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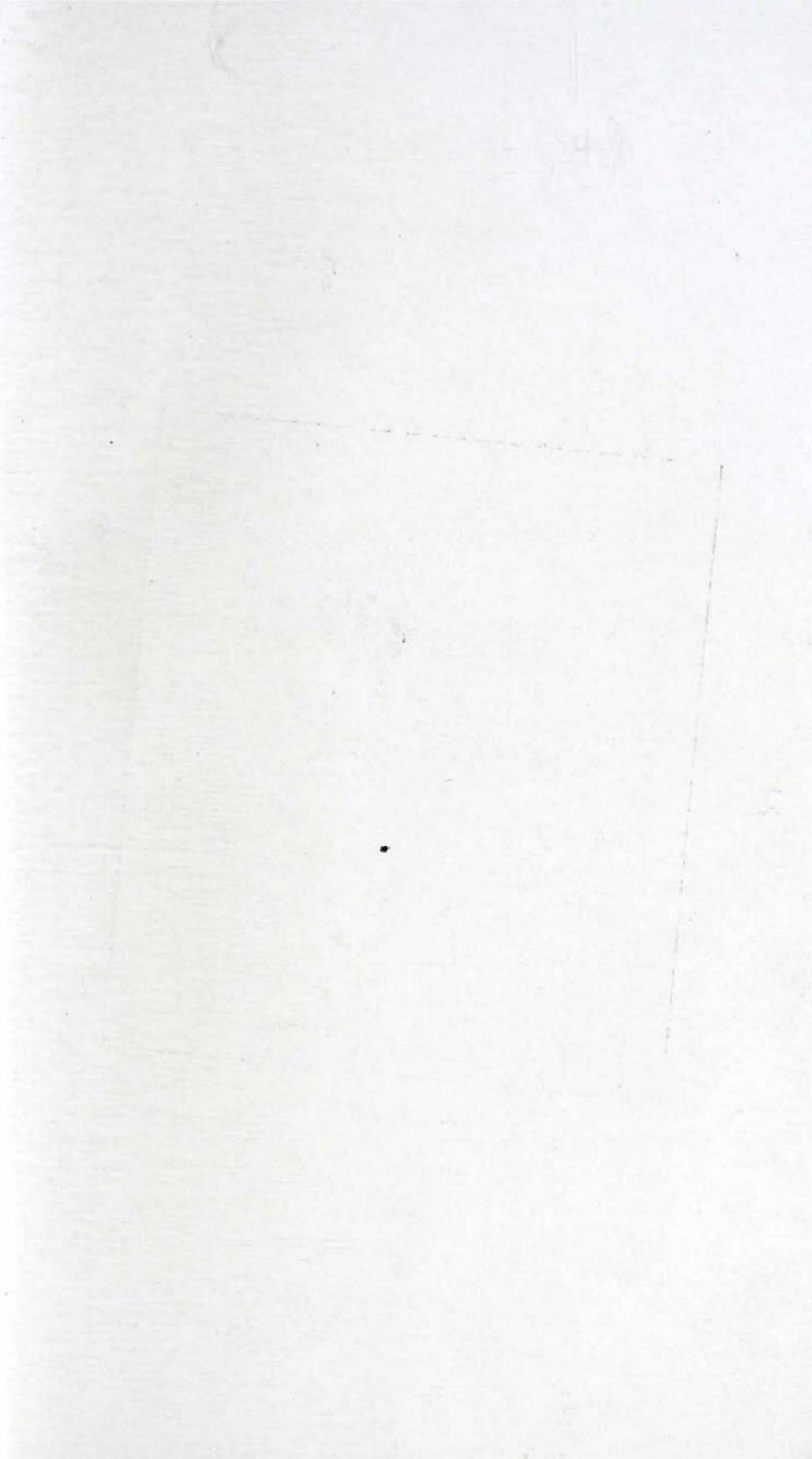
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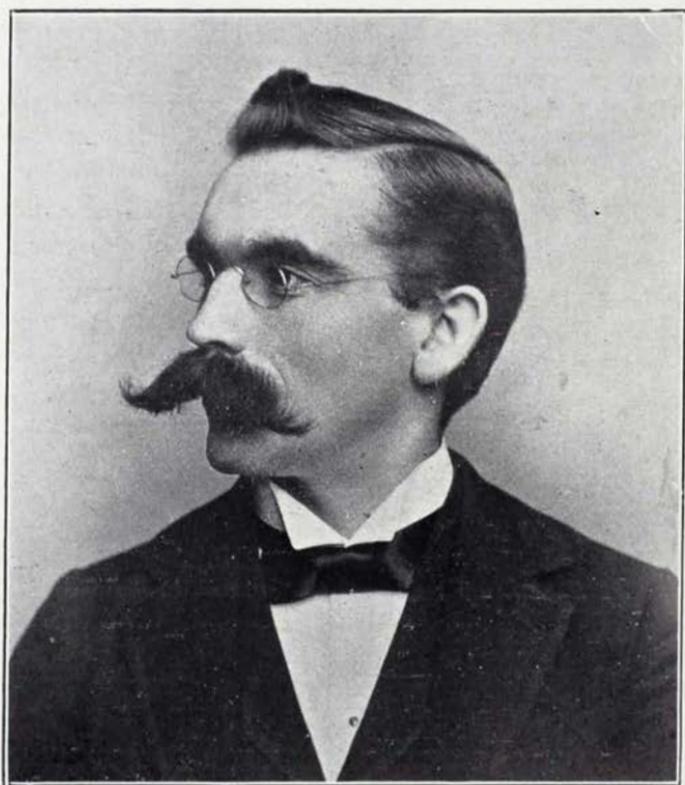
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Contributions.

REV. ROBERT HILL.

This week we present as a frontispiece the portrait of Rev. Robert Hill, pastor of Westminster Church, Dallas, Tex. Mr. Hill is an excellent specimen of Irish Presbyterianism. He was born near Belfast, Ireland, and educated in the national schools, until the age of thirteen. Two years later, in 1884, he came to this country and received his literary and theological training in the Southwestern Presbyterian University, where he graduated with the degrees of M. A. and B. D. At this time he was a candidate for the ministry under the care of Red River Presbytery, but he was licensed by Nashville Presbytery, and set to work as the pastor of the Cottage Church, Nashville, where he began a work which is still going forward successfully. While in Nashville Presbytery he labored very successfully as chairman of the Publication Committee of the Presbytery, a work in which there is generally very little interest taken and which is therefore correspondingly difficult. In June, 1897, Mr. Hill took charge of his present church in Dallas, Tex., as stated supply. He has been quite successful there and is deservedly popular. He was recently called as pastor and on November 6th, 1898, was installed.

The prospect for successful work in the growing city of Dallas is very bright. Mr. Hill's devotion to the principles of Presbyterianism, the result of his early training in Ireland and of his later preparation for the ministry in Clarksville, together with his zeal for the advancement of the kingdom, fit him well for the great work in Texas. We believe that church and pastor are well met, and we wish them both the greatest success. He has recently been made chairman of the most important department of Presbyterianial work in Texas, the Home Missions Committee.—*From the "Southern Presbyterian," to whom we are indebted for cut.*

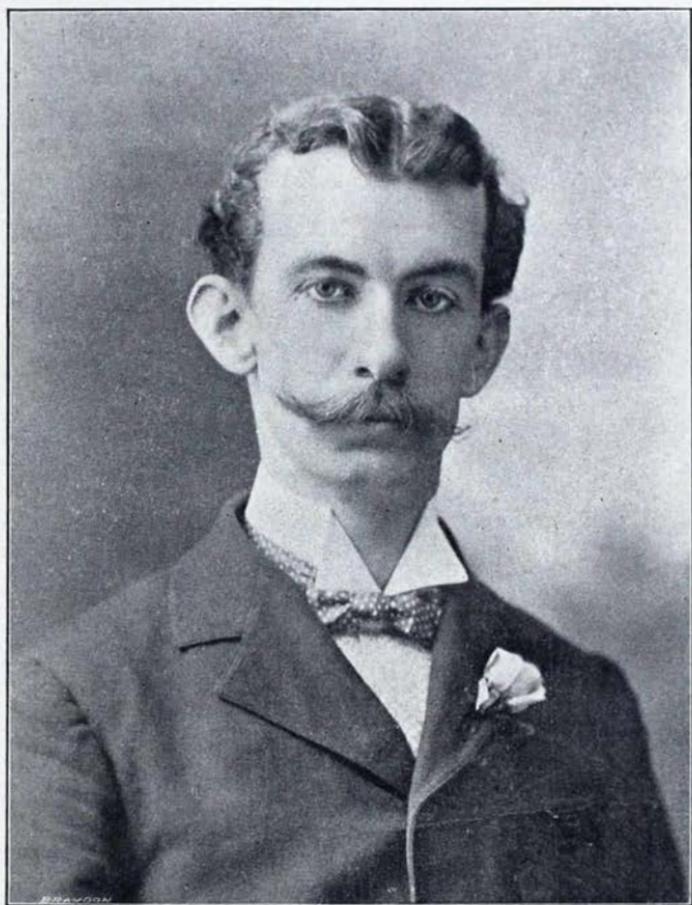
From the Catalogue of 1891, we find that Brother Hill was born in 1867, in County Down, Ireland, and joined the Fraternity through good old *Theta* Chapter, and has ever been a loyal and active member of the Order. As Grand Secretary he has for years served zealously and faithfully, doing hard work with a willingness and promptness, which in view of the many other duties, which so completely claim his time, are little short of wonderful.

He has twice resigned as Grand Secretary, but each time the convention unanimously refused to accept it, and urged him to continue in office. At the last convention in Atlanta he was unanimously elected C. P., and has worthily filled that high office.

ROBERT ADGER SMYTH.

Genius, some one has defined, as "capacity for hard work." Another calls it "the aptitude for doing some one thing supremely well." Under whatever aspect viewed, a genius is Robert Adger Smyth, outreaching even the definition. For a man who conducts successfully an extensive cotton business and as successfully the large Order of the Sons of Veterans, and yet finds time, in the thick of social engagements, to invigorate and build up a growing fraternity, must have genius of the richest and rarest type.

When you see Robert Adger Smyth you cease to wonder that these things can be. I remember well our first meet-



ROBERT ADGER SMYTH.

ing. It was at Richmond, in December, 1893. On the way to the hotel I saw facing me a tall, lithe Irishman, nervous, wide-a-wake, (though the hour was 6 A. M.), with every movement speaking of the pluck that wins. His quick eye soon caught the glitter of my badge, and the greeting he gave me, couched in the lingo of an ardent Charlestonian, took the chill from even that zero morning. It has not been otherwise when later occasions have drawn us together. He has been uniformly the warm-hearted, quick-witted, chivalrous *Pi*; resolute, resourceful, with a bouyancy that brings things to the top, whatever seas are rolling, and such an indomitable purpose to keep them there that "success" floats from his mast-head as long as there's a man at the pumps.

Smyth's eyes first saw the light of day some twenty-nine years ago, in Charleston, S. C., where he was reared. His great-grandfather, James Adger, and grandfather, Rev. Dr. Thos. Smyth, both came direct from County Antrim, Ireland. The late distinguished Rev. John Bailey Adger, D. D., LL. D., missionary to Smyrna, translator of the Bible into modern Armenian, and, when health failed, preacher for so many years in and near Charleston, both to white and colored, was his great-uncle. His father, the Hon. J. Adger Smyth, is the present Mayor of the city. Smyth entered the South Carolina Military Academy in 1887, but in June, 1890, was taken with a desperate attack of typhoid fever, from the effects of which he was more than a year in recovering. This made graduation with his class impossible, and he entered the cotton business in his father's office, being admitted as partner in 1896. It was in July of that year that the Sons of Confederate Veterans met in Richmond, and Smyth came as Commander from Camp Moultrie, of his city. The Sons' camps were confederated at that meeting, and to Smyth's complete surprise he was unanimously elected Commander of the Northern Virginia Department, the nomination coming from a North Carolinian to him unknown. On the last night of the re-union the Lee Camp Sons of Veterans, the "Daughters" assisting, gave a brilliant reception to Miss Winnie Davis and the visiting Sons and Daughters. Smyth, on behalf of Miss Davis, received the beautiful badge pre-

sented to her by the Virginia Daughters. His speech of acceptance was a gem, and we *Pi*'s who were present never felt so proud of him. The next year, at Nashville, he was unanimously elected Commander-in-Chief of the Confederation. The wisdom of the choice was soon apparent to all. He more than doubled the number of Camps within the year and was enthusiastically re-elected to the command in Atlanta last July. My one year's association with him in this work revealed to me his splendid qualifications, given without reserve, for building up our Order, which now numbers 125 Camps, distributed throughout the whole South. In addition to these duties he has others of a religious nature, serving his church (the Presbyterian) as Deacon and member of its "Standing Committee." On the last named he was for a long time the youngest man by twenty years, up to within a twelve-month.

This would seem to be work enough for one man, but Smyth, as we know, differs from the ordinary man in being more than one. However pressing other affairs, second only to his business, his Fraternity work has been his chief concern, and it is for his labors here that we hold his name the most honored among us. It all came about in the year of his enforced absence from college, 1890. Elected Grand Secretary and Treasurer combined, he was quick to see the necessity of some permanent means of communication, Chapter with Chapter and alumni with all. In the words of Brother Theron H. Rice, then C. P.—

"There came to the headquarters on the evening of December 1st, 1890, the most remarkable demand which has ever reached the venerable body of Executive Councilors. We have received requests for letters and for funds, but for never such a demand. The demand came from Smyth, that terror to all impecunious alumni, that stirring, energetic, quick-witted Treasurer of the Executive Council; faithful, trusted, tried and loyal in every fibre of his being; and for what was the demand—for an article! And when we inquired what he can do with an article, he answers, put it in the '*Pi Kappa Alpha Journal*.' The fact has dawned upon us that inside of ten days Smyth has conceived, planned and partly executed a journalistic enterprise, which may revolutionize the fraternity eventually. It was for a contribution to the first number of the *Journal* that the demand called."

With means hardly sufficing for one issue, the *Journal*

began its existence, on schedule time, that December. An epoch opened in our history. Nor was this all. The Grand Secretary, J. T. McAllister, reporting to the Convention one year later, speaks thus of Smyth's "giant blows" for re-invigoration :

In addition to publishing the *Journal* our worthy Treasurer has done another thing which deserves special mention. The circular letter which had been attempted in 1888, and the *Bulletin* in 1889, had both failed, but the *Journal* had been built on their ruins. An attempt at getting out an 'Index,' made by *Theta*, and supported (?) by the other Chapters had likewise failed. But when in the fullness of time the *Journal* had been set on foot its gritty little (?) editor gathered together the crude material for the 'Index,' added to it, and in the past summer gave us a catalogue containing the names, addresses and chapters of 381 *IPs*, together with a brief sketch of quite a number of the members."

Before the Knoxville convention in January, 1891, the *Journal* assumed the more distinctive name of "SHIELD AND DIAMOND." The year's battles had been hard-contested. The fight was not alone for the maintenance of the magazine as such, it was for the life itself of the Fraternity, so truly were these interests one. Yet the dark days of the fall of '91 were but a feeble counterpart of that dreary March 4th, in 1893, when the suspension of the magazine wrung from even the stout heart of Smyth the sentence in which seemed the death-throe of *Pi Kappa Alpha*: "I feel as though I had buried an only child in thus laying aside the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Under a leader less hopeful and brave this would have been true. There was everything to dishearten. The heroic effort had been made, but the co-operation necessary to success was sadly wanting. Out of 370 who had been written to, responses came but from 71. There was but one thing to do, and that the hardest. Had one of us been Treasurer this sketch, if printed at all, would hardly have appeared under the imprimatur of *Pi Kappa Alpha*. But Smyth was built of tougher fibre. "In the vocabulary of that man," says one, "there is no such word as fail." The SHIELD AND DIAMOND reappeared, and last year its yearly supplement, "*The Dagger and Key*," containing our secret thunder. Many a night since has been stormy,

the stress of which only those nearest to him know, until now we are out in full sunlight with faces to the east. From two Chapters (*Theta* and *Iota*) with which Smyth found her in 1890, *Pi Kappa Alpha* has grown to sixteen active and nine alumnus chapters in 1899, while the *Journal*, which made its bow in a dress of twenty-four pages in December, 1890, would certainly be a wise mother if she knew her own child, the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, as the daughter appeared in February agone, her sixty pages clad in the prettiest of garnet covers and lined with the best of the illustrator's art. When, fifty years from now, every staunch college of the South floats the *Pi* flag, along with the four soldier-comrades who founded our Order, will rank Robert Adger Smyth, her re-creator and self-sacrificing friend. And, let me add, *we* can best honor him *now* by our cheer and support. Less we could not give. And more he does not ask.

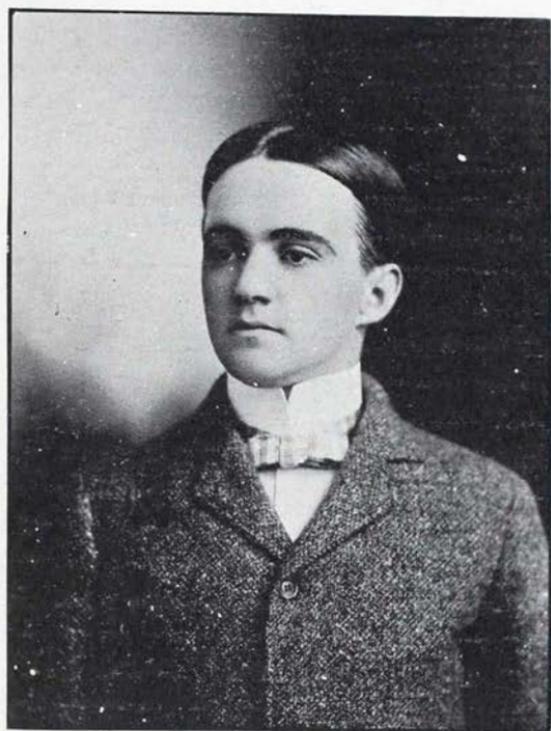
Some specimens of Smyth's Irish wit—many throng this hour—would be good reading could I but reproduce them. We had Smyth and "Bob" Hill both at Richmond, so the fun was doubled. It was there—after a speech for *world-wide Pi-ism*—that Smyth smashed plea and peroration by a motion to "strike *Africa* from the list." There, too, he solemnly assured us that "the first man initiated at Lambda was b(B)lack." The joke was against him at another Convention when, word coming of the birth of a brother's first-born, the Secretary telegraphed in reply: "Convention sends heartiest congratulations. *Smyth says please remit 'at once.'*"

Richmond, Va.

J. Gray McAllister.

ROBERT HUNTER TROY.

The *II's* who attended the last Convention in Atlanta met several new members of the Fraternity, who, while known to them by name, they had never seen. Probably one who attracted the most attention was a well-dressed, smooth-faced young man, quiet and closely attentive to everything



ROBERT H. TROY,

Grand Secretary of *H K A* Fraternity.

that was said or done in the Convention, and who, whenever he took part in the discussions or debates, seemed to grasp the very keynote of the subject discussed. This man was our present noble Grand Secretary, Robert Hunter Troy, one of *Zeta's* initiates, and as loyal and enthusiastic a *II* as one can find.

Brother Troy comes from the good old State of North Carolina, and was born at Fayetteville, June 24, 1874. In 1886 his family moved to Asheville, in the same State, where he attended the public school, being there prepared for his collegiate course. In 1891 he entered the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, graduating with his class in 1895. He was always a thorough student, and during the last two years of his college life applied himself particularly to the study of English, expecting to prepare himself for a chair in that branch. He graduated at the head of his class and as its president, and was highly thought of by students and professors. The Professor of English submitted some of his literary efforts to the proper authorities of Harvard University, on the strength of which, he was awarded the first scholarship conferred by that institution upon a Tennessean. Owing to the pecuniary condition existing in his family, Brother Troy nobly gave up this scholarship and his bright and brilliant future in his chosen sphere and accepted the position, in Atlanta, Ga., as Chief Clerk of the United States Government Board of the late Cotton States Exposition.

At the close of the exposition, he went with the office force to Washington, where he remained until April, 1896, in the employ of the Government, and was then sent as Special Agent of the United States Department of Agriculture to Memphis, Tenn. In the fall of 1896, he was offered and accepted the Instructorship of English at his Alma Mater, and on the day of his arrival at the university was elected editor-in-chief of the *Tennessee University Magazine*. A few days after accepting these honors the Agricultural Department asked him to return to Memphis at a very materially increased salary, stating to him that it would be to the Department's interest to have one familiar with the work represent them at that place. He returned

to Memphis under these conditions, and served the Department until 1899, when he accepted a position with the Manager of the Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company at Memphis, and is now engaged in that work. Brother Troy certainly has a gift of working himself up to the top of the ladder in whatever sphere he is placed, for in the space of a few months he has mastered the details of the insurance business and has been promoted to the chief place in the office of the Manager, from one of the lowest positions, where he started.

It is needless for us to speak of his devotion to the Fraternity, for every Chapter knows of the earnest and enthusiastic work he has been doing, since his election as Grand Secretary at the Atlanta Convention, to collect and prepare an absolutely correct and authentic roll of the initiates and members of each Chapter. This work was a stupendous undertaking, but with his untiring energy and ability, he has now almost completed probably the first and only correct roll of our Order. This roll he will record in a special volume, and thus, for all time, will be handed down to the Fraternity, the proof of his zealous work in her behalf.

In November, 1897, Brother Troy married Miss Mary Lee Leonard, one of Atlanta's most popular and accomplished young ladies. They have one child, a future *II*, and are happily situated in Memphis, which is now the adopted home of our Brother.

Robert A. Smyth.

THE REVIVING OF TAU.

I know that every loyal *Pi* will be glad that we again have on our Chapter roll *Tau* Chapter of the University of North Carolina. On the 28th of January, 1898, she threw off her burial clothes and is now numbered in the ranks of the living Chapters.

It will be impossible for me, in the short space which I have, to give a detailed account of the re-establishment of *Tau* Chapter, but will endeavor to give most of the facts concerning same.

In May, 1898, during the celebration of Mecklenburg

Declaration of Independence, I met our noble Grand Treasurer in the city of Charlotte, N. C., and after talking with him a short while, I found out that *Tau* Chapter of *Pi Kappa Alpha* was sure to come to life. Some time had elapsed before I heard from Brother Smyth again, and that time he had little to say about the reviving of *Tau*. I didn't hear from him then for some time, and in fact, had about come to the conclusion that *Tau* was to remain in the City of the Dead when, on November 29th, I received a letter from him saying that Brother J. C. Story was at work on the reorganization of the Chapter. As soon as I read his letter I knew that it was a settled fact that *Tau* was to live again, because no such combination as Brothers Smyth and Story ever got together without raising something from the dead. On December 17th I received a letter from Brother Story, at Goldston, N. C., stating that everything was about ready for the reviving of *Tau*, and that the men were to come to Charlotte some time between the 24th and the 29th of December to take the initiation, and that I would be expected to make preparations and take part in instituting the Chapter. Then I received, on an average, about two letters a day from our Grand Treasurer for a while. After all arrangements had been made for the initiation to take place in Charlotte, on December 31st, a hall was secured in which to conduct the initiation, *Beta's* regalia was sent to Charlotte, and all the *Pi's* in the surrounding country had been invited to be with us, number being about twenty-five, I received a telegram from Brother Smyth stating that the boys could not get here and that the initiation would be postponed until later in January. In a few days I received a letter from Brother Smyth stating that the initiation would take place in Durham, N. C., on January 28th, 1899, and that he would expect me to join him at Charlotte and go to Durham with him; but on January 27th I received a letter from him stating that it would be impossible for him to go to Durham at that time, and requested me to take charge of the initiation.

On Saturday morning, January 28th, I boarded the train at Charlotte, N. C., at 9:25 A. M., and arrived at Durham at 3 P. M. I went to the Carolina Hotel, where I found

Brothers McFayden and Wray waiting for me. We retired to my room at the hotel as soon as we could get a fire, and there we talked the matter over for a short while. We decided to try for the K. of P. Hall, as the hotel rooms were inconvenient and not at all private. We succeeded in renting the said hall, which was very convenient. McFayden and myself went to my room and studied the Ritual over until about 6 o'clock, and about that time the other five boys arrived from the University, almost frozen, as they had driven through the country in a dreadful snowstorm. As soon as the boys were thawed we all went in and took supper together. As soon as supper was over we all retired to the hall which had been procured, which we found very comfortable. As soon as McFayden and myself had gotten everything in shape for the initiation, we notified the boys in the ante-room to make themselves ready for a ride on the new goat. Brother Wray was the first man to ride, and proved himself a second Buffalo Bill. In fact, they all did themselves proud riding the Royal Goat.

After all the initiation had been gone through with, we had an informal social gathering, at which we discussed everything in general, and finding ourselves entering upon Sunday, we retired to the hotel, where the boys had left their overcoats and wraps. After spending an hour at an informal gathering in my room, discussing the means by which they were to keep warm on their way back to the University, they started on their cold journey. After one hour and a half sleep I took the train for Charlotte, feeling that with the men that were initiated into *Tau* Chapter of *Pi Kappa Alpha* the night before, that she was revived to die no more.

D. K. Pope.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE COLLEGE ANNUAL.

From the simple and inauspicious beginning as a mere paper-covered pamphlet of printed matter, the College Annual has risen to the form of a handsomely bound book of attractive contents, such as we see it to-day, which does not possess even the lineaments of the archetype. Year after year it has steadily increased in brilliancy of form and artistic matter, and to-day it is the most formidable and conspicuous publication of college journalism. This rapid growth of the Annual from its initial appearance to the present day, both remarkable and surprising, is well worthy of a better consideration than can be hoped to be found in this article.

So popular has the Annual become in the last few years that a great number of institutions have given up their monthly publication in preference for it, and have centred all of their means and talents upon the year-book. Again, other institutions that had no publication of any kind, attracted by the appearance of such a book and recognizing its importance as a potent factor in any school or college, have started one and published it alone. In an almost incredibly short time it has gained such favor in the field of college literature, that it is considered, in fact, a necessary feature of the school that makes any pretensions whatever. A school to-day is considered far behind the times, so to speak, unless it issues an Annual.

The rapid advance of the Annual in number will be illustrated by a casual glance at its short history here in the South. Though all in all its life has been of short duration so far, yet it has many long and happy years to look forward to; for, assuredly, it will never die. It will live and be beloved as long as the college boy lives and loves, and this is looking far into the future.

If I am correct, in 1886 there was no college Annual published in the South. The year 1887 beheld the advent of the first one which emanated, in a crude form, from the University of Virginia. As stated above, I think this was the first in the South; at any rate, it was the first in Virginia. And for certainty's sake I will confine the illustration to Virginia, but no doubt the Annual has made the

same progress in the rest of the Southern States. In this lapse of twelve years there has been created and are now being published seventeen Annuals. There may be more than this, for a good many make their first appearance before the public this year, and are not yet known. There are included in this, Annuals that are the first volume, &c., from the following colleges: William and Mary, Randolph-Macon, Miss Baldwin Seminary, and Randolph-Macon Women's College. This book has made equally as rapid a progress in literary merits, artistic attainments, and especially in the general finishing off and outside appearance. Take an Annual that has reached the fifth or sixth volume. Compare the second volume with the first, the third with the second, and so on, and you will find a steady and marked improvement. Comparing them, page for page, you will see that one staff has learned from their predecessors what *not* to do, at least. And in many other ways, men from lower classes work up on the staff and become experienced; new ideas are brought in as the interest is intensified; and mainly, the staff to-day have to surpass the effort of yesterday. This comparison will not always hold good. For instance: '95, *Corks and Curls*, from University of Virginia, is commonly accredited to the best that that institution or the South has yet produced. Mr. Laughlin, however, made this book, and he is an artist that is seldom found in a college. Then \$2,400 was expended on this book, and this is a *little* above the ordinary. One thing that has tended to improve Annuals is the lively interest that publishers have taken in them, and the recent advance in the arts of etching, photographic and electrotype engraving. It has been possible to reproduce photographs at a lower cost, thus enabling the staff to insert more, which naturally adorns the book, more or less. The Annual has given a great impetus to the studies of art among amateurs, and so much better drawings can be found in the Annual now than could be even three years ago.

A great improvement will be found in the binding of the Annuals next year. Heretofore it has been almost entirely coarse or fine Buckram; but quite recently there has been

prepared a material resembling leather very much, and this, undoubtedly, will take the place of the buckram in coming years, and will make a book as handsome looking as one leather-bound.

It would be almost impossible to say when and by whom the first impulse was given to the College Annual. It seems that it sprang from some source of which no one knows anything. 'Tis true that a great many claim the honor of having been the first. But just which one it really was authorities seem to differ. Almanacs and fraternity studies gives various colleges this credit, but from what I can gather from various sources, and which seems to be the most probable, we are indebted to Yale for the Annual, in the effort of that institution—*The Yale Banner*. The cause of this, the first year-book, was more from a warm desire for class display than anything else. There were a good many statistics, but for the most part it was filled with the editing class and their exploits.

Possibly the cause and origin of the Annual is fraternity vanity, and the strong tendency that fraternities have to make a showing before the eyes of the public. They have certainly preserved and accelerated the motion that was given it in the start, if nothing more. Consider how many Annuals are published by Greek-letter fraternities, and the many that have been given Greek names, for instance: *The Hellenian*, *Pandora*, &c.

But it is more likely than anything else that the Annual is the offspring of a desire to preserve and perpetuate the glorious memories of happy school days, some of which would last forever, otherwise, but a great many fond recollections would be forgotten that the Annual treasures up, and can present them to view with almost life-like accuracy.

For thus we can recur to the scenes that are dearest to our hearts. The Annual seems to bring to mind "the old oaken bucket," as it were, of college days, when life and jollity tripped along together, hand in hand, careless and gay. It brings back the dear old fellows with whom we were so intimately associated; and for this end it is especially valuable to the fraternity man—a happy souvenir

of the days he spent with those who were his adopted brothers of a genial nature, and of the times that he has spent with them, encircled by the sacred walls of the chapter hall; all so dear to him. It then shades off into many hybrid types that do not manifest their peculiarities on paper, but either their name, or particularly their likeness will bring the freaks to mind. Then, too, the Annual should give a full account of the events of the year.

Let us, therefore, persuade ourselves that it was something like these latter considerations that prompted the creators of the Annual in the moulding of their first edition, rather than suppose that this book, so worthy of the love of all, sprang from any vain or selfish motive. Assuredly the Annual to-day is not published for such an end.

Thus we find the Annual has made a home in almost every college and university in the land; that it has met with praise and the kindest attention from the hardest people in the world to please; and that its birthdays number but very few. And it is here to stay. Can we think otherwise, when we consider the thousands that now love and revere its memory, and the thousands that come face to face with it year by year, and are added to this number.

H. R. Houston.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Upsilon Chapter.

MARCH 6, 1899.

WHEREAS Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to take from our midst Brother JOHN ROSS GLENN, whom we loved and cherished dearly ; and

WHEREAS not only the college and community at large has sustained a serious loss thereby, but also the *II K A* Fraternity, of which he was ever a true, faithful and loyal member ;

Be it Resolved, That we in the *II K A* Fraternity, who knew him best, while bowing in humble submission to the will of the all-wise Father, do hereby publicly express our deep sorrow and grief over the loss of our dearly beloved Brother.

Be it further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent, with our heartfelt sympathy, to the grief-stricken family ; one to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND for publication, also to the *Orange and Blue*, and another copy be spread upon our minutes.

R. P. BALDWIN,
H. Y. HALL,
L. B. RAINEY,

Committee.

Gamma Chapter.

WHEREAS God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved friend and Brother, REYNOLD HANKINS, we, the members of Gamma Chapter, desire to express our profound sorrow at the death of this loving friend and devoted brother. In his death the Fraternity has suffered the loss of one of her most efficient members, and a Brother who was wedded to her interest by ties of the closest love and friendship; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, who knew him best in *Pi Kappa Alpha*, while bowing in humble submission to the will of a wise and just God, feel that we have lost the wise counsel and sympathy of an affectionate Brother, that the Fraternity has suffered an irreparable loss, and that William and Mary, his *Alma Mater*, has been deprived of one of her brightest students.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathies to the members of the bereaved family.

Be it further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Chapter, that a copy be sent to the grief-stricken family, and that a copy be sent for publication to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

J. L. NEWCOMB,
C. N. WILLIAMS,
F. S. McCANDLISH,
Committee.

Chapter Letters.

BETA.

Davidson College.

After the severe winter that has just passed, these beautiful spring days are very enjoyable, and one feels that he can hardly stay in the house at all. The boys spend all their leisure time playing base-ball and tennis, or practicing for Field Day, which is to be on the 22nd of April.

But some of us hardly feel like playing or working or loafing. All we can do is to spend our time dreading having to display our oratorical talents to the world. On Friday and Saturday nights before Easter the whole Senior Class is required to speak. This ordeal is now making some of us quite nervous. But in two days it will be past, and then we will be able to enjoy life until we start on the "home stretch" on the 6th of May, when the Senior Examinations begin.

While in Charlotte last week I went to the First Presbyterian Church to hear Brother J. R. Howerton preach. He is one of the ablest preachers in the Synod of North Carolina, and one of the most popular in Charlotte. He is a loyal *Pi*, of whom every *Pi* should feel proud. The people not only of his own congregation but also of the whole city seem devoted to him, while he in his turn seems to be a model pastor.

While in Charlotte I also saw Brother N. A. Orr, who, just before Christmas was thrown from a horse and had his leg broken in three places, and is just now able to be out.

We think no better place could be had than Knoxville at which to hold the convention. It is the most central point, and since we have two chapters there and so many alumni in this and neighboring cities, we think that we would do well to accept alumnus *Iota's* kind invitation, and hold our convention there any time after June 8th.

Robert H. Lafferty.

GAMMA.*College of William and Mary.*

Since the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND the angel of death has visited our sacred precincts and removed from *Gamma* one of her brightest gems. For when we met within our Chapter hall, and saw his vacant chair, and missed the familiar voice that has been forever stilled, how deeply were we impressed with the fact that *Gamma* has sustained a loss which time can never fill.

Reynolds Hankins, our departed brother, was born near Toano, Virginia, on the ninth day of October, in the year 1880. Here, in a country home, he spent his happy boyhood years; but upon arriving at the age of fifteen he became desirous of entering college, and in January, 1895, his family moved to Williamsburg, where he might have the benefit of a college education. For by this time he had so endeared himself to his family that they were not willing to be separated from him for even so short a time as a collegiate year.

In October of 1895 he entered his name as a student of William and Mary College, and from that time until his death he continued to pursue his studies with untiring energy. His unparalleled success may be denoted by the many honors which he received, chief among which were the Chancellor Scholarship in 1896, and the Corcoran Scholarship in 1897.

During his stay at college, by his scholarly attainments, Christian character and devoted friendship, he won the high respect of his instructors and the love of his fellow students.

Upon entering college he connected himself with the Phoenix Literary Society, and throughout his entire membership of three years he strove in every way to promote its interests. For the past year he has held the office of treasurer in this Society, and all times was found obedient to the calls of duty, performing whatever was imposed upon him with great credit to the Society.

On the night of October the seventh, 1897, he became a charter member of Gamma Chapter (revived), and from that time until his death was one of her most loyal mem-

bers. We who knew him best in the bonds of our Fraternity can testify to his ardent enthusiasm and devoted love for *II K A*. We have indeed lost the cheerful devotion of a sincere friend, and the wise counsel of a loving brother.

His soul took its flight on the night of March the sixth, after a severe illness of three days, during which time he endured intense suffering with the patience of a true Christian. On the morning of the eighth, with his Fraternity brothers as pall bearers, his body was borne to the Episcopal church where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. T. Roberts, his rector, assisted by Dr. L. B. Wharton. From here his body was conveyed to Cedar Grove cemetery, where the last sad rites of burial were performed.

“He leaves behind him, freed from griefs and years
Far worthier things than tears,
The love of friends without a single foe;
Unequaled lot below”!

John Lloyd Newcomb.

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

As the school year draws to a close the chapter shows decided improvement in its spirit and in its workings. All of our worthy brothers here are beginning to get down to work in anticipation of the final examinations which occur in June; and while the honors here are few and far between, we hope to carry off our share of them. Brother Sherwood, the pride of the frat. and also of “A Company,” (he is the captain of the same), graduates from both the law and academic schools, while this writer gets his skeepskin from the latter alone. For the outsider this may have no special significance, but when we consider the number of fraternity men on this “Hill” it speaks very well for old *Zeta*. It is only to be hoped that Brother Sherwood ranks highest in his class, as he has done in the three previous years. An honor, and the highest one that his class can give, has been bestowed on him, which can never be taken

from him and which he most rightfully deserves, that of "Valedictorian."

On April 3rd, at the Hotel Imperial, was held our first Pan-Hellenic banquet. About fifty men were present, eight of whom were *IT*'s, and in whose honor Brother Wiley presented a most witty and interesting toast. At the close college songs were sung and at 1:30 A. M., after giving a most rousing college yell, the banquet broke up.

On last Sunday week was held funeral services over the bodies of Lieutenant and Brother McCorkle and Lieutenant Bernard, in the chapel of the University. The bodies were brought direct from Santiago to be buried here in the National cemetery. Services were held at 2:30 P. M., after which, escorted by the battalion of cadets, and with all military honors, the bodies were taken to their last resting place, where nearly five thousand people had assembled to witness that most impressive and solemn ceremony, consignment to the mother earth.

We have to introduce to the Fraternity W. H. Sienknecht, of Oliver Springs, Tenn. The chapter feels much honored at being able to count as its member this conservative and popular young man, and it is sure that he will make a true and loyal member of the *ITK A* Fraternity.

We certainly hope to see the convention meet at Knoxville this summer, and the resident members will certainly do all in their power to give the delegates a hearty welcome and a howling good time.

J. W. Hudson.

THETA.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

The present correspondent is a new hand at the business and lacks that power of verbosity which was so wonderfully possessed by his two predecessors of this year: Fraser and Eleazer. Nevertheless, the impetus has been given now, and according to the law of motion he will write *ad infinitum*, unless something stops him.

We enjoyed very much, recent visits from Brother James R. Howerton, D. D., of Charlotte, N. C., and from Brother

John Cavitt, of the Lone Star State. They were called here to the bedside of their neice, the little daughter of our late Brother, Sheridan Cavitt.

During the severely cold weather of February we were much troubled, lest our venerable "Sir William" would freeze up during the cold for lack of sufficient exercise; but finding a young man recently come from the soldiers' camp, and who we thought would make a worthy *Pi*, we gave "Billie" the much needed exercise. We now take great pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity at large Brother Leo P. DuBose, of Hattinsburg, Miss. Brother DuBose fascinates the fair ones by his winning ways and musical talent..

After the stern realities (to Brother DuBose) of idealism, we feasted our epicurean natures on the acceptable realities of materialism. For this we were indebted to our ever-mindful *Pi* sister on the hill.

The material for our "Annual" is about ready for the printer, and the man who has the honor of being Editor-in-Chief is our Brother U. D. Mooney.

A few mornings since the hearts of *Theta's* members filled with just pride when the Chancellor announced that "The Faculty has chosen for Valedictorian of the class of '99, Mr. J. P. Montgomery, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Of five honorary speakers for Commencement Day two are *Pi's*. We have also two representatives, Blackburn and Eleazer, on the Inter-society Oratorical Contest; and of nine places on the programme for class exercises, one-third will be filled by *Pi's*. When the time for distribution of medals arrives we will be right among the first.

A year or two since a student of this institution wrote his beloved that he would be in a contest Tuesday night, and would mail her the medal on Wednesday morning. The writer will represent this University in the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest of Tennessee, to be held here on April 14th. However, he has not written to any damsel that he will mail her the medal the following morning.

We have received recent communications from Brother Smyth that *Zeta* and alumnus *Iota* have given invitations for the convention to meet with them. Knoxville will suit

us splendidly, and we think it would be difficult to find a place with more *Pi's*, or who are more loyal to their colors. We of *Theta* would prefer some time after June 14th, as that is the time for this University to close.

I would like to write more, but fear some man will be ready to call me "windy" lest I close.

John F. Frierson.

IOTA.

Hampden-Sidney College.

At last the long expected Intermediate exercises are over with, and now the only thing we can look forward to is the Commencement. There are, however, a few things to break the monotony of a college life, and the first of these is the "Junior speaking." All of the members of the Junior class have to make public orations in the first part of April. The poor attempts of some of these furnish great amusement to those who belong to the other classes, but, as some of our alumni probably remember, there is no fun in these exercises for the poor fellows who have to take part.

Base ball is another thing that we look forward to with a great deal of pleasure. We have a very good team this year, probably better than it was last year. We are certainly stronger in pitchers, as we have two excellent ones. Our first game was played April 1, with Yale Law School, resulting in a score of 19-9 in our favor. Having such a famous name as "Yale," we thought they would have a very fine team, but their playing is another proof of the old maxim that "the bark of the dog is worse than his bite." We are unfortunate in not having a member of our frat. on the team.

It is probably too late to do any good, but we earnestly hope that the Supreme Council will decide to hold the Convention in Richmond, Va. We think that Knoxville is too far out of the way. It certainly is for us, but of course not our interest but that of the whole Fraternity has to be sought.

We had a visit from Brother Watkins during last month and enjoyed his stay very much. We wish that not only he, but other of our members, would come oftener to visit us.

We wish to congratulate *Tau* on her revival, and hope that she may never have to be revived again, but that she will be an example for Cother hapters to follow. If *Xi* could only be revived now, we would certainly be happy. Let us hope that before long her revival will occur.

Thos. W. Hooper, Jr.

MU.

Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

Since our last letter to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND our college has met with serious loss in the death of Professor S. Taylor Martin, who for the past two years filled the chair of Latin and English. He was a young man of great promise, and during the short time he was with us, did much to improve the course of study and gave new life to the departments in which he taught. He was buried at his old home, Dublin, Va.

Another chair in our faculty was made vacant by the resignation of Prof. A. V. Martin, who was forced to withdraw on account of ill-health. His place has been filled by Prof. A. W. McWhorter, who has just completed a course at Johns Hopkins.

Our boys are heartily in favor of holding the Convention at Knoxville. We had hoped to send a full delegation to the old "city by the sea," but after reading in the last issue the objections to meeting with the Confederate Reunion, it is clear that a more central point should be chosen, and a time fixed that will be independent of other gatherings of any kind.

Mu loses another good man by Brother McLucas' removal from college. "Mac" will go to his old home in Marlboro, where his father has recently located. Before leaving he gave us a pressing invitation to pay him a visit this summer, and we have all decided to go down *in a*

body. We merely mention this, as we don't care to take him by surprise.

Brothers Simpson and Carpenter report a very enjoyable trip to Spartanburg, where they had the pleasure of meeting with the Wofford *II's*. They also took part in the goating of Brother Lee, who, according to Simpson, was more than a handful for the entire crowd. They have many kind things to say of the Wofford boys, who entertained them in real *II K A* style.

It is with regret that we learn of Brother J. J. Murray's illness. He has been confined at the Columbia hospital for the past month.

We are impatiently awaiting the commencement occasion. Brother Simpson will represent us as chief marshal and debater, while Brothers Fuller, Sims and Wilkins expect to enter the Declaimer's Contest.

George W. Wilkins.

NU.

Wofford College.

Our March examinations are over and a great burden has been relieved. We are glad to report, through THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, that *Nu* Chapter is moving along quietly and steadily, trying to do the best as students and as fraternity men.

The fraternity feeling now existing at Wofford is of a very high order. All fraternities are friendly rivals, and at present no ill-feeling exists between the different chapters. *Nu* holds third place out of six chapters in number, having eleven men, but this is a minor point, since we have the "stuff."

We are sorry to announce that Brother Jennings has been forced to leave college, owing to some private affairs, but hopes to return next year and finish his course. Brother Jennings was a loyal *Pi*, and he will be sorely missed among us.

Since our last chapter letter we have been so fortunate as to add one more to our roll. Mr. C. D. Lee, of the class of 1900, who has been, ever since he entered college, one of

the most popular 'Nons,' has been induced to join us, and he is fast proving himself as a loyal and worthy *Pi*.

The base-ball season has opened up with beautiful prospects for Wofford. We expect to win the championship of the State this season with all ease. Last Saturday we played Clemson on the local diamond and defeated them by the close score of 6 to 5. *Nu* is represented on the base-ball team by Lee and Martin.

Nu still holds her lead in honors. Brother Boyd has been recently elected president of the Preston Literary Society; Brother Lee is chief marshal and one of the commencement debaters in June; while Brother Brown has recently been elected acting chief marshal for the coming Sophomore Examination.

Let us say before closing, that we were delighted to note in our last SHIELD AND DIAMOND the strong revival of *Tau*. Our best wishes are in her behalf, and we predict great things for her future.

With best wishes to THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND and all *II*'s.
W. Claude Martin.

RHO.

Cumberland University.

Rho gladly welcomes the time when she can write to her sister chapters and tell them of the success she has had. We have not been idle at all, and have three new men. First comes Mr. Alexander, of the Junior Law, a man of remarkable ability, and has already proven himself a loyal *II*.

Soon we again assembled to lead Mr. Sights through the proper course, and now we present him also. He is a member of the Junior Law, and will do us credit in law as well as in "love."

Next, and I suppose the last of our new men for the year, comes Mr. Bridges, of the Literary. This is his Junior year, and after graduation will take the Theological course; so *Rho* will get a good share of his splendid intellect and open heart.

Rho is again going to have a picture made, with every member in cabinet size on it this year.

A picture like this ornaments a room very much, and a *fac simile* of it is a prettier thing to keep than an ordinary group.

Speaking of the Convention we here are in favor of Knoxville, and any time in June or July, which is suitable to the Supreme Council, will suit us.

The spring term is on us now, and the base-ball, examinations, commencement, etc., are giving us all we can do. *Rho* has had a splendid year, and the benefits reaped from our meetings and the brotherly relations cannot be estimated.

Mr. Billip, of *Rho*, has been selected to represent Cumberland University at the State Oratorical Contest.

Messrs. Howe and Howard will represent us in the base-ball team.

As *Rho* had settled with headquarters, and had no other debts, and there was enough surplus in the treasury to modest "repast," we assembled in one of our up-to-date places and enjoyed a very pleasant evening on April 3rd. After a most delicious supper Brother Reichert, acting as toastmaster, a number of toasts were responded to—a more pleasant evening we have hardly ever spent.

Rho is going to send a man to the Convention who will be stuffed full of our ideas and plans for advancing *II K A*.

Mr. W. J. Lee was elected President by the Seminary Missionary Society at its last meeting. This is one of the highest honors in the Seminary.

With many good wishes we remain ever loyal *II's*.

H. H. Weir.

SIGMA.

Vanderbilt University.

At the end of the usual two months *Sigma* again feels honored in exercising the right of contributing her few items to THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and thereby being counted a "live issue" in the brotherhood of *Pi Kappa Alpha*.

This is the season of the year when a marked change

comes over college-men, more or less. Some show it by being stricken with that all but universal malady—spring fever; others, whose thoughts are beginning, perhaps, “to lightly turn to thoughts of love,” seem to have a greater amount of energy than usual, or rather a more acute brain, for they can come trooping home in the “wee small hours” (whistling “We Won’t Go Home Until Morning”) and still outdo on examinations the old grind whose order of life is more regular than the solar system. Still others there are who have only one more pass to make before receiving a diploma with all of its prerogatives—and to a young man who possesses one for the first time—means the earth, truly this last class, and especially the professional, are the only ones to enlist sympathy from anybody.

Laying aside that which is secular in the University, we will give a brief epitome of what has been going on in the secret way under the directions and guidance of *Sigma*. We have been holing our own—none lost, none gained, in the latter of which would hardly be expected this late in the college year.

Sigma is unanimous in recommending Knoxville as the place for holding our Convention, and the latter part of June as the date. Vanderbilt closes this year on the 21st of June, and it would suit *Sigma* at any time after this. Knoxville is a central point for all *II K A* Chapters; and again, Knoxville is, it seems, under a heavy mortgage held by *Pi*'s “*Zeta* and *Alumnus Iota*,” such being the state of affairs in that city, our *Pi* representatives would receive a royal welcome, not only by all *P K A*'s and hotels of Knoxville, but also the fair sex.

Brother H. A. Edwards, of South Carolina, will receive his license to-night, Tuesday, April 4th, which permits him to go about seeking whom he may kill in a medical way; we understand he has already entered into an agreement with an undertaker, the nature of which is only known to him and said stiff handler.

Brother B—l Brown, who, if fate favors, will receive his A. B. in June, was, at a meeting of our Athletic Association, elected captain of the foot-ball team for next year. He has, for two years, played centre for Vanderbilt, and is in every respect capable of filling the office of Captain.

Our 'Varsity base-ball team played Cornell this afternoon, and to say the least they kept the Ithacans guessing as to the result. Like a game of cards, it was not out until played out; and when it was out, "the last man," the score stood—Cornell, 12; Vanderbilt, 11.

In conclusion I would like to say a few words about *Sigma's* prospects for next year. Six men have promised to return next year; Clarke and Jetton, of last year, will be back, and from reports there will be several good men, or rather *Pi's* here from other schools. Those strengthened by Brothers Leftwich, Morton and Armstrong, in the city, we ought to open up with a very strong chapter.

A few words of praise for our Grand Officers and Alumni, who so generously contributed to our last number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and Brother Smyth, to whom we owe much for his indefatigable efforts towards making the SHIELD AND DIAMOND a magazine welcomed and read with much interest, pleasure and profit by all loyal *II's*. With best wishes to our sister Chapters, *Sigma* again says au revoir.

Ben. F. Steed.

TAU.

University of North Carolina.

Tau sends cordial greetings to her sister chapters. Although we cannot boast of any new members, we have not been idle. We have secured one of the best chapter halls here and are having it repainted and improved in other ways, until we hope soon to have an exceedingly inviting meeting house.

We received a very pleasant visit last week from the Brothers Rhyne, of Mt. Holly, N. C., who were members of *Phi*. They are now taking a business course at Oak Ridge Institute.

Nearly all of our five hundred boys have been vaccinated in the last two weeks, and as a result, attendance on lectures has been very slim. The vaccination was requested by the president, on account of the great number of cases of small pox in this State.

Through the kindness of Colonel Julian S. Carr, the University is soon to have another much-needed dormitory building. In 1991 Colonel Carr gave the University ten thousand dollars, and a few days ago he added five thousand dollars to this amount, making fifteen thousand, with which a handsome building will be placed on the campus, and will be very appropriately called "Carr Hall."

Carolina won the annual debate with the University of Georgia on the 18th of March, although we met them on their own territory and had the unpopular side of the question. The query was, "*Resolved*, that the United States Senators should be elected by popular vote." As each of these rival universities had been successful in one of the two previous debates, increased interest and enthusiasm were manifested in the result of the present one.

We have been very successful so far, having played nine games and lost only one of them. Although there is a good deal of interest manifested here in base ball, it is nothing like the enthusiasm we show over our foot ball team. Although we had a team last fall that won the championship of the South, we do not think that it will be half as good as our team next fall. We have already started arrangement of schedule and getting men in training.

Since our last letter, the University has suffered a great loss in the death of Dr. Manning, who has been our Professor of Law for over seventeen years. No other professor here ever possessed such a hold on the hearts of his students as Dr. Manning.

C. L. Miller.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Our chapter has had this year much misfortune heaped upon her. We are grieved to announce the death of Brother J. R. Glenn. He was a loyal member and true *II*. Brothers Avery and Cory, on account of sickness, are not with us, and Brother Deaton left us some time ago, on account of the death of his mother. But with all these

calamities our little chapter has stuck hard at work, borne her losses as best she could, and is again on a fair footing. We have now ten members.

On last Friday night we initiated Brother Anderson into the mysteries of *II K. A.* We know that he will be a useful and a loyal member, and gladly welcome him into our Fraternity.

We have now one of the most handsome halls at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and with ten loyal members, success is ours.

Brother Fleming honored us by his presence for a few days, but has now returned to Anniston, Ala.

Brothers. Tate, McIntyre, Avery and Deaton write us occasionally. We are always glad to hear from them, for while with us none were more loyal than they.

Term examinations are over, and by them was each "delinquent" crowned with a wreath of fours. The writer speaks from sad experience.

College athletics is revived. We count on a good base-ball team this year for the A. P. I., something she has generally been short in.

Foot-ball has always been a success at Auburn, but we have never had a good, first class base-ball team. This season we hope it will be different.

We send our resolutions, drawn up at the death of Brother Glenn. His funeral was one of the largest ever had at Auburn. Flowers were heaped on his casket and strewn over his grave. Among the designs was, one in *II K. A.*; another in '99, with his class colors. This was his Senior year, and he would have graduated in June. The pall-bearers were six of his Fraternity men, the writer being one of them. Brothers Baldwin, Hall, Woodruff, Shuff and Willis the other five. God saw fit in his wisdom to remove our dear brother from us, and with grieved hearts we bowed in humble submission to the Divine will.

Brothers Abbott and Deaton, of Columbus, Ga., attended the funeral.

L. B. Rainey.

PHI.*Roanoke College.*

Spring has come at last and everybody has been talking base ball for the last few weeks. In spite of the miserable weather the team has been steadily at work under the able management of Captain Fox, and unless the unexpected happens, the record of '99 will be one for future teams to take as a standard.

Only two games have been played so far, both being victories for old Roanoke. The first was with Alleghany Institute, of Roanoke city. They were rather easy, but it showed that our boys could play good ball, the score being 9 to 2.

The second game was with the strong team put in the field by St. Albans' School, of Radford, Va. They gave our boys a great fight. The score, 7 to 3, hardly shows what a fight they did put up, for they were in it from start to finish. Brother Lloyd had to work his best to make the team again this year. I am glad to say he succeeded, however, and, as last year, he is chasing flies in left field.

Phi's goat, after a long season of inactivity, was again given the privilege of introducing another loyal fellow into the mystic circle of golden hearts. After the imposing ceremony, James A. Bear, of Salem, Va., was given the grip that is the passport to brave men all over this beloved Southland of ours.

It is with true pleasure that we introduce the Brother to the Fraternity at large, and we give our surety that he will be an honor and an ornament to our sacred circle.

Brothers Palmer, Lloyd and Edmondson were at home for the Easter holidays, which were lengthened this year by the boys, who stole the college bell and declared they could not go to classes because they did not know what time to go.

The annual of '99 is progressing finely, and bids fair to be a very elegant edition. Brother Darst is assistant editor-in-chief, and he has had so much work to do that he has been compelled to choose one of two things—to quit going to classes or deny himself the society of the fair sex. All who know him will not hesitate to say which he chose,

but for those of the brethren who have never had the opportunity of meeting him, I will say that the ladies see the Brother just as often as ever.

There is to be an Easter german here on the 4th, given by the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, to which the dancing members of *Phi* have received an invitation.

The interest shown in the last edition of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND by the Chapters concerning the Convention is a good omen, and should have good results.

Of course, some place in Virginia would be most acceptable to us, but as Knoxville has two Chapters and is a central point, *Phi* gives her vote for that city, and suggests the third week in June be the time for the Convention.

This Convention will, we think, be a memorable one, and should have a full attendance, if possible, and when the roll is called *Phi* hopes to answer "Here."

C. H. Wilson.

CHI.

University of the South.

Chi will soon complete the first anniversary of her founding. Her career, considering the disadvantages under which she has labored, has been a remarkably successful one. We have had as many as twelve members, but unfortunately some of our best men have failed to return this term, and we now have only seven. Our Fraternity, however, has its reputation established in the University for the solidity of its men and its honorable dealing. Our greatest need is a Chapter house. All the other fraternities here have nice Chapter houses, well fitted up, and that is a great advantage in competing for new men. We have in view, however, two fine buildings, which will probably be for sale, and hope to remedy this defect in the near future.

Brother Claiborne, of the Theological Department, takes quite an active part in athletics, and on the '98 foot-ball team was a host in himself. He has also been doing fine missionary work in Cowan, Tennessee, during the winter,

especially among the young ladies. In fact report has him engaged to three—but we hope zeal for conversion has not led him so far.

Brother Williams was manager of the '98 foot-ball team, and is now getting ready to tour with the '99 base ball nine. Brother Williams is also a devotee of the fair sex, of every condition and age, from 16 to 60, and commonly appears wearing a smile and a button hole *bouquet*.

Brother Hill has quite a genius for music, and practices daily after dinner on a trumpet, which he calls a cornet, and has driven three men in his boarding hall into emotional insanity and one to kleptomania.

Brother Tarlton wishes to know when the telegraph will be so perfected that a man can travel to Texas after dinner, see his sweetheart and return before night without the knowledge of the proctor.

Sewanee is making many improvements this year. There is the new dormitory, Hoffman Hall, which cost about \$40,000; and we are looking forward to new water-works and an electric light plant in the near future.

There is a steady rise in the number of students. Go up, Old Sewanee, and *Chi* will go with you.

C. W. Boyd.

The P*is*.

In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to ROBERT H. TROY, 453 Pontotoc street, Memphis, Tenn., *any item of news concerning a brother member, which may come under his notice.* If the item appears in a newspaper, clip it out, paste it on a postal and forward as above, giving date and name of paper.

—We clip the following from the “*Review*” concerning our talented brother, Hon. Robt. Hughes, *Gamma*, of Norfolk, Va.: “Mr. Robert M. Hughes, of the Norfolk (Va.) bar, is now engaged in delivering a series of lectures before the Senior Law Class of Washington and Lee University on the subject, ‘Admiralty Law and Procedure.’ This series of lectures are said to be a more extensive course on that topic than is given in any university in the United States.”

—Rev. Brother P. H. Gwinn, *Iota*, of Glade Spring, Va., has recently been exceedingly ill with a severe attack of pneumonia, but we are glad to report is now rapidly recovering from the same.

—Brother T. Z. Tyler, *Xi*, writes the general office from Evansville, Indiana, as follows: “I was appointed last October by the Creditors’ Mercantile Agency Company of New York, Manager for the Central States, including Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Arkansas and Louisiana, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky. I have done a very fine business for my company since taking charge, and am working hard to reach the top round of the ladder of success.” He encloses us a clipping from the official paper of this company, in which his name is mentioned with several others who “constitute, beyond doubt, the ablest force of solicitors that ever worked in the

interest of this company." We wish Brother Tyler continued success and prosperity.

—The following news about two of our well known and prominent "Reverend Brothers" is clipped from the *Central Presbyterian* of March 15th: "The Rev. D. Asa Blackburn, of the Strangers' Church, New York city, and formerly of Westminster Church, Charleston, S. C., is now enjoying a rest in an extensive tour of the Southwest in the private car of one of his members."

—"The Rev. George Summey, D. D., of Clarksville, Tenn., recently spent some days in Washington in the interest of the claim in Congress for the university at Clarksville."

—The many friends of our *Pi* sisters, Misses Mattie and Annie Belle Martin, of Dublin, Va., will be pained to learn of the death of their brother, Professor T. Taylor Martin, which occurred at the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, Clinton, S. C., February 10th, 1899. He was a graduate of Hampden-Sidney and the University of Virginia, and at the time of his death held a chair in the College above mentioned.

—Rev. H. W. McLaughlin, *Iota*, of Hampton, Va., has declined a call to Frankfort, W. Va.

—We regret exceedingly to announce the death of Brother William Nelson, *Epsilon*, on April 6th. The following is the account from the *Richmond Dispatch*:

"DANVILLE, VA., April 6.—[Special]—Dr. William Nelson, *Epsilon*, died at 11 o'clock this morning. A week ago last Sunday, while performing an operation on a patient, his finger was pricked by a surgeon's needle, which had been contaminated by the blood of the person operated on. Blood poisoning ensued and the Doctor's arm became greatly swollen, so that he was forced to abandon practice and remain in doors. Until last night it was thought that he would recover, but about 10 o'clock his illness assumed

a serious aspect, and all the physicians in the city were summoned and passed the night at Dr. Nelson's bedside.

The announcement of his death at 11 o'clock to-day produced a profound and painful impression in the community, where he was exceptionally popular. Dr. Nelson was born at "Mount Air," Hanover county, Va., October 4, 1853. He was the son of the late Phillip and Jane Cruse Nelson, and consequently of that family of Nelsons so eminently distinguished in Virginia. He was graduated from Blacksburg College, (now the Virginia Polytechnic Institute), and from 1877 to 1880 was one of the teachers at the Episcopal High School, near Alexandria. He left that institution and entered the University of Virginia, where he matriculated as a student of medicine, and then went to Baltimore, where he graduated in his profession, and immediately thereafter, in 1882, he located in this city, where he had practiced with success ever since.

Dr. Nelson married Miss Eliza Morehead, a daughter of Major J. Turner Morehead, of Spray, N. C. She, with one son, Harris Nelson, survives him. He also leaves two brothers—Rev. George W. Nelson, of Warrenton, Va., and Judge Frank Nelson, of Rustburg, Campbell county, Va.; and one sister, Miss Jennie Nelson, recently the principal of the Diocesan School at Chatham, and now of Springfield, Ill."

Those of our brothers who attended the convention at Danville, Va., in 1891, will remember the courtesies and attentions received there from this brother, and also from Brother N. H. Massie. Brother Nelson's death will be a source of great regret to the entire fraternity.

—Brother Frank Hopkins, M. D., is resident physician at Hot Springs, Bath county, Va. He is a son of Dr. B. F. Hopkins (for the past thirty-five years a well-recognized authority on Virginia springs) and Fannie Hopkins (*nee* Faucett). Was born 26th April, 1871. He joined the Fraternity at Washington and Lee, being one of the charter members of *II* chapter. He took the full three-year course

in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating with M. D. in 1895; was assistant in the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia; later had charge of Pottsville, Pa., hospital; located in Warm Springs Valley and has a singularly successful practice since 1896. Has done some remarkable work in nervous troubles. Has established a fine practice at the Virginia Hot Springs.

—Brother T. S. L. Basore, son of J. W. Basore, of Broadway, Va., became a member of *Iota* in 1886. Was engaged in mercantile business until 1898, when he removed to Caperton, W. Va., where he is now connected with one of the New River coal companies.

—Brother J. William Basore, Jr., *Iota*, is a student of Johns Hopkins. Will take his Ph. D. in 1899. Was elected to one of the most important societies of the University by the faculty, an honor which is seldom granted to a student there.

Editorial.

BY AN ALMOST unanimous vote of the Chapters, Knoxville, Tenn., has been selected as the meeting place for our next Convention, and Official Calls and Communications, with regard to the same, will be found in this issue. The place selected is a very central one to all the Chapters, and should guarantee us a full delegation from every Chapter. The fact that we have a large and influential Alumnus Chapter, and a wealthy and Active one, located in Knoxville, will insure us, from a social standpoint, a delightful time.

It should not be forgotten that the Convention of 1892, which assembled in the same city, was the means of reviving Zeta Chapter, and also giving the fraternity an impetus by reason of the valuable legislation there enacted, the good effects of which is felt even to-day. On to Knoxville! should therefore be the cry of every wearer of the Old Gold and Garnet, and alumni and active members should vie with each other in the number attending.

THOSE who have been watching closely the success which has crowned our Fraternity during the past four years, know that it is attributable directly to the three Conventions held during that period. At Richmond, Nashville and Atlanta, there assembled as loyal and earnest a band of men as ever met together, and the work of the Convention was transacted with a determination and close interest which guaranteed its success.

No one who knew the condition of the Fraternity in 1890,

ever dreamed that we could reach our present successful state. It has been accomplished by the giant blows of our three Conventions, which have moulded and reshaped our laws and plans, and placed us on a substantial foundation. There, however, they have left us, and unless we continue to work each year and follow up the plans outlined, we will rapidly drift back into a less satisfactory state.

It is hoped that every member of the Fraternity will be keenly alive to the importance of this approaching Convention, not only to attend it himself, but to bring before that body any suggestions which occur to him as beneficial to the Order. By the free and friendly discussion on the part of every one, the most valuable things in these various suggestions can be selected and used to our advancement.

WHILE of course we urge and invite a large attendance of our alumnus members, as our Supreme Councilor has well said, it is principally the delegates from the individual Chapters, whom we wish to gather together at this meeting. They form the live body, as it were, of the Fraternity, and they must imbibe the suggestions and instructions of the Convention, to carry them back to their Chapters and inoculate each member with some of the enthusiasm which they have obtained.

Our alumnus members we want for their mature and timely advice on all subjects. For the benefit of their experience in the wide world, which will enable them to look at our discussions with a broader view than the college man. We want them there to give tone to the Convention, to encourage the younger members, and show that the Fraternity has a hold on its members, even when the college days are over. These columns have always been filled with urgent *requests* for the presence of the alumni. It is the required duty of the active members to be present.

WHILE THE OFFICIAL announcement from the Supreme Councilor, gives the day of the first session, it may be possible that nearer the time it will be necessary to

change this somewhat. We will have our June issue appear very early in the month, to contain more complete and explicit directions regarding this grand Tenth Convention. It is impossible, at this early date, to definitely and positively fix all the minor details of the meeting, but the dates selected appear most suitable to the various Chapters, and their wishes have been carefully consulted in the whole matter.

It is therefore urged that Chapter and alumnus members will immediately write to the General Office, making any suggestions whatever that appear to them advisable, with regard to the Convention, so that we can get all of this matter in hand, ready for publication in the June issue, which will appear a half month sooner.

WITH REGARD to the June number, we ask the Chapter Correspondents to carefully observe the statement that its date of appearance will be brought forward 15 or 20 days. Therefore, their *letters must be in hand by the 20th of May*, without fail, and it is particularly important that every Chapter should give us full details as to their graduating members, and also the summer addresses of their individual members. Thus those of us, who travel, may know in some of our wanderings, where we can find a warm hand clasp and a friend indeed.

Official Communications.

ANNOUNCEMENT No. 1.

To the Members of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity—Greeting:

1. Article 5 of the Constitution, having been fully carried out, I hereby summon the members of the Fraternity to assemble in Knoxville, Tenn., June 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1899, for the Annual Convention.

2. The headquarters will be at "The Imperial" Hotel, where arrangements have been made for the accommodation of members at \$2.00 per day. The business sessions will be held in the hall of the hotel.

3. The first session will convene Tuesday morning, June 20th, at the most convenient hour, and as many sessions as possible will be held each day, so that the work may be attended to in two days, if practicable, thus saving delegates as much expense as possible. *Delegates should arrive in time for first session.*

4. The matter of reduced railroad rates, is being taken up with the proper authorities, and it is probable that some concessions may be obtained, of which due notice will hereafter be given. The importance of these conventions has been forcibly demonstrated to the members by the beneficial results had from the three last meetings, and it is hoped that as many will come as possible. *Every Alumnus and Active brother is cordially invited to attend, and all members will be accorded the privilege of the floor.*

FLOYD HUGHES,
Supreme Councilor.

April 13th, 1899.

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 1.

To the Several Chapters of II K A—Greeting:

1. You will immediately elect your delegates to attend the convention at Knoxville, Tenn., and send their names and addresses by May 15th to Brother Robert A. Smyth, Grand Treasurer, so that their respective duties may be assigned them. Attention is called to Section 15, Article V, of the Secret Constitution, requiring each chapter to send delegates. Alternates should also be elected, and their names and addresses reported at the same time as the delegates. Each Chapter should endeavor to send as many delegates as possible, but at least two. Note that the *home addresses of delegates and alternates should be given*, so that communication may be had with them in case the Chapter has adjourned.

Read carefully Chapter II, Article 5 to 8, of printed Constitution.

2. Attention of each Chapter is called to Section 17 of Article V, requiring record books to be submitted in good form to the convention for examination. Each Chapter should see that its delegates take charge of the record-book and bring it to the meeting.

3. Attention is further called to the resolution adopted at the last convention, requiring each Chapter to make a copy of the Ritual in a special book, and to bring this book to the coming convention. (See page 31 of the "*Dagger and Key.*")

4. It is earnestly hoped that the Chapters will give careful attention to all these matters, so that when this convention assembles everything will be in due form, and its business can be carried on without interruption, or the omission of any duty on the part of the Chapters.

Let as many come from each Chapter as possible.

ROBERT HILL,

Councilor Princeps.

April 15th, 1899.

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 2.

To the Several S. M. C.'s of the II K A Chapters—Greeting:

I enjoin upon you the importance of sending full reports of the past year's work of your Chapter to the Grand Secretary, Robert H. Troy, 453 Pontotoc street, Memphis, Tenn., *by May 15th, 1899, without fail.* This report to contain full information concerning the Chapter. This is very necessary, so that this officer can arrange a just report of the Fraternity's condition.

ROBERT HILL,
Councilor Princeps.

April 15th, 1899.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Chapters are requested to read carefully Sections 12, 18, 19, and especially 20, of Article V, Secret Constitution, and give due heed to the same.

We want all Chapters entitled to representation at our grand Knoxville meeting.

Please, therefore, carefully observe this word from the Grand Treasurer.

ROBERT A. SMYTH,
Grand Treasurer.

April 15th, 1899.

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