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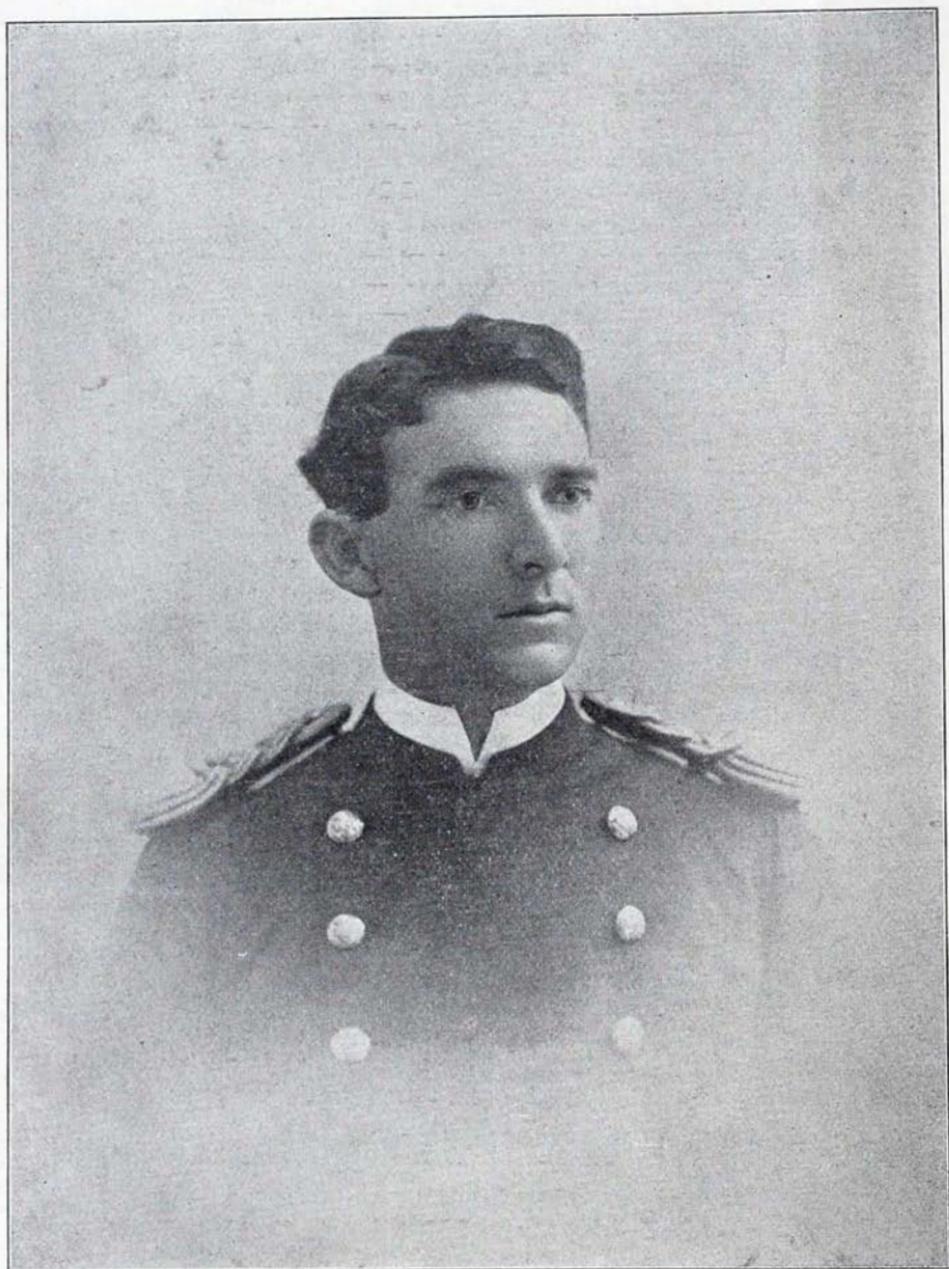
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LIEUTENANT HENRY L. MCCORKLE, ZETA.

First Lieutenant Twenty-Fifth United States Infantry. Killed on the firing line in the Battle of El. Caney, July 1st, 1898, while in command of Company G.

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IN MEMORIAM.

HENRY LEFTWICH McCORKLE.

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Lieutenant Henry Leftwich McCorkle, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, U. S. A., was born on his father's farm near Mooresburg, Hawkins county, Tenn., on the 20th of April, 1867. He was killed in the battle of El Caney near Santiago, Cuba, on the 1st of July, 1898. He was of good, old Scotch-Irish stock, and came of a family distinguished for its solid worth. It is a remarkable fact that each generation has contained a number of brave soldiers and has lost one or more killed in battle.*

*The *Rockbridge County News* of July 7th says: "The family of McCorkle has the record of having contributed at least one of its sons to the list of killed in battle in the war of the Revolution, the Mexican and Civil Wars, and now to that of the Spanish War. Lieutenant Henry McCorkle's great great-grandfather, Lieut. John McCorkle, was killed at the battle of Cow Pens during the Revolutionary War; Capt. Alexander McCorkle was killed during the Mexican War; and Lieut. McCorkle's uncle, Baxter McCorkle, and cousin, James McCorkle, were killed during the Civil War."

Henry Leftwich McCorkie received his early education in the public schools of Hawkins county, one of which was taught by Andrew Galbraith, an alumnus of the University of Tennessee, and at the Academy of Rogersville, of which W. L. McSpadden was principal. He entered the Freshman class of the University of Tennessee in September, 1885. He took the Scientific course, and was graduated with the degree of B. S., and with excellent standing in June, 1889. Mr. McCorkle was an attentive and faithful student; respectful to all of the professors and officers of the institution; and manly and honorable in his dealings with his fellow students. He was fond of athletic sports and of military drill, and early took a prominent position in the cadet battalion. He was a second sergeant in his Freshman year, and first lieutenant in his Sophomore and Junior years. During his Senior year he was captain of a company, and did most excellent work.

His chief personal characteristics as a student were his vigorous manliness, his admirable common sense, and his sterling moral character. He was also noted for his quick wit, his keen sense of humor, and his great love for music, for which he had decided talent. He always exhibited great energy and enthusiasm in whatever he undertook. He was sympathetic with and loyal to his friends, his home, and his State. In fact, one of the first things that impressed one was his intense devotion to his own family, church, friends, college, military battalion, base-ball club, and everything else that he was connected with. His fellow students recognized in him from the beginning, a brave and honorable fellow, who would neither shirk duty nor falsify the most trivial matter, and never flinched from doing what he considered to be his duty as cadet officer, student, and Christian gentleman, no matter how trying it might be.

The foundation of his honorable and beautiful character is to be found in his early Christian training. When a silly fellow student invaded the privacy of his room suddenly and attempted to laugh him out of saying his prayers at night, it is said that McCorkle forcibly put him out and told him with an earnestness of both speech and blows that his mother had taught him to say his prayers when he was a baby, and he proposed to continue to do so as long as he lived, no matter what such foolish fellows might say. He became a member of the Presbyterian church at Mooresburg when he was sixteen years of age, and was soon afterwards elected a deacon.

McCorkle's Christianity at college and in the army was of the bright and sunny kind. He was never sanctimonious or narrow. On the contrary, he was always ready for any kind of jollity or honorable fun. This gave him all the more influence with the

boys when he led a prayer meeting or made a talk. He was an active and efficient member of the Young Men's Christian Association at college and was its President for one session. His chaplain and companions in the army testify that he followed the same course throughout the whole of his army experience.

When Henry McCorkle first graduated from college he thought he would become a teacher or professional man, and to this end he took a school in his native county. He was, however, of too active a disposition to be contented with such a quiet, secluded life. Therefore, after a year, he came to Knoxville and entered business. But this did not suit him any better. His nature demanded a larger field and one in which he could find more vent for his active, joyous spirit. He had formed a taste for military work while a cadet at the University, and had developed a marked talent for organizing and commanding men. He loved to have to do with boys and men, and his personal magnetism and influence were so strong that from the beginning he showed himself a natural commander of men. During his residence in Knoxville in the winter of '91 a recruiting officer of the United States army opened a station in this city. McCorkle became acquainted with this gentleman, and the officer became very much interested in him. The officer explained to him that he was not here to recruit officers but to enlist men for the army, and that a young man of his parts should apply to the Secretary of War for permission to take the examination for a second lieutenantcy. After consulting with his friends McCorkle did this, and through the assistance of Senator Isham G. Harris, obtained permission to take such an examination. He stood a lengthy series of examinations with a class of some forty applicants, and was one of a half dozen to pass. In due time he was appointed on August 1st, 1891, as second lieutenant, and after a period of special instruction at the army school of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, he was assigned to the Twenty-fifth Infantry, with which he continued until his death. He was very fond of hunting, and enjoyed all of the sports that the country afforded during his residence at army posts on the plains.

While at Fort Missoula, Mont., McCorkle married Mildred, daughter of Captain Henry P. Ritzius, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry. His wife survives him, and one child, a fine boy five years old, will, it is hoped, perpetuate his father's honorable name.

Soon after the opening of the war McCorkle's regiment was ordered to Tampa, Fla. While he was waiting there, on the 26th of April, he was recommended by the President for promotion to a first lieutenantcy. Owing to the absence of his superior officers, he was assigned to Company G, and continued to command it until he was killed.

Every one is familiar with the history of the war, and the terrible battle of El Caney on July 1st. In the October number of Scribner's Capt. Arthur H. Lee, British Military Attache, has described in glowing terms the conduct of "The Regulars at El Caney." McCorkle and Bernard's regiments fought side by side that awful day and helped to take the fort and town. Major-General H. W. Lawton's three brigades, composing the Second Division, formed the extreme right of the general attack upon Santiago, and was directed to take the old stone fort and the village of El Caney the first thing on the morning of July 1st. It was expected that they could do this promptly, and then go to the support of General Wheeler's Division in the attack upon San Juan. The Spaniards fought bravely, however, and it took General Lawton almost all day to drive them from their excellent positions in the old stone fort and the block houses.

General Ludlow's Brigade was stationed on the extreme left, or west of El Caney, to cut off the Spanish retreat. The First brigade, commanded by General Chaffee, was stationed on the extreme right and east of the village and fort, with Capron's battery on the heights behind them. Colonel Miles commanding the Third Brigade, composed of the Fourth and Twenty-fifth United States Infantry, (Bernard's and McCorkle's regiments) occupied the centre, being stationed at the opening of the battle at a point just east of and near the Ducrot House.

The general movements during the battle are familiar to most readers already, but the following extract from a private letter of Lieutenant James A. Moss, of Company G, McCorkle's company, is of especial interest. In a letter to Mrs. McCorkle, Lieutenant Moss says:

"On the night of June 30th, the Twenty-fifth bivouacked about five miles from the small village of El Caney, which is in turn about five miles northeast of Santiago. We resumed march about day break on the morning of July 1st. From five o'clock on our troops had been engaged in a most desperate fight, trying to dislodge the Spanish from El Caney, where they were strongly fortified. Nine o'clock found us waiting in reserve near the Ducrot mansion, one and a half miles from El Caney. About noon the order came for our brigade (the Fourth and Twenty-fifth, the First being absent), to move forward for an attack. At one o'clock companies G and H formed the firing line, and after advancing about a hundred yards through a grass field, we reached a pine apple grove about seven hundred yards from the Spanish position. They at once began pouring a murderous fire into us. On account of smokeless powder used by them, it was impossible to

locate them, and with a helpless feeling we kept on advancing with a storm of bullets flying into our faces.

"After having advanced a hundred yards, Messrs. McCorkle, Kinnison, Murdock and myself (the officers of these companies) held a hasty consultation near a small cherry tree as to what we should do. A short while after this Mr. McCorkle was kneeling on one knee near the same cherry tree, while his men were lying down after one of their rushes. I was about two paces to his right and rear. All at once he opened his shirt, placed his left hand under his right arm, lowered his head to look at a wound just under the armpit, and then fell over toward me. With the assistance of Mr. Little and some soldiers, I carried him back below the crest of a small hill, a few yards in the rear. Little remained with him until he passed quietly away with no apparent pain * * * * The Twenty-fifth at last carried the Spanish block houses, which we had been ordered to take, but we paid dearly for our victory."

Lieutenants Kinnison and Sturtevant have supplied some additional details of the battle, from which we learn that companies G, commanded by Lieutenant McCorkle, and H, commanded by Lieutenant Caldwell (formerly Lieutenant McCorkle's company), formed the firing line for the attack upon the stone fort before El Caney. This fort occupied the crown of a high hill at the southeast corner of the village of El Caney. The advance of companies G and H was over a series of hedges and barbed wire obstructions and up a grassy slope. On their immediate right was the Twelfth Infantry under General Chaffee; on their left was the Fourth Infantry. Companies G and H advanced by rushes through an open field and up a long hill. First one company would rush forward, lie down, rest and load, and then the other would make a rush. Company H had just made a rush past Company G and lay down. Lieutenant McCorkle's men were lying down loading and preparing for another rush, and he was kneeling erect upon one knee. It was at this moment that a sharp shooter, probably in the top of a palm tree on his right, shot him. The men were commanded to lie down, but the officers stand up or kneel, thus making a good target for the sharp shooters. Nearly all of the officers were shot in this way. McCorkle was shot through the right arm and body. Lieutenant Kinnison was shot also in the same way, but only through the muscles of the arm and breast.

General orders No. 19, by Lieutenant-Colonel Aaron S. Daggett, commanding the Twenty-fifth Infantry, contains the following account of the part taken by Companies G and H in this battle. After commending the regiment for their gallant conduct in the early part of the action, Colonel Daggett says:

"But commendable as the record cited may be, the brightest

hours of your lives were on the afternoon of July 1st. Formed in battle array, you advanced to the stone fort against volleys therefrom and rifle pits in front; and against a galling fire from block houses, the church tower and the village on your left, you continued to advance, skillfully and bravely directed by the officers in immediate command, halting and delivering such a cool and well directed fire that the enemy was compelled to wave the white flag in token of surrender. Seldom have troops been called upon to face a severer fire, and never have they acquitted themselves better.

"The regimental reserve was called upon to try its nerve by lying quiet under a galling fire, without the privilege of returning, where men were killed and wounded. This is a test of nerve which the firing line cannot realize, and requires the highest quality of bravery and endurance. You may well return to the United States proud of your accomplishments, and if any one asks what you have done, point him to El Caney. But in the midst of the joy of going home, we mourn the loss of those we leave behind.

"The genial, generous-hearted McCorkle fell at the post of duty, bravely directing his men in the advance on the stone fort. He died as a true soldier dies and received a soldier's burial. He was beloved by all who knew him and his name will always be fondly remembered by his regiment, especially those who participated in the Santiago campaign. The officers of the regiment will wear the prescribed badge of mourning for Lieutenant McCorkle for thirty days."

Lieutenant McCorkle's family received a letter from him, written on the 29th on some leaves torn out of a pocket notebook. He wrote cheerily of the rough times they were having, marching in the rain night and day, and spoke with great admiration of the fight of the "Rough Riders." After describing this fight briefly, he concluded his letter with the words: "Don't expect anything brilliant of me, but I will do my duty." These were the last words his family received from him. The best eulogium we can pronounce upon him is to say, in his own words, that throughout his entire bright, happy and beautiful life he did his duty. He died doing his duty, like the pure, brave, honorable, noble-hearted fellow he was.

GENEALOGICAL NOTE.

Lieutenant McCorkle's father was Dr. William Alexander McCorkle, of Hawkins county, Tenn.; his mother, Susan Leftwich, daughter of Captain James Leftwich and Mary Brown, of Bedford county, Va. Dr. McCorkle was the son of Thomas McCorkle, of Rockbridge, and Susan Alexander, a descendant of Dr. Robert

Alexander, the first Rector of Washington College. Hon. Thomas E. McCorkle, the present Mayor of Lexington, Va., is a brother of Dr. McCorkle's and Ex-Governor William A. McCorkle, of West Virginia, Rev. Emmett McCorkle, D. D., of Clifton Forge, Va., and the Rev. Tazewell M. McCorkle, of Lynchburg, Va., are his first cousins.

The founder of this distinguished family was Lieutenant John McCorkle, of the Gilmore Rifles, who was killed at the battle of the Cow Pens. The McCorkles and Alexanders settled in the Valley of Virginia 1703. His wife was Rebecca McNutt, whose brother, Benjamin McNutt, and cousin, George McNutt, were among the early settlers in Knox county, Tenn. Captain Alexander McCorkle (son of Lieutenant John McCorkle), was a prominent citizen of Rockbridge and an elder in the Presbyterian church at Lexington. He was the father of Lieutenant McCorkle's grandfather, Thomas McCorkle, and was killed in the Mexican war. The founder of the Alexander family was another Revolutionary soldier, Archibald Alexander, Surgeon of the Tenth Virginia Infantry, Continental Army. This family is deservedly distinguished for its great preachers, teachers and soldiers. The Leftwich's have furnished their quota of soldiers also.

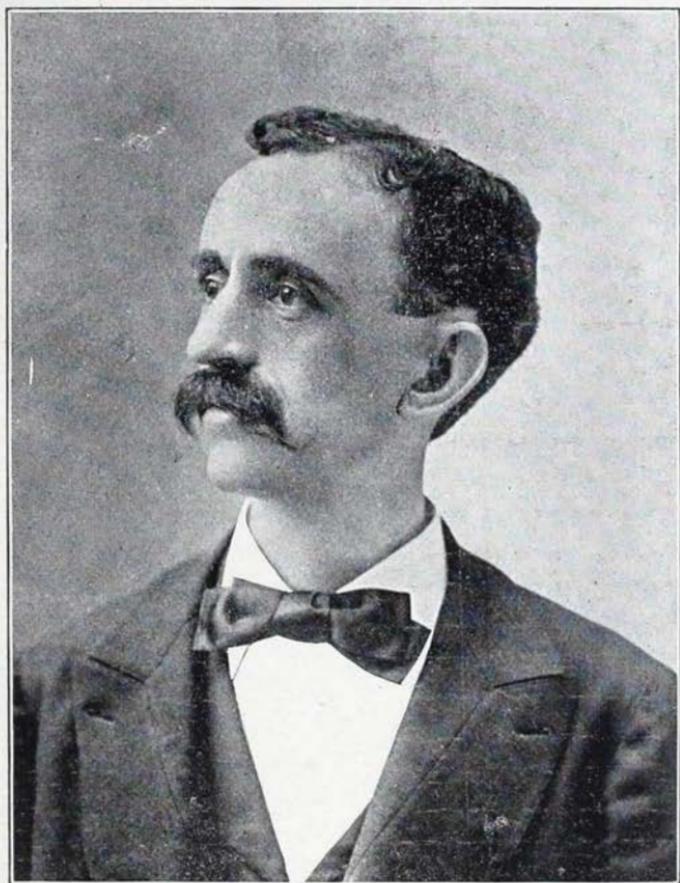
REV. WM. M. ANDERSON, D. D.

“Rev. William M. Anderson, D. D., was born in Gibson county, Tenn., and was an only child of Rev. William James and M. A. Anderson. He was reared in the town of Trenton, Tenn., and was educated by his father and mother and in the high school of Trenton.

In 1882 he entered the Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tenn., then under Rev. John N. Waddell, D. D., LL. D., and spent five years, taking the degrees of Ph. B. and A. M., and lacking one study only of taking B. D. He spent one and one-half years in Columbia Theological Seminary, completing his studies there in 1888. During this time he studied in certain lines in South Carolina University. He was licensed by Western District Presbytery at Jackson, Tenn., in September, 1887. He was called in the spring of 1888 to be pastor at Rock Hill, S. C. Having accepted this call he was ordained in July by a commission of which Rev. Dr. George Summey, Dr. J. H. Thornwell and Dr. T. R. English were the ministers. While in this charge he served as trustee on the Board of Davidson College.

In the spring of 1892 he was called to Jackson, Tenn. His Presbytery of Bethel refused to let him go. The Jackson church renewed the call, and sent a committee to present it, and at last he was released and began work in Jackson on September 1st, 1892. While in this charge he served as chairman of home missions for the Presbytery of Western District and also for the Synod of Memphis. He also served on the board of the N. M. P. College at Holly Springs, and was alternate director of the Southwestern Presbyterian University. In August of 1895 he was called to be the pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Dallas, Texas. He took charge of the work October 1st of the same year. During his work in Texas he has been alternate director of Southwestern Presbyterian University.

On November 14th, 1888, he was married to Miss Sadie Knott Latta, of Dyersburg, Tenn., the second daughter of



REV. W. M. ANDERSON, D. D.

Captain S. R. Latta, the leading elder in that church. Five bright little boys make this home happy and keep it busy continually.

For more than three years he has had charge of the Young People's Department in the *Christian Observer*.

In June of 1898 the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Presbyterian University, conferred the honorary degree of D. D. upon him. He has been a member of two Assemblies, the one in Hot Springs, Ark., in 1892, and the last one in New Orleans."—*From the "Southern Presbyterian," by whose courtesy we publish the cut.*

By reference to the catalogue issued in 1891, we find that Brother Anderson was initiated into *Theta* Chapter at the Southwestern Presbyterian University in 1882. While there he was Editor-in-Chief of the *College Journal* and represented the college society in the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest at Nashville, Tenn., in 1887. Brother Anderson has always been an active and enthusiastic member of the Fraternity, giving a good deal of his time and his means to its support. During the past year he served the Fraternity as C. P., and to his able management and advice is largely due the success of the year.

OUR ANNUAL CONVENTION.

THE TIME AND PLACE FOR IT.

This is an age of conventions. The world is growing smaller day by day. Whether conventions have their part in effecting this change, or whether they come to supply a demand caused by the change, or whether for both reasons they are come, these are questions that need not be discussed here. Nor is it necessary to enter into a detailed account of the advantages that come from the interchange of thought among delegates, and most of all from the inspiration of realizing the strength that there is in union. No intelligent and thinking man will any longer ques-

tion the importance of conventions, and no organization that neglects or abuses them can ever hope to live up to its possibilities for good.

The benefit to be derived from the holding of our annual convention must be in direct proportion to the fidelity exercised by delegates in their attendance on all meetings and in their careful study of every question that is presented. To use a term that is somewhat technical, the results of the convention will depend directly on the "attention" of attending delegates. It is a psychological axiom, doubtless familiar to all our brothers, that "attention" is in inverse proportion to "extension." Just so far as our delegates give heed to outside matters, while in attendance, just that far will they come short of the purpose of the convention.

A custom has grown up of holding the convention at the same time and place as the annual Reunion of the Confederate Veterans. All the arguments for this time and place are strong against the accomplishment in the convention of the best results. Only those who have attended a meeting of the Confederate Veteran Reunion can realize how completely every other interest is centered in the Reunion, or else laid aside until it is past. To hold our annual convention at the same time and place with the Reunion, is to discount the good results of the convention by at least fifty per cent.

The object of this article, which is written at the request of a member of Sigma Chapter, is simply to call the attention of the Fraternity to a factor that, in the personal observation of some of us, seems threatening to neutralize the advantages of our convention. It is confidently hoped that the matter will receive careful consideration, and that if it is expedient to make any change in time or place of holding conventions, the necessary steps will be taken to effect the change.

John J. Armstrong.

Nashville, Tenn., January 14, 1899.

A SKETCH OF XI.

CHAPTER III.

It was the latter part of September, 1893. The writer was on his way to Columbia, S. C., to enter the South Carolina College. As the train stopped at a station near Columbia, Edwin F. Strother got on, and we were introduced by a mutual friend. After a short conversation Mr. Strother asked if I had decided with whom to room. He said that he had a friend who was an excellent young man, and that I could do no better than room with him.

E. F. Strother and W. Gordon Belser were the only members of the *Pi Kappa Alpha* fraternity, who returned to the South Carolina College, as Weathersbee had left during the previous session and the others had graduated the preceding June. But those two men were loyal, earnest workers. They were ever awake to *Pi Kappa Alpha's* interests, and had the satisfaction of seeing their efforts rewarded during the college year that was just beginning. During this session of 1893-'94, eight college men and one professor had unveiled to them the mysteries of *Pi Kappa Alpha*.

In 1892-'94 the South Carolina College was at the nadir of her existence. Only sixty-eight men were in college, and thirty-one of those were in the Freshman class. It was evident that something had to be done or the doors of the institution would be closed by a legislature not too friendly at best. During the year an increase of interest began to be manifested by the students and friends of the college, and from that time it has continued to increase in number of students and general efficiency.

Upon their return Strother and Belser began "rushing" new men, and soon several were pledged. The first initiate of the session was J. G. Hughes, of Trenton, S. C. He had entered the Freshman class and was rooming with Belser. On the same night were initiated two more men from the same class—Henry D. Lorick, of Columbia, S. C., and Marion E. Cannon, of Hartsville, S. C. A num-

ber of the Seminary *II's* were present at the initiation, and the ceremony proved most interesting—indeed, it was very serious to the subjects of the ritualistic practice. However, the new men rode the “goat” long and well, and before midnight, September 28, 1893, three more names had been added to *Xi's* roll.

A short time afterwards Olin Sawyer took the necessary oath to make him a *II*. Sawyer was from Johnston, S. C., and was well “rushed” before he decided to join our fraternity. He was a bright fellow and the wittiest man in college. However, he spent only one session with us. He is now attending the South Carolina Medical College in Charleston, S. C.

J. Lindley Flinn was the next man secured by *Xi*. He was a handsome Sophomore, and had previously attended the South Carolina Military College. His brother, Dr. J. W. Flinn, was a professor in the College. Flinn was a fine man, and was rushed by about every fraternity in college. Before he had been on the campus a week. However, with some little persuasion he chose *II K A*, and made the chapter number seven.

Thomas L. Cannon entered college some time after the beginning of the session, and, following the good example of his brother, he also joined the *Pi Kappa Alpha* fraternity. He and his brother were both good, solid men. Cannon began at the beginning, like most of us, and became a freshman.

Thomas Z. Tyler, of Cameron, Orangeburg county, S. C., was the next man *Xi* captured over many competitors. Tyler was one of the handsomest men in college, and was very popular in social circles. During the Christmas holidays of 1893, he and Strother went to Richmond, Va., and represented *Xi* at the annual convention of the Fraternity. Tyler did not return when College re-opened after the holidays, but remained at home in charge of business affairs.

The next name to be added to *Xi's* roll was that of Dr. Edward S. Joynes, Professor of Modern Languages in the

South Carolina College. The initiation was at Dr. Joynes' home on the night of December 16, 1893. Those present were the members of the chapter and A. G. LaMotte, *Xi*, and Rev. G. A. Blackburn, *Theta*. After the ceremony the Doctor gave a most beautiful talk on the aims and ideals of the Fraternity as set forth in the ritual. Then a delightful repast was served to the assembled *II's*. Dr. Joynes is an author and educator of a national reputation, and a separate sketch of him will be given the readers of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND in an early number.

Finally, the last initiate of the session was John P. Leary, of Richmond, Va. Leary was an excellent fellow and a good student. He was a nephew of Professor, now President F. C. Woodward, of the South Carolina College. The chapter membership was now raised to ten, while there was one member of the Fraternity in the college faculty.

The opposition to our chapter among some of the fraternities in the college had not yet died out. Though there were many unpleasant matters we had to contend with, our men were gradually overcoming the jealousy and opposition by their character and conduct. True, it takes a long time to eradicate prejudice, but when it is properly uprooted the triumph is complete.

During the session of 1893-'94 the members of *Xi* did well in every respect. Strothers was President of the Classophilic Literary Society, and graduated with distinction in law. We had no men in the Senior class, but Belser led in the Junior. He was Junior President, a high honor, and won the "Carolinian Medal" for "best essay" in College. In the Freshman Class, Leary and Hughes were on the commencement honor-roll, while our other men made creditable stands in their respective classes. The *II's* held numerous positions in the literary societies and other organizations.

Our chapter was getting on nicely and was rapidly coming to the front. It had been holding its own admirably. At the Presbyterian Seminary in the city we had several

able and enthusiastic co-workers. We were building on a solid foundation, and, when fraternities were abolished at the South Carolina College three years later, *Xi* was in the van.

J. G. Hughes.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

FRATERNITY LIFE AT THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.

That my reader may get a clear understanding of fraternity life at the Johns Hopkins University, he must know something of the character of this great University and of its student body.

In 1875, when the first Board of Trustees had met to discuss the disposition of the generous gift of Johns Hopkins, Daniel C. Gilman was selected as President, and before the year had passed the policy of the new University was settled. President Gilman had called about him three scholarly men of literature and science, who were recognized the world over as great leaders. About these were gathered the small band of students in 1876 which constituted the first student body of the University. The Professors assumed control of their departments and at once the leading men from the great universities in this and other countries were called to take part in this great work. Any sacrifice was made to secure the best men for the different departments. As most of these men had been trained in German universities, it was natural that the Johns Hopkins became a German University in America, the first of its kind.

The one end seemed to be to raise the students to the highest educational plane and then lead them on into special research work. Thus every student became an independent thinker and, when he showed the ability, added to the sum of the world's knowledge by his own investigations. At once we can understand that a body of students

filled with this spirit became enthusiasts in their work and as year by year more men, (For indeed they were mostly *men*. Many were already professors in well-known colleges, many distinguished men of letters and science), came to the University, they were found to be men with minds fixed on some special object and had little time to give to other things.

These men could not be expected to enter into fraternity life. In fact, many of these men were fraternity men and had as alumni taken a deep interest in their chapters after they left college, but here they had no time for these pleasures. Under these conditions in the earliest years of the University no fraternities founded chapters there. Soon, however, the student body became differentiated. Many students applying for admittance, as the University became more popular, were not fitted for these higher courses and special work. There was a demand for a college department and there arose the two great classes, the Graduates and the Undergraduates, which remain to this day.

Now, the life and aspirations of the undergraduate may be and often is quite different from those of the graduate student. The former may have no higher ambition than to be enrolled as a member of the University and certainly often has not even a distant desire to devote himself to extended study in any line. After a year or two of his apprenticeship, or when he has worked out an A. B. degree, he is completely done with his studies. Among them are many fine students, who are afterwards to distinguish themselves in graduate studies, but not yet have they acquired that all-absorbing interest which characterizes the graduate student. We meet and recognize the college boy in this department and we find a demand for fraternity life.

With one more observation we will be ready to turn to the discussion of the present status of the fraternity life there.

The University is near the heart of the large city of Bal-

timore. It has no campus, no dormitories, its buildings are distinguished from the business buildings which surround them only by size and architecture. For the accommodation of the students the homes of that city, always foremost in hospitality, are thrown open and the students are scattered in all directions far and near.

To recapitulate, we find that the students who are representative of Johns Hopkins, that is, the graduate students, have neither the time nor the inclination for attending fraternity meetings; that the students who are willing to foster fraternities are the undergraduates, who are often connected with the University only two years, or if they pass into the graduate department, they are forced to give up their interest in their fraternity for reasons mentioned above; and that the students are scattered throughout the city and are thus deprived of the opportunities for working up a college or fraternity spirit.

In view of these things, we are not surprised to meet the following facts: 1. The fraternities at the Johns Hopkins are very few and never very active; 2. these are composed chiefly of undergraduates who are not the representative students of the University, and if graduate students affiliate with these chapters, they are rarely found at their meetings; 3. the fraternities are in no way connected with the University, but have their homes in chapter houses far removed from the scenes of university life; 4. often a large number of young men living in the city and in no way connected with the University become members of the chapters.

The *Kappa Alpha* and the *Beta Theta Pi* fraternities have adopted a plan by means of which they do keep some of their graduate members in touch with the chapters, but even this is difficult. They offer rooms in their chapter houses to the graduate students and thus found a fraternity home, but I am told that in these houses they have no meetings for two or three months. Nevertheless, this approaches the solution of one great problem and the effort is highly commendable. These chapters are in a more

flourishing condition than the others, but they are far from ideal chapters.

I leave my readers to imagine the condition of fraternity life at the Johns Hopkins University from this roughly sketched picture.

There seems to be no future for fraternities there. The conditions named seem destined to continue. There is no place for the students to get together to become acquainted with each other. The class-room is not the place to meet a fraternity brother. Can you imagine a great university without a campus? You step out of the class-room into street. Only in the gymnasium are the students thrown together and the graduate students are rarely ever found there. To a graduate student, who cares not for college spirit, who has only one aim, pursuing his special branch of study to the highest and most perfect results, there may be no need for a campus or place to meet his fellows; there may also be no need of fraternity life, or rather no time for it, but for the boy, the student with the usual impulses and aspirations of a college life, it presents a hopeless case.

In conclusion, I wish to point out two facts which corroborate my statements. No university has a larger representation of fraternities among its students and none a smaller number of active chapters. The reason must be that the fraternity men see how fruitless would be any attempt at maintaining a useful chapter.

During my stay of three years at the University there were at times as many as four *Pi*'s there, but these difficulties were very clear to us all and we dared not start a chapter. We happened to be in different departments and I can remember that often a month would elapse without my meeting any of the other *Pi*'s about the University.

The University consists of large departments, which are almost universities in themselves, and one knows well only the men in his department. I am inclined to believe that a chapter there would meet with greatest success, if confined to certain departments, as Chemistry, Biology, etc.

There are many other institutions in the South where

Pi Kappa Alpha will flourish better than at the Johns Hopkins, and now is the time when she should be entering these colleges. Let the year 1899 be one of unparalleled success! Let *expansion* be our policy!

Decatur, Ga.

H. B. Arbuckle.

THE CONVENTION OF 1898.

The urgent request of the editor, "Give me something on the Convention" of 1899, is my excuse for this appearance.

Conventions are profitable only as they deepen interest in fixed principles or improve and promulgate plans for the better development of those principles.

Each convention, therefore, shall prove itself a round in the ladder which leads up to the beau ideal. The time, place and *other* occasions have a great deal to do with a convention. If the time is good, the place central or influential, or can be influenced, nothing else should be necessary to induce a representative attendance. Such a gathering of men, with the interest of the Fraternity resting upon their minds and hearts, do not need the *other* occasion, which generally secures the special vote, to insure a convention that will make itself memorable in the history of the Fraternity. The Atlanta Convention was attended by men, each with one charge. Some of us divided the load and fired twice or thrice. At any rate the last shot was fired at the convention, and on account of its having been divided, resulted in blowing out papers and a little smoke.

There came to the convention two little round, oily men of garnet and gold, who fired whole charges and made a whole sacrifice at *II KA's* altar.

Another, one of the best and truest, came very near running away, or being washed away, but the parade ended, the clouds scattered and the sun shone. He was indispensable, but a little hampered by getting his powder damp.

It soon ended. The rest of us were lined up and at the command, fired with more or less inaccuracy. The men who composed this convention proved themselves worthy of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, which they wore. In mingling with them I observed the same stamp of the *II*, which I had noted during the last twelve years.

It is a cause for great encouragement to feel that the step set by the Fraternity, (*Theta* and *Iota*) in 1885 is being kept by the larger fraternity to-day.

Floyd and R. M. Hughes, Rev. T. H. Rice, Professor D. J. Brimm and R. A. Smyth, men who were moving spirits in the Fraternity ten years and more ago, and whose greatest services have been rendered in later years, were there as a pledge of their untiring interest. Their presence was an inspiration to the Convention. The Ritual was placed in the hands of a committee, composed of Brothers R. M. Hughes and Brimm, for revision. The revised Ritual, as adopted, leaves the inspiring thought unchanged, its literary beauty perfect, with one advance in recognition of the Mediator between God and man which brings us under the protecting and fostering arm of God. In this I believe that the Ritual has advanced to the position which the Fraternity already occupied.

During the discussion of the Ritual some questions were asked in regard to "side-degrees." These questions told some secrets on a few of the chapters, but we were not allowed into the secrets. The Convention learned, however, that said "side-degrees" were intended "for fun." These were discouraged as tending to destroy the impressive ceremony and thereby chill the ardor of the initiate. *Iota*, in my days there, made her initiations as solemn and interesting as possible, and after adjournment, as a "side degree," spread her tables laden with good things, which good things were often provided by our sisters. The initiate went to his room after such an experience in love with his fraternity and his sisters and ready to make any sacrifice for *II K A*.

Fraternity extension seems to claim some of the time of each Convention—well it may. But, generally speaking, the resolutions and speeches on the subject might be characterized as “shoshin’ around,” at least all that I have made. I have seen others soar on eagle’s wings and view the landscapes o’er—and then sit down.

The pleasure with which the Convention listened to the Grand Treasurer’s report was peculiar. We had not listened to its like before. To hear that we had money in the treasury was good news. Brother Smyth never looked better in his life, the members never felt better, the one was not laboring to secure funds, the latter were not afraid when he secured the floor. May this happy experience be repeated at all future Conventions. *If we are to realize such a blessing we must do as much each year as was done last year.*

We have passed through the wilderness of our existence and have entered into the land of promise. Faithfulness will make us know the enlarging of its bounds and a good healthy existence.

By way of questions I will give a few lessons that were impressed upon my mind.

1. Would it not be better to have the Convention at a time when it would not be overshadowed by something else? Would it not be better to be independent and meet at a place and at a time when we may do some good and secure the best results for the Fraternity?

2. Would it not be better to fix a curriculum with the standing for colleges worthy of our presence? Require the colleges to stand an examination first. This, it seems to me, is a good way to settle the matter of extension. Every college that can stand an examination will offer to us a place to enter if we can.

E. M. Craig.

THE NEXT CONVENTION.

I want to say a few words with reference to the place for holding our next Convention.

Of course the Supreme Council will be guided in their decision, as to the place, by their own judgment as to the best interests of the whole Fraternity, and in forming their conclusion the sentiment of the active chapters must have great weight. What I may say is, therefore, merely by way of suggestion.

I do not think it advisable to meet at the time of the Confederate Reunions. It is true that there are cheap railroad rates at this time, but in my opinion the loss of interest and attention caused by counter attractions outweighs this.

This next Convention should be a strictly business one, and as full attendance and earnest attention should be had as it is possible to get. We have been gaining in strength for the past years, but we are still in want of further progress. We have reached the point where we must have a rousing Convention to stir us all up. I believe our next Convention can place our Fraternity on a firm footing, from which there will be no backsliding, and thereafter we can feel secure as to the bright future for *II K A*.

In order to secure a full attendance and undivided attention some central point should be chosen and the Convention should be held at a time when there is nothing to interfere with it and when it is most convenient to the members of the active chapters.

Some point in East Tennessee—Knoxville perhaps—would be convenient to the five Tennessee chapters, to the Virginia chapters, the North and South Carolina chapters and the Alabama chapters. This place, it seems to me, would be the most central of any which could be selected. I feel sure that all the chapters in Tennessee would be represented should the Convention be held there.

It seems, from previous experience, that about the middle of June, when most of the colleges close, is the best time.

Yours for a rousing Convention,

G. W. Sypert.

Chapter Letters.

BETA.

Davidson College, N. C.

The past two months have been very uneventful ones in *Beta's* history, and also in that of the college. The boys all came back from home after the holidays and settled down to hard work, and this they have kept up very well. But I guess when the base-ball season comes this hard work will stop to some extent. Instead of issuing our Annual, the "Quips and Cranks," this year, the Senior class will take charge of the "Magazine" for one month and get out a special issue, which will take the place of our Annual this year.

The Artesian Well Company failed to get water after boring five hundred feet, and have left; but we understand that they will return again and try in a new place, or that a new system will be resorted to in order to get a supply of water for our water works, which the trustees have ordered to be finished by commencement. It will be a great convenience for the boys to have the water carried to their rooms, and to have nicely fitted bath rooms on each floor.

The Commencement marshals were elected a few weeks ago. Brother Dunn, of Ocala, Fla., represents us in this group of handsome (?) men, who are to be the "observed of all observers" commencement.

The next event to break the monotony of college duties

is Junior speaking on the 22nd of February. Then on Easter Monday comes Maxwell Chambers day, which is celebrated by Senior speaking.

The trustees of the college have moved up commencement exercises one day, so that commencement day this year instead of being on Thursday, June 8th, will be on Wednesday, June 7th.

We are glad to hear through Brother Pope that "*Taru*" has been revived with eight good men, and we sincerely hope that before another year has passed our roll will not contain a single extinct chapter that can be revived.

Robt. H. Lafferty.

GAMMA.

College of William and Mary.

The time has again arrived for that pleasant interchange of college news which we derive from the chapter letters, and it is with pleasure that *Gamma* sends her share. The recent happenings at old William and Mary have been unusually interesting to us, although they may not prove so to others.

The event of chief interest was the mass-meeting at which the students decided to get out an annual. It took the session of 1898-'99 to produce a set of men with sufficient energy and push to undertake this difficult task, and then, it was only after a large outlay of talk and persuasion that the student body finally agreed to guarantee them support enough to work with some hopes of success. Then came the election of editors. Everybody would have liked to hold a position on the staff of our first annual, but, as this could not be, the rivalry for the different places was great indeed. However, two positions fell to our share. Brother C. H. Lambert is one of the two editors in the Literary Department, while Brother C. N. Williams has charge of the Art Department. The work is progressing very well, and no doubt we will have an annual of which

William and Mary need not be ashamed. *Gamma* will be represented in some attractive form, although we have not quite decided in what manner yet.

On February 6th begin those inevitable evils, intermediate examinations, and we are all fearful of the result. There will not be as many as in former years, as the faculty has decided to dispense with them as much as possible, but, nevertheless, there will be enough to occupy our entire attention for some time to come. But it has been said that "misfortunes never come singly." So, hand in hand with the examinations, came an order for compulsory vaccination of the much tormented students. In view of the prevalence of small-pox in many neighboring places, the faculty considered this precautionary step admirable. We think they did it for our good, though many of us feel that it has failed to accomplish this purpose.

At Christmas we had short visits from Brothers John Hardy and Tom. Robertson. They were members of that short-lived *Gamma* chapter, revived in 1895. Although this chapter existed only one year, yet it was the means of establishing another chapter for *Pi Kappa Alpha*. Brother Walter H. Robertson entered Roanoke College the next session and aided in establishing *Phi* Chapter, which we are glad to claim as our worthy daughter.

The *Kappa Sigma* have lost two men since our last letter, one leaving to engage in business, and the other going home on account of sickness; the *Kappa Alpha* one, while we thought at one time that we would have a like bereavement. Brother Spruill did not get back from his Christmas vacation until the middle of January. He had the misfortune to be quarantined in his native place because of the small-pox scare along the coast, but returned as soon as he could possibly get away (?)

The Senior Club of this session organized recently with a goodly membership. Among these are Brothers Lambert, Stevens and Williams, who are striving for coveted senior honors.

Success to *II K A*.

Reynolds Hankins.

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

Once again does *Zeta* send greetings to the other chapters. Since our last letter it is hardly surprising that many changes have taken place in the circumstances surrounding the individual chapters. *Zeta*, too, has her share; but let me preface that whatever they may have been they are not adverse to her honor and reputation.

There have been changes in her roll; Brother Otto has left for Alabama, but in his place we are glad to note the return of Brother R. H. Alexander, who had been called from the University during the final term of last year's session. Brother Alexander has always been zealous in the workings of the Fraternity, and the chapter will be much benefited by his presence. Brother R. E. Harrison has received an offer of a position in the construction of the "Black Diamond Railroad," and we regret to say that he has accepted it and has left the University.

Fraternity material at this University, in the middle of the school year, is usually scarce; we have, however, our covetous eyes wide open and hope by our next letter to introduce to the Fraternity some new men.

In a social line *Zeta* has not been quiet. On Friday night before New Year's we gave our annual Reception and Dance. The german was led by Brothers J. E. Boscher and P. J. Briscoe, Jr., of this city, and was participated in by about forty couples. In the course of the evening dainty refreshments were served and dancing was indulged in until one o'clock. All present voted it the most elaborate affair of the season, and the evening was most pleasantly passed.

Examinations have just finished, and we wish to say that in consequence of them *none* of *Zeta's* men have withdrawn on account of "sore eyes" or "frail constitutions." But not all here can speak with as much truth concerning the matter, as she. For the most part the examinations

were successfully passed, and *Zeta* bids fair to carry off her share of the graduating honors this year.

In regard to the Convention, we wish to say that we do not think it well to choose Charleston. It is at one corner of our territory, and in spite of the low rates offered we think it unadvisable to have it there. We *are*, however, willing to agree on any place *midway* between our Northern and Southern chapters. We will be glad to hear from the other chapters concerning the matter, and agree that we must have a rousing Convention this year.

J. W. Hudson.

THETA.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

Theta again sends greetings and best wishes to her sister chapters, hoping for them a successful new year. We are looking forward to a continuation of the happy associations and successes that have always characterized our band, and are feeling at peace with all the world. Our aged "Billie" is idle, because he has already done his share of work this year, but is recruiting for new activities whenever his services shall be needed.

Several of the brethren spent the Christmas season out of town, but we who remained feel that they can never realize the pleasure they missed. We can never sufficiently thank our loyal sisters for their manifold kindnesses to us. Bro. Mooney was absent on business during the holidays. He is a senior theologian, and is just learning the lesson that "Love is the fulfilling of the law," so we did not question him.

Brothers McFadden, Blackburn and Cox went to their respective homes and came back prepared for new efforts. Brother Price made a short sojourn at a girls' school. What that means I'm sure I don't know, unless he hypnotized the faculty. The rest of us spent our time around

town, on the Hill, the Boulevard and Franklin street alternately.

Theta wishes to say a word respecting the annual convention. Our objection to Charleston is not personal by any means, but we believe it is not to the best interests of the Fraternity to meet there during the meeting of the "Sons of Veterans," as is proposed. If that were the case our convention would necessarily be considered a secondary matter, and we must never let *II K A* rank second when we can do otherwise. Again, the services of our Brother Smyth will be much in demand at that time, and we fear his time will be too much occupied with other things to give us his much-needed help. Then, too, May would be a very inconvenient time for our convention, as is readily seen. We suggest, rather, that the convention be called for June or July, and the place be Monteagle, Tenn. Rates are always low to this point, it is a central location, and we believe would be satisfactory to the Fraternity at large. Let us hear from others on the subject.

Yours in the bonds,

Robt. B. Eleazer.

IOTA.

Hampden-Sidney College.

Another year has passed in the history of our dear old Fraternity, and we can truthfully say, we think, that *Iota* is in as good a condition as she has ever been. All of our men returned after the Christmas holidays very much distressed at having to leave home and friends, but equally as glad to assemble in our hall again and talk over the pleasant time we had during the holidays.

It has been our pleasure, since our last letter, to receive into our chapter one of the most promising of the new men who are in college, and we are proud to introduce to the Fraternity at large Brother William R. Martin, of Smithville, Va. We have been looking after several others, but haven't come to any decision about them.

Every one is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the Intermediate Celebration on the 22d of February. The Union and Philanthropic Literary Societies will have representatives to speak on the occasion. The gymnasium team will give an exhibition on one of the nights. We are represented in this by one of our members. There will also be a german given by the german club of this college. Over half of our members are members of this. We enjoy this celebration not so much because it is a celebration as because it is a break in the monotony and tedium of college life.

The only thing to mar our pleasant year is the loss of Brother Watkins. Our whole chapter feels that it has received a great blow in his removal from college. His parents thought that, on account of a wrong done him by a member of the Faculty, it would be better to remove him from college. He has only been a member of our Fraternity about a year, but he has bound himself so closely to us by the ties of friendship and love, that it is with the greatest sorrow that we part with him, wishing him the greatest success in his future life.

In conclusion, we congratulate Brother Smyth for the ability displayed in the Ritual, and we thank him for the untiring zeal he has shown for the Fraternity.

Iota wishes all sister chapters a prosperous year.

Thomas W. Hooper, Jr.

MU.

Presbyterian College.

We again send greetings to all. Examinations are over, and there is a general feeling of relief. The Presbyterian College affords but two fraternities, one other besides *Pi Kappa Alpha*, and that one bears the instruction *Phi Phi Phi*. The two fraternities get along very well. *Mu* boasts of having *Pi*'s in the real sense of the word. *Pi Kappa Alpha* has seven men, the *Phi Phi*'s numbering five.

Brother Thornwell Jacobs, now attending Princeton Seminary, made a short visit Xmas. We were all very glad to see him. Brother Jacobs graduates this year. Brother Copeland, of Newberry, Brother Fuller, of Mountville, and Brother Thompson, of Anderson, all alumni of *Mu*, visited Clinton during Xmas, "on businesss." Brother Sims is very much heartbroken over the loss of a pretty little girl. We all join in sympathy with "Bobbie." The Misses Fuller, the charming sisters of our Brother Fuller, are in the city attending the lectures. They gave us some good advice with regard to staying away from the "White Fence." Good wishes to all *Pi*'s. *G. W. Wilkins, Jr.*

NU.

Wofford College.

We are anxiously awaiting the February number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, for only through it are we able to learn of the general growth and strength of our most noble Fraternity. Can any modern *II* conceive of such a condition as would necessarily exist were THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND to be discontinued? Is there even any alumnus of the noble order that to any extent realizes what a vast deal of Fraternity life he misses if he is not a subscriber to the one magazine which furnishes the general pride and impetus to the *II K A* Fraternity.

As we read the SHIELD AND DIAMOND we are with each successive number more vividly impressed that the struggle of *II K A* is not one of life and death, but one for more life and fuller usefulness. May she long continue and may she with each successive number arouse the fraternal interest and pride more and more even to perfection.

Nu wishes to be able ever to give an account of the deeds done in the secret confines of her chapter hall. Now, don't get uneasy, we are not going to divulge any secrets, that is not what we mean, we simply wish to let our sister chapters know that we feel a pride in our accomplishments and

wish others to feel the same. We not only feel a pride in our own chapter, but we feel even a greater, if possible, in what our sisters are doing. When we read in the chapter letters of the good work being done in some of our chapters, under such adverse circumstances—as the members of other fraternities in the same colleges would seem to indicate—we are almost persuaded to change the Scriptural phrase, and in triumph, with the true spirit and meaning of “Excelsior,” cry out “In the midst of death, we are in life.”

Wofford College will have the honor and pleasure of entertaining the State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. in a few days. Every one is looking forward to the occasion with much expectancy. Brother Boyd is already making preparations to meet the trains and assign homes to the delegates, and every one, if they knew Brother Boyd as we know him, feels assured that all *IPs* will be eagerly searched out and handsomely entertained. We promise, however, that none of them will be eaten, even though it will be a pie eating time.

The boys are making preparations for the opening baseball season. Already one game has been played—between the Junior class and the College—which resulted in a score of eleven to eleven. We expect to be well represented on the field this year. We are sorry we haven't another John Allen to furnish as Captain this year, but are nevertheless glad to say that Brother Martin will stop everything that comes in the direction of center field, and Brother Major will doubtless “buss” somebody's “crust” on third base.

There is another old *II* that is going to “make team,” too, but we are not going to tell who he is, because he *ain't* quite a double *II* yet, but will be after ten o'clock Saturday night, February 11, 1899. Don't you wish you could all be here to see him ride? He will doubtless be the last man that the writer will ever see ride the famous little quadruped.

Brother Major, although a Junior, was recently elected President of the Preston Literary Society. Brother Martin, who so well represented the Calhouns in a debate with the Prestons before Xmas, has been elected Junior debater from that Society for commencement, which is the highest honor attainable by a Junior—except in an exception, as in Brother Major's case. Brother Jennings was recently nominated by the two societies in a joint meeting, as Vice-President of the State Intercollegiate Oratorical Association. Well, as David said, "There is a time for all things," and then in his haste, "all men are liars." I suspect I had better find the time for the end of this letter, for fear some one will, in his leisure, put me where David put all in his haste.

With best wishes,

Marion B. Jennings.

RHO.

Cumberland University.

Christmas has come and New Year is a thing of the past, but still old *Rho* pushes on, and is enjoying the pleasures of good health and prosperity.

Since our last letter, we have finished the examinations of the first term and are now on the glorious spring term; and while we rejoiced to note this upward and onward point, we could not but be sad, for here Mr. H. Philips, of the Senior Law, received his diploma, and has become an out-and-out lawyer; and although he covered himself and the Fraternity with glory by his excellent speech during the graduation exercises, we can but sigh and drop a tear at losing such a valiant brother.

Since, also, our last letter, Mr. Poe, alias "Edgar Allen," has been admitted into the sacred confines and is worthy of "Brother" from our lips, and we offer him as such. Mr. Poe is from Daisy, Tennessee, and a member of the sopho-

more class. We have several other men elected and "spiked," who we are confident of getting, and will offer them at a later date. We also expect back, to enter the Junior Law, Messrs. Frazier and Bennett. We hope these brothers will hasten their coming.

Old Cumberland has fine prospects for a base ball team, and one of the strongest lot of officers for the Athletic Association ever known in its history. *Rho* is represented by Mr. L. E. Wear, Secretary.

As it is drawing near to the time of our convention, it is time we were giving our opinion, and here it is: We are directly opposed to the convention meeting in May, for several reasons. We could not send a man, for that would be in examination time, and ten days behind then would lose for our representative almost a quarter's work. Secondly, every one is worn out at that time with the past ten months' work and the final examinations, and no man would be fit to go into a real live convention, such as we must have next time.

Also, we are of the opinion that the convention should be held at a more central point than Charleston. Our chapters this side of the range would find it a great difficulty to send a man to such a distant place, and besides, we need to bring our Fraternity to become better known in this part of the country, and a convention here would mean more than anything else to us.

As to a suitable place, we would suggest Monteagle or Chattanooga. Either of these places would be a good place. They are close to points of interest and easily gotten to, especially Chattanooga. The Supreme Council could make no better selection than one of these places. And last, but not least, of our opinions comes this: We are heartily opposed to our convention meeting at the same time with the "Sons of Veterans." Then the newspapers are full of the larger organization at that time, and pay no attention to the smaller one.

These points alone should convince any one that we

should not meet together, to say nothing of Brother Smyth being so busy with the Sons of Veterans that we could not get the benefit of his entire time.

As for railroad rates, we believe they can be gotten to any point and at any time, and we need not have any fear on that score.

Now, these are our honest opinions, voted on by our whole chapter, and your humble scribe unanimously instructed to present them to the Fraternity at large.

Our next Convention *must* be one of business and work, and let its best interests be considered and let it not be made a secondary matter. H. H. Weir.

SIGMA.

Vanderbilt University.

The intense cold weather that has prevailed here for the past few weeks has made things unusually dull at Vanderbilt. All exercises were suspended for almost an entire week on account of a scarcity of coal at the University, and the boys who were fortunate enough to have a fire in their rooms, hugged them closely and didn't dare venture out.

The different "frats" on account of examinations and the weather have had no meetings in some time. We have not met since the first part of January. In view of the above condition of affairs, I think it hardly necessary to apologize for this uninteresting letter.

I am highly pleased to state that all our boys have passed their intermediates with honor. Special mention should be made of Clark and Pope of the law. The former made the highest mark in his class in every study, and the latter ran him a close second.

This is especially gratifying to us because of the fact that each year the faculty gives two scholarships to the two best men in the junior class. That class this year is a remarkably good one, and that two of our men should stand at its head is an honor to *II K A*.

Sypert, of Clarksville, made us a visit recently; there seems to be some attraction of powerful force here for him. We don't for an instant flatter ourselves that it is his "old college chums." Blackburn and Eleazer, of *Theta*, and Claiborne, of *Chi*, were also recent visitors. We are always glad to see them.

There has been some discussion by letter among some of the chapters in regard to the matter of holding the convention. We think that the expression of all the chapters should be heard before the time and place is selected.

If we are not previous, allow us to suggest about the 20th of June for the time, and as to the place of holding the convention, any town in Tennessee would be as near central and convenient as any. We would like to hear suggestions from the other chapters. *B. F. Steed.*

TAU.

University of North Carolina.

Tau extends cordial greetings to her sister chapters in this her first chapter letter.

Tau has been revived with a membership of eight. Seven men "rode the goat" under the guidance of Brothers Pope, of Charlotte, N. C., and McFadyen, one of *Tau's* old men, who has again entered college. Revived *Tau* hopes to be worthy of the esteem of all *Pi Kappa Alphas*.

We have the following members on our roll: Thomas W. Kendrick and J. A. Suttle, Pharmacy; Paul R. McFayden, John R. Paddison and John E. Houston, Medicine; F. S. Wray and R. L. Eskridge, '01; and C. L. Miller, '00.

The feeling between the fraternities here is remarkably friendly. In fact it seems that each chapter makes it a point to be especially friendly with each other and the non-fraternity men.

We look back with pride on the record our foot-ball team made last fall, and the prospects for the base-ball

team this year, carrying off the championship of the South, like our last year's foot-ball team, are very bright.

It is a rule of the trustees that fraternities can neither initiate or pledge men until October of their Sophomore year. This causes most of the twelve fraternities here to have very small memberships, only four having a larger membership than ours.

We do not intend to rest with only eight members, but by the next issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND we hope to introduce several other *Pi*'s.

Claude L. Miller.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Since our last letter we have initiated into the mysteries of *II K A* two new men, Brothers Morris and Lowdford. We are sorry that Brother Yonge is still away, and sincerely hope that his eyes will be well enough to permit him to be with us again soon. Brother Cory did not return to college after the holidays, but we are glad to learn that he will soon return. Brother Deaton, who is now in Columbus, will soon go to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he will pursue a business course in the P. B. C. Brother Baldwin is making a display of his literary genius by writing a book entitled "The Art of Flirtation." Brother Morris, one of our new members, is a post-graduate of the C. E. course, and instructor in drawing.

Brothers Willis, Yonge J. D., and Avery are leading the Freshman class a cat's life. While Brother Hall, in the Junior class, for first, is tying the young ladies.

Brothers Glenn, Woodruff and Shuff are still on hand in a healthy looking condition.

Our hall is being papered and refurnished and before many days it will present a handsome appearance.

Since our game with the University of Georgia, in which the result of the score was 18 to 17 in favor of Auburn,

athletics has received more attention and the A. P. C. has the present prospect of putting out one of the best base-ball teams for many seasons. Mr. Heisman, our old foot-ball coach, who has gained an enviable reputation among Southern colleges for his ability as a foot-ball and base-ball trainer, we have engaged to coach the team.

We are now having a series of class foot-ball games. On last Saturday the Sophomore *vs.* Freshman, the first of the series was played. Score 10 to 0 in favor of Sophomores.

Our best wishes to all *II K A's*.

L. B. Rainey.

PHI.

Roanoke College.

After a most enjoyable Christmas holiday we are back and hard at work on the Intermediate Examinations. All the boys spent their vacations at their homes except Brothers Darst and Cliver, (better known as the Bantam), who went with Brother Cabell to his delightful country home in Nelson county. Judging from the "Bantam's" mournful face, we are led to believe that he lost his heart to one of the fair maidens of "Pinch Neck."

We are glad to say that Brother Hufford has returned to college for the second term. He was a member of this year's graduating class, but on account of the illness of his father was prevented from returning at the opening of the session. Brother Hufford is a true and loyal *Pi*, and our chapter will be much strengthened by his return.

Brother Lloyd is with us again, after a forced vacation of several weeks. He was compelled to leave college several weeks before Christmas on account of a severe attack of rheumatism, contracted on the hills around Santiago. We hope he will be entirely well before the opening of the base-ball season, for he will have hard work to keep his old position on the team, as we expect to have the best team this year that Roanoke has ever turned out. Last

year's team was an exceptionally good one, but we expect even greater things of the team of '99.

Roanoke College suffered a great loss last week in the death of Mr. James Chalmers, a prominent banker of this place, and who, for the last twenty years, has been the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. He was a loyal friend of the college, and his place will be hard to fill.

Our loyal sister, Miss Ellen Blair, is spending the month in Richmond. It is hardly necessary to say that we miss her very much. She has been a true friend of *Phi* chapter since its establishment. The chapter is indebted to Miss Blair for three handsome pictures for our hall, a Christmas present to *Phi*. Speaking of *Pi* sisters, reminds me that Brother Darst, our only "theolog," has added a very charming number to our select list. More about this anon.

It may be a little previous, but we are all very anxious that the next convention be held in Richmond. This city is easy of access and we think it about time for Virginia to have the honor of entertaining the Fraternity again.

Trusting that '99 may be a year long to be remembered in the annals of the Fraternity as marking a new era of prosperity, we close.

C. H. Wilson.

CHI.

University of the South.

Chi extends to her sister chapters her most hearty good wishes for the success of *II K A*, individually and collectively, for the new year of '99.

We expect a full delegation of *II* enthusiasts to our next convention, and hope to be able to report a highly successful termination to the first year of our infancy under the maternal care of Mother *II K A*.

As we have cut a good many teeth, we must begin to procure more substantial nourishment, and with this end in view we are at work on preparations which we hope will materialize in a chapter house. We have to move slowly

and conservatively to prevent our youthful ardor from carrying us too far, but at the same time we hope to have our ends gratified.

Owing to the fact that our members are so widely scattered, it has been impossible to ascertain what each man is doing. A winter vacation of three months is rather demoralizing.

Brother Boyd has been at work at Columbia, S. C., under the direction of Bishop Capers, of South Carolina. Brother McLaurine has been looking after the interests of the University drug store in Sewanee. Brother Claiborne has been doing missionary work at Cowan, Tenn. Brother Cadman has been on the Mountain all winter, doing special work. Brother Radford has been spending his time at Lynchburg, Va. Brothers Tarlton and Miller have been at their respective homes, Hillsboro, Texas, and Bolivar, Tenn. Brother Hill is doing missionary work in Kentucky, and Brother Mason has just gone forth from his Alma Mater with an M. D. affixed to his name, and now has his office at Marshall, Va., where he will be very glad to cure all the *II's* of any ailments. Your humble servant has been doing missionary work and tutoring in Macon, Ga. So *Chi* has been dispensing relief for body and soul.

We are having our "goat" well cared for this winter, under Brother Cadman's directions, and he reports, to his sorrow, that said animal can out-butt creation, and will make it warm for the goodly number of *II's*—all the way to a "bumpkin" pie—(a nice target for the "goat") whom we expect to initiate next term.

A prosperous and happy new year for *II K A* is the wish of
Luther G. H. Williams.

ALUMNUS IOTA.

Knoxville, Tennessee.

On the evening of December 22nd, 1898, at the residence of Hon. James Comfort, No. 1610 Bell avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, the charter members of the *Alumnus Iota* Chapter

of the *Pi Kappa Alpha* Fraternity held their first meeting, in order to effect an organization of the Chapter, and afterwards to enjoy the well-known, cordial hospitality of their brother, James Garratt Comfort, and the great pleasure of being entertained at his father's home.

Those present were as follows: Brothers J. R. Campbell, James Garratt Comfort, Curtis J. Cullen, Philip J. Briscoe, Joe Ervin Borches, Harry P. Ijams, Dr. Howard A. Ijams, James McCallum, Dan. K. Lee, Lyon C. McMullen, Joseph J. Price, J. Pike Powers, Jr., Clarence A. Templeton, Edwin Wiley, and our distinguished brother, Dr. Charles E. Wait. Of these members of the Fraternity, all were members of *Zeta* Chapter, except Brothers Cullen and Wait, of *Alpha*. Brother Powers was for two years a member of *Alpha*, as a transfer from *Zeta*.

An election of officers was held, with the following result: Brother J. Pike Powers, Jr., President; Brother Clarence A. Templeton, Vice-President; Brother Dan. K. Lee, Treasurer; Brother Edwin Wiley, Secretary, and Brother James Garratt Comfort, Guide.

A committee was appointed to draw up by-laws for the Chapter, and to prepare a ceremony to be used in receiving new members—consisting of Brothers Templeton, McCallum, Price and McMullen; and it was decided to have a meeting the first Thursday night of each month. The next meeting, however, will be held on the night of January 12th. Several other committees were appointed, among them a committee to collect subscriptions for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. Steps were taken towards securing rooms for the chapter, and the members hope before a great while to have comfortable and convenient rooms for their use.

The most enjoyable part of the evening, and one that will ever be remembered by the members of *Alumnus Iota* present, was the time when the delightful refreshments were served. Surely this tightened the bond of friendship between the brothers and gave the Chapter a merry send-off. All of the members have the welfare of the Fraternity at heart, and

hope that they may be of much good to the beloved Order and to themselves.

Perhaps the most delightful social feature of the Christmas holidays will be the reception and dance given by the *Alumnus Iota* and *Zeta* Chapters of *Pi Kappa Alpha*, on the evening of December 30th, 1898. This will be held at the Woman's Building. All of the friends and members of *Pi Kappa Alpha* will be present, and among the beautiful selections of music will be the "Pi Kappa Alpha Two-Step," a general favorite with the brothers. Knoxville's pretty girls will be only too glad to be present, and it will be beyond a doubt the grandest affair of the season at Knoxville. Refreshments? Of course!

The *Pi's* at Knoxville will not be outdone by any other organization in the city, and such other organizations are well aware of the fact. Long life to our Southern Fraternity.

J. Pike Powers, Jr.

The Pi's.

In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to ROBERT H. TROY, 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 are sorry to report that our honored brother and ex-Grand Chaplain, Rev. Theron H. Rice, Jr., *Theta*, has been quite sick at Alexandria, Va., but he is now recovering and we hope soon to report his complete restoration to health. Brother Rice had gone to Alexandria, his old charge, to preach the funeral sermon over one of his former members, and was taken with a mild attack of scarlet fever.

—Brother W. Gordon Belser, *Xi*, who graduated at the South Carolina College with high honors in 1895, has returned to that institution and entered the law department. Brother Belser has been elected to represent the Euphratian Society in a contest for representation at the Southern Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest, to be held in Richmond, Va., in May next.

—The general office had a visit from Brother F. C. Black, one of *Lamda's* charter members, on February 3rd. Bro. Black is now first lieutenant in the Third United States Volunteer Regiment of Engineers, and is on his way to Cuba. Brother Black is a splendid looking specimen of physical manhood, weighing 180 pounds. He is very highly thought of in the regiment and much beloved and respected

by his men. Brother Black expressed his intention to enter the United States army permanently, and we know that he will make a gallant and able officer.

—W. L. McCutchen, *Xi*, has been chosen valedictorian of the Euphradian Literary Society, S. C. College, for the coming commencement.

—Our loyal Brother, Charles K. Payne, *Epsilon*, who is the President of the Payne Shoe Company of Charleston, West Virginia, one of the largest wholesale houses in that section, writes us under date of January 7th, with reference to the magazine, "I congratulate you and your assistants in getting out such a bright and newsy magazine. I always peruse it with much pleasure and interest. I am sorry I cannot contribute a little more this time, but I am just completing a new home. My best wishes are for our Fraternity, and I trust ere long it will be one of the leading fraternities. We certainly have the quality if we have not so much of the quantity."

—We know that all of the *IPs* and especially the members of old *Lambda* Chapter, will sympathize deeply with Brother Walter M. Smith, who, it will be remembered, was the means of forming *Lambda* Chapter. Brother Smith has just met with a heavy bereavement in the death of his baby daughter. The child only lived three days and the shock of its death came near killing the mother. We are glad to report that Mrs. Smith is now almost well. On behalf of the Fraternity we offer sincere sympathy.

—Brother J. G. Hughes of *Xi*, that loyal and enthusiastic *II*, whom we all have learned to know so well through his articles in the magazine, has certainly been loaded with honors by the students of the South Carolina College, where he is pursuing the study of law. We reported in a recent issue that he was the editor-in-chief of the *Carolinian*, the monthly magazine, and we have just learned that he has been elected editor-in-chief of the *Garnet and Black*, the Annual that this college will issue this year.

—Rev. Brother John S. Foster, *Theta*, whose magnificent address at the Convention held in Nashville, made so deep an impression upon all who heard it, and the publication of which in a recent issue, gave so much pleasure to all of our members, is still the loyal *II* that he always has been. Brother Foster writes us, in renewing his subscription, "The magazine is a source of pleasure to me and I thank you for it."

—In the last issue it should have been A. V. Russell, *Mu*, not T. E. Simpson, who was mentioned as taking a special course at the South Carolina College.

—Brother W. Loring Lee, who has served so gallantly in the volunteer army, was recently honored by being elected Captain of the Sumter Light Infantry of Sumter, S. C. The newspaper account of the meeting says: "The chief interest centered in the election of officers and the result was a decided surprise to a great many. Captain L. S. Carson and W. Loring Lee, who was a private in Company M., were nominated for the captaincy. Mr. Lee was elected. Captain Lee has had the advantages of a military education, and when at college in Virginia was a cadet officer. He is highly thought of by all who knew him, and was, it is said, the most popular man in Company M., and it was to this popularity as well as to the appreciation of the men of his ability to fill the position of captain that his election was due.

—Brother Harry E. Woodside, of *Zeta*, is now living at Savannah, Tenn., and is co-principal in Hardin College, a well known institution of that city. He is fast becoming recognized as an able educator, and is said to have a bright future.

—Brother W. M. Goodbar (*Theta*) is a partner in the big factory and wholesale shoe store of W. M. Goodbar & Co., Memphis, and is widely known in business and social circles.

—Brother E. W. Blodgett, who became a member of *Gamma* in 1876, owns a large sugar plantation in the Phil-

ipine Islands, and spends most of his time looking after business interests there. It is presumed Brother Blodgett is not displeased with the new regime under which his adopted country is about to enter.

—Brother Fletcher D. Harvey, of *Upsilon*, who was a foot-ball celebrity during his college life, has been engaged in railroad work in the Indian Territory for some time, and has lately entered the same line of work near Shreveport, La.

—Brother Howard J. Ijams, of *Zeta*, is now a practicing physician at Knoxville, Tenn., having lately completed a thorough course of medicine at Ann Arbor.

—Brother Embry M. Holmes, of *Theta*, was for a long time identified with the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, where he became well known as a journalist of ability. He is private Secretary to United States Senator Gurley, and spends most of the time at Washington, D. C. However, he still finds time to contribute interesting articles on important questions of the day to various southern newspapers.

—Brother O. D. Sledge, *Zeta*, is of the firm of Sledge & Wells Co., at Memphis, and is making money and a reputation as a wholesale broker.

—Brother G. A. Hankins, M. D., who joined *Gamma* in 1871, has been resident physician of William and Mary College since 1894. His son, Reynolds Hankins, is now an active and very loyal member of *Gamma*.

—Brother J. Pike Powers, Jr., is practicing law at Knoxville, Tenn., and from all reports is doing well. He has especially endeared himself to all loyal *IP's* by the zealous work he did as leader in the organization of *Alumnus Iota*. Brother Powers was a member of *Zeta* until he graduated, and later, on entering the University of Virginia, connected himself with *Alpha*, and did invaluable service to that chapter while a member.

—Brother Joe Erwin Borches, *Zeta*, for a long while representing the Amour Packing Company, is now associated with his father in business at Knoxville, Tenn.

—Brother W. D. Galbraith, of *Theta*, is one of the most successful real estate, stock and bond brokers, of Memphis, Tennessee.

—Brother Robert S. Jones, *Gamma*, is now living in San Antonio, Texas. He went to William and Mary from Warrenton, N. C., and became a member of *Gamma* in 1871.

—Our honored brother, Marshall Hicks, of *Theta*, who has made such a name for himself in Texas as a lawyer, has recently been elected Mayor of San Antonio, by over a thousand majority. We certainly extend congratulations to Brother Hicks on this compliment, and feel that it was most thoroughly deserved. Brother Hicks is one of our most enthusiastic members, and as we know, an interesting contributor to the pages of the Magazine.

—“Rev. Brother C. B. Wilmer, *Gamma*, is doing fine work in his parish in Cincinnati. He has one of the largest churches in that city. He is rector of the Church of the Nativity, and his address is 775 Summit avenue.” So writes one of our brothers to the General Office.

Editorial.

WE KNOW that the Fraternity will hail with peculiar pleasure the revival of Tau Chapter at the University of North Carolina, which good news we bring to our members in this issue. This chapter has been inactive during the past year, owing to a combination of unavoidable circumstances. For various reasons, sickness and otherwise, its members were prevented from returning to the college. Many share in the credit of this revival, but chief among them, we think, is Brother Joe S. Wray, one of Tau's original members; and Brother J. C. Story, one of the charter members of revived Beta. These two brothers have worked earnestly for the revival. We believe now that it is revived for good, and that henceforth it will prove one of our strongest and most enthusiastic chapters.

We predicted, in our last issue, that we would soon be able to announce the revival of at least two of our chapters and the formation of others. We are not able to make public the information regarding the revival of the other chapter, but are glad to say that the work is being pushed. We also have bright prospects of entering two prominent Georgia colleges and our members are hard at work on them.

AGAIN REFERRING to the matter of inter-fraternity courtesy, we desire to acknowledge the many acts of kindness and courtesy towards our Fraternity on the part of

Hon. Clarence E. Woods, the Grand Recorder of the Sigma Nu Fraternity and editor of its magazine. Mr. Woods and Brother Hill have had an exceedingly pleasant correspondence relative to the article from the pen of Brother Hill in our October issue. The editor has also had very courteous intercourse with this gentleman. It is particularly pleasing to quote the following from a personal letter of Mr. Woods, with reference to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND: "*Thank you for your magazine just received. It is so bright and cheerful that I envy you fellows who get it up and those who read it.*"

While such broad-minded and noble gentlemen as Mr. Woods are officers of fraternities, we need never fear but that the highest and strictest relations of inter-fraternity courtesy will be advanced. Mr. Woods devotes considerable space in his able editorial to this same subject, and it is pleasant to read his strong utterances in this connection, under the title of "Gentlemen Still." We find a disposition on the part of many other editors to exert their influence for the advancement of this ideal, but we have not come into personal contact with them as yet, as we have with Mr. Woods. Long may he have control of *Sigma Nu's* interest.

WE KNOW THAT the Supreme Council is gratified beyond measure with the interest manifested in the Chapter letters of this issue, concerning the approaching Convention, and we know we voice their unanimous opinion in saying that we heartily welcome all suggestions as proof of the deep interest of the chapters, in making the next Convention a glorious success. We also call attention to the several articles in our Contribution Department on this subject. That from the pen of our Grand Chaplain, Brother Craig, having particular weight on account of his experience in attendance upon the majority of our conventions already held.

No subject, at the present moment, is of more vital im-

portance than the time and place of our next Convention. Having for the past two years held our conventions with the Confederate Reunions, to take advantage of the railroad rates then existing, we think that perhaps the unanimous opinion of the officers and members is now against continuing this plan. While benefit is derived from the low rates, it is more than counter-balanced by the almost impossibility of securing a full and regular attendance on the part of the delegates. At the time of these Confederate Reunions, the South is wild with enthusiasm and interest for the heroes of '61, and all consideration and thought is devoted to their entertainment. Our Fraternity has had three successful conventions at that time, but it has been under the greatest stress that the members have been able to give their full attention.

A number of our members hold prominent offices in these Confederate associations, and thus we are deprived of their fresh and full interest, which the grave nature of the business before our Convention demands. After such a reunion no one can devote the same energy to work of another Convention, unless a period of recreation shall have intervened. We do not think our members have allowed our conventions to suffer by reason of other claims, yet it has been a strain on them, and we are therefore heartily in favor of holding our conventions at a separate place and time from any other attraction.

We are at a loss to suggest the mode for selecting the place of meeting. The Chapters are unanimous in favor of avoiding the Confederate Reunion, but each one holds a different view as to the most suitable place. Personally, we are much inclined to Knoxville, as that city is such an active *II* center, and its two last invitations have not been accepted. We believe that on account of its summer school very low rates obtain, and we know that the welcome received there from *Zeta* and *Alumnus Iota* would give our Convention such an enthusiastic tone, that the echos of it would sound and resound throughout the entire length and

breadth of our borders. The custom of the Supreme Council has been to consult the chapters as to the place of meeting and accept the wishes of the majority, and we feel sure that in our April issue the happy solution of the problem will be announced to the complete satisfaction of all.

WHILE on this subject, it is not too soon to begin arousing the members, active and alumni, to the importance of a full and large attendance at this next Convention, wherever it be held. We think the Fraternity has proven unquestionably during the past few years that it is here to stay, and not only that, but is growing and becoming stronger every day. We feel that before very long "our quantity," adapting Brother Payne's simile, will be fully equaled to "our quality," and that we will see the Old Gold and Garnet flying from every prominent college in the South.

As we have so often repeated, and as we will continue to repeat, what is most to be desired in an organization such as ours, is the active and hearty co-operation of every member, so that each may do his little share in the work, and thus it will not fall too heavily on the shoulders of any one. The opportunities offered by a Convention for such assistance are most manifold, and it is there we need the presence and advice of every member of the Fraternity. It is the duty of each one to be there, and if the past can foreshadow the future, we believe that the next Convention will be the largest ever held, for each Convention has increased in numbers, and especially in the attendance of our prominent Alumni.

WE TRUST that every active member will carefully read the article from the able pen of Brother Armstrong on the subject of the Convention, and especially take to heart his axiom "that '*attention*' is in inverse proportion to

'*extension*,¹' also his thought that "the results of the Convention depend directly on the '*attention*' of '*attending*' delegates." Brother Armstrong gives us much for thought in his article, and if every delegate would carry out his suggestion as to the careful study of every subject to be presented, and come to the Convention prepared to ably discuss every proposition advanced, and bring forward propositions of their own, then indeed would we feel the power of our own strength and we would see such an advancement in our work as would surprise even the most hopeful.

We are all indebted to Brother Armstrong for this article, and it should be memorized by every Chapter.

WE DESIRE to emphasize and elaborate a valuable thought which appears in the able article from Brother Craig, in the mention of the report of the Grand Treasurer, and the wish that it could always be so pleasant a one. The thought is this:

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Pages could be written on this subject, but we beg simply to emphasize the thought and urge every one of our alumni to renew their subscriptions, which are small to each one, but which largely make up our total income. Thus we are enabled to continue the work, which is done on such close margins as to be effected by the loss of a single subscription.

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