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## Contributions.

### THE PI CITY.

A winter's eve at home, alone, a cherry crackling hearth,  
While wintry winds are howling round, and dusting off the earth,  
With *Shield and Diamond* in the hand, pi-ism in the heart,  
Two drowsy eyes, a nodding head, and dreams are sure to start.

A vision grand doth rise and form, a city beautiful,  
As lambent flame and glowing coal begin the sense to lull,  
And palaces of purest gold and towers strong appear,  
While snatches of enchanting song are wafted to the ear.

A watchman stands upon a wall, above a massive gate,  
"O, tell me, watchman thou, what city this, what wondrous state."  
"This is the city sir," quoth he, "where truth shall ever live,  
And joy, and happiness, and peace, the King to all doth give."

"Here are the noble of the earth, and here the brave and true,  
Who fought the battle fierce below, and passed the fire through,  
And here they gather round their King and revel in delight,  
And mingle in the fellowship of those who won the fight.

"Aha," said I, "now in my heart a query doth arise—  
I used to know some fellows once who called themselves the II's.  
They'd sometimes try to help the boys and lift the man who'd fall;  
Say, have they ever reached here yet, and have they got a hall?"

But now the coals begin to cool, the fire begins to fade,  
The city and the watchman too, and all that it had made.  
I only heard as oft they went, a cherry ha! ha! ha!  
This city sir, is all one dear old Pi Kappa Alpha.

I woke and roused my wand'ring mind to think what this could  
mean—

The city, watchman, palaces, the words, the golden sheen.  
And then me thought it must be true, both here and there above,  
The Fraternity, of Fraternitie's, the Fraternity of love.

Thornwell Jacobs.

### **THE NEED OF CONVENTIONS.**

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#### ***Our Next Convention Must be a Success.***

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Mr. Armstrong has well said, "This is an age of conventions." However, we cannot agree with him in the world growing smaller, if he has reference to the world of II. K. A. No, this world is growing larger, and with its growth comes the more urgent need of more and livelier interest taken in our Annual Conventions. With this growth in our brotherhood comes the necessity of a closer and more compact union, for we have seen tested and tried, both in the world of Greek Letter Secret Societies, and the hard real world of everyday life, the old saying—"In union there is strength." It is a well established fact that any organization, however small or large, in whatever field of action it may be placed, that ignores the uses and advantages of its conventions must necessarily not come up to the standard it should. The importance of these conventions to the welfare of the Fraternity cannot be overestimated, nor can be reckoned the amount of good, enthusiasm, and real Fraternity spirit there is engendered by these meetings.

The benefit derived from these meetings is not received by the delegates alone, for all have felt our hopes rekindle, and our love for dear old II. K. A. grow stronger and deeper, as the delegates recount the hearty hand-shakes, hopeful reports, and words of encouragement from our brother delegates and Grand Officers.

Neither can there be learned the true significance of our noble order, nor of its momentous struggle for existence, until heard around the banquet table—the trials overcome and work done at the Convention several years ago at Hampden-Sidney College. There it is where we learn to pronounce rightly, knowing it in its deeper meaning, the word—Brother. Every one is aware of the local distinctions and narrowness that must be in every Chapter, and we know of no better nor more pleasant way of lessening these than for each Chapter to send as many delegates as

possible, and certainly every Chapter should be represented at our Annual Conventions. Here we get ideas and suggestions from our sister Chapters that cannot be gotten in any other way.

It is true the SHIELD AND DIAMOND does keep us in touch each with the other, but it cannot equal the real intercourse with our fellow delegates, obtained at a Convention.

It has been said that the Convention at Knoxville was the most successful one in the history of the Fraternity. Now the time has come for us either to go forward or to fall backward. Our coming Convention will be one of interest and importance, and it is left with the Chapters whether they will make it a success or failure. Let us make an humble appeal, not only to the Chapters but to all those that wear the *Shield and Diamond* and to whom is still dear, the Old-gold and Garnet, to make the coming Convention one to be remembered for years to come.

Spartanburg has been suggested as the place for the next Convention and we beg leave to give a few facts that go to show why the Eleventh Annual Convention should be held here. It has been the custom, and rightly we think, to hold these meetings as near the centre of our territory as convenient. We think Spartanburg fills this requisite as near as could be desired. Again we think the II's of South Carolina should be given a chance to show their loyalty and appreciation of the Fraternity by entertaining the next Convention. Then too the time designated as suitable will strike Spartanburg, not as some may suppose, a little provincial town, but a city filled with visitors attending the May Festival. Let us also bear in mind that this is no mere local event, but one that attracts attention all over the South, and one in which the entertainments cannot be equalled south of Mason and Dixon's line. Nor does this festival have with it the undesired features of the Confederate Reunion. It is not such as would detract from the interest of the Convention by conflicting with its meetings, but that will add interest to it.

In behalf of "Nu" Chapter we wish to say, we extend to the Convention a most hearty welcome, and to the Chapters, active and alumni. We hope each and every one will be represented and will send as many delegates as possible.

Just a word to our Alumni in South Carolina. To each and every one we appeal for your help, not only in sympathy and good wishes for success, but for your presence as well. We urge each of you to be here and throw yourselves into the work, and then we know the Convention will be one of which we will be proud. *E. C. Major.*

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### A SUGGESTION.

*To the Members of Iota Chapter.*

I have a suggestion, and with it a request. Would it not be worth your while on some one day in each year to send back to our dear old Chapter room some simple something which will record there some of the facts with which we deal, and the places in which we are? Some photograph of the scenery where we live; some of the natural curiosities; some memento of some occasion which we enjoyed? It seems to me that there would be a two-fold benefit in this—

1st. It would add to the Chapter room something of interest to the men who spend their sessions there; and

2nd. It would make the Chapter room a present thing of interest to us.

Give what you may to any cause, it adds interest in that cause to the giver.

The request is this: Just as soon as this is read by you, (not to-morrow—not next week—but right now), mail to Iota some photograph or some other things which you have. It will be prized by the present members. Won't you do it?

Yours faithfully,

*F. T. McAllister.*

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*OUR DUTIES TO THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND.*

We have noticed with interest the article of our C. P., Rev. Robert Hill, in the last number of the magazine, and do heartily commend and fully endorse the points therein. May it be an irresistible stimulous to many of the active members of the Fraternity.

There might be assigned many reasons for the writing of more articles by the active members for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, but that this responsibility ought to rest upon the active members has been too conclusively shown in our C. P.'s article; but we might add this, that active members are probably better posted on subjects of interest to the Fraternity at large than the Alumni, and besides by suggesting plans that have helped them, would doubtless be of some material help to others. By plans we refer to such subjects as how to raise funds for a Chapter house, fitting of Chapter halls, etc. May not the result of such articles be of great benefit? May not the course pursued at one College successfully be as well adopted at another? What II. is there who does not look forward eagerly in anticipation to the next number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND as they are issued, yet how few of the active members are contributing any articles, and are only helping financially? Probably could every one realize the importance, yea the necessity of keeping up a first rate Official Organ, there would be, I dare say, more liberal contributions thereto. "Let us then be up and doing." We have a magazine of which we can be justly proud, but let each one of us—we who are active members—do all in our power to advance its cause, and see to it that it is second to none.

The SHIELD AND DIAMOND is a most potent influence for instilling enthusiasm into the members of our noble Order. To verify this statement one has only to remember how much more enthusiasm he had and how much prouder of being enlisted in II. K. A. he was, after reading the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, even though he be ever so loyal and an enthusiastic, than before he read it. Seeing that

the SHIELD AND DIAMOND is, as it were, one of the mainstays of the Fraternity, and also how the Alumni and the officials have done so much good work for it, let us, after their good example, do all we can to further its interest.

*Franklin Davis, Iota.*

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### **RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.**

SINCE Death has for the second time broken our sacred circle and claimed for its reward Brother FULLER, who died at Galveston, Texas, on January 2, 1900, after a protracted illness.

*And since* there is no true sympathy, save that of friends and loved ones,

*Be it Resolved*, That we, the members of *Rho* Chapter *II. K. A.* bow in submission to the Holy Will of the only just God, and extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathies, and to his noble young wife who watched over his death bed.

*Be it Resolved*, That *II. K. A.*, and especially *Rho* be furnished the bereaved family, the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, Chapter, has lost a true and loving brother, and one in whom was great promise.

*Be it further Resolved*, That a copy of these Resolutions the home papers and a copy be spread upon the minutes of our Chapter.

W. D. TOMPSON,  
W. F. POE,  
H. H. WEIR,  
*Committee.*

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## Chapter Letters.

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### ALPHA.

*University of Virginia.*

Since our last letter we have received many kind congratulations on our revival. These kind words have been of great encouragement to us and we appreciate the interest manifested in our behalf. A word of encouragement is always helpful, and after such expressions of hope we go to the work with renewed zeal. As a result of our efforts we have the pleasure of recording that Mr. J. W. Chalkley, of Big Stone Gap, Va., has braved all the terrors of the mysterious room and is now one of our members, and an enthusiast for H. K. A. Brother Chalkley is a first year law student and will return to help us next year. Would that I could tell in this letter of the delights to all except the candidate, of that initiation. "Billy" was rusty and had forgotten some of his favorite tricks, but his horns were longer and his back was as sharp as that of a "razor back" hog that hails from Georgia.

The brother endured it all to the end, and as he was being carried home on the litter was heard to say that he would have his revenge on the next man. That shows his spirit, and also demonstrates the fact that we hope to have more goatings to report before very long.

It is a good idea set forth in the last SHIELD AND DIAMOND, to urge the active members to contribute to that publication. In our more youthful days we have sometimes wondered if a contribution from an active member would be accepted. Perhaps we had dreams of some day seeing our names in print at the end of some bright and glowing article. But we are older now and less self-confident, although we have the opportunity of which we have so often

dreamed. So although we cannot summon the courage to submit a timely article, we would urge those who have the courage, not to mention ability, to strive to make our Fraternity organ more than a series of *model letters*.

Spring is approaching and picnics will soon be abroad in the land. Let some brother take one of our loyal sisters to one of those picnics, and after taking in the sunshine of her smiles, draw inspiration from her very presence and go home to write a poem about the delights of having Fraternity sisters, whose eyes of brown, or blue, or slate color perhaps, are the very loveliest eyes to be found, etc., etc. Surely there are poets among us, and a timely poem now and then would add greatly to our paper. The staff of "*Corks & Curls*," our Annual, is hard at work and promises us something splendid this year. Brother Dabney represents us and we are sure that his genius and originality will make themselves felt.

Already the base-ball team has been out, that is, the remnants of last year's team, and a number of new applicants. Rather early to begin, perhaps, but Virginia means to win as she did last year. For some reason, best known to each, none of our men will apply for the team. We prefer mental athletics, perhaps, but strange as it may seem, none of us are in training just at present.

We hope in our next to report further progress, for we are determined not stand still. Let us say again in closing that we hope before long to see more articles in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND from active members, and do not forget the poems in praise of the sisters who are loyal to II. K. A.

*Jack P. Montgomery.*

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### BETA.

*Davidson College.*

The past month has been a quiet one in the history of the College. All the boys returned after Christmas and have seemingly settled down to do some hard work, especially the Seniors, some of whom will have to "sprint"

pretty lively on the "home stretch" to get their diplomas. The event of most importance that has occurred lately is that at a meeting of the student body it was decided to get out the "*Quips and Crank's*" Vol. II, this year. We are represented on the editorial staff by Brother Dunn.

We called out our "goat" just one week after Christmas and constrained the worthy candidate, with his hair on end, to try his hand at breaking this Animal of Terror. After a good many attempts he succeeded in mounting him and rode safely through. And so we take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large our new brother, Thomas P. Bagley, Class 1902, Wilmington, N. C.

The next event of interest to break the monotony of the class-room is Junior Speaking on the 22nd of February. As the event draws nearer any stranger can recognize a Junior by his blanched face and haggard look. They seem determined that we shall not forget the date, for they make the mid-night air wail and mourn in practicing for the occasion.

*J. F. Dunn.*

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### GAMMA.

*William and Mary College.*

Gamma is always ready to contribute her share to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, for as time adds to her existence she is more and more convinced that through this noble publication, only, can be brought about that friendly and brotherly communion, that unity of thought and action, which will make Pi Kappa Alpha the strongest and best Fraternity of our sunny South-land. She regrets exceedingly that the late arrival of the December number, and the approaching February examinations prevents her from carrying out in this issue, the excellent suggestion of our Councilor Princeps, Brother Hill, in regard to the writing of articles for publication in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. She thinks the idea an excellent one, which is proved by the fact that at her last meeting she elected Brother G. L. Stevens to write an article for the next issue. Brother

Stevens, in addition to being a degree man, is doing post graduate work in English, so all readers of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND can expect a real treat in the April issue.

Gamma has adopted as her motto "quality" and "quantity," and with this fact in view she has increased her number to eleven. For the fourth time this session our "goat" was called upon to fulfil his part of the initiation, and considering the fact that the "little fellow" is only two years old he did his duty right manfully. It therefore gives us much pleasure to introduce to the Fraternity, Brother Ned Cawles, of Hampton, Va. Brother Cawles did not enter College until January; but his short stay with us has proved that he is a loyal, faithful, and wide awake II, who will make himself better known to the Fraternity in future years.

It is a singular fact that all three fraternities here have eleven men each. When Gamma was revived two years ago with but six charter members, while both Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha had strong Chapters, consisting of twelve or fifteen men each, her founders little thought she would so soon be able to raise herself to the level of her powerful rivals. But after two years of hard work she has accomplished this miraculous feat, and we feel no hesitacy in saying that to-day Pi Kappa Alpha can claim as strong a Chapter at William and Mary as either Kappa Sigma or Kappa Alpha.

Brother Galt has been at home on the sick list for some time. He is much missed, not only by the members of Gamma; but by the many friends he made during his three months of College life. A letter from him informs us that he is advancing rapidly along the road of recovery and hopes to be with us in the near future.

Gamma, of course, names Richmond as the meeting place of our next Convention. She would love most dearly to have her sister Chapters meet her in this historic city, which was once the pride of every Southern heart. We have Alumni Chapters at Norfolk and Richmond, who with the men of Gamma, Iota, Pi, Phi, and Alpha, will make

things very agreeable for the II's who come from a distance. There is a fine field for work in this section of the country. So let's meet in Richmond, get every II in the vicinity interested; and establish Chapters at Richmond College and Randolph-Macon.

Wishing her sister Chapters as much success in the coming examinations as she expects to have, Gamma closes until the next issue.

*F. S. McCandlish.*

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### ZETA.

*University of Tennessee.*

Zeta again sends greetings and best wishes to her sister Chapters, and hopes they will have a successful New Year.

Several of her Brothers spent Christmas out of town, but those who remained here will ever remember the good time they experienced.

After a quiet rest of about four months Old Billie was snatched out of his stall, to be used in an initiation, and as a result we have to introduce to the Fraternity at large Brother James Barlow, of Savannah, Tenn.

Brother Barlow is known by all the students, and "To know him is to like him." He was "spiked" by other fraternities on the "Hill," but showed his preference to old II. K. A.

Zeta was more than sorry to hear that Brother D. A. Stovall, of Jackson, Tenn., was not going to return to the University after the holidays.

At present Zeta has fourteen members on the Hill, three of these having been taken in this year; the remaining eleven having returned from previous years.

It is hoped by each member of Zeta that her sister Chapters have fared as well as she during the past three months of school.

The next issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND is anxiously awaited.

*C. Raleigh Harrison.*

**THETA.***Southwestern Presbyterian University.*

It is with great satisfaction that we notice the cheerful spirit which pervades the letters of the last SHIELD AND DIAMOND. We recognize in Alpha's letter the characteristic zeal and loyalty of Brother J. P. Montgomery, formerly of Theta. Brother Montgomery has left a vacancy in Theta which can never be filled. May he serve Alpha as well as he has Theta. We feel quite certain, knowing the Brother so well, that he will make it convenient to visit *us* during commencement. It gives us great pleasure to know that Alpha is again enrolled as an active Chapter, and that Theta furnished material for her revival. May she live long and prosper.

Since our last letter we have had letters from Brothers U. D. Mooney, of Birmingham, Alabama, and John S. Foster, of Franklin, Tennessee.

Brother Mooney spent three days here during Christmas week; and his visit was quite a pleasure both to those of the Chapter who spent the holidays in Clarksville and to the many other friends whom that brother left here. It was no little disappointment, however, to those of us who were absent at the time, that we missed seeing him.

Brother Foster recently conducted a series of services in the Y. M. C. A. parlors of the College. Brother Foster's sermons were very clear and forcible and were certainly enjoyed by his audiences. He made a host of friends among the students, and we have heard many flattering criticisms on his work.

Both these brethren sustained the reputation of the Alumni of Theta by their zeal and loyalty. True Fraternity spirit in this Chapter has been greatly strengthened by the presence and encouragement of its Alumni.

Brother McFadden was recently elected President of the athletic association and manager of the base-ball team. The Brother is also a member of the famous minstrel company of the University, and we feel quite certain he will do justice to any "nigger parson" in the country.

We may possibly have another representative on the ball team.

Fraternity life in the S. W. P. U. is moving along in the even tenor of its way, with an occasional ripple on the surface. With five Frats. and thirty-five Frat. men, it is easy to see that such things must happen occasionally.

Theta's prospects for next year seem bright, at present. The Chapter this year has been composed largely of new men. But, with loyalty as our motto, we entertain brilliant hopes that our successes in the future may be as marked as those in the past. May prosperity crown old II. K. A. with her richest blessings.

W. V. Frierson.

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### IOTA.

*Hampden-Sidney College.*

Our exams for the first term being over, we all went home to enjoy those fleeting days of the Christmas holidays, and have now reassembled to find our circle still unbroken. Both these pleasures (?) now being things of the past, all our interest is centred in the intermediate celebrations soon to come off. Iota will figure in all the events of that season, being represented in the Dramatic Club, in the Gymnasium Team, and among the Orators.

Measures are being taken to start practice in base-ball as early as possible, and our outlook for a successful season in that sport is very promising. We will be represented on the team by at least one member.

We were honored at our last regular meeting by the presence of our esteemed professor and alumnus, Brother J. W. Basore, and we spent a very delightful evening in listening to his reminiscences of College life.

At a recent meeting of the College Athletic Association one of our number was elected President, and another one of us gave up the office of Secretary and Treasurer. At the same meeting a delegate was appointed to attend a

Convention, which has met since then at Charlottesville, Va. The object of this Convention was to organize an association for the purpose of preserving pure athletics among the Colleges in this State.

We were rejoiced to read, through the columns of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, of the resurrection of Alpha Chapter, and she has our sincerest wishes for her permanent welfare and prosperity.

As there is nothing more of interest to relate, we will close this letter, but not before expressing our appreciation of the splendid editorials in the last SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

*Alexander Martin.*

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MU.

*Presbyterian College of South Carolina.*

We regretted very much the delay in receiving the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and although it did not contain the usual amount of matter, yet every line was impressive. This and a letter of explanation from Brother Smyth should be a gentle reminder to us all, both weak and strong, that the good name and standing of our dear old Pi Kappa Alpha will not last forever, and convey the spirit of an *ideal* brotherhood as it does to-day, if *we*, the active Chapters, and pillars of its glorious existence, grow unconcerned and indifferent to its interests. We are too prone to fancy the mistaken idea that *it will run itself*, and then the moment we see the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, smilingly say, as we turn the cover-page and view the frontispiece; "That's a fine looking chapter—our Frat. is a grand thing, and I'm glad I am a II."

Christmas, with its joys and examinations, with its excitement, have both been quite popular in our midst since we last wrote; and in the latter, "dog-falls," as the old expression goes, were the fate of many in their scuffles for excellence. This is only a sample: Fuller, 49, on *Co-education*; Stephenson, 61, for *Beauty*; and Johnson, 99, for *Stability and Obedience* on Friday nights.

Rev. F. D. Thomas, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Elberton, Ga., was in town a few days during January, and those of us who met him saw at once that he still possessed a glowing flame of loyalty for II. K. A.

Brother J. J. Murray, who was once a member of Mu, and who had such a severe case of sickness while attending South Carolina College last year, surprised us very much by spending Christmas with us. Jim is a jolly fellow, and we only wish we could have persuaded him to remain at College with us.

Owing to the cold weather that we have experienced the base-ball team has not been organized as yet. But when the Captain does call the roll, among the most expert and qualified players, you will find the II. boys well represented. Smith is such an energetic and accommodating player that he can play anywhere you put him. And as he can do something that none of the rest can do, and do it so well, we have decided to call him "*Smyth*."

Chancellor Matthews has just returned from a trip to Baltimore, New York and Chicago, in the interest of the College. From what we can hear his trip was quite favorable to the success of the College, which means that very likely within the next year many improvements will be made.

Most of us were very fortunate in meeting several of the Wofford boys as they passed through during the holidays. We feel like we are next door neighbors to our brothers of Nu, and we can assure all that no better place could be secured for the Convention. They not only know how to furnish and fix up a beautiful hall, but they know how to *spike* the right kind of "stuff."

Wishing all success,

*T. Ellison Simpson.*

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NU.

*Wofford College.*

Since our last Chapter letter only a few things of interest have occurred. Nu is moving on smoothly and we are

confident in saying that we are passing through a very prosperous period for the Chapter. All of the boys returned after the Christmas holidays and have been doing good work.

Brother J. H. Minnis, who has been for a long time a loyal II., recently left us for the purpose of taking a business course. We regretted very much to lose "Harry," yet it is very encouraging to know that he carries with him not only ours, but the best wishes of the whole student body.

Only a few days after our last letter, we had the pleasure of taking into the mysteries of the Grecian world another member, whom we know will make a most loyal II. and we take pleasure in introducing to you Brother A. E. Driggers, 1901, Florence, S. C. He stands at the top of the Junior class, carries off his full share of all the honors that came in his way, enjoys the full confidence of both faculty and students, and is a II. of whom we are all justly proud.

As the base-ball season is so near at hand the boys are all the more eager for its arrival. Nu, as last year, expects to have her full share of the honors of the base-ball team. As to the stand of our Chapter in College now, we can speak only in the most encouraging terms. The Presidents of both the Calhoun and Preston Literary Societies are legal II's., while in the coming Anniversary, the dashing young orator from the Calhoun Society, is a II. For instance, take the election for Junior debate. We had the pleasure of seeing our newly initiated brother, Auld, elected presiding officer of the debate, while Brother Driggers was elected as one of the debaters. Brother Auld has been elected Vice-President of the Y. M. C. A., and is a delegate to the coming State Convention. Brothers Driggers and Boyd have also been elected delegates.

Brother Stewart was present at our last meeting, much to our delight. He tempers the meetings with the jolly good humor characteristic of him.

Nu rejoices over the fact that it will be Spartanburg's pleasure to entertain the coming Convention. We are

glad to hold up Spartanburg to our sister Chapters as no "mean city," and one of the leading manufacturing centres of the South, and the seat of culture, not only along literary, but business lines also. The time set apart for the Convention will embrace the May Festival, and to be in Spartanburg at that time is an opportunity which many from different States eagerly embrace. We are glad to hold up this occasion as one of the additional pleasures of the Convention. We extend a hearty welcome to all of our sister Chapters and assure them that the whole town will co-operate with us in making the Convention a success. Our highest pleasure will be realized in seeing all of the Chapters fully represented.

We send greetings to all our sister Chapters and trust that the SHIELD AND DIAMOND may have all the success which loyal II's can wish it.

*H. M. Browne.*

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### ***RHO.***

#### *Cumberland University.*

Rho is doing very good work this year, but we are not having a snap you may be sure.

Basket ball is the leading sport here now, and all are talking about it. Our team bids fair to make a record this season.

Our new term opened January 17th and several new men are in, but none as yet have become II's.

Our worthy brother Alexander will be in soon to resume his law studies.

Rho's boys all are at work and hope to show up a good year's work with honors at the close of the year.

Brother Luther Wear was selected to represent the literary department on the staff of the "*Cumberland Weekly*," a live up-to-date paper being issued here now.

Wishing all II's a fine time, we will close this time.

*H. H. Weir.*

**SIGMA.***Vanderbilt University*

Since our last letter Vanderbilt students have been through the much dreaded season of intermediate examinations, and for the first time in several weeks are now breathing easy again. We are glad to report that all the II's came out with credit and are ready for another five month's work.

Owing to the recent examinations, not much has transpired in Fraternity life that is noteworthy. However, we neglected to tell you about the "swell" banquet which the II. K. A's gave at the Duncan Hotel in this city, on the evening of December 19, '99. Upon our invitation, all the Fraternities in Vanderbilt sent a representative. Quite an elaborate menu was served, after which Brother Edwin Wiley admirably performed his duty as toast-master. After several memorable speeches by II's and men of other "Frats.," we left the banqueting hall in *fine condition* for the work of next day.

The December number of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND has been received, and as usual, we were glad to see it. We intend to be more prompt hereafter with our letters and remittances.

This is a rather dull season at Vanderbilt, as the foot-ball season has closed and base-ball hasn't commenced. We hope to have a winning base-ball team this spring, and our prospects are good. Six men of last year's team are here and some excellent new material has developed.

The work on "Kissam" Hall, the handsome gift of Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, is progressing rapidly, and it will not be long before another immense building will ornament our campus. When this new dormitory is completed, a large number of students will be thrown together and "Vanderbilt College spirit" will no doubt be raised to a higher standard than heretofore.

At our next writing we hope and expect to introduce to our II. Brothers one or two new men, on whom we now have our eyes fixed.

Our Chapter elected Brother L. S. Pope associate "*Comet*" editor. The "*Comet*" is our College Annual, published by the Greek Letter Fraternities of the University.

Our regular Chapter correspondent claims that he is very much pushed for time on account of law examinations, and has requested me to take his place this time. With best wishes for all true II's.

Wm. L. Clarke.

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### TAU.

*University of North Carolina.*

Tau greets her sister Chapters with best wishes for their welfare throughout the new Fraternity year. Since our last letter very little of importance has happened in Fraternity affairs at the University of North Carolina.

The principal "rushing" was done last fall, and since then our attention has been devoted to the building up and strengthening of our Chapter, which we are glad to be able to report is in a flourishing condition.

We take this opportunity of announcing the marriage of Mr. Thomas Kendrick, '99, to Miss Blanche Nash, of Conway, N. H. Brother Kendrick was a charter member of the Chapter, and graduated in pharmacy last year. We all unite our best wishes for Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick; "may they live long and prosper."

The candidates for the base-ball team have begun active practice and the indications point to a very strong team. We have excellent chances of having two II. K. A.'s on the team.

We are sorry to say that Brother John R. Paddison has been compelled to withdraw from College. After a five weeks seige of small pox, he finds that his eyes are so affected that he will be unable to continue his studies this spring. Brother Paddison has had the only case of small-pox at the University, and for several weeks it occassioned some anxiety for fear it would spread, but happily it did not.

We understand that the next Convention will be held at Spartanburg. You could not find a place that would suit Tau better, for most of our members live near Spartanburg and we would be sure to be represented at the Convention by a large delegation.

C. L. Miller.

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### UPSILON.

*Alabama Polytechnic Institute.*

Since our last letter to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, we have added to our number another most loyal, congenial Pi, W. W. Davis, 1901, of Mobile, Ala.

In the recent promotions in the Corps of Cadets, Upsilon received really more offices than she wanted. Brothers H. Y. Hall and J. A. Lanford were two of the three lieutenants needed, and Brother J. T. Letcher was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Brothea Hall resigned his lieutenancy the very next day, wishing to lose no time from his electrical studies. His ideal is found nearer in the person of Edison than in that of Lee. Brother S. G. Fobres has resigned his office of lieutenant in order to get some extra time for thesis work.

Upsilon is well represented on the class foot-ball teams, on the base-ball team, the track team, on the gymnasium team, in the cadet band (which takes the place of a student glee club), in the Y. M. C. A., in fact in every department of worthy, manly endeavor in college life.

Brother H. Y. Hall is vice-president of the Y. M. C. A. and also of the Senior Class, and represents the Chapter on the "*Orange and Blue*" staff as assistant business manager. Brother J. W. Shuff is our able representative among the "*Glomerata*" editors. Brother J. T. Letcher has been chosen by the Websterian Society to represent her in the Oratorical contest on "*Washington's Birthday.*" Brother A. M. Avery is beginning his college career popular—he is president of the Freshman class.

Brother F. G. Morris, '98, who was assistant in civil engineering last year, is now assisting in the construction of the Jacksonville and Southwestern Railroad.

Brother L. B. Rainy, '99, is studying law in Birmingham.

Brother R. P. Baldwin, 1900, is pleasantly spending his time writing letters to his "best girl" from his home, near Columbus, Ga.

The Beta Eta Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity has been established here this term. The Chapter has a good start and we wish them success in the "new world."

With best and confident wishes for her sister Chapters, Upsilon expectantly awaits the arrival of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

*Arthur F. Jackson.*

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### PHI.

*Roanoke College.*

At the opening of the new year the prospects for Phi were indeed gloomy. Brother Jennings found himself unable to return to College. The latter part of December Brother Wilson was taken with rheumatism, and had to be taken home. His condition is now somewhat improved, but as he was compelled to miss the intermediate examinations, he will not be able to graduate in June and will not return to College. About the first of December Brother Palmer was also taken sick with fever and has had a very hard time, but I am glad to say he has improved, and we are expecting him to return in a day or so.

Brother Bear remained at his home here in Salem over Christmas, and Brother Stone spent his vacation at Marion, Va., I also went to my home in Wilson. All seem to have had a fine time and hated to return to College, especially as so many of our Brothers were away. Roanoke has joined the Virginia College Athletic Association, and the present prospects for a base-ball team are fairly good. Phi will probably have one representative, Brother Bear, on the team this season.

Brother Darst, one of Phi's older members, who is at the Theological Seminary near Alexandria, recently paid a short visit to friends in Roanoke, and spent a night and a day with us.

Brother Darst spent his vacation in Wilson, where last summer he made a very favorable impression upon all the good people down in that County, by his eloquent sermons. He now reports himself as hard at work on Greek and Hebrew examinations.

We also hear that Brothers Lloyd and Terry are hard at work over at the University.

Phi congratulates Alpha upon "resurrecting" herself.

*John W. Cabell.*

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### CHI.

*University of the South.*

The brothers of Chi are enjoying a much needed vacation. We were all busy last term and, needless to remark, are enjoying our holiday to the full. We are glad, however, that the time of re-opening is fast drawing near and we will soon be able to smoke the "Pipe of Peace" in solemn conclave and regale the ears of our Brothers with tales of a "Miss"-spent winter.

"Sachem" Cadman has already communicated the account of numerous hearts that he has enslaved, and at the present rate I fear that he will seriously contemplate a migration to Utah, and not only embrace Mormonism, but also a double plurality of wives. In that case we will promptly see that his seat is declared vacant.

Brother Radford is also very careless in such matters. He has such a "dear, sweet face" that we'll have to watch him very closely.

As for Brother Claiborne; he is a terror, and is said to have been engaged to three girls at the same time. His "Still, Small Voice" seems to be very touching.

Brother Hill is just not responsible. The ladies just

rave over him. We had quite a joke on him last summer. So much of his hair was "pulled" (how?) that he finished the job, and Brother Hill's bald pate became quite a popular skating rink for the festive fly.

But alas! the dear ladies could no more see him, and he lived in retirement until a new crop appeared. He "lost out" on that deal.

"Dr." Wood is no doubt killing a lot of patients and doing a rushing (to the undertaker's) business, but we hope that his ambition will restrain itself for the present and that he will have the patience and patients necessary to advancement in his profession.

Brother McLaurine has managed the University supply store very successfully for the past year and a half and we rejoice to say that he has now found his "better half" and we trust that she will manage him as successfully as he managed his business. He is now dispensing pills from his own counter at Pulaski, Tenn.

Brother Boyd, our able and distinguished College mate of last year, was ordained Deacon last September by Bishop Capers, of the Diocese of South Carolina, and is doing good work in his ministrations at Gaffney and Blacksburg, S. C.

The writer is assistant at Christ Church, Macon, Ga., for the winter and is also representing the Southern Churchman.

In closing, we send kindest regards and best wishes to all II's, and hope and trust that all Chapters will rally to the standard of II. K. A. and make this year the most glorious in her history.

*L. G. H. Williams.*

## The Pi's.

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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.

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—We have received a very pretty announcement from the Woodland Street Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tenn., extending a hearty welcome to its services. The cut of the church is on the little folder and is certainly a beautiful edifice. Our popular brother, Rev. William States Jacobs, Ph. D., *Mu*, is pastor. The church seems to be in a flourishing condition and particular attention is given to the musical part of the services. We wish our brother great success.

—We have received an announcement of a tour being arranged through the Oriental lands, which left New York on January 9th. This tour includes Egypt, Palestine, Turkey, France, England, etc. Among the members of the party, and who is in charge of the arrangements, we note the name of Charles K. Payne, *Epsilon*.

—Our brother, W. B. Young, some years ago a member of *Theta* Chapter, and ever since one of its best friends, has recently been elected Mayor of his native city, Clarksville, Tenn., without opposition. Brother Young has for years been one of the leading business men of the city, and has occupied a prominent position in the city council. When he announced himself as candidate for Mayor, his fitness for the honor was so fully recognized, that there was no one who had a word of opposition to offer, and his election brought universal satisfaction.

—Dan. K. Lee, *Zeta*, and his lovely wife, (formerly Miss T. Belle Rogers,) are now domiciled at Knoxville, Tennessee. Brother Lee is now one of the most successful insurance agents in Knoxville. The Fraternity wishes him and his bride a long life of peace and happiness.

—Charles T. Kesterson, *Zeta*, is still located at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee. There in a stone's throw of Virginia and Kentucky, he is fast building up a reputation as a prominent attorney and politician. He goes southward periodically to attend to matters of far greater interest to him than either of the above.

—The following clipping from the "*Russell Register*", Seale, Alabama, will be of interest to the members of *Upsilon* and to the Fraternity in general, announcing the marriage on January 19th, of Brother James L. Pollard, of that Chapter:

"On Friday evening at 3:30, Mr. James L. Pollard and Miss Bessie Perry were united in the bonds of holy wedlock. It was a home wedding and only a small company of relatives and intimate friends witnessed the ceremony. Mr. Pollard is one of Russell County's most popular young men. He holds the position of Register in Chancery of this District; he has recently been admitted to the bar and has a good practice. He is a noble young man; courteous, affable, polite, gentlemanly, brave, kind hearted, tender and true, and with all, a consecrated Christian. The bride is a most charming young lady and one of the belles of the County."

—Fred. C. Sienknecht, *Zeta*, is now a professional civil engineer. His work at present is in Western Tennessee, but his smiling countenance greets the Knoxville Pi's often, as he passes through there on his way to his home at Oliver Springs, Tenn.

—News is received with pleasure announcing the success of *Zeta's* brilliant member, E. Clyde Sherwood, who is now with a firm of prominent attorneys in New York City. It

is rumored that recently he came to the assistance of the firm with what had proved too deep a subject for the experienced brother members of his profession, with whom he is associated. We always knew Clyde would succeed.

—Rev. Theron H. Rice, D. D., whom we mentioned last issue as receiving a call to the large Franklin Street Presbyterian church, Baltimore, declined the call, and also another from the Second church, Richmond. The famous Dr. Moses D. Hoge was for 54 years pastor of the latter.

—Joseph J. Price, *Zeta*, travelling salesman for the Knoxville Furniture Company, has now the territory of Tennessee, Ohio and Indiana. He is one of the most popular boys on the road.

—One of *Zeta's* graduates last June is now taking a special academic course at Harvard University, viz., John Hudson.

—We have received the following clipping from the Richmond, Va., "Leader," February 10th, giving an account of a magnificent address by the Hon. Robert M. Hughes, our beloved Supreme Councilor. The newspaper states that a large audience was delighted by his admirable and interesting address and he was frequently interrupted with rounds of applause:

"Love-making in Ye O'den Time," was the theme of Hon. Robt. M. Hughes, of Norfolk last night in his lecture, delivered under the auspices of the A., P. V. A., at Y. M. C. A. Hall. He was greeted by a splendid audience, to whom he was introduced by Mr. John P. McGuire.

Mr. Hughes stated at the opening of his lecture that it was first read before the Woman's Club of Richmond. It was not intended to point a moral or adorn a tale. He disclaimed any purpose of appearing learned or profound, but would deem his object attained if entertainment was afforded. In one respect, he claimed to be an authority on the subject, as he had attended as a student Willam and Mary College when the ancient capitol was unprofaned by the shriek of the locomotive or the hand of modern progress, and at a time "when among the college belles was one though foremost in the dance, yet remembered the day of Lafayette and

other Revolutionary magnates, so by observation and experience he could learn the love-making of other days."

—Harry R. Houston, *Iota*, has purchased the Hampton "*Monitor*," Hampton, Va., and, beginning with February 19th, is now conducting it as a semi-weekly. He announces himself as an old line Democrat and a sympathizer with the Boers. He changed the name of the "*Monitor*" to the "*World*", and says he intends to make it the best semi-weekly in the South; if he has to lose sleep in the effort. We predict he will do both. The best of good luck to the venture.

Houston, we are told, "took the town" on a Confederate Memorial occasion one day last month, his speech being pronounced a gem.

—It is rumored that "Janie" Woodside and "Toper" Troy are both fathers—just think of it.

—Brother Will Briscoe is head member of the firm of Briscoe, Smith & Co., Wholesale Shoes, at Bristol, Tenn. This firm has been most successfully engaged in business for more than one year. Briscoe, *Zeta*, before leaving Knoxville, Tenn., married Miss Russell, of that place, and they now have one child. "Bill" has indeed started out in life under bright prospects, and his many friends wish him continued success.

## Editorial.

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THE CIRCULAR LETTER, bearing date of January 27th, 1900, and emanating from the General Office of the Fraternity, has met with a loyal and hearty response at the hands of the Chapters. It proves that while the love for Pi Kappa Alpha may some times run still it always runs deep and strong. Pleasant indeed is the prompt action taken by the Chapters with regard to the matter covered by this circular, but we would wish that in the future such action could be taken without waiting for a letter, and thus the work will progress promptly and smoothly.

All honor, however, to the Chapters for their cordial response. It is good indeed to contemplate.

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OUR GOOD BROTHERS of Nu and the large number of Alumni in South Carolina are keenly alive to the honor conferred upon them, in the adoption, by the last Convention, of a resolution, suggesting that the next Convention be held within the borders of the old Palmetto State and almost within arms' reach of the General Office, where the work of the Fraternity is transacted. South Carolina has ever been proverbial for its hospitality and its welcome, but in this instance we believe that she will outdo her record, for the II's of South Carolina are to welcome the II's of the South.

Spartanburg is a good selection for the place of meeting and the month of May, we think, far preferable to the sum-

mer months. During that month, from the . . . <sup>2</sup> to the . . . <sup>4</sup> . . . , the Musical May Festival is held, and this has attracted such widespread attention that railroad rates are given over the entire South. Thus we will be able to take the trip at a reduced cost, and after the arduous duties of the day's sessions, can be refreshed with music by the most eminent artists of this country.

In the next issue it will be necessary to give the exact date and full progress of our Convention. By giving this due notice, misunderstandings, which arose as to the last Convention, will be prevented, and at the same time Chapters will be enabled to make all of their plans quietly and with plenty of time.

We trust that this coming Convention will be the largest we have ever held, and that Alumni and active members will gather there to hear the reports of the progress of the Fraternity and devise plans for its further advancement.

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AT THE LAST CONVENTION, it was suggested, though no formal resolution was adopted, that the Chapters be requested to prepare in writing and send to the General Office, before hand, any special subject, which they wished to have discussed at this meeting. The idea is that each Chapter shall set forth fully any special matter which they think needs attention, giving their reasons for it and any change they deem advisable. Thus the Committee on Program, as soon as the Convention assembles, can arrange a full order of business, and no time will be lost, each subject being taken up in turn.

We trust that this suggestion will be fully carried out on the part of the Chapters and we know the Convention will especially welcome any suggestion from the Alumni members.

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WE ARE GLAD TO REPORT to the Fraternity at large, that we expect in the next issue to announce the chartering of our first Chapter in Georgia. Plans are now being com-

pleted and, in fact the actual application for the charter is about to be signed. It is at one of the good Colleges of this State and we think it will be a credit to the Fraternity.

Now that we have broken the ice, as it were, we trust that more Chapters will follow; and especially that in more of the many good Colleges of Georgia, we will soon have the banner of Garnet and Old Gold flying.

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A GOOD MANY articles have been contributed by active members for publication, but we have not had space in this issue for them all. We are grateful, however, for the speedy acceptance of the suggestion, on the part of the Chapters and trust it will continue and that we will be further supplied with good Fraternity articles. Those not appearing in this issue, will be published in the next and it is indeed a pleasant thought to know that we have already in hand, material for the next issue.

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