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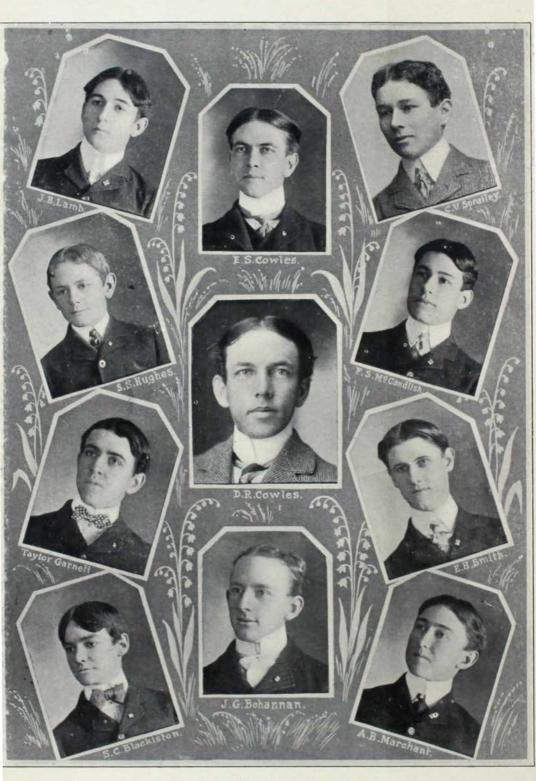
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A SUGGESTION TO THE CHAPTERS.

We have enjoyed a thoroughly successful year in Pi Kappa Alpha circles, and I am sure that in consequence "a real good feeling" pervades the whole Fraternity. We just feel good all through and all over. It is good for us to be in this condition. It is thoroughly wholesome.

The Chapters seem more active than I have ever known them, and this is saying much, for I have been in the harness a long time, and am not able to forget the hard, long pulls we have had. Your Grand Officers are very much gratified over the state of the Fraternity. We feel just like "celebrating." You don't know but that some of us will do it before the year is out.

Yes, this has been a year that marks the high water mark in Chapter activity, and you see the result. When the Chapters of a Fraternity are alive and active the Fraternity is not dead. In another part of this issue you will find the pungent comment of the "Trident" on dead chapters, or rather chapters that have a name to live but are dead. I can only emphasize the comment of the "Trident." I do really believe that the Grand Council has full cause to withdraw a charter from a Chapter that shows itself to be dead to

every interest of the Fraternity. Pi Kappa Alpha has not always been without such Chapters. May we hope never to have another!

Now, since you are not dead, I know you want some suggestions as to the way you can use time in the Chapter halls for the general interest of the Fraternity.

Here is my suggestion. The time of the Convention is approaching. This is to be your Convention. It is not called for the purpose of laying before you the reports and suggestions of your Grand Officers, though it seems that many delegates to conventions seem to think so. It is a gathering of many delegates from the Chapters, who have been in touch with Fraternity life in the Colleges, who have borne the burdens of real Fraternity work; who have met with and solved many Fraternity problems, and they come together to discuss matters of interest to the Fraternity; to express ably and fully the ideas and ideals of their respective Chapters. If this function of the Convention could be carried out it would mean a rousing, enthusiastic, useful Convention. Why not take up matters that could well be brought before the Convention in your Chapter meetings, and discuss them fully, so your delegates will come to the Convention well prepared? If you do this you will feel that you are making some contribution to the work and welfare of your Fraternity. It will certainly keep up the zeal of individual members, and it will make the members look forward to the results of the Convention with interest, as they will be anxious to see if their ideas prevail. It may be that Chapter plans will be turned down, because the many minds of a Convention may detect errors which have escaped the few of the Chapter. This will but show you the importance of taking up these Fraternity problems, and you may profit much by the judgment of the Convention.

I hope this will give the Chapters something to think about, and probably something that will make the Chapter meeting profitable. I hope it will be the means of fitting the delegates for their reeponsible duties at our next Convention. May this be the best Convention in our history.

H. B. Arbuckle, Councilor Princeps.

OUR WATCHWORD.

If there is any one characteristic for which the present age is distictively recognized, it is its progresive spirit. The word progress is emblazoned upon the banner of every department of human activity, and the mighty strides with which civilization is advancing, almost causes us to wonder if this is not all a dream. As one looks back little more than half a century and sees the log school-house by the roadside, then turns his eye towards the present, and looks upon the Colleges, Universities and other great institutions of learning, towering in almost countless numbers above our very homes, he is reminded of the remarkable progress of the educational world. As he gazes upon the crowded thoroughfares or the busy marts of trade, the rushing locomotive or the heavy ocean steamer there suggest to him the activity of the commercial world. Great science halls and observatories tell the story that the scientific world has not been left behind in this foward movement, while the tolling church bells and the high spires give evidence that the religious world has been keeping step with the age. And we see that progress marks the record and is the watchword of almost every sphere of life, and that the poet was right when he said"

"I take it thro' the ages,
Our increasing purpose runs,
And the thoughts of men are widening
With the process of the suns."

It is the progress and activity of the present age that marks the American life in its greatest intensity. And thus it is in every circle. Action begets life while inaction breeds decay. The motion of a rushing river preserves the

purity and freshness of its waters, while the stillness of a pond makes stagnation and impurity. These facts are true also not only in educational, scientific, commercial and religious circles, but they are just as true with reference to fraternity life. As the opening bud constantly grows more beautiful until it becomes a full blown rose and immediately begins to fade and lose its beauty, so the Chapter, or Fraternity as a whole, as long as it continues to grow will prosper and flourish, but when its progress ceases then decay sets in, the inevitable end of which is death. If there is any organization or institution, the life of which depends altogether upon activity and progress, that one is the Fraternity.

Let us then make "Progress" our watchword and "Activity" our battle cry, and taking up the armor of "Fraternity, Federation and Co-operation," go forth conquering and to conquer for II K. A. There are many avenues open for our advance. Time has served as a battering ram to crush the walls of opposition to the Greeks in many of our Colleges, and the merits of fraternity life are coming to be more widely recognized. These conditions make it possible for us, not only to enter new Colleges with less opposition, but to make greater progress in those Colleges in which our banners have already been planted. Much has already been said upon the subject of expansion, however there are many other avenues open for an advance, than those leading to the establishment of new Chapters. Much might be accomplised in a more thorough organization of the local Chapters; in more prompt response to the calls of our General Officers; in elevating our standard for Fraternity men; in putting II. K. A. to the front for College honors.

Let us then awaken to the opportunities of the present, "be up and doing, for the night cometh when Billy must work."

Let us be in harmony with the spirit of the age, and with "Progress" emblazoned upon our banner, plant our colors in new fields and strengthen our forces in those in which they have already been planted.

Homer W. Carpenter, Kappa.

THE BROAD PURPOSE OF FRATERNITY LIFE.

A man can be guided by no better principles than those upon which our Fraternity is founded. With these firmly planted in his mind and heart one will be a blessing to men of all classes. It is just this, it seems to me, that the Fraternity ought to do for men, and which I think, to a great extent, it does do. Is not this the broad purpose to make us broad in our sympathies, free in our bounty and catholic in our spirit of love for the great throbbing heart of humanity that is so often in despair for want of a helping hand of friendship? Mr. Emerson presents this idea: In the marriage relation one learns to appreciate and understand and sympathize with all human beings. By close association with one woman; by learning her inner motives and the outward expressions of these; by such intimate contact with one life, with all its follies and virtues, its successes and failures, one learns to look upon the world with a different eye; his horizon is broadened; his kindlier feelings take the place of censorious judgment. By the love he bears this woman he is enabled to cover up her faults and excuse her shortcomings. Should not this be so in Fraternity life? Is it not possible and practicable for Fraternity men to expect that through their close relation with each other they shall become better and more sympathetic judges of human character and more ready to answer the call that the world makes on them? Should we not learn, by understanding fifteen or twenty men, preparing for different vocations and with different ideals, how to excuse and cover up the sins and faults of the larger world of men? Such a friendship as this makes a man broadminded and large-hearted. It is a culture worth more than the treasure of kingdoms, and a training that a life without special friendship cannot obtain.

Yet we are in danger, if these principles are not ever before us, of becoming narrow, and even mean in our friendship. To wish to pull down the beautiful home of my neighbor is not a worthy desire; but to endeavor to

build one as beautful as his is praiseworthy emulation. To be jealous of the growth of a rival Fraternity, or to wish it ill, is unworthy, but to labor to excel in all that makes Fraternity life pleasant and profitable is a noble ambition. A selfish friendship is unworthy the name. On the other hand, a catholic friendship is beautiful and inspiring There is no more pleasing picture in history than that of Damon and Pythias-faithful even in the face of death to the ties of friendship. Yet, if we could imagine them absorbed in that friendship with no care for others; if we could think of it growing without a corresponding development of more catholic spirit, all the beauty of the picture would fade. David and Jonathan have always been interesting to us, and their names are synonims of faithful friendship. there is a wider and more patriotic spirit in each; and it adds to the charm of their splendid characters. The advice of Polonius to his son is good: "Those friends thou hast and their adoption tried, grapple to thy soul with hoops of steel."

But one ought not to stop with this inner circle of close friends. These should rather be the means of teaching him to have a care for men outside the wicket door. This is the high grounds for our existence, the unanswerable defense of our work, the guiding star of our fraternal character. With this clearly set forth and proved by our lives, the only reasonable charge that can be made against Fraternities vanishes vis, that of narrowness in our friendship. We have the inner circle it is true, but the outer circle is not one, not two, not three, but ever widening, like the waves that continue to swell till they lash the farthest shore.

F. L. Wear, Rho.

IN MEMORIAM.

Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha.

As IT HAS PLEASED Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from us our former brother, Lorenzo Starr Brown, Jr., of Washington D. C., be it resolved,

First. That in his death we, the members of Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha, have sustained the loss of a warm friend, and a true Christian gentleman.

Second. That in his death our Fraternity has sustained the loss of an earnest and devoted Brother.

Third. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Chapter and published in the Fraternity Magazine, and a copy be sent to his bereaved parents in this their sad hour of affliction.

Jas. A. Bear, Committee.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

University of Virginia.

Alpha sends greeting to her sister Chapters since we have reassembled after the Christmas holidays. We assembled on the third day of January, and from then up till now all of us had been very busy preparing for our "Intermediate Examinations." Of course, all students know what a great part "Exams" are of a student's life, so it will be unnecessary for me to write further on that subject as I know it would not be very interesting to the most of us.

On February 1, a new innovation was introduced into the athletic life of the University of Virginia, and that was the public presentation of the V's to those who composed the famous foot-ball team of 1901. It was a very pleasant occasion to all. We had speeches by Dr. Baumget, Classman of the Faculty, and Dr. Lambeth, the physical instructor, and several other addresses by the members of the Faculty. This composed the speechmaking department, but we also had that noted Stonewall Band from Staunton to enliven the occasion.

Alpha was not so fortunate as to have one of the much coveted V's bestowed on one of her members, but we console ourselves by the thought that we are too busy to try to make a V, and would rather spend our leisure moments in search of some mathematical problem, or devise some method by which Blackstone might be made a little easier.

It is with great pleasure that I have the privilege to introduce to the Fraternity at large the names of two youths from the Southland—Mr. E. N. Fulton and C. E. Conrad, the former of whom hails from the Blue Grass State, and the latter from "'Mid the Green Fields of Virginia." Both

of these gentlemen will be at the University of Virginia for several years, and I feel assured that they will be an honor to all of us.

At our last meeting the subject of the Convention was discussed as to where and when it would be most convenient for us. We would suggest that the Convention be held sometime after the fifteenth of June at Roanoke city. I feel sure Phi would like to have the honor of assisting in entertaining the members.

Hoping all of the Chapters will discuss this subject thoroughly and give us the benefit of those discussions in the next issue of the "Mag."

With best wishes for all.

Jas. A. Bear.

BETA.

Davidson College.

After the pleasures of the Christmas holidays the pain of coming back to school and a month's hard work, the time has come again to write to the other Chapters. We are glad to see the time for The Shield and Diamond approach, for the last two numbers have been so full of interest. Nothing could give us more pleasure than the knowledge that II. K. A. is thoroughly alive and is pushing forward into new fields.

Cupid and Hymen got in their work among our number at Christmas time, and as a consequence one of the number has become a benedict. On December 24, in Salisbury, N. C., Brother J. W. McKay was united in marriage to Mrs. Sparrow, formerly of Davidson. We regret to lose Brother McKay as an active member, for he has been always a faithful II., devoted to the Chapter and the Fraternity, and willing to do his part in working for II. K. A.; but we know that, though he has exchanged his College life for a life of marital bliss, his interest in the Fraternity will not flag. Our best wishes go with him.

Brother McDavid, who was compelled to leave College before Christmas on account of sickness, has recovered, and is with us once more.

We take pleasure in introducing a new II., Brother William N. Dalton, of Winston-Salem, N. C. After so long a time between initiations it certainly was a pleasure to us to explain to him the mysteries, enforcing our statements by the most approved methods. A "feast," after the initiation was over, added much to the enjoyment of the evening, and altogether we had "a royal good time." Our family circle now number eight.

Brother Deal, '01, who is Principal of the Clarkton, N. C., High School, paid us a short visit at the beginning of the year. It seemed quite natural to have him on the campus again, and we enjoyed his visit very much.

Brother Wagner will represent us on the staff of Commencement Marshals. He will also respond to the toast "The Ladies" at the Sophomore banquet on February 14. He is eminently qualified for both, being somewhat inclined towards the fair sex.

With best wishes to the other Chapters.

Robert H. Adams

GAMMA.

William and Mary College.

Again it is with pleasure, that we greet our sister Chapters through THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND. After having spent a most delightful Xmas at our homes, we have returned with refreshed vigor to carry on the work of II. K. A.

Three weeks ago, we initiated into our secret order Brother, C. H. Taber, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, whom we introduce to the Fraternity at large. We congratulate ourselves on having secured Brother Taber, as he was "asked" by other fraternities but chose rather to wear the Old Gold and Garnet. We have no doubt but that our Brother will prove to be quite an addition, as he is a man

of varied accomplishment; besides being quite handsome. Our family circle now numbers fourteen.

After the business of our last meeting was transacted, the Chapter was highly entertained by music rendered by Brothers Dade and Taber on their string instruments.

One of Gamma's most loyal sisters, Miss Bessie E. Lamb, presented a cake of delicious flavor to us at our last meeting; it was much enjoyed by all present. "Let the good work continue."

Skating in this section, has been plentiful this winter. For the past two weeks, both young and old have frequented the pond, where they tripped the light fantastic toe. In conclusion, we extend our best wishes to all the Chapters, hoping that this may prove for them, a successful year.

W. Fitchett Nottingham

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

Since the beginning of the year the conditions of Zeta have improved steadily, and the outlook is especially bright at present, as we have ten active and enthusiastic members. We take great pleasure in informing the fraternity-at-large that Brother H. B. Dorrow, of Chi, "has come to live with us," and who will make us a loyal and devoted Brother. We are pleased to introduce to our sister Chapters Brother Jack T. Edmonds, of York, Alabama, who only a few nights ago was led along the arduous path that ends in the sacred domains of "Pillom." He will add greatly to our Chapter, as he is a base-ball player and assistant manager of the base-ball team, which practically means that he will be manager next year. He is a member of the Class of '03, and is a good student. And since your humble Brother was the last man taken in before Mr. Edmonds it was his great pleasure to impersonate the mysterious and august "Billy."

As a good many "fraters in urbe" were present, we had

a very happy night, due to a great extent to the easy good humor of Brother "Horse" Rogan, who is a Lieutenant in the Signal Corps, being home on a furlough from the Philippines. We all collected around a table well furnished with dainties, and there discussed the future and indulged in the joys of reminiscence. "When the night was far spent" we gave the yell, and as the dear old II. K. A.'s floated out among the hills and the dying echoes softly returned, we kindly bade each other good night, and parted full of hope for the future and satisfaction for the past.

H. C. Fite.

THETA.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

Since our last letter Theta has been very active in all those things which tend to add vigor and pleasure to the Chapter life. All the boys returned from the holidays with renewed interest in their College work, and an earnest resolve to carry forward to the highest pinnacle of perfection the worthy aims of our beloved Fraternity. The meetings are characterized by thorough harmony, interest and good will, so much so that when the meetings are over we all feel benefited and uplifted morally and socially.

In a recent contest to decide who should represent the University in the State Oratorical contest to be held at Jackson, Tenn., Brother Raynal came off victor. It is a well deserved honor nobly won since each of the other two contestants made good speeches. Of course we are all proud of Brother Raynal, and can only hope that he will add fresh laurels to the wreath already won.

Soon after our return to work the even tenor of our way was somewhat disturbed by the appearance of a new man in College circles. By prompt action and untiring effort we obtained his consent to join us. So on the night of January 23 we initiated into the mysteries of Pi Kappa Alpha Mr. Charles W. Welsh, of Franklin, Ky. He is a

fine man, and in every respect worthy of our noble brother-hood. We predict for him a bright future, both in the bounds of the University, and in his chosen profession of the ministry. This gives us twelve men. We had the pleasure of having with us on this occasion Brother W. S. Jacobs, of Nashville, and Brother W. B. Young of this city.

It gives us great pleasure to see the limits of the Fraternity growing larger, and we very sincerely hope that our bright expectations of extension will not be disappointed. May we rather be able to rejoice by the end of the year to see many new Chapters established all over this great and growing Southland. Theta sends greetings to all the new Chapters and best wishes to all the Brothers.

E. B. Stephenson.

IOTA.

Hampden-Sidney College.

We are again together in an unbroken circle around the fire in the old frat. hall after all have shaken hands and declared that they had a "quiet but pleasant" Christmas. Only one change is to be noted, and that is that the badges are strangely conspicuous by their absence. This dispersion of jewelry has indeed been marvelous, and every one, even to the hitherto untrammelled "Flea," tells of the charms of a maiden whose bosom is adorned with his erstwhile "shield and diamond." Who says that Fraternity sisters are not one of the strongest bonds that bind to the fraternity life? The only thing that jars upon the serenity of the occasion when Christmas affairs are the topic, is that someone will recall the fact that examinations were attempted in a time long ago, and that "The Lord of Hosts went with him not; For he forgot." Such is life, but such recollections are not many.

The scene changes; we turn from thinking of Christmas joys to contemplating the gayeties of our Intermediate sea-

son, when we set apart a time for commemorating CXX the birth of the Father of our Country, and dedicate to him anew the Twenty-Second of February with speech-making and Germans; and when we show appreciation of his illustrious example by straining our truth-telling capacity in persuading the maidens, with which "the Hill then teems, that—well, you know the rest. Make good use of this opportunity, we sports of Iota, for ye see no more "Calic" till commencement.

At the first meeting of the New Year, we had the pleasure of having with us Brother John I. Armstrong, of Sigma. Brother Armstrong is here occupying the Chair of Philosophy in the absence of our President, Dr. McIlwaine, at the Constitutional Convention. At the same meeting, Brother Hooper, otherwise known as the "Synchopated," whom we sent away last year, enlivened us with his guitar, to which he, or more precisely, his voice, is so well adapted. Comfort Watkins, who left us in '99, came the next day, and a right merry time we had.

Hampden-Sidney's prospects for base-ball are not bright. We do not care to win the cup in our division, for we never were grasping. We are content to shine in foot-ball, and we won the trophy in that. Brother W. E. Jones is manager of the base-ball team.

It is not probable that Iota will report any further addition to our number this year, as the frat. material in College has been thoughly canvassed. Our present Chapter can hold down its share of College honors, however.

Now the Convention is in order, and we hope Virginia will capture it.

W. Elliott Jones.

KAPPA.

Kentucky University.

January is the "dead" month in the life of a student. After being "on the heights" in examinations he has the pleasure and festivities of Christmas with his mother and sister, (or somebody else's sister) and then returns to College with the awful dread of another six month's trudge on the war to knowledge before him. Hence we have no new men to report this issue as the Brothers have been "rushing calico" instead of "rushing men."

In connection with Omega, of State College, we are now "at home" in our new quarters at the National Exchange Bank in the central part of the city. We have the rooms nicely furnished and can now entertain our friends according to "Kentucky hospitality" (without the guns or jugs) and also have sufficient room for "Billy" to "eat his tin cans" to the health of new men, that are put through.

Brother Menakuchi has decided to take a Mechanical course in the State College, but will still attend the meetings of Kappa.

Brother Walter P. Jennings who was with us last year, is now located at Hillsboro, Texas.

As this article is written, our student body is mourning the untimely death of Miss Margaret Wooley. She was a member of the Senior class and would have taken the honors of the University in June, had the grim monster not taken her "Home." She was a model young woman and one that all admired and respected for the sterling qualities which she possessed.

All are much pleased with the new "garb" of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Wishing success to all sister Chapters we "ring off" for this issue.

Holton O. Frank.

MU.

Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

After the din of the battle o'er, and exams. are no more for a while, our attention is now turned to that most welcome visitor, The Shield and Diamond. Since the last issue, however, very little has transpired worthy of space in a Chapter letter.

Brother J. H. Thornwell, Jr., who has just gotten up from a severe case of pneumonia, has gone home for a rest and recuperation. During his illness his father, mother and sister were at his bedside. We hope that he may soon completely regain his health and be with us again. He is a most popular boy and loyal Pi, and therefore greatly missed.

In the early part of January our contemporary, Phi Phi Phi, disbanded. They had three men at the opening of College and initiated another, but had the misfortune to lose two.

Now that exams. are over and warmer weather is coming on, base-ball is the topic of the day. We are trying to put out a stronger team than ever, and although the team has been selected, we expect to be represented on it by four or five men.

Rev. James Henley Thornwell, D. D., father of our Brother Thornwell has been elected Chancellor of this institution. Dr. Thornwell being recognized as one of the most able and popular men in the Synod, the College will be greatly strengthened by his connection with it. After spending its childhood out in the cold, so to speak, and being badly handicapped by lack of funds, the College has unusually bright prospects for the future, we are informed by those in position to know.

As the institution grows we will build on firmer foundations, and we hope before long to make Mu Chapter one of the strongest and best.

Mu enjoys just now a distinction that she has never before had, and one that we don't remember having heard of any other Chapter being able to boast of, in having the presiding officer at the State Oratorical Contest. Brother A. S. Johnson, our only representative in the Senior Class, fills that office this year.

Mu extends to Alpha Alpha the right hand of fellowship and love, and wishes for her a long life of honor, pleasure, and prosperity.

Lemuel B. Stephenson.

NU.

Wofford College.

Since our last letter, Nu has been running on smoothly, getting her share of College spirit and honors.

Brother Varner has been recently elected Captain of the Gymnasium Team, which will give its annual exhibition in June. With this election Nu fills every office in the Association, Captain, President and Vice President.

The base-ball team has gone into training at least commenced their preliminary work in the Gymnasium, and we expect a large representative on the team as Brother Isom a 250 pounder is confident of making first base.

The father of Brother G. W. Grier has been appointed by the S. C. Conference to take in his charge the Central Methodist Church of this city. We are glad to know of the appointment.

Brother M. L. Banks' class of '92, one of our charter members, is now pastor of Duncan Methodist Church of our City and we are glad to welcome him back as one of our members.

CLASS OF '01.

Brother Driggers who has lately donned the clerical coat, paid us a flying visit a short time ago, we were glad to see Bob's blooming countenance and to hear his "brown sarcasm" which certainly is his own.

In the past years of Nu's history the records show that she has sent many ministers of the Gospel from within her mystic walls; but not being satisfied with this we will continue the good work for in June she will start out upon the ministerial life, two most devout workers of God—Brothers Varner and Brown.

At our next writing we hope to introduce to our dear old Fraternity at least one and perhaps two worthy members. Wishing much success to every II.

E. Fripp Mc Whirter.

OMICRON.

Richmond College.

Again does Omicron send greeting to her sister Chapters and she wishes them, in behalf of II. K. A., the greatest success in the present year that has attended the Fraternity in any year of her history.

We are at present in the midst of intermediate examinations, and all the boys are working hard.

There is very little to tell now as everything is at a standstill.

The boys have been practicing for the base-ball season, and it is certain we will have one, if no more representatives on the team.

Brother Tyler is one of the only two fraternity men on for the public debate in the Mu Sigma Rho Literary Society, and was also elected to fill the office of Vice-President of his society.

Fraternity material is very scarce this year and all the fraternities have been very circumspect about taking in new men. Therefore we have not been able to add to our Chapter any new members. However every member of Omicron is devoted to every other member and to the interests of II. K. A., which is, in our estimation, a greater object and one more desirable than numbers.

However, in spite of the extreme scarcity of good fraternity material, some of the students formed sufficient material to supply a local organization with members.

Sigma Phi Epsilon, will wear a heart shaped pin. They have about twenty members.

Again sending best wishes to all our Brothers we desire for them success in all their undertakings for the present year and always.

P. P. Woodfin.

PI.

Washington and Lee University.

Since our last letter, nothing of special interest in Fraternity way has happened here. Our boys however have

been very busy. First Christmas examinations, those most dreaded and bearful days, which cause one to "dream" all night and tell or attempt to tell the next day what he had dreamed, kept us all very busy, but at last they have passed and we are glad to say that so far as we have heard every member of our Chapter passed all of his examinations successfully.

Relief however soon came to us in the form of our Xmas holidays and every one reported a Merry Xmas. Brothers Sale, Wilson and your Scribe spent their holidayin their respective homes.

Brother Larrick visited in Richmond and Lynchburg and Brother Riddick slept his time away in Lexington.

With the New Year, Pi started to work with refreshed spirit and vim, and while we are unable to introduce any new members in this letter we hope that by next issue we will have increased our number by one or two good men. We have been busy also in fixing up and beautifying our hall, and after we add in the near future some banners, sofa pillows and the like which our mothers (?) and sisters (?) have been so kind to promise us we will have very comfortable and pretty quarters.

We notice in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND that many of our Brothers in other Chapters seem to be the victims of ever active Cupid. We will say that with the exception of Brother Wilson who "has it awfully," Pi Chapter has so far kept its equilibrium fairly well, although we do not understand why Brother Larrick went to Richmond, and why Brothers Sale and Riddick spend so much time at the Post-Office. Your humble Scribe pleads "not guilty" to any such offence.

Winter has set in in earnest here and nothing of special interest happens in College now, but occasional skating, sleighing and coasting. The prospects for base-ball are remarkably bright and Washington and Lee expect this year to have on the diamond her usual strong team, and we are looking forward to the pleasure of meeting many Pi's on some of the visiting teams.

J. L. Wysor.

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RHO.

Cumberland University.

We are glad to say that faithful "Billy" has not lacked for good material to work on since our last report of four of his "victims." With a sense of gratification we introduce to our beloved sister Chapters three more men worthy to be called II's. They are as follows: J. Hugh Turner, Gordansville, Tenn., law; I. G. Boydston, Meridian, Miss., theology; Leo L. Tatten, Garfield, Wash., theology. Brother J. E. Orr, of Lewisburg, Tenn., a former II, is back in the literary department. We are also glad to report that Brother Thos. H. Peebles, of Fountain Creek, Tenn., and formerly of Sigma, has entered the law department here and will now be one among us.

At the beginning of this term Rho as usual, comes in for her share of College honors, a few of which I will mention. Brother F. L. Wear was elected editor-in-chief of our College paper, "The Cumberland Weekly."

Brothers Poe and Tatten are editors from the Caruthers and Hewrethelian Societies respectively, and Poe is also president of the Oratorical Association. Brother L. E. Wear was elected editor, from the literary department, of our College annual, "The Phænix." Brother Keeton and your humble scribe are also editors of "The Phænix" from the Sophomore and Junior classes respectively. Brother Keeton was elected Captain of the foot-ball team with your humble scribe (and I say it with a very great degree of modesty) as manager.

Eight Class officers are also held by our men, but we will not try to enumerate any further now. Through no schemes in Fraternity lines were these honors sought, but Rho having the men worthy, and best suited for the places, they were put forward and elected.

Rho has been doing good work this year and owing to the fact that there is still some good men we may yet have more of "Billy's" work to report.

A committee from Rho is now looking after plans for a banquet in the near future of our never-before-equalled and always-to-be-remembered-and-praised II sisters it cannot but be a grand success.

With best wishes for all II's everywhere (sisters included), we are yours in the bonds.

Since the above was written two more men have ridden the goat and become members of Rho. Ira L. Myers, Sharonsville, Ohio, theology; E. N. Whitley, Gordansville, Tenn., literary.

Thos. B. Simms.

SIGMA.

Vanderbilt University.

Again Sigma takes pleasure in greeting her sister Chapters after they passed their Xmas holidays, as we hope, in pleasure.

The old year has passed away and the new one has just dawned. In this coming year we hope to see much good come from the efforts of every Chapter.

This is the period of "Intermediate Exams." at Vanderbilt and every one is looking after his own welfare, lest on the day of reckoning he shall find that he has not measured up to the required standing.

At present Dr. George W. Williamson, one of the Charter members of Sigma is with us. We also expect Brother A. H. Pike in a few days to make us a flying visit. Brother Pike, who was with us last year but was compelled to remain out of school this year because of ill health, is expecting to be with us again next term.

We are looking forward to the base-ball season which will begin before our next writing.

Coach Watkins, who so successfully coached our foot-ball team the past season will have charge of the foot-ball team.

With all due respect and reverence for our old cover for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, we are gratified with the improvement of the new one. Thanks to the management of our officers for their faithful work.

We close with best wishes to our Brothers of every Chap-

ter and hope that in this new year we will do great things for the interests of Pi Kappa Alpha.

James R. Williamson.

TAU.

University of North Carolina.

At the first roll-call after the holidays, Brother V. A. J. Idol, of High Point, N. C., was found absent from our circle. Brother Idol will not return to College this spring, but we hope to have him with us again next fall. All the members report that they enjoyed themselves to the utmost during the holidays.

The Alumni Building, one of the most magnificent buildings in the State, was completed and nearly all of the recitation rooms have been moved from the old buildings into this one.

Having found our present quarters unsatisfactory, we are going to move into another more suitable hall, until we can build one of our own.

Although it is very early in the season, the base-ball team is practicing assiduously every day. Carolina expects to have a winning team in the field this year. We will have as a coach, Mr. Ashenback, who managed the Norfolk, Va. team in the Carolina-Virginia League during the last season. This gentleman is well known in base-ball circles and is said to be a very efficient coach. From the present outlook, "Tau," although well represented on the foot-ball team, will have no representative on the base-ball team. Our schedule includes games with the best teams of the Southern Colleges and with several Northern Colleges. The team will have excellent batting practice as four pitchers from the American League have signified their intentions of practicing here. These men are members of the Philadelphia team.

Although we have no one on the base-ball team, we have an able representative on the track team, in the person of Brother J. P. Irwin. We can justly claim that he is the fastest man in the South, as last year, he won the two hundred and twenty yard dash at the Meet of the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, at New Orleans, La. While practicing for this Meet, he tied the Southern record of ten seconds in the one hundred yard dash. We think that he will lower that record this year. Carolina will send a srtong team to the Meet, which is held this year in Atlanta, Ga.

The Mandolin and Guitar Club, under the management of Brother T. F. Rhodes, will play in the principal cities of this State and will probably accompany the base-ball team on their Southern trip.

We have initiated one new member since Christmas and beg to introduce to the Fraternity-at-large, Brother Hamner Carson Irwin, Charlotte, N. C. Brother Irwin is a member of the medical class and was a very acceptable Christmas gift to Tau.

We enjoyed a visit from Brother D. K. Pope, of Charlotte, N. C., who came over from Durham, to see us, but were very sorry that his stay with us was so short.

The English Department of the University of North Carolina has been greatly strengthened by the addition of Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, a graduate of Davidson College and Johns-Hopkins University. Dr. Smith has been for some time past, Professor in the University of Louisiana. He is also the author of several English text books that are extensively used.

Tau now has twelve members and is in a very flourishing condition. The relation between the Fraternities and the non-Fraternity element here, is the best that could be wished for.

At the election of Chief Ball Manager for Commencement of 1902, Mr. Marvin Carr, one of the most popular men in College, was elected.

The town of Chapel Hill has just purchased some new fire engines. One of the reel teams will be made up of the students. Tau will be represented by Brother J. W. Gulick, who is also a member of the Goldsboro Fire Company, which holds the Championship of the State.

We hope that the good work of extension is going on rapidly and are sorry to state that there are no more Colleges in this State, which we may enter at present, on account of the rules of the Faculties, yet we hope in the near future that the restrictions will be removed.

Hoping that everyone enjoyed the holidays as much as we did, Tau extends her greetings with good luck and a hearty grip to all who wear the garnet and gold.

Burton-Hoyle Smith.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

We are glad to exchange thoughts and ideas and views again with our sister Chapters, and if we should seem to have any distracted thoughts, we hope you will please excuse us, as we have just arrived "at twenty-one." Bro. Hugh McIniry was "dubbed a knight" at our last meeting night in January, and the addition of that worthy gentleman of Bessimer, Ala., makes our Chapter number twenty-one.

The first of the three class foot-ball games will be played on the twenty second of February. But our Chapter never did do its full duty towards foot-ball, the men like better to do it by "halves" and "quarters" it seems. Bro. H. Ellis Davis, who played right half on the Varsity last fall, will probably play one of the halves on the Junior team, Brothers H. M. Yonge and H. T. Landrum will play quarters for the Junior and Sophomore teams, respectively.

Auburn's outlook for base-ball for the coming season is very good. Bro. J. D. Walker, one of the star fielders on last year's team, has been elected Captain for this season. Brothers L. P. Hall and H. T. Landrum are applicants for places on the team.

Brother B. C. Davis failed to return to college after the Christmas festivities. We suppose Ben had some more im-

portant business down in South Alabama than he had up here. Brother C. M. A. Rogers has been very sick with the grippe and fever for the last two or three weeks, but he is now getting all right again.

On the morning of January 3rd, one of the best and most helpful friends of the young men of Alabama, and indeed of the South, breathed his last. Dr. W. L. Brown has been President of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute for nineteen years, and during his administration Auburn has pushed steadily forward and influenced the lives of thousands of young men. Dr. O. D. Smith being the senior member of the Faculty, is now acting President.

We are glad to see such interest manifested in extension, and we hope we may be able to make a contribution of permanent value along this line in a short while.

Arthur F. Jackson.

PHI.

Roanoke College.

A renewal of College duties after the holidays found the majority of our band on the scene of action, though not quite ready for work. The dissipation in the past two weeks had entirely unfitted us for studying.

Now, with our intermediate examinations on, everything seems brighter, and everyone more ready to enjoy College life.

We have begun the new year with more energy on all lines. In Fraternity life our efforts have been crowned with success—the initiation of Mr. Junius Alexander Rose, of China Grove, N. C. He is a fine man, and one who will look after Phi's interests in the future. We hope to be able to present another initiate in our next letter.

Though we have added one to our roll we also have lost one. Brother Stansbury returned to his home in Baltimore on the 19th. He had been quite sick since his return to Salem after Xmas, but we are glad to say he has about recovered since his return home.

The annual celebration of the Demosthenean Literary Society came off on the 31st. The night was an extremely bad one, yet those present pronounced it a great success.

Our College Orchestra made the above celebration more enjoyable with their catchy selections between times. We have three musicians (?) in our band of eight, all of whom play in the orchestra. Brother Bowman a violin, Brother Cline a clarionet, while your humble scribe picks at his little mandolin, and as manager tries to secure moneymaking engagements for the club. Brother Cline, when at home, is a member of the Concord Band, which won the prize in the Band Contest held in Charlotte last August.

During the fine weather of the first of the year the candidates for the Base-ball Team came out for a few practices. The prospect is very good this year, there being several applications for each position.

Brother J. A. Bear, of Alpha, spent the holidays at his home here, and from what we have learned he has started on a downward (?) path—"The Way of the Gallows."

In society circles Brother Cline is undoubtedly outshining all of us, however, a serious report—origin unknown—that he is corresponding with fourteen girls, has placed him in somewhat of an awkward situation with Salem's fair ones.

It was the pleasure of the writer to have Brother Wilson, '01, spend Xmas with him, and now he knows what a treat it is to be with an old Pi Kap again.

Phi sends best wishes to her sister Chapters.

J. Paris Palmer.

CHI.

University of the South.

As the writer sits down to his stupendous task a feeling of melancholy, and at the same time a feeling of joy, comes over him; a feeling of melancholy, because he realizes that until the last of March, Chi is homeless and will not be able to March forward in the grand procession of progress;

a feeling of joy, because in the course of his experience as a Pi he has never read a copy of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND which was so encouraging and which was pervaded with such an air of fellowship and brotherly love as the last one.

It his been the pleasant fortune of this scribe to spend some time at Clarksville, where Theta has eleven of the nicest young men in college; all are very handsome and particularly smart. And then one of the best things about them is, that they have shown superb taste in their selection of fair maidens to don the "shield and diamond."

The Chi boys are scattered throughout the broad expanse of our Southland. Brother Abeel, when last heard of, was making his way towards Chattanooga, where he "intends" to put in his time reading law books and press his claim to a fair damsel whom he often met by chance at Monteagle. Brother Bruce, who has always been faithful in his fraternity work, has probably left us for good, though there is a remote possibility of his returning. He is for the present practicing medicine at Helena, Ark.

Brother Cadman writes that he is preaching magnificent sermons to the people at Cowan, Tenn. He has also been travelling for his health.

Brother Castleman graduated from the Medical Department in December, and is now practicing, I think, somewhere in Virginia near his home. His good looks and close application to his work will gain for him a good practice. We lose him for good also.

Brother Darrow intended to travel around the country, making such places as Memphis, Florence, Cincinnati, and other way stations.

Brother Elmore is for the present at Jacksonville, Fla., resting from his arduous duties of the past year. He was one of the hardest students in his class.

Brother Parsons is wintering in the "famous" resort at Edina, Mo. He has always had a weak spot in his heart for the fair sex, and this winter he is falling in love even with those whose hands have been pledged to another.

Brother Seaman is a hard one to keep up with. He stayed in Nashville one night, but the climate didn't agree with him, so he immediately left for Houston, Texas, to find a sensible girl whom he once met.

Brother Williams went direct to his home at Little Rock, Ark., and from that time to this no communication from him has reached this office.

The scribe is holding services in the Episcopal church at Paris, Tenn.

With best wishes to all the brethren, I'll close this disjointed epistle.

Prentice A. Pugh.

PSI.

Georgia Agricultural College.

Our spring term has opened and we are glad to say that our final Exams. for the fall term are over and we are all safe. While every one of us managed to make the journey some have to confess that a short vacation could be well enjoyed. We feel proud over our work. Every month during the term we have had two and three times as many men on the honor roll as the other fraternity. Last month we had as many as "nons" and Sigma Nu's together. When it comes to a test of merit, we always come out more than victorious. During our new term Psi is going to use every honorable means and none other, to win the honors in the reach of the student body.

On January 20th one of the literary societies celebrated its aniversary. Brother J. H. Scales was the orator of the occasion.

One pleasant evening in last month Miss Bertie Meadows entertained the members of Psi together with quite a number of distinguished lady friends. Her beautiful home was artistically decorated with palms and hot-house flowers, and it was indeed an inviting place. A more delightful evening has never been spent in any home by such a party. Our Chapter feels proud of having such a strong and loyal sympathizer.

Work in the way of initiation seems to be at a halt. No good fraternity men have yet appeared for the new term.

While the writer feels somewhat relieved having no examinations hanging over him, yet so exhausted that his pen refuses to go.

Psi sends greetings to all her sister Chapters.

P. J. Horton.

OMEGA.

State College of Kentucky.

At this, the beginning of another year, Omega resolves to make a record of which it will ever be proud. It purposes to leave in the unbroken silence of the year that has waned those things least conducive to an ideal Chapter; but, inspired by filial love and stirred by the ardor of enthusiastic youth, we pledge ourselves to develope a character that shall be honored and respected of men.

Nor are these resolutions merely good intentions; for, into the mysteries of Fraternity life and into the sacred bonds of friendship and brotherhood, we have initiated one more—Hubert Lee Humphrey, of Bloomfield, Ky. Our new Brother graduates this year with the degree B. M. E., and to say that he is to be a member of Tau Beta Pi, the honorary fraternity of engineers, removes the necessity of speaking further of his high standing as a student and of his worthiness as a young man.

Since our last communication with the SHIELD AND DIAMOND we have entered our new rooms. Together with Kappa we gave a reception to our friends to formally open our new hall. Though uprecedented here by any similar action we invited to be present representatives from every Fraternity at College. Later we were congratulated by many of them on having taken the initiative in promoting a kindlier feeling among the Fraternities. This is what is needed, especially at our College. Much antagonism to all Fraternity men has recently sprung up here. A few days ago, at a meeting of the students to choose managers of the

various athletic teams, the anti-foot movement was so strong that but one Fraternity man a Kappa Sigma, succeeded in being elected.

The Sigma Mus have recently put in a Chapter here, and it is said that Phi Gamma Delta is also seeking entrance. Should it succeed we would have eight Fraternities in our institution.

Our gymnasium building has been completed but a few weeks, and much interest is being manifested in indoor athletics. Omega is well represented in this feature of College life, particularly by Brothers Evans, Mason and Elliott. Brother Minakuchi, of Kappa, who is now attending State College, is also quite expert in gymnasium work.

To all the Chapters Omego extends her best wishes, and especially to Alpha-Alpha, our youngest sister, does she proffer her most cordial greetings.

L. F. Boulware.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

Trinity College.

Trinity closed for the holidays on December 16. Our heating system gave out completely, and the new plant was not in readiness. But work was resumed on January 3, and the new hot-water system works very nicely. We had a good long vacation, and some of us hated very much to leave our friends. For some friends have a peculiar attraction about this time of the year.

At the time I am writing nothing has been done in the base-ball line. But before this appears in print, we expect to have everything in working order. It has been talked a good deal, and the afternoons find the boys out practicing. I don't know yet whether or not II. K. A. will be represented on the team, but we are hopeful.

Alpha-Alpha has not been idle since our last writing, and as the result of our labors, I now have the pleasure of introducing to the Fraternity-at-large Mr. Claude W. Rowe, of Monroe, N. C. Mr. Rowe is a member of the Freshman

class, and we believe he will make us a good man. He is slightly troubled with "calicolistic tendencies," but we do not consider it a very dangerous case. Mr. Rowe has a brother who is a member of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, and his father is Presiding Elder, Charlotte District, of the same Conference.

The "Alumni's Psalm of Life" is decidedly the best thing in its line that we have seen in many a day. Though not an alumnus, I have already learned the truth of part of it, and it will apply as well to the members as to the alumni.

We are still keeping up the good work, and in our next letter we expect to introduce a new "Knight of the Shield and Diamond." With greetings and best wishes from Alpha-Alpha to all her sister Chapters. I must close.

C. E. D. Egerton.

The Pi's.

In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to H. M. MCALLISTER, Hampden-Sidney, 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.

—We know that the entire Fraternity will sympathize with our Brothers, Robert M. and Floyd Hughes, in the death of their father, Judge Robert W. Hughes, which occurred at his country home near Abindon on the morning of December 9, 1901. Judge Hughes went on the bench in 1874, and was a conspicuous figure in Virginia. Although entitled several years ago to retire from the bench by reason of his age, he was not willing to be laid aside. One of the newspapers said of him as follows: "Although modest and unassuming, Judge Hughes was a man of great force and always made himself personally felt. He was a man of few words, and utterly unpretentious, but there was energy enough in him, and when the time came his innate force was abundantly in evidence."

—On Monday evening, December 16, 1901, a disastrous fire occurred at Lewisburg, W. Va., in which the Lewisburg Female Institution was destroyed. We know that the sympathy of the entire Fraternity will be extended to Rev. R. L. Telford, D. D., the President, a loyal Brother of our Iota Chapter. The buildings were valued at \$30,000, and were only partially covered by insurance. There were 115 young ladies at the Institution, all of whom escaped without injury. It is to be sincerely hoped that funds will be available for the early rebuilding of this valuable College which has done such good work in the South under the able management of Brother Telford.

-Our loyal Brother, John B. Cavitt, Theta, writes us

from Wheelock, Texas, December 10, 1901: "I send you herewith my subscription for one year, with best wishes for II. K. A.'s welfare and prosperity." We are glad to have these words from this Brother who always responds so heartily to our requests.

- —A. V. Russell, Mu, has gone into the coal business at Farmville, Va., and is already making a great success.
- —Harry R. Houston, Iota, '99, who assumed the editorial management of the "Hampton Monitor," has recently converted the paper into a live daily.
- —On the evening of December 24, 1901, at 6 o'clock, at Salisbury, N. C., Mr. J. Wilson McKay, of Mayesville, S. C., our Brother of Beta, and Miss Nellie Sparrow, of Davidson, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister. The Charlotte, N. C., "Observer" gives the following notice of this affair:

"This is the culmination, so happily, of a love affair of several years' standing. Davidson will be especially interested in the marriage, for Miss Sparrow is one of her fairest and most charming young ladies, and has hosts of friends among the students as well as the citizens. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Kirkpatrick, the third President of Davidson, and is, indeed, a fair representative of such an illustrious ancestor.

"Mr. McKay is the son of Dr. W. J. McKay, President of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, and a nephew of Mr. George E. Wilson, of Charlotte. This happy couple leaves to-night for the home of the groom, where they will remain for a few weeks."

Best wishes of the Fraternity are extended to the young couple.

- —The following personal from the President of Hampden-Sidney College appeared recently in a Richmond paper, concerning an honored Alumnus of Sigma Chapter:
- "Mr. J. I. Armstrong, of Union Theological Seminary, has consented to take charge of classes in psychology and moral philosophy, usually taught by Dr. McIlwaine, and will carry them forward till the adjournment of the Convention. Mr. Armstrong is a native of Salem, Va., a first honor graduate of Hampden-Sidney College in the A. B. Class of 1894, and A. M., 1895, since which

time he has been head master in the Wallace Classical School of Nashvilie, Tenn. He is a gentleman of fine natural ability, large attainments and genial character and manners, and returns to his Alma Mater with the kind regards of all who know him, and under circumstances which will inspire him to his best work. He entered Union Theological Seminary last fall, to which seat of learning he expects to return after having fulfilled his loving services to his old College."

—What Pi does not feel enthusiastic at the mention of "Caufield" so entwined as it is with the name of our Fraternity. It is therefore very pleasant to read the following letter from our Brother, Thomas A. Caufield, Clerk of the Court of McLennen County, Waco, Texas, dated December 14, 1901:

"My Dear Sir and Brother: It has been less than twenty hours since I had quite a pleasant talk with our Y. M. C. A. Secretary, R. H. King, about you and the II. K. A. Fraternity. It seems that you and King are old friends, but this I learned only yesterday. Glad to hear from you again, and am pleased to have the opportunity of testifying in a small way to the affection I still cherish for the old Fraternity, its boys and its teachings. I herewith hand you my cheque for \$12.00—\$10.00 to wipe up any arrears in subscriptions I may be due, and the balance to continue the subscription for the present year. Permit me to congratulate you in person, and through you the Fraternity for the excellent condition of the Fraternity, and wish you God speed in the upward and onward work now purposed by you. With warm personal regards."

- —"The Randolph-Macon Monthly" records the fact that on December 9 the College received from an unknown friend the portraits of Patrick Henry and Henry Clay, that of Henry Clay being presented by Dr. Thomas Nelson Page. while the Hon. J. Alston Cabell, Alpha, of Richmond, made the address presenting the portrait of Patrick Henry, "in an elegant and masterly address replete with highly polished thought and expression."
- —According to a Petersburg's note in a Richmond paper the engagement has been announced of Brother R. M. Bird, Iota, and Miss Caroline Reid, of Baltimore. Best and hearty congratulations are extended.

—The General Office has received an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. C. Harrisom Parker, "To the marriage of their daughter, Eva, to Mr. Thomas Zimmerman Tyler, on Wednesday, January 22, 1902, at 8 o'clock, at Trinity Church, New Orleans." The young couple will be at home after February 1st, at "The Windermere," Chicago, Ill. A handsome reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Tyler from half past eight to eleven o'clock, at the St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, just after the wedding ceremony. Brother Tyler is an initiate of Xi Chapter and is well remembered by all who have come in contact with him. He was present at the two Conventions held in Richmond, Va, and has always been a loyal and enthusiastic Brother.

—Dr. J. D. Arbuckle, 10ta, '95, and brother of our beloved C. P., has been appointed Surgeon on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, Greenbriar Division, with headquarters at Cass, Pocahontas county, Va.

—The General Office has received the following handsomely engraved notice from our genial, enthusiastic and popular Grand Secretary, J. Pike Powers, Jr.;

Messrs. Powers & Burrows,
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,
take this means of informing their clients and friends that
January 1st, 1902,

they removed from their offices in the Knoxville Fire Insurance Company's Building to more comfortable quarters.

Rooms 10 and 11 on the first floor of The Deaderick Building on Prince street,

where they are able to give better attention to their profession, and where all will be welcome.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., January 7, 1902.

We wish the firm continued success in their new headquarters.

—All Pis who attended the Nashville and Knoxville Conventions remember our enthusiastic little Brother, W. N. Briscoe, who, although not large in statue, is indeed large in his Pi-ism. On December 21, 1901, the General

Office received the following interesting letter from this Brother:

"Please find cheque for \$4.00 herewith; \$2.00 for subscription and \$2.00 for the Twentieth Century Fund. I hope you will have great success in raising this fund, for I think every Pi should respond. I am going to try to attend the next Convention. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and with best wishes for the Fraternity."

—The following is taken from "First Families" of January 11, 1902:

"Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Munford are established for the rest of the winter at Colorado Springs. Mr. Munford's health is much improved."

Brother Munford is one of our enthusiastic Richmond Brothers and an initiate of old Gamma Chapter. We sincerely trust he may very soon be completely restored to his accustomed health.

—We have received a copy of "The Church News," volume III, No. 4, published in Atlanta, Ga., by the North Avenue Presbyterian Church, of which our talented Brother Richard Orme Flinn is pastor. This little paper contains the announcements of the Church and other interesting news regarding the Church. The Fraternity at large has read often of the success which has crowned Brother Flinn's efforts and how wonderful the work has grown. It is interesting to know that he is held in the highest and most affectionate esteem by his congregation. Indeed with such a charming personality as his, it could not be otherwise.

Greek Notes and Clippings.

-Dead Chapters are certainly not a credit to any Fraternity, but it is infinitely better to have a whole host of really dead ones than to have two or three living-dead ones to be forever worrying the Fraternity into nightmares with their ghastly presence. The deadest, and at the same time the deadliest, of Chapters are those that have members and live not; that require constant prodding, lest they lapse into total apathy; that never move, unless started, nor stop, unless checked; and of which it can be most justly said, "a living trouble is worse than a dead one." These are the Chapters from which the Fraternity should not scruple to withdraw charters, after all available methods of resuscitation have been tried. If it be a case of suspended animation, there is still hope for the Chapter; but, if the condition be found chronic, the charge of "general deadness" ought to justify the withdrawal of the charter .- The Trident of Delta Delta Delta.

—The Tennessee Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi was installed on October 7th, 1901, at Vanderbilt University. The Chapter starts with nine charter members, and under the auspices of a strong Alumni support in Nashville it has every prospect of a successful life.—The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.

—The Xmas number of *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi is unusually attractive in its holiday dress of green and red. Under a snow scene on the front cover page is a verse written by James Whitcomb Riley a distinguished member of this fraternity.

—Anti Fraternity traditions have been upset at the University of California. After a close and protracted struggle between the old and the younger members, the Occident Company, the anti-Fraternity organization of the University, has decided to allow its members to become Fraternity men. This radical departure from all the old tenets of the Occident was not accomplished without a contest. The Occident Weekly was established at the University in 1881 for the purpose of fighting the Fraternities and its history up to the last few years has been one of bitter contests with the brotherhoods.—The Caduceus.

—Phi Gamma Delta has placed a Chapter of thirteen men in the University of Alabama. The institution has 350 students, and Chapters of Phi Delta Theta, S. A. E., D. K. E., Sigma Nu, A. T. O., Kappa Alpha So., and Kappa Sigma.—The Rainbow.

—The Alpha—Phi Chapter of Kappa Alpha was established at Trinity College, N. C., on the night of October 18, 1901. The Alpha-Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha entered Trinity just one month later.

—Cornell leads the American colleges in the value of property owned by Chapters of Greek-letter Fraternities. The *Philadelphia Times* says: "In the college world, with Chapters in all the representative seats of learning, there are at present thirty Fraternities, with a membership of 115,000, represented in 680 colleges, with some 670 active Chapters and 390 inactive ones. The wealth of the different Greek-letter societies is estimated at \$15,000,000. At Cornell, where the spirit of competition has been fostered by the great number of 'frats,' the buildings are worth more than \$1,000,000. Williams comes next in costly homes, followed by Yale, Amherst, Wesleyan, and Harvard."—Caduceus.

—The recently established Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at Vanderbilt has rented a Chapter house which has been furnished by the resident alumni.—Rainbow.

Editorial.

Our worthy Councilor Princers gives us some pertinent thoughts in his able article in this issue concerning the approaching Convention. We think that the Chapters are very prone to think that their delegates are sent to the Convention for the purpose of listening and learning, more than to suggest and formulate ideas and plans themselves. We think the idea prevails that Conventions are a kind of school at which the Executive Officers are to instruct the delegates.

This is not at all the purpose of a Convention. Its prime object is to enable the delegates from the different Chapters to discuss and arrange plans which they find necessary in the workings of their Chapter life. It should be a meeting at which each one present should take part in the discussion and each one should feel that he is there to develop and promote the interests of the Fraternity. Dr. Arbuckle well states that the Chapters should send their delegates to these meetings with plans to be proposed, the result of careful discussion and thought at their meetings, previous to the Convention. There are many matters that naturally come to the attention of the Chapters only, and there are many needed changes in our Constitution which affect the Chapters purely. Therefore the Chapter members are the ones to have these matters discussed and arranged at the Conventions, for they see the active workings of the laws governing the Fraternity, and how far they are suitable and wherein they fall short.

There have been many inquiries received at the General Office lately, asking for explanations of Constitutional forms which are not perfectly clear; and others asking for rules concerning certain matters to which the Constitution does not refer at all.

We have replied to these requests to the best of our ability, and urging the Chapters to draw up articles for the Constitution which are more complete and which cover the many points thoroughly, to which the present Constitution simply refers, and instruct their delegates to present these articles at the next Convention. There are several matters of great importance that ought to be definitely settled and provided for by the Convention. Now in these cases your officers are not able to act, for the questions do not arise in their minds. Here, then, is an illustration of what the Chapters should do.

At the last convention the most important work accomplished was the result of suggestions by Chapter members. Your Executive Officers can simply make you reports covering what has been accomplished during the year, or make some suggestions affecting the workings of the Fraternity at large. Delegates alone can bring up matters which affect the workings of the individual Chapters.

We sincerely trust that this matter will receive the earnest attention of the Chapters and that at the very next meeting they will commence a careful consideration of what changes are desired in the Constitution. Do not put it off until the last minute. Your Chapter knows that there are many needed additions and alterations to the Constitution. Let a committee be appointed to draft suitable articles coving these matters, then let the Chapter approve such articles, or change them where needed, and instruct their delegates to bring same up before the next Csnvention.

It is to be regretted that this is the first number in Volume XI in which we are not able to announce the formation of a new Chapter. We sincerely trust that the work of extension is not over for this session. Surely our men will not become inattentive now, just when everything is so encouraging and when so many plans are begun which promise success.

Do not give up because a few difficulties have arisen. Do not become discouraged because the Executive Officers do not thoroughly approve of the present material you have in view for the Chapters. While we want new Chapters, we only want those that will do us credit and will strengthen our Fraternity. Your Executive Council have exceptional opportunities, on account of the prominent position of some of its members, to thoroughly investigate conditions at the various colleges, and they are not going to let you put in a Chapter that is not up to the standard. If they advise you to get a different set of men, go to work and do it; do not become indifferent. You would blame the Officers very much if they chartered a Chapter which they knew would not do us credit.

Some of our men have been working very faithfully on two or three colleges, but within the last month we have not had any reports from them and fear they are becoming discouraged. We do trust that such a condition will not be allowed to exist. Look how many discouragements your Officers have met with in the past ten years. Many times it looked as if we must give up the effort of making anything out of our Fratertity. Yet the Fraternity has increased from three Chapters in 1890, to twenty in 1902. Perseverence, indomitable will and the hardest kind of work has brought about this result. Our Chapter members deserve as much credit for this result as the Officers, and if they will just continue this work, we feel sure that they can plant four or five more Chapters before the next Convention.

THE REPORTS THAT OUR Grand Treasurer has been sending to the Executive Council this year have certainly been encouraging. They show a better financial condition than the Fraternity has ever known, and is proof that the promises made by the delegates at the last Convention have been faithfully carried out.

This prompt attention on the part of the Chapters to their finances has enabled the Officers to devote their attention almost entirely to Chapter extension. The results prove that the promises made at the last Convention have been carried out by your Officers.

If the Executive Council are relieved of the anxiety regarding the finances, they can devote their whole time to the important work of aiding and directing the plans for the establishment of new Chapters. This was clearly set forth at the last Convention, and mutual promises were made by the delegates on behalf of the Chapters, and by the Officers on behalf of themselves. There is an old saving that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating." Surely we have tasted of the result of the close attention to duties on behalf of Chapters! It behooves us now to determine that henceforth we will always give prompt attention to our duties. Let the Chapter officers this year thoroughly impress the importance of this upon the officers to be elected for the ensuing year. With the continuation of the good work next session we can confidently expect another healthy increase in our Chapter roll.

OUR CHAPTERS DO NOT seem to understand the importance of attention to the resolution adopted at the last Convention requiring each Chapter to "furnish at least two articles each year for publication in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND in addition to any Chapter letters."

The resolution sets forth that these articles are to reach the General Office by the first day of October and the first day of April of each year. By this plan, our Contribution Department in the Magazine will always be supplied with good arricles on timely fraternity subjects and each Chapter will be given an opportunity of suggesting and advising the others with helpful suggestions.

Very few of the Chapters have sent in their articles which was due October 1st, and we would again call attention to this oversight and urge that these articles be sent in immediately. It is important also that on April 1st, we should receive the second articles due. By this means the summer number and the first issue of the fall will be well provided for.



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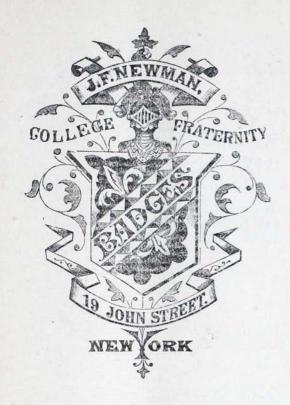
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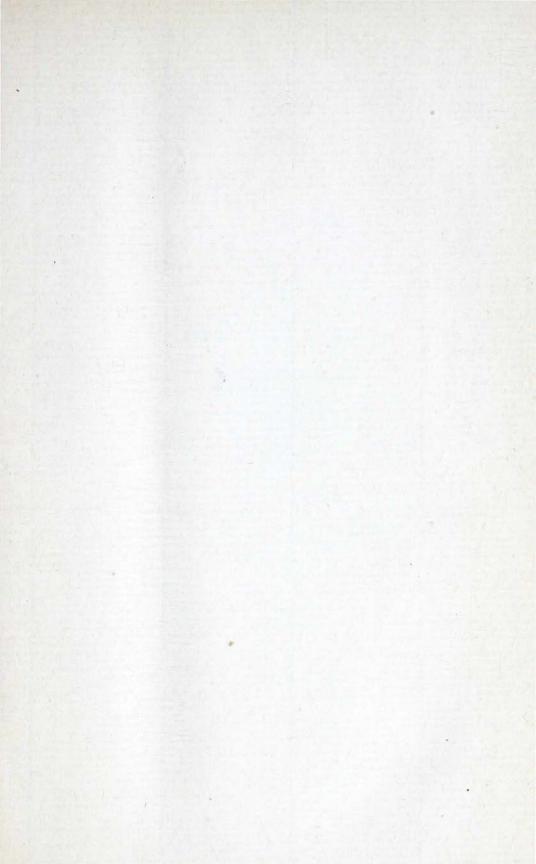
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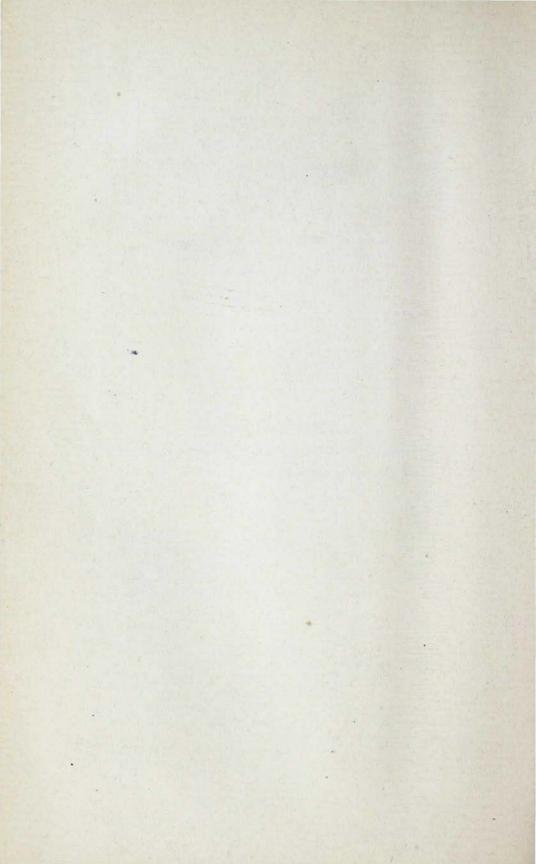
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