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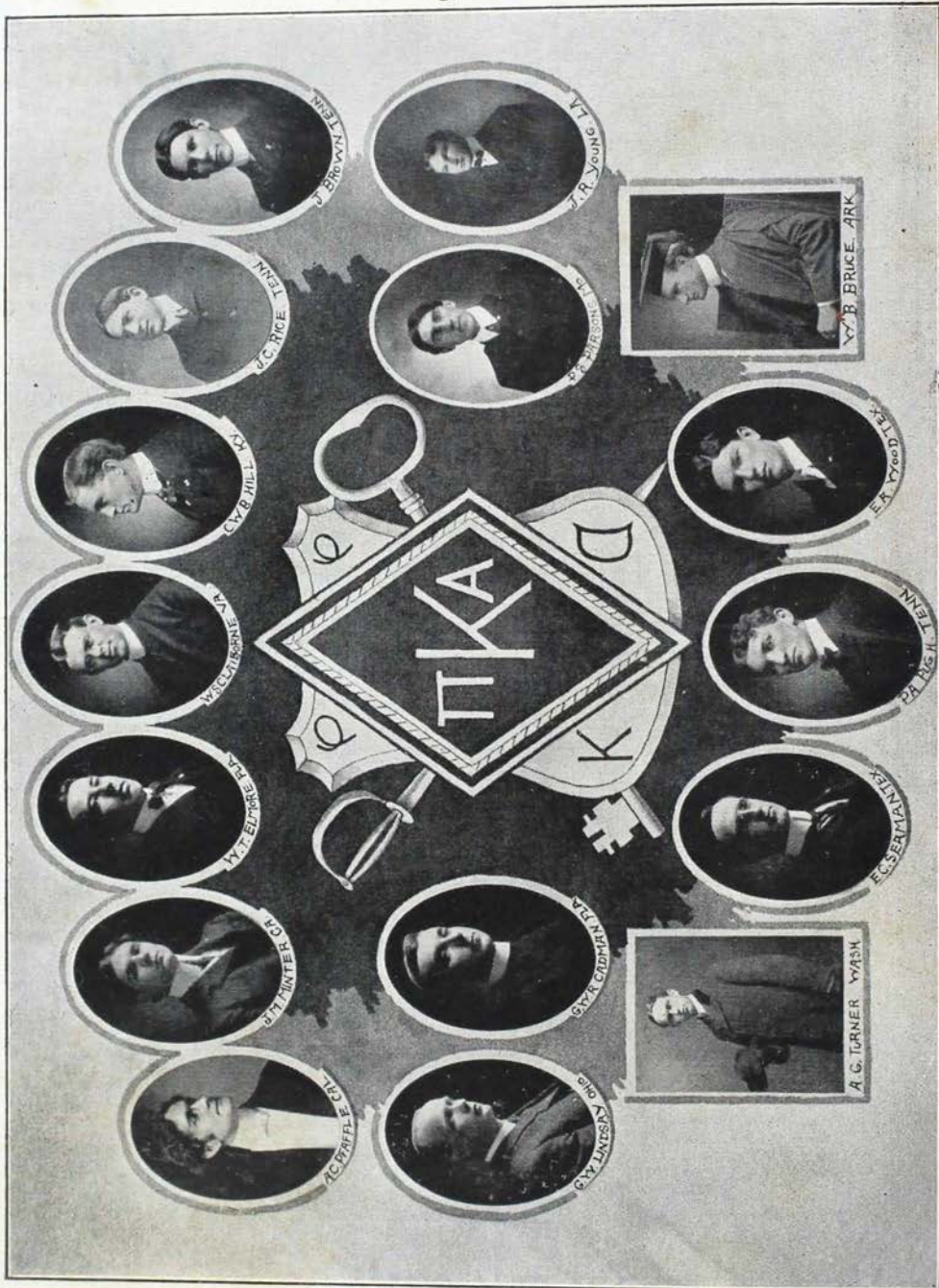
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WHEN THE VESTIBULE'S LATE.

Have you heard of the men who make the air blue
With their oaths when the vestibule's late,
Who strain at the ticks that the devils mix
When they play with the passengers' fate.
The ticks that they mix with infernal tricks
When they play with the passengers' fate?
Well these are the men who constantly bend
With a hundred lives for a load,
When a dot is a death and a dash is a d—n
And an error's a wreck on the road.
And the woman who asked it before
Serenely stands at the gate,
And she adds to the muddle and roar :
"How much is the Vestibule late?"
And the other one just to the rear :
"How much did you say it was late?"
And the basso : "What time is she due?"
Who "d—ned it" for being his fate.

Have you watched the people who scowl and curse
Whenever the Vestibule's late,
Who grab for their grips and rush and rip
At the blast of the incoming freight,
Who come back with their grips and air-tight lips
With a "D—n it for bein' my fate!"

Then they hunt for the man who strains for the ticks
That spell out the passengrs' fate,
Who strain for the ticks that the devils mix
When the waiting-room prods with its goad,
Translating their code into horror and blood,
When an error's a wreck on the road.
And the woman who asked it before
Serenely stands at the gate,
And she adds to the muddle and roar :
"How much is the Vestibule late ?"
And the other one just to the rear :
"How much did you say it was late ?"
And the basso: "What time is she due ?"
Who "d—ned it" for being his fate.

Have you been the man who sat in the car,
In the Vestibule, five hours late,
When you dash with a crash and a jerk and a jar
Head on to the lumbering freight ?
And the devils laugh (and the red blood quaff)
At the fun they have with your fate.
And the beam that crashed thro' the woman's breast
And the steam that burnt to the bone,
And the bloody flecks on the writhing wrecks
And the mangled, murdered man's moans—
For the devil's trick is to steal a tick
While the waiting room's prodded and roared
From one of the men who constantly bend
With a hundred lives for a load,
When a dot is a death and a dash is a d—n
And an error's a wreck on the road.
And the woman who asked it before
Serenely stands at the gate
And she adds to the muddle and roar:
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Thornwell Jacobs—Mu.

**A WORD OF COUNSEL FROM THE
COUNCILOR PRINCEPS.**

Another session has opened. The spiking season has come with its usual excitements, its victories, its defeats. This has passed away and you men of the Chapters have settled down to your routine work of the college year.

The work for Pi Kappa Alpha has just begun. If your Chapter is worthy of a place among the "Faithful" of old Pi Kappa Alpha, it must take up the work for the development of the true Pi character in its members. These "goats" are green in frat. matters. They have not caught the spirit of real fraternity life. They are not filled with the fire and enthusiasm of the true Pi. Much depends on the life of the Chapter. It seems to me that each Chapter might adopt some plan of bringing before the new men at the regular meetings something about the history, the purposes, the condition of Pi Kappa Alpha. These new men should become acquainted with the work of recent Conventions through the reading of the Minutes found in the *Dagger and Key*. They should understand what work was set before the Fraternity in extension, in Chapter organization for the year. They should be informed as to the character and ambitions of our SHIELD AND DIAMOND, thus enlisting their sympathy and aid at the beginning of their fraternity career in our Magazine, which we hope to improve and develop year by year. They should become acquainted with the General Officers of the Fraternity; should know who they are, where they are, what are their duties; should be told that the young fraternity man's first duty is to encourage and aid these Officers in the upbuilding of your Fraternity.

I have met men of two years standing in Pi Kappa Alpha, and I was ashamed to learn that they did not know the circumstances of the founding of Pi Kappa Alpha, that they had no conception of its real mission in Southern college life. They could not tell you why it was a Southern Fraternity, and seemed to take little interest in its high and

noble mission as a Fraternity. Such men could never be useful members of our Fraternity, and when they had severed their connection with the politics and struggles of college days, was it strange that they had cut all fraternity ties and had little use for fraternity friendships and associations? Pi Kappa Alpha never meant anything much to these men, and why? I think their Chapters were largely to blame, either in taking in men that had no true fraternity spirit, or in furnishing them no high ideals of their fraternity to develop a love in them for its work, an ambition for the fulfillment of its mission in our Southland.

Let me urge the Chapters, then, to pay some attention to the training, the bringing up, I might say, of their babies. If they are left just to "grow up" they will prove useless fraternity timber indeed. I know a few Chapters that succeed in making all their "goats" every year enthusiastic Pi's. How is this? I know other Chapters that seem to add, year by year, no *real live* men to our lists. How is this?

Again, let me remind the Chapters that some of the very best men in all colleges have been left out in the race for the best. It often takes some months to bring out the best men at college. There are always some men that are slow to show their real worth, but they are found to be precious gems when they have shown their real characters. I once knew the hero of the college year to be overlooked by every fraternity in college for three months, and then was taken in by Pi Kappa Alpha only by faith in his honesty and integrity and real merit. He was in six months the most beloved fellow in college. So remember *your work for the year in selecting men has just begun*. The flashy fellows are all in, but there are some nuggets of pure gold yet undiscovered. Often these are the men that make the best Pi's. Let me urge upon you men in the Chapters, to go slow about taking men into Pi Kappa Alpha. *Weigh well the character of each man*. He must be upright in all his ways. He must have a good, moral character. He should be unselfish. He must have that winning way about him that

draws all his fellows to him. He should be industrious. He should have a purpose in life. He should be a gentleman. It takes *all these things*, boys, and more to make a real *Pi*.

Let's keep our Chapters this year pure and strong, and work for Pi Kappa Alpha more. We have started off well, having chartered one active and one alumnus Chapter, but there is much more to be done. We want five new Chapters before Christmas. We can have them if the boys from Virginia to Louisiana will work together with the one purpose, to push Pi Kappa Alpha all the time. We want more Chapters, if they are such as will reflect credit upon the Fraternity.

Stand by your Grand Officers in the work of the year, and there is no reason why this should not be a red-letter year in Pi Kappa Alpha's history.

With cordial greetings to all the Chapters, and best wishes for a year of splendid achievement for Pi Kappa Alpha,

H. B. ARBUCKLE,
Councilor Princeps.

Decatur, Ga., Oct. 3, 1903.

OUR PPS AS EDUCATORS.

No. 4.

J. W. BASORE, Iota.

John William Basore was born at Broadway, Rockingham county, Va., November 25, 1870.

At the age of twenty he entered the Sophomore class of Hampden-Sidney College, and after three years of faithful work was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts, with second honor, delivering the Latin salutatory. Shortly after his entrance to college, to-wit, on the 4th of October, 1890, he became a member of Iota Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. To the older members of the Order, the name Basore was not unknown, for his brother, Thos.

Sidney Lee Basore, had, during the brief period of his stay at Hampden-Sidney College, made a favorable and lasting impression, making his gifts felt in the various phases of collegiate life—literary, fraternal and educational especially.

When the younger Basore was initiated into the mysteries of the Fraternity, Iota Chapter consisted of Charles Brock Moore, who died three years later in Florida; John Kirkland Hill, who died a few years ago in the South; Geo. A. Alexander, who died while a professor of King College, Bristol, Va.-Tenn.; John Alexander Arbuckle, resident physician at the Lewisburg, (W. Va.) Female Institute; Albert Sidney Higginbotham, a member of the bar of Tazewell, Va.; Frederick McCully Robbins and the Rev. Frank Ernest Robbins, both of whom are now located in Texas; Robert Randolph Jones, Inspector of Customs at Newport News, Va.; Holmes Ralston, pastor of the Hebron Presbyterian church, near Staunton, Va.; Henry Woods McLaughlin, pastor of a group of Presbyterian churches in Pocahontas county, W. Va.; Jas. Gray McAllister, pastor of the Farmville, (Va.) Presbyterian church; David Hinton Ralston, of Chrisman, Rockingham Co. Va. At this time the following loyal Pi's were attending the Union Theological Seminary, at that time located at Hampden-Sidney; The ron Holt Rice, Grand Chaplain of the Order and pastor of the Presbyterian church of Atlanta, Ga.; William Cumming Buchanan, missionary to Japan; William Clawson Alexander, pastor of the Maryland Avenue Presbyterian church, Baltimore; Edward Marshall Craig, pastor of a Presbyterian church of Bessemer, Ala.; Shadia Moore Engle, pastor of the Parsons, (W. Va.) Presbyterian church; Robert Edward Moore, who died at Tallahassee, Fla., June 4, 1895; Robert Lee Telford, principal of the Lewisburg (W. Va.) Female Institute; William Townes Walker, Jr., pastor of a Presbyterian church in North Carolina; the Rev. Wallace Thornwell Palmer and others.

When Brother Basore had been in college a short time the claims of Union and Philanthropic Literary Societies

were presented to him with a persistency that admitted of little rest, for so desirable material was eagerly sought after by both organizations. His choice, however, was with the Union, and into this society he brought the gifts of a bright intellect and agreeable personality, which soon won for him the admiration and esteem of his fellow workers in the society. In his Senior year he was the recipient of the most coveted honor within the bestowal of the society—that of Final President, carrying with it as it did the privilege of officiating over the public exercises of the society held during Commencement week. At that celebration Brother Henry McLaughlin was Final Senior Orator, and Brother Gray McAllister was Final Junior Orator and recipient of the Junior Debator's medal.

The literary gifts of Brother Basore were early recognized, and in his Junior and Senior years he was honored with positions on the staff of the college Magazine, and by reason of his special fitness, he was made Associate Editor of the "*Kaleidoscope*," the first annual gotten out by the students. The election to the staff of the Magazine and Annual was in itself an unmistakable appreciation of the literary phase of Brother Basore's abilities, and there is every indication that he fulfilled the responsibilities of the positions with singular faithfulness and credit. In recent years the writer has heard Brother Basore refer to the difficulties under which the Annual of 1893 was gotten out, when unavoidable delays in the matter of printing were responsible for the receipt of the book just as college was over and the students were leaving. To others he left it to be told how he had given of his time and funds to see that the volume was distributed among the subscribers.

His environs aided him in the pursuit of his literary work. Within the college there was a library filled with the wealth of the world's brightest minds, and in the college library—at that time located on the third floor of the main dormitory—Brother Basore spent his spare hours, gathering for future use, the knowledge left as a legacy by the great masters. A lover of nature and the beautiful in

nature, he enjoyed his college days at Hampden-Sidney, as affording him the opportunity of delving into the riches of the nature world and the intellectual. In his Senior year he was appointed Assistant to the College Librarian, and thus he was afforded unusual privileges along the lines into which the habits of the previous months had drawn him.

But while improving the intellectual gifts, Brother Basore was laying likewise the foundation for a strong Christian character. Early in his college days he allied himself with that powerful factor in college affairs—the Young Men's Christian Association. His by right of birth and surroundings, the spirit of Christian living grew apace with the other phases of his life, and his manhood was the more vigorous therefor. The second year of his college life he was elected to the position of Corresponding Secretary of the Association; while in his Senior year he was chosen Recording Secretary. These are cited to show that he was an *active* and *working* member of the Christian band of workers. The Association met at stated times for religious worship, and Brother Basore, a gifted musician, presided as organist most of the time. He not infrequently led the meetings, throwing all the earnestness of a conscientious life into the heart-to-heart talks which characterized the services.

As an indication of the esteem in which the members of his class held him, it is interesting to note that he was several times elected to class offices and to membership into clubs in which membership was secured by meritorious work. Some of these were the Delta Kappa and College Glee Clubs, the Presidency of the Senior Class and Historian of the Graduating Class.

Immediately following his graduation, with honor, in June 1893, Brother Basore was tendered a position as teacher in a well known school at Lewisburg, W. Va., and to his initial undertaking in his life work he brought all the learning of a well-improved college career, enlisting in the work the attainments of three years of pre-

paration and experience. So faithfully did he perform the duties of his position in Lewisburg, that he was offered a professorship at Locust Dale Academy, in Virginia, and here he taught one year with success. As one of his friends expressed it, "Brother Basore is looking through glasses at a Johns Hopkins, Ph. D., and nothing will satisfy him until he attains it." With this purpose in view he gave up teaching and entered upon a course at Johns Hopkins University, to which institution he was awarded a scholarship in October, 1896. Three years later the coveted prize was his; for in June, 1899, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, his leading studies being Latin and Sanscrit. His graduating thesis was a paper of depth and attracted favorable comment from men of renown and learning. His work at the University proved him worthy of the very great honor of membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the oldest and most exclusive, honorary Greek letter society in this country.

In June, 1899, the Latin chair at Hampden-Sidney College became vacant by the resignation of Dr. George H. Denny, who accepted a similar chair at Washington and Lee University. For the vacancy a number of prominent scholars were mentioned, but after the list of eligibles had been carefully canvassed, the Board of Trustees of the venerable college decided upon Brother Basore as the man most eminently fitted for the arduous duties of the position, and he was accordingly elected to the professorship. Brother Basore filled the position for the sessions of 1899-1900, and by his thoroughness and keen insight into the subjects, showed his perfect knowledge and mastery of the Latin and German languages. It was in the class room that the writer formed for Brother Basore an attachment for his learning; it was in Iota's hall and other meeting grounds that he conceived a lasting admiration of him as a man. The writer still retains the notes given on Latin and German, which are prized alike for the subject matter and the rare beauty of expression.

After giving up the chair at Hampden-Sidney Brother Ba-

sore spent a year abroad, visiting the famous seats of learning—Leipsig, Milan, and Paris—where he added to his already limitless store of knowledge, the while collecting material for that which should be a crowning test of his work, namely, the paper which he had been requested to furnish in connection with the volume to be published as a Memorial to the Johns Hopkins preceptor, Dr. Basil Gildersleeve. As a polished gem of lasting literature, the fraternity points with pride to Brother Basore's contribution, "The Scene Value of the Terence Manuscript Miniatures." This alone established him as a Latinist of the true type, and won for him the most laudatory comments.

In September, 1901, Brother Basore was honored with the offer of the chair of adjunct Professor of Latin in the University of California, at Berkeley, Cal., and in this noted and wealthy institution he has since held professorship.

Those who have been thrown in contact with Brother Basore, have been impressed with his devotion to the æsthetic, his rare appreciation of the beautiful and sublime. His high sense of honor and duty, and his steadfastness of purpose, in a word, have won for him the esteem and admiration of his associates, collegiate, personal and fraternal. Upright in thought, word and action; he has measured up to the requirements of the honorable positions to which his rare gifts of intellect have gained for him.

Brother Basore, still a young man, has already accomplished much, having firmly established himself in the first rank of his profession. His phenomenal success should serve as an inspiration to the youth of that Order which is proud to claim him.

H. M. McAllister.

THE MEN WE WANT.

In selection of men for our Fraternity, many things are often considered, such as wealth or popularity, social or class standing, or scholarship. Though these points are worthy of consideration, they alone cannot be the stand-

points from which we would judge or choose men. Wealth and social prominence do not necessarily mean that one is a gentleman, and because in the class room a man shows that he has a head, you could not conclude therefrom that he has also a heart. If we were to make Friendship the standard of judgment the success of the Fraternity would be assured and the selection of men would depend largely on the personnel of the individual Chapter. Mr. Baird, in his book, "*American College Fraternities*," says of the founders of our fraternity, "They had been life-long friends; their aims and aspirations in life were similar. It was out of this friendship that the idea of the fraternity was conceived." So the fraternity we love began in a friendship.

Friendship has in it more of the divine than human, but there is in every man that of the divine which creates a desire for sympathy. Still no one wants the sympathy of every man; and from this we learn the lesson, that we can be friendly to all, but friends to the chosen few. There are men around us whom we admire in a way, but they could never understand what is in our souls, just as we would be unable to understand them. Their natures, their ideas, their ideals are different from ours. Such men we can respect, but to make their lot ours would jeopardize the future success of the Chapters.

Some think we should choose those men that other fraternities want. If this were changed somewhat so as to mean that we choose only those whom others can and do respect we would have a better and safer rule. Some men who would make good members of one fraternity would break up another. Differences of opinion might lead to open declaration of such differences, and the peace in the inner life of the Chapter might be destroyed.

All the above does not mean that to have a successful Chapter, all the members must be either steady or wild, wealthy or poor, either of aristocratic or humble family. As in Physics, unlike poles, attract, so in life the serious man often wishes he could look more lightly on his troubles, and the lightheaded fellow clings to his thinking friend.

The good man loves the wild one, while the latter respects the noble character of his comrade. This would hold good in the selection of those who are to become our Brothers. So, however much the members of your Chapters desire a man, oppose him firmly unless you think him capable of the closest friendship with you and your Brothers.

Besides friendship there is one other consideration. It was mentioned in one of last year's Chapter letters. We should not want a man simply because he is handsome and well dressed or of excellent family; not because he does a high grade of class-room work. Instead ask yourself, "Will he do our Chapter good?" If he is lighthearted, he may be lightheaded, and besides, a fraternity is not especially a collection of jesters. Again, a "Grind" may think too much of his looks to love his Chapter as he should. All this does not mean that you should reject the open-hearted or avoid the studious. Indeed popularity and capacity for hard work are to be desired, but be sure also that you choose men of character, men worthy of all honor, men who cannot lower your standard. Then every one, "frat." or "non-frat.," student or professor, will honor your fraternity and your Chapter. They will honor you. The standing of your Chapter in the world's estimation will be high as the character of any school's noblest students, for the Pi Kappi Alpha Fraternity, born of friendship, will prove a brotherhood in truth.

Robert Taylor, Alpha-Alpha.

QUALITY, NOT QUANTITY.

Much has been written about the necessity of selecting men of good qualities to share in the joys of "Grecian" life, but the subject is of such paramount importance that a few words more along that line will not be out of place here.

It is one's nature to try to surpass his fellowman in all pursuits of life. This is equally so with a fraternity. Where-

ever several fraternities exist, there is sure to be a continual strife for supremacy. In such a contest Chapters, in their eagerness to augment their numbers, receive in their ranks men that are not worthy of the brotherhood. Pi Kappa Alpha has not been an exception to this rule. She, too, has felt the injuries caused by the presence of "unfit" men in her borders.

A Chapter with six loyal Pi's can do more service for the Fraternity and for themselves, than a Chapter of double that number, among whom are several "black sheep." A chain is no stronger than its weakest link, so is a fraternity no stronger than her weakest member.

Many institutions do not permit fraternities to pledge new men until after registration in their Sophomore year. While this restriction may seem as a drawback to a Chapter at first, it is better in the end. It gives a Chapter a whole year in which to learn the new men. Many boys go to college and run a "bluff" for a few months, with the sole purpose of getting into a "frat." This is specially so at institutions where men are taken in during their first year. Such men as the above are not worthy to wear the badge of II. K. A.

Thus, having both seen and felt the bad influences of "black sheep" among our numbers, let us be on our guard, lest these influences increase. We have in the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity a grand, noble Order. With the proper spirit behind her, she is capable of becoming one of the strongest fraternities.

Therefore let us not throw aside the principles upon which our noble brotherhood is founded, but let us strive earnestly to fill our Chapters with Pi's loyal, upright and true; Pi's that will reflect honor upon their Chapter and the Fraternity in general.

T. J. Moore, Tau.

THE STANDARD OF FRATERNITY MEN.

In university and college life of to-day we can easily see that the most influential men, are men of ability and strength, both in mental and moral, as well as physical strength.

Here it is, Brothers of old Pi Kappa Alpha, that we see the need of care in selecting fraternity material. A number of men think that the financial success of a Chapter is all that is to be desired.

Are we initiating men to-day for money? We had far better close the doors of our Chapter halls if this is our aim. Does a man have to have money to sow in the wind to be a fraternity man?

The man whom we are seeking should, first of all, be a gentleman, then have a standing, and this means both at home and at college; what credit is it to a fraternity to have men over the country who do it more harm than good? For this reason, Brothers, we should take our time in spiking freshman. You cannot find out in a day, things that you would like to know, nor can a man's character be discovered in so short a time. We are striving for that goal of superiority, when we shall have the blood of the land marching under the Garnet and Old Gold.

The object of our beloved Order, as set forth by our grand old founders says, "That it is to promote closer bonds of friendship and brotherly union, and that the members are Brothers, and the entire Order one large family—a united brotherhood."

From this we realize how important it is to have the best men in school or none at all. Think of the relation between yourselves and your fraternity, Brothers.

Do not initiate a man whom you would not heartily welcome into your own home. These are the men who will push Pi Kappa Alpha to the front. Let every man with one drop of loyal blood put his shoulder to the wheel, and by patience and perseverance elevate the standard of Pi Kappa Alpha all over our Southland.

If we look back over the grand old race that the South

has produced, we will soon open our eyes to our duty—that which we owe our Fraternity. Let no other feeling but that of brotherly love and friendship exist, then I assure you we may all feel proud of our name.

There is no organization in existence which can do more to cultivate feeling of friendship between man and man than our sacred college fraternities; therefore I entreat you to make the life of our Chapters one of exemplary character.

The motto, "Pi Kappa Alpha expects every man to do his duty," is one that should be kept continually in mind by every individual, and this duty means not only towards things in connection with his Chapter, but to everything pertaining to the fraternity at large.

If we were to consider the amount of work we do for our fraternity in comparison with the pleasure we derive from it, we would surely realize the idleness that has been allowed to go on in our Chapters.

Now Brothers, let us awake from the sleep that has gone on so long and strive for the betterment of old Pi Kappa Alpha.

A. M. Bowman, Jr., Phi.

WHAT SHOULD BE THE GOAL OF OUR CHAPTERS?

If we should follow our subject closely we would necessarily have to vary in our treatment to such an extent as the circumstances of each Chapter vary. But as such a treatment would require much more space than we have we must try to discuss our theme from a standpoint that will be most suited to any and every circumstance.

Perhaps before going further it would be well for us to look at our subject a little more closely. *Goal*, what a terrible word in one respect. How many hearts have been broken and how many lives ruined because they failed to reach their goal! And they failed simply because they did not have their purpose clearly before their eyes, and hence could not work with that determination that is necessary

to obtain the goal. But on the other hand we have the joyful assurance that if we work faithfully and manfully to the end we shall obtain our goal. Have we our purposes so clearly fixed before us that under no conditions or disadvantages we should lose interest, become negligent and hence fail? Shall *we* find it or lose it?

Taking a second glance you ask why we used the words "our Chapters" instead of "our Fraternity." The answer lies here. The parts make up the body, the States make up the Union; therefore our purpose in using this phrase is to impress upon the Chapters the fact that it is not the Fraternity's duty to do such and such a thing, but that it is their (the individual Chapter's) duty.

But let us hasten on and consider some things that we should be our goal and make every effort to accomplish. One of the most important is that each Chapter should strive to hold a high and enviable place in its respective institution. How can they do this? By selecting the right kind of men is the best and in fact the only way of attaining this position. By referring to the December, 1902, SHIELD AND DIAMOND, the Brothers will find a very profitable contribution on "*The Selection of Men*". But here a thought suggests itself. We should not fall into the habit of not asking a man until his faculties are all fully developed. But we should remember that the greatest object of the Fraternity is to upbuild men. Socially, mentally and spiritually. Therefore when we see a man whom we can uplift and who after being uplifted would make us a good man, let us not hesitate to offer him a helping hand. What could be a higher goal than an ambition and a determination to upbuild all the men with whom we come in contact day by day. But while we are determining to uplift men let us not forget to determine that we shall *pull down* no man. That is to say let us make as one of our goals that no man who joins II. K. A. will be in any way degraded, but rather upbuilt.

Again we should strive to make II. K. A. the leading Fraternity of the South. As this has been fully discussed

in other issues of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, we will simply say in passing that we can never make her the leading one if we lay more stress on *quantity* than we do on *quality*; but should resolve that though we have few they will be choice men. Men who have the respect and confidence of their fellow students and men of whom II. K. A. will never have occasion to be ashamed. If we resolve thus and carry it out (and we can do it) the results in a few years will be astonishing.

In conclusion, therefore, we would say that every Chapter should consider it their individual privilege as well as their duty to do all in their power for the upliftment of all men with whom they associated and for the betterment of II. K. A. and that they should never weary in doing everything that will cause our beloved banner of old Gold and Garnet to float with glorious honor over our Southland.

J. Caldwell Guilds, Nu.

AN ORIGINAL STORY.

It was Monday evening and I was very tired, as I had attended four classes and had spent an hour and a half in the "gym." I said to myself, "the sooner I get to work on that Math. for to-morrow the better it will be for me." So, settling myself in a big arm chair, I began:

"Quality-units V_{-1} and V_{-2} . As we have seen, an even root of a negative number, as V_{-2} , cannot be a positive or negative number, and therefore is not as yet included in our number system. To give a meaning to such expressions as V_{-1} and V_{-2} we assume the identity $(V_u^n) v=n$." I could get no further. "Why surely a number can be either positive or negative, yet that book says distinctly that the V_{-2} cannot be a positive or a negative number." I was puzzled and I wracked my brain for a solution. The light seemed to be going out. I thought I heard some one knocking at the door and I yelled, "Come in!" I was surprised at the

sound of my own voice: it sounded so peculiar. A death-like silence seemed to fall on everything.

The door opened slowly and in came an old man wearing a ragged overcoat and high boots. His beard was long and white and he leaned on a stick as he hobbled into the room.

"Who in the name of ——" "Don't trouble yourself about that," he said, not even allowing me to finish my sentence. "I am James Montgomery Taylor, Master of Arts and Doctor of Laws," he continued in a tone so horrible that it made my flesh crawl. To tell the truth I didn't like the old man's looks at all. "Be seated, my son," he said, for I had struggled to my feet, "I have come all the way from the darkest caves in the Adirondacks to show you the use and necessity of knowing how to solve the difficult and learned theory of Imaginary and Complex Numbers."

"I will be very grateful to you, sir, if you will explain this dreadful stuff to me."

"Have patience, my son, have patience; but don't you think that I could explain things much better if I had a chair? You might offer me a chair."

"Beg your pardon, Mr. Taylor," I said. "I, I didn't know that ghosts ever sat down."

"But I am not a ghost. Here, feel my hand."

I touched his hand. It was like ice.

"How cold your hands are, Mr. Taylor!"

"O yes, I think that it would improve things considerably to have a fire.

While I made a fire he took possession of my big arm-chair and placed an old pair of horn spectacles on his nose. He seemed to be absorbed in thought. Presently he said:

"We will proceed. First of all it is necessary to know what an imaginary quantity is. Do you know what it is?" he said, looking at me over the top of those spectacles.

"Yes," said I, "it is the root of all evil."

"No, not as bad as that," said he. "An imaginary number is an incommensurable root of a commensurable number."

"Yes, I see; it moves counter-clockwise, does it not?"

"Wait, you are going too fast. Observe carefully. We assume the identity $(\sqrt[n]{u})^n = u$ to hold when u is negative and n is even."

"Do you understand," said he, but he did not give me time to answer.

"Well, then, $\sqrt{-2}$ denotes that number whose square is -2 . Now $(\sqrt{-1})^2 = -1$. Since any power or root of 1 or -1 , heretofore obtained as a quality-unit."

"A what?" I gasped.

"Keep cool and we will continue," the old man went on. To make it clearer we will call $\sqrt{-2}$ a quality-unit."

"But, Mr. Taylor," I cried.

"No buts, if you please," he commanded. "That is, the $\sqrt{-1}$ is a quality-unit whose square is -1 ."

"That's it," I cried, "hold it, catch—— There was a terrific crash. In my wild rush I had fallen over a chair. I got up and rubbed my eyes; the lamp was burning brightly and the clock said it was a quarter past two. The door was open and the room was cold as ice. My hands were black with soot; I got them blackened, I suppose, when I was making the fire. I couldn't find my algebra anywhere until I went to bed, and then I found that instead of handing it to Mr. Taylor I had put it under my pillow.

Edward A. Wood, Chi.

WHAT A FRATERNITY MAN SHOULD BE.

This depends entirely on what fraternity the man is to become a member of. There are many different standards raised by different Orders.

In some cases the only question asked is, "Does he wear 'sporty' clothes and has he much money?" Again we see the standard raised a little higher. The man must stand high in social circles, or be an athlete.

But when we ask ourselves the question, what qualifications should a man have to become a II., it is entirely a different matter. No doubt we all differ on this point, but I think we will all agree as to some of the most essential points.

In the first place, he should be distinctively a man; not a sport or a coward, but a brave and manly man. He should be a man of high principles and convictions, and have the courage to stand by his convictions.

Let every Pi have some high and noble ideal always before him, and strive to reach, if not surpass, this ideal.

His life should be such that if his acts, both in public and private life, were laid bare before the world, they would not cause a blush of shame to cross his brow. Pi Kappa Alpha wants no man who will not reflect credit on his Chapter and the Fraternity in general, while in college and after he goes out into the world.

Alumnus of Gamma.

A VITAL QUESTION.

For some time I have had in mind writing a short article for THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND upon this subject, which has been so emphatically brought before my mind during the past year. The occurrence which started me thinking on this subject and which, I believe, was reported in full at the Convention, was about as follows:

A man came to one of our colleges whom many II.'s knew, and who was elected a member of II. K. A., and, in the rush and excitement of the opening days, was initiated in a manner not strictly in accordance with our Constitution, but which was thought would suffice until a regular night for meeting. This irregularity was brought about by zealousness for the Fraternity, and would in nine hundred and ninety-nine cases out of a thousand have resulted well, but this was the thousandth case, and this man was not the man he was thought to be, and so he changed his mind and

was about to join another fraternity after having worn our badge, for he said that he did not consider that he was a member, as he had not been regularly initiated. He was informed differently, and soon afterwards handed in his resignation, which was accepted. And in order to make the story complete we simply add, the other fraternity, knowing all this, *actually took him in.*

This occurrence, bad as it may sound, was not without good as to its results. It taught the Chapter a lesson that we sincerely hope and believe will never be forgotten. And now that all our Chapters may have the benefit of this experience, I write this.

Every one knows that the life and strength of every organization, whether social or political, whether an organization for the protection of the laborer or for strengthening the capitalist, depends entirely upon the manner in which the constitution and laws are followed, and especially upon the strictest regard for the constitution.

It is not necessary here to call the attention of any one to the vast number of organizations springing up throughout the country. There are organizations in every branch of business and in every phase of life. There are organizations for doing good as well as for doing evil. And a glance at any of these numerous organizations will readily show that their object is to gain strength.

And how do they gain strength? We answer, by combined effort. Didn't the old fable go something like this: A father once called his sons to him and gave them a bundle of rods, which he ordered them to break. After having tried with their whole strength, they gave it up as an impossibility. The wise father then gave them one rod at a time and soon all were broken. Then he impressed the lesson of strength gained by unity. And to-day more and more are men realizing the truth of this old fable.

Now in these organizations, what brings about the unity? It is the combination of men of like impulses and tastes, under a common law, which is called the constitution. Suppose this constitution is not followed, suppose one ar-

ticle is disregarded, does not that immediately weaken the union? Is it not, so to speak, slipping one rod from the bundle. And when one is out, will not another come out more easily? And does not every one that is taken out weaken the whole bundle?

It is the duty of every member in every organization to study the constitution, and to support the constitution and laws, and, in every way he can, to strengthen the Order and add to its permanence. Every member should feel that it is his duty to give strength to his Order by supporting its laws; and in fact in most organizations, every member is pledged to give a loyal support to the constitution. A man is indeed worthless, and in fact worse than worthless, who instead of adding his strength to the Order by upholding its laws, by some little violation of them begins knocking the very foundation stones from the superstructure that he is striving to erect.

But to come nearer home, to come to an Order that we all love. I well know what a great temptation it is in the "rushing season" to violate our Constitution in some minor points, and I know too that this is often due to a deep earnestness and zealousness for II. K. A. True it may seem a small thing to violate even slightly some law in the election and in the initiation of a member. It may always turn out well, and the man so obtained, be one of true worth, and one that would bring honor to his Chapter and to his fraternity; while on the other hand he might be a failure and this violation might cause trouble. A whole chapter may be ruined by getting one uncongenial man or by getting a man whom one member would not like. Therefore we would urge that each Chapter use the greatest caution in the selection and pledging of men, and that each man follow diligently and carefully our excellent Constitution. Thus II. K. A. will not only gain strength and glory, but will also gain men of whom the whole Fraternity would be proud.

R. H. Lafferty, Beta.

**THE OBLIGATION OF II. K. A. MEN
TO "NON-FRATS."**

No man or set of men live unto themselves. This Scriptural rule applies in college life as well as elsewhere. The best Pi, in all his acts and attitudes, is related to God and to all his fellows. The idea that the fraternalism of chapter life demands antagonism to all who have not passed the wicket gate is, as we all know, a base slander. In a college community we are all, in certain senses, "members one of another." The fraternity is, to use Biblical phraseology yet once more, "a wheel within a wheel." The spokes are nearer one another in the smaller circle, but related to every member of the larger company, sustaining definite obligations thereto.

1. Pi's cannot afford to be clannish. Our very principles prevent the thing, narrow and despicable—unworthy of a man and our time. As members of a noble family, we shall be proud of our descent, but never snobs. As Brothers in the same Greek household, we shall be with one another more than with others; but let barbarians not be despised simply because they are not Greeks. Putting it positively and especially: Greet, associate with, help, do good unto men who are outside our ranks. To be otherwise disposed, is to want in some important features of the noblest manhood. *Be a brotherhood, not a clan.*

2. Pi's cannot afford to be "hogs," putting it in the classic of student-life. We are accustomed to saying that our men are the strongest men in the colleges where we have Chapters. In the etymological sense, we are an aristocracy in intellectual as well as in moral things. We think it and say it regardless of what others say. We think we have not only *a* man for a given office or honor, but *the* man. If so, for the good of the school we should use all legitimate, non-political methods to "put him in." But the pushing of our men forward has its dangers as well as its delights. At any rate, be temperate. Better have the

best man. If he is a Pi—and he usually is—be happy to do your best for him, *if not, go slow*.

3. Pi's cannot afford to make much ado about nothing when the heathen rage and the "anti's" imagine vain things. If our men are popular, they may be opposed. The more their popularity is deserved, the more strenuous is the opposition. While our attitude toward those who are "non's" and nothing more, should be one of recognition and cordiality, Pi Kappa Alpha must be true to itself, and look upon the "sore-heads" with the sweet contempt of an unconcerned indifference. It is not worth while to worry. "Saw wood and be good" is an excellent rule. Pi Kappa Alpha stands for great things and does great things. The moon goes on shining though it is often hazed. This indifference to such contemptuous opposition becomes a positive obligation when we think of the noble bonds of Pi Kappa Alpha and compare.

A. M. Williams, Rho.

TULANE UNIVERSITY

And Eta Chapter.

The Tulane University of Louisiana, as now constituted, is the result of a contract between the State of Louisiana and the Board of Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund, entered into in 1884. By this contract the then existing University of Louisiana, the first department of which was founded in 1834, was placed in the hands of the above mentioned board. The fund which this board controlled was started in 1882 by a donation of \$365,000 by Mr. Paul Tulane, a wealthy New Orleans merchant, and was increased to over a million before his death. Since that time there have been many other donations, the greatest being that of Mrs. Josephine Louise Newcomb, with which was founded as a department of Tulane University, Newcomb College for the higher education of women.

Tulane University now consists of six departments, as follows :

1. Graduate Department	with 39 students.
2. College of Arts and Science	" 95 "
3. College of Technology	" 155 "
4. H. Sophie Newcomb College for Women	" 443 "
5. Law Department	" 57 "
6. Medical Department	" 426 "

Total, 1215

The Faculty numbers 91.

The above is from last session's record, and the numbers are expected to be exceeded this year.

Besides the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, there are in the University the following fraternities :

Kappa Alpha,	Phi Kappa Sigma,
Sigma Chi,	Phi Chi,
Alpha Tau Omega,	Sigma Nu,
Kappa Sigma,	Phi Kappa Psi,
Phi Delta Theta,	Phi Kappa Sigma,
Delta Tau Delta,	Pi Beta Phi,
Sigma Alpha Epsilon,	Alpha Omicron,
Delta Kappa Epsilon,	Chi Omega.
Theta Nu Epsilon,	

The six Pi's at Tulane, are all in the College of Technology, except Brother McLeod Davidson, who is taking a scientific course. He is Vice-President of the Senior Class, Business Manager of the Tulane University Magazine, and Speaker (Chairman) of the Glendy Burke Literary Society. He has always been one of the most active members of the Glendy Burke, and the society will lose a valuable member when he graduates next year.

We have heard that no fraternity can be a success unless it has a red-headed member. Ours ought to be a *grand* success, if we can judge by the redness of Brother Lake's hair, which is the "real thing." Brother Lake always stands ready to protect his company, being a member of the First Troop Cavalry, Louisiana State National Guard. He expects to make the 'Varsity Base-ball team this session,

and hopes to hold down second base. In the near future he is to be a successful Mechanical Engineer.

Brother Henry is also working for a B. E., and will gain that coveted degree in 1906. He is a great worker in the Glendy Burke, being the Sergeant-at-arms. When he raises his mace we all tremble in our seats.

Brother John Davidson, Jr., is a Sophomore in the Mechanical Engineering course, and is a hard working member of the Glendy Burke. He took great interest in football last session, and expects to play again this session.

Brother Calongue, who is still another of those Mechanical Engineers, is a member of the "Forum," the rival Debating Society of the Glendy Burke. When it comes to debating, Calongue is there on both feet, even if he is a member of the "Forum."

"Yours truly," Brother Godbold is a member of the Glendy Burke. Although he is now in his fourth year at college, he still has the other fellows "bluffed." They think he is honest. He is Treasurer of the Glendy Burke, and Treasurer of the Senior Class. He is honest because there is not enough ready cash in either treasury to skip with.

L. A. Godbold.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

University of Virginia.

Once more to use the conventional expression of the "humble scribes" in the first letter of the session, we find ourselves assembled in the old halls and dormitories of the University, ready to begin the work of another year. We can truthfully say we are glad to be back, for though the prospects of the labors staring us in the face does tend to darken the "roseate hue" of our College life, yet after a summer's strenuous loafing it is not so bad after all to have something to do. The old University seems more beautiful than ever, and our friendships stronger than ever, after three months of separation. There is this too to add to our pleasures—and it is by no means an unimportant factor,—that the Fraternity here finds itself on a firmer basis than it has enjoyed for years, at this early stage of the session's progress. For of the eighteen men who composed our circle last year, only six have left us, and the remaining twelve are back to form again that circle which we hope will be larger and stronger than ever before. But what shall we say of those whose places are unoccupied? To say that we miss them, is to express our feelings very inadequately. They were intimately connected with everything that went on in the Fraternity, and most enthusiastic supporters of everything that was for its welfare. Besides this, they were friends and brothers, and this means a great deal to a Pi. Brother J. J. Lloyd who, carried off his M. D. last year, is continuing his medical studies on the other side of the Atlantic. Brother J. A. Bear is practicing law in Roanoke, Va.; Brother E. H. Venable will explore the West Virginia mountains as a civil engineer;

Brother R. A. Steward, Ph. D., will teach the young men and women at Richmond College to "parlyvoo." Brother J. L. Newcomb, who now adds a C. E. to his name will be engaged in the labors of his profession; and Brother C. H. Coffin will try the work of a barrister in the wild woody west. They may be sure that the best wishes of Alpha follow them wherever they may be, and that they will be warmly welcomed among us if business or inclination ever bring them our way.

Out of the lottery of transfers, we have drawn four prizes this year: Brother Bohannon, of Petersburg, Va., an alumnus of William and Mary College, who has been known for many years as a zealous fraternity worker; Brother B. H. Brown of Cowpens, S. C., who will be remembered as their representative by all who were fortunate enough to be at the Charlotte convention; Brother Curry of Staunton, another most enthusiastic Pi from Gamma, and Brother South, of Jett, Ky., who hails from Kappa. All these are able men, well worthy of the Fraternity, who will reinforce materially Alpha's strength.

Our prospects, then, we repeat, are brighter than they have been for some time, and we see no reason why our fight should not end in victory. Alpha's work days are things of the past, and we begin to see the fruit of the noble struggle made by the little handful of men who not so many years ago constituted our sole stay against the strongest competition.

In a College as large as ours, lending a force, as it does, to no less than sixteen Greek letter fraternities, it is impossible to give any general views of interest in the short space of a chapter letter. The number of matriculates is in advance of that attained in our banner year, and everything points to a most successful session. We are hoping for great things in the foot-ball line, and so far the fates are certainly auspicious to a winning season for U. Va.

In closing let us say that we have a number of prospective goats up our sleeve, and two have made up their minds to brave the mysteries of initiation. But we will

give these a week or so of grace, while we make our preparations, with probably another victim or so, for a final round up, and then for the fun!

We append the names and addresses of the members of our Chapter:

Hugh Blair Grigsby Galt, Norfolk, Va., Academic, 3rd, year.

Earnest Norton Fulton, Bardstown, Ky., Law, 1st year.

John Hitch Downing, Front Royal, Va., Law, 1st year.

William Alexander Strother, Lynchburg, Va., Medicine, 3rd year.

Charles Tate Scott, Lynchburg, Va., Medicine 2nd, year.

Paul Morgan Strother, Lynchburg, Va., Medicine 2nd, year.

Walter Smith Ferguson, Lynchburg, Va., Medicine 3rd, year.

Charles Edward Conrad, Harrisonburg, Va., Medicine, 3rd, year.

Dr. Daniel Warwick Harmon, Charlottesville, Va., Demonstrator in Biology.

George Washington Laughorne, Jr., Lynchburg, Va., Engineering, 3rd year.

J. Gordon Bohannon, Petersburg, Va., Law, 1st year.

Lindsay South, Jett, Ky., Law, 1st year.

Wade H. Meadows, Newberne, N. C., Academic, 2nd year.

Benjamin H. Brown, Cowpens, S. C., Law, 1st year.

Duncan Curry, Staunton, Va., Academic, 1st year.

Robert Henning Webb, Suffolk, Va., Academic, 2nd year

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BETA.

Davidson College.

Beta's greetings are extended to all of her Sister Chapters, with the hope that each one of them will have a pleasant and prosperous year. Our own prospects are bright. The college opened with the largest attendance

in its history, there being one hundred new men on the Hill.

Our old men who returned were :

R. H. Lafferty, Davidson, N. C.
R. H. Adams, '04, Laurens, S. C.
R. T. Gillespie, Jr., '04, Rock Hill, S. C.
N. T. Wagner, '04, Asheville, N. C.
G. M. Wilcox, '04, Elberton, Ga.
J. B. Clark, '05, Clarkton, N. C.
R. I. McDavid, '05, Pelzer, S. C.
G. A. Penick, '05, Lynchburg, Va.
J. B. Denton, '06, Dalton, Ga.
Robert King, '06, Summerville, Ga.
J. L. Moore, Jr., '06, Rock Hill, S. C.

Of last year's men we lost Brother Patterson by graduation, and Brothers Baker and Anderson did not return. The latter, however, was with us for a few days at the opening. Brother Dalton, of the Senior Medical Class, will spend the year with the rest of his class in Charlotte.

We immediately set to work, with the result that, after inviting eight men, we initiated eight.

The following Beta introduces to the Fraternity as true and loyal II.'s :

W. Bryan Jenkins, '07, St. Charles, S. C.
James H. Clark, '07, Clarkton, N. C.
Joseph R. Eggert, '07, White Haven, Penn.
Parks M. Lafferty, '07, Concord, N. C.
William B. Gillespie, '07, Rock Hill, S. C.
Harry A. Wakefield, '07, Charlotte, N. C.
Everard Wilcox, '07, Augusta, Ga.
Slade A. Smith, '07, Elkton, N. C.

As you will see from the following, we have about gotten our share. The S. A. E. have taken in nine new men, making them twenty-six; Kappa Sigma nine, making twenty-two; Kappa Alpha three, making fifteen; Beta Theta Pi two, making twelve.

We were glad to welcome back on the Hill Brothers Pope, Clark and McKay, three of Beta's old men. We

have also had the pleasure of having with us Brothers Bohannon and Smith of Tau, and Brother Snyder of Phi.

Davidson's prospects for foot-ball are fairly good. We lost several of our best players this year, among them was Brother Dalton, who played a star game last year at half-back. There are several promising men among the new men, and we hope to get a good team. Brother Penick is Manager and Brother Gillespie is a candidate for the team.

From Brother Gillespie's accounts, the Nashville Convention must have been a great one. We are awaiting the next issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND with eagerness. So much enthusiasm must have its results, and we are hoping for some new Chapters.

We close with best wishes for all the II.'s.

J. Leon Moore, Jr.

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

Zeta opens the year with brighter prospects than for several years past. Six of her most enthusiastic members have returned and are ready to carry on the good work. Five of us were on the Hill at the opening of school and immediately proceeded to get busy and pledged three fine men. In a day or so Brother McAllister returned and helped us. Brother Taylor, a last year's "goat," was with us for a day or two, but was forced to leave, his father having decided to send him to Blacksburg to school this year.

Brother Campbell did not return. Brother Edmonds has visited us a week since, but is now in the Alabama pine woods.

Brother O. P. Parker has been with us from the start, but is thinking seriously of going to the Pennsylvania Medical School. The Chapter has grave fears of losing him, one of her most prominent and influential members.

At our first initiation the three men pledged were taken in, Brothers Flood, Craddock and Dumas; all from the western part of the State, and we proceeded to make merry

over a typical college feast in the Fraternity hall. The men are all enthusiastic, and are of the best frat. material to be found.

And meanwhile our men are still busy, and ere this letter goes to press, will probably have secured several other desirable men for our fraternal circle. However, our purpose has always been to promote congeniality above all else; and we will proceed with extreme caution in this most important work.

Zeta sends greetings to her sister Chapters, and hopes and feels assured that they are all as prosperous and contented as she. In closing she wishes to call to the attention of the Fraternity the names of her old men returned, and to introduce the new ones she has taken in this year to date:

O. P. Parker, Gibson, Tenn.

Sam. J. McAllister, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Geo. T. Walton, Rugby, Tenn.

Henry F. Parker, Gibson, Tenn.

Will. V. Deadrick, Knoxville, Tenn.

Jno. W. Hudson, Knoxville, Tenn.

And

Brothers Clarence Flood, Memphis, Tenn.

Will. Craddock, Willington, Tenn.

Dudley D. Dumas, Paris, Tenn.

J. T. Edmonds.

ETA.

Tulane University of Louisiana.

The Eta Chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity was reorganized on the night of October 3rd, 1903, when in the Crescent City six members of the student body of Tulane University did some "bronco-busting" stunts on the mysterious and awe-inspiring "Billy," and were in due time admitted as members of this privileged band of Southern Brothers.

We who now beg to introduce ourselves to our Brother Pi's are:

D. McLeod Davidson, '04.
L. Army Godbold, '04.
Orloff Lake, '05.
Sidney E. Colonge, '06.
John Davidson, Jr., '06.
Orloff Henry, '06.

The Brothers who were present to conduct the sacred and *impressive* (I still feel several of the impressions on my body) initiatory ceremonies were :

Mr. E. F. Koelle, Theta.
Dr. J. M. Koelle, Theta.
Rev. J. C. Barr, Theta.
Rev. Geo. Summey, D. D., L. L. D., Beta.
Rev. J. W. Caldwell, Iota.

Brother E. F. Koelle is to be especially thanked for the interest he has taken in organizing this Chapter. It is to him, because of the never-lagging interest he has taken in the matter, that we owe our membership in this noble Fraternity.

The reorganization of this Chapter makes the number of fraternities represented at Tulane now eleven. We have but just taken up our pleasant burden, and are as yet but few in number, but we hope, and pledge ourselves that we will make every effort to place Pi Kappa Alpha among the first, and that membership in it will be the coveted desire of every student. But we will not boast of what we will do, but will let time show that we are sincere, and are willing and anxious to exert every effort to promote the welfare of Pi Kappa Alpha.

We expect several Pi's to attend the Medical Department this year, and are anxiously awaiting the opening of the Medical Department when we can grasp their hands and call them Brothers.

With greetings to all our sister Chapters, I will close.

L. Army Godbold.

THETA.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

Theta sends greetings to the higher officers of the Fraternity, and to all her sister Chapters, and wishes for them a most successful year.

This session opened with a smaller number of students than usual, but with very bright prospects for our Chapter. Our same "mystic number seven" returned with the old time enthusiasm and zeal, and yet, with that same conservatism that has ever characterized old Theta. We greatly miss the three who are not with us this year. Brother Raynal has gone to Princeton this year to take a post graduate course, and we feel sure that he will honor the II.'s there as he ever did here. Our number has been increased by one, and I take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large Brother Swan Magnus Erickson, who, after a brave "ride," came out without any broken bones. Brother Erickson is Gymnasium Director, and will enter the Law School when it opens. He possesses many noble qualities, and truly can it be said he is a great addition to the Chapter. All the Brothers report a pleasant vacation, and enter upon this year's work with renewed determination to win more honors for II. K. A.

The decrease in the number of students in the University is due, it is thought, to the agitation of the removal to Atlanta, but when the new departments of law and medicine are opened in October, it is hoped that many new faces will appear.

There is no enmity nor bitter feeling between the different fraternities here. Our Chapter is as large as any in school. The list is as follows: II. K. A.'s eight, S. A. E.'s eight, A. T. O.'s seven, K. S. six, and the K. A. four.

We expect soon, with the help of "Billy," to bring several others from the darkened regions of Barbarism into the marvelous light of Greek-Letter Kingdom.

Our Chapter roll is as follows :

W. S. Barr, New Orleans, La.

R. E. Fulton, Collinsville, Ala.

A. O. Price, Opelousas, La.
J. G. Reid, Canton, Miss.
E. W. Walthal, St. Bethlehem, Tenn.
Roy Webb, St. Bethlehem, Tenn.
S. M. Erickson, Duluth, Minn.
W. H. Hill, Rienzi, Miss.

W. H. Hill.

IOTA

Hampden-Sidney.

Iota enters upon another session with warm greetings to her sister Chapters, and the bright assurance of certainty for a successful year. Seven of our old men returned to coral the goats, and soon we had two fine young "billies" bound securely with ribbons of garnet and gold. We feel doubly proud of these men in that they are a great addition to our Chapter, and were wanted, and badly wanted, by other fraternities. I take pleasure therefore in introducing to the fraternity at large Brothers Henry Clay Whiting, of Hampton, Va., and Curtis Miller Hanna, of Charleston, W. Va.

Of the old men, Brother Frank Hurt Mann, '03 has return as sub. professor of Latin and Math. Brothers Thomas Jones Watkins, '05, Robert Calvin Graham, '06, James Montgomery Graham, '06, John Hert Lyle, '06, Herbert Anderson, '06, and Goodridge Alexander Wilson, Jr., '06, have returned. The Brothers Graham were formerly of the class of '89, but were forced to leave College on account of sickness, and so re-entered the sophomore class.

We have enjoyed a short visit from Brother John Martin, '03. Brother Langhorne paid us a visit, short but sweet, while on his way to the V. P. I.

"Frat. material" is scarce in College this year, but I. K. A., as usual, has her share. The strength of the fraternities is as follows: Chi Phi II. 11; K. A. 9; Beta Theta Pi 9; K. A. 4; Kappa Sigma 2; Phi Gamma Delta 1; The Phi Gamma Delta's are now extinct and Kappa Sigma will probably become so.

The II's also have their share of College honors. Brother Frank Mann is Editor-in-Chief of the "*Hampden-Sidney Magazine*," and President of the Y. M. C. A. At a recent election of the Sophomore class, the II's secured 3 of the 7 officers. Brother J. M. Graham was made President, Brother Anderson Secretary and Brother R. C. Graham representative on the Annual staff. The other classes have not had their elections as yet.

Our prospects for a good foot-ball team are bright. We will have no men on the regular team, though Brother Watkins may be a substitute.

Brother Lyle has been sick for the past week, but we hope that he will soon be with us again.

Iota hailed the news of our bright prospects for new Chapters with delight, but at present we can give no aid save what may be derived by Chapter dues and good wishes. Eagerly awaiting the SHIELD AND DIAMOND with news of our sister Chapters, we close this letter.

Goodridge A. Wilson, Jr.

KAPPA

Kentucky University.

Kappa begins the new year with bright prospects. Seven of the old boys have returned, and we are looking after the interest of II. K. A.

Each of the boys express themselves as having had a very pleasant vacation, but during our "pleasure season" we did not forget to put in several good, hard licks for our beloved Fraternity. The writer had the pleasure of meeting several very fine II's this summer, likewise one or two very "swell" II. sisters. While in Birmingham, Ala., we found that II. K. A. had about sixteen or eighteen members who are endeavoring to form an alumni Chapter, which we sincerely hope will be done. It will help our Fraternity no little to have such a Chapter in the great "Magic city." Birmingham is a great place for our next Convention. K. U. has opened up with a better College

than ever before, and without a doubt we have some fine material for "frat." men. Such men are not walking about the campus or city alone either—they generally have a II. along! We have several men to take in later, while we have already taken in three. When we opened up our hall this fall, we found old Billy more than anxious for work. He was just like a young horse after having been penned up for a season. He had to be broken in again, so we turned the job over to Mr. Geo. M. D. Posey and Mr. H. E. Yocky, both of Indianapolis, Ind., and it was about twelve o'clock Monday night a week ago before they could quiet Billy.

We take great pleasure in introducing the above two Brothers to the sister Chapters of dear old II. K. A. Billy has again broken loose, and tonight we have turned him over to Professor Eugene Black, the assistant professor of science in the University. Kappa feels proud, and justly so, over this victory. Professor Black is our youngest professor, having graduated at Yale last June. Although he has been here but a short time, he has already grown to be one of the most popular of our entire faculty. On all sides are heard words of praise in his behalf. In our next letter we will have others to write about. The three we have mentioned are among the best of all K. U.

K. U. has begun another prosperous foot-ball career. We have played two games so far and have won both of them. On the seventeenth of this month we play Virginia, and we expect to do the "stunts!" Manager Brown of the Varsity is a II. We were sorry to loose Brother Lindsay South this year, but we are glad to know he has cast his lot with Alpha Chapter.

The following is a list of our old boys who have returned:

Homer W. Carpenter, Flemingsburg, Ky.

William Clark, New Zealand.

James Morrow, Nebo, Ky.

Hiram Brown, Maysville, Ky.

Max Hall, Franklin, Ind.

Orris O. White, Edinburg, Ind.

James R. Jolly, Birmingham, Ala.

The following are the new men we have taken in:

Mr. Y. E. Yocky, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. George M. D. Possey, Indianapolis, Ind.

Prof. John Eugene Black, Bridgeport, Conn.

Prof. W. E. Selin, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Harvy Rallings, Flemingsburg, Ky.

We take pleasure in introducing the above named young Brothers to our sister Chapters.

Kappa's "Billy" has not broken down yet, and in the near future we will give him more work.

With best wishes for all our sister Chapters this letter of Kappa closes.

James R. Jolly.

MU.

Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

Mu extends to all sister Chapters greetings for the session of 1903-'04, and desires for them a very prosperous year along all lines of fraternal work. We regret to learn that our nearby Chapter has been placed under such restrictions, and earnestly hope that her present condition may be remedied in the near future by some means.

Four of Mu's men graduated last year, and two failed to return, thus only four responded at the first roll-call. Those who returned are, Brothers L. M. Kennedy, R. T. Fewell, Jr., J. H. Smith and T. H. Smoot. Things looked gloomy indeed, but work was at once begun with the determination to make the year a successful one.

The absence of Brothers Ferguson and Tull will be solely felt, as both were men of much force. How can we do without "Ike" to pilot us through our financial troubles. He had a charm about causing purse strings to loosen.

The "big four" have graduated and gone, and we are left alone to battle without their assistance. The loss of no four men could make our hearts sadder—they will certainly be missed in every way. There is not a shadow of

a doubt but that they will be successful along any line they may pursue, and will be held in esteem by all who come in contact with them. L. B. Stephenson, valedictorian and winner of Bible Medal, is bookkeeper for a large firm at Kershaw, S. C., J. H. Thornwell, Jr., W. R. Wallace and A. G. Fewell, are Principals respectively in the graded school at Winnsboro, S. C., Ellenton, S. C., and Kingstree, S. C.

Among the "rats" there seems to be some frat. material, and we take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity the following initiates: James Tulp, Fort Mill, S. C., and Benj. Massey, Fort Mill, S. C.

With best wishes Mu closes for this time.

T. H. Smoot.

NU.

Woford College.

Nu looks out upon this college year with a downcast countenance. She feels like she has been robbed of her greatest pleasure and privilege, viz., working for II. K. A. as she wishes to work. As the circumstances by which we are surrounded this year are perhaps not generally known, we will state them briefly. Perhaps the shortest and clearest way to express them would be to give the decision of the "Board of Trustees." In fact they did not decide last June, but will decide June, 1904. But they agreed upon the following points which lead up to the decision:

1. That no organization (fraternity or non-fraternity), should initiate any one who had not been in college a year.
2. That any organization breaking this rule should, upon recommendation to the Faculty, be abolished at once from this Institution.

With these facts staring us in the face, we are almost persuaded to give up in despair. But we shall not. We shall work for II. K. A. and her best interest until the end. Now in this time of trial is the time we need help and advice. Any of our Brothers who can give us any helpful advice will be gratefully remembered by Nu Chapter.

Since our last letter we have initiated two men from the

Fitting School. They were taken in, however, before the decision of the Trustees. We take great delight in introducing to the Fraternity Brother Willie L. Isom, a brother to Brother B. W. Isom, and Brother D. E. Hydric. We count ourselves fortunate in getting these Brothers. We feel that they have the interest of our Fraternity at heart, and will always be true and loyal supporters.

We are glad to welcome back seven of our old men. Those with us are Brothers

E. F. McWhirter, '04, Jonesville, S. C.

J. W. Boyd, '05, Mountville, S. C.

W. W. Taylor, '05, Georgetown, S. C.

J. O. Skinner, '06, Jacksonville, Fla.

L. H. Tolleson, '06, Spartanburg, S. C.

J. C. Guilds, '06, Cordesville, S. C.

W. L. Isom, '07, Cherokee, S. C.

We were very sorry that no more of them could return. Some may come in later, however. But we stand about as well as any frat. here in numbers. None can boast of their large crowd this year, as a good many men did not return on account of the Trustees' decision.

It is certainly gratifying to have Brother C. S. Williamson, Jr., of Sigma, with us. He was appointed to fill the vacancy in the chair of Chemistry and Biology, caused by a "leave of absence" granted to Prof. Walker. We wish him much success in his work, and feel sure he will be popular with both Faculty and students.

During the vacation two young fellows broke into our hall. They destroyed several record books and injured the hall materially in several ways. They also broke into the K. A. hall, and did it a great deal worse than they did ours. They were caught up with and sentenced to twelve months "hard labor" upon the public service.

When we think that the life of the fraternities here rests in a large measure upon the conduct of the fraternity men, we can hardly realize our responsibility. It is useless to say that we will do our best in this, and try to make our conduct such that if all were like it, frats. would be safe.

In closing we wish all our sister Chapters the greatest success during the ensuing year, and that in all respects H. K. A. shall grow and prosper as she has never done before.

J. Caldwell Guilds.

OMICRON.

Richmond College.

We again greet our sister Chapters. The slogan has sounded and once more the clans are gathering in the Capital City. Never before has there been such enthusiasm shown along all lines, and as the days fly by, many additions are being made to the already crowded ranks. Richmond College has many reasons to be proud of its prospects. All the men of the foot-ball team of 1902—the champions, are back except one, and we are expecting great things of them. Great interest is being taken in the game by the “frats.,” so the laurels will not be as easily won as before by the old stagers. Omicron will have one man on the team, and perhaps two.

The Literary Societies are very active, and everything seems to have taken on a new life.

Omicron still holds the even tenor of her way, and when the roll was called, six Pi's responded ready to battle with the Titans—ever eager and alert. Their names and addresses are as follows:

Walter G. Tyler, Tappahannock, Va.

R. Holman Willis, Lynchburg, Va.

Cosby M. Robertson, Crozet, Va.

Dean Hundley, Dunnsville, Va.

P. P. Woodfin, Hampton, Va.

Carter E. Talman, 3605 E. Broad St., Richmond, Va.

Only two old men failed to come back—Brothers Gill and Lacy, but their places will be hard to fill. Brother Gill was the star player on our base-ball team of '03, and well did he acquit himself on all occasions. Brother Lacy expects to be with us next year; however, as he lives in this city we hope to keep track of him.

Brother Marshall Lewis was with us for a few days at the opening on the 24th. He was, and ever will be, our "pet," and it seems like old times to have him with us again. We found him the same sincere, frank, openhearted, good natured fellow, and we were drawn to him more than ever. He has a position in Baltimore, and our best wishes ever follow him.

Brothers Tyler and Willis came back to take a post-graduate course, but who knows? The sun's rays are sometimes less piercing than those of a different nature, but affairs of the heart are delicate matters, and 'twill not do to venture too close. They are attorneys-at-law now, and feel rather big in their new possessions.

This year's enrollment of scholars promises to exceed all previous records—it is thought that the attendance will reach in the neighborhood of 300. Never have the prospects been more promising for Omicron, and already we have been busy in the ranks. We are not too anxious, but we have five or six men in line, and soon will open upon them with grape and canister. Never fear, we are going to get all that is coming to us and more besides. Old "Billy" is getting very impatient, and is chafing in his confinement—but we soon intend to feed him on the fat of the land, and ere many weeks have passed, we will guide the feet of the wandering into the haven of rest. And so the good work goes on.

We are now at work on our hall, which promises to be the best in college, and before many days we hope to have it completed. So we are still on top.

Politics are waxing hot at the same old stand, and we still hold our own. We are on very good terms with nearly all of the frats., and our strength is nearly massed.

The number of men of the different frats. are as follows: Kappa Alpha 5, Phi Gamma Delta 4, Kappa Sigma 2, Phi Kappa Sigma 1. The Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity will perhaps go out of business this year, as will the Kappa Sigma's something does not show up. The feeling against frats. here is practicably a negligible quantity. In fact the best of feeling exists, and everything is moving smoothly.

With best wishes for the welfare of II. K. A., and hoping that all the Chapters are happy and prosperous, we close our letter for October.

Carter E. Talman.

PI.

Washington and Lee.

By previous agreement, the members of Pi Chapter met in Lexington a few days before school opened, and Pi hall was the scene of probably the most enthusiastic meeting in her history. For we had not been idle during vacation days, but with the aid of loyal Brothers throughout the South, had secured the names of several likely "goats" among the freshman of '07. Nor was this all. In looking up the men upon whom we had hopes of placing the "*shield and diamond*," we found one who already wore these emblems of our brotherhood. And we now introduce him to you, in the new position of Pi correspondent,— Brother Seaborn Birch Alexander, of Mu. Thank you, Mu.

But to return to the freshmen. Brother Carpenter returned to college leading a fine looking P. K. A. "goat." We recognized the variety at once, and he is now an ardent Pi and sub. full-back on the 'Varsity eleven. We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brother Hugh Mangus Mooman, of Roanoke, Va. But Mooman did not ride "Old Billy" alone. With him was Mr. Walter William Hargrave, of West Point, Va. He came to highly recommended, and has lived up to his recommendation. We take great pride in presenting him to all Pi Kappa Alpha's.

The Freshman Class this year is better than usual, and we are confident that Pi will have at least ten men. We wish in this connection to express our thanks for the letters of introduction and recommendation that, coming from all over the South, have enabled us to make this our banner year.

At present Pi numbers seven. We have four old men :
Thomas Campbell Wilson, Brownsburg, Va.

Joseph Lawrence Wysor, Pulaski, Va.
Courtney Sledd Carpenter, Roanoke, Va.
Walter Garrette Riddick, Little Rock, Ark.

Transfers:

Seaborn Birch Alexander, Elberton, Ga.

Initiates:

Hugh Mangus Mooman, Roanoke, Va.
Walter William Hargrave, West Point, Va.

We think our prospects are very bright. Washington and Lee is growing fast and instituting many improvements. All the frats, here are growing more conservative, and the dangers of hasty action are being eliminated. We easily hold our own with the eleven other frats. represented here, and have a fine chance of doing more.

In conclusion, Pi extends to the other Chapters best wishes for a successful year in every particular.

W. G. Riddick.

RHO.

Cumberland University.

Cumberland opened with seven hundred students enrolled this fall. The chance for Rho is very good. Our policy is a safe one. We never indulge in the rushing business unless some of us have known and proved the man, and under these circumstances we get him if we can. We are waiting while the others are rushing. There are two men whom we knew and whom we have gotten, and they are of course all right—R. B. Flanniken, of the Literary Department, and S. M. Wear, of the Law Department. Brother Flanniken comes from Mississippi, and Brother Wear from Missouri. Both are very strong men and will make a record in their classes. Others are "on the string," and we hope to pull them in.

The old men who are here are as follows: Lee Weir, Charles Kimbrough, Floyd Poe.

The alumni in town are: Robert Cox, T. B. Simms, Harry Weir, P. M. Simms, Dean J. R. Henry and Dr. Edgerton.

Those expected when the Theological Department opens are : B. L. Rice, L. L. Totten, G. S. Spears, David Brown, S. P. Pryor.

Brother Templeton from University of Tennessee, is with us taking law.

This will give us a strong working force. These men have all filled places of honor in the school. Last year was our year at Cumberland, as we won everything, or everything was given to us on account of merit. This year the petty school politicians are at work to shut us out. This amounts to nothing as far as we are concerned, for it is good work we are after and not school politics. We expect two or three of our men to make the foot-ball eleven. The year's work will find us ahead.

Floyd Poe.

SIGMA.

Vanderbilt University.

Vanderbilt opened on Wednesday 16th, with unusual good prospects for a successful year. The number of new men is very large, there being no less than 106 in the Freshman Class. Especially noticeable is the large number taking engineering. Last year there were twenty taking Freshman Engineering, and this was considered a very large number, but this year this class consists of forty. No doubt this large increase is due to the fact that Vanderbilt men have had no trouble in securing good positions.

On opening day there were only three members of II. K. A. present. They were :

Hamilton Brown, Columbia, Tenn.

Gordon Brown, Columbia, Tenn.

George Brown, Springfield, Tenn.

Brother James Williamson had expected to be present, but was suddenly taken ill and could not get here until Friday night. Although our number was small, yet as a result of faithful work, we are glad to introduce to our Brother Pi's John Boone Landess, of Bellville, Tenn., who is

making a good and loyal Pi. We have several other men in view and hope to be able to introduce them next time. There will probably be one or two transfers to this Chapter when the Medical Department opens.

The foot-ball practice has commenced, and the first game will be with the Cumberland University October 3. II. K. A. will be represented on the team by Brothers James Williamson and Hamilton Brown.

Brother C. S. Williamson visited us two days last week before going to Wofford College to take the chair in Chemistry, and it is needless to say that we were glad to have him with us.

It gives us great pleasure to announce the high honor which has fallen to one of our Brothers. Brother James Williamson was elected President of the Senior Class, which is but proof of the esteem in which he is held in college.

George H. Brown.

TAU.

University of North Carolina.

Once again Tau is glad to announce to the sister Chapters that she is still striving to promote the best interests of the Fraternity. Although few in number, she does not feel discouraged in the least, and in a short time she hopes and feels confident of presenting to the Fraternity a set of true and loyal Pi's.

Tau regrets that she is not able to announce in her first letter, any new initiates, but this does not indicate that she is slothful in her duties as a Chapter. However, she is glad to state that Brother C. W. Rowe of Alpha-Alpha Chapter is with us this year and is a member of the present Junior class in the University, and she is also glad to state that Brother Moore has returned to be with us again.

The following is a list of Tau's men. with their home addresses :

E. F. Bohannon, Winston, N. C.

C. W. Rowe, Munroe, N. C.

J. P. Irwin, Charlotte, N. C.
T. J. Moore, Greenville, N. C.
A. J. Moore, Greenville, N. C.

The University opened the present term with the brightest prospects in its history. The present enrollment is 555 and new students continue to come in. As to athletics the prospects are promising, and if all signs do not fail, Carolina has a fine chance of winning the Championship of the South, both on the gridiron and on the diamond. Coach Olcott of Yale has returned to coach the foot-ball team and Mr. Jack Curran is again with us to lead the base-ball team to another brilliant victory.

The fraternities and all the College organizations are on mutual terms and a spirit of good feeling continues to prevail. The fraternities this year have failed to obtain a great supply of new men and in the mean time they have lost many old ones who did not return.

So Tau still extends the Fraternity her cordial greetings of a new year.

A. J. Moore.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

College opened as usual on the 9th of September. Already we have enrolled more than ever before in the history of our College. And of this number the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity has a good share. With a few exceptions all of our old boys are back. Brother Young, J. E. D., who was our post graduate last year, is now attending the University of Georgia. Brothers Avery, Davis, H. E., Walker, J. D., and Young, H. M., having finished the course are now out on the road for themselves. But I am glad to state that we still have Brothers Dowdell, T. J., and Davis, W. W., as post graduates. Out of Junior Class of last year Brothers Alexander, Joseph and Landrum failed to return. With these the end comes to the list of our absent ones. Although it gives me grief to call over the names of those who are not here to answer, it gives me pleasure to hear the answer "Here" when I

call the names of Brothers Hall, L. P., Matson, T. H., Jones, S. T., Rogers, C. M. A., and Venable, H. W. G., as Seniors; Brothers Denson, J. V., McEniry, J. H., Scheusler, H., and Younge, O. E., as Juniors, and Adams, L. G., as a Sophomore.

These men not only managed to return themselves, but most of them brought such things as a rocking chair, cushion, etc., until our hall looks like a parlor. I said most of the boys, but I think we are indebted to Brothers Hall and Venable most of all for our improvements in this line.

And not only have the boys been working in this line, but they have been ever on the alert since school opened, for new men, worthy of being called II's. And you will see from the list of our new men that their efforts have not been fruitless.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce, to our Brothers everywhere as Brothers the following:

Constantine, H. H., Anniston, Ala.
Denson, N. D., Jr., La Fayette, Ala.
Hall, S., Birmingham, Ala.
Hardie, W., Birmingham, Ala.
Lurton, W. S., Pensacola, Fla.
Milner, T. W., Anniston, Ala.
Robertson, T. H., Uniontown, Ala.
Spruance, F. D., Sheffield, Ala.

We have now on our roll twenty-two, and all the boys seem to take an interest in the welfare of our Fraternity. It is with pleasure that we look forward to our Friday nights when we all meet in our hall and talk over the pending questions. With this kind of interest manifested nothing but success can follow. But as we are progressing our College is progressing also.

The time for hazing "Rats" has passed and the boys are now steady at work. But with our work we have some play. Our foot-ball team has been practicing regularly every afternoon since school opened, and all the boys seem to be working hard. We have a fine coach, who is

doing all he can to train us in right way. So far our prospects are bright. We have games scheduled with Tuscaloosa, Sewanee, Ga. Techs., University of Louisiana and University of Georgia. All of the above named will be hard problems for us, but we propose to solve them, whether with success or not, remains to be shown. We have four II's trying for honors on the gridiron, and their chances are good.

We may all be thinking of foot-ball and our prospects now, but the time is not far off when our minds will turn to other things, for our examinations are only two weeks off. These are trials that we know are coming and we should prepare ourselves all along for the tests. But how many of us think of this at the right time?

Well I don't want to run into disagreeable subjects too much the first time, so I will close, wishing our sister Chapters success for coming year.

W. H. McEniry,

PHI.

Roanoke College.

Owing to our new buildings, old Roanoke opened two weeks later than usual this fall, but with a greater number of "rats" than have ever matriculated in previous years.

When the main building is completed, the front will be something over three hundred feet long. Our new President also is quite an addition to the college.

At present foot-ball is all that is talked of around Roanoke, and in this department of athletics, old Phi is well represented.

With Brother Snider as Manager and myself as Captain, we generally run things to suit ourselves.

Our first game took place Saturday, October 10th, when Roanoke City came over with blood in their eyes, but only to return with the feeling as though they were not in it, for we won by the score of twenty-seven to five.

The team is somewhat heavier this year, and we have prospects for a successful season.

In base-ball we take part also, because Brother Snider is Captain and we have several men on the team.

Ball material seems plentiful this year, but on the other hand I am sorry to say that fraternity material seems scare at present.

The frats. in college haven't been very active so far, excepting the Sigma Phi Epsilon; they have ridden three "goats" up to this time. Phi has several men in view and one on the fence. I hope that we will soon be able to discontinue his balance.

He has been spiked by our only rival of any consequence, the Phi Gamma's, and as they have five or six old men in college, we have been quite busy looking after the wants of the "rat."

This fall six of our men failed to return; two are studying medicine in Baltimore; one is at the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg; one teaching school in Texas, and the other three are in business.

Although Phi suffers from the loss of seven men, the three men who are here are looking to the interests of the Garnet and Old Gold.

It was doubtful whether Brother Snider would return, yet good fortune was with us, and the following morning Pi Kappa Alpha stock was on a boom.

Brothers J. A. and C. C. Bear, who are living in Roanoke city, are quite a help to our Chapter.

In our next letter Phi hopes to have news more interesting, but from Brother Snider's account of Beta, the good work seems to have begun long ago; and with Brother Snider, of Salisbury, North Carolina, H. P. Mason, of Jett, Kentucky, and myself from, it is hard to tell where, or Salem, Virginia, we hope to start something of that kind ourselves in the near future.

With greetings to Beta and all other Chapters, I will close.

A. M. Bowman, Jr.



CHI CHAPTER HOUSE.



INTERIOR CHI CHAPTER HOUSE.

CHI.*University of the South.*

Chi sends greetings to her sister Chapters. Our Brothers have worked hard all summer. I suppose every one knows that we have our vacation in the winter instead of the summer. We have just finished term exams. September 24th, was the opening day of the new term, and was the "rushing day." Chi has two new Brothers to introduce to the Fraternity at large: Mr. Paul Vende Chandron, of Mobile, Ala., and Mr. Charles W. Underwood, of Atlanta, Ga. The "goat" had been grazing for a long time on sardine cans, and so the night of the 24th he was very energetic. Already these new Brothers have shown their enthusiasm by rushing prospective men. Some of the other frats. were bumped very hard. Out of about fifty "rats," the A. T. O. got two men, the Delta Tau Delta seven; the S. A. E. three, the K. A. five, and the Kappa Sigma one. So you see, dear Brothers, Chi is right in the push. The A. T. O. are making many improvements, and Kappa Sigma is going to move its Chapter house nearer to the University, as they have almost a mile to walk to frat. meeting.

Sewanee's foot-ball prospects for the coming season are very gratifying. We have a splendid coach, Mr. Geo. S. Whitney of Cornell, and he is putting all the boys through. On October 3rd we play Mooney, and then at Lexington, Ky. We end the season by our "old rival," Vanderbilt on Thanksgiving Day. Chi has three men on this year's foot-ball squad, Brothers Harper, Pugh and Wood. By the way, we ought to stand in with the Vice-Chancellor now, as Brother Wood is his Private Secretary.

The names and addresses of our Brothers are as follows:

Prentice A. Pugh, Clarksville, Tenn.
E. C. Seaman, Houston, Texas.
J. B. Abeel, Chattanooga, Tenn.
A. G. Turner, Spokane, Wash.
E. S. Harper, Oakland, Cal.
L. R. Young, Abbeville, La.

E. C. Major, Greenwood, S. C.
W. T. Elmore, Jacksonville, Fla.
A. C. Pfaffle, Sewanee; Tenn.
W. S. Claiborne, Sewanee, Tenn.
E. A. Wood, Dallas, Texas.
P. V. Chandron, Mobile, Ala.
C. W. Underwood, Atlanta, Ga.

We are sorry to say that Brother Major, who will complete his Medical studies, will leave in a few weeks. In him Chi loses an enthusiastic and energetic member.

Chi closes with good wishes to her Brothers, and hopes to see more than ten new Chapters before long.

Edward A. Wood.

PSI.

North Georgia Agricultural College.

Psi begins her first letter this session by greeting her sister Chapters, and wishing for them a year of unparalleled success and continual prosperity. May the shield of righteousness protect them from the dangers of inimical organizations and internal dissention, while the diamond of nobility ever augments in brilliance, until it sheds glorious rays of light on a future, marred by not a single shadow.

With the most auspicious exercises in the history of her career our college threw open her doors for the students of '03 and '04. With the opening came four new Professors—a new President, a new Professor of Agricultural Chemistry, new Professor of French, and an additional tutor. Nearly two hundred students have been enrolled in the college so far, and, as a whole, they are believed to be the most genteel and industrious since the establishment of the college.

Along with the prosperity of the college came the good fortune of our Chapter. Only five old II.'s returned to college this year, but after considerable effort, these five doubled their number, which makes our Chapter roll number ten, whose names and addresses are as follows :

W. T. Townsend, Jockey, Ga.
R. Rutherford, Culloden, Ga.
C. W. Steed, Springplace, Ga.
C. B. Collins, Dunnedin, Fla.
J. D. Gortatowsky, Albany, Ga.
G. Stanton, Dahlonga, Ga.
R. E. Ponder, Forsythe, Ga.
W. V. Breedlove, Monroe, Ga.
H. N. Hodges, Perry, Ga.
J. L. Brown, Dalton, Ga.

The last five named are our new members, and be it said to their everlasting credit, that they rode "Billy" with the ease of experienced cow-boys and the grace of feudal knights.

With the most brilliant prospects spread out before her, and with the hope that all sister Chapters and the general Fraternity are faring as well as she, Psi concludes a Chapter letter whose sorriness may be justly attributed to a sorry scribe.

J. D. Gortatowsky.

OMEGA.

Kentucky State College.

We are well under way in the course of a new collegiate year, and we are happy to say that the prospects for Omega Chapter never looked brighter. We started out with ten of our last year's Chapter, and have already added four excellent fellows to our number. There are seven other fraternities here with whom we have to compete, but so far, we have obtained our share of the eligible men. There is plenty of material left, however, and we expect to get several more in the near future.

We wish to introduce to the Fraternity at large Brothers Rodes A. Arnspiger and Louis E. Hillenmeyer, of Lexington; Richard M. Taylor, of Owensboro, Ky., and Roscoe L. Bernard, of Beaver Dam, Ky. All are men of high standing in every respect, and already promise to make Pi's of which we will all be proud.

Since school began we have had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Long, a charter member of Zeta; Brother Mason of Phi, and Brother Stevens of Gamma. We also have with us as an active member, Brother George C. Montgomery, formerly of Kappa.

Our roll of active members is as follows :

L. K. Frankel, Lexington, Ky.
L. E. Andrus, Mayfield, Ky.
J. W. Gwynn, Lexington, Ky.
A. A. Gordon, Owensboro, Ky.
R. M. Taylor, Owensboro, Ky.
W. T. Goodwin, Lexington, Ky.
R. A. Arnspiger, Lexington, Ky.
M. W. Smith, Hot Springs, Ark.
L. E. Hillenmeyer, Lexington, Ky.
R. L. Bernard, Beaver Dam, Ky.
H. L. Amoss, Cobb, Ky.
M. B. Porch, Somerset, Ky.
G. C. Montgomery, Somerset, Ky.
A. Akin, Princeton, Ky.

We extend to all a most cordial greeting, with hopes that this year II. K. A.'s standard will be carried higher than ever before.

A. Akin.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

Trinity College.

Alpha-Alpha is glad to greet her sister Chapters again through THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

We have only four old men back on the Park this year, and besides we were disappointed on account of the announcement made by President Kilgo, to the effect that no fraternity should initiate a new man until after the first of February. This blow was a very heavy one to us, as we had several men on the string that we had intended to take in at an early date, but notwithstanding this, we are going to come in February and show them that we have not been asleep.

The men who returned are Prof. E. F. Hines, who is at

his old stand over at the "Pres." School, and Brothers C. R. Pugh, Paul Webb and C. B. Arthur. Brother Rowe also came back and stayed a few days, and we had hoped that he would remain, but he took a notion to leave, and he is now at the University pursuing his studies.

The base-ball team has been out two or three times to see what new material it will have for the spring, and Brother Webb, who made such a good record last year, was greeted very warmly. The team has lost two old men, but prospects are that we will have a much better team than last year.

Brother Egerton, who graduated last year, has gone to Union College, Schenectady, New York, to continue his course in Electrical Engineering. Brother Langston is Principal of the Stedman High School, Stedman, N. C. Brothers Cranford and Taylor are at home this year.

The Kappa Alpha have twelve old men back, the Kappa Sigma five, the Alpha Tau Omega four, and Pi Kappa Alpha four. As has been said before, the fact that Kappa Alpha has more members than the other fraternities, does not mean that she is best.

Again we salute our sister Chapters with greetings, and we close by wishing them all a successful and pleasant year.

The boys who did not come back are :

C. E. D. Egerton, Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.

J. D. Langston, Stedman, N. C.

R. R. Taylor, Wanchese, N. C.

E. W. Cranford, Ophir, N. C.

Cecil B. Arthur.

ALPHA-BETA.

Centenary College.

Once more we are glad to greet our sister Chapters, but are very sorry that only two of Alpha-Beta's men returned, namely, Howell Brook Munson, Foreman, La., John Boatner Reily, Jr., Collinston, La., but we will endeavor to do our duty.

So far no fraternity material has come in at all; none of

the fraternities here have taken in anybody. Of the other fraternities, only three Kappa Alpha's and two Kappa Sigma's returned.

The very best kind of feeling exists between the fraternities, and also between frats. and non-frats.

It is the expectation and hope of everybody that Old Centenary, during the course of the year, will be moved from Jackson, La., to Shreveport, La. If this is done it will improve the College greatly, and thereby will be a great help to our fraternities.

Centenary opened up with 75 boys, about 25 more than she did last year, and under the management of Rev. C. C. Miller, the new president, it is more than likely that we will soon have over 100 boys,

Brother Vaught has accepted a position with the Electric Light and Ice factory, Magnolia, Miss., and Brother Noble is to teach school near Bushnell, Fla.

Hoping success to our sister Chapters, we close.

J. B. Reily, Jr.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

Louisiana State University.

For the second time in our short period of existence, Alpha Gamma extends the infantile, but firm hand of Brotherhood to all II's.

We are again entering the Collegiate world, after what I hope has been a pleasant summer to all, and we should start to work with fresh enthusiasm and a determination to do our very best. Now let us have encouraging letters from all the Chapters; let success be our motto, work our watch word. There will probably be only three to return to take up the work of Alpha-Gamma, but we are not "losing any sleep" on this point. If we have the success we expect, we will be here to stay.

We must all feel enthused by the bright prospects in new fields! This is a subject which we should always keep to the front. Progress, growth development, is the life of everything.

The other "frats" here are wide awake; some of them seem to be more on the alert than ever.

The most apparent feature among the "frats" is the rapid growth of the Sigma Nu's who are stronger this year than they have been for several years.

There was a meeting some days ago to discuss, and repeal if possible, the Sophomore rule, or modify it to eligibility after six months, but the movement resulted in failure.

Before closing it might not be out of place to pay a few well deserved compliments to Brother Fahey. He has the honor of being our Senior Captain, winning this high honor on pure merit.

Fahey will take up post graduate work, so we will have him with us next year. Brother Golsan and the writer will also take post graduate work, after graduating in '05—barring those slips!

With success to all II's we bid you adieu for this time, enclosing the names and addresses of those returned.

G. B. Golsan, St. Francisville, La.

J. K. Fahey, Opelousas, La.

A. W. Buckner, Newelton, La.

A. W. Buckner

ALUMNUS LAMBDA.

OPELIKA, ALA.

It is with pleasure that I detail one of the most enthusiastic, if not the largest gathering of Pi's that has been held recently. Our charter for Alumnus Lambda arrived on the morning of October 9th, at 7:30 P. M. We dropped business and assembled at the Mansfield.

The head of the table was occupied by Brother Venable, an active member at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, at Auburn, Ala., who ran over here (only seven miles) to see Alumnus Lambda started, and incidentally to have a "football head" repaired. He acted as Toastmaster, and sometimes as Moderator. On his left sat Brother Wm. Shapard Dowdell. He joined Beta at Davidson, N. C., 1901, and a year later entered A. P. I. at Auburn. Since leaving

that Institution he has been employed as head book-keeper for Dean & Jones Insurance Co. He is a tall, genial fellow, easily distinguished by his hair. We call it "Opelika hair," for it's near Auburn.

Next to him we regret to enumerate a vacant chair intended for Brother J. D. McPhail. He is on the road for Dean & Jones, and doubtless a big policy is responsible for his absence. Any one who knows his exceptionally congenial manner, can make allowances for the many shortcomings of the successful insurance man, and appreciate how we missed him. He joined at Clarksville, Theta I believe, and taught school for a while, but found his true calling in the insurance field.

On his left came your scribe, R. P. Baldwin, Jr., now with Burton Brothers, Book Sellers. I joined Upsilon at Alabama Polotechnic Institute, November, 1896, and finishing school in 1899, spent one year in business at my old home, Cranford, Ala. Since that time was connected first with General W. P. Harrison, one of our leading attorneys here, and later with the *Opelika Post*, as City Editor.

Next to me was Brother James Garrett Comfort, thin and dispeptic. It is said that he lost his health when he rode the goat into Zeta Chapter at the University at Tennessee in 1893, and has never regained it. He has been with the Bank of Opelika for the past year in the capacity of bookkeeper. This makes his third membership in the Fraternity, having been a charter member of the alumnus Chapter at Knoxville after leaving college.

Last and loudest came Brother Clifford Lamar Edwards, who caressed a big water-bottle, and made sundry remarks. He is a typical cotton buyer. Says he has taken McFadden of Philadelphia into full partnership and is doing well. He joined our noble Order at Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1897, and graduated in 1898.

After a seven course dinner, and the coffee and cigars and some impromptu remarks were done with, we proceeded to an election of officers. Several nominations for President were made, but were promptly vetoed by Brother Ed-

wards. So we elected him President, which seemed entirely satisfactory. After convincing him that he was not eligible to any more offices, we rapidly elected Brother McPhail, Vice-President; Dowdell, Conductor; Comfort Treasurer, and myself Secretary.

Brother Venable made us a short address, promising an alumnus Chapter of 15 strong next summer, when he returned to his home in Birmingham, when the whistle of the midnight express called him back to Auburn, and we reluctantly separated for the night, certainly as staunch Pi's as in former days.

Yours in the bonds,

R. P. Baldwin, Jr.

GAMMA.

William and Mary College.

To all II's, wherever they may be, Gamma extends a hearty greeting. Again we have settled down for another year's work, and again we are working on the gridiron.

Brother Blackiston is our Captain this year and holds down left end with much honor to himself, while Brothers Shewmake and Lloyd are candidates for quarter, Brother Shewmake having played and distinguished himself in that position for the past three sessions.

Only five of the Brothers have returned, and we have to make up in energy for what the other "frats." have in size. But notwithstanding our scarcity we have put two "young ones" at Mr. "Goat" and hope to use him again very soon. We intend to keep our banner as high as ever this year, if we do have to work harder.

The following is a list of Gamma's names and addresses:

S. C. Blackiston, Hampton, Va.
Clyde Barnes, Williamsburg, Va.
O. L. Shewmake, Newport News, Va.
E. H. Smith, Heathesville, Va.

Our "goats'" addresses and names are:

J. N. Hubbard, Wilcox Wharf, Va.
W. B. Newcomb, Sassafras, Va.

We have been quite fortunate in persuading our "goats" to our way of thinking and consider ourselves lucky.

With best wishes from Gamma to every II for a successful year.

J. Hubard Lloyd.

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.

—The general office had a very pleasant visit on July 18th, from G. Albert Penick, Beta, who during the summer months acted as private Secretary to the Assistant General Manager of the Southern Railway. Brother Penick is a loyal and zealous Pi and truly charming and delightful company. His aim in life is the profession of law and we predict for him great success in that department. We only regret that his visit was limited to one evening. Pi's are scarce in this part of the country and the more we see of them, the more anxious we are to have them visit us.

—Of our beloved Grand Chaplain, Dr. Theron H. Rice, who was elected Professor of Homiletics in Princeton Theological Seminary, but who declined the position to continue his work in Atlanta, the "*Philadelphia Presbyterian*" says:

"From all we can learn, this is an admirable selection. Dr. Rice belongs to the Southern Presbyterian Church, and if he shall see his way clear to accept the honorable and useful position to which he has been called, he will bring to it a conservative theology, a ripe experience and a wise judgment. He comes highly recommended, and is known in the Southern Church as one of its ablest and most eloquent preachers. He will receive a cordial welcome among us, and enjoy the best wishes of our church for his success as a homiletical instructor.

"We regard his chair as one of the most important and most practical in a theological seminary. He who is eminently fitted

for it has an opportunity of impressing himself deeply and permanently upon the students and of raising a high standard of intellectual and spiritual preaching among them. What is needed in it is not only aptness to teach and a living illustration of fine preaching, but a man of pastoral spirit, judgment and experience. Theological students require the pastor as well as the teacher. A warm and ardent piety is as important to pulpit effectiveness and permanence as a finely constructed sermon."

—F. S. McCandlish, our popular Brother of Gamma, writes the General office, in sending in his subscription: "Though far removed from the scenes of my fraternity life, I derive much pleasure from the perusal of our valued fraternity organ and read each issue with much interest. I am hoping that I can drop in upon the men of Gamma for a day or two during their final exercises and meet those new men who have come into the bands since my departure from College. I hear we have a dandy Chapter there still. I enjoyed reading the *"Dagger and Key."* With sincerest and best wishes for yourself and our noble Fraternity."

—On July 7th, 1903, the law firm of Powers & Burrows, was dissolved by mutual consent and our talented and deservedly popular Grand Secretary, Colonel J. Pike Powers, Jr., will continue the practice of Law alone in room No. 46 of the Deaderick Building, fourth floor, at Knoxville, Tenn. We wish Colonel Powers the greatest possible success, and do not hesitate to say no member of our Fraternity is more sincerely liked and appreciated than this same genial Colonel of "Resigning" propensities.

—It is very pleasant indeed to receive letters from our alumni with regard to their Fraternity and its Magazine, and we know the Fraternity will read with interest the following from J. P. Marion, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Hartsville, S. C.: "I regret very much that I have overlooked the matter of my subscription until this late day. I hope to be more prompt in the future, for I always enjoy the visits of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. With best wishes for the Fraternity's success,"

—The "*Richmond Times Dispatch*," of June 28th, contained a very interesting account of the new State Board of Education of the State of Virginia, which met at Richmond on that date. Five of the members of the new State Library Board were elected. Hon. John W. Fishburn, of Charlottesville, was elected for two years.

—The frontispiece of our June issue contained a very handsome engraving of the members of Rho Chapter, and no doubt many of our Brothers were impressed with the central picture in the third row, showing a young man with a long braid of hair over his shoulders. The explanation of this will be found in the following interesting account, written us by Brother H. H. Weir, of Rho.

"Charles McClellan was a one-fourth blood Cherokee Indian. He was one of the best and weathiest families in the Cherokee nation. While yet young he was elected among his boy playmates as chief of the young boys and men of his nation who were in the habit of playing as though they were the Indians of olden times. These boys all allowed their hair to grow in the way as seen in Charley's picture. When he came to Cumberland University he was "guyed" by the boys of his own tribe and they told him that he would soon cut off his wig. Being a boy of wonderful determination he swore that he would never cut it off. With this determined statement he came to Lebanon and neither the coaxing of his parents nor of any of his friends was of any avail.

He wore that hair down to his death. To continue, Charley came to Lebanon and Rho studied and talked a great deal as to admitting him but the good that was in him would not down and we were determined to have him. And of course we got him. His College life is one of the most beautiful in the history of this institution and it is with tears in my eyes that I write of it.

Soon after entering C. U. he became a Christian. And a more zealous one was never known. His life was spotless when it came to real living. Not an evil thought ever came to him it seemed. He was one of the most manly fellows ever in the school. Many a time have I seen him on the foot ball-field and he was by far the most enthusiastic of them all. Never did a scrimmage get too hot for him, nor a man too big for him to tackle. It was a common sight to see him slip his arm around a fellow student while at rest on the grounds, or in the corridors, and whisper into his ear that "Y. M. C. A. meets to-night!" Charley was not a fellow who was in the least "Goody-a-goody." No one has yet

been able to guy him about his "queue" without having to fight for his taunting remarks, and yet never was a grudge held by Charley against any one. I have known him to knock a fellow down and then in five minutes have it all made up and be willing to forget forever. If any fellow in the foot-ball team of the opposing side tried to pull this aforesaid "queue," he had best get ready to get out of the game. He would certainly pay the penalty. In base-ball times Charley was the leader of the "Rooters." His Indian dress was to be seen on all such occasions, while he rent the air at interesting periods with war-hoops. He was one of the party to represent Cumberland at the meeting of the Student Volunteer Movement, I believe it was at Cleveland or Toronto, I have forgotten which. He was a favorite of the Convention, and was given a good deal of attention.

It would be hard in a short letter to tell all of the good of his life. He was taken sick in Lebanon last December, and died soon after. Students and Professors stood alike and wept over his form. President Mitchell said, "I had rather have Charley's chances before the throne of God than any of the distinguished men who have graduated from this institution." Prof. Buchanan was equally as forcibly, and the grief of the student body showed that he was by far the most popular boy that had been in our midst in many years. To the Chapter he was a severe loss, and we will never fill his place. He was the life of initiations, and a constant worker. He was a favorite with the whole town, and was an accepted welcome guest in any of the homes of the town.

Thus I give you a brief sketch of the life of Chas. McClellan as it comes to me sitting here at the typewriter. I could furnish a more extended sketch by taking more time, but suppose this will answer the purpose."

—On June 18th, Rev. Henry W. McLaughlin, Iota, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Green Bank, Pocahontas county, and son of Mr. A. M. McLaughlin, of this county, accepted a call to Stuart Robinson Memorial Church, at Louisville, Ky., and has tendered his resignation as pastor of the church mentioned.

—The school term of 1903-'04, of the Clarkton Male Institute, a prominent military school of North Carolina, begun on September 1st. This school is an economical, high-grade preparatory school for boys, established for the purpose of placing an education within the reach of boys of limited means. The principal of this school is R. C.

Deal, an alumnus of Beta Chapter, and we know the whole Fraternity wishes him success.

—The latter part of last April, Hon. Robert M. Hughes, of Norfolk, Va., whom every Pi reveres and loves, delivered his annual course of lectures on Admiralty Law to the students of the Law Department at Lexington, Va.

—The *Southwestern Presbyterian* announces that the Rev. Dr. George Summey, Beta, lately Chancellor of the Southwestern University at Clarksville, has been added to the Editorial Staff, relieving Dr. Nall of services as Business Manager. The *Southwestern* and its readers are to be heartily congratulated. Dr. Summey is a man of ability, accomplishment, and business capacity, and will add strength to the paper.

—The following press notice brings us the sad tidings of the death of the father of Brother Eustace Ballou, (Iota):

“DANVILLE, VA., 25.—Capt. C. A. Ballou, Danville's City Engineer, died at Rockbridge Alum Springs to-day. The city council furloughed Capt. Ballou some weeks ago on account of his health, which has been declining for several years, and he went to the Rockbridge Alum in the hope of recuperating. Capt. Ballou has held the position of City Engineer for nearly thirty years. Most of the city's improvement were planned by him. He was conscientious and efficient, and was sixty-nine years old. He is survived by his third wife and a number of grown-up sons and daughters. The remains will be brought here for interment.”

—Under date of June 20th, our Deputy Grand Treasurer writes us the following account of his visit to Gamma Chapter:

“I had the pleasure Tuesday of visiting Gamma Chapter, and it was noticeable how the Brothers carried off the honors in the Commencement exercises. E. Hugh Smith won the Debator's Medal in the Phoenix Literary Society; Oscar Lane Shewmake was awarded his degree as a Bachelor of Arts; was awarded the Pi Kappa Alpha scholarship donated by Brother Robert M. Hughes, of Norfolk, and as well as the James Barron Hope scholarship. Dr. Geo. A. Hankins was re-elected a member of Executive Committee of the College Alumni Association, Dr. Hankins being an old mem-

ber of Gamma Chapter. Hon. B. B. Munford responded to the toast 'William and Mary' at the alumni banquet.

At the college were several alumni of Gamma Chapter, F. S. McCandlish, Secretary to Congressman W. A. Jones, of Warsaw, Va.; C. Vernon Spratley, Principal of Newport East End School; J. Gordon Bohannon, of the Smithfield Academy; C. Lockey Collier, (Omicron), practicing law in Hampton, Va.; Hugh B. Galt, a student at University of Virginia, and a member of Gamma transferred to Alpha, etc. The men acquitted themselves with credit and strengthened the fine impression already created by Gamma Chapter. Hon. R. M. Hughes was at the college during the week visiting his son, Sidney Hughes, one of Gamma's best men."

—The whole Fraternity will be much interested in the following account of the marriage of our Japanese Brother, of Kappa, as well as of his interesting life, which appeared in the "*Independent*," of Lewisburg, West Virginia, this summer:

"Yutaka Minakuchi, of Japan, and Miss Olive Buckner, daughter of Mrs. Bosa Buckner, of Cane Ridge, Bourbon county, Ky., all of whom are well known to the people of Lewisburg, were married on Tuesday last, July 9th, at the bride's home at Cain Ridge. Mr. Minakuchi is a distinguished graduate of the University of Kentucky, and a minister of the Christian Church. He is highly connected in Japan's social circles, has traveled extensively in this and foreign countries and speaks five languages. Before coming to this country to enter college Mr. Minakuchi spent two years in St. Petersburg, Russia, with his uncle, K. Terami, who was Japanese Minister to the Russian court and is now a steamship magnate of Tokio. Miss Buckner is of one of the oldest families in Kentucky, and lives with her widowed mother and a brother on a fine blue-grass farm in the heart of Bourbon county. The first meeting of the young Japanese student and Miss Buckner took place during the Christmas holidays of last year. The Japanese was attending services at the village church at Cape Ridge, with Rev. Mr. Brooks, the pastor, who was one of his classmates at the University in Lexington. Miss Buckner and her mother are members of the Christian Church, and attended services on that day. After church they invited the pastor and Mr. Minakuchi to dinner. The invitation was accepted, and here the story of their love began. The happy couple left Kentucky for an extended bridal tour, which may possibly include our town. In the fall they will go to Harvard, where Mr. Minakuchi will continue his studies."

—The following very complimentary notice, concerning Rev. R. C. Gilmore, Iota, appeared in one of the summer newspapers:

"Mr. Gilmore is a young man of unusual ability, and is an acquisition to Alabama. His manner and matter were admirable. It is saying no more than what is simply true and just that the Livingston church is to be congratulated on the possession of such talent and gifts in a pastor, and will be favored indeed if they can retain him."

—During a short visit to Virginia this summer, the Grand Treasurer had the pleasure of meeting a great many Pi's. While waiting in Richmond for a train to the White Sulphur Springs, a delightful morning was spent in the company of Brothers Edwin P. Cox and Oscar Swineford, two whole souled and loyally hospitable Pi's. Brother Cox is a candidate for election to the Virginia House of Representatives, and his many friends are very sure of his election. Brother Swineford is about as busy a man as can be found. He is the General Agent for the Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York, and has over sixty sub-agents under his control throughout the State. He has been unable to take a day's rest from his office this summer. He is never too busy, however, to talk and plan about the Fraternity, and during an hour's conversation, spoke of many plans for the advancement of Omicron Chapter. An effort was made to visit Brother Arbuckle, who lives some eighteen miles from the White Sulphar Springs, but owing to wrong directions being given along the road, the drive was prolonged so much as to prevent Brother Smythe from reaching Maxwelton that afternoon. The unexpected termination of his holiday trip, on account of telegraphic call, necessitating immediate return to his office, made it impossible to take the drive again. This was truly a great disappointment. At the Sweet Chalybeate Springs, Va., a delightful afternoon was spent with Hon. Floyd Hughes and his wife. One of the most charming experiences of this trip was the meeting with J. T. McAllister, "our golden-headed Secretary," than whom no more jovial

or charming fellow lives. Brother McAllister was discovered at the Hot Springs, Va. He had been informed of the Grand Treasurer being at the Homestead Hotel and called on him. We regret to say that Brother McAllister was in greivous affliction, owing to the desperate illness of his child. Truly Virginia abounds in charming Pi's, and it is alone worth a trip in that section to meet them, putting aside the beautiful scenery and other attractions.

—The General Office has received the following invitation: "Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Lockwood invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Agnes, to Walter Barrick Bruce, M. D., Wednesday morning, the fourteenth day of October, nineteen hundred and three, at eleven o'clock, St. John's Church, Helena, Ark." Brother Bruce is an alumnus of Chi, and the best wishes of the Fraternity are extended him and his fair bride.

—Francis Collier, Omicron, was married August 6, 1903, to Miss Louise Lake, of Hampton, Va. The affair was an elopement, and the marriage was solemnized in Elizabeth City, N. C. Mr. Collier holds a position with the Merchant and Miners Transportation Co., at Newport News, Va.

—Junius B. Lamb, Gamma, is pursuing a course at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.

—W. Elliott Jones, Iota, and C. Vernon Spratley, Gamma, are members of the Public School Faculty of Newport News, Va., of which Willis A. Jenkins, Gamma, is Supervising Principal.

—On June 24th Dr. George W. Williamson, Sigma, and Miss Bertha Hall Gordon, of Lynnville, Tenn., were united in marriage. Dr. Williamson, who was one of the charter members of Sigma, graduated from the Academic Department in 1895, and in 1899 received the degree of M. D. At present he is following his profession at Iuka, Ky.

—June 24th was the occasion of the marriage of Brother Felix M. Massey, Sigma, and Miss Otta Bird. The cere-

mony took place at the home of the bride in Bell Buckle, Tenn. Brother Massey is now the President of the Cornersville Training School at Cornersville, Tenn.

—Brother J. L. Chadwell, Sigma, who graduated from the Engineering Department last term, is in charge of the construction of a branch road for the L. & N. R. R., to Napier Iron Works.

—Wellford B. Lorraine, Iota, is attending a medical college in Richmond, Va. Thos. W. Hooper, Jr., Iota, who is again a member of the Fredericksburg College Faculty, will next year begin a course at Theological Seminary preparatory to entering the ministry.

—At Pickney Tennessee, Brother Chadwell had charge of the corps that made the survey for the L. & N. road, and during the past three months has acquitted himself with honor and credit.

—Brother C. S. Williamson, Jr., Sigma, who for the past year held the position of Assistant to the Chair of Geology of Vanderbilt University, this scholastic year opens the chair of Chemistry and Biology at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C. Brother Williamson was in Vanderbilt for five years, and during that time won many friends. To him Sigma owes much of her success.

—James Albert Smith, Sigma, who was compelled to leave the University in 1902 because of ill health, is now in Santa Maria, Cal., and reports that his condition is much improved, and that he hopes to be back with the boys of Sigma in 1904. He has a good position with the U. S. Geological Survey.

—C. M. Howell, Sigma, is a member of the Faculty of the Arkansas Military Academy, Little Rock, Ark. The members of Sigma wish him much success in the work that he has undertaken.

—Charles A. Cook, Jr., of Warrenton, N. C., failed to return to the University this term, Brother Cook is in

business in Nashville and will return to the University in 1904.

—Mr. Reid Martin, Iota, who has for past years been in the office of the Reid Phosphate Co., Nashville, Tenn., goes to Richmond, Va., to study medicine.

—The following news of our Alpha Brother will be read with much interest:

BERRYVILLE, VA., August 8.

Blackwell Smith has been declared the Democratic nominee to succeed himself as the member of the Legislature, representing the counties of Clarke and Warren. This is equivalent to an election, as the district is overwhelmingly Democratic.

Mr. Smith made an enviable reputation in the last Legislature, and that he gave his constituents satisfaction is evidenced by his having no opposition for the nomination.—*Times-Dispatch*.

—Brother John Lloyd, who received his M.D. last session, spent the summer at Boston and is now at London, England, where he intends to spend the next eighteen months in further medical research.

—Brother Oscar Swineford writes September 29th, of a pleasant call from our enthusiastic Brother, W. G. Tyler. Brother Tyler made the following statement, as regards Omicron which will be read with interest: "The prospects at Omicron are very bright; she has more men in college than any other frat.; she has three new men pledged already and will be by far the strongest, best and most prominent frat. in college. She will have her men in the most prominent and honorable places in college. They will soon have a splendid hall well equipped."

—"The Olive and Blue," published by the students of Tulane University, has the following notice of our Eta Chapter in its issue of October 6th:

"Last Saturday the Eta Chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at Tulane was revived with the following new members: D. McL. Davidson, '04; L. A. Godbold, '04; Orloff Lake, '05; Orloff Henry, '06; Sidney E. Cologne, '06, and John Davidson, '06. When Tulane was down town on Baronne Street, Pi Kappa Alpha had a Chapter there, but it died out when the colleges moved uptown. The revival of this Chapter makes seventeen fraternities and sororities now represented at Tulane."

Editorial.

WE ARE GLAD TO BRING YOU in this issue the good news of the revival of Eta at Tulane University, which has been extinct since 1881. The credit for this good work is due to our worthy Brother, E. F. Koelle, who also has to his credit the two other Chapters of Louisiana. The Fraternity is indeed very grateful to this zealous Brother, and we know we voice the sentiment of all when we extend him hearty thanks. We are also glad to report the establishment of an alumnus Chapter at Opelika, Ala., composed of some of our most active alumni, who, while now in the world of business, are still desirous of being in touch with their Fraternity. Brother James G. Comfort deserves great credit for his work in getting these alumni together.

This is indeed a good beginning for the new session, but we should by no means be satisfied with it, but rather should emulate the example set by these two Brothers, and each one of us try to have a Chapter to our credit by the time the next issue appears. We have bright prospects for at least two more active Chapters, arrangements for which are well under way and we hope will culminate successfully.

As Brother Arbuckle well says, in his excellent article, we should have five new active Chapters by the first of the year and it can be and will be easily done if the Chapter members will but exert themselves.

THE LETTERS IN THIS ISSUE bring very good news of the condition of our Chapters and we think the prospects are bright for a successful year. We are glad that the large majority are strong in numbers, but to the few who have been somewhat depleted by failure of members to return, we would urge that they do not become discouraged. We feel sure that they will find in the ranks of the new class, material with which to replenish their Chapters, and

by careful work they will put themselves in such condition that next session will find them as strong as ever.

A word of caution to these Chapters, as to conservatism, will not be amiss. Because their number is small, there is no reason to be hasty in taking in new men, for what we want is quality, not quantity, and it is far preferable for a Chapter to have a few strong men than a large number containing some weak members.

Several of our Chapters are this year experiencing the difficulties of the laws restricting the solicitation of members until they have been at college a certain time. We feel sure this law will eventually work to the good of all, for it will do away with the tremendous rushing, which has heretofore been such an unfortunate feature of fraternity life. It will give the chapters a chance to thoroughly judge the material before them, and thus when the embargo is raised, they will know exactly to what men they wish to devote their attention, and we think the chances of making a mistake will be much lessened.

IT IS PLEASANT TO SEE such a cheerful and encouraging tone in the Chapter Letters and to know that all are so thoroughly imbued with the desire to help the Fraternity and to work this year for its great and permanent advancement. We think great benefits emanated from the last Convention and hope its influence will long be felt. We hope the next Convention will be even a more rousing one, and it is not too early now to commence work for its success.

While this enthusiasm is so evident in the Chapters, we should take steps to direct it in definite channels, whereby it will not wear itself out, but will have something upon which to feed. In other words, we think the chapters should give certain lines of work to each member and see that they keep up to them. A certain number should be assigned to the work of extension, and they should take a list of the nearby colleges and investigate carefully the chances of placing Chapters in them. This committee

should work assiduously and earnestly and not lose a moment. Another committee should look after the Chapter rolls and see that they are correctly kept, and that a complete account of every member is in the book provided for this purpose. This committee would be of invaluable assistance to the Grand Historiographer. Other committees could work on articles for the Magazine or improvement of Chapter halls, obtaining their own halls, and numbers of other matters. Thus, while all would be working together for the general good of the Fraternity and its successful advancement, there would be definite work for each one, which would gain the ends desired much quicker, for it is a true saying that "What is everybody's business is nobody's."

We trust these suggestions will be taken earnestly to heart by each Chapter and carried out, and we know that when the next Convention meets such results will be shown as will astonish everyone.

A GOOD DEAL OF DISCUSSION was given at the last Convention to the publication of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and a definite resolution, that it should only be published three times instead of five, as heretofore, was adopted. However this resolution is not practicable, inasmuch as the laws of the United States Postoffice Department require that a magazine should be published at least four times a year to entitle it to entry under second class rates of postage.

The Supreme Council has therefore decided to continue publishing it five times a year, as heretofore, until the next Convention, when the matter can be more thoroughly and advisedly considered. There is a great deal of difficulty in obtaining second class rates, and it is probable, for this reason, that it would be wiser to leave the publication as it now is.

A VERY HEARTY greeting is extended to each member within our Chapter halls, and to our alumni everywhere. We trust that the summer past has been a pleasant one, and that health and strength are ready for the winter's toil. Good luck to all.

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