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HUNTING SONG.

Hark, comrades! the horn!
To your steeds! Let's away
In the gray of the morn,
In the youth of the day,

Over field or through wood,
Along by-path or road,
And the bay of the hounds is the lagging one's goad.

In the crisp open air,
'Neath the open blue sky,
We're free from all care—
And what care you and I

For the world that's shut in
With the struggle and din
And the vain, tinselled show, and the suffering and sin.

Now our pulse's strong beat
Keeps in joyous accord
To the fast-beating feet
On the hard frozen road.

Then the eye it grows bright,
And the heart it grows light,
And all cares flee away as the dreams of the night.

O, list how the horn
Calls the echoes Awake!
In the gray of the morn
To the fields we will take,

With the pack, riding hard,
And the skin of Reynard,
Is the prize that we ride for, the victor's reward.

—Robert H. Adams, Beta.

*WORDS OF CHEER FOR THE KNIGHTS OF
THE OLD GOLD AND GARNET.*

Pi Kappa Alpha has grown quite recently into a strong and flourishing fraternity. It has to-day a large active membership in our Southern colleges, probably now three hundred men, actually enlisted in our Chapters. Of these a large per cent. must necessarily have little knowledge of the Fraternity's history, as they have so recently become connected with it. The initiates of this year are introduced to a fraternity of fine promise, and as they learn through *THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND* of the splendid prospects of each of the Chapters, it is hard for them to understand the solicitude and anxiety that some of the older men in their Chapters show about the welfare of the Fraternity. They cannot understand, as these old men do, how much struggle each Chapter has cost, how many disappointments each year has brought in disbanded Chapters, disorganized Chapters, and frustrated plans for new Chapters. I think these "wheel-horses" of Pi Kappa Alpha, the fellows who have pulled us through so many hard places in the last three years and are now bringing their Chapters all into line in fine shape and splendid mettle, deserve some cheer.

I propose to recall a few facts of the past and state a few facts of the present as a ground for good cheer.

After the founding of Pi Kappa Alpha in 1868 there were a few years of growth and wonderful activity, and then the cold hand of the law seemed outstretched against fraternities and one by one our strong Chapters were forced to hand in their charters. Soon we had but two Chapters, the head Chapter at the University of Virginia and Theta. I have always felt that Alpha had given up all hope for the Fraternity, but Theta was full of hope, of zeal, of determination, of pluck, and she swore that Pi Kappa Alpha would not die, and that oath was registered before the shrine that those noble boys loved as dearly as life. In 1884 Mark

Kennedy had gone forth from Theta with the memory of this pledge always before him, and before the year had closed Iota Chapter had been chartered at Hampden Sidney. Dear Mark Kennedy has passed to his reward in heaven, but Iota lives to cherish his memory and fulfil his ideals. When I was asked to join Pi Kappa Alpha in 1885, the boys could urge no claims of a National Fraternity, but just the glorious work that had now fallen to the three small, struggling Chapters, but the brave fellows in these Chapters were stronger drawing cards than were ever found in the annals of a fraternity's great past or suggested in the promise of a fraternity's future grandeur. Iota and Theta went right to the front in their colleges, and the spirit that put them there has kept them there through most of the years that has past since those days of stirring trouble. Iota imbibed the love and enthusiasm of her mother and went forth to conquer. Within two years she had borne our banner into two Southern colleges, thus giving us Kappa and Lambda, which were so soon to lay down their work. Then came the movement headed by Theron Rice for reorganization and new government. This was accomplished in 1890, and about this time Alpha, our head Chapter, went under, leaving only two Chapters to fight the battle, but there were more than two Chapters, for Brother Smyth, who was Lambda's noble and invaluable gift to Pi Kappa Alpha, was with us, and he is a whole team in himself. Be it said to his credit, that the first two Chapters that were formed to start us on our upward and certain road to success were due almost entirely to his influence and efforts, to say nothing of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, for which he deserves sole credit.

Just think of it! In 1890 Pi Kappa Alpha had two small Chapters. Who would dare rise and say that our growth has not been marvelous? We have had our struggles, but we have gone right on to fine success. Our Conventions have been regularly attended, have been marked by business like methods and have developed a beautiful form of government, which has worked out the most pleasing re-

sults. We have been very conservative, in fact our system of government makes this necessary, and yet we have forged right along until we have twenty-one active Chapters, five of the very best having been established last year. At our last Convention, which was held at a point on the extreme east of our territory, we enrolled delegates from seventeen Chapters and heard the best Chapter reports that ever came before our Convention. Thus we have come up to the year 1903. I hope, Brothers, you find ground for good cheer in this recital of Pi Kappa Alpha history. It ought to enthuse the older men, who have gone through the heat of the fight. We have been in colleges where competition was close and continual, where all the influence of the largest and best fraternities has been used against us, but we have stood our ground and are acknowledged all through the South by our fraternity rivals as full worthy of their steel. We have been accorded splendid courtesy and even friendly advice and help by some of the very strongest fraternities. We have assuredly won our spurs and we now take up our work with glad and courageous hearts.

I have two facts about our present condition to cite before closing. First, we have information from all our Chapters that shows us that in every case our Chapters have this year had wonderful success in spiking men and by the number of new men initiated the Chapter is insured for the year. We will lose no Chapter this year, but will close the year with every Chapter in good condition, unless some very unusual event intervenes. This means much to us and should be a source of much encouragement, as I can state that I believe this is the first year in the history of our Fraternity, if my memory serves me right, that we have not had some weak and struggling Chapter to boost up. What anxiety this takes from the General Officers! It ought to put the whole Fraternity to work with new hope and zeal.

Secondly, I desire to call you to consider the high standard of our Chapters. The Chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha, almost without an exception, stand right at the front

in the different colleges, as far as regards the character of the men that compose them. Is it not significant that four Professors out of five from colleges where there are Chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha should answer, when asked what was the leading chapter in their colleges, "The Pi Kappa Alpha seems to have the best men?" I must say, boys, that this gratifies me above all things. I so much long to see our Chapters made strong and useful by an ingathering of men of high character, men that make themselves felt on the student body, on the world about them. Let us guard the portals of every Chapter and allow no man to enter, unless he is fit to be a Pi in all that that loved title implies. Yes we have this year, my Brothers, much to make us cheerful, but not least among these things is the fact that we have good, true Chapters.

Now, that we are happy over our achievements and are in a good healthy condition, we should prepare for permanent and certain growth. Nothing can stop us now, *if we will all work together* and every Chapter makes a positive effort to do its part and do it right away. We are sure to go forward. We have men at different colleges calling for charters, but you all understand that it takes more than this to make Chapters for Pi Kappa Alpha. We must have Chapters that we can entrust our banner to and the assurance that we can do this can not always be made clear. We want more Chapters and we will have them, but there are certain Chapters that we want this year and we are waiting on you men of the Chapters to get to work and organize these Chapters. Let's to work now and close the year with a record that will outshine anything in the past.

Dec. 15, 1903.

H. B. Arbuckle,
Councilor Princeps.

THE SELECTION OF MEN.

In thinking over an experience that covers five years of fraternity life, I am led to ask myself what I considered the most important feature of the work of a fraternity. It took no long study to tell me that the *selection of men* was the most important of all features of the work. A fraternity can't make the man, but the *man must* make the fraternity. To describe an ideal man for a "frat." would be an impossibility, but to give some requirements may be accomplished.

The first thing that should be considered is the character of the man. No organization can stand long that is not particular of the morals of its members; this is an important requisite. The class record of a man comes next. If a man comes to College and is taken into a "frat." before he has had time to show what his record will be, the Chapter runs a great risk, for should he turn out to be a poor student, the fraternity gets the credit for it. And Professors will say, "Yes, he lets his fraternity come in before his work." In the last place he should have some personal attractions, and know how to present his best to the world.

I hear some say "Oh! you mean he must be handsome! why, we all can't be that!" Nothing could be further from what I mean. Some of the most homely men I have ever known have been at the same time the most attractive. One should have a care of his personal appearances, and no man has a right to appear in any way, and ask the people to excuse him "just because that's my way."

I repeat that a man should have a good appearance before he is considered for a "frat.," for the fraternity is judged by the men it contains. A good "frat." man is one that can go into the best homes of best people of his and other towns, and be at ease; he must know how to meet people.

So many Chapters make the mistake of taking in a man "because he is a good fellow." This will never do. I have seen many a good fellow who would not be worth a thing as

a "frat. man;" he lacks some of the requirements; he can't enter into the life, nor does he care to.

All Chapters should also work to perpetuate the organization in the school. We want the Fraternity to live through the years. With this in view we should every year take up some promising "Freshman." He will take more interest in the work than a dozen "one year men."

Don't make the mistake of getting too many young bloods in the Chapter, for in this way you will lose prestige with some of the desirable men who are older.

Again when the Chapter sees a chance to do some good Freshman good by putting the arms of the "frat." around him and uplifting him, let us not be too selfish to do it, do all the good we can, and in any way we can. It is a good motto.

And in the last place cultivate the spirit of "broad-mindedness," which should characterize every true "frat." man, he should be greater than his fraternity, in that he can see good in any one regardless of the fact that he is a member of a rival "frat." He should be willing to lend a helping hand to a member of another fraternity just as quickly as he would to one of his own Brothers.

He should never be the aggressor in a "non-frat." fight, nor should he ever look down on another fellow because he is not a "frat." man. You do not know the circumstances of that life, and it may be that were you in his place you too would not be a "frat." man. But that same man may be at the top of the ladder some day when you are on the ground, and in need of help. Don't forget the poet's remark "a man's a man for all that." Because you are a member of a fraternity is no sign that you are a "blue blood."

A good fraternity man is one that is an "all round man," who can enter into the life of the college where he is attending, can help the boys on the athletic field, can lead his classes, can help a young lady over a step; and of all things he can do is to offer to poor struggling humanity an uplifting hand and a word of cheer regardless of what "frat." he belongs to.

H. H. Weir, Rho.

A MOUNTAIN COURTSHIP.

Among the idle fancies of youth, we find love one of the most potent. As there are certain substances derived from the animal, vegetable and mineral world absolutely necessary to nourish the human body, so it seems love is just as necessary to the spiritual element. The following story finds its origin in the mountains of eastern Kentucky :

Jerry Fitzpatrick, a youth of some sixteen years, a tall, brawny, curly haired mountain fellow met Mabel one beautiful spring morning. Such a morning as only the mountains can afford ; the birds seemed bursting their little throats, and all nature seemed glad. She was driving the cows to pasture. It was love at first sight, or at any rate Jack realized that, as soon as he had gazed into the half startled expression of that face, like the mountain deer, gentle, yet enveloped in a sort of startled mystery, that it was love without a second sight. They stood at the bars a few moments before they separated. Then Jack replaced the rails in their proper places and started up the mountain to his little cabin home, whose window opened to the sunrise. All day long his "heart was sustained by a vision." As evening drew on, the time when nature seems seeking repose, the most quiet time of all, when day "breathlessly kisses the night and neither speaks," he could resist no longer the yearning to see Mabel again. During the day he had been thinking of telling her his love. He had rehearsed it over and over again to the horses, trees, birds, in fact the whole universe at large until it had taken form in eloquent expressions. When he arrived at the bars he suddenly stopped and stood motionless musing with his eyes fixed upon the ground. There in the soft earth were tracks made in the early morning. Some small and shapely, but the others, O my !

Picture to yourself the lovely moonlight road beside the widow's humble cottage. It is a lovely night sanctified to the affections. Presently there comes into the yard the tall manly form of the mountain lover. True to the promise

made him she met him out by the bench of the milk-house. There they sat, swinging their bare feet back and forth in true youthful fashion. Several times he had endeavored to speak, and as many times had the young girl been startled by hearing "Mabel" spoken in a semi-tragical voice. A lump seemed to rise in his throat and he was too full for utterance. It seemed to him that he ought to speak. The great broad moon was just rising over the tree tops, the locusts with their ceaseless chirping were all around, and off in the woods could be heard the doleful call of the chuck-wills widow. Love's own hour. Finally he grasped her arm in his hand with a grip like a vice. She uttered a little cry of fear and sprang to the ground. He was still by her side, and like the giant of old that gained strength from the contact with the earth, he seemed to get power and courage as soon as he touched "terre firma." So at the word "Mabel" spoken with an inflection and intonation that God only knows, she leaned her head on his shoulder and gazed up into his eyes and purred like a kitten. He poured into her ears all the pent up energy of an untold love. What man in this day of insincerity, though he had a place at the right hand of the eternal throne, would not willingly resign it to know the joy pure and simple of such a moment.

Many times as he returned to his home, did he turn and gaze fondly at the light in the little cottage, wondering in his heart would she be true, and resolving to do nothing that would ever cause her shame. He would give up the delight of leading his comrades into some hostile section of the community, and fired by too much "Mountain Dew, or Moonshine," break up dances and their social gatherings.

He failed to see Mabel for some days following, until one night meeting his clansmen he was asked to go with them to a dance across the way at the Bordeaux. He refused at first, but on being told that Mabel was there, he went.

The party hitched their horses in a thicket near the house and moved towards the door. The large cabin was

filled with boys and girls busily engaged in the dizzy mazes of the dance.

Jack watched each couple as they came around looking for Mabel. No Mabel was in sight. Finally he glanced back into a corner near the door, and there sat Mabel with Bill Bordeaux, the boy he most disliked, and she was gazing up into his eyes and seemingly purring with as much satisfaction and contentment as on that memorable moonlight evening so dear to him. Anger appeared in his swarthy face, and calling the boys together he said, "We must have some fun here and break up this dance." The plans were made. They were to enter in good order, and dance for a while. Then one was to throw a bucket of water in the fire, another kick out the lights. So in they went and they were dancing, when all of a sudden at a signal, there was wild disorder and utter darkness. Jack snatched the fiddle from the old fiddler, who was half dozing, playing "Blue birds in the Mountains," and smashed it over Bill's head. He was just reaching for him in the dark to finish him up in good style, when he felt a sudden shock and a pair of soft arms were thrown about his neck, and Mabel was upon his breast uttering words of endearment and fidelity. The game had worked admirably. All thought it an accident, from which the house would burn and all perish in the flames, and Jack had carried Mabel, the pride of the mountains, to a place of safety. So taking her behind him on his horse they wended their way to her home in complete mountain felicity.

N. Lindsay Smith, Kappa.

HOW II. K. A. MAY BECOME THE LEADING SOUTHERN COLLEGE FRATERNITY.

Never has there been a time in the history of our Fraternity that we have had such opportunities as at the present. We now have the opportunity of making II. K. A. the largest and best fraternity in the South. This may be accomplished by two methods. 1. The establishment of new Chapters. 2. By endeavoring to make your Chapter stronger. Expansion means the growth of any country. The same applies to a fraternity.

There are numerous colleges to-day that can be easily entered. Why not make a united effort to go over and establish a new Chapter?

We now come to the second and most important method, namely; that of making your Chapter stronger.

This may be accomplished in three ways. 1. Securing better men. 2. By manifesting more interest in the Chapter meetings. 3. Having more congeniality among the members. There is always a great rivalry among the fraternities to see which one can secure the greatest number of men. Let our motto be, "Quality not Quantity." Seek after men that other fraternities desire. These are the men we want. Take the best or have none. If we always bear this in mind we will have the grandest fraternity in our noble Southland.

There is a lack of interest in some of our Chapter meetings. We can never accomplish anything without work. Let each member come to the meeting with the determination of accomplishing something before the meeting is over. Let our meetings on Friday night be enjoyed and looked forward to, instead of going as a course of habit, or to refrain from paying a fine. The third and last way is that of being more congenial. There is nothing noticed by outsiders more than the congeniality which exists between the members. This is a most important way of securing new members.

Let us get closer together, in order that Freshmen may see that we have a fraternity in which true love exists.

E. F. Bohannon, Tau.

WORDS OF PRAISE.

The following are extracts taken from letters to the General Office, containing pleasant words about our new cover :

"The last issue is *fine*. It would do credit to any fraternity."

J. G. McAllister.

"I received a few days since the October number of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND and was delighted with it, no less with the cover than with the contents. The cover is especially pretty and attractive and something that we have needed on the Magazine for years."

Floyd Hughes.

"THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND looks very handsome in its new covering."

Wm. M. Anderson.

"Am delighted with the new cover. It is the best yet, by long odds."

J. Pike Powers, Jr.

"The new cover is a great improvement. Long may it wave."

J. M. Giles.

"Let me congratulate you on the last edition of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND. Its new dress is very becoming and it sparkles with the true Pi spirit, from beginning to end."

J. Wilson McKay, Beta.

OUR DUTY.

The college session is getting well under way, and holiday season is no longer something in the dim future, and when the innumerable text-books which must either be digested or crammed are considered, the closing days of the session of 1902-'03' are uncomfortably near. This thought of approaching events suggests the Convention of 1902-'93, a great Convention, it is to be hoped—towards which we are making rapid strides.

At this juncture of affairs it is pertinent to inquire concerning what proportion of the many things we have promised in the name of Pi Kappa Alpha for the session 1902-'03, has been laid aside as done. It should be, and no doubt is, the supreme effort of each individual Pi to do all that he can to increase the strength and influence of our beloved Fraternity. His position may be in the ranks of our honored alumni, who have drifted from the classic shores of college walls out into the ceaseless stir of a broader and more active life; or with those who have been, and are now, actively engaged in pushing the cause of fraternal development towards the goal of perfection; or he may be numbered with the fledglings new to the mystic charms—upon whom in a larger measure, rests the future of the Fraternity. But wherever he is, or in whatsoever paths his lines may have fallen, a willingness to perform will suggest something to do, and a means by which a hand of assistance may be stretched to further the cause of Pi Kappa Alpha. In most instances the search for a task will not have to be extensive, as work in which all may engage confronts us as a Fraternity, and is at hand. Plans for specific work, and suggestions along other and broader lines were mapped out at the Norfolk Convention. These have been added to and perfected by the Supreme Council and committees appointed for the purpose. Again, each Chapter has before it plans concerning its own domestic welfare, the execution of which should devolve upon all of its members equally. The plans for which have been laid

before the Fraternity as a body, or presented to some member in particular, as the best fitted to accomplish most satisfactorily the special object in view, have been matured after careful and considerate study of the needs and conditions confronting the Fraternity. This execution as arranged, means a successful issue to the year's work, and a result which will bring joy to every Pi, because the triumph which will mark the termination of this year's labor will reflect new honor upon Pi Kappa Alpha. Every Pi has his own particular part to play in the great scheme, and must do his duty in order that the cause may progress, and the harvest season measure up to the full expectation of those deeply interested.

If we are right at heart and in accord with the spirit typical of true and worthy Brothers, there will be no shrinking from, or shirking duty. Every loyal Pi will cheerfully and readily hearken to and obey any command reaching his ear.

The reports from the various Chapters indicate a wholesome condition of affairs in most cases. Many new men have been found eligible to share our fellowship—which to possess is a badge of honor, and rather to be chosen than great riches. A spirit of progress has been manifested in many Chapters along the line of self-improvement in the way of beautifying their halls by remodeling the interior and putting in new furniture and fixtures. These features, with many others that might be mentioned, are very encouraging, and bespeak a condition which promises a prosperous and substantial growth, with a proportionate increase in importance.

There is yet another duty to which each Chapter has fallen heir. The duty referred to, is that of assisting your Grand Historiographer in compiling a complete catalogue of the Chapters, and members composing these Chapters, from the foundation of the organization. It may be that much of the information required lies within the peculiar knowledge of a single Chapter. And from no other source can the information be obtained. Consequently it is an ab-

solute necessity that the Chapters divulge the knowledge at their command when so requested. Unless their aid is vouchsafed in searching for the matter required, it will be well nigh impossible to place within the archives of our Fraternity this much needed, long desired data concerning our Chapters, and the members who have in the past kept the sacred fires burning upon the altar. Those who have made Pi Kappa Alpha's past a glorious one, a fact of which we, of the present day are justly proud, must not be forgotten or lost to view. Another year should not roll around and find uncollected the data which will ensure a full and complete catalogue. The success or failure of the enterprise will depend greatly upon the ready and efficient co-operation of the Chapters.

Communications requesting information have been addressed to several Chapters. In some instances not even an acknowledgement was evoked. However, happier results followed other letters. It is most earnestly requested that the Chapters give this matter the consideration it merits.

Believing that a devotion to the cause will prompt a ready response to any call that may in the future be made—and many will be made—the hope that Pi Kappa Alpha will yet have a complete biography, so as to speak, of her Chapters and members, both active and retired, still burns brightly

Arthur C. Jones,
Grand Historiographer.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 5th, 1901.

NON-FRATS. AT WOFFORD.

It seems that there is always in town, community, or State two opposing factions. This rule is not without exception in a College community. While there has been to a certain extent opposition to fraternities since their existence in Wofford College, yet this opposition had taken no definite shape until three years ago, when a non-fraternity organization was formed. This organization meets regularly, and has for its aim the abolition of the Greek Letter Societies in Wofford College.

The leaders of the society claim that the social lines are too sharply drawn between the fraternity men and the non-fraternity men; that the fraternities create a rivalry which will eventually prove harmful to the best interest of the college and that it is their object to bring all on an equal social basis, thereby eliminating any discrimination in the fraternity mens' behalf.

That there are social lines here we do not deny, but they are older than fraternities. Yes, they have been here since the foundation of the College. We think that the abolition of fraternities to erase those lines would not help matters.

At the beginning of each Collegiate year there is always a large number of new men who enter college. Each fraternity enters this field in search of good material. In this way the better class of men become fraternity men. Naturally they become the dominant factors in college and social circles. The fraternities here are on a high plain, always conducting themselves becomingly, and we see no reason why a few little bands of men grouped together for mutual benefit, for sharing the joys and sorrows of life, should not go undisturbed.

The matter, however, will be permanently settled by the Board of Trustees in June, 1903. We think we can safely say that if the perpetuity of fraternities in Wofford College hangs on their conduct since their existence here, that we will have no grounds to be uneasy.

Wm. M. Fair, Nu.

IN MEMORIAM.

A. H. PIKE, SIGMA.

SIGMA CHAPTER HALL,
NASHVILLE, TENN., December 6th, 1902.

Resolved, That whereas it hath pleased our Almighty Father in His wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved Brother A. H. PIKE. That Sigma Chapter of II. K. A. Fraternity expresses its heartfelt grief caused by the great loss sustained.

Resolved, further, That the members of Sigma do hereby tender this token to the memory of this good and true Brother, and further, that these resolutions be printed in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and that a copy be sent to his family.

F. M. MASSEY, Chairman.

ALBERT SMITH,

C. S. WILLIAMSON, JR.,

Committee.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

University of Virginia.

The foot-ball season is just over and we have begun to think of the pleasures of the Christmas holidays, which are just three weeks off.

Our foot-ball season was a very successful one. We played ten games, were only beaten once, and were tied once. I guess that you have all heard that we beat the Indians. All the II's were too busy with their studies to try for "gridiron honors:" therefore we were not represented on the team.

Since the last issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, several of us II's have had the pleasure of a trip to Richmond and a visit to Omicron. I can safely say, we were never before the recipients of truer or more genuine Southern hospitality. And I never saw a nicer "bunch of II's."

I am afraid Alpha will suffer a great loss in the near future, as we hear that Brother White is about to commit matrimony. Of course this is just a rumor. But, good luck to Doc., no matter what happens, and wherever he goes.

Since our last letter we have made an addition to our already large and flourishing Chapter, and we take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large, Brother E. H. Venable, of Charleston, W. Va. He is, although a new man, as ardent a supporter of II. K. A. and as true a II as we have.

We were delighted a few weeks ago with a flying visit from Brother Gillespie of Beta. He came up with the Davidson team who played us here.

Good luck to all of our Chapters.

W. A. Strother.

BETA.*Davidson College.*

This letter to THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND leaves us just at the close of a foot-ball season that has not been entirely successful from our point of view. Yet we have no cause to be other than proud of the record of the team. At the beginning of the season the prospect for a winning team looked rather gloomy, as several of last year's best men did not return. It is much to the credit of the team that, starting out practically a new team, meeting a defeat on the home grounds by Furman University at the very first of the season, they worked steadily on through lesser victories and overwhelming defeats by such strong teams as the Universities of Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia, to the crowning victory over the A. and M. on Nov. 21. The victory over the A. and M., who had held U. N. C. down to a scoreless game put us in the second rank in this State. Our record for the season is: won four, lost four, tied one. The Thanksgiving game with our old rivals, South Carolina College, had to be called off on account of small-pox in Charlotte, where the game was to have been played. Brother Dalton represented us on the team at right half-back, and Brother Gillespie at left tackle. Brothers Wagner and Baker represented us on the scrub teams, which played two games off the Hill, winning one and making the other a tie.

In spite of the fact—or was it because of the fact?—that our game with S. C. C. had to be called off, Thanksgiving Day was spent very enjoyably by us. The Hill was blessed by the presence of about twenty-five young ladies from Charlotte, whose presence would have made any day a day of thanksgiving for us who so seldom have any such pleasure out here “in the country.” A six o'clock dinner was given in honor of the visitors, at which each Fraternity was represented by five men.

Our goat has not been called into service since the last letter, but he is becoming restless again as if he “scents the battle from afar” and we will doubtless have to get him

a victim soon. We have been keeping our eyes wide open for good material and have several men under consideration, waiting until we can be sure of their character.

The foundations for the new dormitory have been laid, and work on it is progressing at a satisfactory rate. The dormitory will contain thirty rooms, accomodating sixty students ; it is a much needed addition to the College with the rapidly increasing number of students.

We enjoyed a visit lately from Brother R. C. Deal, '01, who is now in charge of the Clarkton Male Institute, Clarkton, N. C. We were also glad to see Brother D. K. Pope lately, who came up from Charlotte for a short visit.

Since the beginning of the session the attractiveness of our Frat. Hall has been very much increased by two beautiful paintings, gifts of local II. Sisters. What would the Fraternity do without its Sisters ? Beta Chapter is unanimously of the opinion that they are not the least among the blessings that come to those that wear our badge. A look into our hall would convince anyone that we owe much to the loyalty and devotion of our "Sisters in the bonds;" indeed, visitors in commenting upon the beautiful furnishing of the hall often give the praise, and rightly too, to those always charming members of the fairer sex who are proud to belong to The Fraternity. So, here's a health to all II. Sisters, whoever and wherever they be, for are they not also "in the bonds?"

The October number of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, which came to us in a very neat and tasteful cover, was full of good things. One article especially we wish to give our hearty second, the article by Brother Stephenson on "Ritual Observance." The point made for the learning of the Ritual and examination on it is a good one ; during the writer's first year in the Frat. the experiment was made of examining the new men on the Secret Constitution, and the writer's only regret in the matter is that the Rtial was not included also. As Brother Stephenson says, let the principles upon which the Fraternity is founded be "thoroughly absorbed ;" if this is done, a II. will then be indeed worthy to wear the mystic letters inscribed upon our badge.

With best wishes for the continued success of the Fraternity as a whole, and of the individual Chapters, we must close.

Robt. H. Adams.

GAMMA.

William and Mary College.

It is with no degree of hesitancy that we take up our pen again to communicate the happenings of the Chapter to the Fraternity at large. We have by no means been idle, having cornered one, Brother O. L. Shewmake, of Newport News, Va., of whom she has just cause to congratulate herself. Brother Shewmake, being Editor-in-Chief of the monthly, Club Editor of the *Annual*, President of the Athletic Association, Captain of the foot-ball team, needs nothing further to be said in regard to his popularity and ability as a student.

The end of the foot-ball season is rapidly approaching, which fact we dislike to recognize, because of the giving up of that characteristic thrill one experiences just before the little whistle of the referee is heard, yet we have no reason to reproach ourselves, having won out in two-thirds of all the games played.

The devotees of Terpsichoree can be seen assembling periodically on the campus, debating as to the most convenient data for the Thanksgiving German, at which time, "Ye Ancient Burg," will be the scene of much gayety and festivity.

Last week we were honored with a visit from Brother Nottingham, having stopped over with us on his way from the Capital City.

On Monday evening last, the home of Brother J. B. Lamb was turned into a pretty reception hall, where were assembled all the Pi's of the city, to share with him the luxuries that the season affords characteristic of a birthday party.

We were very much pleased with the new covering of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and think it much superior to any that have thus far appeared. Before another appears

we will have entered upon the duties of a new year. Let us carry with us then a renewed determination and earnestness for the extension and prosperity of the Fraternity.

R. Beverly Dale.

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

Since last sending greetings to the Fraternity, Zeta has been very successful and lucky in its enterprises, and is now in a very fine and flourishing condition. Owing to some grave neglect of some of our members, we did not give the names of members of our Chapter in the first publication of this session, we hope pardon will be granted for furnishing the following list at so late a date, which is the complete roll of our Chapter: S. J. McAlister, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; J. T. Edmonds, of York, Ala.; George T. Walton, of Rugby, Tenn.; Wm. Golloher, of Kingston, Tenn.; Tom Campbell, of Tullahoma, Tenn.; Alfred Taylor, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Wm. Deaderick, of Knoxville, Tenn.; H. S. Willerford, of Memphis, Tenn.; J. W. Hudson, of Knoxville, Tenn.

At the opening of school we had only three of the previous year men back, Brothers McAllister, Walton, and the writer, and consequently everything looked mighty dark, but on Brother Hudson's return, we took a new start, and with the assistance and hearty co-operation of several town men, we proceeded to cast our eyes around for some "spikable goats." And we found them too. So the result of our combined and earnest efforts is the above named men. Not only are we highly delighted with the accomplishments of the past, but are also very much elated over the prospects of the future; for we have two or three excellent fellows under our wing. And being pleased very much with our success, and inspired for better work in the future, we extend to all other Chapters congratulations for the "good deeds" they've effected.

The foot-ball season at the University closed on Thanksgiving; and a great deal to our regret, as on that game lay

the championship of the South. We, however, congratulate ourselves on the team's record, since it lost only two games during the entire season. Brother Massey of Sigma, paid us a visit when Vanderbilt came to Knoxville, and we appreciated very much his attention. We also had the pleasure of welcoming Brother Hyte-Smith, an alumni of Zeta, of Norfolk, in the Fraternity hall.

At present everything at the U. of T. is put into the background, by the approaching "Exams." But as usual we hope to manage to "skin" through ; though our prospects are vague and most uncertain. And so with kindest hopes to all other Chapters for a brilliant success in all Fraternity undertakings, and extending a hearty wish for a happy, merry Christmas, we bid you good-bye until next time.

J. T. Edmonds.

THETA.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

Theta sends greetings to her sister Chapters, wishing for them all the joys and pleasures that are usually looked for, with so much anticipation, during the approaching Christmas holidays.

We are working for the examinations that conclude this term's work, and there is much midnight oil and slumber being sacrificed in view of the fact that "flats" would result if we did otherwise. I might say that some of our number are now acting more heroically than dispensing with slumber, since they are "staying in at night" and being content with an occasional thought of the Sister who awaits the time when she is asked to be more than a Sister II.

Theta has in her membership those who have recognized in the lessons of our Fraternity those principles, which, if practiced, will make every II a better man, and his thoughts nobler and purer, and at the same time we know that our college and fraternity life is what we make it, and, therefore, our Chapter has within it those who stand for the very best and the most that there is to be achieved by close ap-

plication to and practice of the truest and noblest ambitions.

Since our last letter "Billy" has been brought forth with his back well padded by those who had sat thereon before and did his duty well in carrying from realms of darkness to the chambers of knowledge and light three maphites, who, while riding this strong animal, might have thought that his was the back upon which a man had never sat; and we take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large E. W. Wathal and Roy Webb, of St. Bethlehem, Tenn.; and R. E. Fulton of Collinsville, Ala., who, after they stood among us, do not scorn the base degrees by which they did ascend.

Chas. W. Welsh.

IOTA.

Hampden-Sidney College.

Since our last letter we have taken in one other man, Mr. Goodridge A. Wilson, of Brownsburg, Va., whom we take pleasure in introducing to all II.'s. In initiating him we worked in many schemes of texture besides the regular initiation ceremony, and it was rare fun to see how scared the poor boy was. Only Brother Wilson knows the fears he experienced that night.

We have this year as congenial a crowd as can be found in college. Beside the natural ties which bind Fraternity Brothers to each other, our location is such as to throw us in constant contact with one another. This strengthens the ties which already exist, drawing us into closer fellowship. Our fraternity relations are truly sweet and pleasant.

Within the last month we have made many improvements in our frat. room. We are unanimously agreed that we have the prettiest hall in college. The handsome paper, with woodwork and stained floor, make the room a most desirable place to repair to after our eyes have been wearied with sight of the average college boy's room. We must congratulate ourselves that Brothers Martin and Langhorne who occupy the room, keep it so neat and inviting.

All our "goats" have already invested in jewelry, and are now proud possessors of the "*Shield and Diamond*." But it is only to be surmised that, like most fraternity pins, they will soon find their way from the college boy's coat to a more delicate fabric. We dare say they will not all return with their owners after Christmas.

Brother Langhorne represented II. most admirably on the foot-ball team this season. We have heard him speak of the pleasure he had in meeting a number of II.'s on his trip; and of the attention and welcome they always extended him.

The only honor acquired this month is Brother Hunter Mann's election as Marshal at the Literary Society Celebration at Intermediate.

Everything is going well with the Chapter. Iota sends greeting to all her sister Chapters.

Frank H. Mann.

KAPPA.

Kentucky University.

Kappa is deeply sensible of the honor of communicating with her sister Chapters through the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. Although we began our new strife with an insignificant force, yet our perfect obedience to the vision of bright future, success has now reached its national realization. We were exceedingly successful in taking in five new, good men, who are at the present time energizing and vitalizing forces to our beloved Chapter.

These five men are, Brothers James R. Jally, Lindsay Smith, Maxwell Hall, George Montgomery and Hiram Brown.

Brother James R. Jally is a student of high intelligence, and pure, moral character, and is one of the most popular students of Kentucky University. He has been our foot-ball manager for the past two years, and by his efficient management and faithfulness to his duty, our foot-ball team has been enabled to enlarge its capacity and to increase its reputation.

Brother Lindsay Smith is a graduate of the New England School of Oratory at Boston, and is at present the competent Professor of Oratory in Kentucky University. He, himself, is a fine speaker, and he has that beautiful and melodious Southern voice.

Brother Maxwell Hall is from Indiana, and, although he has not been in the University but for a short period, he has already manifested his extensive intellectual power, and proved himself to be a student of high order.

Brother George Montgomery is another good man, and he is a fine athlete, as well as a fine student. He is man of modesty and chastity. He is a man who possesses both the mental and physical powers. He plays the left-end on our Varsity team.

Brother Hiram Brown is another well-known student in the University, and his congeniality and refined culture make him so conspicuous and reputable.

These five excellent men and Brother Holton Frank, our very faithful member, make Kappa Chapter so vigorous and so energetic to push our conquest still further on and on.

Kappa Alpha has taken in four new men, and altogether it has about ten men.

It is recently reported that Kappa Sigma is at present trying to put back their Chapter again, and we are rather inclined to believe that it will reach its desired destination in the near future.

We were very glad to receive a visit from Brother Homer Carpenter not long ago, and his words of encouragement and hope were exceedingly helpful to us all.

A few wew weeks ago Omega and Kappa held a joint meeting, and the Brothers from both the Chapters were present. It was a very delightful meeting as well as a very helpful one.

Kentucky University is moving on nicely. The foot ball season is well advanced, and out of eight games played, K. U. has won six, scoring 244 points to her opponents 28.

Again wishing the best in all things for our beloved Fraternity, our letter for the issue closes.

Y. Minakuchi.

MU.*Presbyterian College of South Carolina.*

Since our last letter, things have been running smoothly at P. C. of S. C. Reports have just gone out, and while there is some disappointment in the marks, still old Mu has every reason to be proud of the record made by her men. Some of her men have been found either at the head of their classes or running a close second.

On October the 24th we met, and after due preparation, Mr. R. T. Fewell, Jr., rode through the hidden mysteries into the sweets of II. K. A. This Brother acquitted himself well, and has already proven himself worthy of the honor he bears. He is a younger brother to Brother A. G. Fewell, one of our old standby's.

Just one week later we met again, and this time the worthy candidate was Mr. J. Hoge Smith, of Danville, Va. Brother Smith in his quiet, unassuming way, has already risen high in the esteem and respect of the whole student body.

Not long since the Athletic Association held their annual meeting to elect officers for the coming season of base-ball. At this meeting Professor Spencer was elected President, Professor Martin Treasurer, Brother Stephenson Manager, Mr. Sadler Captain, while the writer was chosen Assistant Captain and fifth member of the Executive Committee. Mu hopes to have at least five men on the team this year.

The student body has determined to issue a college magazine. At the election of officers we boys came in for our full share. Brother Stephenson has the honor of being Editor-in-Chief, Brother Smoot was chosen Local Editor, Brother Smith as Exchange Editor, and your humble scribe as Assistant Business Manager. We hope to make a big success of this, as it is our first attempt in this line.

A few meetings ago, on entering our hall, we were struck by the thought that our hall had a little different appearance from the ordinary. It took only a glance to see on the table two vases full of beautiful chrysanthemums. Our two

coeds and loyal II. Sisters, Miss Lisa Bean and Miss Marion McCrary, had remembered us in their nice way. Such little acts of kindness as these are what makes us hold them so dear to us. They certainly are Sisters of whom we should be proud.

Thanksgiving Day has come and gone, and only memories of it are left. Such a dinner as our matron gave, is long to be remembered. Most of the boys went hunting or played tennis, and ended the day with a big party.

We are all looking forward to the coming of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND. Nothing gives us more pleasure than to gather in the hall and read what our Brothers in other colleges are doing, and our hearts glow with pride when we see some special honor that one of them has obtained.

With love and best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year, Mu bids her sister Chapters good-bye for 1902.

J. H. Thornwell, Jr.

NU.

Wofford College.

Since our last Chapter letter we have had the good fortune of adding two new members to our band. On October 6th, Mr. R. H. Tolleson, of Spartanburg, S. C., was carried over the unknown seas and landed safely on the shores of II. K. A. He found this a stormy voyage, but knowing whither he was bound, held out faithfully and received as his armor a shield with a peerless diamond. Then on the night of October 27th, Mr. J. C. Guilds, of Cordesville, S. C., signified his willingness to undergo the trials necessary to make him a Brother, and was initiated so thoroughly that he will never forget that eventful night. Mr. Guilds had been pledged last year and had been prevented, by circumstances beyond his control, from joining us until this time. We are indeed proud to introduce to the fraternity at large these two Brothers and are sure they will make true and loyal II.'s. We are sorry to report that Bro. Tolleson has

been confined at his home for several days on account of sickness but trust that he may be with us in a few days.

We have a number of loyal II. K. A.'s in the town, principally young men, and they are every one, men of promise and already men of some prominence. Among them are: Rev. M. L. Banks, a charter member of Nu and a loyal Brother; P. H. Fike, Nu, '97, city editor of the "*Spartanburg Herald*." He has succeeded remarkably well at his chosen profession; Dr. Ferguson, Mu, began practicing medicine here last summer and has already established a fine practice; Brother Adams, Beta, is filling a responsible position with the Spartanburg Light and Power Co.; J. C. Blackwood, Nu, '98, is practicing law in this place and in the last election was elected to the State Legislature by a handsome majority.

It has been our purpose to make this year count in the history of our Chapter and to work for the good of our beloved Order at every place. May this be a prosperous year for our united Fraternity and it can but be if we are true to our colors.

W. W. Boyd.

OMICRON.

Richmond College.

It is with great pleasure that Omicron greets her sister Chapters for the second time this session.

Our foot-ball team disbanded on last Wednesday, having had a very successful season.

We won the championship of the Eastern League, which gives us the Championship Cup of the league, in addition to the Championship Cup for base-ball.

The honors in foot-ball are about evenly divided between the good work of the team and our coacher, Mr. Hobson. We were fortunate enough to have two men on the team, Brothers Woodfin and Lacy.

We were very agreeably surprised about the first of the month by a visit from five of Alpha's men, Brothers

Strother, Fulton, Ferguson, Conrad and Newcomb, with whom we spent several pleasant hours.

Fraternity material has been very scarce in college this session, but Omicron feels safe in saying that she captured the "flower of the flock," on which occasion "Billy" was unanimously acknowledged as master of ceremony.

Omicron at present feels a little disabled, two of our most favorite II. Sisters having gone to New York, anticipating a trip abroad.

Last, but not least, we take great pleasure in introducing to our sister Chapters Mr. Samuel Winston Lacy, of Richmond, Va., of whom Omicron has a right to be proud. Brother Lacy is an Academic student, and is here for his degree.

In closing, the members of Omicron wish all of their Brethren a happy Christmas and a pleasant New Year.

J. M. Lewis.

PI.

Washington and Lee University.

In beginning this letter we would like to express our appreciation of the first number of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND in its new dress. But it would be difficult to give in words the sum of its many excellences, and it is probably sufficient to say, that if all departments of our Fraternity work were as ably managed as the Magazine, all efforts would succeed.

At this writing we are not able to report any new "goats," and it seems highly probable that old Billy will enjoy a vacation of some length. The frat. material of this year's Freshman class was rapidly exhausted. There are thirteen active Chapters of various fraternities here, besides representatives of several more, and in a Freshman class of probably a hundred, things are rather crowded and competition is strong. However it is not active competition that we fear, nor is it that which is keeping us back, but we are troubled because of scarcity of material.

Washington and Lee has been very ably represented on the

gridiron this year, and so far we have lost only two games, both against heavy odds. In this connection, Pi had the pleasure of meeting Brothers Lacy and Woodfin of Omicron, and Langhorne of Iota. Their visit, though short, was to us a very pleasant one, and we hope to see them again during base-ball season if not before. Following are the foot-ball scores for this season:

W. and L. U., 11—Miller School, 0.
U. of Va., 16—W. and L. U., 0.
W. and L. U., 6—V. P. I., 0.
W. and L. U., 29—Richmond College, 0.
V. M. I., 11—W. and L. U., 0.

Washington and Lee closes the season on Thanksgiving with Hampden-Sidney at Roanoke. We anticipate an easy victory.

The terror of student life, Exams., will soon be upon us, and of course we are hard at work preparing for them. Although we have never yet been called "sharks," we hope to tide over "those times that try men's souls" in safety. We suppose that the other Brothers are also engaged in the merry work of "cramming," and for them and all other P. K. A.'s, Pi wishes success and a merry Christmas.

W. E. Riddick.

RHO.

Cumberland University.

Since the last letter to THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND Rho has taken in a man the like of which it rarely comes the opportunity of the Chapter to get. The man in question is none other than the new Dean of the Theological Department of Cumberland University. Rho is always on the outlook for men that will be good "frat" men and men who we think will shed honor on the fraternity at large so we feel that we have been very fortunate in getting Dean Henry of Lebanon.

Mr. Henry has just taken charge of the Theological Department of the school and we fell sure that we will be proud to call him Brother.

After the initiation of the Dean (which was short, in view of the fact that he is a 32 degree Mason) the Chapter retired to "Lauper's Cafe" and there while Brother Engram of Nashville, presided as toast master a delightful banquet was served. We were glad to have with us on this occasion Brothers Williams and Smith from Sigma.

Rho has initiated the following since last we reported: Mr. B. L. Rice, from Grand Junction, Colorado; Wallace Stevens, of Kentucky; and Mr. P. D. Tucker, of Vernon, Texas, all of whom are in the Theological Department.

Cumberland has been fairly successful this year with her foot-ball team, winning a good number of her games and, we feel an interest in the work of the team from the fact that Brothers Keeton and Simms represented us in the capacity of Captain and Manager respectively.

Rho will report some good men in her next we hope, and we trust that we will be able to add many men to the long list of Pi's, liken unto the ones we report above.

With best of wishes for the success of all the Chapters and hoping that you will have a happy Christmas, we are respectfully,

H. H. Weir.

SIGMA.

Vanderbilt University.

Since our last writing a good many things have happened at Sigma. The foot-ball season of course was the all absorbing topic until Thanksgiving. Vanderbilt was defeated only once during the entire season. Sewanee on Thanksgiving Day defeated us to the tune of 11 to 5. There were no trick plays in the game, but they just defeated us by straight foot-ball. The field was very muddy which suited their style of play and was very much to our disadvantage as they play the close formation and we the "open." We hoped to make a clean breast this year, but as we lost we would rather lose to the Tigers than any other, for they are clean sportsmen.

Sigma has won some of the very finest men in the Uni-

versity this year. Her boys are making among the best grades in college. One of our very best men, Brother Parks, has been compelled to leave college, on account of his health. He tried to stay, but his physician told him that he *must* go.

Brother Jas. R. Williamson, ex-Captain of the scrub football team, was promoted to left end on the Varsity, which developed Sigma.

The alumni of the city have been very nice to us this year. II. K. A. men are filling three of the most prominent pulpits in Nashville.

We publish in this number resolutions expressing our most heartfelt grief at the death of Brother A. H. Pike, of Springfield, Tenn., one of our loyal members.

Luck to all II.'s.

F. M. Massey.

TAU.

University of North Carolina.

Tau is again glad to correspond with her sister Chapters through our beloved SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Although we have, so far been unable to raise our number up to what it was last year, yet we are not discouraged. We have our eyes centered on several good men, and hope in the next issue to introduce to the fraternity at large a few more loyal Pi's.

Brother A. J. Moore, of Greenville, N. C., who was with us last year, paid us a short visit several weeks past, much to the delight of his Brother Pi's.

We are glad to announce that Brother Burton H. Smith, of Charlotte, N. C., who was prevented from being with us this year by protracted sickness, has entirely recovered and expresses his intention of returning next year.

Our foot-ball team is putting in some hard practice for the final struggle with Virginia in Richmond on Thanksgiving Day. Although Georgetown defeated us last Saturday by a score of 12 to 5, we are confident of putting up a strong game against Virginia.

Brother Rhodes successfully passed an examination before the State Board of Pharmacy last week, and is receiving congratulations from his many friends. This does not mean, however, that he is going to leave us. He will remain until June and receive his Diploma in Pharmacy.

The University has nearly six hundred students already enrolled, which greatly exceeds all previous years. A prosperous year is expected.

We are represented on the Board of Editors of the "*Yackety Yack*," by Brother Bohannon.

Tau wishes all the Chapters a happy and prosperous year.

H. C. Irwin.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Time has indeed slipped quickly by since the October number of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, daintily dressed in its fresh new clothes, reached us. And by the way, its the most becoming suit our Magazine has ever worn. Dr. Arbuckle is to be congratulated on his good taste in selecting it.

Twenty-two names at present comprise Upsilon's roll, and all II. K. A.'s may now call Messrs. Willis Venable of Birmingham, Ala., O. E. Yonge of York, and Sam T. Jones of Gainesville, by the name of Brother.

For the last month or so our Treasurer, Brother L. P. Hall, has been hustling, and, thanks to his strenuous efforts, a handsome new carpet now covers our Hall floor, in place of a Japanese matting, which had seen better days. We have the best located hall in Auburn and when our remaining plans for improvement mature, we can confidently challenge any Frat. in college to show a better furnished home.

According to custom the II.'s have secured the bulk of college honors, as the following list will demonstrate:

Immediately after college opened, when the Athletic Advisory Board was organized, Brother J. D. Walker was made Vice-President; when the first issue of our college pa-

per, "*Orange and Blue*," came out it was under the Business Managership of Brother A. M. Avery; when the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Classes held class elections, Brothers O. E. Yonge, T. H. Matson and H. M. Yonge were respectively elected Presidents; when the remaining promotions were announced, Brothers T. H. Matson, L. P. Hall, J. H. McEniry and C. H. G. Alexander were made Sergeants; and Brother O. E. Yonge ranked second among the eighteen Corporals who were appointed; finally, when the Alabama Intercollegiate Oratorical Association held its initial meeting in Montgomery, Brother J. E. D. Yonge was unanimously elected its first President.

Here is the numerical strength of the different Frats. represented at the A. P. I: Phi Delta Theta, 15; A. T. O., 14; K. A., 15; S. A. E., 18; Sigma Nu, 9; Kappa Sigma, 27; II. K. A., 22.

That our foot-ball team is not up to the Auburn standard this year was proved by the result of our annual Thanksgiving Day game, for even Georgia beat us—beat us fairly and squarely, so we've got no kick coming or excuses either for that matter. All that is left for us to do is simply to wait (as patiently as possible,) for the 27th of November, 1903, to roll around. On that glad day a veteran team, proudly wearing hard-earned 11 inch A's, will again face the Red and Black on an Atlanta gridiron, and then—"Revenge is Sweet."

In two weeks now our much dreaded term Exams. will be on. Ten days later a weary,—but it is to be hoped—happy crowd of Upsolonians will disperse to their various homes. But, before going, all of us desire to extend to every II in our Sunny Southland, our best wishes for a "Happy Christmas" and a "Merry New Year."

T. J. Dowdell.

PHI.*Roanoke College.*

All of us were glad to see the first number of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND in its attractive new cover, and to read the interesting articles it contained.

Some changes have taken place in our Chapter since we last wrote. Brother Bowman went to the K. M. A., at Cambier, Ohio, and Brother Charles E. Bear is now at V. P. I. He has been there only a few weeks, and is playing quarter-back on their heavy eleven. On account of failing health, Brother Hoge's doctor advised him to stop college for a while, at least. We were sorry to see him leave, but hope he may gain strength rapidly and be with us again.

Brothers J. S. Bear and J. Paris Palmer, made us a flying visit a short time ago, and as usual, we were glad to see them.

On last Saturday night at the meeting of the Ciceronian Literary Society, two of II. K. A.'s men were elected to serve on the ticket of the annual celebration, to be held in the Town Hall February 22, 1903. Brother Mauney, as Final Orator, and your scribe as President. We shall endeavor to reflect credit on the "garnet and old gold."

So far the "Ribbon Society," as we have named it, have not been out with their colors, and everything is quiet among the "nons."

With best wishes to all the Chapters, I close.

D. Neal Pope.

CHI.*University of the South.*

It is with great pride and pleasure that we read in the October number of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND of the many initiates in most of the Chapters. Chi is now hopeful of reporting a new member in our next letter, and two or three new ones in March.

The prospects are, that by March the Faculty will have annulled an existing law that bars Academic students from

eligibility to a fraternity the first three months of their life in the University. The law was passed principally to prevent the frats from rushing men before they left the Grammar School, our principle preparatory school, which is also at Sewanee. A period of one month's ineligibility would serve as well; and this is what the Faculty has promised to do at the instigation or request of all local Chapters assembled in Pan-Hellenic Convention.

Having lost Brother Harper, who has returned to Nashotah, our sole representative on the ball field is Brother Lindsay, who is on the second team.

Through the help of Brother Frank Van Ness, now of Chicago, formerly of Upsilon Chapter, and by contributions from our present members, and promises from a few of our recent alumni, we will have a billiard table next week if all goes well. We are getting a good table for remarkably little money, and for many reasons have gone into the deal as a good investment. All the local Chapters being so equipped, we have been greatly handicapped heretofore. We look for early results.

Brother Elmore has finished his work for this year, and has gone to his home in Jacksonville, Fla., for the winter, where he expects to do hospital work.

The rest of us will soon leave—about December 20th—for our three months vacation. Consequently our next report will be only what the writer can gather by letter of the whereabouts and doings of the various Brothers. Our year, though a hard one, has not been without results, and we believe that the Chapter is considerably stronger than our outlook in March seemed to foretell that we would be.

The University Gymnasium, to be a handsome stone structure, has been begun almost across the street from us, which when completed and in use, will make our location one of the most desirable on the Mountain.

The Kappa Sigmas gave up their Chapter house in June, and we thought we were going to lose them as an organization in Sewanee, but they revived not long ago, and are talking of building a new house.

During the summer we received some little articles of adornment for the Chapter house from our lady friends, and are expecting more, in the way of pillows, etc., from a very charming and pretty Sister, whom Brother Parson's good taste selected from among our summer visitors, and persuaded to be a Sister to him, and to the rest of us.

We are all excitement in anticipation of a close game with Vanderbilt on Thanksgiving Day. Both teams are confident of victory, but as the prophetic superiority of one or the other will have been proved before this letter appears, I will refrain from further comment.

With cordial best wishes for a merry Christmas and happy New Year for all the Brothers, we say farewell for a season.

Any communications for the Chapter, will reach the writer at 1220 Travis Street, Houston, Texas, and receive whatever attention is necessary.

E. Cecil Seaman.

PSI.

North Georgia Agricultural College.

Psi is pleased to once more greet her sister Chapters through THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND. Since the last issue three members have been added to our jovial band of anointed royals—Mr. G. M. Barnes, of Stinson, Ga., K. D. Brobston, of Madison, Ga., and H. I. Lumpkin, of Cartersville, Ga. We take pride in introducing these Brothers to the Fraternity as they have proven themselves to be worthy students and loyal II's; possessing the two traits congeniality and hospitality, characteristic of all true Southerners and especially prominent and noteworthy in the members of our Fraternity.

We hope our sister Chapters will not think us boastful if the many honors that have been bestowed upon us are briefly related. In the Oratorical Association Brother Townsend holds the honorable position of President, and Brother Horton, an alumnus, as the representative orator.

In the literary societies we have one out of two Presidents, three out of the eight Public Debators, and two out of the six members of the Inter-Society Committee. In the Military Department, we have Commandant Barnes, an alumnus; Captain Edmonson; Lieutenants Rowe, Townsend and Steed; Sergeants, Rogers, Collins and Gortatowsky; Corporals, Lumpkin and Parham; Chief Musician, Elkan. In the Classics we constitute one half of the "Honor Roll" students. Last, but not least, we have the sympathy and co-operation of the ladies and they, in return, have the gratitude and love of us all.

This year has been an exceedingly prosperous one to our Chapter. Nothing has marred the continuous growth of the Chapter or disturbed the pleasant relations existing between her members. Movements to the rear denote cowardice or signify decline. They are therefore either unknown to or unpracticed by Psi members. "Forward" is the command of their leader, and forward they march, overcoming all obstacles, cautious, though fearless of danger, and united with one noble aim and pre-eminent purpose in view, the advancement of the interests of our beloved Fraternity.

Wishing her sister Chapters a merry Christmas, Psi concludes.

J. D. Gertatowsky.

OMEGA.

Kentucky State College.

It is with pleasure that I introduce to my Brother Pi's the names of two men who since our last letter, have been introduced to our old friend "Bill." They are S. A. Ashbrook, of Cynthiana, Ky., and W. Gwyn, of Lexington, Ky.; K. S. C.'s famous foot-ball champion, which makes our roll of active members at present ten, and by no means have our boys ceased in their efforts to find worthy gentlemen to wear the *shield and diamond*.

Although the Exams. and Christmas holidays are near at hand, still the thing that now is uppermost in the minds of all Kentucky State College students, is the great game

to be played Thanksgiving Day between K. S. C. and K. U. This is the Yale-Harvard game of Kentucky.

A joint meeting of Kappa and Omega Chapters was held last Monday night, and with twenty-three loyal Pi's together, it is hardly necessary to say we had a pleasant time.

It is reported that Brother E. "Chesterfield" Evans, of the Class of '02, has been offered a position with an engineering firm as representative in England. Our best wishes go with him.

Best wishes for a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year from Omega to all our sister Chapters.

L. K. Frankel.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

Trinity College.

The rushing of the season is now over, but Alpha-Alpha's work still goes on. She will be represented this year in nearly every department of college life, and has already taken a position, which, if held, will eventually make her an important factor at Trinity College.

There has been an attempt, beginning about the middle of last year, to organize a Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta here. Recently two of the crowd attempting this, joined the Kappa Alpha's, and the others say their petition was rejected.

Still, it is probable that we will have a Chapter of the Sigma Chi at Trinity. A former student at Randolph-Macon and members of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, entered the Sophomore class this fall, and is gathering about him a following, which it is believed he will try to get through. If this should prove true, we will have five fraternities represented here.

Sometime ago our Chapter was asked by the other fraternity chapters, to appoint a committee to meet with them and discuss some plans in regard to pledging new men. This was done, and a petition was sent to the President, asking that the Faculty enact a law prohibiting the pledging of new men before December 1st, of each

year, with heavy penalty attached for violation. Our men talked it over and decided that, although our Chapter is young, the outlook for next year is especially good, and we have a chance with the rest. The President has as yet made no statement as to the petition.

A Glee Club has been organized, in which Brothers Webb and Pugh will take part. The club will give concerts at Raleigh, Greensboro, Concord and Winston-Salem next spring, and as there are schools for girls at each of these places and Trinity boys are well known at all, the club is expecting a jolly time.

There is only one drawback to our society relations, and that is, all the Pi's, except one, belong to the Columbian Society. It would be best if we were more equally divided along that line. "Frat." men take the lead in the Columbian Society with Brother Cranford as President, representing the Pi Kappa Alpha. Brother Langston is something of an orator himself, and we are expecting Brother Pugh to bring off a medal next spring. In fact all the II.'s are doing their part in society.

The annual debate with Wake Forest has been broken off by Trinity, and we will debate Emory College, of Georgia, in the spring. It is the general opinion that Brother Cranford will be one of the Trinity representatives if he will only try, as he is known as one of the best debaters in college.

Brothers Bagby, Pugh, Webb, Cranford and Langston, are playing hot foot-ball, while Brothers Egerton, Rowe, Arthur and Webb, have developed a faculty for going down town, and all the ladies are happy.

Brother Cranford has a prominent position on the editorial staff of "*The Trinity Archive*," and Brother Langston is a notable contributor.

We are, so far, well pleased with our work, and hope to be able to make a good report for every issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Old "Billy" is thriving on plenty of food and no work and, though he is generally better off when in this con-

dition, it is likely that before our next letter, he will give at least one man such a ride as comes to one man only once in a lifetime.

With best wishes for her sister Chapters, Alpha-Alfa stands ready to do what she can for the advancement of the II. K. A. Fraternity.

Robert Taylor.

ALPHA-BETA.

Centenary College.

It was with much pleasure that the members of Alpha-Beta read the encouraging reports from all the sister Chapters. We sincerely trust that they will have such reports all through the year.

Since our last letter we have harnessed up our "goat," and wish to introduce to the Brothers at large, Messrs. Allen James Perkins, Lake Charles, La.; Harvey Leonard Morris, Jennings, La.

We are very proud of these two young men, and are sure that they will make true and loyal II.'s. They are very popular with every one, and are doing excellent work in their studies. They seem to be filled with a spirit of IIism, and will be a great help to us we are sure.

We regret the loss of Brothers Austin and Hickman. They were always looking out for our interests, and they will be missed from our ranks by each one. Brother Austin is now at the Louisiana State University, and Brother Hickman has accepted a good position with one of the leading business houses in this town. We feel sure that these men will always have the same feeling for the Fraternity as they did when they were here, and will always be on the lookout for our interests. We hope to have a fine report from them in one of our next letters.

Hoping to have some men to introduce in our next letter, and wishing every II. a happy Christmas, we close our letter.

J. B. Reiley, Jr.

The P*i*'s.

In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to H. M. McALLISTER, Covington, Va., *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.

—The following concerning the nomination of our beloved Brother Robert H. Hughes, as a candidate for the United States Congress, is clipped from the "*Richmond Times*," of October 8th, and will be read with interest by all:

"NEWPORT NEWS, VA., October 7—The Second Congressional District to-day beheld the miracle of a harmonious Republican District Convention. It was a veritable love feast, resulting in the unanimous nomination of Mr. Robert M. Hughes, of Norfolk, for Congress.

The only other formidable aspirant, after Mr. Fred Read, of Newport News, had withdrawn was Captain C. H. Causey, of Suffolk, and his name was not presented.

Nominations were called for, and, amid great applause Captain C. H. Causey, of Suffolk, took the platform and briefly nominated Mr. Robert M. Hughes, of Norfolk.

Immediately after the nomination was made, Messrs. C. H. Causey and A. C. Peachy were appointed a committee to bring Mr. Hughes in.

Captain Causey next made a spirited speech, and as he concluded his remarks there was great cheering in the hall as the committee put in its appearance with Mr. Hughes, who was introduced as the next representative of the Second District in Congress.

MR. HUGHES SPEAKS.

Mr. Hughes made a very able and conservative speech, in which he made assaults upon the new constitution and upon the Democratic ring rule. 'Every courthouse has its ring, and every ringster has his price,' he declared, and then devoted his attention to the prosperity of the nation, tracing it in the conventional way to Republican rule.

Mr. Hughes addressed himself at length to the importance of

this district and the necessity of influential representatives in Congress.

He spoke of the various measures to come before Congress affecting the interests of the district, and suggesting the advisability of having a Republican representative to take care of those interests."

All Pi's, we know, wish for Brother Hughes a successful campaign and a handsome majority in his election.

—Our talented Brother, H. H. Weir, of Rho, has formed a partnership with another Pi and has opened offices in Room 29, Vanderbilt Building, Nashville, Tenn. We wish the new firm of Turner & Weir great success and many clients.

—Rev. Brother R. L. Telford, D. D., Iota, has nearly completed his fine buildings at Lewisburg, W. Va., for the Lewisburg Female Institute of which he is the successful head. The new buildings finished, will cost about \$60,000, Mr. Andrew Carnegie giving \$20,000 of that amount. Dr. Telford has opened his school at the famous White Sulphur Springs, nine miles from Lewisburg, a temporary arrangement until he can enter his new quarters. He has already 92 boarders, with eight or ten more to come. Brother J. A. Arbuckle, Iota, is Professor of Physics in the Institute.

—The following from the "*Montgomery Advertiser*" concerns one of our Brothers of Upsilon and we know that best wishes will follow the young couple:

"Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Powers, announcing the marriage of their daughter, Mary Whitfield, to Mr. Harvey Streety Houghton, of Hayneville, the wedding to take place at their residence on University avenue. The bride-to-be is one of Tuscaloosa's most charming and universally admired young women. Mr. Houghton is a rising young lawyer of Hayneville, having graduated at the State University last session. Although the wedding will be a quiet home affair, it is looked forward to with much interest by a host of friends."

—At the Union Theological Seminary this year we have the following Pi's: Brother John I. Armstrong, Sigma, for

six years Professor in the University School at Nashville, and for the past few months, (until Oct. 1st,) in charge of Ward Seminary in that city; Brother Asa D. Watkins, Iota, who is Editor-in-Chief this year of the *Union Seminary Magazine*, published from that institution; and Brother J. Gray McAllister, Iota, who after a year of post-graduate study, is temporarily filling the chair of Oriental Languages and Literature in the absence of Prof. W. W. Moore, now in Europe on a year's leave of absence.

—Rev. W. M. Anderson, D. D., at one time Councilor Princeps, and at all times our loyal and enthusiastic Brother, is meeting with great success in his work at Nashville, Tenn. He is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in that city, one of the largest churches in Nashville. The church publishes a very interesting little pamphlet, giving the location of the church building and the different notices of services during the week and on Sunday, with the text of Dr. Anderson. The other pages are devoted to interesting news of the congregation.

A PI WEDDING.

—“ARBUCKLE-McLAUGHLIN—On October 8, 1902, at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. Julian D. Arbuckle, Iota, to Miss Margaret Anna McLaughlin, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McLaughlin, “Clifton,” Maxwelton, W. Va. The Rev. H. W. McLaughlin, brother of the bride and the Rev. C. D. Gilkeson officiated.”

Brother Arbuckle, (who is brother of our Grand Mogul) and Brother McLaughlin were both from Iota and Miss McLaughlin was one of the Iota Sisters. The couple have returned from a bridal tour North and settled in Pocahontas Co., W. Va., where Brother Arbuckle has an extensive practice.

—“At the congregational meeting of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning, September 21st, to act upon the call their pastor, *Rev. Joseph Rennie, D. D.*, Iota, of Covington, Ky., had received from the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk,

Va., the congregation was unanimous for him to remain, but the Presbytery saw fit to release him.

A reception was tendered him, at which time the congregation, in a very substantial manner, showed their love and appreciation of Dr. Rennie and his estimable wife, by presenting them with an elegant set of solid silver knives and forks. They were also the recipients of many tokens of love from individual members in the form of checks, silver and other gifts.

A resolution was also read expressing universal regret at the loss sustained by the church in his leaving, a copy of which was ordered to be sent to the Norfolk Church and one placed on the records of the Madison Avenue Church.

Never was the sacred ties of pastor and charge severed more reluctantly than that of Dr. Rennie and Madison Avenue Church. The prayers and best wishes of all the church and city go with him in his new field."

Brother Rennie has entered upon his pastorate at Norfolk, his church having entertained the Virginia Synod at its recent session.

—The following very interesting and enthusiastic letter from our loyal Brother and ex-Councilor Princeps, Rev. Robert Hill, will we know, prove of deep interest to all the members. Brother Hill sends us his subscription to the Magazines and adds :

"It occurs to me you might be interested in knowing that three of the Trustees of the Texas Presbyterian College for Girls are Pis. This is a new institution just opened this session at Milford in this Presbytery. One year ago its site was a corn or wheat field; to-day there is a magnificent four story building modern in all respects upon it, filled with girls. The names of the men referred to are F. E. Robbins, of Beaumont, an old Iota man; J. N. Ivy, of Waxahachie and myself, Theta men. Yale Hicks was elected by the Synod, but could not serve, if he did there would have been four of us.

I am glad to see the way the Chapter list is growing. I knew the officers ought to be in the midst of the colleges, where they could be in touch with all the things pertaining to Fraternity life. I am just too busy to take any more active interest than I am doing. The demands upon church leaders in this rapidly developing State are enormous and of their own weight crush out all extraneous matters."

—Georgia is making an effort towards the establishment of a large Presbyterian University, to be situated at or near Atlanta, Ga., to form by the consolidation of the Southwestern Presbyterian University, now located at Clarksville, Tenn., and the Columbia Theological Seminary, now situated in Columbia, S. C. The man at the head of this movement is Rev. Theron H. Rice, D. D., our beloved Brother. Through his efforts considerable money has been raised and we have no doubt the plan will be carried through and the large University established. The arguments being used are that this consolidation would give more strength than is now found in the two separate colleges and that as Atlanta is at a point central to the territories of the two schools, it is a very feasible plan.

—The Fraternity will learn with regret of the continued illness of Brother Munford, necessitating his absence from his large business interests at Richmond. The following notice is clipped from the "*Richmond Times*," of Nov. 6th:

"Mr. and Mrs. Beverly B. Munford, who have been the guests of Mr. John P. Branch, will leave to-day. Mr. Munford will go to Colorado Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Munford will remain at Colorado Springs for some months, returning to Richmond early next spring."

We know that the best wishes of all Pi's will follow Brother Munford in his efforts to recover his health. We hope to learn of his complete restoration.

—"The Central Presbyterian" of Nov. 19th, speaks this of the Magazine published at Union Theological Seminary under the editorship of Brother Asa D. Watkins, Iowa :

"The Union Seminary Magazine, October-November, 1902. This is an excellent number of a well-edited magazine. Mr. Asa D. Watkins is the Editor-in-Chief this year, and Mr. J. L. Lineweaver the Business Manager. The number reflects great credit upon them and their associates. The range of subjects discussed is varied and timely, and the writers are men of ability and special fitness for their themes."

—The name of Hughes at once awakens a keen interest

on the part of every Pi, for to our two Brothers of that name we owe much of our present strength and success. The following from the "*Richmond Leader*," concerning Judge Hughes, the father of our respected and beloved Brothers, will be read with interest :

"NORFOLK, VA., November 26—Special—In the United States Court this morning Robert M. Hughes, son of the late Judge Robert W. Hughes, presented to the court a magnificent picture of Judge Hughes, which was hung on the north wall of the room. Mr. Hughes' remarks were appropriately responded to by Judge Waddill, after which an order was entered on the records of the court regarding the present. The likeness of the distinguished jurist who was for many years judge in the Eastern District, is a good one and the crayon work is cleverly executed. The picture is enclosed in a magnificent gilt frame."

—The Virginia Legislature is now in important session at Richmond. One of the most prominent of the younger men is our Brother Blackburn Smith, Alpha, of Fauquier county. We shall not be disappointed in expecting great things of him.

—The "New Psalms and Hymns," the first hymn-book published by the authors of the Presbyterian Church South, and recognized as one of the finest hymnals in any church, has been put on the market with resultant sales that are remarkable. Rev. Theron H. Rice, D. D., Theta, pastor of the large Central Church, Atlanta, was one of the members of the able committee which compiled the book. He is himself a musician of no mean merit, as his mates at Theta and them at Iota know full well.

Brother D. L. Carmichael, Zeta, 1886, called at the office of the Grand Secretary, Knoxville, Tenn., December 15th, and is an enthusiastic brother in II. K. A., notwithstanding he is sixteen years out of college. He is of the Carmichael-Wilks Range Company, 195 Kinzie Street, Chicago, Ill. Brothers going to that City should look him up, for he says he will take a day off to show them the city and a good time.

Editorial.

IT IS A MATTER OF MUCH regret, and also a great disappointment that we have not been able to report the chartering of a single new Chapter in the past three months. We have had several well organized efforts, but when success was just in reach, it seems as if the interest flagged, and the energy gave out, and so the opportunity was lost.

We think that at least four new Chapters could easily have been chartered in November had our active Chapters done their duty and pushed the work from beginning to end. Some of these openings were in reach of our alumni, but their energy seemed to give out as quickly as the others. And so we go into a new year without a single addition to our Chapter roll.

The last Convention presented able plans for the establishment of new Chapters and our Councilor Princeps gave us a list of colleges, in every one of which we should have had a Chapter by now. It is hard to understand why the Chapters are so uninterested in this important work and why they let every opportunity slip away from them.

As Brother Arbuckle cites in his able article in this issue, there is much of good cheer in considering the past history of the Fraternity, especially in the last few years. But are we to sit down and be perfectly satisfied with what we have done in the last three years? Surely our ambition is not satisfied. Surely we are not going to rest on our oars now, when the ship is just gaining enough headway to stem the tide. Surely we are not going to cease work, when a few more strokes would put us beyond the danger line and make us strong and flourishing!

We trust that the dawning of the new year will bring with it renewed determination on the part of our members,

to seize the opportunities which lie so easily at hand and give us many new Chapters before the next Convention. Our active Chapters could double the roll this year, with but little effort on their part. Why they do not exert themselves is a mystery we cannot explain.

IT IS VERY PLEASANT indeed to note the continued strength in our Chapters, as recorded in their letters in this issue. They are apparently doing their duty in keeping their own circle strong, and in making themselves comfortable and happy in their Chapter life. This of course is commendable, and most earnestly to be desired, but the active Chapters must lift up their eyes and gaze beyond the narrow limits of their Chapter halls and do some work for the General Fraternity.

It is necessary that our twenty-one Chapters should each one be strongly intrenched in their respective colleges; that they should give attention to obtaining the strongest and best men in the new classes, so that the Chapter's life for coming years can reasonably be assured. But surely this ought to be done, and could be done, in the first month. The question naturally arises then, what have they been doing in the last two months? Why have they not been doing some work for the establishment of new Chapters?

This is indeed a perplexing question, and one which it seems impossible to solve. We have the opportunities easily in reach of the active Chapters; we have good men ready to form our Chapters, and yet at the last minute, through inattention, everything is lost.

It *must* be the resolve of each Chapter in this new year, that upon their return after the Christmas holidays, they will take immediate steps for the establishment of new Chapters. It can be done easily, and will be done quickly, if the Chapters will go to work earnestly and systematically.

WE KNOW THAT THOSE who have been interesting themselves in securing the new cover for the Magazine, are gratified at the many words of praise for it contained in the Chapter letters and in other letters published from our alumni. It is pleasant to know that the new cover meets with such unanimous approval, and we hope that it will be an incentive to the members to help us make the inside as bright and attractive as the outside.

In this particular, we desire again to urge the Chapters to give attention to the Constitutional requirements, regarding the contributing by each Chapter of two articles for publication in the pages of the Magazine, during each year.

These articles need not be on Fraternity subjects, though such articles are preferable, but since each Chapter has two articles to contribute, one could easily be written on a fraternity subject and the other some story or sketch, or something of general interest. Very few of the Chapters have complied with this requirement, and as a consequence, this issue is not as large as we had hoped to make it.

We hope that every Chapter will promptly furnish us with these articles on their return to college, so that we may have a fine issue with which to start the new year.

OUR GRAND HISTORIOGRAPHER HAS GIVEN us food for much thought in his able article in this issue. He strikes out from the shoulder, and his aim is true and he touches many vital spots of weakness in our lack of duty to the Fraternity. We trust that his article will be carefully read and receive the attention which it so justly deserves and merits.

We especially urge that the Chapters give attention to his request and furnish him with a list of their members, so that he may complete his arduous duties and give the Fraternity a complete roll of its members.

It is indeed beyond comprehension that the Chapters should be so absolutely indifferent to his request, and so

discourteous in not attending to his polite letters. It would be but the work of a very short while to copy the roll of each Chapter and send it to this Officer and yet, since the last Convention, he has been working on some of our leading Chapters, without getting a single reply or a bit of information. How can we succeed when the efforts of the Officers are so handicapped by the solid indifference of the Chapters?

Indeed there are many new leaves that need to be turned over by our Chapters, if our work as a Fraternity is to continue and succeed!

WE DESIRE TO EXTEND TO ALL of the Chapters, and to every wearer of the Old Gold and Garnet, wherever he may be, best wishes for this happy Christmas time. May the New Year bring health and strength and prosperity, with an overflowing cup of happiness to all.

Official Communications.

In the "*Atlanta Journal*" of October 26, 1902, an article was published under the caption of "Greek Letter College Fraternities," over the signature of Mr. R. E. Pritchard, the editor of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*. In this article the following paragraph appears:

"In 1867 Kappa Sigma was instituted at the University of Virginia, and Pi Kappa Alpha followed at the same place one year later. All of these fraternities, established in the South since the war, are living, except Pi Kappa Alpha, which has made little progress, have had a wonderful growth and rival their older brothers."

This paragraph was called to the attention of the General Office by several members, who thought that the same ought to be noticed and the misstatement corrected. The following letter was therefore written by Dr. H. B. Arbuckle, our C. P., to the author of this article, but up to this date, December 20, 1902, no answer has been received. This public statement is made in justice to the Supreme Officers, and to show that they do not propose to allow misstatements concerning the Fraternity to go unnoticed.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRATERNITY,
DECATUR, GA., November 1, 1902.

"MR. R. E. PRITCHARD,
Editor Kappa Alpha Journal,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

MY DEAR SIR:

In your recent admirable article on "Greek Letter College Fraternities," which appeared in the *Atlanta Constitution*, there are several mistakes, for which I would be very loth to hold you responsible. I can account for one or two as typographical errors, such as your statement that Phi Beta Kappa had its origin in the second century, A. D. 172, and the exceedingly faulty Eng-

lish of certain other sentences make me hope that you are not entirely responsible for the false information your statements impart.

I beg to quote two of these sentences: "In 1867 Kappa Sigma was instituted at the University of Virginia, and Pi Kappa Alpha followed at the same place one year later. All of these fraternities, established in the South since the war, are living, except Pi Kappa Alpha, which has made little progress, have had a wonderful growth and rival their older brothers."

It is hard to tell from this sentence just what information you desire to impart, but I hope you do not mean to say to a public which is more or less acquainted with fraternity history, that Pi Kappa Alpha is dead, and I would hate to think that the statement that this fraternity had made little progress could come from the pen of one who should be as well acquainted with fraternity matters as you.

Let me remind you that the Pi Kappa Alpha has twenty-one active Chapters in Southern Colleges, and ten strong Alumni Chapters, and that in point of organization, activity and successful work, Pi Kappa Alpha will concede the palm to not one of her Southern sisters.

To say the least, I do not think your statements are very courteous to a Fraternity that has worked for years shoulder to shoulder with your own and had thought to include Kappa Alpha (Southern) among the warmest of her friends. It seems to me that these extreme errors in your paper should be corrected.

Under a separate cover, I beg leave to hand you the last number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, which represents the Fraternity that you so carelessly consigned to its grave.

Yours very truly,

H. B. ARBUCKLE,
Councilor Princeps."

ALPHA-GAMMA.

Louisiana State University.

Just before we close this Magazine, we have received an application for a charter from the Louisiana State University, at Baton Rouge, La., and same has been granted and before this Magazine is in the hands of the members, our twenty-second Chapter will be inaugurated.

This Chapter was worked up by our "Baby Chapter," Alpha-Beta, through one of their charter members, L. B.

Austin, whom we all had the pleasure of meeting at the last Convention. Brother Austin is one of the charter members of the new Chapter and writes that all of the charter members will return next year. They are already at work on several nearby colleges, thus giving us promise of a steady growth in this western territory.

The Louisiana State University was established in 1858 and now supports four of the leading fraternities; S. A. E. established in 1867, Kappa Alpha in 1885, Kappa Sigma in 1887 and Sigma Nu in 1887.

CHAPTER ROLL, II. K. A.

We publish herewith, for the information of the fraternity at large, a complete roll, containing the dates of chart-ering and revival of all the Chapters. It has been very hard to get this information, as many of the old Chapter records were so badly kept that these dates could not be ascertained. We will be glad if the members will write us of any incorrect dates that occur in this list and help us to fill the two blanks now in it. We desire to get it perfectly correct.

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| Alpha | March 1, 1868, extinct 1890, revived March 4, 1891. |
| Beta | March 1, 1869, extinct 1869, revived Nov. 30, 1894. |
| Gamma | Feb. 27, 1871, extinct 1878, revived Dec. 20, 1894, extinct 1895, revived Oct. 21, 1897. |
| Delta | June 6, 1871, extinct 1878. |
| Epsilon | Nov. 17, 1873, extinct 1880. |
| Zeta | March 25, 1874, extinct 1875, revived May 20, 1886, extinct 1887, revived again Dec. 29, 1892. |
| Eta | Jan. 14, 1879, extinct 1881. |
| Theta | Oct. 21, 1878. |
| Iota | Nov. 14, 1885. |
| Kappa | —, 1887, extinct 1888, revived Nov. 5, 1900. |
| Lambda | Jan. 24, 1889, extinct 1890. |
| Mu | Dec. 9, 1890. |
| Nu | Feb. 23, 1891. |
| Xi | Oct. 22, 1891, extinct 1897. |
| Omicron | Oct. 23, 1891, extinct 1891, revived Oct. 12, 1901. |

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| Pi | Feb. 4, 1892, extinct 1898, revived Oct. 14, 1901. |
| Rho | May 12, 1892. |
| Sigma | Sept. 23, 1893, extinct 1894, revived March —, 1897. |
| Tau | Feb. 11, 1895. |
| Upsilon | March 22, 1895. |
| Phi | Oct. 15, 1896. |
| Chi | May 6, 1898. |
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It is only a band of students,
 Who over the campus pass,
 With a rollicking song of woman and wine,
 The pipe and the brimming glass.

Now loud I can hear the singing,
 For the night is clear and still,
 And now it comes with a softer strain
 As they pass beyond the hill.

*"May the pipe and the bowl never leave us,
 May kind friends never deceive us.
 And happy be the maid who shall meet us,
 As we go rolling home!"*

It is only a thoughtless ditty
 On stillness borne along;
 But it seems to me that ghosts have waked
 To startle the night with song.

And the dead years fall asunder,
 I feel my pulses thrill
 As my heart goes out with a bound to join
 The chorus over the hill.

Swift back to the careless moments
 I fly like a bird set free;
 And the old songs roll from my lips once more
 In jovial company.

*"May the pipe and the bowl never leave us,
May kind friends never deceive us,
And happy be the maid who shall meet us,
As we go rolling home."*

Hello, there, George, old fellow!
And Tom, with your merry laugh!
And Morton, my boy, to the good old times,
Here's a purple cup to quaff !

Wake up, there, poet Charlie!
And Frank, don't jump the crowd!
And Henry, and Alf, and John, old sports,
Let's swell the chorus loud.

*"Oh, stand to your glasses steady,
And drink to your lady's eyes.
Here's a health to the dead——."* Like a startled thing
The fancy quickly flies.

On the breath of night the singing
Comes faint and fainter still,
Until at last e'en the echo is hushed
Of the chorus over the hill.

I press my head on the pillow
With a feeling akin to pain,
Was it carol of revel I heard just now,
Or was it a requiem strain ?

Or perhaps it was both, gay fellows.
Though little you seek it so,
As bidding farewell to your youth with a laugh
Far over the hill you go.

Light words from light lips ringing
To the lilt of a measure gay,
There's a sweet, low plaint in a college song
That echoes from yesterday.

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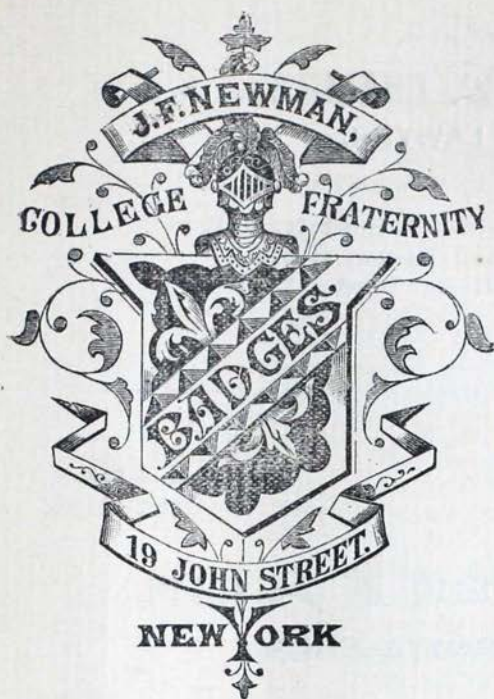
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