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A PEEP AT THE CONVENTION OF 1901.

The writer arrived in Charlotte at 1:05 on the night of Tuesday, the 2nd. The next morning, referring to the register at the Central Hotel, we found J. Pike Powers, Jr., our Grand Secretary, duly registered, also some five or six delegates. It was not long before the IIs had exchanged the hearty grip of welcome. A little later our much beloved C. P., Dr. Arbuckle, with our "Yonge" Brother from Upsilon and many others arrived. After the outer and inner man had been refreshed, and all had received a hearty welcome from Dr. Howerton, who was certainly the leading spirit of the Convention, the delegates repaired to the Chamber of Commerce building, where the meetings were to be held. There we were met by D. Kirby Pope—the baby of the Convention, being only a little less than seven feet tall and in the neighborhood of 250 pounds in weight. This warm-hearted II enveloped every one in a hearty embrace of Iism, which threatened ribs and other minor obstacles. Then came J. B. Wilkinson, who, the moment he shook hands with you, wanted to know if you did not want to go and meet "Miss ——." Evidently she must be the queen of "the Queen City," judging from his frequent reference to her.

Just before the meeting was finally called to order, a sort of social session was enjoyed and various inquiries, as to where are you from, how is your chapter, etc., were asked and answered. One of our brothers seemed quite interested in the members of the Convention joining "*The Buffaloes*." This gentleman hails from Knoxville, Tennessee, and was evidently acting as an officer in the association of "Buffaloes," as well as that of Pi Kappa Alpha.

The first business session was called to order by Dr. Arbuckle at 11 A. M. We had been waiting for the arrival of Brother Floyd Hughes, who had come to take his brother's place as Supreme Councilor. Dr. Arbuckle presided over this session, which was merely for preliminary organization, the arrangements of the roll and the appointment of some of the standing committees. The Convention then adjourned until 3 P. M., when it was hoped the delayed trains would all be in.

At 3 P. M., promptly, the Convention assembled, and upon motion, Brother Floyd Hughes was elected Supreme Councilor *pro tem.*, and he ably and enthusiastically presided over our meetings, and it was indeed a pleasure to have him again with us.

The Grand Officers' reports were read at this first meeting, and we wish that every member of the Fraternity could have heard the able and earnest report of Dr. Arbuckle. We do not see how it could fail to have accomplished its end—the impressing of the Chapter members with the importance of prompt and cordial support of the Supreme Council, in their efforts to conduct the Fraternity. Indeed, this was the keynote of the Convention. All the officers and speakers laid great emphasis on this subject, and it is hoped that the delegates were duly impressed with it and will take home to their Chapters the determination to awaken them along this line. The Grand Treasurer's report showed a pleasing balance to the credit of the Fraternity, with all outstanding obligations paid. However, he showed how the inattention of the Chapters had multiplied the work of his office, and urged that due

measures, to correct this, be adopted. He also urged the claims of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND on the Chapters, and that they must supply it with articles. The Grand Secretary's report was interesting and also endeavored to impress upon the Chapters the fact that they were the workers, while the officers could simply direct their efforts.

After this came probably the most interesting part of the Convention, the reports from the Chapters of their condition, surroundings and hopes and plans. These reports were carefully given by each delegate, after which, they were questioned very fully and freely by delegates present. They will be found published in full in the "*dagger and key*, and will prove interesting reading.

Just before adjournment, after the shades of night had fallen, Brother Powers again gained the floor and eloquently and forcibly presented the claims of his new society, upon the members, urging them all to become "*Buffaloes*."

Would that we had the tongue of poets to do justice to the account of the banquet, tendered the Convention by Beta Chapter and its enthusiastic alumni. This feast was spread in the beautiful hall of the Elks Club, which is indeed a gem of architectural skill. The banquet room was beautifully decorated, and the table groaned under its load of good things.

Brother Hughes acted as toastmaster and ably did he fill the position. Just after the Address of Welcome by Dr. Howerton and the asking of the blessing by this same brother, the door to the hall was opened, and we beheld a tall, stately gentleman, of the type of the old Southern school, standing before us, wearing an old time badge, with the mystic II. K. A. on it! This brother was warmly welcomed and placed at the right hand of the toastmaster. He proved to be the Hon. T. B. Bailey, of Mocksville, N. C., one of the founders and charter members of the old Beta Chapter of thirty odd years ago.

After full justice had been done to the good things, and

cigars were lighted, Brother Hughes introduced the first toast of the evening, "The Man who Invented the Banquet," which was interestingly responded to by D. Kirby Pope. "Our Baby Chapter" was responded to by C. N. Williams, the founder of Kappa, and he received a warm welcome, which he richly deserved. "Our Alumni" was the theme of a most instructive address by Dr. Howerton. It was replete with the good work that Pi Kappa Alpha was doing, and his belief that the Fraternity was indeed a factor for good in the life of college men. By unanimous call Mr. Bailey also spoke on this subject. "Beta Chapter" was responded to by R. C. Deal, an interesting talker. Probably the most able address at the banquet was that of Dr. Arbuckle, in responding to the toast of "The Supreme Council." Would that a stenographer had been present to preserve this powerful exhortation to the Chapters, to support the officers in their efforts to build up the Fraternity. It was a heart to heart talk, quiet, dignified and so impressive! The attention that was given the address was intense, and the many years we have known this talented brother, we have never heard him utter a more eloquent talk than this. "Pi Kappa Alpha" was gracefully toasted by H. M. McAllister. The last toast was "Our Grand Treasurer," and was responded to by that officer. However, he claimed that under the law, a man could not be made to incriminate himself and that therefore he ought not to be called upon to testify against himself. Taking his cue from Dr. Arbuckle, he spoke earnestly to the Chapter members, laying before them the work that the Supreme Council is called upon to do in promoting the objects of the Fraternity and the great amount of unnecessary work that comes from thoughtless and careless inattention to requests from the officers. This closed the regular toasts, but by special request, Brother Powers was called upon to respond to "The Buffaloes." This theme was beautifully toasted, and the claims of this society urged upon the members by this eloquent young Tennessean.

At 1:30, the Brothers rising for a parting toast, reluctant-

ly left the hall, in which they had spent so many pleasant hours around the festal board.

The next morning, the session was duly called to order at 10 o'clock and the business of the Convention was taken up again. As two of the Chapters, Phi and Tau, had since arrived, the former being delayed by washouts, their reports were called for and made. It was noticed that Dr. Arbuckle had not appeared at the session, which was remarked upon. About 11 o'clock, the report of the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, was called for, but Brother C. N. Williams stated that one of the members, McFadden of Theta, had not been seen that morning and had one of the Reports, which he was to examine. Whereupon, inquiry developed that these Brothers, Arbuckle and McFadden were rooming together and Brother Williams was appointed a committee on "*Investigation and location.*" At 11:30 he returned to report that he found both these brethren sound asleep in bed. This gave an excellent opportunity to point out to the younger members, the dreadful effects of banqueting in general. Upon Brother Arbuckle's appearance, he was greeted with a chorus of "good mornings," though the proverbial additional remark regarding a certain brand of soap was omitted. Towards the close of this same session, attention was called to the fact that the Grand Treasurer was asleep in his chair and this, notwithstanding the fact that some reference was being made to *finances*. This Brother attempted to prove an alibi, but we do not think it was accepted, though he claimed he was simply thinking over some important matters with his eyes closed, to enable him to concentrate his thoughts. Brother Powers, however, seized the opportunity to point out that such sleeping did not occur at or after sessions of "*The Buffaloes.*"

The Committee, who examined the Grand Officers' reports, brought in a most excellent set of recommendations taken from these three reports, and the Convention gave several hours of earnest consideration to them. We have

never seen a Convention, where delegates were more earnest in their attention to the work or more regular in their attendance. In fact, this was so marked that at the last session, a vote expressing gratification on behalf of the Supreme Council thereat, was recorded on the minutes.

The Convention then earnestly considered the matter of Chapter duty and the need of activity in the Chapters. Every delegate present had something to say and all promised better things. In discussing the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, many beneficial suggestions were made. A most excellent addition to the Constitution was adopted, regarding Chapters furnishing articles for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

A valuable suggestion was brought out, in discussing this matter that these articles need not of necessity be wholly on Fraternity subjects. It was decided that it would be valuable for some of the good writers in the Chapters to furnish articles on literary subjects and in this way, show the literary capacities of the Chapters.

One of the most valuable suggestions made and which was formally incorporated as an amendment to the Constitution, was regarding a Chapter Historian, whose duty it would be to see that at the beginning of each session, a special page was set aside in the Minute Book, upon which would be recorded the full names, home addresses and dates of initiation of that session's members. This list to be kept up during the session, and all initiates' names to be duly added. A most thorough and interesting discussion was given this subject of proper record on the part of Chapters of the names of members. It was shown that just to mention "Brother Brown" or "Brother Jones" would not convey any definite information and that soon it would be impossible to issue a correct catalogue on account of want of initials.

A most pleasant break in the hard work of the Convention came in the shape of an invitation from Dr. Howerton for the Convention to attend a reception, tendered by his mother, at 8:30 that night. Mrs. Howerton was long known

as "The Mother II," and it was indeed pleasant to know she was still interested in the Fraternity. At the reception, we met her daughter, the widow of Brother Sheridan H. Cavitt, who was so foully murdered in Mexico in 1890.

Under the supervision of the Brothers of Beta, an equal number of the fair sex were invited and each delegate was given an opportunity to escort one of them to this reception. It proved a most delightful affair and the house was certainly a charming one for such an occasion. The entire Convention was present and much merriment was caused by it becoming known that one of the members was a married man. Of course, the young ladies were desirous of ascertaining who this was, but we think the guilty party was the only one not suspected. Who that was, we do not feel at liberty to state.

Brother Hughes was unexpectedly called off just before the close of the business session. He must have been gratified at the warm expressions of regret at his departure and appreciation of his work, made to him by all present.

The work of extension was given earnest consideration during this session and valuable plans for immediate results were adopted. The Convention was invited to hold its next session at Richmond and Norfolk, Va., and Clarksville, Tenn. The invitation to Norfolk was received with much enthusiasm, all knowing the good time that the alumni there would give the delegates.

The election of Officers was then taken up, resulting in the election of Brother Floyd Hughes as Supreme Councilor. This election was in the form of a resolution from the Convention of appreciation of his able conduct of affairs and expressing the belief that at this crisis, a man was needed, as the supreme advisor, who was in active touch with all of the proposed plans. As Brother Hughes presided through the sessions of this Convention, all of its plans and purposes were well known to him, and the Convention felt that its best interests demanded the services of

Brother Hughes for the ensuing year, to help them carry out the work planned. Dr. Arbuckle and Brothers Smyth and Powers were duly re-elected. Considerable laughter was occasioned by Bro. Pope offering, as an amendment to the nomination of the Grand Secretary, that he be elected provided he would join "The Buffaloes." This amendment was duly presented by the Chair and unanimously adopted. Rev. John S. Foster, of Franklin, Tenn., was elected Grand Chaplain for the ensuing year. Hugh Maffitt McAllister, of Iota Chapter, was unanimously elected Deputy Treasurer. In seconding this nomination, one of the Brothers spoke of the work of the McAllisters for the Fraternity and that this Brother ought not only to be a true II, but ought to be an earnest and able worker, on account of his McAllister blood.

This closed the 12th regular Convention of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. We, who were there, feel that good must result from it. The condition of affairs was put before the delegates so plainly and forcibly that they cannot but appreciate that their entire mode of work must be changed, and that they must come forward promptly and unanimously to the support of their Officers, giving every request from them immediate attention and endeavoring in every way to support their efforts, for the advancement of the Fraternity.

Many of the Brothers on Friday went up to Davidson, while many others returned home on the same train. Practically, another session of the Convention was held at the depot and the good-byes and hearty hand shakes were again exchanged, all expressing the hope to meet again at the next Convention.

One Who Was There.

THE VALUE OF THE BEAUTIFUL.

[From The "Transylvanian."]

The value of the beautiful is too broad a topic to permit of classified treatment. In all its manifold aspects, the different phases that present themselves, one feels that wherever the choice may fall, the subject is full and rich.

Of all that is beautiful, nothing perhaps appeals to us more than does the beautiful in nature. And what is more, nature is so generous that she throws the beautiful along our paths, where oftentimes we fail to see it.

Nowhere has nature been more lavish with her gifts than in Switzerland, my native home. The Swiss love the beautiful in nature, language and art, yet the supreme beauty that encircles them on every side, instead of filling their souls with the deepest poetic penetration, seems rather to overawe their creative powers, so that it remains to the future to give to my people the great poet who is to sing the glory and beauty of Switzerland.

The land itself, with its crystal lakes, its silver streams meandering throughout fertile valleys, rich in flocks and pastures, over which the mighty snow-wrapped Alpine giants tower and keep faithful watch, this land to the Swiss, at least, is a poem of unrivaled grandeur and charm, whose lines, carved in the granite of the mountain chains or blown upon the virgin glacial snow, or rippling down the cascades of the mountain gorge, speak to the Swiss in the unwritten language of the heart.

The fair lands, the neighbors of Switzerland, are the precious setting of this jewel of untold value, of marvelous, unspotted fairness, upon whose facets the golden sunlight loves to linger, resplendent in its alpine glow, throwing its brilliant reflection into the realms of Italy's domain, far into Austria's fair possessions, across the Rhine into Germany's proud empire, and westward, sends its greeting to her neighbor, France.

As much as such unrivaled beauty appeals to one's soul there is something awful in the strange, weird magnifi-

cence of unlimited expanse, such as it has been my pleasure to behold in the prairies of the Southwest—when in early April the warm rays of the sun bathe the verdant plain in a sea of light, when showers quicken into life as far as the eye can reach, a dazzling, brilliant sea of flowers. Flowers of every hue and species. So that it appears as if angels might have stealthily torn a rainbow from the fickle April sky, torn its colors into myriads of tiny fragments, rolled and filled them with nectar and perfume, scattered them lavishly over the fields where they now as flowers grace the prairie to delight and charm the heart and eye of man. Beautiful! Beautiful! Such natural beauty can but leave a profound impression and make us all the more appreciative of God's gifts, so common and yet so priceless.

"In happy hours nature appears to us one with art; art perfected—the work of genius." But be it art or nature the beautiful speaks a universal language—the language of the spirit. There is a subtle charm, an intangible, almost ephemeral something in one of nature's paintings, or in a work of genius that touches and quickens our spirit-life into life intenser and deeper. It is not an appeal to taste or culture, for many of us lack that—it is, as Emerson so perfectly expresses it: "A confession of moral nature, of purity, love and hope which breathes through it all."

The ancient Greeks have this halo of purity around their masterpieces which gives their art the stamp which is known as Greek genius, a power innate and all their own, and which although the Chaldeans, Assyrians, Babylonians and Egyptians were their teachers, they were the original creators of that art which, to this day, serves the artist as the highest ideal. The beautiful, as they comprehend it in their refined and susceptible souls, is the basis of classical education.

Culture, to my mind, is the result of education continued through life. It never ends. But this can only be attained if education succeeds in implanting within the soul

the first germ of love for the beautiful. The mission of the beautiful is in the heart; it comes unannounced; it springs up unawares, and it binds all mankind in aspiration deeply felt, in love ever transcendent—in life truly lived.

"Men do not live by bread alone, and God did not make the world beautiful as a mere matter of caprice. Men need beauty, and God has given it to them generously." The shores of the Mediterranean are to Europe in some respects what California is to America. The Riviera, the name by which these shores are known to the tourist, is blessed with a charming climate, a never-ending spring. It is a Mecca of the health-seeker. It is full of fertile valleys, which run back into the bleak and barren Sea Alps. This strip of land, rock-bounden on one side, washed by the deep blue Mediterranean on the other, seems nature's jewelled belt that holds France and Italy together. Nature, in one of her generous moods, seems to have united here a contrast of colors, of barren steeps and fertile valleys, of brilliant sunshine and spotless sky, coupled with an atmosphere that sets forth the unrivalled landscape in all its picturesque and graceful outlines. The ever-changing hues, the deep blue of the Italian sky, the emerald and sapphire tints of the sea, the blending of the reddish-brown mingled with white of the beach, brought out so strikingly by the sombre pines, the shining green of lemon and of orange groves, here and there sprinkled with olive trees; walled in and securely sheltered against the chill blasts of the North by the Maritime Alps, all these combine to form an ever-changing aspect of indescribable beauty, laden with the perfume of myriads of roses, violets, lemon and orange blossoms. Through all this splendor winds the ancient Roman military road, closely hugging the shore for miles, following the charming bays and inlets, rounding capes and minor promontories, until it branches northward near Marseilles, and further westward leads on into Spain. Picturesque towns, hamlets, monasteries and ancient ruins are closely dotted all along that garden spot of Europe.

On the eastern furthestmost promontory of the French coast, on one of those crescent shaped inlets is situated the town of Mentone, built like an amphitheatre against the flanks of the steep hills; encircling the place, and not far from where it bends around the western tip of the crescent, are the remains of a Roman triumphal arch, of which nothing but the naked brick-work is preserved, the stucco work which the Romans used to adorn such minor arches in place of the more lasting and costly marble, having long since perished, as well as the history connected with it, so that nothing but surmise and speculation are left to the archaeologist and historian. Close by the shore, eastward, not far from this ruin, is an olive grove of some half dozen trees of very great age, their trunks of enormous size, gnarled, rugged and hollow. Scientists have computed their age as reaching beyond the Christian Era. I have rested under their dense shade, gazed into their interlacing, silvery foliage, listened to the whispers of the breeze. From beneath them my eye commanded a magnificent stretch of sea; from cape to cape of Mentone's crescent. I beheld the villas, palatial hotels. But the olive grove and that old arch, more than the glory of the landscape, occupied my mind. That old military road is now no longer kept in repair, since Bonaparte's new highway running further up, commanding a better control of the shore, is now the public road. These trees, yonder arch, witnessed perhaps the triumphant entry of Cæsar into Gaul, his return from Spain. They beheld the hordes of invading barbarians, when Rome no longer could maintain herself against the growing strength of her enemies. They stood there during all the centuries of feudal warfare, in the Middle Ages. They saw Bonaparte's army pass, which was destined to win fame and glory for itself, France and its youthful commander, in the name of Freedom, on the fair fields of Italy.

Almost twenty centuries of history have these silent witnesses endured. When the Word was not yet preached, when Christ had not come, these trees were young, and yet whatever have been the changes wrought by man in all

this time; whatever may have been his dreams, his ambitions, his struggles, his joys and sorows, victories and defeats, nature is still the same, the waters of the Mediterranean murmur their lay as men come and go; the sky overhead is the same as in the days of pagan Rome. The orange blossom is as fragrant now as it was then, the violet as sweet and modest. Nature, in her beauty, is in herself self-sufficient and self creative, ever new, ever generous, ever beautiful, ever benign, changing ever, yet changing never.

If we train our eyes to see, and open our hearts to the beauty of God, always may we erect within our souls temples to Him who alone is Beauty and Truth; for in the language of Keats: "All we know and all we need to know is Beauty is Truth and Truth is Beauty."

The desert, the glen, the Alps, the sea, testify in their own way of the glory and charm which their Creator has given them to delight and strengthen the soul of man. The artist, the poet, must come to nature's store-house for inspiration. God has given us this beautiful world of ours. Let us feast the eye and feed the inner life on the things that make for happiness, on its fairest and best.

The beautiful in nature and in art speaks to us, if we will but hear, a language all but divine. It instills into our souls a longing to make our lives fair and true, a blessing to other lives. It arouses within us our deepest, tenderest emotions, making us all the more appreciative of life's many blessings, instilling into us that aspiration to do and to be, to treasure forever the Good, the True and the Beautiful.

Alfred Charles Zembrod, Kappa.

EXPANSION.

[Prepared to be read at the recent Convention.]

Although, in years, I am a young II, yet my love for our Order has been strengthened and greatly increased by constant contact with the fine fellows that constitute our band. Having my home at Davidson, I have had the pleasure of

keeping in touch with Beta each year since my graduation and of meeting the new men and forming some close and lasting friendships. It was also my privilege to attend the Convention at Spartanburg last year. Here, although sadly missing some of our Supreme Council, we had an exceedingly delightful and, to me, very profitable meeting. What II could attend one of our Conventions, where harmony and concord, good will and brotherly love, where enthusiasm and II. K. A. zeal reigns supreme, without becoming infused with more ardent love and greater enthusiasm for our noble Order? What man, when traveling through our beloved Southland and meeting with the great and good men, with the true and noble fellows who have been sent forth from II. K. A. halls, would not respect our Southern brotherhood and swell with pride if he too, wore the "*shield and diamond*," or be filled with longing if he were outside our sacred bonds? What II., when he reads of the success or greatness of a fellow II, does not rejoice that he can call him brother and that they are united in the bonds of our Order? What II. does not feel that in his success and honor, his glory is shared by his fraternity, or that in his dishonor his shame alike falls upon II. K. A.?

All these feelings I have experienced, and it is with pride that I say, I love II. K. A., and that I shall always work for her interests. I wish to notice now a subject that especially concerns our Order—a subject of great importance. The subject of Expansion. I am an expansionist not only in regard to the policy of the United States government, but also in regard to the policy of II. K. A. In considering this subject we shall speak of it under four heads. Why, when, where, and how.

First. Why should expansion be urged? No one would ask this question, no one would think of such an inquiry if he once considers the facts. Since I have worn the "*shilded and diamond*" it has been my pleasure to see our roll of Chapters gradually increased. In six years we have increased but six Chapters. Just think of it, broth-

ers. Only six new Chapters in as many years. How small that has been! Oh, how great has been our sloth in this matter. No one could rejoice more at the news of a new Chapter, no one could welcome more heartily an addition to our Chapter roll than I, and fellow II.'s, no one can grieve more than I that this increase has been so small and that our progress is so slow.

"Non progredi est regredi."

We cannot stand still, either we must gain ground or lose in the race. No man, no Order will wait for us, we *must* keep up with the foremost.

Now the question arises, who is to blame for this? Hear my answer. Thou art the man! I am the man! I repeat it, sirs, we are to blame! If we would gain the battle we must fight; therefore, brethren, let us be up and doing.

The next question, *When*, can be answered in a word. *Now*. This is the thing our Fraternity needs. This is what she cries out for. She begs us to come to her rescue *now*. Let us not put it off.

The next question is, *where* shall this expansion take place? In what direction shall our exertions be turned? Before a General lays out his plans for taking a stronghold, he must know its location and surroundings. Were I to ask every II. in this country, where this work shall go on, I believe every one without an exception would cry with me "In the South." Here in our Southland. Here where the mocking bird's silvery voice is heard; the land of the sunniest skies; the land of blushing roses and fairest women, the land where the men are the very models of chivalry, virtue and honor.

Why cannot we, who encourage these characteristics, enter every Southern college? Why cannot the old gold and garnet be raised in a hundred Southern Colleges, where now there are men who would be proud to rally around her folds and uphold her motto and men, too, of whom we would be proud?

What sort of colleges is it in which we wish to establish II. K. A.? We want her in colleges of good stand-

ing, and colleges that are to be permanent. We know that now, in the South, there are high schools that are called colleges, that last for only a few years and then pass out of existence. These are not fit places for II. K. A.'s home. There are plenty of better places. Would a few statistics be too tiresome? Please hear a few I obtained from the Report of the Commissioner of Education. In the States which are strictly known as Southern States, there are 129 colleges. Distributed among the States as follows: Virginia has 10; North Carolina, 13; South Carolina, 8; Georgia, 10; Florida, 6; Alabama, 9; Mississippi, 4; Louisiana, 9; Texas, 15; Tennessee, 24; Kentucky, 13; and Arkansas, 8.

Of course many of these are colleges that we would have no desire to enter, but in this number there are many noble old institutions that might be entered with honor. I have not studied this number to ascertain which are best, so do not know. But I *do* know that there is a large field for work, and that now we have only 16 Chapters, when we should have five times as many.

Having looked over the field it is a General's place to lay plans by which the field may be taken. I'm not a General, would that I were, so that I could formulate plans. and see to the execution of those plans by which II. K. A. would take the lead in the South, and become the boast of every Southern gentleman. I am no General, but I have my plans. They may not be practicable. They may be but the empty dream of an idle dreamer. Yet, brothers, hear my dreams and follow what may be good in them.

First I would impress these facts upon every II. in all our land. That this is a personal matter. *That it is your duty as well as to your advantage to keep your eyes open for II. K. A. and work for her.* That it is your duty, and ought to be your pleasure to be constantly on the "qui vive" for an opportunity to establish a strong good Chapter of II. K. A.

Study the college world of the South, study the colleges around your homes, search for good openings and never let

a chance slip to do something for II. K. A. Now when our whole South-land is stirred up by the great educational movement, now when our young men are being educated at home, now when first class institutions are springing up all over our land, *now* is the time for us to exert every energy in behalf of our Fraternity, *now* is the time when she must take the lead in order to keep pace with this great educational movement. In order to take this lead every man must work. Every man must help. *Every man must do individual work.* But every great movement to accomplish any good must be organized. This individual work must be organized.

Let every Chapter appoint a committee, and let it be a *live* committee too, to work more systematically upon this line and hear the reports and suggestions from the members of their Chapter. Let it be the aim of every Chapter to be able to report a new Chapter at the next Convention as a result of their labor and zeal.

Now to complete this organization let the Chapter Extension Committee, appointed at the Spartanburg Convention, be continued or a new one appointed with a member in every State where we have a Chapter. Over this committee let there be placed a chairman who shall receive reports from either members of this committee or from the Chapter Committees, and who thus will be able, with the help of the Supreme Council, to plan systematic work upon any college that is deemed a good opening.

Now when I say "opening," I do not mean the college where we are invited and where they are waiting with open arms to welcome II. K. A. But I mean the colleges of high standing, where Fraternities are allowed and where II. K. A. could enter with honor to herself and credit to her members. Often after the point of operation has been chosen the opening will have to be made.

What I have said thus far in regard to the campaign has been more especially to the so called "active II's." Oh that all II's were active! Why are the alumni not *active*?

Fellow alumni, let us awake ! Let us rally to the banner that we once loved and that many of us still love. Throughout our Southern States are many loyal II's. There are many in those States where we have no Chapters, and in some they have formed Alumnus Chapters, showing that they are still loyal. To these we appeal. Brothers, let each one appoint himself a committee to aid in this great and much needed work of extension. Recall your college days, remember how you loved the garnet and old gold and try to introduce our Order with its noble principles in the colleges of our State and community. Any work that you can do, any opening of which you may learn, report it either to the Supreme Council or to the chairman, or a member of the Executive Committee. Now in order to make this committee more of a reality, and in order to keep it ever present in the minds of the Chapters and members, I would suggest that the names and addresses be published in each issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND just beneath Supreme Officers or at some other place where it will be as easily found.

If each Chapter can report a new Chapter at the next Convention then our roll will be doubled. How grand it would be at the next Convention to hear respond to the roll-call delegates from Alpha-Alpha, Alpha-Beta, Alpha-Gamma, etc. What II's heart would not bound with joy? Who would not be proud, and justly so, of our work? And Brothers, this is not impossible, on the other hand it is quite possible and will be the case if every II. works with his whole heart.

Let us then awake, fellow II's. let us rouse ourselves and press forward to our work in the name of II. K. A.

Let us make this, the first year of the century, the best in our history.

Robert H. Lafferty, Beta.

THE IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION.

The Twelfth Annual Convention just held at Charlotte was one of the best the Fraternity has ever held. There seemed to be great enthusiasm among the Brothers, and a determination to do greater things for II. K. A. You ought to have been there !

One good thing about it was that though our Supreme Councilor could not be present, he sent his worthy Brother, (whom we elected S. C. afterwards,) Hon. Floyd Hughes, of Norfolk. Those who were at the Knoxville Convention remember this noble Brother's work, and we are glad indeed to welcome him again at Charlotte. Another good thing was that every member of the Supreme Council was present, Councilor Princesps, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. The Chaplain was absent, but how well was he represented in our enthusiastic Brother Dr. James R. Howerton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, a magnificent church of a large membership. I believe Dr. Howerton is even more of a II. now than he was when a college boy! If any delegate or visitor did not enjoy the Convention, it was not Dr. Howerton's fault. These older members of the Fraternity and Hon. T. B. Bailey, one of the charter members of old Beta, made the younger men recognize that the II. K. A. is growing old, but, at the same time, caused them to know that the bond that binds the II's together can never be broken, as Brother Bailey remarked.

Do you ask how many Chapters were represented? Nearly every one! I wish all could have been there! Kappa, the baby Chapter, sent Brother Williams, and even Theta, as far away as she was, had McFadden on hand with money enough to get back to Clarksville on, too, and every obligation to *Smyth* paid. Iota sent us down *three* fine fellows and Beta sent her whole Chapter from Davidson, twenty-two miles distant.

The single theme of the Convention seemed to be the duty of the Chapters to the Supreme Council. If all of the

Chapters will carefully study the Minutes of this Convention and attend to the duties therein specified, our Fraternity will grow; if they will not, what is the use of their continuing to exist? Why should there be any Supreme Council anyway, if what they suggest is not attended to? If it is lethargy that has grappled our Chapters, delegates to the Convention should rouse them up with the enthusiasm received at this meeting.

As I said before, everybody fell in love with Dr. Howerton and D. Kirby Pope, just as Bagley fell in love with all of the girls. And Smyth,—it did my soul good to see him talking to the prettiest girl at Dr. Howerton's reception, except I didn't like to see him talking to her so long. Charlotte's girls are the finest on earth, except Tennessee's.

I would like to write many more impressions of the Convention, but if you want to get the correct ones, read the Minutes, which I have to stop now and write.

*J. Pike Powers, Jr.,
Grand Secretary.*

OUR CONVENTION AT CHARLOTTE.

A right royal time we Pi's had at Charlotte! It was a splendid Convention. Nearly all the Chapters had delegates there, and they were jolly good fellows, too. It does us older men good to watch the growth of the Fraternity. Nowhere is it so evident as in the Conventions that meet from year to year. This was the sixth Convention I have attended and, though I may have been present at Conventions that made more history for the Fraternity than this one, I must say that none seemed to show the advancing strides of the Fraternity as this one did. The delegates seemed to be stirred by a purpose. Every fellow was ready for the work assigned him and a lively interest was evinced in each subject brought up for discussion. The delegates were ready to pledge their Chapters to support our plans for

the enlargement and improvement of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and when we brought up the subject of extending the Fraternity, it seemed to strike fire from the men present. If the Chapters will only follow the lead of these men who have gone back to them brimfull of new purposes and enthusiasm, I know that the Fraternity will move right on into grander and broader work. The spirit is now passing into the Chapters from this Convention. Foster it, encourage it, boys! We must keep the wheels in motion and all along the lines you must give them a push. Before June we expect to hear of some real results. We have planned three Chapters, and no one can say why they shall not all be started. If you fellows of the Chapters concerned will step up to the work as you are pledged to do, the Chapters will be ours.

Yes, it was a real Convention of enthusiastic Pi's and it did fine work, but there were other things than work for us in Charlotte. That banquet at the Elk's Club House! Memories of that banquet will linger long in our hearts. Hurrah for the Charlotte Pi's! That jolly good fellow "Dekie" Pope, the "*biggest*" Pi I ever saw, and a better I never knew, he was the soul and mover of that splendid feast. Our much beloved brother, Dr. Howerton, who so beautifully welcomed us in the chaste address we will not soon forget, was second only to Pope in the happy arrangement of this banquet.

As I looked long and intently down that brilliantly lighted and temptingly laden table as the boys got ready for work, I wished for my camera that I might record that scene, which may never be repeated and which has never been equaled in our past history. This was the largest gathering of Pi's that ever came together and, if you had been there, you would believe me, when I declare it the most joyous. It was a magnificent scene, well worthy of the handsome banqueting hall of the Charlotte Elks. When the toasts came, the responses seemed inspired by heartfelt love and interest in old Pi Kappa Alpha. It was an occa-

sion for strengthening and cementing the bonds that made us brothers.

The reception given us the next evening by Dr. Howerton to meet the beauty and grace of the Charlotte society will always be a choice memory with the young members especially, and I saw things that night that make me feel that there might be more serious things to come from this evening's gaiety than we ever imagined. Being the only married man of the crowd I had the peculiar and much appreciated honor of being Mrs. Stonewall Jackson's escort, who in token of her brother's memory, Alfred Morrison, a charter member of old Beta, received with Mrs. Howerton that evening.

Then came the parting. We hated to break up. There was so much fun and merriment. Who will ever forget about the Buffaloes? We had one loyal Buffalo in our number. Nobody has ever found out just when he became a Buffalo and how much it cost him. I do think he ought to tell us all about it, now that it is all over. I'll bet you fellows a good "Buffalo treat" that the next time a certain Elk meets the Buffalo there will be two broad smiles and a hearty shake in memory of the jolly times at Charlotte.

Before coming home I had a run up to Davidson to see the hall of our Chapter Beta that so royally treated us at this Convention. It is a beautiful hall, and if a girl didn't have a hand in fixing that hall, I have lived these years without learning the difference between the touch of the boy and the taste of the girl. It is exquisite in finish and a charming place. No wonder our Beta boys are so full of their Chapter life. I would that all our Chapters could have such delightful homes as this!

I hope that this Convention will mark one more step forward in the work of the Fraternity.

*H. B. Arbuckle,
Councilor Princeps.*

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

University of Virginia.

Since our last writing we have not done much but talk and lay plans, some of which matured. But the most of them did not terminate favorable for us and so we have not much to report. We are hot on the trail of some goats, but so far all have been too fleet-footed, and have escaped us. But we continue to hope, and by the next issue we will report an initiation, since our goat, wearied by the unequal chase, is about to succumb and see things from our standpoint.

Our ball team has begun its work and one "big game" has been played. We beat Lafayette 10 to 9 in an up hill game, which was the most exciting ever seen here. The visitors piled up their nine runs in the first four innings and we failed to score until the sixth, when we made six runs. We made one more in the seventh. At the beginning of the ninth the score was 9 to 7 against us. Virginia's first two men went out easily. But, with two out, we managed to make three more runs which gave us the game.

Before this issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND is issued we will have met Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and our standing will be established. Of course, we are hoping for great things and think that our team will come out ahead.

Alpha is not represented on the team, though Brother Lloyd made a very creditable showing and will probably make the team next year.

Since our last writing Brothers Terry and Bardin have withdrawn from college, reducing our number to seven.

We are now about the smallest Frat. in college, but that fact does not impel us to be precipitate in securing men. We believe that a few good men make a better Chapter than a number of minor attainments.

We are laying plans to secure a hall for next session. This year we have been forced to meet in different rooms where we were subject to many interruptions and inconveniences. But we are still somewhat weak, though much stronger than last year, and it is hard to tell exactly what we will do. But Alpha is optimistic and always believes in the power of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Jack P. Montgomery.

BETA.

Davidson College.

During the past two days Beta Chapter has been endeavoring to recover from the effects of the Convention. Don't think from this that we believe Conventions are not all right—but Convention banquets are demoralizing, to say the least.

Nothing of interest has happened at Davidson since our last letter, except Senior Speaking. This was made more pleasant for Beta by the presence of some of our brothers. Dr. Arbuckle, C. P., and Brother Yonge, of Upsilon, spent a day with us. Brother Fewell, of Mu, spent part of the day, and Brother B. H. Brown, of Nu, remained for the Senior Reception, April 5th. It is unnecessary for us to say that with these brothers on the hill Beta enjoyed Senior Speaking very much. Beta was delighted to have the Convention meet so near her this year, and it is her hope that the visitors enjoyed the occasion as greatly as she herself did.

Brother T. B. Bailey, one of Beta's charter members and one of her oldest alumni, came down from Mocksville for the Convention. He and Brother Dowdell, who is our baby member, made quite a striking picture together.

Brothers Lafferty, Hunter and Clark also found time to spare from their arduous duties, to attend the Convention.

We were delighted to have such favorable reports, and especially delighted at the good work done by Brother C. N. Williams. Why can't we get to work and establish other Chapters before this session closes. Beta is going to do her part, or promise.

We wish all our sister Chapters a prosperous "spring-time," and hope they may pass safely through those trying ordeals,, which we shall enter upon in a few weeks—"exams."

R. C. Deal.

GAMMA.

William and Mary College.

In the "halcyon days of college life" time passes with rapidity, and we hardly realize that the opportunity is again afforded us of greeting our sister Chapters through the medium of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Since the last issue of our magazine the position of Chapter Correspondent was rendered vacant by the resignation of Brother Spratley, who has changed his sphere of usefulness to other lines of Fraternity work.

This is an extremely dull season in the social life of "ye Ancient Capital," and there are few events to be recorded which would be of much interest to our readers. The reputation of Gamma, however, along the line of "sporting calico" is being nobly upheld by Brothers McCandlish, Marchant, Spratley, Lamb and Blackiston.

Our prospects for a base-ball team are brightening. Under the management of Brother Spratley we hope to put in the field one of the best teams that William and Mary has ever had. Gamma will be represented, besides the manager, by at least three players: Brothers McCandlish, Marchant, and Blackiston, with chances of a fourth, Brother C. B. Hutchison, of last year, who expects to return to college after the close of his school.

The "*Colonial Echo*," our Annual, after contending with many obstacles, is now an assured fact. Gamma has two men on the staff, Brothers Spratley and McCandlish. The anti-fraternity spirit at William and Mary has developed in a remarkable degree in the past few years, and it is seldom that honors of this kind fall to the lot of fraternity men, but the two Brothers mentioned above were elected without opposition.

At our last regular meeting we were the happy recipients of a beautiful cake donated by one of our most loyal Pi Sisters in town. It was immensely enjoyed by all members present, but we are sorry (?) to relate that Brother McCandlish, who had been down town calling, appeared on the scene just as the last crumb was disappearing in the mouth of Brother Hughes. Moral: Never stay out later than half-past twelve; give yourself ample time in which to reach your Chapter meeting, you can't tell what you may miss.

Now as to our Convention. Before this issue goes to press its proceedings will be a matter of record, but at this writing we are all wishing that it may be the most prosperous and best attended of any in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha, and we have every reason to think that it will. But we must not allow our enthusiasm to die out with its close. No doubt important measures will be enacted and plans of great consequence will be laid, and it will then become the duty of each and every Chapter, and each individual member of the Fraternity to do all in his power to further those plans and help to realize its purposes. As Brother Montgomery, in his article on "Chapter Selfishness" has truly said, "Loyalty to one's Chapter is a fine quality in any Pi," but we should bear in mind that the Convention is held in the interest of the whole Fraternity, and although we may be filled with love for our respective Chapters we should remember that whatever tends to promote the interest of the Fraternity at large must react with beneficial effort upon the individual Chapters.

We will be represented at Charlotte by Brother C. Vernon

Spratley, who will bear Gamma's greeting to her sister Chapters throughout the South. With best wishes,
J. Gordon Bohannon.

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

We have not had a report from the Convention yet, and are very anxious to hear, as we felt a great interest in this Convention, and though we could not all attend we hoped to see this the most successful Convention ever held. Since our last letter Zeta has not increased her numbers any, and now has six members. However, we hope to be able to introduce another "goat" in our next letter.

Our Pan-Hellenic Banquet is to be held on the night of April 8th, and is looked forward to with much interest by all of the fraternities. This banquet has become an annual affair and is proving a great benefit to all fraternities, as it seems to bring us closer together, and the hard feeling which has previously been noticed among the fraternities, is gradually dying away.

A Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega was organized here shortly after our last letter, and we now have six different fraternities here. While we believe it to be a good fraternity, and wish the opening Chapter success, we are sorry to see the number of fraternities increase, as it seems that five fraternities are enough for the amount of good material each year.

The University of Tennessee has decided not to send out a base-ball team this year, and all time is now devoted to the field-day sports. We hope to make some good records in this line.

Zeta sincerely hopes that all of her sister Chapters have been benefited by the Convention, and will continue to flourish.

W. H. Sienknecht.

THETA.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

Theta Chapter sends greeting to her sisters with smiles of returning spring. Our hearts have come in closer fellowship and love through the medium of our great gathering, the Convention, and they throb with greater love for the Brotherhood. Theta sent one Representative, Brother McFadden. It took much sacrifice on the part of most of us, but at the same time, we believe that for those things for which self-sacrifice is made greater love is kindled and our meeting with you will be delightful and profitable.

These last few months of school promise to be very pleasant for our Chapter. When spring returned it was indeed spring for us in the return of two of our lovely sisters, Misses Acree and Hyde, and, yes, the "fancies" of our brothers are "lightly turning." Exams over and our degree men all passed. The all-absorbing interest in college circles is base-ball, S. P. U. expects to put out a very fine team this year, and with this end in view the boys are getting in some fine practice work. Games are already booked with Bethel College, Vanderbilt, and Washington-Lee University. Brother Frierson will probably represent us on the team.

Through the kindness of friends we greatly enjoyed two "feasts" recently on successive nights. At one we had the pleasure of having with us Brother G. W. Sybert. Theta often has visits from her former sons, which are a source of delight and helpfulness to her present generation.

There comes to us a story of a piece of "spiking" heroism at Sewanee, the home of our sister Chapter, Chi. We recommend it to the brethren as an example of generous loyalty and sacrifice to the Fraternity. If the Brother's modesty will suffer us (as he suffered), the perpetrator of that daring deed is Brother Radford. It seems that at Sewanee the students of the University, proper, must have "no dealings with the little Grammar School boys," for fear that the little boys will corrupt the morals of the big

fellows. One day Brother Radford went over to the dormitory to reform some of the young ones, but principally to "spike" one or two who expected to enter the University the following session.

Presently when Radford was getting warmed up well the boys informed him of the approach of a professor on scout duty. Radford said something about "fools rushing in where the angels would fear to tread," and hastily got under the bed. Now that bed must have had curvature of the spine, or else Radford's pedal extremities are enormous, for despite his noblest efforts those feet had to protrude.

The guardian Professor walked in unceremoniously and began a friendly conversation with the boys, but seemed a little rude in remarking on the untidiness of the room. For example, seeing a pair of shoes carelessly lying from under the bed he reproved the boys for leaving their shoes thrown about and unceremoniously drew shoes, Radford, and all out in the middle of the floor. Excitement!!!

Wm. H. Parker.

IOTA.

Hampden-Sidney College.

All of our men have for the past two weeks been in the depths of examinations, and our time for other matters has indeed been limited. A new order of examinations was introduced this session, there now being three sets of examinations instead of two as heretofore. In the long run, this is an improvement, avoiding as it does such a mass of work for the finals in June, when one naturally requires relaxation. Monthly tests too are an innovation, and it is a matter of comment that they have not been instituted before.

Two of our members being Juniors are preparing for the approaching Junior Oration, while the four Seniors of our band are busy clearing up the way leading to their diplomas.

We have recently had the pleasure of having with us two Pi's from other Chapters. Brother D. W. Hollinsworth, Theta, came up from Richmond in March and preached in the College Church. Brother A. V. Russell, Mu, was with us in February. He is located at Farmville, seven miles away, in the Planters Bank, and we are looking forward with pleasure to many visits from him.

Two of the Commencement speakers who will be here in June are Pi's and alumni of Iota. Brother R. L. Telford, of the Lewisburg (W. Va.) Female Institute, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, while Brother J. Gray McAllister will address the Union and Philanthropic Societies.

Iota will furnish also the Final president for Union Society, Brother A. Martin having been elected to that honor.

In the foot-ball team, which achieved signal victories, Iota feels much interest, furnishing as she did three of the best players, Hooper, Jones, and A. Martin. The cup offered to championship team in the Eastern Virginia Association has just been presented the team, a memento of which the team is justly proud. The base-ball team will be chosen soon, and Iota will have at least one man on the team.

Iota closes, with best of wishes for her sister Chapters.

Hugh Maffitt McAllister.

KAPPA.

Kentucky University.

Though our Intermediate Examinations are just finished Kappa has one "left to tell the tale," and though it is not altogether a tale of woe, since during two weeks we have been enabled to get upon our feet again, yet it suggests scenes upon which all college men look with horror.

Since our last letter Kappa has been enjoying the "ups and downs" of college life to the full extent, yet candidates for initiation have been enjoying the "ups and downs" of goatdom to even a fuller extent.

We take pleasure in introducing to Pi Kappa Alpha "Two Gentlemen from Kentucky," Brothers James Fer and Thomas Alexander, the former from Paris and the latter from Lexington. These are men of high standing in college, of intellectual calibre and are "gentlemen of ardor." Alexander, being from the rural district, was a skillful rider, and in words similar to those spoken of his distinguished ancestor of antiquity, "He rode the goat to death and wept because there were not other goats to ride," while Fer stood aside with sides splitting with laughter and exclaimed "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest—to be where I have been."

Our Chapter is very much alive, and is constantly gaining strength in K. U. and is easily recognized as the strongest Chapter in college.

Several of our men take sheepskins this year, but we feel sure that for every one taking a sheep-skin we can find another to take the goat-skin, so that Kappa's forces will not be weakened, but her standard-bearers constantly increased in number.

Brother Walter Jennings writes us from Lampasas, Tex., sending love to all Pi's, stating that he is pleasantly located and as loyal a Pi as ever, and still "cultivating his ardor." Brother Crabtree, of this Chapter, and Brother Gerard, of Chi, who is in Lexington, have both been ill, but we are glad to say are recovering rapidly. May the Convention be crowned with success, and an inspiration be imparted to the delegates, the result of which will be the raising of II. K. A. banner over many other Southern colleges is the earnest hope of every member of Kappa.

It is because of the illness of our correspondent, Brother D. M. Crabtree, that this duty has fallen upon your humble servant.

Homer W. Carpenter.

MU.*Presbyterian College of South Carolina.*

By some mistake our correspondent in his last letter failed to mention that Mu had made itself stronger by the initiation of Mr. Thos. H. Smoot, of Darlington, S. C. Brother Smoot is described by one who knows as "one of the very best students in college." This worthy Pi will be heard from again.

Rev. Thornwell Jacobs was in Clinton for a three weeks' rest recently, and we had the pleasure of *goating* him again, or at least giving him a few shakes on our trusty animal. We could sit a week and listen to his (Jacobs') "yarns" about Mu's experiences in the days of '90-94. Brother Jacobs is doing well at his post of duty—the Presbyterian Church, Morganton, N. C.

That reminds me! Some of our loyal Pi Sisters were greatly excited a few ago by the appearance of a real, live billy on the third floor of the college building. He wore a haggard expression, giving every evidence of ill treatment, and on this argument we convinced the co-eds that the billy in question was not a Pi.

"Joe" Johnson is Mu's representative at the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest at Chester, his subject being "A Call for Patriots."

Brothers Fewell and Stephenson are ready to propose some important measures for our advancement since attending the Charlotte Convention. It must have been a grand gathering by their description, and it should be a matter of encouragement to every Chapter that the Convention was so successful.

Seems to me that Chapter extension should be our main object for the future. Couldn't our committee arrange to give a year's course to some Brother at a first-class school where we are not represented? The right man who has had one or two years' training in Frat. matters would almost certainly get a footing. Surely the return of one good Chapter a year would warrant the investment. Suppose we hear something further on the subject.

J. B. Carpenter.

*NU.**Wofford College.*

Since our last letter the affairs of the Chapter have been running smoothly; this goes to show that the adage, "Happy is that nation whose annals are brief," is also true of fraternities.

Examinations have been the order of the day for some time past, and although there has been a pretty general wail from other quarters, the Pis have once more proven that there are no flies on them.

Wofford's team is getting into shape for another big base-ball season, and they will soon go on the war-path. When they do the tune will be "Hide out, little uns, big uns is a comin'."

Although Nu has only one man on this "hot thing" he is such a "warm baby" that we know he will keep up our "rep." His name is Little, and he plays short, but there's nothing little about him, except his name and nothing short about his playing except the position.

College life is a little slow now and except for the coming Sophomore Exhibition, in which Nu will exhibit Brother W. W. Boyd, there is nothing in sight. Commencement is still "far down the vista of futurity," but when that happy time does arrive we hope to get rid of Brothers M. Auld, A. E. Driggers and H. M. Brown.

We have selected Brother B. H. Brown to represent us at the Convention. He is so tall that the brethren may not be able to get a good view of his face, but for their convenience we will fasten a picture of it half way down on him. The alternate is C. H. Varner, but nobody will want to look at his face.

We all hope that this may be the best Convention in the history of the Fraternity, and that every delegate may leave determined to "work for II. K. A."

G. T. Leitner.

RHO.*Cumberland University.*

Since our last letter Rho has been prospering, and is probably now in a better condition than she has been in for several years.

We have the pleasure of introducing to our sister Chapters a new Brother, Mr. R. E. Collins, of Louisiana. He is in the Senior law class, and although he will not be here in school much longer, yet he has already proved himself and will prove himself in the future a loyal and valuable member.

During this year Rho has not failed to obtain her full share of honors in the University. Brother Howe was elected editor-in-chief of our college paper at the beginning of the present term and a little later won in the local oratorical contest. This makes him Cumberland's representative in the State contest.

Brother Poe is secretary and Brother Reagor treasurer, of the State Oratorical Association, and Brother F. L. Wear is president of the local organization. Rho is represented in base-ball circles by Brother Keeton, the catcher, and there is a possibility that other Brothers will be on the team.

To break the monotony of Fraternity routine, a very pleasant social event took place in the Chapter rooms since our last letter. Rho entertained her lady friends, and indeed an evening was spent very delightfully.

Rho regrets that she could not be represented in the Convention, but for various reasons this was impossible.

L. E. Wear.

SIGMA.*Vanderbilt University.*

We, at Vanderbilt, are now in the midst of our spring holidays, and the rest is very welcome after studying hard all winter. Our base-ball team is in Georgia playing a series of games with the Georgia "Techs." We have a good team, and expect to win a good majority of games this

spring. Very little has been done on the track so far, but practice will commence in earnest next week if the weather permits. The Southern Intercollegiate track meet takes place at New Orleans in May, and as the strongest Southern colleges will be represented, it will take hard work for us to win out.

The First Presbyterian Church of this city has called our Brother W. M. Anderson, of Dallas, Texas, to take the pastorate here, and he is here now considering the proposition. We hope he will accept the call, as he will be quite an addition to our force.

Brother C. S. Williamson is at the Convention this week. We know he has had a big time, and hope he will come back inspired with enthusiasm and zeal to push Pi Kappa Alpha's interests at Vanderbilt next year. In the preliminary contest, Brother C. A. Stainback was selected by the Faculty to speak in the contest for the R. A. Young medal in June. There is no doubt but that Brother Stainback is a monstrous "orator."

Brother J. R. Williamson is pitcher on the Freshman team. The Freshmen recently defeated the Mooney School, at Franklin. We have only a little over two months to "grind" and then some of us will bid a last farewell to "Old Vandy."

Wm. L. Clarke.

TAU.

University of North Carolina.

Tau is glad to be able again to greet her sister Chapters and to appear upon the roll again as an active Chapter. There was only one member of Tau to return last fall, Mr. G. B. Justice, of Rutherfordton. He was joined by Mr. C. C. Orr and Mr. N. A. Orr, of Beta Chapter. These three men rented a hall, and on November 10th, initiated into the Fraternity Mr. James Muchison Lynch, of Fairview, N. C. No other men were initiated until March 19th, when Mr. W. Hollis Everhart, of Lexington, N. C., and Mr. George Speers Reynolds, of Ashville, N. C., were in-

initiated. Mr. Reynolds is a member of the law class. He has already caught the Fraternity spirit, and is one of Tau's most enthusiastic members. Mr. Everhart is president of his class, and also manager of his class base-ball team. Mr. Lynch was captain of his class foot-ball team last term. Mr. N. A. Orr represents us on the University foot-ball team, and Mr. G. B. Justice on the College Annual. The College Annual is gotten out by the two Literary Societies and by the fraternities. The representatives from the literary societies are of course, non-fraternity men, while each fraternity has one representative on the Annual. The feeling between fraternity men and non-fraternity men, is much better than it has been for some time. There are ten Fraternities here, viz: Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Zeta Psi, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha. There are 525 students, of which 107 are fraternity men.

The Fraternities are somewhat limited in their work here, not being allowed to initiate or approach a man on the subject of joining a Fraternity until his Sophomore year. Tau will lose three men this year, and three will return next fall. We have in view some good men for next fall, and hope to be able to give "Billy" much exercise when we return. We close with best wishes and kindest regards to our sisters Chapters.

Charles C. Orr.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Since our last letter there have been but few diversions from the ordinary routine of college life.

On February 22nd the closing game of foot-ball was played, in which the Seniors defeated the Freshmen by a score of 22 to 0. Thus the former won again the class championship, which they had held for the two previous years.

The Senior class exercises and the oratorical contest be-

tween the two Literary Societies also occurred on this day. In the latter, Brother Jackson was one of the speakers. He is quite an orator, and we are expecting great things to be accomplished by him in this line.

The great central event of this period, however, has been term examinations, and here, as everywhere, Upsilon acquitted herself well. She had her share of leading men in every class. Still we are glad "exams" are behind us instead of ahead of us.

Our boys became considerably worried some time ago about "the grip" being out, and immediately set to work to catch it. The result is that several of them have been laid up recently. Brother Steele, who did not care to join in with the rest, undertook to capture the mumps single-handed, which he succeeded in doing admirably well.

We were deeply grieved to lose from our midst Brother B. R. Powell. He left us to accept an appointment as Railway Mail Clerk. He was a faithful student, and has ranked among the first of his class while in college. We know that he will do well in his new field of work and soon achieve the great success that he deserves.

With best wishes for the sister Chapters,

J. T. Letcher.

PHI.

Roanoke College.

Since our last letter Phi has had the good fortune to secure a fine man in the person of Mr. James Lewis Kirby, of Salem, Va. He is a member of the "Soph." class, and a very fine "Athlete." It is with genuine pleasure, that I introduce him to the Fraternity at large.

Brother Wilson reports that the Convention was a "Howling Success," and that socially he had the time of his life, and that is saying a great deal; for he is a recognized leader of "Society" in Salem.

If the next Convention is held at Norfolk, Va., the writer hopes to be there and enjoy a little of the kind feeling,—

something that can't be seen or heard—but felt only by loyal Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha.

The SHIELD AND DIAMOND last time contained some very fine articles, to say nothing of the many interesting Chapter letters.

Brother Joynes' article on the Private Life of Gen. Lee, was very interesting indeed. Dr. Fox, Professor of Philosophy, was so much struck with it that he gave the Junior class a short lecture on the Life of Gen. Lee. Brother Montgomery of Alpha also gave us some very fine advice, which I hope all the Chapters will profit by.

In a social way Salem has been very gay lately; the first thing was a Progressive Euchre party, given by the Sigma Chis, then an Easter German given by the Salem Cotillion Club, and last Tuesday night a Progressive Peanut party given by the Phi Gamma Deltas. At all of these events Phi was well represented.

Our base-ball team leaves Monday, (April 15,) for its Northern trip. Phi has two representatives on it: Brother Manney at short, and the writer left field. We expect to do ourselves justice on this trip, and look out for the interest of H. K. A. every way we can.

While in Roanoke last week I had the pleasure of meeting Brother Williams of Sigma, and Brother C. W. Radford, formerly of Chi, but now a broker in the Magic City.

With best wishes for my sister Chapters I will close.

Jas. A. Bear.

CHI.

University of the South.

The University has resumed its spring session, and the prospects are brighter in every department, than in several years past. The new summer school dormitory will be ready for use in May, and is a \$50,000 stone structure. An annex is being built to the medical building, and various improvements are being made for the convenience of the other departments. We expect to have nearly 600 students this year.

We have returned so far—

G. W. R. Cadman, Narcoossee, Fla.

C. W. B. Hill, Louisville, Ky.

E. C. Seaman, Galveston, Texas.

J. Bartlett Abell, Chattanooga, Tenn.

L. G. H. Williams, Macon, Ga.

Brother W. B. Bruce, of Helena, Ark., comes up next month and Brothers H. L. Castleman and Elmore will be up when the medical department opens in June.

Our prospects are good and we are now building a fence around our building, and will soon make preparations to plant vines and grass seed. Our house will be very satisfactory in every particular, and we'll prepare "Billie" for some new men.

Our base-ball prospects are fair, but will "saw wood" and say nothing and just let other folks hear from us when we play.

We hope that the Convention will be a great success, and of great benefit to the Fraternity. This should be a good year, and we hope that every delegate will receive such inspiration as will enable him to infuse new life into every Chapter.

L. G. H. Williams.

PSI.

North Georgia Agricultural College.

Everything is moving along well now. We have about completed our work of initiation for this year, there being scarcely anything more in college worthy enough to be called Brother by II's. We have only one other man in view.

We are glad to announce that we have been successful with four other men, and take great pleasure in introducing them to our sister Chapters as loyal Brothers, the following: H. L. Lumpkin, Tarney, Ala.; R. E. Smith, Greely, Ga.; Howard Stanton, Dahlonega, Ga. and C. W. Lampkin, Athens, Ga. We expect a great deal of Brother Lampkin in the not distant future, since his home is where our Fraternity is located.

In regard to Chapter expansion we know that our sister Chapters are expecting us to make a move soon. We would like to explain why we do not act; as you know being a young Chapter in this State our men are few, and we scarcely know any one at the other colleges in Georgia. For this reason we find it a difficult matter to move. We do not want to establish Chapters with men we do not thoroughly know. We are carrying on a correspondence at our University, and hope to establish a new Chapter soon. You may rest assured that Psi will make a name as soon as she thinks it is safe to do so. We want to make our Fraternity the very best possible, and will strain to do so by every proper means possible.

Our college is not noted for its athletes, the boys being engaged on the drill field most of their spare time. We are well represented on this line, however, so far as it goes, —four men on base-ball teams.

On our last promotions we came out fairly well. We are now represented on the staff by Brother Johnston and the writer. Brother Barnes has charge of the artillery drill for the spring, while Brother Horton is First Lieutenant of Company A. We have three Sergeants, Lumpkin, Elkin, and Stanton.

We are preparing for a royal picnic soon. Our "Sisters" are as enthused over the matter as we are.

Our Senior class celebrated their class tree day on March 19. It was an enjoyable occasion. The writer was one of the participants in the exercises.

Our Brothers are now working for the honors they desire most. We are sure that we are going to share the praises with our fellow students, and we must have at least our share if not more.

Brother Johnston was called home a few days on account of his mother's illness. We hope to have "Jimmie" back with us before long.

At our last meeting the writer was elected to represent Psi at the Charlotte Convention.

We close with best wishes to our Sister Chapters.

D. C. Stow.

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.

—Brother C. D. Lee, Nu, who has been principal of the Lamar High School all winter, is now in Spartanburg taking a business course at the Converse Business College, (class of '00).

—Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Virginia Armistead, of Williamsburg, Va., and John A. Hardy, Gamma, of West Virginia, to take place April 24th. The bride-elect is a most charming young lady of charming personalities. She is very popular, and boasts as her ancestry the aristocracy of the Old Dominion. The groom is a successful practicing physician, and a fine man.

—Rev. J. M. Wells, Iota, whose removal to Wilmington, N. C., to accept the call from that city's Presbyterian Church we recently announced, has gotten settled in his new home. His address is Box 456, Wilmington, N. C.

—The Fraternity will regret to learn of the disaster to the church of Brother Mooney, Theta, in the recent Alabama cyclone. We extend heartfelt sympathy to Brother Mooney. "*The Southern Presbyterian*" of April 4th, says:

"The Second Church, Rev. U. D. Mooney, pastor, Birmingham, Ala., was demolished in the storm of March 25th, this being the second calamity of this kind having befallen this church in the course of its history. We extend our sympathy to the young pastor and his people, who will doubtless begin the work of rebuilding at once."

—Brother C. C. Leitner, an old member of Nu, is now

agent for the Manhattan Life Insurance Co., of Boston, He asks that all Pis look him up when in the town. (Class of '96).

—George L. Stevens, "little George," Gamma, now of Johns-Hopkins, came to his Alma Mater, William and Mary, going through to spend the Easter holidays at home. Says he has been working hard, but is looking well.

—R. R. Claiborne, Gamma, one of the charter members, graduates this year at the Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va. He stands head of his class and comes out with high honors. He is a man the Fraternity may well feel proud of. We predict for him a highly successful career in the Episcopal ministry.

—The First Presbyterian Church, of Nashville, Tenn., has unanimously called Rev. W. M. Anderson, D. D., Theta. Brother Anderson has for some years been serving the church in Dallas, Texas.

—Rev. B. D. Kennedy, Iota, has recently removed from Brick Church, Tenn., to Troy, Mo., to accept the call of the church at that place. Brother Kennedy is a very popular divine, and is doing a great work. We wish him success in his new field.

—At the recent Convention at Charlotte, N. C., the delegates were extended by individual card to each Pi, the courtesies of the following clubs of "The Queen City." "The Elks Club," "The North State Club," "Southern Manufacturer's Club." This was indeed a hospitable act.

—Arther Warriner, Gamma, who has been wielding the rod in Fairfax County, Va., has closed his school and gone home for a rest. Says he will come back to his Alma Mater for the finals of 1900-1901.

—Chas. H. Lambert, Gamma, is leading the graded school at Ashland, Va. "Grandpap" makes a good teacher.

—CALDWELL—PARKER—At 2 o'clock this afternoon Feb. 14th, 1903, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. S. R. Parker, Bon Air, Va., Miss Elvira Grattan Parker, daughter of the late Truman A.

Parker, was married to Rev. John W. Caldwell, Jr., pastor of Carrollton Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, La.

The ceremony was performed by Dr. Russell Cecil, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond, Va., assisted by Dr. J. K. Hazen, pastor of the Bon Air Presbyterian Church.

Brother Caldwell is an alumni of Iota Chapter, and a grandson of that giant of Southern Presbyterianism, Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., of New Orleans.

—Harry R. Houston, Iota, is making quite a reputation for himself at Hampton, Va. He took hold of a weekly paper, advanced it from two to three issues a week, and expects soon to make it a daily. Harry is a hustler and works hard. It is said he pays somewhat marked attention to one of Hampton's prettiest girls. At college he showed his taste in that line.

—Robert E. Lee, Chi, holds a fine position in Newport News, Va. He wishes very much to go back though to his college. Likes that better than any other kind of work.

—Quite recently the Grand Treasurer had a visit in Charleston, from a personal friend, of Nashville, Tenn. During his course of conversation, it developed that this gentleman was the Chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Woodland Street Presbyterian Church, of which our popular Brother, William States Jacobs, Ph. D., is pastor. It was indeed a pleasure to hear the expressions of esteem and regard in which this pastor is held by his congregation. This gentleman, writing us, under date of April 1st, says: "We have just completed extensive repairs and remodeling of the church, of which Brother Jacobs is doing a good work in this field and the good wishes of all IIs are with him for continued success and personal prosperity. Bro. Jacobs, as is well known, is a member of our Mu Chapter, being one of its charter members.

—Edwin P. Cox (Alpha) of Richmond, Va., will be a candidate for election to the office of Commander-in-Chief of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans at their next

Reunion in Memphis, Tenn., this summer. Brother Cox is an enthusiastic member of this Confederation and was one of its original organizers in 1896, being then elected to the office of Adjutant-General. He has always been active in the work and will make a most acceptable officer. IIs everywhere will use their influence to secure the endorsement of local Camps for Brother Cox. We have a large number of IIs who are officers in this Confederation, and also members of it, and they should at once go to work to help Bro. Cox.

Editorial.

THE CONVENTION OF 1901 is a thing of the past, but is its enthusiasm vanished? Are the resolutions it called forth from the Chapters and the expressions of determination to work, things of the past? We hope not. We believe not. We believe that great things will result from this coming together of earnest, loyal IIs, and that the watchword for the next year will be "*The duty of the Chapters to the Supreme Council.*"

All who attended this Convention have been benefited and enthused by the earnestness of its discussions and its work. Can we not get hold of every II we meet and give him a share of what we received? Can we not, like electricity, disseminate the spark throughout our entire fraternity? Yes, it can be done, and if the delegates at each meeting during the session, will speak of the Convention and its work, will explain to the Chapters, as was explained to them by the officers, the condition of affairs, we must have—we will have—an awakening, which will mean success.

BRO. LAFFERTY, ONE of the loyal alumni of Beta, sends us a royal call to arms in this issue. It must stir the soul of every reader, and it certainly comes from his inmost heart. He sounds the keynote for our success when he says: "*Every man must do individual work.*" True, indeed, is this. If every man does not put his shoulder to the wheel; if every man does not feel a personal responsibility in the success of the work; if every man does not turn his hand to do and to strive for the fraternity, then we can have no hope of success.

If every man in the Chapters would individually work

for extension, whether he be on the formally appointed committee or not ; if he would feel that it was his personal duty to see that a Chapter was established, then we would have a collection of committees working, against which nothing would stand.

One hundred and twenty-nine colleges in the South! Bro. Lafferty indeed makes us ashamed to think how many opportunities we have overlooked to increase our border. We wish that this article could have been read at the Convention as was intended, had he not been unavoidably detained. We hope that the Chapters will carefully read and discuss this article now.

Another valuable suggestion this Brother makes is regarding the Chapter Extension Committee, and that reports should be made to its Chairman frequently, not only by the members of that particular committee but by every II. If this was only done it would place us in touch with all the colleges, with every man in the fraternity, and enable us to know exactly where to turn for help for any particular college when opportunity was offered to establish a Chapter there.

We owe Bro. Lafferty a vote of thanks for his call to arms, and if we could get a volunteer force to respond to his call and take up the work which he has outlined, his predictions as to our increase by the next Convention would be more than realized.

GAMMA SOUNDS A NOTE of warning regarding the Convention in her Chapter letter in this issue: "*We must not allow our enthusiasm to die out with its close.*" We hope that this warning will ring throughout the entire Fraternity and that every delegate will resolve that it will not be his fault if his Chapter forgets the pledges he made for it, at the Convention of 1901.

Indeed, if during the coming year the work of this Convention does not bring forth fruit, in improved conditions, and we overlook the call of Brother Lafferty and other zealous IIs, as to extension, then we may as well give up.

WE HEARTILY CONGRATULATE the Fraternity on again having as its supreme advisor, that loyal and enthusiastic II, Hon. Floyd Hughes, who several years ago so ably

filled this position. We are also glad to again have Rev. John S. Foster of Theta as our Grand Chaplain, and it is pleasant to know that the three executive officers, who have worked together for the past few years, are still in harness. Dr. Arbuckle is an able worker and one who has even the smallest interests of the Fraternity near his heart, and who is ever on the watch for its advancement.

If there is anything in a name, then by virtue of his name, our newly elected Deputy Treasurer should be a power for work in the Fraternity. The name McAllister is synonymous with everything that is "true II" and a hard worker. Hugh Maffitt McAllister of Iota, Deputy Treasurer, has a high family record to live up to, but we feel that he is capable of so doing and we congratulate the Fraternity on having him as one of its Officers.

WE FEEL THAT we would be derelict in our duty, did we not voice here our gratitude for many courtesies extended the Convention, by the Brothers of Charlotte, Dr. Howerton and Messrs. Pope and Wilkinson. Indeed no men could have been more attentive than were these brethren.

Through them the courtesies of all of the clubs and societies were extended the delegates, and in every way the city did its utmost to make us welcome.

Official Communications.

ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 1.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRATERNITY,
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CHARLESTON, S. C., April 20, 1901.

The attention of the Chapters is urged to the matter of securing a complete roll of the Fraternity alumni. In preparing for the Pi Department it is important that we have the names of the members and their Chapter in order to correctly list them. To this end Chapters are requested to furnish this general office before the close of this session with a list of their alumni and present addresses.

It is to be hoped that Chapters will not overlook this request as it is of great importance.

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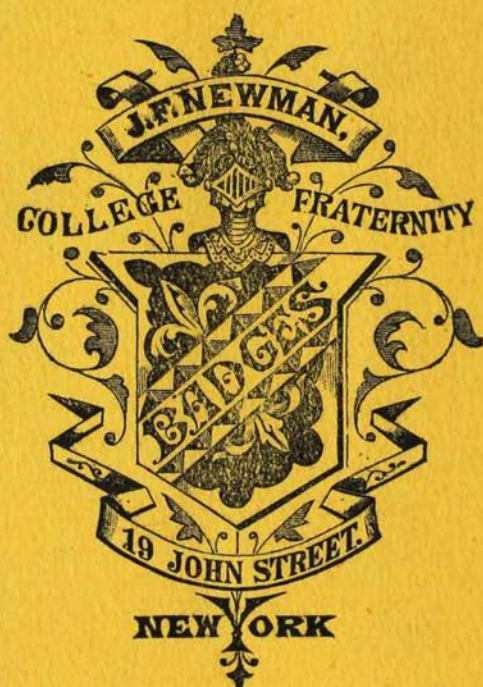
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