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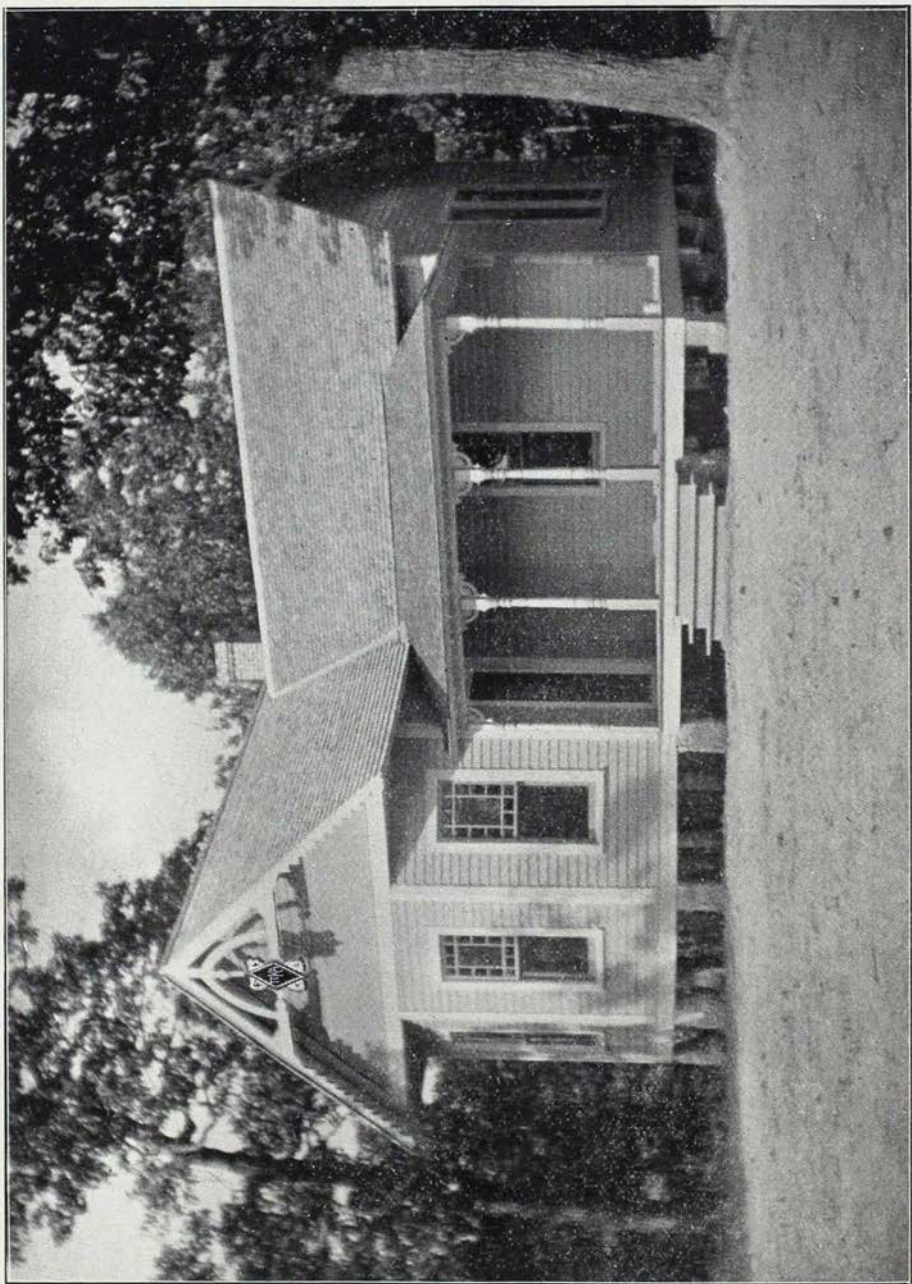
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OUR NEXT CONVENTION.

The first of March, next, will be the thirty-third anniversary of the foundation of the Fraternity, it having been founded at the University of Virginia on March 1st, 1868. It seems to many of the members that this would be an appropriate time for a rather more elaborate Convention than any we have had heretofore. To hold one at the University of Virginia at that time would tend greatly to strengthen our University Chapter, and might be a means of interesting the alumni and bringing them back into active touch with us.

By planning more public exercises like an oration or poem, or both, and selecting some members of distinction to deliver them, it would attract attention and be widely noticed. Probably many of the alumni might be induced to attend by being properly approached, not solely on account of their interest in the Fraternity, but because it would give the very large number of University alumni an opportunity of again seeing their alma mater, and that, too, in her modernized and beautiful dress.

In order to make the Convention a success, it will be necessary to go to work at once, and to devote considerable

thought and labor to the subject. A committee on public exercises ought to be appointed who shall have full charge of the celebration proper and the selection of speakers. Another committee on addresses should be appointed who shall hunt up, as far as possible, the addresses of the alumni and prepare and send them a circular urging them to attend, and asking their co-operation. Another committee on finances should be appointed who should consider the best method of raising the necessary funds, though the expenses ought not to be great if we limit ourselves to a simple public celebration without any unnecessary frills. A committee on banquet ought also to be appointed, if it is the sentiment that we should have a banquet. It seems to the writer that it would be an admirable feature to have a banquet immediately after the public celebration, with a few speakers to respond to appropriate sentiments.

Of course, this would add greatly to the trouble of the Convention and considerably to the expense. It certainly would not be right to expect our University Chapter to bear any of the general expenses of the celebration or Convention. It would be but a poor aid and encouragement to them if all of us should pounce down on them and eat them out of house and home.

Another general committee ought to be appointed which should have a sort of supervision over the other committees and see that a harmonious scheme was gotten up. Perhaps, after all, the best shape would be to appoint a single committee and divide them into subdivisions, as above indicated.

Each Chapter is urged to give this matter immediate consideration, and communicate *at once* with the Grand Treasurer, stating whether in their opinion the University of Virginia would be a convenient place, and March 1st, a convenient time for this Convention, and whether, in short, the general scheme meets with the approval of their judgment. The sooner this is done, the better, so that the matter of appointing the committees and making the necessary

arrangements can be at once taken up. Perhaps a resolution by each Chapter authorizing the immediate appointment of these committees is the quickest way to give the matter a start.

ROBERT M. HUGHES,
Supreme Councilor.

Norfolk, Va., November 19, 1900.

FROM THE COUNCILOR PRINCEPS.

In re Our Next Convention.

Our Supreme Councilor, Brother Robert M. Hughes, has proposed a plan for our next Convention that has been received with enthusiasm throughout the Fraternity. We are to meet at the historic place of our birth, the University of Virginia, to celebrate that important event, now that a third of a century has passed. It will be a great opportunity for our delegates to see and admire the famous Virginia University.

The success of this Convention will depend largely upon the interest the members of the Fraternity manifest in this event. The co-operation of all the delegates chosen and their enthusiasm in carrying out the program provided will insure its success. We must have a full attendance, and hence the Grand Officers hesitate to name the date. We prefer to have the Chapters speak first. The question is, shall it be in March, the month of our birth, or in June? Let us hear from every Chapter promptly.

I wish for the Fraternity, the best Convention in its history.

H. B. ARBUCKLE,
Councilor Princeps.

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY.

In re The Next Convention.

The suggestion of Brother Hughes, our Supreme Councilor, that we celebrate the thirty-third anniversary of the Fraternity, appears to be a very apt one. It is peculiarly appropriate that we meet at the University of Virginia, the birth-place of the Fraternity. The first day of next March there should be, I think, the largest gathering of IIs in the history of the Fraternity. Let this matter be taken up now by the Chapters. March 1st will soon be here. There are many things we should do between now and then. Let all of the Chapters correspond with our Grand Treasurer, Brother Smyth, and we can proceed with concert of action. There should be careful attention given this subject in every meeting the Chapters have between this time and that. If your Chapter has done nothing about anything else, call a meeting to discuss this. We *must* do *many* things at the next Convention, and we should *all* be there.

Some of our learned orators should be thinking over their brilliant phrases already. Speeches there should be, and poems—we have *some* true poets in II. K. A. We have the best orator in the Southern States! (I mean among *college men*). Brother Edwin Wiley, of Vanderbilt, is one of our men who is both orator and poet. Many of us remember an address of welcome Brother Wiley made at our Convention in Knoxville, and some of his poems we have all read. Brother Hughes and Brother Belser can speak in genuine oratorical style.

I know Charlottesville will welcome II. K. A. to her dignified old town, and there are many IIs there who, no doubt, would welcome us.

Activity is what we want now from every Chapter. Talk the matter up, and give us your attention, time and money; nothing else will be wanting. The Convention will bring honor to II. K. A.'s glorious name.

I appeal strongly to the Chapters. It is your work. Do

not depend on the alumni too much. They are all busy, and besides are not in position to do what you can do to make this meeting a success. Let every Chapter act and act quickly!

J. PIKE POWERS, JR.,
Grand Secretary.

OUR SONGS.

"Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast" and although we IIs "roast" our initiates, yet we hardly consider ourselves "savages," but all will agree that we do need music and songs for our Chapter meetings. Many Chapters have written the General Office, asking for some efforts to be directed towards securing songs for use in the Chapter meetings. The writer has looked up, among the old volumes, several compositions sent in some five or six years ago for this purpose, and with apologies to the authors for somewhat changing the formation of their compositions, we suggest the following, which we think will make three very good songs. We think it very appropriate that these songs should fit the two popular Southern airs: "*Maryland, My Maryland*" and "*Bonnie Blue Flag*."

Some of the IIs must be musical, and to them we appeal to compose an air, strictly Pi Kappa Alpha, and put to it words breathing the sentiments of our Fraternity. Then our Chapters can have their own air as well as song.

ROBERT A. SMYTH.

THE GARNET AND OLD GOLD.

Air—"Maryland, My Maryland."

Now once again we'll rally, boys,
And to the world unfold
The banner whence comes all our joys,
The Garnet and Old Gold.
Her record has been ever bright,
And on it we dare hold,
The strongest and the brightest light
The Garnet and the Old Gold.

Chorus.

*Then rally, boys, and there shall float,
This banner brave and bold,
From every Southern college fort,
The Garnet and Old Gold.*

Her furls unto the breeze she'll give,
To-day just as of old,
Her name her fame shall ever live,
The Garnet and Old Gold.
Upon the highest college walls,
All Grecians shall behold
A flag to rise which never falls,
The Garnet and the Gold.

Chorus.

*Then rally, boys, this flag shall float,
This banner brave and bold,
From every Southern college fort,
The Garnet and Old Gold.*

PI KAPPA ALPHA SONG.

Let us raise, brothers, our strains sweetly flowing,
Let the sweet incense of love and of zeal
Rise at the shrine of our Brotherhood, showing
Deeper than words the devotion we feel.
Meet the hearty grasp of hands,
Token of holiest bands,
Ever round hearts twined with brotherly love,
Then for what most we prize,
Let the glad notes arise,
Pi Kappa Alpha her flag flaunt above.

Whilst our hearts swell with youth's buoyant fancies,
Whilst the world cools down our mind with its strife,
Till the last sunbeam of old age scare dances
Over the waves of the ocean of life,
Let us in our zeal ne'er flag,
Ne'er in the devotion lag

Which to our Fraternity ever is due;
Heart e'er to heart responds,
Long last our sacred bonds,
Pi Kappa Alpha, united and true.

NOTE—Air: "*Hail to the Chief.*" The above song was composed for the Convention at Yellow Sulphur Springs in 1876, and was written *from memory* by Dr. Wm. Nelson *fifteen years afterwards* at the Convention held at Danville, December 27th, 1891.

WORK FOR P. K. A.

Air—"Bonnie Blue Flag,"

Once more are Brothers gathered here,
On this our festal day;
So let us now our vows renew,
To work for II. K. A.

Chorus.

*Hurrah! Hurrah! for this our festal day,
With hand to hand, and heart to heart,
We'll work for II. K. A.*

How great the blessings we enjoy,—
How many pleasures may
Each Brother have if he'll but do
Some work for II. K. A.

(Chorus).

Our symbols to the world we'll show,
Pure as the flowers of May;
To keep our banner floating high,
We'll work for II. K. A.

(Chorus).

We, Brothers of the triple bond,
Have entered in the fray;
And victory shall crown our arms
Through work for II. K. A.

(Chorus).

LET US AWAKE.

Our Chapters Must Work for Extension.

The Pi Kappa Alpha is a good Fraternity. I suppose you agree with me, boys. If you don't, we will proceed to turn you out. I mean, though, that there are elements of good in our Fraternity that are not so prominent in most Fraternities. Some might say that it is because it is smaller than most of the other Greek letter fraternities—and yet not so small that its permanency is in danger—that it can boast choice chapters and show that unity of spirit that so distinguishes it. Some might say that it is because it is a Southern Fraternity and is, therefore, composed of men of much the same temper and spirit, that it has cultivated such a sweet fraternal sympathy between the Chapters. I believe that both of these opinions are correct, but I feel that we must look deeper to find the real cause of our success. There seems to have passed out from our first Chapter the one that sprang up at the University of Virginia, when our principles were very dear to the hearts of those Southern soldier comrades who founded it; I say, there seems to have passed out from this Chapter a sacred respect for, and an abiding faith in our principles. These were passed on from Chapter to Chapter, as they were carefully and cautiously selected, until a high standard of personal character marked every Chapter. A man could only be initiated into our Fraternity when he measured up to our standard, not because a man was needed, nor his money was needed, nor his influence was needed, nor his social prestige was needed, nor his vote was needed. No, the question was, can he become a Pi? PIs were known to black-ball their best friends and even their own brothers by blood. Our Fraternity ties were held to be sacred and every man accepted it as his solemn obligation to preserve the honor and integrity of his Fraternity even as his life. Our system has perpetuated this. By our Constitution one of the Grand Officers, who knows the spirit of our Fraternity and who

knows how to inculcate it, is, except in extraordinary cases, compelled to start off a Chapter. Thus the same spirit pervades the Fraternity. Now, I contend that our Fraternity is a good Fraternity, because it is a well-governed Fraternity, it is a safe Fraternity, it is a conservative Fraternity, but often a character or an organization manifests weakness in the very points in which it is notably strong. Moses, the meekest man, was not allowed to enter the promised land, because he, on one occasion, put self before his God. Elijah, the embodiment of courage, we find at one time trembling with fear because of a woman's anger.

The conservatism of our Fraternity, the care with which we have always chosen new Chapters begins to threaten our welfare. We are becoming slow about doing our general Fraternity work. We pay so much attention to the workings of our own Chapter that we are forgetting the importance of working for the Fraternity at large. This can become a great evil and can extend throughout the whole warp and woof of Fraternity life. For instance, we can throw off the duty of building up the SHIELD AND DIAMOND on some one else. I cannot imagine upon whom the Chapters think they can throw this work, as it is their own Magazine, gotten out for them, in their interests. It is not Smyth's Magazine, I don't care how much he is willing to do to make it acceptable and useful to you. It is *yours*. It is not the organ of your alumni, I care not if they are willing to make it readable, I care not how much ability they have to edit it. It is *yours*, and it is your duty to work for it and see that it is the exponent of your principles and worthy to go out to the Fraternity world as your spokesman and standard bearer.

I think I can name other Fraternities that are better than ours in accomplishing general Fraternity work, in supporting their publications and in carrying their banners always into new territory.

I desire to speak especially about our need of new Chapters. We have the elements of strength in our Fraternity

for pushing our work out into new fields. The characteristics I have above commended in the Fraternity peculiarly fit it for the work of extension. Its Chapters are in good working order and the Fraternity is well organized. If the Chapters could only be fired with more enthusiasm for the Order. A Chapter cannot afford to be self-centered. It will become narrow and will court its own destruction. A Chapter that can fail to see the duty of carrying its work into new fields, must have, of necessity, missed the spirit of our Constitution.

A Fraternity should be growing all the time, if it is to feel the thrill of life all the time. Now, we have been so careful about starting new Chapters, until the habit of *not establishing Chapters* has grown upon us, and we must shake it off at once. We have great opportunities this year, for never before have the Colleges opened with such increased attendance throughout the South, and new Colleges are entering the field. Already the wave of enthusiasm in Fraternity work has started in the Chapters, and two new Chapters are the result. Let the wave sweep on, boys, and when the Twentieth Century has broken upon us, we shall have many more Chapters to take up the great work of the Fraternity with us. I urge special Chapter meetings for planning this work and then I hope to see each Chapter take up the work, until the whole Fraternity will be united in one great effort to strengthen and extend the Fraternity.

H. B. ARBUCKLE,
Councilor Princeps.

CHAPTER EXTENSION.

Every member of our beloved Fraternity is surely gratified to hear the good news of the entrance of the II. K. A. into two more Southern colleges, as a result of the determined efforts of some of our loyal Brothers.

We think the seed from which this work has sprung were sown at our last Convention, which was conspicuous for the

enthusiasm manifested in the subject of Chapter Extension. As is already known, a special committee was appointed to take the work in hand. This committee was composed of Brothers Alex. Martin of Iota, R. M. Blount of Psi, C. H. Varner of Nu, C. W. Radford of Chi, and your humble servant as chairman. Though we cannot report any material success as a direct result of the committee's work, yet much has been accomplished, and we want the Fraternity to understand that we are still at work and we urge every Brother to stand by us. We have two or three colleges in view at present and confidently believe that the banner of II. K. A. will be waving at those places in a short time.

The main thing—the only way to success is for us to stick together and pull together. If any Brother knows of a good opening, or of a man with whom the committee might correspond, let him write any member of the committee about this; any information will help and will be gladly received.

Our Councilor Princeps deserves the thanks and appreciation, and certainly has it, of the entire Fraternity. He has spent much of his time in II. K. A.'s interest this summer, and let me urge in his behalf the hearty co-operation of all.

I am heartily in favor of the plan suggested by our Supreme Councilor for holding the next Convention. We already have good reasons for celebrating, and it will be a fitting close to the nineteenth century and the first generation of II. K. A.'s life, to add five or six new Chapters to our roll before next Spring.

But don't forget our motto and high standard—quality before quantity. Before we enter a college we should first be sure that it is worthy of a Chapter of our Fraternity, and then be doubly careful about the men we select for Chapter members, for much depends on making a good start.

The Fraternity is under obligations to Brother C. N. Williams, Gamma, who is doing such good work at Kentucky University. With a Chapter at that college as a nucleus,

we hope in the near future to see Chapters of II. K. A. sprinkled all over the blue grass State. Also Brother L. B. Rainey, Upsilon, has worked with admirable energy at the University of Alabama and has met with success. We are glad to give him much honor, which he deserves.

All we can say now is, let the good work go on. We have made a good start, but have really just begun. Every member knows of the colleges in the South where we have not entered and where we should establish Chapters by all means. Let me urge that at your Chapter meetings you talk the matter over and whenever you conceive a plan, write the chairman of the committee.

Again remember—hold our standard high and let us work together as one. We have one of the best Fraternities in the world and are proud of it. II. K. A. was born and bred in the South and has always been nourished by old time Southern aristocracy. It has always stood for what is noblest and best in a man, and we hope the day will never come when its principles will be compromised for the sake of getting a large number of members. We are pre-eminently expansionists, but let us watch where we expand, success will surely follow our efforts.

WM. L. CLARKE.

CHI CHAPTER'S NEW HOME.

Brothers Claiborne and G. E. McLaurine, Sigma, with Cadman, Boyd and the writer, secured Chi's charter in May, '98. We were not millionaires nor were we even over-burdened with any over-plus of that monster colossus—money. In other words, we rejoiced in nothing at all and were happy to be able to keep body and soul together.

It is no crime to build castles-in-the-air nor to dream and expect a fairy visitation, and we could indulge ourselves to our heart's content in building the home of the future. Brothers came and Brothers went and still our vision lasted. We wore out much shoe leather in inspecting sites and then

when we assembled in solemn conclave the whirling rings that issued from the "Judge's" pipe would assume the form of our castle. But, Alas! the oft-repeated visits and the castles of smoke could not build the house.

No one dared to attempt it, but the whole thing seemed to assume the responsibility in itself. We could not conjure up a building but it inspired us and kept the pot of our imagination boiling to such an extent that it just "up and built" itself and we had a home before we knew it. Radford and Bruce pushed it along and the rest followed in line and like a dream, it seemed to appear.

It is finished, and we thank our brethren who gave us a generous contribution and their earnest support and good wishes.

The photo, which precedes, speaks for itself. The building has been described in the last issue, but a few comments will be appropriate. From a distance the appearance is very effective and the light grey and slate coloring show up well against the back-ground of green trees. The badge of the Fraternity is in bold relief over the bay window and, besides attracting the attention of the passer-by, shines forth as a living witness of our presence here.

Our grounds are large and we will begin to improve them next year. We must fence them in, and are going to plant grass, make flower-beds and a tennis court and plant creeping vines around the house. When the whole is completed we will have a home to be proud of.

By its completion we have permanently established ourselves here and we can look back with pride on our work, and the generations to come can continue to admire it and carry on our work.

It was a tremendous undertaking and a daring thing to attempt, but somehow the will-to-do was supplied and our aim attained.

Our efforts have taught us many a lesson that will remain with us through life and can point to the brethren-

at-large the great moral principle that perseverance will overcome many obstacles.

Begun in the brain, its conception has matured and a reality exists which will not only be a monument of H. K. A. and the earnest efforts of the stamina of all H's, but a lasting shelter and haven where new brothers yet unborn are to have instilled in them the principles of friendship, fidelity and truth.

LUTHER G. H. WILLIAMS,

Chi.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

University of Virginia.

Faithful to our promise, we have given dear old "Billy" some exercise. He behaved very well indeed, and we all enjoyed his performance. You all know what a delightful thing our initiation is—to every one save the victim—and may imagine our delight. Alpha desires to present to the Fraternity Mr. Arthur C. Jones of Abingdon, Va., and Messrs. E. E. Egan and Z. M. Bardin of Charleston, S. C.

Everything is moving along delightfully with us, and we are all as happy as poor overworked human beings can be. We are all so busy that we hardly have time to cuss the Professors for giving us so much work. At the U. of Va. each Professor thinks you have no tickets but his, and so piles on the work. Brother Lloyd has to work so hard that he can be found in his room at least two hours a day. And Stuart never plays golf more than half a day at a time. The writer plays with him and knows this to be a fact.

Speaking of Golf, one of Alpha's members won second place in the recent handicap tournament. He would have been first, he says, had the other man been a little more considerate and refrained from winning.

In foot-ball this year Virginia has won the championship of the South, though the same honor is claimed by a certain Georgetown college also. But any discerning mind can see that Virginia had a splendid team. Our last two games were with North Carolina and Sewanee, both resulting in victories for Virginia. We consider it an honor to have won from either of these teams. Alpha had no representative on the 'Varsity, but we all rooted for the team and have a sort of proprietary interest in the success.

We are of course looking forward to the holidays with much interest. But alas! First Intermediate Examinations come first, and we are all hard at it and are trembling for fear our Christmas will be marred by thoughts of the exams. But we will try to forget it if we fail, and no doubt the holidays will be none the less delightful.

We wish for our Brothers, collectively and individually, a joyous and happy Christmas, and for dear old II. K. A. we wish glorious success, not only in the New Year, but in the New Century.

Jack P. Montgomery.

BETA.

Davidson College

Since our last letter everything has been "going well" with Beta, and, with examinations just six days ahead of us, we hope things will continue to "go well."

Some days ago "Shaggy Billie" was called upon to perform the arduous task of bearing a burden across the mysterious boundaries of Greekdom. We wish to introduce to the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Brother W. S. Patterson, '03, of Winston, N. C. If you don't believe "Billie" is a "rampageous" creature, just ask Pat!. Our family circle now numbers ten.

Beta is claiming her share of College honors this year. The writer has been elected Editor-in-Chief of "*Quips and Cranks*," our College annual; Brother Dunn is serving as an Associate Editor; and Brother Davis has been appointed Assistant Business Manager. The writer has also been elected Historian of the Senior Class and Brother Wagner Historian of the Freshman Class. We have two II's in the College Glee Club; Brothers Dunn and Deal. In the College Mandolin and Guitar Club; Brothers Bagley, Deal, Simpson and Wagner.

Our College foot-ball team has just returned from Augusta, where they played our last game this season, defeat-

ing the Georgia Techs 38 to 6. We have been quite successful in foot-ball this year, winning seven out of eight games. We suffered defeat at the hands of Clemson, but won from Guilford College, A. and M. of N. C., S. C. College, and the Georgia School of Technology. Our scrub team defeated Oak Ridge, Morgantown Mutes and Wofford College.

Thanksgiving Day was especially pleasant at Davidson this year. The swellest affair of the day was a dinner given by a number of students to a delegation of young ladies invited up from Charlotte for the occasion. All the Fraternities in College were represented, Brothers J. F. Dunn and R. C. Deal being the II's present. The campus has seemed strangely dull and deserted since the ladies left. We hope all our sister Chapters spent as pleasant a Thanksgiving as Beta. We think the plan for holding our next Convention at the University of Virginia an admirable one, though Beta had hoped to see the II's assemble in Charlotte next year.

We regret to say that Brother McKay is not in very good health; he has been suffering from a "heart trouble" all fall, though we hope his visit to South Carolina for special treatment will result in his regaining his health.

In closing, we wish our sister Chapters a most happy Christmas and pleasant holidays. *R. C. Deal.*

GAMMA.

William and Mary College.

We were happy to receive the first issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND for the new session of college, and we were more glad to find the Chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha again in active life and with increased zeal.

The present session opened with flattering prospects for our college, and with it a bright outlook for the fraternities. The new students were a fine set of young men, with good material from which to select some noble IIs.

Although we expected at least six old men of last year's Chapter back, the opening found only three on the ground. They were Brothers McCandlish, Cowles and your humble scribe. Wherever they met there was a Chapter meeting at which the merits of the new arrivals were discussed. Soon they were hard at work, and at the end of the week were reinforced by the arrival of Brother Marchant. As the result of earnest work "Old Billy" got some lively exercise.

For the first initiation, three young men were persuaded and convinced that our Frat. was the one for them to join. That night Brothers J. G. Bohannon of Surry, Va., S. C. Blackiston of Hampton, Va., and S. S. Hughes, son of our Supreme Councilor, of Norfolk, Va., took the ride. Bravely did they grasp the fur and grab the pole. Several times were they thrown, but with some assistance they got back on their perch. In going back over the road big tears were found that little Brother Hughes had allowed to escape. Great was the joy of all three of the new brothers to complete the long journey and reach the haven of IIs, where they heard the last mystic words.

At the next meeting the subjects were Brothers Junius Gamb of Toano, Va., and Taylor Garnett of Matthews, Va. They furnished much amusement with their new methods for riding an untamed animal. The path was slippery and the sights were new, so they were happy when it was all over.

Soon afterwards we received, with much pleasure, the decision of Brother E. H. Smith of Heathsville, Va., to become a II. The necessary arrangements were made and the Brother and the "goat" went through in order. He is a large man and kept his seat well.

Again, at a called meeting we had the honor and pleasure of initiating Brother D. R. Cowles of this city. This we did by article 53, printed Constitution. He is a brother of our active member of that name. We expect him to do us a great deal of good. He travels through all the Southern

States for a large book firm at a high salary. He has quite a large reputation as a teacher in the State High Schools, being an ex-president of the Virginia State Teachers' League. As this Brother also was a Mason and an Elk, he had not much difficulty in mastering the "goat."

With these men we can stand up for II. K. A. against all the other Chapters of frats. in college. These are men the Fraternity may well feel proud of. They do us honor and add to the strong foundation we already have. Our Chapter is ten strong, and K. A. and K. E. have nine each. We "spiked" only seven men and got them all, and the majority had been asked by each of the other fraternities in college. Our men are prominent in all spheres of college life. "Calico" sports and students are in the majority. We have one man on the staff of the monthly magazine and two editors on the 1901 Annual. Two of the Brothers have G. I.'s, one is a graduate of the Normal Department, one applies for his A. B. this session, and another for his G. I. and A. B.

The Supreme Councilor, Brother R. M. Hughes, who is a member of the Board of Visitors of this college, has been here several times this fall. He delivered a lecture before the two literary societies on one occasion. At the last meeting of our Chapter he was present and entertained us with some wholesome advice and remarks. He is a fine gentleman and a most loyal II.

The foot-ball team of our college has not met with its usual good fortune this fall. Most of the men were new and we won only a third of the games played. On the Hampden-Sidney foot-ball team were three men of Iota, Brothers Jones, Hooper and Martin, when they came here. Judging from their representatives, they must have a nice set of fellows in that Chapter.

The College has been much improved since last year. All the buildings are heated throughout, and every hall supplied with water from a large tank. The gymnasium almost completed, is a very nice building. We are striding onward every year.

We are glad to hear of the organization of the new Chapter in Kentucky. We thought such an earnest and hard worker as Brother C. N. Williams would accomplish much good for II. K. A., wherever found. All hail! and a hearty welcome to the new Brothers. May the Chapter live long and prosper.

We think the plan mentioned in the last editorial to have the next Convention at the University of Virginia is an excellent idea. Let all the Chapters and every II. take hold and push it to a glorious success.

With best wishes for a most prosperous year to all the sister Chapters, as we have enjoyed, is our earnest desire.

C. Vernon Spratley.

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

School opened on September 21st and we found only three members of II. K. A. back after the holidays.

Brothers Simknecht and Jarnagin returned a few days later, and encouraged us with their presence at school this year.

Owing to the fact that all the other Fraternities on the "Hill" had most of their last year's men back and *we* had such a very small number, our chances for getting new men were not so good as the others, and for quite a while things appeared rather discouraging for us.

Our Chapter now consists of only four members, Brothers Simknecht, Hunter, Jarnagin and myself, Brother Templeton having retired from College a short while ago, to accept a position with a coal company of Bristol, Tenn. We regret that at present, we are unable to introduce any new members to the Fraternity at large, but hope by our next letter to be able to present some new members, as, in our weakness, we think it wiser to go slow, though we are working hard and doing our best for the welfare of Zeta and the Fraternity at large.

The October SHIELD AND DIAMOND was read with much interest by all of us, and we are glad to know that our sister Chapters are in such flourishing conditions.

We sincerely hope that they will continue their good work, and we wish them further success.

C. Raleigh Harrison.

THETA.

Southern Presbyterian University.

Since our last letter we have not been idle by any means; and although we have but one new Brother to introduce to the II's, we have done a good work. It gives us great pleasure to introduce to the Fraternity Mr. W. H. Parker, of Clarksville, Tenn. Mr. Parker is a leading man in the the class of '02, and is in every way worthy of our Brotherhood.

We are now only seven strong, but what we lack in numbers we make up in congeniality and hard work. The five Fraternities here have a membership of from five to ten men.

Examinations begin next week and of course we are all hard at work. We are glad to know of the recent expansion, and hope to hear of more. With best wishes for all the Chapters.

F. L. McFadden.

IOTA.

Hampden-Sidney College.

As the time for our Chapter letters has arrived, we gladly take up our pen to correspond with our sister Chapters, for we feel worthy of esteem for honors which I shall now recite.

First, we have been greatly honored and the interests of II. K. A. at large have been advanced by an increase in our number. Several meeting nights past, Mr. Robert Henning Webb, of Suffolk, Va., rode our goat successfully

through the many intricacies of the way, and since then has proudly worn the *Shield and Diamond*. Mr. Webb has proved himself a person of ability in many ways but his chief distinction is that of leading the present Senior Class in marks.

At our last meeting we initiated Mr. John Martin, '03, of Richmond, Va. As the brother of "Alex." he needs no further introduction. This makes our number nine.

Hampden-Sidney sent forth this season the strongest foot-ball team she has ever put on the gridiron. It was not once scored against, and rolled up a total score of (83) eighty-three points in the four games played, thus winning the championship of the eastern section of the College Athletic Association of Virginia. As we take active part in all College affairs we could not but be represented on this team, and in Hooper, Alex. Martin and Jones were found three of the best players.

On our Annual Staff, "*The Kaleidoscope*" we are represented by Brothers A. Martin, Webb, and Jones, and on the Magazine staff our reputation is being sustained by Brothers A. Martin and Webb.

We were much pleased to have with us at a recent meeting of our Alumni, Brother T. N. Jones, who graduated last year and who is now studying law at Washington and Lee University. It seems like old times to have him with us. He told us with regret that he and one other II. had decided that it was not advisable to try to resurrect Pi Chapter, as there were already thirteen Greek Letter Fraternities in the institution.

Before closing I wish to express the sentiments of the Chapter as regards the Convention. We like the idea of celebrating the Thirty-third Anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity, and of course Charlottesville would be the place to meet. The time, March 1st, would not suit us so well, as our second set of examinations comes then; but if the time and place suit the majority of Chapters, Iota will have a full delegation present.

We are glad to hear that a charter has been granted for

a new Chapter, and Iota extends to her a hearty welcome. We wish all the II's a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hugh Maffitt McAllister.

KAPPA.

Kentucky University.

On the night of November 12th, in Kentucky University, at Lexington, Ky., a new Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha was ushered into existence, and now for the first time comes forward to greet her sister Chapters and to ask recognition in the columns of the official organ.

Though Kappa is yet young, even in her infancy she is marvelously strong, having planted upon her charter the names of eight of K. U's gifted sons.

This Chapter owes its existence to the untiring efforts of Brother C. N. Williams, a loyal Pi, of William and Mary College, Va., who is taking a course in the Theological department of the University. Having chosen his men and having obtained the charter, the initiation was prepared for the night of November 12.

Brother Williams was very ably assisted in administering the rights of initiation by Brother L. A. Gerard, a Pi of the University of the South, who escorted the candidates to the long dreaded "Animal of Terror," by which they were carried into II. K. A's realm of sacred mysteries

"Old Billy" seeming to realize that he was bringing a new Chapter into existence, discharged his duty with admirable skill, being even stronger and handled with greater difficulty when the last candidate was mounted upon his shaggy back than at the first.

He was seven times ridden and seven loyal Knights dismounted to hear the solemn ceremonies that admitted three to the brotherhood of the ancient and exalted Pi Kappa Alpha.

As there is joy in the family circle when a new born babe is announced, so there must be joy in the Fraternity circle

when a new born Chapter comes to light, and as there are wrapped around that babe untold possibilities, so there lies in a young Chapter an undeveloped realm of usefulness.

The charter members of Kappa are David Crabtree, Lexington, Ky.; William A. Fite, Clinton, Mo.; Frank W. Sumner, Emden, Ill.; Charles N. Williams, Norfolk, Va.; Walter P. Jennings, Windsor, Mo.; George W. Hildebrandt, Manchester, Ohio; Wilbur R. Winters, Logansport, Ind.; Homer W. Carpenter, Flemingsburg, Ky.

Kentucky University, the home of this Chapter, matriculates over one thousand students in all of its departments and is one of the leading institutions in the South.

The Theological department, which is probably the best in the world, makes it an institution of world-wide fame, and enables us to get our Fraternity men of the very highest moral and social standing.

Although there is some anti-Fraternity spirit in the University, which has been somewhat revived since our organization, we hope to make ours a very prosperous Chapter, and in a short time to make Pi Kappa Alpha the leading Fraternity in College.

There are two other Greek Letter Fraternities in K. U., and our Hebrew Fraternity recently organized, the first of its kind in the world.

There is a strong tie of friendship between all Fraternity men in K. U. and Pi Kappa Alpha was warmly welcomed by the other Fraternities.

I regret very much to report that at this time, Brother Williams, a faithful worker, who organized this Chapter, is in the hospital with a touch of fever. His physicians, however, are hopeful of preventing a severe case.

We trust that this letter will introduce Kappa not only to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, but also to all of our sister Chapters. With best wishes for all II's

Homer W. Carpenter.

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

While the size of the student body compares very favorably with that of former years, Fraternity material is rather scarce here this year, but we have the pleasure of introducing to the II. K. A. two new men this time. In our last letter we made known our intention to take unto ourselves "Alexander the Great," and by the time the letter was printed the said "Alexander the Great," otherwise known as Seaboon B. Alexander of Elberton, Ga., had taken a mysterious ride through the unknown regions of II. K. A. on "billy-back." Brother Alexander attended college latter part of last session, therefore we all know him well and without the least reluctancy welcome him and introduce him to II. K. A. at large, as a genuine II.

Before our steed had fully recovered, we had to do some heavy work. The rider this time was Brother Thornwell's prize—an old schoolmate of his. After careful observation, we were satisfied that we had struck the right kind of fellow, that he possessed the necessary II qualities of character etc. So we gave "Billy" an extra feed and brought him out to conduct Mr. Alex. G. Fewell, of Rock Hill, S. C., around for further instructions. We find in Brother Fewell a most loyal and appreciative II. and a valuable addition to Mu.

In our next letter we hope to be able to introduce one of the best students in College as a full fledged II.

Brother T. E. Simpson, who graduated last Commencement, has been elected Principal of Thornwell Orphanage Seminary. We are fortunate in still having him with us, and also Brother J. B. Carpenter, who is foreman of the Orphanage Press, as they take as active interest in the Frat. as ever.

Foot-ball is to be introduced here in a week or two. We will not be able to play any games this season, but can get plenty of practice. Brother Fewell is at the head of this.

There is a class of boys in College who are very good fellows about whom there is nothing wrong, but are not cut

out, so to speak, for Frat. men—not for II's at any rate. We realize more than ever the value of the friendship of these fellows, and find that it is a good idea to make it a point to associate with them. Of course, we all know that Frat. men who hold themselves aloof from non-Frats are not popular with them *as Frat. men should be*; but we find that it is well to cultivate their friendship. Some can do us more good as non-Frats. than as one of us. Mu Chapter has had very strong evidence of this and is just beginning to feel her strength among these fellows.

As one of the evidences of her strength seven of Mu's eight men hold office in the Literary Societies.

We are very much gratified to see the interest that is taken in Chapter extension and, while we are not able to do anything just now, we sincerely hope the good work may continue.

Best wishes to each and every II. for a merry Xmas and happy New Year.

L. B. Stephenson.

NU.

Wofford College.

Nu is getting on very nicely now. All of the Brothers seem to have her interest at heart. She is also modestly receiving her share of honors. In the recent Floral Parade, which was the most beautiful feature of Spartansburg's Carnival, Brother H. M. Brown represented the Senior class; while Brother M. Auld represented the Preston Literary Society.

We have lately received into our noble order Mr. Dever Little, of Gaffney, S. C. Brother Little attended the South Carolina College during the session of '98-'99, where he distinguished himself as one of the best base-ball players on Carolina's team.

Foot-ball is the chief topic for discussion among the boys now. Wofford has played Clemson, Davidson and Furman within the past month. We lost the games with

Clemson and Davidson, while the one with Furman resulted in a tie, neither team having scored. We were represented in games by Brothers Leitner and McWhirter, who by their kicks and runs won special mention in the papers. The next game will be played on the 29th, with Furman. Brothers Boyd, Leitner and McWhirter will play in this game. In view of the fact that this is the last game of the season, the boys are going with the determination of carrying off the palm.

Brother A. E. Driggers who has been ably filling a charge at Tradesville, returned to College a few days ago. We are all glad to see "Bob's" smiling countenance again. He is a good student and a loyal II. K. A.

Brother L. M. Rogers, who has been out of College for several years, has returned. We are glad to welcome Brother Rogers back in our midst. The Spartansburg *Herald*, in speaking of his return, says: "He is an addition to the sophomore class and Preston Literary Society.

We are looking forward with much interest to the oratorical contest which will be held in the chapel next Monday night. Six men from the two societies will speak, the successful of whom will receive a gold medal, and represent Wofford in the State Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest, which will be held at Greenwood next April. Brother Auld is one of the competitors from the Preston Literary Society. Brother Auld is a fine speaker, and the man who carries off the palm over him will have to rise early and sleep little.

With best wishes for SHIELD AND DIAMOND and our sister Chapters,

William M. Fair.

RHO.

Cumberland University.

Time flies rapidly by in ordinary college life, and it is hard to realize that it is time to again compare notes with other Chapters.

Since our last, Rho has only initiated one man, but he

is alright—Mr. McCluney, from Texas. He is a promising Junior Theologue, and we feel proud when we introduce such men as he to the Fraternity at large.

Cumberland has had the best foot-ball team in some years, and Rho men were among the leaders.

Our promising young friend and Brother, Keeton, has distinguished himself by playing the position of quarterback, and, although by far the youngest man on the team, he ran the plays and played his part in such a manner as to win the praise of all students and spectators at the various games. He also leads his classes, which makes him one of the "all-round" men of college. Other II's who did good work were L. E. Wear, Pryor and McCleod. Rho feels proud of her football record of this year.

Rho's men have been called to fill more places in college life than of any other fraternity in college, which shows the kind of men we have. With pleasure we note the increasing of our most beloved Fraternity. Rho is ready to do anything. She can and will respond at any time the Grand Officers call on her.

Rho is expecting to initiate several new men soon, and will have some good men to introduce next time.

We trust all II's will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

H. H. Weir.

SIGMA.

Vanderbilt University.

The dull days have come to Vanderbilt. The foot-ball season has closed, and from now until Christmas there will be nothing of general interest to the student body, but each student will pursue his own plans and pleasures.

Our foot-ball season closed with the game on Thanksgiving with the University of Nashville. We succeeded in administering a decisive defeat to the Nashvillites, and without giving them an excuse to whine over it as they have done heretofore.

Our team met with so many misfortunes early in the sea-

son, that we can't say that our season was altogether successful, but we do believe we ended the season with a team the equal of any in the South. Sigma was represented on the 'Varsity squad by Brother J. R. Williamson, as sub-end, but as neither of our ends were accommodating enough to get hurt our young brother did not succeed in getting in a game.

Our friends of the S. A. E. Fraternity entertained Thanksgiving evening. Representatives of the different Fraternities were present, Brother C. S. Williamson, Jr., being Sigma's representative.

Vanderbilt continues to expand. The buildings formerly occupied by the Nashville College for young ladies have been formally transferred to the University, and will be remodeled and fitted for the use of the Dental Department.

Now that we have more leisure than for some time, we hope to be able to report some progress by our next letter.

It was with great pleasure that Sigma received the news of our new Chapter. We send her our greeting, and also congratulate the Chapter whose representatives established this new Chapter.

Charles A. Stainback.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

In our last letter, Upsilon introduced six new worthies to the sister Chapters, and now she takes pleasure in presenting the seventh, Brother Thomas Hatcher Matson, of Talladega, Ala. In our next letter no doubt we will be able to announce one or two more additions to the select roll.

In the Junior competition examinations, on which were based, largely, the promotions to the rank of Corporal, our fellows were, as a class, by far the leaders. We have six men in the Sophomore class, and they now fill six officers

out of the first eight. So we hold every office in the first eight of the class except the first and fourth. Our Sophomores rank as numbered here: 2, H. E. Davis; 3, W. W. Davis; 5, H. M. Yonge; 6, T. J. Dowdell, 7, A. M. Avery; 8, T. H. Matson.

In the Junior Class there are six II's, four of whom are officers. Brother W. D. Willis holds the highest office in his class, being sergeant-major and on the Commandant's staff. Brother J. E. H. Yonge fills the next highest office and ranks as first sergeant of Company "A." Brother M. Ketchum is third sergeant of Company "D," and Brother E. L. Carroll sports the gay chevrons of drum major.

We have three "dignified seniors," and all of them are commissioned officers. Your scribe is captain of Company "D"; Brother G. Whitfield, is quarter-master lieutenant, on the commandant's staff, and Brother J. T. Letcher is second lieutenant in Company "D." The Chapter correspondent is also Editor-in-chief of the College paper, "*the Orange and Blue*," and secretary of the Athletic Advisory Board. Brother Letcher was one of the representatives of the Websteria Society in the Thanksgiving debate this year.

Brother H. E. Davis did some faithful work on the "scrub" and helped turn out that magnificent foot-ball team that Auburn had this last season. Old Auburn feels proud of the record her team has made. It is such a record as justifies us in claiming the championship of the South, although our Brothers at *Chi* may not think so.

Wishing you all a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" we will say good-bye until our next letter.

Arthur F. Jackson.

PHI.

Roanoke College.

The season of 1900 did not open with very bright prospects, along Fraternity line, and at the beginning just four of us returned—J. A. and C. E. Bear, J. P. Palmer and Eugene Amadeo.

I can assure the Fraternity that we are not asleep in looking for good "goating material" with which to make Phi a lively Chapter. After a vigorous search, we did not find any material that quite came up to the standard by which we had been accustomed to judge men for admittance in our Order. We are still on the lookout, and have almost decided on two, whom we will try to get after the Christmas vacation.

Bro. Caliborne, one of the founders of Phi Chapter, but now of Sewanee, paid us a visit of several days lately, and while here, preached two excellent sermons in the Episcopal Church. Some of the present members of Phi remember this Brother when he played "guard" on old Roanoke and so well gained the reputation of a good player, which he still holds on the team of the University of the South.

The prospects in the athletic line of Roanoke College were not as bright as they have been the last few years, and the College failed to put a foot-ball team in the field. Dr. S. C. Wells, of the Faculty, after a lingering illness, passed away Dec. 7th. He was an active professor for about fifty years, and his place will be very hard to fill.

With the return of Brother Wilson, after Christmas, we hope that it will not be long before we have the pleasure of introducing some new members to the Fraternity. We are all expecting an enjoyable time during the holidays. J. A. Bear will go home with Brother Palmer, while the writer expects to spend his vacation in New York. Phi wishes the members of her sister Chapters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Eugene Amadeo.

CHI.

University of the South.

At the writing of this letter we are in the midst of expenses and preparing to leave for our vacation.

To us it has been a very good year, in that this term has been marked by the completion of our very pretty lit-

tle home, (the photo. appears in this issue). Needless to say it is a source of deep gratification and, although we have worked hard to build and have sweated mentally, physically and pocket-bookally (pardon), we realize that it was the only step which could advance our interests and enable our prestige to make itself felt in Fraternal life in Sewanee.

We have a future before us now, with our present nucleus of good solid men, we hope to work with a vim next year, and push our interests in every way.

Brother Claiborne will winter in Sewanee as Rector of the Otey Memorial Church.

Brother Bruce will administer pills to the innocent victims at Helena, Arkansas.

Brother Castleman is at Mobile, Ala., and Elmore, our other M. D., is at Jacksonville. Abell goes to Alabama, Seaman to Texas.

Patriarch Cadman goes to look after his orange crop in South Florida.

Hill will try to convert some of the anti-Goebelite mountaineers.

Radford will endeavor to look after the fair sex in Lynchburg, Va., and the writer will do mission work in Macon, Georgia.

The 'Varsity is again champion of the Southern Intercollegiate Association, and has only been beaten once in the last three years. Brother Claiborne represented us on the team and is again given a place on the All-Southern team. Brother Cadman did yeoman's service on the "scrub."

We are going to have most of our old men back for baseball next year, and our prospects are again good in that line. We beat Vandy this year, and it is our earnest wish to repeat the dose next year. Our old, pleasant relations have been restored, and we look forward with pleasure to our games.

May all the Brothers whoop it up at Charlottesville, and all pull together and make next year, II. K. A.'s banner year.

With all good wishes for a very merry Xmas, and *au revoir* till we return—success to II. K. A.

Luther G. H. Williams.

PSI.

North Georgia Agricultural College.

Since our first meeting of this term, we are glad to say that Brother Johnston has returned, and that we have initiated into our noble Order the following members, whom we take great pleasure in introducing to our sister Chapters.

Our new members are as follows:

L. E. Elkin, Brunswick, Ga.

J. D. Gortalowski, Albany, Ga.

J. L. Hasty, Canton, Ga.

P. F. Whorton, Whorton, Ala.

Wm. Rhodes, Alpharetta, Ga.

Our little band is being strengthened almost every meeting, and we feel confident that in the future our success will be unquestionable.

Fresh laurels were added to our ranks just a few nights ago when our eloquent young orator, Brother A. P. Bell won the decision in a public debate. However, we regret very much that our worthy Brother A. P. Bell will be with us no longer than till Christmas. Indeed, we feel that we shall sustain a great loss by his leaving us. We heartily recommend him to all our sister Chapters, and we assure you that any II. K. A. will be benefited by coming in contact with this Brother.

Our Brother Wm. Rhodes is out in the country teaching school, but we hope to have him with us again next spring.

Rest assured that Psi is putting forth her best efforts, and in a few months time we hope that Brother Bell will carry out his cherished idea of establishing a new Chapter elsewhere in this state.

May II. K. A. win laurels this year such as she has never won before.

J. L. Hasty.

The Pi's.

In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to J. PIKE POWERS, Jr., 520 Gay street, Knoxville, 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.

—While we have heard nothing lately from our zealous Brother and former C. P., Robert Hill, he has in no wise been idle. Indeed his life is a very busy one and the demands on his time exceedingly heavy. He is away from home a great deal, being very prominent in the church work of his section, besides serving as pastor to one of the largest churches in Dallas. The Southwestern Bible School which has recently been organized at Dallas, Texas, has selected this able Brother of ours for its President and one of its instructors. As can be well imagined this is a very high compliment and a very deserving one, and we know that Brother Hill fills the position most acceptably. In writing to the General Office, Brother Hill gave us the following interesting piece of news: "I know you will be interested to know of the arrival of a little girl at our house, which interesting event took place the latter part of October. This is the first daughter." We heartily congratulate Brother Hill on the happy event.

—Rev. Theron H. Rice, D. D., has declined the calls extended him by the Franklin Square Church of Baltimore and the Second Presbyterian Church of Louisville. On the announcement of the declination of the latter call, the Sunday School of his church—the Central Church, of Atlanta—united in a praise service.

—Mr. J. T. McAllister, formerly Grand Secretary of *Pi*

Kappa Alpha, has built a beautiful home at Hot Springs, Va., and is now living there. Dr. Frank Hopkins, *Pi*, another Fraternity Brother, has built and lives at the same place and is building up an enviable reputation as a skilled practitioner.

—The following *Pi*'s are this session at the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va:

Senior Class: D. W. Hollingsworth, *Theta*; Frank F. Jones and J. Gray McAllister, *Iota*; T. E. P. Woods, *Theta*.

Middle Class: J. C. Story, *Beta*.

Junior Class: Asa D. Watkins, *Iota*. Brother Watkins, by the way, took A. B. at Harvard last year. Many will remember him as the Fraternity's erstwhile poet.

—Rev. Henry W. McLaughlin, *Iota*, has moved from Hampton, Va., to Green Bank, W. Va. He is now Bishop of one-half of Pocahontas county, a section of West Virginia that is rapidly developing.

—Brother B. B. Munford, *Gamma*, is President of the South Atlantic Life Insurance Co., with headquarters at Richmond, and is doing a big business throughout the South.

—Rev. Brother W. S. Wilson is at Marion, S. C., and R. A. Eskridge at Swananoa, N. C., near by and not far from Asheville.

—In a recent copy of the Richmond (Va.) *Times* we note that our prominent Brother, Dr. Henry D. Bruns and his wife have been visiting that city, and we wish Brother Bruns had come a little further South.

—The General Office has recently received an invitation to the marriage of a member of old *Lambda*—John P. Thomas, which happy event took place on December 12th. Brother Thomas is located in Charleston as secretary and treasurer of a large machine and iron furnishing house. The best wishes of all of *Lambda*'s men will follow him as well as of the Fraternity in general.

—Among our younger Brothers in the ministry none have made a better record nor received more deserved promotion than Rev. R. O. Flinn, *Theta*. This prominent young divine has recently been called to the pastorate of the North Avenue Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. Under his able management and through his enthusiastic work a beautiful church has been built. This church publishes the "*Church News*," a small pamphlet devoted to the interest of the church. Among the prominent members of this church we note the name of Hon. Hoke Smith, so well known throughout the country. In the last issue of this little pamphlet we note the following: "Miss Mary Orme Flinn is the name given to the little stranger at the pastor's home." We now have two prominent divines in Atlanta. Brother Flinn and our much beloved Theron H. Rice. We know that the eyes of the whole Fraternity will follow them in their work and will rejoice at their advancement and success.

—The following is from the Lexington daily paper and will be read with interest by all I I's.

Some time ago eight of Kentucky University's stalwart sons met together and decided to organize a new Fraternity in Kentucky. Through Mr. C. N. Williams, a P. K. A., of William and Mary College, application was made for a charter, which was granted by the Supreme Council of that Fraternity. Last night at the home of Mrs. Thompson, on Maxwell street, the rites of initiation were administered. The mysterious "Billy" was seven times ridden, and seven pale and haggard candidates dismounted from his shaggy back to take the oath that made them Brothers in the ancient and exalted Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Mr. Williams was ably assisted in the initiation ceremony by Mr. L. A. Gerard, a *Pi* of the University of the South, who is at present attending the Business College at Lexington. The charter members of the new Fraternity are Messrs. Homer Carpenter, Frank Sumner, W. A. Fite, W. P. Jennings, George Hilderbrandt, W. R. Winters, C. N. Williams and D. M. Crabtree.

Editorial.

WE WANT EVERY member in the Fraternity to read carefully the able article from our C. P., which we bring you in this issue. It is a pleasing article although it contains censure—but it is censure where censure is due. Our C. P. writes kindly, and we know that he loves the Fraternity and devotes his able energies to her cause; but he is keenly alive to the listlessness and apathy which seems to be creeping over our Chapters like a thick fog. So he strikes at the root of the trouble, and he strikes truly and firmly. We must not wince if his blows hurt a little. We need it all, and if the Chapters will but awaken at his words, will but carefully read and study this article and profit by it, a great revival in our work would result. We honor this man; we admire and love him. Let us then heed his words which come straight from his heart, and let us realize that he writes this article only because he sees the danger of over-conservatism, into which we are drifting and which threatens the very life of the Fraternity.

We need to awaken! Our Chapters need to realize that they have a duty to the Fraternity as a whole, as well as to themselves. They need further to realize the fact that on them devolves the work of establishing new Chapters. To them the Fraternity looks for the active work of arranging for, and organizing its new Chapters. We do not believe that any other Fraternity has a more faithful set of officers, and we do not believe that any set of officers are more zealously striving to advance the Fraternity than those who serve II. K. A. But our officers are men of business. They have heavy claims on their time, and so

it is not fair that the Chapters should quietly sit down and expect these men to do all the work of increasing the size of the Fraternity. No, this is the Chapter's duty, and if our Fraternity is to succeed, our Chapters must throw off their lethargy and immediately, not next month, but immediately get themselves together for the work of forming new Chapters in the near by colleges.

As our C. P. suggests, let the Chapters have a called meeting, and let this matter be carefully discussed. Let committees be appointed, not with general duties, but with specific duties, directed toward a specified college or colleges. Let the work be immediately commenced, and an effort made to see if every Chapter cannot report a new Chapter by the time of our next Convention.

THE CHAPTER ROLL of the Fraternity can easily be doubled in a month or so, by concentrated efforts of the Chapters. Heretofore, the Fraternity has been working on the Colleges in general, but to accomplish anything, we must have definite and fixed objects in view. Each Chapter must work on some special College and on it alone until success results.

Let us, however, sound one note of warning in this connection. While we have been over-conservative in a large measure, let us not now go to the other extreme and be unduly lax. We want more Chapters, but we want good ones. We want Chapters that will immediately give the Fraternity influence and strength at the Colleges where they are established. Again, we want Chapters that have an assured life at the very beginning, so far as human foresight can arrange, for at least two or three years. To accomplish this, we must obtain as charter members students from the various classes and especially from the freshman class and men whose purpose is to finish their four years course in that particular College. A hasty organization of a Chapter, without careful forethought in this direction, will very often result in the death of a Chapter after its first year.

The second year is really the critical one in a Chapter's life. So much depends on the good solid men of the previous year returning, so that the new students may be carefully studied and good material selected. Of course, new men will not join a weak Chapter, and we beg that the Chapters, when they discuss our C. P.'s article; his earnest plea for an awakening of the Chapters, and for earnest effort on their part to do something towards building up the Fraternity; will bear this in mind, and while working for Chapters, will see that the material selected will insure the Chapter several years' life, even without securing new material.

While on this subject, we wish to bring home to the Chapters their duty towards another phase of the Fraternity work—its official magazine. Last year a very successful plan was started, which while it lasted, proved most interesting and valuable. We want the Chapters at their called meetings, for discussion of the work, to again take up this plan and follow it carefully and systematically throughout the year. At this first meeting, and at the first meeting in every month following, let one member from each Chapter be appointed to write an article on some timely fraternity subject, for publication in the official Magazine. The careful carrying out of this suggestion will bring about the very desired results of giving our editors good articles for publication in each issue, and at the same time, the Chapters will receive the benefit of the best thoughts of their fellow workers on Fraternity subjects. The study of these articles will be of mutual benefit to all, and many valuable suggestions will be given and received.

We therefore urge that the Chapters take hold immediately of this plan and let the brother appointed see that his article be sent in to the General Office at the proper time. Let the writers also see that their articles are written on but one side of the paper.

A new year is upon us and in its beginning let each

Chapter firmly resolve to take hold of its duties towards the Fraternity at large and towards the magazine. Let a friendly rivalry be started among the Chapters in this work. They should vie with each other, as to which shall be the first to report the organization of a new Chapter. Each Chapter member should use his best efforts to make his articles for the magazine excel those from any other Chapter. Then, indeed, by this striving pleasantly to out-do each other in the work for the Fraternity, will our growth and future success come swiftly and surely, and come to stay.

We wish all of our Chapters health, prosperity and happiness in the new year. May all success attend their efforts individually and collectively. May their cup of happiness be full. To all II's outside of the Chapters, wherever they may be, we extend the same wishes.

Great credit is due to our worthy Brother, C. N. Williams, for the successful entry into Kentucky. This brother has certainly worked zealously and nobly, and the whole Fraternity owes him a vote of thanks. He has established a fine Chapter for us in one of the prominent colleges of the South, and we believe has paved the way for building up a II stronghold throughout the State.

We wish that his example would be emulated by all II's who leave their Chapters to pursue their studies in other colleges. This is the secret of success of so many other Fraternities. Many of them arrange with their Chapter members to go to various colleges for the express purpose of organizing Chapters. While we are not prepared to advocate this plan entirely, we do think that with a little thought on the part of our members, in the line pursued by Brother Williams, our strength could be greatly increased. We trust this matter will be carefully considered by the Chapters in their discussions.

Our honored S. C., Brother Hughes, has kindly out-

lined to us in this issue his able suggestions for the holding of our next convention. The proposed celebration, we think, is most fitting, and we hope will be taken hold of by the Chapters and the members generally, thus enabling us to make it a great success. If we can get the able thinkers of our Fraternity to meet with us and discuss with us our plans, we believe that there will much benefit result. We can discuss matters, such as suggested by Brother Arbuckle, and we can have the opinions of many of our older members, once enthusiastic Chapter workers themselves.

We trust the Chapters will therefore communicate with the General Office at once, and enable us to arrange a plan which will be suitable for all the Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer again asks that the Chapters give attention to his department.

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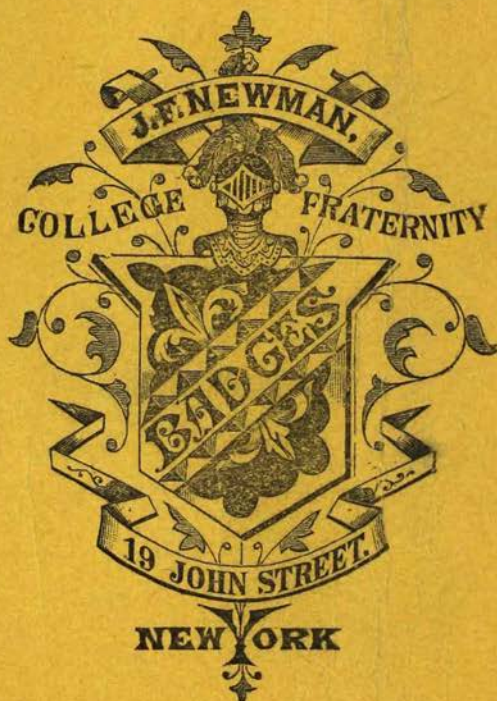
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