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Contributions.

LOYALTY.

Breathes there a Pi with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said—
“This is my own fraternal band.”
Sure none who *Shield and Diamond* wore
Can clear forget the days of yore—
The grip of Comrade’s hand.

Let not the rush of hurried strife
In fleeting days of after life
Make us forgetful be, and cold;
For memory still holds pleasures rare;
Let’s loyal be to those who wear
The *Garnet and Old Gold*,

Anon.

THE CONVENTION OF 1898.

A very important matter concerning the practical work of the Fraternity this year is as to where and when the Convention shall be held.

I am now going to throw out a number of hints hoping that they will draw forth responses from all the chapters on this subject, and from as many of the alumni as are interested in the subject.

I want a communication from each chapter on this subject in the next issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. I think by an interchange of opinion we may more surely and easily reach a safe settlement of the matter.

Two places have been suggested and the reasons assigned for each are good. I will name and give some reasons in favor of each of them and ask the opinions of all *II's*.

Nashville, Tenn.—Some time in July the great Convention of Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor meets in this magnificent city and the rates on the railroads throughout the country will be very low. Any one can take advantage of these rates and the limits of the tickets will be sufficient for any one to attend the Convention and then do some other visiting while in the section. Nashville is rather centrally located and a number of active chapter men and alumni are close at hand and could attend and render good service.

Atlanta, Ga.—This "Chicago" of the South has been suggested. The Confederate Veterans hold their reunion there this summer some time in July. The rates of travel will be very low and the limits of the tickets will permit a nice trip into other sections. Many of our members are interested in the United Sons of Confederate Veterans and will have to attend their Convention at same time. Our Convention has met twice in Nashville, but has never met in Atlanta. It would be very easy for our members to concentrate there if it should be chosen as the place of meeting. We have a number of resident alumni there also.

Now I have written these thoughts very hurriedly and amid a pressure of work, after some absence from my study.

I would be glad to have many opinions from many sources on this great subject.

If any one has another place to suggest, let us know at once that we may consider and select the place that will be found to be best.

W. M. Anderson,
Councilor Princeps.

FRATERNITY ADVERTISING.

In these days of progress and new ideas even the old adages that have come down to us from generations past, are subject to the changes which this restless age makes in everything. One of the oldest and most frequently quoted of these sayings is now changed: "*Advertising makes the world go round*" is now the great maxim. At least there is no enterprise of a business or social nature which hopes for success without this mighty arm of commerce.

In the various societies and organizations, social, beneficial, or whatever they may be, great stress is laid on the printed matter which they use, such as charters, certificates of membership, letter paper and such. Each one of these must be embossed and adorned with the emblems and colors, signs and symbols, of that particular organization. The charter and membership certificates receive especial attention. They must be handsome and attractive, and pleasing to the eye. It is a drawing card for a society to have beautiful blanks to present to its members and its branches. Men prize such things, and probably in every home of this country you will see in the principal room such papers and documents framed and carefully hung in conspicuous places on the walls. They attract attention to the society which issues them.

Thus, in some degree, is it important for fraternities to give attention to such things. All the fraternities take pains in having pretty designs for their emblems, to be used on letter paper and visiting cards. These are almost universally used, and the fraternities vie with each other

in the beauty and taste of such decorations. There is a great deal in a man's being able, that is, having the right to use such paper and cards. A member is proud to show a pretty visiting card with his fraternity design on it. One feels a peculiar pleasure in writing on paper bearing, in blending colors and shapes, the emblems of his Order. The feeling that every one cannot have this right, makes the pleasure all the keener.

Thus the fraternity advertises itself, as it were, and no one undervalues the importance of such things, if he knows aught of human nature. While, probably, a man would not be influenced alone by these matters in joining one fraternity in preference to another, still they have their weight. Such things cost money, and when used plentifully throughout the Order shows the fraternity to be prosperous and strong. They advertise the fact that the fraternity and its members are able to afford such luxuries—for they are luxuries in a sense. They thus exert a considerable influence and act as a medium of attraction.

No well established fraternity can afford to be without these means of advertisement, and none are.

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PROMPTNESS.

There is no more important quality than this in a business man. In fact it is desirable in any one. If all the chapters would answer promptly every call and do to-day what ought to be done to-day, how much easier it would be!

If all the Alumni would readily meet their duties to their old Fraternity the work could easily move rapidly forward.

If you owe a debt, pay it promptly when it is due.

If you receive an important letter that requires an answer, do it promptly.

If you have an engagement with any one, keep it promptly. Be on time.

If you make a promise, keep your obligation in mind and keep it.

Yours truly,

R. G. Advice.

A SKETCH OF XI.

South Carolina College.

The hand of fate has fallen heavily on the South Carolina College. The State was torn by civil strife, and old rulers were succeeded by the new. An institution hoary with age and famous for its illustrious graduates had become the victim of unwise legislation. The South Carolina University had been reorganized and stripped of many of its departments and transformed into the South Carolina College—changed as it was, but still under able and efficient officers, with the venerable and learned Dr. James Woodrow at its head. However, many prophesied its early doom, and the future of the college appeared anything but bright.

Though the attendance at the college had been considerably reduced, the students were select, and the average was extraordinarily good. Still, however adverse some circumstances might have seemed, there was some inducements for the establishment of a new chapter of some fraternity. *Pi Kappa Alpha* grasped the opportunity and there placed *Xi*, a sketch of whose short career, together with some connected college events, will now be given the readers of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

It was in the summer of 1891 that *Pi Kappa Alpha* began in earnest to push forward the work of securing a foothold at South Carolina's oldest and most historic college. During the vacation preceding the session of 1891-'92, Mr. Thomas F. Brantley, then a student at the college, was written to and visited by Mr. W. W. Stewart, of *Lambda* Chapter (dead* like *Xi*, but not forgotten) in regard to the establishment of a chapter of the *Pi Kappa Alpha* Fraternity at the South Carolina College. Mr. Edwin F. Strother had also been seen to the same end. Both these men listened to the merits of *II K A* from the lips of those loyal and enthusiastic fraternity men. The matter was

**Lambda* did not die. The Board of Visitors of the citadel prohibited Fraternities and bound students under oath not to join; she therefore gave up her charter, rather than adopt underhand means to continue her life.—EDITOR.

duly considered by Messrs. Brantley and Strother, who concluded to become charter members of the new chapter on condition they could get certain other men in college to unite with them in planting *Pi Kappa Alpha's* banner at South Carolina's famous old seat of learning. So thus the matter stood until the opening of the session. But seeds had been sown, which germinated and flowered, and of the result *Pi Kappa Alpha* should be no less than proud.

When college opened in September most of the old men returned and, fortunately, all those that *Pi Kappa Alpha* had hoped to secure—Wilkinson, Strother, Brantley, Pope, Bacot and Pitts—met and discussed the subject thoroughly among themselves. Brantley had a letter from Mr. Stewart to Professor D. J. Brimm, a worthy son of *Theta*, then Councilor Princeps of the Fraternity and a professor in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Columbia. Brantley and Strother called on Professor Brimm, and, after a consultation,* they agreed to become charter members of *Xi*, provided they could get the other men just mentioned to join with them. The matter was carefully and fully considered, and the result was that on October 22, 1891, the *Pi Kappa Alpha* Fraternity issued a charter to five men, forming *Xi* chapter—Thomas F. Brantley, Orangeburg; Edwin F. Strother, Batesburg, S. C.; Jenkins M. Pope, Edisto Island, S. C.; Eugene C. Bacot, Hartsville, S. C.; and H. Brookman Wilkinson, Bishopville, S. C.—all South Carolinians.

Pi Kappa Alpha had a firm foothold at the Seminary in Columbia, since some of her strongest chapters are at Presbyterian colleges. At the time of the establishment

*In a letter October 24th, 1891, published in the October, 1891, issue of "*The Pi Kappa Alpha Journal*," J. D. Pitts says, "On the night of October 9th, at an appointed place, we discussed the matter fully with Brothers Brimm, G. A. Blackburn, Lowrance and Flinn. They gave us a week to think it over, and at the end of that time all were initiated except myself." At the end of this letter he adds, "The fellows are anxious, or rather careful, about secrecy, and desire that the establishment of the chapter * * * be made no more public than possible." In the list of chapters, therefore, on cover page no location is given for *Xi*, simply "Location furnished by Editor" is printed.—EDITOR.

of *Xi* the *II*'s connected with the Seminary were Professor D. J. Brimm, of the Faculty, and students D. A. Blackburn, R. O. Flinn and W. S. Jacobs—all of *Theta* except the last, who came from *Mu*. So the initiations of the charter members of *Xi* very naturally took place among their seminary friends. The library of the institution was secured for the purpose, and October 20 the above-named men, together with Rev. G. A. Blackburn, *Theta*, and J. D. Lowrance, *Alpha*, both of Columbia, performed the solemn and mystic rites. Professor Brimm acted as S. M. C. and conducted the ceremony in a most impressive manner. Thus *Xi* came into existence, and the next morning the other frats. on the campus were surprised to find that a strong new chapter had sprung up in their midst to divide honors with them henceforth.

A more congenial set of fellows than these five (six including Pitts, who was immediately initiated and was a charter member in all but name) never met to uphold and advance the principles and teachings of any fraternity. They were strong friends, full of energy, and had the resolve and will to win. They went to work with a vim and were determined to push forward in spite of any opposition. A hall in "Eagle's Nest," above the chapel, was secured and fitted up. Then the boys were anxious to "goat" somebody. Immediately after the organization John Douglass Pitts, of Laurens, S. C., rode the "fiery young steed." Pitts had been pledged before, but somehow he did not join as a charter member. He was rushed by several of the other fraternities and was a most excellent fellow, popular with both faculty and students. S. C. Byrd, of Tylerville, S. C., and A. G. La Motte, of Columbia, were the next initiates. They were great additions to the fraternity and have proved loyal supporters. Byrd was a seminary student and La Motte was taking law. Here the initiations ceased, and *Xi* was content with eight good men—seven collegians and one "Seminole." A good, conservative course had been followed, and the result was most satisfactory.

Now a few words about the men that laid the foundations of our chapter:

Brantley was a member of the Senior class and was a jolly, good fellow. He had attended Bingham School preparatory to entering college. Some fun was often had at his expense in regard to the "sidewalk problem." He was an excellent speaker, fond of society debates, tennis, and—girls. No doubt he and Strother can vividly recall many pleasant visits to a large white house on the corner of Marion and Lady streets. Brantley graduated in June, '92, and returned the next session for the law course. Just before graduating in law he was appointed by President Cleveland chief of a division in the Treasury Department in Washington—a great honor for a man of his age. While in Washington Brantley took an advanced law course at the Georgetown Law School, and in 1895 was elected post-graduate (chief) debater from Georgetown in the great annual debate with the Columbian Law School. Georgetown won, much being owed to the magnificent effort of Brother Brantley. In the great presidential campaign of 1896 Brantley was sent into West Virginia to stump that State for William J. Bryan. Brantley is now meeting with great success as an "attorney-at-law" in Orangeburg, and we hear that he is spoken of for Congress from his district at the coming election.

Strother was bright, but too fond of sport to be a student of the "strict school." He was a strong friend, an active fraternity man, and a man of his own opinions. He was a Sophomore, and was forever originating some scheme, which faculty served to influence his choice of profession. Let any one dare assail *Pi Kappa Alpha*, and he had to retract or test physical powers with Strother. The last two years he was at college he took law, and, since his graduation, has settled at Batesburg, S. C., his home, and is building up a good practice. Strother is a politician, when he wants to be, but has never sought political honors. He is young yet, having graduated in '94 at the age of nineteen, and was admitted to the bar by

special act of the legislature. He was appointed temporary solicitor for the fifth circuit for a part of last summer.

Pope was a splendid all-round man. He was a candidate in '92 for graduation, and he graduated with much credit to himself. He was a good student and an excellent fraternity man. After receiving his degree with honors he entered the South Carolina Medical College, Charleston, S. C., the following fall. There, after three years' study, he graduated in 1895 at the head of a large class, and won the "college cup." Before the State Medical Board he stood the best examination of all the applicants and received a prize in books offered by Appleton & Co. for highest per centage. Pope received the appointment to the Charleston City Hospital, and, after his term, he was selected by the City Board of Health in May, 1896, to go to the West Indies and Central America, to inspect ships bound for Charleston, which port was then quarantined against those countries. This was quite an honor and a position of great responsibility for a young physician. Brother Pope is now a successful physician on Edisto Island, having fallen heir to the large practice of his father.

Another member of the class of '92 was Wilkinson, who graduated high and has not failed to come up to our expectations. He was an eminent worker and an enthusiastic *III*. Indeed, he was, as every other one in the chapter, a credit to the fraternity. Wilkinson was rather modest and unassuming, a steady man and a good student. He left college after commencement to enter the University of Virginia in the fall. When he left that institution he had an "M. D." and not without honors. He received a hospital appointment to Marion, Va., and was subsequently elected a surgeon in the Hospital for the Insane, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Wilkinson is now a rising physician in Montgomery, Alabama, and his address is 11½ Court Square.

Bacot, the only Junior among the "charters," was bright and witty, but by no means a book-worm. He was very susceptible to woman's charms, and was always stumbling

into nets set by delicate feminine hands. He disliked the interchanging of letters in his name as much as Strother hated nicknames applied to him. Bacot was elected President of the Euphradian Society the next session, and served in several other offices, showing the esteem in which he was held. He was a mechanical genius and could repair anything from an umbrella to a steam engine. He made amateur photography a fashion, and was an electrician from choice as well as by nature. Bacot is now filling a good and responsible position as electrician of the Columbia Mills, the largest mill of its kind in the South. He intends to go North later.

These were the charter members. The other initiates of the first session were Pitts, Byrd and La Motte.

John Douglass Pitts was the first initiate after the organization of *Xi*, and the first to reach the inevitable end of life. He was an excellent fellow, a splendid student, and a pure and devoted Christian. All through his college course he was the recipient of well-merited honors. He took an active part in the work of the Y. M. C. A., and led a life that had an ennobling influence on all his associates. Pitts was an earnest student and graduated second in an exceptionally good class before he had reached the age of nineteen. Upon graduation he was awarded a Harvard scholarship, but on account of ill-health could not accept it. He secured a position in the graded school of his native town, Laurens, where June 30, 1893, almost exactly one year after graduation, he died of consumption. A noble life blighted and too early ended by disease, a life shining with good deeds and full of promise doomed by fate to an early close! Thus the first name is stricken from *Xi's* active roll, but Douglass Pitts holds too illustrious a place in her annals ever to be forgotten.

Samuel Craig Byrd was a graduate of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina. Choosing the ministry as a profession, he entered Union Seminary, Hampden-Sidney, where he spent one year. The following September, 1890, he entered the Columbia Seminary, and was initiated into *Xi* in 1892, during which year he graduated. He received

"M. A." from his *alma mater* in 1892, and was elected tutor in Hebrew at the Seminary for the session of 1892-'93. Brother Byrd was the first initiate of *Xi* to succumb to the powers of matrimony, having been married to Miss Wilhelmina Cosby, of Newberry, S. C., in 1893. He was elected assistant pastor to the celebrated Dr. Palmer of New Orleans, and later, pastor of Lafayette Church of the same city. He is S. M. C. of *Alumnus Eta*.*

(A. Granville La Motte had been a student at the S. C. Military Academy, but was a law student at the college when he joined *Xi*.)

He has always been an enthusiastic worker in the cause of his chapter, and has at various times aided very materially in fraternity work. After graduation he did not pursue law as a profession, but became an architect, and is the junior member of the firm of Niernsie & La Motte, architects and sanitary engineers, Columbia, S. C.

These were the men whose work firmly established *Xi*, upheld by hands no less loyal. Valuable assistance and counsel came from such men as Professor Brimm, Rev. G. A. Blackburn, and Blackburn Flinn, and Jacobs of the Seminary. It is no wonder that *Xi* prospered and grew to be one of the pillars of the fraternity.

Xi had met with some opposition, but the conduct of her men upheld her. When the end of the session came, the *II*'s were jubilant, and not without cause. Their record was splendid for a new chapter. During the session Brantley had been elected to represent the Euphradian Society in joint debate with the Clariosophics, and had won the Euphradian debater's medal. When commencement came, Pitts graduated second in his class, making a fine average, and Pope and Wilkinson won high honors, while La Motte got his degree in law with distinction, and the others, including our brothers at the

*Brother Byrd is now located in Columbia, S. C., having returned to his native State to assume the duties of Managing Editor of *The Presbyterian Quarterly* and of *The Religious Outlook*.
EDITOR.

Seminary, did well. Wilkinson was Class Historian, Brantley, Euphradian Valedictorian, and the other *II*'s held various positions. *Pi Kappa Alpha* had a good foothold at the South Carolina College. What had been accomplished was something unusual for a new chapter. The victories of the first year presaged future ones, and so favorable a beginning could portend nothing less than still greater achievements.

J. G. Hughes.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

University of Virginia.

The mother Chapter of our Fraternity has been quite active, in so far as "goating" is concerned, since she was last heard from. Two men have been added to the chapter list, and through these additions many others are hoped to be initiated into our sacred bonds.

Alpha takes great pleasure in introducing to the active members of all sister chapters as well as to the Alumni, Brother Robert A. Stewart, of Portsmouth, Va., and Brother Jose Browne Prince, Jr., of Courtland, Va., who were "goated" on February 5th and 19th respectively.

The University base-ball team has been on the field for about a month, but of course the team has not been picked. The prospects are unusually bright for a winning team. Several men with "great reputations" are here from Northern colleges, and if they fail to create a sensation it certainly will not be the cause of their "boosting-up." Among them is Summersgill, who was for three years Brown University's first pitcher. He's a "peach."

March 18th is to be celebrated as becomes all *Pi Kappa Alpha's*. Just thirty years ago from that day our Fraternity was organized and founded upon great principles. It has not grown as it should have, but that is not to our discredit. Let us do better in the future. Our number is small, but it is believed that we have men who will always be ready to advance the interests of dear old *II K A*.

Every chapter is, by way of suggestion, asked to join us in our toast to *II K A* on March 18.

Our progress during the last few years has been something remarkable. New chapters have been established and dead ones have become quite animated, and have become important factors among the fraternities at their respective colleges.

It is now the duty—which is everlasting—and should be the ambition, of every loyal "*Pi*"—how can one be otherwise?—to work for and advance the interest of the Fraternity in every conceivable way. By our next anniversary let us be able to say as we look back over a year of which we cannot help being proud—"We have done our duty."

Why cannot some one who can paint in true likeness the thoughts which must enter every mind, contribute an article to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND and instill the heart of every brother with the ambition to work for our interest.

In advance, I greet all *Pi*'s upon entering our 31st year.

Paul B. Myers.

BETA.

Davidson College.

Beta sends greeting to the other chapters and to all those who have the welfare of the Fraternity at heart. We are looking forward eagerly to seeing the March issue of SHIELD AND DIAMOND, hoping to see reports of a new chapter. We know our alumni in Texas will not be inactive.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brother N. A. Orr, of Charlotte, N. C. He is a brother of one of *Beta*'s loyal charter members, Brother C. C. Orr, now teaching in Dixie, N. C.

On the night of the 4th of February he tackled successfully our faithful old "Billy," which, having been kept up for some time, was quite "gaily." But Brother Orr, being a good foot-ball player, finally conquered him, and now has him quite under his power, although it gave him the "grippe" and the *measles*, but he has finally pulled through.

The joint committee of the literary college and the N. C. Medical College met a few days ago and decided to cele-

brate *field-day* on the 16th of April, and also at this meeting it was decided to invite Winthrop College girls to come up that day and have their annual pic-nic on our campus.

The faculty have been on the lookout for a gymnasium instructor for some time and have finally succeeded in obtaining an excellent one, Mr. J. W. Calder, who for some time has been instructor in the Charlotte Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. We hope by the aid of his training to be able to make better records on our field-day than ever before.

Washington's birthday is always celebrated at our college by *Junior speaking*. This year the class was divided into three sections of nine each. The first section spoke Monday night and the other two Tuesday morning and Tuesday night. If fright will cause the hair to become gray I can't see why some of our's has not turned.

Brother McKennon has been elected chapter correspondent for *Beta*, and the next letter which *Beta* sends will be from his fluent pen. W. S. Houston.

GAMMA.

William and Mary College.

Just as a great essayist has said, "The communicating of a man's self to a friend —— redoubleth joys and cutteth griefs in halves," even so *Gamma*, having learned of the most sad misfortune of *Mu* through the death of Brother Griffin, would extend, especially to our bereft sister, our heartfelt sympathy. But to none of us did these dark tidings bring such a cloud of grief as that which burst upon the heart of one of our number whose privilege it was to enjoy the society of our deceased brother when he was in attendance at the Knoxville Student Conference.

We noticed in the latest edition of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND that several of our brothers had already passed through their "fiery furnace" of examinations. Our "little friendly-written recitations," as one of our professors has called them, were then just about to begin. We admit that the term "fiery furnace" is very suggestive, and neither

do any of our examinations fall short of their appellation, but, besides this, it is a fact that some of us do actually become entangled in the *Lyon's* den by standing an examination in Moral Science as it is given under the hand of our president, L. G. Tyler. However, we, too, have now all been tried by the *fire*, and the only trouble with us is the fear that our certificates of distinction may have had our names on them scorched beyond recognition.

Brothers R. M. Hughes and B. B. Munford, both members of the *Phi Beta Kappa* Society, were recently in attendance here at the regular annual celebration of that Order. Brother Munford entertained the audience with an excellent address. William and Mary has never had a more worthy friend than Brother Hughes. Among his many other beneficent acts he has endowed the college with two scholarships; but the granting of one of these was an especially *Pi-us* deed, since *we* alone are to receive the *desert*. At present it seems evident that all of us have "stuck in his thumb," but as to who shall be the Jackey Horner will not be known until later.

As our representative in Cleveland at the recent International Student Conference our Y. M. C. A. sent Brother R. R. Claiborne.

We are indeed rejoiced to learn of the great progress that the Fraternity is making in the "Lone Star State," and congratulate our brothers who are so successfully carrying on the good work; and, in closing, *Gamma* would extend to all her very best wishes.

G. LeRoy Stevens.

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

We are glad to announce in this letter to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND the movements which are being put on foot in the way of improvements in the University.

Mrs. Perkins, wife of Dr. Perkins, our Professor of Physics, has been elected Dean of the Woman's Department.

This department has been reorganized and enlarged, and when the elegant new Woman's Building, which is in process of construction, is completed and equipped, ready for use, a great increase of women students is anticipated.

Another valuable addition to our campus will be the new dormitory, to be situated on the west slope of the grounds, which will be fitted out with all the latest improvements, and to accommodate from eighty to a hundred students.

But the greatest improvement in the way of new buildings will be the new Mechanical Building. Although the present building is comparatively new and suitable, yet the rapid growth in the numbers of students taking the mechanic arts, and the growing importance of this department, has induced the Board of Directors to appropriate a large amount of money to build the handsomest and best mechanical building in the South. It will be situated on the south slope of the hill, near the river.

Besides these more material matters, the faculty has been changed, the chief improvement being the establishing of a new Chair of Modern Languages.

Since our last letter to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, *Zeta* has added four new men to the *II K A* list. Mr. Clarence Templeton, whose father is a well known attorney of this place; Mr. Raleigh Harrison, also of Knoxville; and Messrs. Ernest Vaughn Otts and Octavia McCrary Otts sons of Dr. J. M. P. Otts, D. D., L. L. D., formerly of Greensboro, Ala., and who has attracted attention as a religious thinker and writer.

Zeta sends her greetings to the other chapters, with best wishes.

E. Clyde Sherwood.

THETA.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

Once more has success crowned the efforts of *Theta*, and it gives us great pleasure to introduce to *Pi Kappa Alpha* at large two such fine men as Brother W. D. Cox, of Ken-

tucky, and Brother A. O. Price, of Louisiana. The "goat" did its work with its usual vigor and ———, but both of the new brothers passed through the fiery ordeal safely and gracefully, though Brother Cox was sorely distressed over the aftermath. However, his trials were soon over, and he looked around him with a serene and placid smile.

Brothers Sybert and Steed, of *Sigma* chapter, came down from Nashville to help along the good work. To say that they are true *Pi*'s is indeed the highest compliment that could be paid them, and all the brothers agree that if these two are to be taken as a fair sample of the men of *Sigma* chapter, *Theta* must look out for her laurels as the banner chapter of *Pi Kappa Alpha*. We were also pleased to have with us some of our town alumni, who are always ready to give us good advice and help when needed.

After the hard work of the evening there ensued a "feast of reason and a flow of soul," accompanied by coffee and oysters. We had as visitors from town a few of *Theta*'s most loyal friends, who added grace and dignity to the occasion. So great was the enthusiasm that one of the brothers spread his wings and soared away through poetic sphere. The results, however, were disastrous, for another one of the brethren was seized with palpitation of the heart, and not until our wandering bard had solemnly sworn never to repeat the attempt did the unfortunate victim recover from the attack. So to-day Brother Ivy is still counted among the living, but Brother Gladney walks sadly about with his "Pegasus" firmly chained to earth, wherefore peace and joy reign supreme among the brethren.

But along other lines we have not been entirely idle, for Brother Gladney was chosen from among six contestants to represent the University at the State Oratorical Contest to be held at Jackson, Tenn. This is considered to be one of the highest honors of school, and we may feel justly proud of our talented brother. Brother Blackburn was recently elected president of one of the literary societies.

The other brethren are hoeing away at the same old row, studying a little, rushing the ladies some, and bumming most of their time. One brother, whose name the writer

is not at liberty to mention, is debating the question as to why young ladies will carry a lace handkerchief and why the said articles will tear to pieces at the slightest provocation. His friends say that the torn lace is emblematic of the condition of the young gentleman's heart, but this is a base calumny, and against such charges the writer will defend himself to the bitter end.

By the way, where will the next Convention meet? *Theta* chapter has not had the pleasure of having it meet with her for years, and takes this opportunity to extend a pressing invitation, and hopes that it will be accepted.

May rich success attend the efforts of our sister chapters and may the *Pi Kappa Alpha* banner never be furled.

George W. Fraser.

IOTA.

Hampden-Sidney.

The icy breezes that during the dreary winter months have moaned through the trees and made us hover around the cheerful firesides are beginning to abate, and we are looking forward to the joyous spring-time, when the dull thud of the bat rejoices the heart, and visions of examinations stimulate to energy and success. *Iota's* men participate alike in the contests of the athletic field and of the class-room.

College honors, too, are theirs, as the record of the past week shows. Four of our men startled the audience in the gymnastic exhibition given during our intermediate celebration on February 21st, by their surprising feats of agility. Brothers Ballou, N. T. Gaines, Hooper and Stevens constitute a fourth of the gymnasium team, whose display excited the admiration and applause of the crowded chapel. On the next night, February 22d, Brother Houston appeared as Junior Orator of the Union Society, and Brother Gaines as Senior Orator from the Pilanthropic Society. While Brothers Houston and Gaines were steadying their nerves on the stage, Brother Jones in the capa-

city of Marshal was performing the duties of that official with easy grace.

The exercises of the evening passed off to the satisfaction of all, and *Iota* felt that the honor was hers.

Our prospects for an excellent base-ball team are encouraging. Brothers Stevens and Hooper are applicants, and the position of short stop will probably revert to its former occupant, Brother Stevens. Brother Stevens has also been elected Manager of the team for the coming season.

It was with much regret and genuine sorrow that we parted some weeks ago with Brother D. G. Wilson. Our jovial "Dave" accepted a position to teach, and left us for other scenes of labor, but with ardor for *II K A* still glowing in his bosom.

The *Sigma-Chi* Fraternity hold their convention soon in Lexington, Va., and will be represented by the chapter here.

The college and community were addressed on last Saturday night, February 26th, by Prof. Faye, of Washington and Lee University, on "Roman Society Verse." The graceful and eloquent address was universally admired and enjoyed. Prof. Faye is acknowledged to be one of the finest Latinists in the State of Virginia.

Since the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND another name has been added to our chapter roll. Mr. David Comfort Watkins now appears beneath the *Pi Kappa Alpha* badge, and we feel sure that we are fortunate in our selection of the wearer.

Iota extends her cordial greeting to her sister chapters, and closes the letter with the earnest hope that we may all be strictly adherent to the high standard of *Pi Kappa Alpha*.

MU.

Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

Intermediate examinations are over and many are the tales of woe.

We did not have our regular meetings during examination week, for *Mu's* men were busy conjugating Latin verbs and solving geometrical problems.

Our college now has the Rev. W. T. Matthews for Chancellor. He has been traveling in the interest of the college for some time and is meeting with success. It is hoped that the college will have a larger enrollment next year than it has ever known. Then you may look out for *Mu*.

Of the five delegates from the college to the Y. M. C. A. Convention, which met in Columbia, four were *II K A* men. While in the city we had the pleasure of meeting with several *II's*.

The college base-ball team has begun work. Here also *Mu's* men share the honors. Three will be on the team and a *II* is manager.

Brother Frank K. Sims spent a few hours with us as he was on his way to take charge of his church in Mobile. We wish him much success in his new field of labor.

Brother Thornwell Jacobs is home from Princeton. He was compelled to give up his work for the present on account of his eyes failing.

Mu sends greetings to her sister chapters and promises a longer letter for the next issue. *J. P. Marion.*

NU.

Wofford College.

We are always glad when the time for our letter comes around, and more especially so when we have so much to write. We have been so far a little slow in placing before the criticising world the list of our honors, but being a little encouraged by seeing the honors taken by other *II's* in print, we have about decided to give a list of ours. Now we don't want any one to think that we *II's* at Wofford have taken more honors than the college can give, nor do we want any one to think that we have or want the whole world with a barb-wire fence around it, and it painted red,

with even an additional potato patch and a pig in it, for we don't; but nevertheless, we have taken more than all the other chapters at Wofford—which are fine—would have if they were all put together and then multiplied by two.

Now I suppose the best way to mention the honors, taken by each, is to take the names alphabetically, so as we have an A, we will begin with him.

J. Clayton Allen, a man of whom we are justly proud, is President of the Gymnasium Association, Captain of base-ball team, President of the Preston Literary Society, and President at the anniversary of the two societies.

Ibra Charles Blackwood is Valedictorian of the class of '98. Marion B. Jennings, "Jack," is Junior Marshal, on his good looks, and Junior Debater for commencement in June '98, on his oratorical talent. W. C. Martin, the last man that gave "*Nu's*" goat a knockout, or rather who allowed the famous little quadruped to knock him *in*, is speaker for the "Soph. Ex." in May, being also an orator of passing greatness. This young brother, on account of his wonderful quick-sightedness, was also chosen Censor Marium of the Calhoun Literary Society at the last election. Walter H. Stuckey, the gentleman from Bishopville, S. C., who recently petitioned the Legislature to put "Sir" before his name, thinking that they would surely do so, since they were so kind as to cut off three corners from other counties and form Lee county, with Bishopville as the county seat, is Junior Marshal from the Preston Literary Society, on his fairly good looks, and is President-elect of that renowned Society, and will preside at the Junior's debate. He is also Recording Secretary at present, and we think he will doubtless get on the Hall Committee.

With best wishes to all *II's*.

Marion B. Jennings.

*PI.**Washington and Lee University.*

As your correspondent begins this letter he feels disposed to revert to some events which have occurred outside of our chapter. Every college man—student and alumnus—knows how essential it is to both mind and body that we should have occasional intervals of relaxation, and how, as the days pass slowly by, we look forward with pleasant anticipations to such days as are designated, by our catalogue, as holidays. The twenty-second of February is always commemorated by the Intermediate celebration of the Washington Literary Society. The celebration this year was an unusually successful one—the night clear and crisp, the audience attentive, while the orations and debates showed that much midnight oil had been burned in their preparation. The oration of Mr. G. C. Powell, *K. A.* of Washington, D. C., subject, “The Liberty Hall Volunteers,” won the gold medal given by the Literary Society.

One of the innovations introduced by President Wilson is a lecture in the chapel every Wednesday morning on some topic of current interest. Though this departure has had the effect of arousing us—especially Senior law men—out of bed from thirty minutes to an hour earlier than usual, we all feel as we leave the chapel that we have been well recompensed for the loss of that last snooze which is so dear to the hearts of most young men.

The funds for the Tucker Memorial Hall are steadily increasing. The hall will be on our campus, and used exclusively by the law department. Professor H. St. George Tucker bids fair to become the most popular of our instructors, not only in the lecture-room, but on the campus.

Washington and Lee annual, “*The Calyx*,” is reported to be progressing rapidly. One of the many original features of this annual which will interest every one, especially the alumni, is “The Lexington Calic Department,” edited by one of the fair and gifted daughters of Lexington.

Our prospects for base-ball are excellent, leaving six of

our last year's team and a number of candidates for all the vacant places. The schedule includes games with the Virginia Military Institute, Lehigh, University of Virginia, Harvard, Georgetown.

Additional interest was awakened a few weeks ago by the appearance of Mr. Ted. Sullivan, who has been engaged to coach our team.

Training for the boat crew has begun in the gymnasium. A majority of each of last year's crew are candidates for positions this year, while prominent among those who have not pulled before are Smith, White and Thornton.

Fraternity news is scarce, not only in *Pi* chapter, but such as would come to the writer's knowledge from other frats. The goating is about over for this session. Billy is browsing on the mountain side and running his head against a boulder occasionally just to keep in training. One man who was goated in the first rush last fall was requested to resign and has done so. Though *Pi* is small she prides herself upon the fact that she knows *II K A* material and none other can ride her goat.

Brother Garrow *alias* Sarrony is in Washington for a week. Apparently he has not entirely recovered from the effects of mountain climbing and dancing at Capon Springs last summer. It is hoped he will see the specialist before he returns to Lexington.

With best wishes to our sister chapters, and hoping that in the near future "Wolo rippety zip bang" may be heard all over our fair Southland, we close.

G. Lenox Thornton.

RHO.

Cumberland University.

Since our last writing to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND much has transpired that has been of interest to our individual chapter, and it may interest the entire Order for some of it to be spoken of.

The Intermediate examinations are very rigid, but we

are glad to state that each one of our chapter is found plodding safely along with his class, thus signifying that his grade allowed him to remain with his former classmates. Without any desire to appear egotistical, it might be said here that it is a recognized fact in the University that *Rho* has as many men standing at the top in their classes as any other sister Fraternity in the institution. We do not claim leadership in all the cases, but in some we can go far enough to say that some of our men are the "leaders" of their classes.

It was shown by the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND that we have the strongest chapter numerically. In every class except one (Junior Literary) of the institution, there is a representative of *Rho*, so you see that we are not limited to just a few classes, but our men are chosen from the entire school. While we are the largest in number, we hope and trust that we are none the less loyal to our noble Order.

As to honors that have been conferred on some of our men by the students, and not sought for in a single instance, each year on the Board of Editors of our annual, "*The Phoenix*," *Rho's* men have had prominent positions. Each of the past three years we have had a man representing one of the departments as a candidate for "Bachelor of Ugliness;" though defeated each time we claim our part of the ugliness. Mr. W. D. Williams, of the Literary Department, was our representative this year, but was defeated by the gentleman from the Theological Department, Mr. W. L. Darby, *Kappa Sigma*. In these elections it is not a Fraternity campaign at all, but a Department "fight," and they always occasion much pleasure and excitement. We gladly give the honors to Mr. Darby, who was fairly elected. *Rho* has two men on the Board of Editors of our college magazine, "*The Cumberland*." Brother G. W. Fender is Editor-in-Chief and Brother N. C. Hawkins is one of the Associate Editors.

By mentioning the above-named honors, we only want the Fraternity at large to know that we are not idle by any means.

In Athletics a number of the boys hold a "good hand" in a game of lawn tennis. The weather has become such that base-ball can be played now. We hope to have a good team this year.

But what usually interests other chapters as much as anything else that is written in the chapter letters is about "Billy." He had been kept well but not busy for so long a time that when he did get started he did his work so admirably that we gave him four good, strong men to try their ability in riding. Even now he is not satisfied, so we may give him another trial, even before this letter is printed. The four men that we have welcomed into our midst and call "brothers" are: Messrs. Thomas Edward Cunningham, D. L. Frazier, and F. R. Bennett, of the Law, and Mr. H. H. Weir, of the Literary Department. In each of these men we have gotten a good Fraternity man. Brother A. B. Anderson, known among the boys as "Senator," gave us a pleasant visit last week. He and Gris-ham, both Alumni of *Rho*, have begun the practice of law in Nashville, Tenn. We would be glad to see them often.

With best wishes for all the sister chapters *Rho* closes.

E. B. Landis.

SIGMA.

Vanderbilt University.

Once more *Sigma* demands space in which to tell the *Pi* world of her movements. At the writing of our last letter we saw three men plodding along the difficult road which leads to membership of *II K A*. In this letter we wish to introduce those three whom we are now proud to call brothers, viz.: W. L. Clark, of Dyersburg, Tenn.; J. W. Morton, Jr., and R. S. Armstrong, of this city. If any *Pi* should happen to visit Nashville in the near future, and be in the Chamber of Commerce building, let him take the elevator to the fifth floor where he will find on one of the doors the following: "G. W. Sypert, Lawyer." The above

has not finished the law school yet, but concluded he knew enough to get a job, or rather a case, and so succeeded in getting license from the court. 'Rah for the push of the *Pi's* in general, and this one in particular.

Brothers Steed and Sypert made a visit to *Theta* on February 19, where they were entertained with the usual *Pi* cordiality. They report *Theta* to be in a flourishing condition, having assisted in initiating two men, and getting on the outside of their share of the good things to eat, which were in abundance. Brother Steed expresses his desire to visit Clarksville again before he leaves for his home in old "Mizzoury." He also says that he prefers riding in a buggy, etc., rather than a train, especially when it snows.

Brother Claiborne, who will be at Sewanee this year, tells us that they will organize a chapter there. With him and Brother McLaurine, and three men pledged, we hope to extend to Sewanee the *Pi* hand of welcome before long.

In conclusion, I would like to say a few words in regard to the *Comet*, the annual published by the Fraternities of Vanderbilt. We are looking for something this year which will eclipse all previous issues, and of the designs handed in, *Sigma*, I am glad to say, contributed *one* of the handsomest, if not *the* handsomest. We used our pin with the photos of the members as jewels.

With this letter the present correspondent turns over his pen to another slinger-of-ink and persecutor of words—Brother J. S. Jetton. Conscious of his own blunders and slothfulness, he hopes the elected will be more capable and willing to fill the bill—and that, too, before himself.

J. H. Brown.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

The 12th of January was the day upon which our 22nd term examinations began, consequently just previous to that date an unusual quiet reigned in our town, and the "midnight lamp" burned brightly in all the "ranches"

where cadets, from Sub-Freshman to Senior, "boned" for passes.

Since *Upsilon's* last letter we have had many gayeties, entertainments, base-ball games, and dances which have broken the monotony of regular study, and have helped to make existence more endurable.

February 22 being a holiday, we showed our patriotism in the usual way, that of pleasing the individual man. On the night of the 21st the Junior German Club gave a dance, which proved one of the most enjoyable occasions of the season, many visiting young ladies from Montgomery, Ala., and from Columbus, Ga., being present. The following day being Senior Class day, appropriate exercises were held in the chapel, the college orchestra furnishing music for the occasion. Brother McIntyre filled the honored position of Class Historian, and says that he does not see how he can possibly escape eternal punishment for the lies he told, except by turning Romanist and doing penance for same. In the afternoon there was a class game of base-ball between the Sophomore and Senior Classes, in which the Sophomores were defeated by a score of 19 to 9. Another dance that night, given by the Sophomore Cotillion Club, kept us till the dawn of another day. Previous to the dance the annual contest between the Wirt and Websterian Literary Societies took place in Langdon Hall. We were represented in this contest by Brother Houghton, of the Wirt Society. The decision of the judges, however, went against the Wirts, and the Websterians were, for the second time, victorious.

Of the six fraternities in this college all have a full membership. The men are all good men, and there is a total absence of anything like "clash" or ill-feeling existing between them. To one who remembers the state of affairs here two years ago, this is quite pleasant and is appreciated according to its true worth. The membership of each is as follows:

A T O, 16; *K A*, 23; *II K A*, 12; *Sigma Nu*, 15; *Phi Delta Theta*, 22; *S A E*, 22.

The Commencement exercises for June, '98, promise to be as interesting as heretofore. Hon. Hannis Taylor, ex-Minister to Spain, will deliver the Commencement address, and Bishop Galloway, M. E. Church South, will preach the Commencement sermon. This is all of the programme that is complete at the present time.

The post-graduate class here numbers something over twenty, and judging from the conversation of the majority the pedagogic incubator of the *A P I* will turn loose quite a brood of teachers on the ides of next June, with pin-feathers sprouted and eyes peeled for positions and pupils.

Let every man encourage the spirit which cries "Westward, Ho!" for *II K A*, and with the aid of our enterprising alumni, who are already there, we shall soon see the old gold and garnet flashing along the Colorado and the Rio Grande.

F. Loyd Tate.

PHI.

Roanoke College.

On the night of February 4, 1898, *Phi's* goat was again called forth to do service for his owners in the initiatorial work. After the proper *taps* and signals had been given at the door of "Billy's" office, he appeared on the scene in even more radiance than ever before, and took possession of the candidate in a manner to do honor to any "goat." It was some time before "Billy" had finished his effective work and delivered to us the candidate (Arthur Edgar Bowman, of Woodstock, Va.), who was now worthy of "brother" from our lips. When "Billy" had finished his work his countenance wore a pained look which told us he thought he had "run against a stump;" so he is "laid up" for repairs, but our physicians, Brothers Wilson and Hufford, affirm that he will be ready for work again in less time than a month. Brother Bowman is a member of the class of 1901, and will not only be of much value to us at present,

but will surely prove to be very beneficial during the years to come.

At the beginning of the second term our faculty underwent a slight change. Professor E. A. Smith (*A. T. O.*) who was instructor in mathematics and ancient languages, was unable, on account of business engagements, to stay with us longer. Professor J. N. Ambler, an alumnus of Hampden-Sidney, was secured to fill this vacancy. Professor Ambler has for seven years been teaching in Davis Military Institute, of North Carolina, and we recognize in him the qualities of an able professor and a sincere gentleman. This change will no doubt remain until Professor Morehead returns from abroad.

Great progress has been made in regard to our Annual. The "Annual" has brought to light a great deal of class feeling and college spirit which was heretofore dormant, and has already proven that Roanokers are "*all right*" when at their best, but have been in want of something of interest to arouse these spirits.

The greatest contention now is between the Freshmen and the Sophomores. A few weeks after all the clubs and classes were organized the Sophs. one night placed their flag upon the cupola of our main college building. About ten days later the Fresh. one night, finding the Sophs. off guard, placed their flag also upon the cupola of the building, but on a taller staff, so that it would float above the Soph. flag, had it been left standing.

But, unfortunately for the poor Fresh., some wakeful Soph. heard them descending, in perfect glory, from their work, and occasionally overflowing with shouts similar to "*Vive la 'Naughty—One'*" ('01.)

The Soph. immediately arose and gathered together enough of his class to go up and dislocate the Fresh. flag and then remove it to another part of the campus. Therefore it did not stay upon the college long enough for the sun to rise upon it, where its admirers had placed it. After doing this the Sophs. destroyed the ladders of the freshmen, so that their own flag should be in no danger.

Yet the Sophs. were not satisfied about the flag business ; so two or three days later we observe, instead of their individual flag, one of the college colors with the Soph. flag attached, which still remains.

The Sophs. still seemed unsatisfied, for about a week later on starting to college we are scarcely outside our doors until our attention is arrested by a large poster about 1½x2 feet in size, such as are posted at every imaginable place in town. The same is printed in large, green letters and reads thus :

“PROCLAMATION.”

The public is hereby warned not to interfere with the gambols, pastimes, rattles, nursing-bottles and rubber rings of that colossal aggregation of Ethnological monstrosities, known as

THE CLASS OF “1901.”

For has not the faculty of Roanoke College extended above them its sheltering wing, and said *upon your heads no spray of slop shall fall!*” and do not the people plainly perceive the tenderness and youth of these

BABES AND SUCKLINGS

so far from their mamas? And the good ladies of the town as well as the ministers and others of humane and benevolent disposition, are earnestly requested to keep these infants under their watchful eye, lest they get in the way of the trolley cars and have their light shut off!

Their guardians are warned and advised that the mother’s knee is as high as they can safely climb, and that babies were made to look at, and admire picture-books, and to “scrap” with their nurses, but were never made for “steple-chasers;” for climbing higher than this they might tempt the good angels to bear them up (?) a little higher than they are intended to go.

Property owners are warned that the parents and guardians of these thoughtless children will not be held responsible for ladders and other destructible property placed within their reach.

This precaution is taken because we find many bright gifts sprouting in this FRESH and well fertilized soil. From under the moss may be seen shooting up sprouts of "verdant oratory" and political genius, and it would be a great pity to have the tender twigs—so tender, so slight—swerved from the great tree of the nation. When the weather has become warmer and the ground dry, they will be permitted to gambol in the campus, but for the present it is necessary for their health and spiritual welfare that they be kept closely housed, under the guardianship of their Lords and *Masters*.

N. B.—Hardware dealers and other merchants are notified that if they sell any weapons, or even cigarettes, to these infants they will be punished to the full extent of the law.

Druggists are requested to not let them have any teething syrup, or squills, without a written order from their nurses.

[Signed],

The Class of 1900.

Our base-ball team has already had several good practices, which are very satisfactory to those students who do not play the game. We feel sure we will have a better team than we did last year, and are sorry that manager Lloyd has not been able to schedule more games than he has.

With best wishes for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and all *Its*, *Phi* will close.

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.

—Brother T. S. L. Basore, *Iota*, formerly of Broadway, Va., has now moved to Caperton, W. Va., to accept the responsible position of buyer and head storeman of The New River Coke Co., of that place, large coal and coke dealers. Brother Basore writes that he is much pleased with his new surroundings, and is making a great success of his work.

—Brother L. D. Teackle Quinby, of *Alpha* Chapter, is now practicing law in Atlanta, Ga., for himself. He occupies handsome rooms in the Equitable Building, and has already been successful in his profession. Under date of January 24th he writes the General Office: "I married, October 27th, one of the fairest girls in all Georgia, and my friends say now I am a better Georgian than Virginian. My wife is the daughter of Hon. W. A. Hemphill, President and Business Manager of the *Atlanta Constitution*. I would be glad to see any Fraternity brothers that come this way." The SHIELD AND DIAMOND extends hearty congratulations to this successful young lawyer.

—What member of our Fraternity does not know the name of Mrs. B. H. Owen, of Clarksville, who has been the staunch friend of the Fraternity for years, and has acted the part of a mother to *Theta* Chapter? Those of

our members who were at the Convention in Nashville last summer remember meeting this estimable lady. She sends us the following newspaper clipping concerning a *fete* of *Theta*, which we think will prove interesting to all the members: "The members of the *Theta* Chapter of *Pi Kappa Alpha* Fraternity, held a sumptuous banquet at their chapter hall last evening. Pleasure, mirth and good cheer was the order of the evening, and the festive board fairly groaned with the abundance of viands displayed upon its surface. After due attention had been given to the wants of the inner man, Mr. R. E. Blackburn acting as the toast-master, the toasts of the evening were responded to as follows: *Theta* Chapter, U. D. Mooney; *Pi Kappa Alpha*, R. L. Gladney; The *Pi* Sisters, R. B. Eleazer; Pleasures of the Evening, W. T. Ivy. These entertaining expressions of wit, sentiment and pathos, were delivered to the great delight of the members. The chapter disbanded silently with the morning star."

—Rev. Brother R. O. Flinn, *Theta*, has resigned the charge of Kirkwood Church in the suburbs of Atlanta, and has accepted the call to the pastorate of the church at Cordele, Ga. He has taken charge of this new field of labor with all the energy and enthusiasm which has characterized his work heretofore. We wish for this brother continued success. While he has changed his place of residence, he is also about to make a more important change by leaving the state of bachelorhood, in which he has been existing so long, and entering the exalted state of matrimony. The following invitation has been received by the General Office: "Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Emery request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Anna, to Rev. Richard Orme Flinn, on Tuesday afternoon, March 8, 1898, at 5 o'clock, at the Presbyterian Church, Kirkwood, Ga." The SHIELD AND DIAMOND, on behalf of the Fraternity, extends hearty congratulations to this brother, and good wishes for a long life of happiness to the young couple.

—In renewing his subscription to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND for the coming year, Brother John B. Cavitt, *Theta*, Wheelock, Texas, writes: "I do feel a deep interest in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND as one of the means for keeping new and vigorous the principles of *II. K. A.* Times are pretty hard with us in this cotton country, but I will dig up \$2 and send you herewith to help out the good cause. I wish you a successful year in your work, and for much new life for *II K A.*"

—Brother P. P. Bethea, of *Lambda* Chapter, ever since his graduation from the South Carolina Military Academy, has devoted his time to teaching, and is now the Principal of the Ashland High School, of Anderson, S. C. He has a large school, with several assistants, and is doing a great work.

—We quote the following from the *Southwestern Presbyterian*. Brother Sims is an initiate of *Mu* Chapter. "Rev. F. K. Sims, of South Carolina, who has been called to the South Franklin Street Presbyterian church, Mobile, Ala., has accepted the call and was expected to reach Mobile on the 29th, and to begin his labors on the following day, Sabbath, January 30th."

—Brother W. D. Adams, Jr., *Pi*, has left the Sedalia (Missouri) National Bank and gone into business for himself. In renewing his subscription he writes: "I had indeed overlooked the matter of my subscription to the magazine, but I enclose you N. Y. draft for \$2, which will furnish me with the best magazine published in America. Hope you will meet all the success in the world this year, and that *II K A*-ism may grow mightily. I do not think I will leave the city, unless it is to attend a *II K A* Convention. Can't we Missouri *II's* get together?"

—The following account of the marriage of our Brother J. H. Jackson, of Union City, Tenn., has been sent us. Brother Jackson is an initiate of *Rho* Chapter, and graduated from the Law Department Cumberland University, its

home, January 19, 1898. We extend hearty good wishes to the young couple: "Mr. J. H. Jackson, of this city, and Miss Myrtle Cavitt, living near Crystal, were married in this city last Tuesday night, February 22nd, at the home of Mr. John Barnes, whom Miss Cavitt was visiting at the time. The marriage was quite a surprise to the friends of the happy couple. The bride is regarded by all as one of the handsomest young women in the country, and possesses many noble traits of character of both heart and mind. Mr. Jackson is our ex-county superintendent and a recent graduate of the Law Department of the Cumberland University, and is a promising young lawyer, of a splendid character and good ability. They are both deservedly popular, and begin life under favorable skies, which we trust is a prophecy of the bright days that shall beam upon their future career."

—The following interesting account of the election of our Brother J. C. Barr, of *Theta*, to the pastorate of the Lafayette Presbyterian church, New Orleans, will prove interesting to the members: "Yesterday J. C. Barr was chosen pastor of the Lafayette Presbyterian church by a vote of 203 to 14. For some time past the people of this well-known congregation have been looking forward to the election, for since the death of the beloved pastor, Dr. Markham, and the removal of Rev. S. C. Byrd, the church has had no regular supply. Mr. Barr, at the request of the Presbytery, has been preaching there for a month or longer, but there has been no regular pastor. It seemed the desire of the entire congregation, with very few exceptions, that it was quite fitting that a young man who had been raised up, and whose life had been spent in the church, who had also been largely educated by the people of the church, should take the sacred charge left by the death of Dr. Markham. Mr. Barr is a native of this city, and had been a member of Dr. Markham's church from his boyhood. He graduated from the High School and Tulane University, then took a thorough course in the Seminary.

Since having charge of the Lafayette congregation he has done a good work, so the people state, in building up the Sabbath School and in various organizations connected with the church. He is yet quite a young man, and enters his work with the love and esteem of all his congregation."

—The following is taken from the interesting account of the *Phi Beta Kappa* Society of William and Mary College, February 18, 1898, published in the *Richmond* (Va.) *Dispatch*: "This Society was the first Greek Letter Fraternity in the United States, and was organized at this college in 1770. The annual celebration is held on the anniversary of the founding of the college, which was 205 years ago to-day." The article goes on to say that the chapel of the college where the meeting was held was crowded. Many distinguished gentlemen spoke. "Hon. Beverly B. Munford also made a short address, in which he assured the students of the college that the Legislature of Virginia would not destroy the usefulness of the institution by reducing its appropriations." Brother Munford is a distinguished alumnus of our *Gamma* Chapter, and is deeply interested in this college. A delightful banquet was served after this meeting, and among the prominent guests present we note the name of Brother Charles Washington Coleman, *Gamma*.

—Brother J. T. McAllister, *Alpha*, so well known to the Fraternity as the "Golden-headed Grand Secretary," and who has proven himself so devoted to every interest of the Fraternity, has been exceedingly sick at his home at Warm Springs, Va. We are glad to announce to the Fraternity his recovery, and also that of his wife, who had been critically ill but is now out of danger. The whole Fraternity will rejoice at this news, and will join us in wishing rapid recuperation for both Brother McAllister and his wife.

—Brother Arthur S. Lynn, of Lando, S. C., an initiate of *Mu*, who graduated from Central University, Ky., last June, is now located in Louisville, of that State, in business. His address is No. 754 Second street. It will be remembered that Brother Lynn was honored by being the

orator of his class at commencement, also representing the University at the Annual Chautauqua Oratorical Contest, which is held annually at Lexington. Of the speech made by our brother at that time the *Lexington Herald* says: "Mr. Arthur S. Lynn, of the Central University, made the final speech of the afternoon. His subject, 'Sectionalism—Its Evils and its Remedy,' was a good one and well treated. He made a very noble argument anent the high duties which equip us for the demands of civilization. Mr. Lynn brought to bear on the subject much sturdy theory, as well as studious thought, and held the attention of his audience from beginning to end, and was frequently interrupted by applause."

—Rev. Henry W. McLaughlin, *Iota*, writes that he is comfortably cared for in his new and important charge at Hampton, Va. His installation took place in February.

—Judge Robert W. Hughes, of Norfolk, Va., father of Brothers Robert and Floyd Hughes, has resigned as Judge of the United States Court of the Eastern District of Virginia. He has served as President of the Virginia Bar Association and is perhaps the most prominent lawyer in Virginia. For delightful reading one would have to go a long way to find anything better than "Editors of the Past," an address delivered by him before the Bar Association last summer. Ritchie, Pleasants and Daniel constitute the editorial triumvirate of whom he speaks in so charming a way.

—The Rev. R. C. Gilmore, *Iota*, has just entered upon his ministry at Staunton, Va., the Third church and Olivet being under his charge. In Staunton we have also Rev. J. M. Wells, *Theta*, at the Second church—a strong man doing an excellent work. Mr. Gilmore comes from Brunswick, Ga., where he has been located since his graduation at Union Seminary. A Brunswick paper speaks thus of his work in that town: "To-day the Rev. Robert Campbell Gilmore preaches his farewell sermon to his congregation here. He has labored among this people for over

three years, enjoying their confidence and esteem, and in departing leaves a void in their hearts and church it will be difficult to fill. His forceful and talented sermons have drawn large congregations, and by his earnestness he has impressed them with the belief that such came from study and communing with the Unseen. Wherever he goes the best wishes of this people will follow him for his well-doing."

—Mr. C. A. Boyce, *Omicron*, was last night elected a member of the City Democratic Committee from Madison ward, vice Mr. C. W. Morris, resigned. Mr. Boyce has for some years been active in local politics, having formerly served on the committee from Clay ward, and having several times stumped this district in the interest of the Democratic party. He has announced himself a candidate for reelection to the committee from Madison ward in the coming primary.—*Richmond Times*, February 19th.

—The "valedictory" of the Senate of Virginia was delivered before that body March 2d, by one of its prominent members, our brother B. B. Munford. The hits prospective of each Senator's future was received with manifest delight by the large crowd on hand to see the Senate wind up the business prior to adjournment. Senator Munford was the "Young Man Eloquent of the Assembly."

—One of our Richmond *Pi's* stole a march on his brothers in the city, and in the flesh, too, on the 3d of February, when Howard L. Swineford, *Iota*, was united in marriage with Miss Grace Fisher, at the home of the bride's parents in Williamsport, Pa. Mr. Swineford has brought home a charming little wife, who is a decided accession to the society of Richmond. Our brothers will join us in good wishes and congratulations. While on the topic, and without giving names, we might say that the *Pi's* will be treated to another surprise matrimonially in the next few months, when another of our boys is expected to "slip off."

—Our brother, George C. Williams, of *Theta*, is now an Elder in the Presbyterian Church at Wills Point, Texas.

—We are glad to note that our brother, Rev. J. Frank Smith, of *Rho*, as the pastor of the First C. P. Church, of Dallas, Texas, is doing good work. His people are getting ready to build a new church. They have purchased a prominent lot and hope to build during this present year. His lot is just one block away from the elegant new church of our Councilor Princeps, W. M. Anderson.

—The reports bring to us the information that our Grand Secretary, Rev. Robert Hill, is progressing nicely in his work as the pastor of the Westminster Church, at Dallas, Texas.

—T. A. Steele, of *Theta*, is succeeding nicely in founding a high grade first-class school for boys in Dallas, Texas.

—Verner Wardlaw, of *Theta*, is a prosperous business man of Fort Worth, Texas.

Editorial.

WE ARE GLAD TO SEE THE QUESTION of the place of meeting for our next Convention being brought before the Fraternity in the manner in which our Councilor Princeps presents it in this issue. It is desirable to select for our Convention a place which will be most convenient to the majority of Chapters, and also to our Alumni members generally. At the last Convention regulations were adopted requiring the attendance at the Convention of delegates from each Chapter. It is therefore most proper that a place should be selected, to which the Chapters with the least expense and inconvenience can send delegates.

No member questions the importance of these annual Conventions. They infuse new life into every branch of the Fraternity. They give opportunities for a useful exchange of experiences and suggestions in the working of Chapters. They draw the members closer together by means of personal acquaintance. They are necessary to the life of an Order. Our last Convention was eminently successful, and the great work done there in revising the Constitution will be felt in the Fraternity for all time to come. It is very important that the Fraternity should have a large Convention this year. Plans will come before the meeting for discussion with reference to the increase of our territory, and definite methods should be adopted for this work.

We recommend, therefore, to the careful thought of all *II's* the article from our Councilor Princeps, and trust the Chapters and Alumni alike will freely discuss both time and place, and offer suggestions in regard thereto.

Both Nashville and Atlanta have been suggested. The latter commends itself particularly to our attention, as many

of our *II*'s are interested in the Confederate organizations, which will assemble there in July. Thus many of our members could attend both Conventions, who would be prevented if they were held in different places. In favor of Atlanta also, we suggest for thought, the fact that it is located in a territory where we now have no Chapters. Our work, at that time, might be directed towards placing a Chapter either in that city or in some of the nearby colleges, for our meeting there would probably arouse an interest in our Order among the students of the State, the result of which would open the way for our entrance into its colleges. The convention of 1892 in Knoxville gave us *Zeta*; may not this one also add to our roll?

However, as said before, the place and time most suitable to the majority of the Chapters should be chosen, and we therefore repeat the request that the Chapters write fully to brother Anderson their opinions on this point, and aid him in choosing the best place of meeting.

WE WISH to have a word with our Chapter Correspondents, and trust that they will give their attention to what we have to say.

The Fraternity should be proud of the work which has been done by the Chapter Correspondents in their Chapter letters this session. More care has evidently been bestowed on them than formerly, and in each issue since November, every Chapter has been represented with an interesting letter. However, the Correspondents are a little forgetful as to the dates of publication, and when their letters should be in the hands of the Editor. It is to this point that we ask their careful attention. The magazine should be mailed on the 25th of January, March, May, July, September and November. To do this it is necessary that all copy should be in hand by the first of each month. The Editor has heretofore been compelled to notify correspondents before the appearance of each magazine. This makes a great deal of unnecessary work, be-

sides the expense of postage, and we therefore beg that the correspondents will give attention to this request and see that their letters are in hand *by the first of the month* when the magazine is to appear.

At the suggestion of several members, we have changed the form of heading for the Chapter letters, by printing under the name of the Chapter the college at which it is located. A number of the Correspondents have not noticed this change, and do not make their copy in accord therewith. We therefore beg that they will in future write the name of their Chapter, and under it the name of the college, and then proceed with the Chapter letter. This will save quite an amount of work in the office of the Editor.

We also desire to again caution the correspondents in regard to writing their letters only on one side of the paper. The General Office of the Fraternity has about as much work ordinarily as it can handle, and it is very annoying to have letters sent in for publication, written on both sides of the paper, as they cannot be sent to the printers. We beg, therefore, that in the future, Correspondents will be particularly careful and only write on one side of the paper, or their letters will not be published.

We hope that simply calling the attention of the chapters to these different changes will suffice, and we will not be compelled to again refer to them. We are proud of our chapters and of our Chapter Letter Department, and now that we have the united support of all the members in this work, we feel that its success is assured, and that it will be kept up in the future to its present high standard.

WE DESIRE to call attention to the thoughts contained in the article on "Fraternity Advertising," which is published in this issue, and trust that the Chapters will draw valuable conclusions therefrom.

It is unquestionably true that, to a great extent, an influence is exerted by the letter paper and such matter, given

by the Fraternity to its members. All men are alike in their desire to possess something out of the ordinary run, and different from the average man. Thus it is that the privilege of being able to use letter paper and cards is particularly valued, because only a duly initiated member is allowed it. As this article sets forth, the cost of these things is quite a sum, and the Fraternity that uses them in abundance is naturally stamped as being in a good financial condition.

To bring this matter home to our Fraternity, we would call attention to the fact that recently there has been prepared plates for stamping letter paper, cards, etc., with the emblems and colors of our Fraternity. Samples have been sent to all the Chapters, and we simply desire to impress upon them the importance of taking advantage of the same, and using the stamped paper freely. The plates are in the hands of E. A. Wright, of Philadelphia, whose establishment devotes a great deal of time to such work. We will be glad to see the Chapters adopt them universally.

We publish as a frontispiece, in this issue, our Coat of Arms, of which we think the Fraternity should be proud. If used in the Annuals at the different colleges, they will do much to improve the part of the book devoted to the interests of our Chapter. We trust, therefore, that the Chapters will take steps to secure impressions for this purpose.

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