. In closing he says: "It does me good to hear about the successes of the year. I am intensely interested in our dear old Fraternity, and look forward anxiously to the coming of The Shield and Diamond."

—Our brother, F. D. Smyth, *Theta*, who since his graduation has been travelling as salesman for one of the large

dry goods houses of the North has recently decided to enter the ministry. The following paragraph from the Southwestern Presbyterian gives the full information about it. We wish him success in his work: "At a meeting held December 13, 1897, in Columbia, S. C., Charleston Presbytery received under its care, as a candidate for the gospel ministry, Mr. F. Douglas Smyth, upon papers referred to that Presbytery by the Presbytery of New Orleans."

—The following paragraph is taken from the Richmond Dispatch of December 30th: "The Rev. Robert C. Gilmore, Iota, has accepted the call to the pastorates of the Third Presbyterian and Olivet churches of Covington, Va., and will begin his work the first Sunday in February. Heretofore Mr. Gilmore has been in charge of the Presbyterian church in Brunswick, Ga. He is an unmarried man, being about 25 years old, and is a good preacher and an engaging pastor. Mr. Gilmore was born in Augusta, near Middlebrook, and is a son of the Rev. Dr. Gilmore, of Buena Vista."

—At a congregational meeting December 12th, Covington, Tenn., Rev. J. C. Barr, *Theta*, of New Orleans, La., was elected pastor by a vote which was made unanimous. The hope was expressed that Mr. Barr will accept the call.

—Rev. S. M. Engle, *Iota*, has resigned the charge of the church at Terra Alta, W. Va., and accepted the call to the church at Piedmont, W. Va. Mr. Engle will still have charge of the church at Oakland, Md.

Editorial.

THE FRATERNITY starts this New Year under most favorable auspices, and in a condition which bids fair to make its growth, during the next twelve months, greater than in any past year. Every member is keenly alive to the importance of extending the territory of the Fraternity, and entering new fields, in which the banner of "Old gold and garnet" has never before been carried, and all are working to accomplish this result.

We have long had a large alumni membership in Texas, and it has been the desire and aim of the officers for several years to gain a foot-hold in that State. It now seems as if these hopes are to be realized, and we feel sure that before many months, at least two active Chapters will be placed in prominent Universities of this big State. With two of our officers in the State, and a large and active Alumni Chapter also located there, the outlook is certainly promising.

Our active members are earnestly working to strengthen and build up their own Chapters and are on the watch for good opportunities of placing new ones. Our good brothers of Theta have on foot a plan, the accomplishment of which will add another State to our list. Thus it will be seen that "extension" is to be the watchword all along the line this year, and we predict the success of the many plans now being arranged for this greatly to be desired end.

WE KNOW that the article from the able pen of Brother McAllister will be a new incentive to all the brothers to work diligently for the further upbuilding of this old

Fraternity, and at the same time will give them pleasure and pride that so much has been accomplished in the last few years, under such adverse conditions. Our growth and advancement has certainly been wonderful, and the impetus given by the last Convention can still be noticed in the enthusiastic work of the Chapters.

In extending therefore our New Year's greetings to each and every member of the Fraternity, wherever he may be, for health, happiness and prosperity, we also bring them the good news that their Fraternity is stronger to-day than ever before, and bids fair soon to take her place in the ranks, as one of the leading Fraternities in the South.

THE FRATERNITY is indeed to be congratulated on the election of the new Councilor Princeps. Brother W. M. Anderson is all that a true II should be; earnest and loyal in his love for his Fraternity, devoted to its every interest, zealous in aiding its work, ever ready to respond to its calls. He will thus bring to the new office the ability of an able student and earnest worker, combined with a sincere love for his Fraternity—a combination which cannot fail to accomplish great good for the Fraternity, and gain it success.

The suggestions and request which Brother Anderson publishes with his acceptance, we trust will be carefully and thoughtfully read by each member of every Chapter. And further than this, we trust that they will take these thoughts to heart and endeavor to carry them out and uphold this officer's hands in the work which he has undertaken, so that great success may attend it.

On behalf of the members of the Fraternity, we extend hearty thanks to Brother Anderson for accepting this responsible position, and best wishes for his successful administration, and pledge him anew the earnest and cordial support of all II's.

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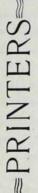
Brother Anderson's acceptance of an active official position with the Fraternity, after many years of sepation from the Chapter life, in which it is but natural that his interest in the Fraternity would have given place to the ties of family and the calls of his profession, is strong testimony to the worth of the Fraternity system. That he should be willing to assume the responsibility as the active head of the Fraternity, charged with the shaping and conduct of its course, shows that there is more in these organizations than the average person believes. A man of Brother Anderson's years and profession, unless he believed that the work of the Fraternity was for the benefit and improvement of young men, would not, we are sure, renew his interest in the Organization, much less become its head.

We also cite the instance of our noble brother, Floyd Hughes, our Supreme Councilor, one of the most prominent lawyers of Norfolk, who was willing to leave his office and its work to spend three days in the Convention Hall last spring, devoting his time and energy to guiding and aiding the assembly in the work of the Fraternity. Surely these men would not be willing to give their valuable time to this work, if they did not believe that by continuing the life, and widening the field of the Fraternity, others would receive helpful care and guidance.

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