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Contributions.

OUR PPS AS EDUCATORS.

No. 1.

HOWARD BELL ARBUCKLE.

To write a sketch with Howard Arbuckle as the subject and the II.'s as readers is about as pleasant a piece of work as a man could be asked to do. One cannot always say gracious things about a man. Conscience forbids it because if said, the statements would not be true. But one thoroughly enjoys saying good things about a man when the things are not only good, but true. And such is the case with our present subject. Few men whom we have known have as fair an escutcheon. Long may it float, unsullied over a useful life.

Our Brother was born October 5, 1870, in the elevated mountain region of Greenbrier, County, W. Va., near the picturesque little town of Lewisburg. He was bred of the hardy, freedom-loving, mountaineer stock, and drunk in a spirit of sturdy independence with every breath of those upland breezes. His home was that of consistent Christian parents who feared God and taught their children to honor Him. He had a noble mother whose chief earthly ambition, was to give her boys a College education. We have seen the stretch of country pike along which our hero

trudged to the public school of the county on whose benches he mastered the rudiments of knowledge. It winds between green fields on either side, and there are blue mountains visible in the distance. His childhood was the blessed childhood of the *country* lad.

When Howard was about fourteen years old, that is to say in the fall of 1884, he was sent to Prince Edward Academy, located in the county of Prince Edward, Va. Here, under the very shadow of Hampden-Sidney College. he studied for one school year, and was the winner of first honor, which entitled him to a scholarship the year following in the neighboring institution.

The years from fall 1885, to summer 1889, were the busy, happy years of a diligent and successful College student. The days and nights were filled with hard, honest work, which gave a keen appetite for wholesome recreation ; and with enough play to keep Jack from being a dull boy, and to send him back to his tasks with a clearer head. When he took his A. B. in June, 1889, he delivered the valedictory at the Commencement. He was also appointed Fellow and Instructor in the College for the ensuing year. In the following June, 1890, the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him, and at this Commencement he delivered the Master's Oration.

All these were substantial honors ; but it will probably interest the brotherhood more to know that it was during this period that Arbuckle became a member of our Fraternity. He must have been either a charter member or one of the earliest initiates of fair Iota Chapter, for it was somewhere between the session of '85-'86 and the session of '88-'89 that Iota Chapter was founded. The writer's heart beats quicker as he thinks of those days. The only Chapters then in existence were Alpha at the University of Virginia, and Theta at S. W. P. U. Alpha was the governor of the Fraternity at that time, and only she had power to issue charters to new Chapters. Theta asked of Alpha the grant of a number of charters signed in blank to be issued by Theta if she could plant the Chapters. Old

Mark Kennedy—the dear fellow has left us for his heavenly rest—was then studying in Union Theological Seminary just across the way from Hampden-Sidney. He made the acquaintance of some of the College boys not affiliated with any fraternity, and wrote Theta enthusiastically recommending the organization of Iota Chapter at Hampden-Sidney at once. Theta sent him one of her charters—and what a red-letter day it was in our calendar when old Mark's letter, describing the initiation of the first members of Iota was read. It was the first pattering of the rain drops which heralded the reviving shower that was to bid our Order live. But pardon this digression of an old II. grown garrulous. To return : Howard Arbuckle was in College when Iota was organized, and he must have been taken in soon, for he was an irresistible fellow if there ever was one. I remember him as I knew him during the session '89-'90 when I had entered Union Seminary, and he was working for his A. M. in the College. His bright eye of quick intelligence, his high color coming and going in the face, his animated manner, his prompt appreciation of the beautiful in nature or in poetry, his noble ideals of character and life as he looked out on the future under the spell of boyhood's dreams ; all these and other things made him to me one of the joys of my life.

During his College career he three times held the position of W. H. M. of his Chapter.

During his last year ('89-'90) the little Convention met in Iota's hall—that forlorn hope which ventured one last effort to save the Fraternity. He bore his part nobly in the forming of that instrument of government—the present constitution—which placed the Order on a new foundation and gave it a chance to live. Four times since the reorganization in 1890, he has been elected to the office of C. P. The history of the self-denying and efficient service rendered in this most responsible post is known too well to need tell here. It is time to glance at some other aspects of our Brother's career.

For five years after he took his Master's degree he was

engaged in teaching—one year in a Normal College in Northern Mississippi, and four years as Instructor in National Science in the State Seminary west of the Suwannee, at Tallahassee, Fla. During this time he spent two summer sessions at the University of Virginia, studying chemistry under Prof. J. W. Walle. In 1885 he entered Johns Hopkins University as a graduate student pursuing advanced courses in Chemistry, Physiology and Biology.

On June 4th, 1896, Mr. Arbuckle was married to Miss Ida Clift, of Tallahassee, Florida, daughter of Mr. B. A. Meguinis, formerly of Maryland. Miss Meguinis had been a first honor graduate in June, 1885, of the Seminary west of the Suwannee, now the Florida State College. This wedding was the culmination of a charming romance; for the young professor first met his fair bride in the College corridors, and their friendship ripened through four years of class-room experience.

In 1898 Mr. Arbuckle received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) from the Johns Hopkins University, having submitted a thesis on "A Redetermination of the Atomic Weight of Zinc and Cadmium." This thesis was based on the work of many months, and into the thorough-going investigation, Mr. Arbuckle flung himself with all the self-forgetful ardor of the true man of science. His success was really distinguished. It attracted the attention of his instructors. In 1898 he was appointed University Scholar in Chemistry. When he had finished his course, his teachers held out intimations to him of a scientific career, which they would gladly have seen him enter, and which was far from being unattractive to him. But he had calmly chosen the vocation of a teacher, and too for the noblest ends, not to distinguish himself, but to do all the good possible by the use of his power and acquirements. He received an invitation to take charge of the Department of Chemical, Physical and Biological Science at Agnes Scott Institute, a high grade school for the liberal education of young women, and accepted it, writing his friend in this noble language. "What if I never solve a scientific problem, never add a

page to a growing literature, never enter again a University laboratory, never have the opportunity to direct a single mind in the search for scientific truth, valuable as it might be? Is my University training lost if it has helped me to make clearer to beginners the underlying principles of the science, if it has given me the power to guide and train the minds more surely of even the youngest students? Add to this the greater opportunities teaching spiritual truth, which seem to attend the work, and I must pause before refusing it. After all, if I have fitted myself to be a good teacher and am given the opportunity to enter upon a noble service, what is left for me to do? It seems to me that no scientific calling can offer more satisfaction to the soul, can make me more happy, than the position that brings with it a chance to serve my God, so continually a chance to use my best powers of heart and mind, so often a chance to uplift and help others, if my life can be kept pure and strong in its purpose." In this high spirit of consecration he entered on his work as an educator, and in that spirit he has persevered.

Dr. Arbuckle is a man of decided force in any sphere. He never sees anything half-way, but always works with his whole energy and heart. His vacations are spent in his mountain home caring for sheep. He has become a sheep raiser of distinction, as is witnessed by the fact that for six years he has held the office of Vice-President of the Continental Dorset Club, a leading registry association of pure bred sheep.

His energy has made itself felt in the recent history of the Fraternity, to a degree second only to that of Robert A. Smyth.

His students not only respect him, are not only inspired by him, but love him as he makes them feel that he loves them.

He is worthy to wear the garnet and gold, worthy to walk with the goodly fellowship that have won II. K. A. its place among men, worthy to be honored and imitated by the boys that are coming on.

Theron H. Rice.

WHAT IS A FRATERNITY.

What is a fraternity? The answer to this question seemingly so simple and easily given is yet one which a large number of College men fail to answer correctly. Wherever this fact is noticeable he begins to ask, what is the cause of it? It would seem to us that there should be no reason for it, but unfortunately there is, and we believe it to be due in many cases to the fact that many fraternity men themselves fail to understand the meaning of the word, and the purpose of the organization. We take a Fraternity to mean exactly what the word signifies, viz: A brotherhood, a band of men joined together by sacred and solemn ties to promote the well being of each other. Man's nature is a social one and his greatest happiness comes from his intercourse with his fellow-man, upon this foundation we believe fraternities to be based.

We sometimes hear the expression "frat. men are so conceited." In reply to that we would say that if there is anything in a fraternity to make a man conceited we have never found it, and that if it be true, it is the man and not the organization that makes him so. Such remarks are generally made by men opposed to fraternities. We suppose that we could find opposition to fraternities in every college, in some more than in others, wherever it is strong members of fraternities should be especially on their guard not to do anything to promote such opposition. College elections bring on this trouble possibly more than anything else; and here again we believe fraternity men to be in the wrong in many cases. Some hold to the opinion that it is our duty to vote for a Frat. Brother regardless of the capability of his opponent. We cannot see it in that light and do believe that opposition will be found greatest where this principle is advocated the most. The best man for the position regardless of what he belongs to, should be the guiding principle in all College elections.

Again there is an inclination on the part of some mem-

bers of fraternities to restrict their intercourse as far as possible to fraternity men. Here again we cannot sanction such action, we believe in being intimate and friendly with all college students whose friendship may be beneficial and whose association may be a credit to us.

There are many other things that might be said along this line but we must not, and in conclusion let us say to all II. K. A.'s, be on your guard, use your judgment, do nothing that may reflect discredit upon your individual Chapter and the Fraternity at large.

Iota.

ONE PHASE OF EXPANSION.

The last number of the "*Dagger and Key*" contains, among other articles of interest, a list of Southern Colleges, which it is proposed that Pi Kappa Alpha should enter some time in the near future. And several preparatory schools are said to have been investigated by our worthy Councilor Princeps, with the same purpose in view. No doubt this proposal to extend the domain of the *shield and diamond* was hailed with delight by every member of our Fraternity. And well may we rejoice at the evidence of fraternity growth and prosperity. Expansion is the cry of the hour; that we have adopted it as our motto for the ensuing year is certainly an indication of prosperity, such as the Fraternity has rarely known. We have selected an excellent motto; we have only to stick to it to win success in the fullest measure.

But the path to the consummation of our hopes is not without its dangers. We cannot expect to win success by a series of brilliant and uninteresting bounds. On the other hand our progress must be cautious,—careful of the shoals that await the foremost ships and mindful of the dangers that ever lurk along the route of the pioneer in any line of achievement. By this we do not mean that expansion must be necessarily slow and tedious, but that we

must think before we act. We must know the territory we are entering before we take possession, lest in our haste we acquire a Cuba, or worse a *group* of Phillipines.

It is not the purpose of this paper to treat of Fraternity Expansion in all its many phases and effects, but rather before we enter headlong into the rush of expansion, to sound a note of warning in regard to one of the former, *i. e.* the relation that this expansion must have to the rank Pi Kappa Alpha will ultimately assume among the fraternities of the South.

This aspect of Expansion, this bearing on rank and standing seems to us one of the most important, if not the very first in consideration of the questions Pi Kappa Alpha will be called upon to solve in the work now before her.

"Quality not Quantity" has ever been one of our most boasted maxims. Will we, in the excitement of our coming advent into new lands uphold it? Will this motto on the banners of our advancing legions, emerge, unscathed and untouched from the work into which we are now about to plunge? Or will we in the desire for new territory, forget the words which have heretofore been our Monroe Doctrine, ineradicable forever? By entering schools which offer present prospects, but which afford no future, shall we prepare the way for dead Chapters or by intrusting the principles of our beloved Fraternity to the inexperienced youth of the average "prep." school, shall we invite among us Chapters that will not die though we wish they would? These are the questions which every earnest Pi Kappa Alpha should now be considering. No doubt most of us are answering them now; it is to be hoped that every one shall have done so, before the first step is taken towards Expansion.

We make no attempts here, were it possible to answer the foregoing questions, but only try to present them in the best possible light. There is much to be said both for and against fraternities entering small colleges and preparatory schools. The advisability of entering any school depends largely upon its character as an institution. Look-

ing at the question this way it is easily seen that first class prep. schools are more acceptable than second class colleges. The character of the students at the former is better, and tends to improve with the institution, which is progressive and rising. On the other hand the small college, while it may offer inviting material for to-day, will be utterly devoid of prospects to-morrow. The initiate here, after a few years at school, as a member of a weak and struggling Chapter, loses connection with his Fraternity and is forgotten by it. But the preparatory school initiate goes on to a University. Here he becomes so well identified with fraternity life that he can never forget it. In after life, wherever you find him, he is still a fraternity man, helping his Brothers and being helped by them, a glory and an honor to the band whose badge he wears.

It is very apparent then, that too much care cannot be taken in the selection of the schools we are to enter. The future as well as the present must be regarded. We have no doubt as to the result of our choice, and trust absolutely the genius which has guided our beloved Fraternity since its origin, thirty-six years ago. We not only hope but firmly believe that while we are painting on our banners the stirring word "Expansion," those honored and inspiring letters in garnet and old gold—"Quality not Quantity," words so dear to us through long years of pleasant association, will *not* be erased, but at our work's completion, will shine with the added lustre of "Quality AND Quantity."

W. G. Riddick, Pi.

SIGMA—A SKETCH.

The year 1893 saw another Chapter added to the roll of active Chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha. Up to this time the number had increased to twelve, but with this addition it was changed to thirteen. Whether or not its number had anything to do with its progress either for good or bad I will not attempt to say.

It was in the spring of 1893 that Rev. John S. Foster visited Vanderbilt and talked to Max Miller Jones and George W. Williamson in regard to organizing a Chapter at Vanderbilt University; however, no steps were taken then further than talking over the general plans for bringing about an organization.

In the fall of 1893 when the scholastic term at the Medical Department at the University of Tennessee, which is located in Nashville, opened, E. E. Stone, an initiate of Zeta, came to Nashville to enter the department.

Vanderbilt opened about the same time, and Jones and Williamson came back at this time. Thomas Henry Peebles of Clarksville and James M. Bryson of Gallatin, Tennessee, came to the University. They were immediately informed of the movement that was on foot.

Through the instrumentalities of Brothers Stone, Foster and Arbuckle these four were initiated into the "mysteries of the Greek world" This was the beginning of Sigma Chapter, which was chartered Sept 23rd, 1893, being issued to Max Miller Jones, of the Engineering Department, George William Williamson, Thomas Henry Peebles and James M. Bryson, all three of the Academic Department.

The Chapter moved off very nicely during that year, when several new names were added to the roll, one of whom was George G. Murray, of Porterville, Cal., who was one of the best members Sigma Chapter has ever had; another was E. J. Etheridge, of Batesburg, S. C.; another was James Hamilton Brown, of Columbia, Tenn., better known as "Bull" Brown, who was the centre rush on the '97 foot-ball team which made a record that has never been equaled by any Southern College. He was elected Captain of the team for the year after his graduation but did not return.

I could name others but it is useless to enumerate so many, yet I cannot pass over that of George E. McLaurine. While he made no record to last for years in the University, yet he was as good and loyal a Pi as ever wore the "*shield and diamond*" and it is to him that Sigma is indebted in more ways than one. In the spring of 1895, what seemed

to be a very promising Chapter became extinct. This was caused by all of her members failing to return, some because of graduation, and others for various reasons. It remained thus until March, '97, when through the efforts of Brothers Peebles and Brown, who again had returned, especially Brother Syptert, of Theta, who had come to Vanderbilt to study law, it was revived. No new charter was granted but the old one issued in '93 was returned to them.

The first initiates were Louis Leftwich and R. E. King who afterwards proved valuable additions. Several visiting Brothers were present on the occasion.

Since that time Sigma has moved steadily along, some years stronger than others. The scholastic year of 1901 and 1902 seemed to be the unlucky year for Sigma. During that year she was at her weakest, having only five active members, but they succeeded in tiding things over, ever trusting that the "gods would be more propitious" in the future and to-day their hopes have been realized and Sigma Chapter is on a firm footing and its outlook is very promising.

The enrollment is eleven with one Frater in Facultate.

During the period of Sigma Chapter's existence, the roll of the different departments has been as follows: Academic Department, 13; Engineering Department, 4; Pharmacy Department, 4; Dental Department, 1; Medical Department, 2; Law Department, 10; and Irregular Department, 1. This makes the total enrollment thirty-five, by which number seven States have been represented.

Sigma Chapter has always taken a good stand in every phase of college life, and has always been and is to-day held in good esteem by the various other Chapters at Vanderbilt University. This is not a statement made without foundation, nor is it the conclusion made from a false promise. It can be thus verified: Two of her members have received Founder's medals, which are given in each department for the highest record made during the entire terms of the courses of the departments. These two Brothers are R. E. King, of Brownsville, Tenn., and Charles A. Stainback, of Somerville, Tenn.

Four members have been Fraters in Facultate.

Two members have won scholarships, which are given for the highest record for the first year. These two are A. M. Clark, of Lawson, Mo. and Louis S. Pope, of Pikeville Tenn.

These same two failed to receive the Founder's medal, missing it only one-eighth of a point. Brother Stainback has also represented the Chapter as Thanksgiving Debater and contestant for the Young medal in Oratory.

Two members have also taken part in the yearly "B. U." elections, Acting as "permanent chairman" was L. S. Pope and as "nominating speaker" was John Brown.

On the foot-ball team she has been represented by "Bull" Brown, Felix Massey, the hero of the Thanksgiving-Vanderbilt-Nashville foot-ball game of '99 and your Scribe.

At the next meeting of the Tennessee Legislature Sigma Chapter will have two representatives in the persons of Charles A. Stainback and John W. Morton, Jr.

J. R. Williamson, Sigma.

THE VALUE OF THE FRATERNITY TO THE COLLEGE STUDENT.

Beyond the barriers of the College Fraternity there lies a strange, mysterious power,—a power invisible, yet well defined ; gentle, yet irresistible ; mighty as the tumultuous torrent ; yet quiet as the gentlest country brook upon a summer's eve. A power that rules the minds of men while under its sway, and shapes in no small degree the future destinies of their lives. Whether this influence is for good or evil we, the Fraternity members, think it useless to assert. For is not the Fraternity the sweetness of our College lives, the subject of our happiest thoughts, and the object of our purest affections? And to her we would gladly attribute, without thought or comment all that is good to us. But in accordance with human nature, the

outside public must demand a proof of this assertion—an assertion which, upon closer examination, must be acknowledged as either false or highly exaggerated. Still, if any one doubts the good tendencies of fraternities, I beg to refer him to the past history of fraternity men, and to their social, moral, and political standing of to-day.

Space forbids me to give even the most general account of the lives of fraternity men, but I will say, that since the founding of Iota Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha in 1884, she has led seventy-four men through the mystic portals and half of this number graduated. In sixteen years she has won twenty-three medals, twenty were honor men, and twenty-eight were Presbyterian ministers. A fair record of which any body of men might well be proud.

Yet the point may be raised that this was due to the character of the men themselves, and, independent of the Fraternity influence, their record would have been equally as bright. Whether this is true or not I will not venture to say, for no man can ever tell. But this I do assert, and defy the world to deny it, that there is a power in the fraternity circle that binds men together in mutual brotherhood; that sets for them loftier ideas of the fellowship of man; and gives them a never failing object for which to work. Surely then these fair conditions, the strongest incentives to human exertion, must stir any one to nobler efforts to advance his standard, that in so doing he may bring honor upon that body which is the joy of his present life, and strength to those ties which bind him most securely to his dearest friends.

That the fraternity has an all powerful influence over its members is an unquestioned fact. But is it exerted for the best? This question decides the value of the fraternity to the College student; in its answer lies the key to the success of any Chapter or any fraternity. Like most decisive questions it depends upon the surrounding circumstances. In this case it hangs upon the disposition and character of the senior members of the individual Chapter. For does not the atmosphere, whether of bro-

therly love or restless discontent, which pervades any organization decide the value of said organization to its members? Will not the atmosphere of spirit which pervades at the time of the initiation of a new member appeal to him as the true spirit of the organization,—the spirit which it is his duty to maintain and advance? If this spirit is one of congeniality and love, its value is indeed inestimable, while on the other hand if it tends to the opposite, it is far worse than worthless. The secret fraternity is by no means an exception to this rule. The fraternity as the new men find it, is so far as they are concerned the fraternity as they leave it. Thus it is obvious that the disposition of the senior men, the ruling factors of the Chapter, stimulates the spirit of the fraternity.

Then too, upon the character of the fraternity depends the character of the influence exerted. Here again the responsibility is shifted to the senior members; theirs is the molding hand of the Chapter's character; the Chapter's character the germ of the fraternity's power.

Goodridge A. Wilson, Iota.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

University of Virginia.

We are back again, hard at work, after having about two weeks of Christmas Holiday; which, each one of us, is sure he enjoyed more than the other.

Some of us were a little late in getting back. ("Parting is such sweet sorrow," that some of us like to lengthen it.)

Brother Newcomb was taken home about a week before Christmas with typhoid fever and he is still at his home, Sassafras, Va, but we are glad to hear, that he has gotten better, and we hope to have him back with us soon. I can't imagine anybody's being missed, more than we have missed "Old Newc."

The Lynchburg II's were delighted with a short visit from Brother Conrad during the holidays. We didn't see much of him though, while he was in the Hill City, as he was doing some "heavy work" in the courting line.

Although it is midwinter, we have begun to prepare for the base-ball season, which we expect to be a very successful one with us. We have very bright prospects for a good team. Several of the old men are back and we have some stars from other places, and besides that, a lot of promising new material.

Pi Kappa Alpha will doubtless have one or more representatives on the team.

Our Chapter is now in a most flourishing condition. We are having well attended meetings every Saturday night, and everybody seems as enthusiastic as possible.

Brother Conrad represents us on the Board of Editors of "*Corks and Curls*."

With best wishes to sister Chapters.

W. A. Strother.

BETA.*Davidson College.*

The opening of the College term in January brought back to the scenes of their labors all of Beta's men except Brother Bagley, who has gone into business with his father at Wilmington, N. C. We regret very much to lose Brother Bagley, for he has been and still is a loyal II.

It was our pleasure to initiate two worthy men a short while ago. We introduce to the Fraternity Brother Robt. King, Dalton, Ga., and Brother T. P. Anderson, Westminister, S. C. Both these Brothers, members of the Freshman Class, have shown themselves worthy of the honor thus conferred upon them, and are as true and loyal to the Fraternity as any of the older men. They endured the terror of initiation with trembling in their knees, it is true, but with stout hearts and unafraid; Brother Anderson, especially, showed superb *goatmanship*, and right well won his badge. "Billy" has been taking his ease in pastures green since, and will probably continue to do so until the close of this term, as there are no more here now whom we deem worthy to ride him. He has earned his rest, for he has carried some good men safely into the land of the Greeks this year.

We were very sorry to learn that Brother R. C. Deal '01, who has been so successful in the management of the Clarkton, (N. C.) Male Institute, has had a stroke of paralysis, and has been obliged to go to Richmond for treatment. He has our sincerest sympathy in his affliction, and our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

In the death of Mrs. Shearer, wife of Dr. J. B. Shearer, who was for many years our President, the College and the boys have lost a devoted friend, whose place in the hearts of many to whom she has been a second mother it will be impossible to fill. And again our hearts have recently been saddened by the death of McLeod, who was our star full-back on last year's foot-ball team. He died on January 30, from blood-poisoning, after making a heroic battle for life.

Brother J. W. McKay, one of our most loyal alumni, paid us a flying visit on the occasion of the initiation of Brother King. It did our hearts good to see "Buck" on the Hill again, and he seemed to enjoy the visit very much.

Junior Speaking is the topic of most interest to us at present. In the exercises which take place February 20 and 21, Pi Kappa Alpha will be represented by four men. We hope to be able to report next time that a goodly share of the six "Reps" have been given us. All four of the Juniors are going in with the determination to do honor to himself and the Fraternity, so we feel safe in predicting that there will be something doing at that time.

As the writer has the composing of one of these same orations resting heavily upon him, he must close.

R. H. Adams.

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

Zeta sends greetings to all sister Chapters, and hopes that all enjoyed the holidays to the fullest extent. After school opened for the second term we started out very briskly to find some new men, but it seems that many did not return whom we expected to "spike," and few new capable men came in. So the result is that we have not so far increased our roll. We, however, expect to goat a man in a few days.

It gives us great pleasure to introduce to the Fraternity at large Brother O. P. Parker, of Gibson, Tenn., Brother Parker is a very prominent member of the Senior class, being President of the same and also General Manager of the Student's Association, and First Lieutenant in the military department. He bids fair to make us a very fine and enthusiastic man, and brings with him a good following in the way of probable "Pies."

Zeta was very royally entertained a few evenings ago by a charming young lady who is an ardent advocate in everything that pertains to the welfare of Pi Kappa Alpha.

The extreme heartiness of the hostess made the occasion one that will not soon be forgotten. Another one of our very enthusiastic supporters will receive Zeta at her home on the evening of the fourteenth. These things give the fraternity a fine spirit, and fill everybody with enthusiasm and happiness.

We seemed to have been pursued for a while by an evil spirit, for something bad was happening to some of our members all the time; one fell out of a third story window, another cut up his hand in a saw at the Mechanical building, and another was taken down with pneumonia, but now they have nearly all recovered, and we hope no new misfortunes are in store for us. Otherwise than these casualties we have progressed finely.

The Alumni of Zeta in Knoxville are very warm workers in its interest, and they always attend the "goating." The spirit manifested by these men toward their Fraternity, which they have been estranged from for a good many years, proves the assertion that once a loyal Pi, always a loyal Pi. With the kindest wishes for success in all fraternity enterprises, Zeta remains as ever, faithful.

J. T. Edmonds.

THETA.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

After a pleasant period of Christmas holidays, we are back once again into the regular routine of College work. With the beginning of the New Year, the men of Theta made noble resolutions to enter into the work, not only of the College but also of the Fraternity, with greater zeal and earnestness.

We are all delighted with the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. It is truly inspiring to us to read the account given by Brother Arbuckle of how at one time, by the heroic deeds of Theta's old men, the Fraternity was preserved; to know that we have those in our Alumni who could face the perils of the unknown and foresee P. K. A's future success and greatness.

The "rushing" season is over and the condition of the different fraternities in the University is as follows : Kappa Sigma, 8 ; Kappa Alpha, 7 ; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 7 ; Alpha Tau Omega, 17 ; Pi Kappa Alpha, 10.

We have taken into our midst this year three strong men who have entered into fraternity life with the greatest interest. They prove by their actions that they realize to the fullest extent the great benefits of fraternity life.

Since our last letter Theta has received several honors ; she will be represented on the Inter-Society Oratorical contest at Commencement by Brothers Raynal, Welch, and Fulton. Brother Price who holds the position of gymnasium instructor was recently elected the manager of the basket-ball team.

We sincerely regret to report the marriage of our very loyal Sister Miss Miriam Acree on Wednesday morning January 14th. She was married to Mr. William Brock, a prominent business man of Nashville, Tennessee. It was our pleasure to be among the honored few who attended the wedding. It is needless to say that we will miss her, for she has been a devoted friend and an ardent supporter in the cause of Pi Kappa Alpha here.

Yet amid all our sadness over her departure, we have cause to rejoice in the fact that we have a new Sister to take her place in the person of Miss Margaret Crouch, who is one of Clarksville's most beautiful and attractive young ladies. She is now attending school in Ohio, but will be with us again at Commencement.

We close with best wishes to the Fraternity at large.

J. G. Reid.

IOTA.

Hampden-Sidney College.

Since our last letter we have taken in one new man—Mr. Herbert Anderson of Franklin, W. Va. He is a fine man, but we had better not dwell too much on his good qualities, for he might get the "swell head." This makes ten in number

—the largest fraternity in College—and, though we have to say it ourselves, we compare equally as favorably in other respects with the other five frats. For the last three years our number has been ten. We lose three men this year, but that leaves a force sufficiently large and sufficiently capable of maintaining our past good record.

The Gymnasium exhibition which is to come off on Feb. 22nd, is engaging much attention now. We will be represented by Brothers Frank and Hunter Mann. Base-ball season will soon be on. Brother Langhorne, who was on the team last year, and Brother H. Mann, will be aspirants for honor on the nine.

The question of dancing at Intermediate is being agitated. Last year the Board said it should stop, but the German Club has petitioned them to allow two Germans. The majority of replies thus far has been favorable, but the final outcome is uncertain.

We have discussed often the Convention question. We are making plans to have our Representative in place. We regret that we are too far away to send more than one.

On January the 24th the Chapter enjoyed the best "eat" of the season. It was the gift of a loyal Sister—only one of the many tokens of appreciation and love she has shown Iota. We were surely deeply grateful to her.

Iota sends greetings and best wishes.

Frank H. Mann.

KAPPA.

Kentucky University.

Kappa Chapter began the year 1903 with very bright prospects. The "*shield and diamond*" is now worn by twelve of the best men in Kentucky University.

Since our last letter we have added to our number Brother W. H. Hackney, of North Carolina, one of the most popular men in the ranks of old K. U. He is the manager of our Varsity foot-ball team for next year and will also play

end, so we take this means of introducing him to our Sister Chapters, hoping that when on his visit with our "Crack" foot-ball team of 1903 he will receive a warm welcome from all II's.

In the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND we noticed in giving the list of our new men that two or three were given wrong, so we send in this letter a revised list of our entire Chapter with the addresses. The following is the list:

O. O. White, Indiana.
Lindsay South, Kentucky.
George Montgomery, Kentucky.
Maxwell Hall, Indiana.
W. R. D. Winters, Indiana.
J. R. Jolly, Alabama.
W. H. Hackney, North Carolina,
H. O. Frank, Kentucky.
Wm. Clark, New Zealand.
James Morrow, Kentucky.
Y. Minachuchi, Japan.
H. E. Brown, Kentucky.

Kentucky University has one of the best Glee Clubs in the South, if not the best, and we are glad to report that II. K. A. has five of her number represented in the Club. During the holidays they took an extended trip through Indiana, and all report having had a number of good times. Brother Winters is the Pianist and Business Manager of the Club and Brother South is the reader, and we are glad to say both of these Brothers have won by their rare talents a host of ardent admirers throughout Lexington and Kentucky.

On Monday evening, January 26th, the Kappa Chapter met with Brothers Jolly and Winters in their elegantly furnished rooms at 220 W. High St. After a short, but very profitable business meeting the Chapter adjourned and enjoyed a social hour or two. It was a purely "stag party," everything having been furnished and prepared by the hosts.

The following was the

Menu:

Lobsters, a la Newberry,	Cold Turkey,
Cranberry Jelly,	
French Bread,	Butter Wafers,
Stuffed Olives,	
Celery Salad,	Cheese Balls,

Wine.

With best wishes for a prosperous year for all Sister Chapters, this letter of Kappa closes.

James Richardson Jolly.

MU.

Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

We have just passed through those trying ordeals known to every College boy as exams. Although reports haven't come out at the present writing, we hope our record will be alright, any way we will be able to put up the ever accepted excuse, we did the best we could.

Brother Wilcox stopped over here on his way back to Davidson. He is always sure of a warm reception in Clinton, for he made many friends while here in College. Besides there are still several left in the Chapter who assisted him along the mystic ways of Billydom and his jovial face reminds us of good times that are past but still fresh in our memory.

Our College Magazine, "*The Collegian*," made its initial issue before the holidays. All seem to be very well pleased with the way the boys acquitted themselves. With Brother Stephenson to push it as Editor-in-Chief, we may reasonably expect it to maintain the high standard it has set up.

Since the holidays a great many more beautiful sofa pillows have been added to our number. Some of these are prizes brought back by the Brothers from their respective homes received from Sisters (?) These many remembrances we have always highly appreciated and they

remind us that there are others outside that have an interest in our affairs. And to the many Sisters wherever they may be, who have contributed so much to our pleasure we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Already a great deal of interest has been manifested in base-ball topics. We have closed a contract with Mr. W. E. Warren of Southern League fame to coach the team this season. The prospects for a winning team are brighter than they have been for some time, having seven of last year's men back. Mu expects to have four or five men on the team.

Brother Kennedy had decided to quit College and accept a position, but we are glad to say he has reconsidered and will re-enter College. He is almost an indispensable man upon the base-ball team for it could not afford to lose a man with such an enviable record as he made last season at second bag.

In preparation for the Y. M. C. A. Convention, the officers of the local association for next year have been elected. Brother Smoot as the evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow students was elected president. A great many have been heard to express themselves upon the choice of the association and all are agreed that he is in every respect worthy of the position and that he has the many requisites for a successful leader.

It was with no ordinary pleasure that the Pi's accepted the kind invitation of Brother Kennedy to take tea at his home on the night after examinations closed. Coming as it did at this time we were in a specially good condition to enjoy the evening, and the bounteous spread of good things set before us. So pleasantly was the evening spent in the congenial company of Mrs. Kennedy and Miss Fronde, who are noted for their unusual skill in entertaining, that we were loath for the time of parting to come. This occasion will long be remembered by each and every individual member of Mu Chapter.

Mu extends her best wishes to all sister Chapters.

Wm. R. Wallace.

*NU.**Wofford College.*

Nu Chapter desires to express its appreciation of the December number of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND. To read this Magazine must make every Pi feel justly proud of our noble Order, and especially of our Supreme Council.

We are glad to announce that since our last communication we have added to our number Brother L. H. Tolleson, of Spartanburg, S. C. He has taken a high stand in his class and in the college community.

Contrary to custom and to unwritten law, we have commenced "rushing" the men of the "Fitting School" who are to enter college next year. It was not our desire to be so hasty in this matter, but some of the fraternities which had no success in getting men this year, began work in the Preparatory Department and, of course, we could not stand off but have entered heartily into the work. We know these men and feel sure we make no mistake in the men we solicit. At present we cannot state definitely what has been accomplished, but are sure we can count on at least three of the strongest men of the Preparatory Department. These men have been solicited by other fraternities, but they have been here long enough to know who is in Wofford.

The prospects for a base-ball team are unusually bright this year. Gymnasium work began some weeks ago, and there are about twenty-five applicants for positions on the team. Brother Isom, of last year's team, will represent us. We are to play several of the large universities, such as Vanderbilt, Virginia and Kentucky. If any of our Brothers accompany teams visiting us, we hope to meet them and have them with us at our Chapter house.

Hoping all our sister Chapters are meeting with success in every sphere of college life, and with best wishes to all the Brothers.

W. W. Boyd.

OMICRON.*Richmond College.*

Omicron sends her little at the most trying moments, examination having begun last week.

We all spent a very pleasant Christmas and returned with a determined mind and strong resolutions for our coming strife.

Brother Tyler, however, was wounded by the darts of cupid and longs to return to the hills where he says, he can be cured. "Little Gill" has at last been entrapped and he finds it hard to decide whether to remain at school or return to Petersburg where he can devote more time to his social duties.

Brother Willis has found it a difficulty to make a choice and as yet he is undecided. We hope to make a better report next time. Brothers Lacy and Woodfin are yet constant visitors on the "Hill" and from reports, they will soon be adopted by prominent families in that part of the town. Your scribe is burdened with too much work to engage in such youthful folly.

At the State Bar examination Brother Willis and Tyler were applicants and it is needless to say, covered themselves with honor and are now entitled to practice.

We hope by our next letter to introduce to the Fraternity a new Brother, on which occasion "Billy" is expected to make himself famous.

Base-ball prospects are bright and we hope to be represented on the diamond along with our Sister Chapters.

Hoping our Sister Chapters much success and hoping to have some of our Brothers with us when they pass through on their trips. We will close.

J. M. Lewis.

PI.*Washington and Lee University.*

All members of Pi reported at our first meeting after the holidays safe and sound, in high spirits, and with much to

relate of pleasures at home. We hope that all Pi's have spent an equally pleasant vacation, and can return as readily as we to the excitement of midwinter "spiking." Immediately after this term began, we found that old "Billy" could with difficulty be restrained within the bounds of Greekdom, and that unless something was done to appease his very evident longing for exercise, he would romp away into the land of Barbarians on a quest of his own.

So we set to work in the interest of Pi, and such was our success, that shortly after this letter is published we will have need of a new badge and another SHIELD AND DIAMOND in Lexington.

Brother J. Graham Sale of last year's Law Class, was with us for a few days after the holidays. A year away from college has not lessened his enthusiasm in fraternity affairs, and we were sorry indeed, when his law practice called him back to Pikeville, in the "backwoods" of Kentucky.

Pi was delighted to hear of the installation of our twenty-second Chapter. Alpha-Beta is to be congratulated on this work for the Fraternity. As for Alpha-Gamma the most that we would wish, is that she prove worthy of the Chapter that led her into Pi Kappa Alpha.

Base-ball is the chief topic of interest in the athletic line at Washington and Lee. We have an excellent schedule arranged, and most of the games will be played on the home grounds. We expect to put a first-class team on the diamond.

Brother Wysor will probably represent Pi on the team.

We await with impatience, the next issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND and hope to hear encouraging reports from all the Chapters.

W. G. Riddick.

RHO.

Cumberland University.

Rho has sustained the heaviest loss of her history since the last publication of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND. On De-

cember 19, the Angel of Death bore from our midst our truest and most beloved Brother, Charles W. McClellan. His Brothers were with him as much as the nature of the disease would allow previous to his death. We were nearest the casket at the solemn service over his remains, and we have the assurance from his parents that we are still nearest them in the hours of their affliction. Charlie's parents live in Indian Territory, but they had been summoned to his bedside in the beginning of his sickness. They took the body home for interment, Brother Robert Keeton accompanying them by appointment of Rho Chapter. The whole university was bowed in grief, the universal verdict being that our departed Brother was the most popular student. President Mitchell said at the funeral: "Of all the distinguished men who have graced these halls in time passed, there are none of the great and the good in whose shoes I would rather stand before the bar of God than these of Charles McClellan." The Cumberland Weekly's Christmas edition of six pages, was a memorial to the life and character of the deceased. On the evening of January 6th, a memorial service was held at our Chapter rooms, participated in by all the Greeks in the university.

Since our last letter, we have initiated Brother Charles H. Kimbrough, of the Literary Department. He was business manager of the "*Cumberland Weekly*" for the first term and practically editor. At the recent term opening he was elected editor by a board not controlled or influenced by Pi's—a deserved testimony to his work.

Last year the University Annual, "*The Phoenix*" was practically published by our Chapter, we having the Editor-in-Chief in the person of your scribe, the Assistant Business Manager, Brother Poe and five other men on the staff. This year we do it again, and at the suffrage of the representatives of the student body. Brother Floyd Poe is elected Editor-in-Chief and Brother Chas. H. Kimbrough Business Manager. We have four other men on the staff.

Just as our last letter was being written the foot-ball season was closing, and it is a matter of note that a number

of our men were on 'Varsity, and the manager was Brother T. B. Simms, and the Captain, R. W. Keeton.

Cumberland and her articulated schools in Lebanon contributed nearly \$800 for the College Missionary Fund of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. The College Missionary is Rev. W. T. Hereford, one of our Brothers who was graduated with A. B. in 1899, and with B. D. in 1902. The other schools of the church gave as much more. Brother L. E. Wear is executive committeeman for Cumberland in the general movement.

Brother J. W. Haggard was married to Miss Jessie Irwin, at Tehuacana, Texas, in December, and has brought his bride to dwell among us.

The university is enjoying an era of prosperity. Among the new students there is considerable material we might get, but the impression is general that we don't need them.

We are welcoming a new Chapter into our Hellenic world composed of some good men. They are trying to get a charter in Beta Theta Pi.

With best wishes for all the Pi's.

A. M. Williams.

SIGMA.

Vanderbilt University.

Since our last writing there has not been very much doing at Sigma. We have taken in one new man, and one of the very best men at Vanderbilt. Brother C. E. Montague from Ashland, Ky., is in the Junior Law Class and, although because of sickness he was forced to be away from the university for more than a month, still he will pass off all this work with ease. H. K. A. is holding her own with the other "frats." Brother Albert Smith, of Lynnville, Tenn., was called home recently, and we hear that he will not return this year. We lose a good man in Brother Smith.

Intermediate Examinations are being held in nearly all the Departments now, and Vanderbilt campus is about the most quiet place in the city now. The "exams." seem to be worrying the men more this year than usual.

Every II. at Vanderbilt spent the holidays with his relatives, and all report a good time.

Pardon the shortness of this letter, for time is precious.

Success to all II.'s.

F. M. Massey.

TAU.

University of North Carolina.

To the most of us the Christmas just passed is now history. To some pleasant history, while to others it was bitter. Among those whose pleasures were marred is Brother T. F. Rhodes of Stroudsburg, Pa., whose mother died during the holidays. Brother Rhodes has returned to resume his studies in pharmacy, but he is not the same boy he was when he left here on the eighteenth of December. He has our deepest sympathy.

The Christmas number as it were of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND was certainly all that could be expected of it. We are certainly proud of it, and will endeavor to do our part to make it still better.

Among the articles, we notice that our Sister Chapters are getting along nicely, making such fine headway toward increasing the number of II. K. A's. We hope that it won't be long before we can say that we have a large Chapter and that we are still growing.

At present we are laboring under difficulties, as the majority of our men are professional students and consequently don't have the time or the opportunity to be with the Academic men to work or "boot" them as is generally said here.

We are glad to say that all of our men who were here before Christmas have returned and are begining to put their heads together for the benefit of old II. K. A.

Brother Bohannon who represents us on our College Annual is a Sub-Marshal for commencement.

Brother Preston Irvin who distinguished himself at New Orleans last spring a year ago, has been elected Captain of the track team.

We would like to suggest that our next convention be held sometime along about Easter or during the Easter Holidays. We think the time last year was the worst that could be selected. It will be almost impossible for any of our men to attend a convention in May.

We would also like to suggest or rather ask a favor of the Fraternity at large. It is this. In the spring and fall men are leaving for College from nearly every town in the South. These men in nearly every instance are known by some of our Brothers. Now what we would like is, when one of our men know of a man who is going to College to give him a letter of introduction to some member of the Chapter at that College (if we happen to have one) and to write the Chapter to be on the lookout for him. In this way it gives us a broader field to work in and a better chance to get a hold on good men.

We sincerely hope that our sister Chapters will keep this in mind, so we can all help to advance our cause.

With best wishes to our sister Chapters.

H. C. Irwin.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

After an unusually long Holiday season and one too that, judging from various recitals, was gloriously spent by all, we returned to our labors; and the second term began January 6th.

On the Friday night following we held our first meeting of the New Year, and several things combined to make it a thoroughly enjoyable one. Brother W. W. Davis who, on account of protracted illness, failed to return at the opening of College, has now come back and is on the war path for a "Dip." If he don't get it there'll be a few scalps raised along about June 10, 1903.

We were also glad to welcome back Brothers Albert Avery and Malcolm Yonge. "Muggs" was threatened with apendicitis, and Albert—some say—with an affection of the heart. The former is to be congratulated on his

recovery; as for Avery—it is whispered that his case is hopeless.

When the meeting above mentioned adjourned a "Pot" was raised and a feast ensued, after which, a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Brothers O. E. Young and L. P. Hall for the mammoth fruit and chocolate cakes which they contributed.

Apropos of the well-informed? Prichard's article on "Greek Letter College Fraternities." Didn't our C. P. roast him though? The said Prichard must indeed be of "unbounded stomach," if the perusal of Brother Arbuckle's letter didn't make him feel like thirty cents.

For the first time in the history of the College the Senior Class is pulling together for our annual "*The Glomerata*." Each faction, Frats and non Frats, have four representatives on the Editorial Staff. Class offices were similarly divided. Some hold that II. K. A. got more than her share, (Brother H. M. Yonge being President of the class and the writer Assistant Editor-in-Chief of the annual) but of course we don't look at it in that way.

In closing we leave the question with the Fraternity at large.

T. J. Dowdell.

PHI.

Roanoke College.

Again we have the pleasure of coming together in THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND to exchange a few words and extend a brotherly welcome to Alpha-Gamma.

At present we are all enthusiastic over base-ball for the coming season. The boys have already been tossing the ball. Our prospects are very good for a winning team, and II. K. A. is quite likely to have three men on the team. Phi has always been well represented, and it is our aim to keep it up.

At the business meeting of the Athletic Association on January 31st, II. K. A. came in for her share of the offices.

Brother C. B. Preston was elected track team manager, and your scribe treasurer of the association.

A cloud of gloom was thrown over us all when a telegram was received from Graham, Va., January 23d, announcing the death of one of our college mates, R. F. Palmer. He was a member of the Junior Class, and also a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. We sympathize with them in their sad loss. Brother J. Paris Palmer is a cousin of the deceased, and on his way back to V. P. I. from the funeral he stopped over with us several days, and his usual good advice was gratefully received.

Brothers C. B. Preston, A. Holmes Snider, and H. P. Mason, are "winners." The Social Club has had several functions, and some one of them has taken the gentlemen's first prize. Fortunately or unfortunately none of the prizes were living pieces of "calico," and our boys are still boys in a hot pursuit.

Hoping to see THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND full of good news, I close.

D. Neal Pope.

CHI.

University of the South.

Since our last communication to THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, Chi's members have been scattered pretty thoroughly over the country. Before leaving, however, we had the goat out for a pleasant evening, at the end of which we were able to introduce to the general public Mr. Edward A. Wood, of Dallas, Texas, as a well done Pi. It is with great pleasure that we introduce Brother Wood to the Fraternity at large, feeling sure that in him we have acquired one who will prove of great benefit to his Fraternity locally and at large.

The billiard table, which came just before we left, was stored away to await our return in March when it will be put up. If all goes as we planned before leaving Sewanee, Chi ought to have a very prosperous year.

It is a great satisfaction to read of what has been accomplished by our Brothers during the past year. It is

further, our earnest hope to be able to do something this year towards helping the expansion movement.

Alpha-Gamma has our sincere greeting and hearty good wishes for a happy career. Alpha-Beta is to be congratulated upon such success in this praise-worthy work.

The whole SHIELD AND DIAMOND for December seemed to us like a Christmas edition, so full was it of cheerful news and so bright and attractive in its binding of gold and white.

Each of us before leaving for home agreed to stir around and find something useful or ornamental, or both, for the Chapter house. If mindful of our promise we are successful, each one, even in a small way, Chi should have a cozier home in March.

E. Cecil Seamon.

PSI.

North Georgia Agricultural College.

Merry, full of fun and frolic did many a Pi boy lay aside his books and pick up his grip-sack and enter upon his journey home to enjoy the Christmas Holidays with father and mother and brothers and sisters, Many a heart rejoiced on his return home from his four month's stay at College. Especially was many a maiden's heart made to thrill with joy and love when her hand was clasped within that of her lover's.

When we reached Dahlonga, our little College town we were greeted with a broad smile and a warm handshake from all the boys except Brother Barnes, who will probably be here in a short while. Besides being met by our own Brothers and the other boys who were in College before Christmas, we were greeted by several new boys, some of whom seem worthy and promising; but wishing to *know* that one is worthy and that he possesses the high and noble traits characteristic of the true Pi, and not being willing to judge one from first sight, we have not yet approached any of them on the subject of his connecting himself with us. But we are glad to introduce to you through the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, two Brothers, who are

Pi's every inch of them. We introduce to you Brothers Oliver W. Steed (Freshman,) Dunn, Murray County, Ga., and Tom W. Hollis (Sub-Freshman,) Buena Vista, Marion county, Georgia.

Psi, situated as she is among the beautiful mountainous region of North Georgia, and where warm and generous hearted boys are invigorated with the purity and freshness of the mountain air, shall ever live and prosper. She is young but she has already established an enviable reputation. Once or twice in her history she has unavoidably collided with the fraternities of this place, but she has always shown herself true to her colors amid all the varying scenes of fortune. May these colors ever wave triumphant over those of every other fraternity throughout this sunny, southland.

We are glad to see our flag hoisted in the University of Louisiana. Why are not some of our extinct Chapters revived again?

As the wheels of time have ushered in a new year let new vigor, greater aspirations, more zeal, stronger determinations, and more energy enter into our lives.

W. T. Townsend.

OMEGA.

Kentucky State College.

The new year has brought with it a very bright future, both for old State College and for II. K. A.

At present a fine Ladies' Domitory is in course of construction, and soon work will be started on a new Experiment Station, and we have bright hopes for a special appropriation from the next Legislature. A growing school should make a growing fraternity, and Omega is in every way keeping up with the progress of her institution, and since our last letter we have added to our number two very fine fellows who will prove workers in the future and be gallant knights to push the cause of the "*shield and diamond*." They are Mr. J. G. Gatliff, of Williamsburg, Ky., and Mr. H. L. Amoss, of Paducah, Ky. The former has

just entered the Sophomore year in Civil Engineering and Mr. Amoss is taking the B. A. course.

The social calendar of K. S. C. is fast filling up, and we all anticipate a fine time during the spring term.

I am sure all our Brothers in the South have heard of Kentucky's girls. Brother Mc — thinks he can show us one who they model all others by. He says wait till the next ball. We are anxiously waiting.

Omega numbers at present the lucky number 13, and we feel confident of our success in the future at K. S. C.

Omega wishes all our sister Chapters success, and congratulates those whose efforts brought forth the "*Dagger and Key*." We devoted almost all of one evening to the discussion of the "*Dagger and Key*." We are glad to join in and help push the noble cause of II. K. A.

L. K. Frankel.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

Trinity College.

After spending the pleasantest of holidays, the men are all back with intentions of doing good work for 1903.

We are now in the midst of midyear examinations and the "midnight oil" burns low alike in the lamps of the brilliant and the plodding student.

Alpha-Alpha has no new names to offer nor does she feel the worse for it. Some five or six names has been brought up, but, after discussion, hardly one has been voted on. When a name is proposed, no statement is made that one is a clever fellow and will surely do us no harm, but instead the question arises "will he do our Chapter good?"

Our band is small but a Chapter that makes true fellowship the basis of all its actions must necessarily be small. It is not likely that we will add to our number this year but we are planning for the next. We have here the best Preparatory School in the State with a senior class of fifty or more.

Brother Hines is the most popular man in the faculty

and we are now working for some of the best men in the graduating class and will get them next fall.

It will soon be time to elect Commencement Marshal, and Magazine Editors. These elections are usually signals for "Frats" and "non Frats" to go to war, and right royally will it be waged this year. The "nons" are considerably in the majority and generally use their forces well, so the end is not yet in sight.

Since the holidays the two Literary Societies have made some constitutional changes, whereby the Faculty may be of some help to them. The queries will be selected by a council of seven, composed of two men from each society and three members of the Faculty. The Columbian considered Brother Cranford as worthy to sit in the council and so he was elected as one of the two men.

Brother Kaber of Tau paid us a visit a day or two ago and it was a pleasure for us all to hear him talk of our sister Chapter on the "Hill." We extend to all readers of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND an invitation to visit us when they come to Durham.

Brother Egerton, when in Raleigh, went to see our Brother, Dr. Knox. Dr. Knox is President of the State Medical Board and is interested in the progress of his old Fraternity.

Your scribe some weeks ago also saw one of our old Brothers, Dr. Wood of Elizabeth City. He is one of the founders of our Fraternity and is much pleased with the headway we are making. He asked particularly about the new catalogue and is anxious to see it (so are we all.) Dr. Wood sends love to the II's everywhere.

It was with pleasure that we saw the announcement of the formation of Alpha-Gamma and to her we send best wishes. We wish to see the number of those entitled to the name "Brother grow till old Pi Kappa Alpha ranks, not only, as now, in honour and courage, but in strength as well, with the best College Fraternities.

Wishing for all the Chapters a happy and prosperous year, we will close.

Robert Taylor.

ALPHA-BETA.*Centenary College.*

Once more we are glad to greet our sister Chapters through the medium of Chapter Letters.

All of Alpha-Beta's men spent the holidays at home with the exception of Brother Noble. All of us returned except Brother Morris.

As soon as we returned we found that we must put away pleasure and take up work, as we found examinations waiting for us. Although it was hard for us to put away the thoughts of pleasure for those of work, still it had to be done, and now it has been done and now we have safely crossed the roughest sea of school life, Intermediate Examinations.

Brother Vaught has just returned from a trip to Baton Rouge to see Brother Austin, one of our charter members, who now is a student of Louisiana State University. While there he met Brother Koelle, of New Orleans, who initiated us into the mysteries of II. K. A.

We are now beginning to practice up our base-ball team for the coming spring. We hope to make a better success than last year, but remember last year was our first year. Pi Kappa Alpha is sure to be represented on the team by at least one, if not more.

Wishing much success to our sister Chapter, we close this, our first letter for 1903.

J. B. Reily, Jr.

GAMMA.*William and Mary College.*

Since the last issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND reached us, time has sped so quickly that it is difficult to realize the fact that again we are in communication through the official organ of the II. K. A. Fraternity. The last issue was an excellent one, and it is a source of no little pleasure and satisfaction to all Pi's to see the steady growth of the Magazine and Fraternity.

With us, this is a very busy season, being in the midst of our examinations, one of the two times during the session that every student manifests some degree of interest in books.

In regard to athletics, in the past few years William and Mary has not kept pace in this department relatively to her literary career, due to obvious causes, however. Very suddenly a different spirit has taken possession of athletics, eradicating the old causes, and this spring she expects to put on the diamond a base-ball team that will rank in proportion to her Literary Department. Nearly all of the old team is back and much promising material from which the last year's deficiency may be easily supplied.

Last week Gamma was honored with a flying visit from Brother T. P. Forbes, who is engaged in business at the Hot Sulphur Springs, Virginia, where he has been since his separation from Gamma last year.

The trouble mentioned in the last issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, in regard to the fraternities in the South, was certainly a mistake on the part of some one. If ignorance prompted the writer, it was deplorable. However we may congratulate Brother Arbuckle on his views and the able manner in which he handled it. May we continue our good work in this direction, and make all feel our existence.

R. Beverly Dade.

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, 3004 West Avenue, Newport News, 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.

—In the December issue, the name of our Brother, from Kentucky University, who is the Chapter correspondent as well as the author of the story entitled "A Mountain Courtship," is given as N. Lindsay "Smith," when it should have been N. Lindsay "South." There is a great peculiarity about the name "Smith" and we have in mind the first convention of our Fraternity, in recent years, which was held in Danville, Va., in 1890, when our Grand Secretary, Mr. J. T. McAllister, dubbed the "Golden Headed Secretary," had a very nice little pun or piece of wit arranged on the name of our Grand Treasurer, which although spelled with a "y" he thought was pronounced "Smith." There is a peculiarity in that "i" and "y," but we fail to see how the printers got "South" for "Smith," but we trust our Brother will not think hard of us.

—Our Brother, T. P. Forbes, Upsilon, is working in a large store at Hot Springs, Va., the home of our Ex-Secretary J. T. McAllister. We wish Brother Forbes much success in his new field.

—Mrs. Walker, the wife of our Brother W. T. Walker, Jr., Iota, 1888, died very recently in North Carolina, Christmas week. Prior to her marriage, November 29, 1891, she was Miss Mary K. Stokes, of Hampden-Sidney, Va., and her body was buried at that place. We extend much sympathy to our Brother in his bereavement.

—Mr. Read Martin, Iota, 1902, is in the office of the Read Phosphate Co., Nashville, Tenn, His brother Alex-

ander Martin is in the office of the same company in Charleston, S. C.

—The following clipping is taken from the Spartanburg, S. C., *Daily "Herald,"* of February 4th. Brother Blackwood is a member of Nu Chapter and this is his first term in the State Legislature ;

HIS NATURAL ELEMENT IS, OF COURSE, POLITICS.

Mr. I. C. Blackwood, Spartanburg's youngest member in the State General Assembly, is making quite a reputation for himself in Columbia's legislative halls. His recent speech on the road law attracted considerable attention.

A leading gentleman, of another portion of the State, who spent several weeks in Columbia recently in and about the State Capitol, in a private correspondence to a gentleman of this city, had this to say of Mr. Blackwood :

"That little fellow, Blackwood, is a tremendous power. If you will return him to the legislature for a term or two, he will be about the biggest power there. Politics is his natural element.

—Dr. J. A. Arbuckle, Iota, is now located in Lewisburg, W. Va., and is one of the very prominent physicians of that place. He is also the resident physician for the Lewisburg Female Institute, of which our Brother Dr. R. L. Telford is President.

—The following is taken from the "*Richmond Times*," of December 31 and will be read with interest by all II's. Brother Smith is a member of our Alpha Chapter .

BERRYVILLE, VIRGINIA.

R. S. Blackburn Smith has sold the "*Clarke Courier*," of which he has been Editor for the past year, at a satisfactory price to Messrs. Charles R. Hughes and E. C. Ricamore, who will conduct the paper in the future.

—A large wholesale company has recently been formed at Charleston, S. C., to do a wholesale jobbing business in men's ladies' and children's hats. The capital stock of this Company is \$50,000 and on its Directory Board are some of the strongest financial people of this conservative old city. Our Brother Robert A. Smyth, was elected President and Treasurer of the concern and will give it his active attention, in connection with his cotton business.

Speaking of this organization, the local news paper of Charleston says :

"The organization of the Standard Hat Company occasioned favorable comment in business circles of Charleston yesterday. Leading merchants said that the outlook for the new company was a splendid one and they seemed to have every confidence that it would prove to be a decided success. They were moreover much pleased over such an addition to the wholesale houses of Charleston. Charleston's jobbing houses have a splendid name throughout the South. Many of them have been remarkably successful. They send scores of bright, energetic salesman far and wide, not only to sell their own goods, but to advertise the city and its advantages. The Standard Hat Company will help this good work along. The directors and officers of the company have the confidence of every one in Charleston. They are men who conduct many important affairs successfully and it is a foregone conclusion that they will make their latest enterprise a credit to commercial Charleston."

—The following clipping is taken from the Greenbriar, Va., "*Independent*," of January 8th. As already noted in these columns, the President of this College is our talented Brother Dr. R. L. Telford and he is making the Lewisburg Female Institute one of the strongest of its kind in the South ;

"The L. F. I. opened, after about four weeks holiday, in the new Dormitory building, yesterday with a large attendance. Dr. Telford informs us that every one of the girls who were with him at the White will return, and are now coming in on every train. Eleven new ones have engaged rooms, of whom four—Misses Retta Carver, of Charleston; Effie Mealey, of Oakland, Md.; Fannie Wisor, of Huntington, and Mamie Stulting, of Pocahontas county—have already arrived. At present about fifteen of the rooms have to be used for piano practice, and Dr. T. says that when all the girls who have engaged rooms are in, the house will be full and he will be unable to receive more. The girls seem happy and contented in their new quarters, and the latter half of the session is starting off well. It looks already as if we will be under the necessity of providing yet another building unless we would limit the patronage. The school now has about one hundred boarders. Why should we not have 150 or 200?"

Editorial.

OUR CORRESPONDENT FROM TAU Chapter makes a suggestion to the Fraternity at large, which we desire to further emphasize and to which we ask the earnest attention of all our members both alumni and active. This is by no means a new idea with our Fraternity and it has been worked successfully by all the older fraternities and to this system primarily, they owe their ability to secure always a good number of young men at the beginning of the session.

From every town in the South there is a large per cent. of young men going to the colleges where we have Chapters and if our alumni members and our active members, during the summer months would try to meet these young men, it would be a very easy matter to give them letters of introduction to our Chapters, or to write our Chapters to be on the lookout for them. With a good recommendation from our men to the Chapter the college Pi's would be in a position to immediately approach the new students and feel assured of their fitness to become members of their Chapter. It would do away with the delay in considering men, which very often makes our Chapters lose desirable men.

As we have said, other fraternities have had this system in vogue for many years and our Chapters realize in many colleges how hard it is for them to obtain new men, because their alumni will not do as other alumni are doing, pledge new men for the Fraternity, or at least give them letters of introduction and recommendation. Now that our Fraternity has shown its ability to succeed and is in a healthy position, we trust that the alumni members will bear in mind this suggestion and next session will see that the de-

sirable young men from their homes are put in touch with our active Chapters.

Our active men, during the summer months can do their sister Chapters this same service, if they will but keep their eyes open. It is a very simple matter to question the young men, whom you meet on your summer trips, and ascertain what college they expect to attend. Not only would our present Chapters be strengthened by this work on the part of the active members, but we would be in a position to enter many new colleges and rapidly build up our Chapter roll.

WE FIND FOOD FOR very careful thought in our Alpha-Alpha Chapter letter, with regard to the securing of new members.

"Will he do our Chapter good?" This is certainly the keynote that should be sounded whenever the name of a new man is discussed. The Chapter does not want a single member who will not do the Chapter good. We want to increase its strength as well as its number and when we consider the name of a man, he should be looked at purely from the standpoint of his ability to increase the strength of the Chapter, by his influence, his moral and class standing and his personal worth. This is indeed the most important test to be placed upon a man. Will he do us good? Not is he a good base-ball player, or is he a fine fellow, but will he improve our Chapter? Will he be congenial to all the members of the Chapter? Will he work along the lines and in close touch with other members as the Chapter has been doing. Will he increase our Chapter's worth in the eyes of the student body and with the professors? No man who is judged by this test and stand up to it, can fail to make a good fraternity man.

We want our Chapters to be numerically strong, but above all we want them to stand together for each other's good and for the good of the Fraternity and college. Unless therefore the members are congenial and unless they will do

each other good by the union then the Chapter is not correctly organized.

The motto of our Chapters this year should be the words in the letter from our baby North Carolina Chapter: "Will he do us good?"

WE DO NOT WANT OUR Chapter correspondents to think we are always fussing with them, but they do, unintentionally no doubt, give the General Office a good deal of extra and unnecessary work, simply because, when a new correspondent is elected, the former officer does not instruct him carefully in his duties.

We have repeatedly asked that when the Chapter letter is written that on *the very first line the name of the Chapter* be written, and *on the second line*, underneath this, *the name of the college*. Thus when a letter is read before being sent to the printers, it is only necessary to make any little changes deemed beneficial in the wording and the letter is right.

With the majority of letters in this issue, it was necessary to paste an extra piece of paper on the top of the letter and write thereon the Chapter's name and the college name, all of which, as you can readily appreciate, takes time, which can ill be afforded.

Turn to your Chapter letters in this issue and note how each one of them is arranged and you will see exactly what is meant and how you should write the name. We sincerely trust that this matter will be given consideration by the correspondents, and furthermore, that when their term of office is ended, they will see that the attention of their successor is called to these details, which appear as trifles, but which when they occur 22 times, are most annoying.

It seems also a hard matter for our correspondents to remember the dates when their letters should be in, and your editor is put to the trouble each issue of writing sometimes three letters before the Chapter correspondent will send in his report. We hope these matters will be carefully con-

sidered by you and an effort made in the future to relieve this office of a great deal of the unnecessary work which we now have to do.

IT WAS DECIDED AT THE last Convention, that hereafter our Convention should be held during the Easter holidays, which fall this year the second week in April. It is therefore important that we immediately consider the exact date and place for the meeting this year. We therefore request that the Chapters will immediately hold meetings and decide as to what days during the Easter holidays will be the most convenient to them for holding the Convention. The place nominated at the last Convention was Chattanooga, Tenn.

Our next Magazine is not due until April, but if the Chapters will advise the General Office as to the date they would select and will let us have their Chapter letters by the 10th of March, we will endeavor to get out the April issue during the first week of that month, and thus have all of the Convention data in the hands of our members in plenty of time.

Immediately upon receipt of this issue, therefore, call your meeting and advise the General Office of the date which would be most convenient, and you will be then notified as to what further steps you should take.



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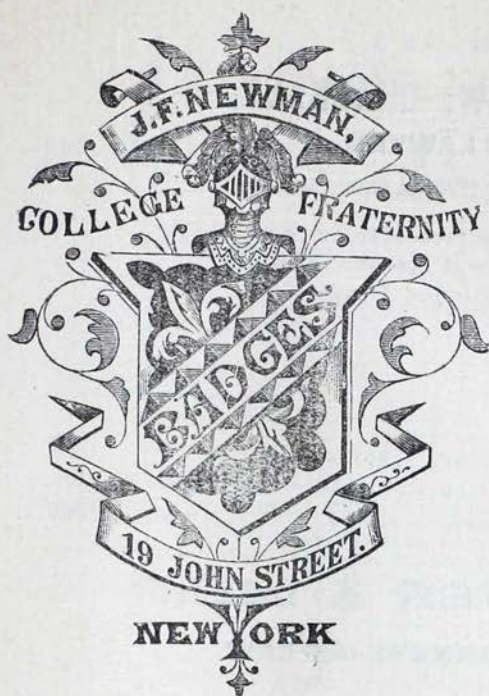
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