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THE OLD CHAPTER HALL.

[*With apologies to the author of the "Old Oaken Bucket."*]

How dear to my heart are the scenes of my college days,
When fond recollection presents them to view;
The college, the campus, the wide, level drill-ground,
And every loved spot that in those days I knew.
The hard examinations, the faculty who gave them,
Of all these old things I delight to tell;
But nothing is ever so pleasant to remember,
As that dear chapter hall that I loved so well.

The old chapter hall I hailed as a treasure,
For often I've met with the Pi boys there,
And this I regarded an exquisite pleasure,
Their secrets to know and their joys to tell.
How pleasant it was for us to assemble,
And laugh at the jokes that the boys would tell,
To talk of the friendships that nothing can sever,
That were formed in the hall that we all loved so well.

The banquets and dances we all took delight in,
And every social event was enjoyed by all;
But the greatest pleasure that any Pi could find, was
The meetings that we held in that old chapter hall.
"And now far removed from the loved situation,
The tear of regret will intrusively swell,"
As fancy reverts to the grand congregations
Of II's in the hall that I loved so well.

R. P. Baldwin, Jr.,
Upsilon and Alumnus Lambda.

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FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP.

This is a great arena over whose blood-soaked soil the contending armies of the two great nations, which alone have withstood the ravages of time, surge back and forth, deep in the throes of mortal combat. How long this fierce struggle has lasted and how long it will continue, is measured by the extent of the durability of the battle-field itself.

But glancing backward over its history and studying the successive stages of the combat, we reach the conclusion the hosts of Success are gradually forcing Failure's armies off the field of action. Oh, how long and how hard has been the struggle! How awful, how magnificent the efforts put forth by either side.

Sadly we recall Failure's first signal victory, and tremble to think that the serpent still lives. And while brooding on the disastrous results of that defeat, we are likely to forget that, lying within our grasp ready to be wielded to the best or the worst advantage, is the most effective weapon used in this, the longest and cruelest of wars. Since the serpent's great victory, this weapon—Friendship—has been a prominent factor in all engagements. It was by the use of this weapon friendship between man and man, with the devil's whet-rock to sharpen the blade, that the loathsome hosts inflicted their second and most complete defeat.

Again, it was by the use of this weapon, friendship between man and man, backed by a more perfect friendship between man and his Maker, that immediately after the Deluge, Success was able to cast off the iron yoke of Failure, never again to succumb. Watch the gradual development of the world, the great events in history, the rise and fall of nations, the triumphs of art and learning, and while you may find other means of advancement or of degradation, you cannot fail to notice that wherever a number of men are found together, there is a strange, subtle, power which, when turned in one channel leads men to higher standards of intellectuality, morality and culture;

when turned in another, sweeps them downward, retarding the van of civilization.

This strange powerful force, this fellowship between man and his brother, and more rarely between man and his Maker, is summed up and defined in the one word—Friendship.

Friendship, the force that binds good men together for mutual protection and advancement; the force that moulds men into nations; the force that puts man on a higher plane nearer to his God; Friendship,—the weapon of Success, is the greatest blessing which mankind enjoys.

Friendship, the force which binds the weak innocent, to the bad man; the force which unites hypocrisy and selfishness; the force which breaks up nations and ruins the lives of men,—Friendship, the weapon of Failure is the devil's most trusted agent.

These two powers, the influence of true friends and that of false, slaves respectively of Success and of Failure, have, since the beginning of the great struggle between their masters, been matched against each other. And now at this stage of the battle, when Success has so far conquered that she has established over the world countless universities and colleges, which develop and train young men, true friendship has felt the need of some organization, some arsenal as it were, in the universities and colleges in which to store up and strengthen her forces. This need has been supplied by the college fraternity. An institution which takes men whose homes, lives and occupations are far apart and gives them a common guardian. It takes perfect strangers and makes them brothers. It takes the gray-haired old man and the thoughtless boy, and makes them intimate friends. What sweeter picture can be imagined than an old gentleman's entering a room where a young man is seated. As he looks at the youth his eye is caught by the sight of a familiar badge. His face lights up, "My boy, I am an Alpha Beta." And when the "boy" greets him as a father, and his knotted fingers close in the beloved grip which sours not with age,

there is in his eye the soft light of pleasant recollection. Recollection perhaps of the time when he, a friendless Freshman, was taken in by the best crowd of fellows and the truest friends he ever knew. Or perhaps it is of a time when cast out, friendless and alone in a strange city he met an "Alpha Beta,"—a stranger and yet a brother—who made that city a home for him.

Think what a powerful agency for Success such an institution must be. It is wonderful how men, perfect strangers, with widely different interests, become such warm and life-long friends simply by joining the same fraternity.

This indeed, is not always the case; if it were, the fraternity would be perfect, would be unmolested. But it is not to be supposed that the crafty serpent, the commander-in-chief of Failure's armies, would allow such a stronghold to stand unmolested in its enemy's territory. And more, that Genius knows where and how to strike. A favorite method is by getting uncongenial men together. There are men whose characters are so widely different that no earthly power can make them friends, and when such are brought together in the same frat., the fraternity must necessarily fail in its mission, and its power is weakened in proportion to its failure. Another method is in the form of an almost universal tendency on the part of fraternity men to push their men forward regardless of merit.

For instance, there is a college election. I am an "Alpha Beta;" an "Alpha Beta" and an "Omega Sigma" are nominated for the same office; I know that my man is by far the less competent of the two, but still I vote for the "Alpha Beta."

Men do this for different reasons. Often it is from a desire to see their fraternity first. Again, it is from fear of giving offence; and here is where the devil does his greatest work. Frat. brothers embrace one another, pet one another, praise one another's virtue and ignore their faults, vote for one another for offices they can fill but poorly, if fill at all, simply because they are afraid of offend-

ing one another. This is a mockery of friendship, which often deceives men into trusting imaginary friends. It is hypocrisy.

In *Fraternita Castra* is found the finest make of the most trustworthy weapon of a war that has no ending; but fraternity man, be sure that you have the finest make, lest in the final hand to hand combat for life or death you find that the steel was poorly tempered, that the edge has turned.

G. A. Wilson, Jr., Iota.

A PLEA FOR CO-OPERATION.

Advances and upward climbs have been pre-eminent features in the development of Pi Kappa-Alfa, particularly, during the past six or eight years. The satisfactory results which are in evidence at the present stage of her history stand as a monument to the tireless energy and unyielding devotion of those officers, who for so many years have faithfully stood on guard—watching her every interest, and giving the warning cry when danger threatened. True it is, that the accomplishment of the results as we see them to-day, depended in large measure upon the co-operation of the alumni and active members of the Fraternity—but to obtain effective co-operation, was the great task placed before those officers, requiring patient, tactful and persistent effort. In performing well this duty, largely lies the secret of Pi Kappa Alpha's success. Along those lines where free and earnest co-operation has been procured will be found the most creditable and stable work in every respect. The Fraternity as a whole may be likened unto an army; the Chapters to divisions; the members to the rank and file. The very nature of the work before it demands co-operation, and in some branches, co-operation is an absolute necessity. The absence of it blocks the game, retards and discourages.

By what magic art did those officers procure and retain

co-operation? What seductive influence did that mystic body shed to illumine that which was dark, and by it accomplish things yet unsought in prose or rhyme? The solving of this problem has perplexed the writer for quite a while in efforts that have been made spasmodically, it must be confessed, to bring to a conclusion the compilation of a fraternity catalogue. That our beloved Brother Smythe's capacity for letter writing has cut a prominent figure in the affair, is a matter laid on the shelf, as beyond dispute. Every man, without doubt, has his own peculiar stunt—and Brother Smythe's is an epistolary one. I have emulated this noted scribe, but the infringement has been unsuccessful. This treatment of peculiarities, however, is not germane to the subject.

The point to be urged generally is the co-operation of the members of the Fraternity in furthering the execution of plans designed and set on foot by the officers of the Fraternity, and by the Convention; and in particular, the plan of making and publishing a catalogue for the Fraternity.

A complete catalogue is needed badly, and to be without one is a reflection upon our zealousness, in that we do not measure up to the pace set by other fraternities. The need has long been recognized, and plans have been mapped out, by which one could be obtained, but from one cause and another have been abandoned. It is a difficult work, in that the compiler is wholly dependent upon the assistance of others. To a limited degree assistance must come from the Alumni, but in chief, the compiler must be sustained by the members of the local Chapters. Without their co-operation it is impossible to progress with the work, for the reason that they alone have the information which necessarily constitutes the subject matter of such a work. And until a proper spirit is awakened within the Chapters, causing them to realize the supreme importance of a catalogue embodying Pi Kappa Alpha's history, a spirit producing a hearty and earnest co-operation, the great work of catalogue-building will never be completed.

The absence of such a spirit is not to be attributed to any falling off in devotion to the cause, or lack of interest in its welfare, but to the fact that due consideration has not been given to the important fact that Pi Kappa Alpha must have a catalogue. It is earnestly desired that the Chapters will without further delay give this matter the serious consideration that it is worthy to receive.

Let them gather the information indicated by the forms which have been filed with them, and so soon as it is obtained return to the address designated. The Chapters who have not been furnished with forms, will receive them at an early date. Care should be given to answer fully and accurately the questions submitted. By punctually following out these instructions the work of co-operation in this line will be at once inaugurated, and an advanced step taken towards the discharge of a duty long owing to the Fraternity.

The closing days of the session of 1903-04 are not far distant. The dreaded "finals" are uncomfortably near, causing the days to be oppressive and the nights hideous. But regardless of all these clogs upon time, thought and energy, attention should be given this matter during the present term. Should it be omitted during the present session, the result will be that renewed effort must be made next year to again present the work and urge co-operation, with a consequent postponement of the day of Jubilee.

A. C. Jones, G. H.

QUALITIES FOR A TRUE II.

Probably it would not be out of place to speak of the characteristics for a II., or we might say the requirements that a man should need in order to be a II.

Some Chapters may have one scale, according to which they grade their new men, while others may have a far different ideal with which to compare a "new piece of timber," but there is one scale by which a man can be esti-

mated, and if he attains its proper balancing point, then there can be no mistake in extending to him an invitation to wear the "*shield and diamond*."

According to this standard or scale, there are four points which must be considered; and in considering them we cannot be too strenuous in our examination, for upon these points depends the prosperity of our Fraternity.

In the first place what qualities should a true fraternity man possess?

I will take up the social position of the candidate, and in so doing I touch upon one of the most vital requisites. The social position that a candidate occupies determines the close fellowship which the older fraternity men will cultivate with him. His position in the social world should be of the very best, so that his fraternity Brothers will not hesitate to take him into their homes and allow him to be seen in company with their sisters and near friends. This should be carefully considered, for it is one of the main pillars upon which our Fraternity is based. If a Chapter acts too hastily and takes in a man whose social standing is not good, it will be a great drawback, for other fraternities will judge that Chapter by its class of men. There is not that genuine pleasure to be derived from the social intercourse where there are too classes of different family standing in a Chapter. There is no truer saying than "birds of a feather flock together." We are judged by the world according to our associates, so let us make our choice of candidates who are to be our college associates and chums from men of good family standing, that as the days go by our Chapter can be looked upon in a favorable way by our sister Chapters, and that it may be a pleasure to us to look back in future years and see that the seed we have sown has fallen in good ground.

Following the social position that we should look for, we can next examine the moral side of a new man's life. No fraternity desires to have in its ranks one who spends his time in riotous living. That kind of a man does not uphold the reputation of any order.

Pi Kappa Alpha desires men whose odd times are spent either in some profitable way or in the rivalry of social intercourse that tends to the uplifting of man's social and moral nature.

To be able to do this one must have some considerable amount of ability, so that he will not find himself at a loss when he comes in contact with his fellow beings from other sections of our sunny land.

It is not the man that makes the phenomenal grade that always makes a success, but the man who has some aim and purpose in life and strives to reach that end; not simply for the name of having attained some great object, but because it is right to do it, and because it is his duty to make some use of the ability with which he is endowed.

Still another requirement can be added, and though it has been saved to the last, yet it does not follow that it is of least importance. If we reckon the worth of each according to the order they come in, I am sure that this would come high up in rank among the first.

Congeniality should embrace almost one-half of a new man's character. Unless there is that congenial side to man's nature there is little need for him in a fraternity, for the very name indicates that among its members perfect harmony shall hold its sway. When once the congeniality of a crowd that is bound together by fraternal relations is disturbed, the purpose for which the organization was established has been defeated.

More than one faction in our order does not promote its welfare, and sooner or later the noble objects for which it was established will be forgotten, and what was once a pleasant and social gathering, will be divided into clans whose activity will not be guided by love and fellowship for their fellow being, but by hatred and contempt.

In union a Chapter can hope to prosper, and this union must be of a pleasant congenial group, who are broad enough minded to overlook some slight difference of opinions that naturally arises in the course of events.

Judge not your fellowman by his weaknesses, but look to his nobler and stronger qualities.

Despise him not because of his faults, but pity him, and, remembering that none of mortal men are perfect, then will come a desire to you to aid him in his misfortunes.

The only true pleasure is that of a duty faithfully performed.

J. R. Williamson, Sigma.

THE UPBUILDING OF OUR ORDER.

One who takes the oath of II. K. A. takes upon himself duties and responsibilities. It is the duty of every member not only to preserve and maintain the high plane upon which he is placed by becoming a II. K. A., but to build up his order, to elevate that plan, still more. Not by any means, that II. K. A. needs to be pulled up from a fallen condition, but where is prosperity without growth? Just as outward growth is observed, so is inward prosperity, which is not always so perceptible to the disinterested observer. Always without a perceptible onward and upward movement there is a movement in the opposite direction; there must, of necessity, be a growth or a decay. Although this decay be ever so small, scarcely perceptible at first, time will soon prove that there is something radically wrong with the fraternity.

But how are we to help our Fraternity from error? One of the first and most important circumstances in the upbuilding of a fraternity, is the choice of men who are to become sharers in our Brotherhood. In most colleges there is a limit of time that a man is to remain in college before being approached at all. And a great benefit this is to fraternities, as well as to such colleges as have adopted this regulation. When a man is to be considered, do not question as to whether he is "a good looking fellow," but question rather as to whether he is a wise looking, intelligent looking. If possible it is well to know something of his lineage, but very often this is impossible. It is not

the object to take "a very respectable kind of a fellow." If that is all that can be said of him, very much more might never be said of him. The object is to get a man, a real man, one who will be a benefit to his Fraternity, and who will rejoice in the brotherhood. The pride which a man takes in his Fraternity measures, to a great extent, the work that he will do for his Fraternity.

Another step would be to impress, with as much force as possible, upon a new member, the reality, the importance, the seriousness of a true fraternity. Make him understand that it is a thing of real value and not a prank of college boys. Make him understand that it really means something to his life, that here he is acquiring and developing those properties which will give touch and color to his whole life.

A step beyond influencing new members to do their duty would be to do one's own whole duty. It is not a matter of whether one knows how to work for his Fraternity, but it is a matter of whether he is willing and anxious to do all that he can for his Fraternity, it is a matter of one's loyalty. When one is honest to himself and to his duty, it takes only a small search to find something that needs to be done. And when he finds it, there is but one thing to do, and that is to set about that necessary work with all the power there is in him to work. When this plan is carried out, something is sure to be accomplished.

With our hearts stirred to highest aspirations, our minds filled with deepest thoughts, and our hands ready to do any work, let every member contribute something to the upbuilding of II. K. A.

J. W. Boyd. Nu.

THE ALUMNI.

The surest way to bring success to any fraternity is to keep the alumni interested. This is true from any view you may take. Any one may see that if a fraternity has a

large and interested alumni in a college town, that fraternity is given a good social position in that town. And since Pi Kappa Alpha is chiefly a social order, let us study it in this particular. An open-eyed alumnus could easily keep up with a number of boys who are going off to college from his immediate vicinity. A letter of recommendation to a Chapter may be of great importance both to the boy and to the Chapter.

Now how shall we keep in touch with the alumni and make them enjoy the touch. The SHIELD AND DIAMOND is a powerful agent in reaching them. Let us, then, fill it with good reading matter, and do all we can to swell the alumni subscription list. Let each Chapter impress upon its out-going alumni, that it is the duty as well as the privilege of every Pi to have his name on that list. Let us have more cuts of Chapters in our Magazine; they certainly do add interest, especially to the alumni of the Chapters.

Another way to keep a good hold on the regard of the alumni, is to take a firm grip while they are yet active members. Where are our poets and musicians. Let us have more Pi songs. To our shame be it said, that we have no fraternity song-book. Go into the house of one of the older fraternities and you find words and music to commemorate the legends of the order. And it must be so with us, if we are to attain the highest success.

Another important connection between the alumni and active members is a good catalogue. We need a new one, and besides the catalogue, which should contain cuts of, and information concerning Chapters and prominent alumni, as well as the general list, we need a pocket edition containing the name and address of every Pi, arranged alphabetically and by States and towns. Such a list would be almost invaluable, when we want to look up information concerning new men.

If we all work together and each man does his part, no one need fear for the success of our beloved Pi Kappa Alpha.

C. E. D. Egerton, Alpha-Alpha.

THINK OF THESE THINGS.

Our Fraternity has a great history, and when we meet a II. we always feel as though we have met a true and solid friend—one whose character and history are as pure and unsullied as those of the Fraternity. Since our order is composed of such valuable material, it behooves us that we do not seclude ourselves from the other boys of the college of which we are members, but that we should keep in close touch with every one of them. How is it that we see boys who are so fortunate as to be members of fraternities, become some what indifferent as to their relations with those who are less fortunate? Why is it that all college boys are not fraternity boys? There are some who cannot be. There are some—and we see them every day—whose pecuniary results will not permit. While there are some who stay out of fraternities from choice. Such students are often worthy characters, and will make their mark in the world. They deserve our commendation and love. In all their efforts for improvement let the II. boy be ready with his sympathy and support. Let him cultivate a true spirit of friendship, not only toward his brothers, but toward all his college acquaintances. Then, and not until then, will the II. K. A. Fraternity be recognized and acknowledged as the leading brotherhood in whatever college it may be placed.

Since, in voting on a student to ascertain whether or not he is worthy to be called a Brother, merit is the thing considered, let merit—member of a fraternity or not—be the qualification requisite for any one's occupying any position of honor or distinction connected with the college. This a sound basis, and the only true basis on which to proceed.

If this course is pursued our colleges will have a record, and on the record of the college depends, at least to some extent, the record of the fraternity at such college. If this policy is followed there will be no reason for any political chicanery, either on the part of the "frat." boys or on the

part of the "non-frat." boys. Trickery should never be the course or policy of our noble Order. Let the II.'s get the men who can well afford to stand on their own merits and then they will have no occasion for conflict, faction or party strife. We do not mention these things because they are prevalent in the life and history of our Order, but because "a preventative is better than a cure."

We glory in our dear old Fraternity. We commend her conservatism. We are glad she illustrates the otherwise dark and dreary places in the lives and histories of those who spend a portion of their time within the walls of our dear old Southern colleges. We congratulate ourselves on the fact that we are members of a brotherhood whose birth was in a State than whose men none have been more loyal to principles of truth and justice, none more patriotic, none more chivalrous; and whose name is the very synonym of all that is true, noble and grand.

W. T. Townsend, Psi.

THE STUDENT'S DREAM.

It was a fearful night, cold, dark, dreary and forlorn. The rain falling in torrents, beat heavily upon my window and the shutters rattled incessantly. I sat in a large arm chair, something on the "Grandpa" style, and tried to reflect on the scenes and incidents of the day just past.

Despite all efforts for the contrary, one thing kept uppermost in my mind—the Philosophy lesson I had just finished reading. Sentences in it would appear and, when banished, would reappear in another guise, each time acquiring a different, or rather, augmented significance. They followed my mind wherever or whenever it would attempt to go, haunted it, captivated it. "Is there a higher, more comprehensive physical life than that which we experience just as there is a lower one? Are the separate heavenly bodies bearers of a unified inner life? Are the stars, is the sun an animated being? Does not the earth really

live a universal life? Are not all its parts, the liquid interior and the firm crust, the ocean and the atmosphere, comprehended into a great whole whose parts interact in manifold ways and yet in harmony? Ebb and flow, day and night, winter and summer, are they not life rhythms similar to those which the individual life experiences?"

I reflected thus till bedtime and then quickly retired. No sooner was I settled comfortably than a fancy, glorious and sublime, enveloped and canopied my brain, and I slept and I dreamed. A new life was mine. I was transfigured and removed into another and a higher and a grander universe. I dwelt among the planets; all had the silver of the moon and the golden glory of the sun, radiating from their brows; stars, grand and glittering, intermingled conversed and played; Mars, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, and innumerable others dwelt together in harmony, singing and dancing with ecstatic glee.

Presently I saw a couple steal away from the rest. "Ah," I decided "the clandestine methods of love are followed here too. So Cupid does not confine himself to the earth below." No sooner had this flitted across my bewildered brain than I, inheriting the meaner instinct of the microbe called man, determined to eavesdrop, and this I did.

I saw them, far from the whirling crowd, draw nearer, slowly, it seemed almost reluctantly, nearer and I knew that love was the magnet. The music of the spheres seemed an accompaniment to the lovemaking of Saturn—for he, it was—as he sang in tones of rapture and exultation, more glorious, more sublime, than man, with all his conceit, ever dared to dream of. As he sang and whirled and glowed, tears of pride and pain stole down the cheeks of the object of his affections, joy and sorrow wrestling in her bosom for the mastery, joy crystallizing into happiness and sorrow overflowing in tears. Her answer, low and sweet, seemed to emanate from the land of cherubims and seraphims. Notes of sadness and appeal mingling with those of gladness and encouragement, rippled and mur-

mured in the air which teemed with a fragrance as of violets.

I was spell-bound, I was mute; I was aroused from the revery by the voice of the happy Sun. "Come children," she sang, "Dame Earth dines here today." Like a thunder-bolt from a clear sky the truth flashed upon my mind. "They are brother and sister," I inaudibly muttered, "the Sun the mother of both." Such is love in Heaven, I thought, and—

I felt cold, gathered together all the force I could command, and gave my bed-mate an impetuous kick for stealing all the cover.

J. D. Gortatowsky, Psi.

HOW FAR DOES A PLEDGE BIND ?

There are, of course, two parties to every pledge. And a pledge or promise, like any other contract, implies that the inducements to enter into the contract were what each party represented them to be, and that the conditions of the contract will be fulfilled on both sides.

Now in the case of a fraternity taking the pledge of a new man, let us look first at the duties of the fraternity before they can consider the promise binding on the other party.

The fraternity is bound in good conscience to use the same transparent good faith in dealing with a new man that would be required of an adult in dealing with a child. The justice of which proposition appears perfectly when we reflect that the new man has to decide everything from external appearances.

Such a code of morals precludes the concealment of anything that is not one of the fraternity secrets. On the part of the candidate for initiation, less is required in this particular direction. If there is any reason for his believing that he would not be an acceptable member, he

should, of course, state it plainly to the Chapter, which course is upon its face the best, as no man could be happy in a fraternity when he had a "skeleton in the closet."

If either side should violate the foregoing rules; if a fraternity should obtain a man's pledge upon the assurance that his record was what it afterward did not measure up to, or if the promiser should turn out to have impediment to his joining, then like any other contract obtained by fraud, it is void and of no effect. But it should be borne in mind that no trivial thing is intended here, but only extreme cases. In the absence of any of these things, the answer to our heading, "How far does a pledge bind?" is, that it binds as one of the few sacred obligations between man and man. That the man who wilfully or for mean caprice makes a promise to join a fraternity and violates it is like all other liars, unfit for the love or trust of any human creature.

R. H. Willis, Omicron.

A GLIMPSE AT THE FIFTEENTH CONVENTION.

It was certainly a privilege to attend the Fifteenth Annual Convention at the Piedmont Hotel, Atlanta Ga., and I am truly sorry for those of you who missed this grand reunion and glorious time. What an outpouring of II enthusiasm, and what a gathering together of the noble wearers of the Garnet and Old Gold, from all over our sunny Southland! One could not but compare this large assembly of II's, with 21 active Chapters and 2 Alumni Chapters represented, to the conventions of a few years ago, when, by hard work, 10 to 15 men were assembled together. What an encouraging thought this is and what a proof of the growth and development of our beloved Fraternity.

Dr. Arbuckle presided in his usual graceful way and made the business exercises, by his universal courtesy and kindness, as enjoyable as were the social. The Grand

Secretary, as usual, was faithful and zealous in his work, and both of these officers and the Grand Treasurer were present throughout the business meetings—a proof of their desire to help the younger members in formulating their business plans. The presence of our distinguished Grand Chaplain, Dr. Rice, and of the other alumni of Atlanta, added much weight to the meeting. Indeed it was good to be there.

In the absence of the Supreme Councilor, Floyd Hughes, the opening session on Thursday morning was called to order by Dr. Arbuckle at 10 A. M. The Grand Chaplain, Rev. Theron H. Rice, D. D., invoked God's blessing on our proceedings, and was then introduced by Dr. Arbuckle and welcomed the fraternity to Atlanta. Though Dr. Rice and Dr. Arbuckle have always been most interested in the Fraternity work and have attended many conventions, this was the first one at which they met since the memorable Hampden-Sidney convention, when they, working shoulder to shoulder, with two others, formulated the new form of government, which is practically the same we now have. Dr. Rice's informal remarks, dwelling on the old days of the Fraternity and tracing its history up to the present time, were enjoyable and listened to with earnest attention.

Welcome to the State of Georgia was extended by Brother Gortatowsky, of Psi, in most graceful and pleasing terms. The response on behalf of the visitors was made by Brother J. B. Clark, of Beta, who captivated the Convention by his very apt introduction. He was extremely hoarse, and in fact could scarcely speak, but he commenced by saying that the day before, his college had defeated another at base-ball, by a score of 11 to 0 and that as a result, from cheering, he was in no condition to respond to anything. However, he made a telling speech which was much enjoyed.

The roll of Chapters was then called, resulting in the following delegates and visitors signing the register :

SUPREME OFFICERS.

Dr. H. B. Arbuckle, Councilor Princeps, Decatur, Ga.
 Robert A. Smythe, Grand Treasurer, Charleston, S. C.
 J. Pike Powers, Jr., Grand Secretary, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Rev. Theron H. Rice, D. D., Grand Chaplain, Atlanta, Ga.

CHAPTER DELEGATES.

Alpha—Chas. E. Conrad, Harrisonburg, Va.
 Beta—J. B. Clark, Clarkton, N. C.
 R. I. McDavid, Pelzer, S. C.
 Gamma—E. Hugh Smith, Heathsville, Va.
 Zeta—J. W. Hudson, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Eta—D. McL. Davidson, New Orleans, La.
 Theta—W. H. Hill, Corinth, Miss.
 Iota—R. C. Graham, Graham's Forge, Va.
 Kappa—Hiram Brown, Maysville, Ky.
 Mu—R. T. Fewell, Jr., Rock Hill, S. C.
 Nu—J. Caldwell Guilds, Cordesville, S. C.
 C. S. Williamson, Jr., Spartansburg, S. C.
 Omicron—Dean Hundley, Dunnsville, Va.
 Pi—S. B. Alexander, Elberton, Ga.
 Rho—H. H. Weir, Lebanon, Tenn.
 Sigma—James R. Williamson, Culleoka, Tenn.
 Gordon Brown, Columbia, Tenn.
 Tau—C. W. Rowe, Munroe, N. C.
 Upsilon—Oliver E. Young, Selma, Ala.
 William Hardie, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.
 John V. Denison, LaFayette, Ala.
 Thurman H. Robertson, Uniontown, Ala.
 H. H. Constantine, Jr., Anniston, Ala.
 Phi—No delegate.
 Chi—Prentice A. Pugh, Clarksville, Tenn.
 Psi—O. W. Steed, Spring Place, Ga.
 J. C. Morrison, Talking Rock, Ga.
 Robert Rutherford, Cullodin, Ga.
 R. E. Ponder, Forsyth, Ga.
 C. B. Collins, Dunnedin, Fla.
 W. M. Breedlove, Munroe, Ga.
 J. L. Brown, Dalton, Ga.
 W. O. Matthews, Decatur, Ga.
 J. D. Gortatowsky, Albany, Ga.
 G. M. Stanton, Dahlonga, Ga.
 Omega—M. W. Smith, Hot Springs, Ark.
 Alpha-Alpha—C. B. Arthur, Morehead City, N. C.

Alpha-Beta—No delegate.

Alpha-Gamma—No delegate.

Alpha-Delta—R. A. Anderson.

J. Z. Collier.

P. H. Connally.

G. A. Edwards.

T. B. Lamar, Rideland, Ga.

C. M. McCord.

B. H. Smith, Charlotte, N. C.

Alumnus Delta—Alexander Martin, Charleston, S. C.

Alumnus Lambda—W. S. Dowell, Opelika, Ala.

James G. Comfort Opelika, Ala.

VISITING ALUMNI.

Richard Orme Flinn, Atlanta, Ga., Theta.

Joseph Dowell, LaFayette, Ala., Upsilon.

Charles W. Underwood, Atlanta, Ga., Chi.

Lewis M. Gaines, Atlanta, Ga., Iota.

R. M. Blount, Waynesboro, Ga., Psi.

Alton S. Ham, McDonough, Ga., Psi.

A. L. Ward, Atlanta, Ga., Psi.

C. B. Wilmer, Atlanta, Ga., Gamma.

Is this not a roll of which to be proud? Every active Chapter but three was represented, and those three sent excuses which showed readily the absolute impossibility of their coming. It is not the purpose of this sketch to speak of the business transactions, as the entire proceedings will be set forth in detail in the DAGGER AND KEY soon to be issued. Suffice it to say, that probably no Convention of recent years has adopted so many pertinent plans for the advancement of the Order as this one. The Official Magazine received earnest attention, and discussion was given to improving it, especially with a view to more illustrations. Definite action was taken, providing for the appearance of the illustrations in future issues. It was very pleasant to note a desire on the part of the delegates to provide some plan for the keeping of permanent and thorough records by the Chapters.

They seemed to realize and deplore the fact that heretofore Chapters had been very lax in this matter, and that it would be practically impossible to secure, at this time, a complete roll and record of our members. We feel sure that the plans adopted at this Convention will bring about the desired result very easily and efficiently. Of course expansion had its proper part in the proceedings of the Convention, but the discussion was at all times dignified and in thorough good spirit. When motions were defeated, the authors would accept same in the proper way and not show any feeling of resentment. In fact, the whole Convention was characterized by this feeling of good fellowship and touch of the elbow. We were Brothers together, to adopt plans which to the majority seemed most admirable. If the majority differed with us, we gladly yielded and threw our weight towards the carrying out of their wishes. Earnest attention was directed to extending the Fraternity in the Southwestern States, and many were the promises made as to Chapters to be reported at our next Convention.

The Supreme Officers made most interesting and encouraging reports, and it was particularly pleasant to have the finances shown in such good condition, with practically no delinquent Chapters. With a continuance of such attention, the Fraternity cannot but succeed, for the finances are the backbone of the growth.

The session on Thursday was from 10 A. M. to 12 P. M., with but an hour off each for lunch and dinner, which shows how much work was really done. Friday the business was transacted from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., when a recess was taken until 7:30 P. M., and at 10:30 P. M. we adjourned to the delightful banquet which our Atlanta II's had so bounteously prepared for us.

All of the Supreme Officers were re-elected; the Brother making the speech of nomination moved that the "Old Officers" be re-elected. One of them objected to the term "*old*,"—probably Col. Powers, who being the only bachelor on the board, is a little touchy on this point. There were

many passages of wit and fun during the business meetings, and much enjoyment was obtained at the expense of some of the Brothers. Dr. Arbuckle, in fact, had many times to sharply rap the Convention to order and get us back to work. We certainly regret the absence of Brother Floyd Hughes, and hope we will never hold another Convention without him.

It was a disappointment that we missed the one-third fare returning. We had a good many over the necessary number, but several of these came on mileage, and some on passes. Even then we could have gotten a nearby Brother in and made up the necessary fifty certificates, as we had forty-nine, but we counted surely on some of Upsilon's men coming the evening of the banquet, and did not know until too late that they had gone back on us. This will never occur again, for in the future, we will at the very first session see that the necessary fifty certificates are in hand and if not insist on the nearby chapters sending the requisite number. We are invited to meet next year in our new territory, which is holding out its arms to welcome Chapters of the Fraternity. The New Orleans Chapter promises us a grand time and I believe we will have one hundred present.

From 10:30 until the wee small hours, we enjoyed the delightful banquet and the flow of eloquence from those who responded to the toasts. The following is the program of the banquet.

REV. C. B. WILMER, Toastmaster.

Pi Kappa Alpha Memories.

BY REV. THERON H. RICE, D. D.,
Atlanta, Ga.

*Virginia, mother of States and Statesmen, last
but not least, mother of Pi Kappa Alpha.*

BY CHAS. E. CONRAD,
University of Virginia.

The Bachelor Pi,
BY J. PIKE POWERS, JR.,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Pi Kappa Alpha, an Evergreen,

BY ROBERT A. SMYTHE,
Charleston, S. C.

*New Orleans, a centre of Pi Kappa Alpha
Expansion.*

BY D. MCLEOD DAVIDSON,
New Orleans, La.

Kentucky Pi's,

BY M. W. SMITH.

Our Sisters—may they not stay such!

BY E. H. SMITH,
Williamsburg, Va.

Our Squaling Infant.

BY B. H. SMITH,
Technological School,
Atlanta, Ga.

Brother Wilmer proved a most entrancing toast master and was ready for each speaker with some witty introduction, some pleasantry or some little anecdote. His reference to the "epidemic of Smiths" was good and he very properly said that "one good Smith deserved two others."

The banquet was ended by all standing and drinking in silence a toast to our departed comrades, after which the Brothers separated with many regrets at leaving the hospitable board and parting with each other. Most of the Brothers remained until the next morning and many little gatherings were held and friendships formed, which even time cannot dissolve.

It was a splendid set of fellows who assembled together at this fifteenth Convention; stalwart and brawny in physical strength, alert and brimming over with energy, resourceful and capable in mind, charming and chivalrous in social relations; a body of men of which any fraternity could well be proud, a glorious promise of future strength for the Old South. It was a privilege to meet such men and it is a pleasure to know that they belong to our Fraternity. Such a privilege belongs to any II. who attends one of these Annual Conventions.

Robert A. Smythe,

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

University of Virginia.

We have entered upon the home stretch of the session's course. The Charmers of Easter week, who disturbed our academic peace for seven days, have left us once more to our dull prosaic existence. The Class Fraternity goats have ceased to use liniment for their aching sinews, and are beginning to feel like folks again, after their odd costumes and foolish antics. The absences from nine o'clock lectures are staring us in the face and demanding an explanation. The devotees of the diamond are counting up their batting average and exulting in the grand-stand play of the week. The track men and Lacrosse team have donned their scanty but comfortable uniforms, and the tennis sharks are practicing for the spring tournament. All of us are looking aghast at the four month's work ahead, which must be crammed somehow into half that time. But at any rate we have the poor consolation that even if the warm weather and "spring fever," combined with the hard work, should prove too much for our weak flesh and willing spirit, the end of the session and the beginning of the vacation will soon bring us three good, long months.

To Alpha and its members nothing of especial interest has happened. Several of us have enjoyed short trips away from college. Brother Galt was confined to the University Hospital for a few days at the very convenient period of examinations, and is just well enough now to work hard.

Brother Conrad, our delegate to the Atlanta Convention, has given us a very encouraging report, and says he had the finest kind of a time. No one who ever went to a II.

K. A. Convention ever echoed sentiments different from these. Our Conventions are always enthusing and enjoyable. We hope that the next general meeting of the Fraternity will be nearer home to the members of the Virginia Chapters.

The visit of the Hampden-Sidney base-ball team to the University, afforded us the pleasure of meeting two of our Brothers of Iota, Brothers R. C. Graham and Whiting. Brother Whiting plays on the team and Brother Graham came up in the capacity of a rooter, to see that the thing was properly done.

We might consume further time and space by touching upon such standing topics as the state of the barometer, the new streets of Charlottesville, and the question as to who will be the President of the University. But our "Billie" must be fattened up for some very severe exercise he is to take soon, and as we are using our spare paper for his diet, we are very careful not to waste writing material.

Alpha sends the best of wishes to her sisters.

Robert H. Webb.

BETA.

Davidson College.

Beta wishes to begin this month's letter by extending to our new Chapter, Alpha-Delta, our best wishes and heartiest welcome. Alpha-Delta should prove a valuable Chapter in extending our Fraternity. Now that we have another Chapter upholding the banner of Pi Kappa Alpha in Georgia, we should soon gain others.

The February number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND was especially enjoyed, on account of its athletic interest. Beta had no place in the picture, but is proud of the other Chapter's records. We want to congratulate Rho especially on her fine showing.

Of course, at this season of the year, the base-ball fan holds the centre of the stage, and Davidson is no excep-

tion to the rule. Daividsen bids fair to redeem herself for the rather poor record made in foot-ball last fall. Thus far two practice games have been played, in which our team made quite a creditable showing. Our first big game is with North Carolina on April 4th.

Now we will promise the Fraternify that if Brother Smythe gets out a base-ball issue of the Magazine, we will furnish one good player, Geo. M. Wilcox, for a position as II. K. A. left-fielder, or probably a pitcher.

The other absorbing question of the hour at Davidson is "Have you had the mumps?" The disease is now prevalent on the campus, but thus far Brother Wagner is the only II. who is in the style.

Brother King was one of Davidson's representatives at the Y. M. C. A. Convention during February. He tells us of some fine II's he met, and of Nu's good Chapter.

The college orchestra has returned from a trip to the Female College at Red Springs and other places. Brother Wagner is the manager of this, and he has the credit of managing the finest orchestra since its organization.

Senior Speaking takes place on the first and second of April. Four II's will be on hand at that time: Brothers Adams, Gillespie, R. T. Wagner and G. M. Wilcox.

We were glad to have Brother Bohannon, of Tau, with us during February.

Beta celebrated March the first, the anniversary of our Fraternity founding, with a feast. The affair was informal, but was much enjoyed. We had with us at that time Brother J. M. Baker, one of last year's initiates, who is now in business in Fernandina, Fla. Brother Baker is yet, and will always be, a true II.

Brother T. P. Anderson, one of our old members, spent a week on the Hill during Junior Speaking. Brother Anderson's visits are always enjoyed.

All of us envy Brothers McDavid and J. B. Clark, of their trip to the convention at Atlanta. This convention bids fair to be the largest and best of them all.

With best wishes to all II's wherever they may be.

J. Leon Moore, Jr.

GAMMA.

William and Mary College.

It once more becomes our pleasant duty to let the Fraternity know that Gamma is still alive and thriving. By the time this is in print the Convention will have been held and we will all know from our representatives there, just how grand and noble our Fraternity really is, and how it is growing, not only in size but in unity and strength of purpose.

Just now with us, as we suppose with most of the other Chapters, base-ball is the absorbing and dominating element of college life. In spite of the continued bad weather, examinations and other causes, our team promises well. We have a number of the old men back and some good new material. Gamma never loses an opportunity to work for the good of the college, and we are represented on the diamond in the persons of Brother Shewmake, who is Manager of the team, Brother Geo. Hankins, who is working hard for a place in the out-field, and your scribe, who is Captain and short-stop.

At a recent meeting of the Tennis Club, Brother Newcomb was unanimously elected President for the spring season.

We have been favored several times of late with visits by Brother Walter G. Tyler, of Omicron. Unlike the "Wat Tyler" of history, he is always welcome and is a Pi to be proud of. Brother Fitchett Nottingham also paid us a flying visit on his way home from Richmond recently. "Nott's" many sterling qualities and his dry humor have long since made him one of Gamma's favorite sons.

But "the best for the last. Since our last letter old "Billy" has been roused from his long winter rest and brought once more into service. Some one has said that no Chapter can succeed without at least one red-headed member, and, if that is so, Gamma's success is now assured. It is with mingled pride and pleasure that we introduce to the Fraternity at large Brother A. L. Blackwell, of Reedsville, Northumberland county. Although in

his first year, Brother Blackwell has already become a popular man in the class-room and out of it, and if the present is an earnest of the future, he will always be as loyal a Pi as ever wore the *shield and diamond*.

With best wishes to all Pi's, we close.

J. Hubbard Lloyd.

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

We have all just finished the last term's examinations, and are satisfied with our results. So we feel free to rest for a short time.

Base-ball is now on us, and we find that we can count on at least one man for the team. Brother Early, who played left-field on the Emory and Henry team last year, will play that position for us.

We regret very much that Brother J. B. Green was compelled to leave the University on account of ill health. However, we are glad indeed that he will be with us again next year. He would have made the Phi Kappa Phi honorary fraternity this year. Nevertheless he will get that honor next year.

We also would like to express our deepest heartfelt sympathy to Brother Briscoe in the loss of his wife.

Brother Briscoe is one of the most enthusiastic men I ever saw. He has helped us a great deal in our work here. He is now soliciting subscriptions for a Chapter house next year. Several other alumnæ men are taking interest in this movement, and are helping in it.

Before this letter shall have reached the press, we will have taken in a man whom we are very proud to have in our Fraternity.

We hope to see several Pi's on the different base-ball teams who will play here.

With best wishes, we are yours,

Henry F. Parker.

ETA.*Tulane University.*

Since our last letter to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND we have taken in no new men, so our number still remains the famed number thirteen. We wish that Eta could send thirteen delegates to the Convention, but time and circumstances will not permit. We all envy the privilege Brother McLeod Davidson will have of meeting so many true Southern men in Atlanta next week. We hope that at least one more of our number will be able to accompany Brother "Mac."

Of course base-ball is the thing now at college, and we expect to have a more than ordinarily good team this year, as there is some very good material to pick from. We expect to have only one Pi on the team: Brother Joubert is trying for "catch," and the general opinion is that he will get it.

During last month we had the pleasure of meeting Brother Venable of Upsilon, who had a position in New Orleans, but had to leave on account of his health. We were very sorry that we had so short a time to see him.

At our last meeting, at which Brother McLeod Davidson was unanimously elected delegate to the Convention, we had the pleasure of having three alumni Pi's present: Dr. H. D. Bruns, a charter member of the first Eta Chapter, E. F. Koelle, to whom we owe the reorganization of our Chapter, and his brother, Dr. J. M. Koelle. We had hoped to have other Pi's in the city present, but they were unable to attend.

Brother Henry who is an A-1 photographer; has managed to take a picture of the Pi girls of Eta Chapter. Last month we had our photograph taken for our college annual, the "*Jambalaya*," so felt that we should not slight the ladies.

We suppose the question of expanding into the West and Northwest will be discussed at the Convention. The opinion of Eta seems to be that there would be no objection to taking in those states west of the Mississippi, but

before doing this we should strengthen ourselves in the South. There are no Chapters in Florida, Mississippi or Texas as yet, and we must always remember that "charity begins at home,"

With greetings to all Pi's I close.

L. Arny Godbold.

THETA.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

Theta sends greetings to all the sister Chapters. Brother Hill has just left us for the Convention, and we are anxiously awaiting his return. We thought the Nashville Convention a grand success, but we hope this will be still better, and that progress will be made for old II. K. A.

We certainly enjoyed the Foot-ball edition. As we read of the careers of our Brothers on the gridiron we became exultant over their attainments. Well may we be proud of them.

"Spring fever" has struck us slightly. "Billy" has entered upon his spring vacation.

Brother Walthal is our only representative in the Graduating Class this year. However he was honored by being chosen one of the four Faculty Orators. He also expects to represent one of the Literary Societies on the Oratorical Contest in June. Brother Reid is proving himself very efficient as Manager of the Varsity Base Ball team since the resignation of Brother Ericson.

Brothers Fulton and Price have been appointed as Directors of the Gymnasium.

Hope we will have a letter from that new Chapter in the next.

R. E. Fulton.

IOTA.

Hampden-Sidney College.

Since our last letter old Hampden Sidney College has passed through one of the liveliest periods of her history,

the outcome of which promised at one time to be the extinction of the Iota Chapter of II. K. A., of Epsilon of Chi Phi, and of Upsilon of Kappa Sigma, and almost that of the Zeta and Alpha-Tau Chapters of Beta Theta Pi and Kappa Alpha respectively.

Shortly after Christmas a party of midnight breakers of the college law, procured some garnet paint and transformed the Chemical Laboratory into a highly patriotic and strictly modern art gallery. Several nights later the Society of Amateur Firemen of Hampden Sidney, the names of whose members are unknown, by the way, decided to take some practice; and selecting the college bell-fry as a worthy subject to work upon, reduced that stately edifice to ashes. Later on they discovered that it was necessary for the good of all concerned, to remove the stoves from the Chapel and all the class-rooms. Meanwhile the artists, far from being idle, had made for themselves another gallery, in which they kindly allowed the college authorities to hold Chapel services, and more, had turned the President's old, gray horse into a walking advertisement, by painting samples of their work upon his sides.

These, and other like exploits were so skillfully done, that the Faculty could get no clue as to the perpetrators, until driven to desperation they concocted the following scheme: To force every student to sign a paper, by which he stated on his word of honor that he had been concerned in none of the disorder, and would attend faithfully to his college duties and would participate in no disorder so long as he should remain a student of the college. The President presented this pledge to the students at the Chapel Wednesday morning, stating that anyone who did not sign that pledge by four o'clock should be expelled from college.

Practically all the frat. men and a number of "Barbs" refused to sign. An extension of time was granted that the boys might hear from their parents, and their parents, almost without exception, wired, "Sign no pledge." The Faculty refused to yield an inch, so by Saturday not more

than one-third of the students enrolled and six II's had withdrawn from college. Saturday night, however, a compromise was effected by which the offending paper was to be destroyed; the offenders were to hand to the Faculty written confessions of their guilt, but no one was to be expelled. After this nearly every one returned to college. Brother Curtis Hanna, '07, however, did not return. In Brother Hanna we lose our most devoted "calicoster" and loyal Freshman. His address is Charleston, W. Va. Brother Hanna may be with us next year, but it is doubtful.

Hampden-Sidney plays her first game to-morrow on the home grounds with Maryland University. Our team shows up unusually well in practice. Brother Whiting, the only II. trying for the team, will play in centre-field.

Brother R. C. Graham will represent Iota in the Convention.

With best wishes to all Pi's,

G. A. Wilson, Jr.

KAPPA.

Kentucky University.

Since our last letter Brother Homer Carpenter has won the representation for Kentucky University in the State oratorical contest. His subject was "The Higher Ministry of Beauty." We are proud of our Brother, who is a hard worker in the II. K. A. circle. We will see that he gets a strong representation at Georgetown April 8, when the contest is pulled off. Success to our Brother.

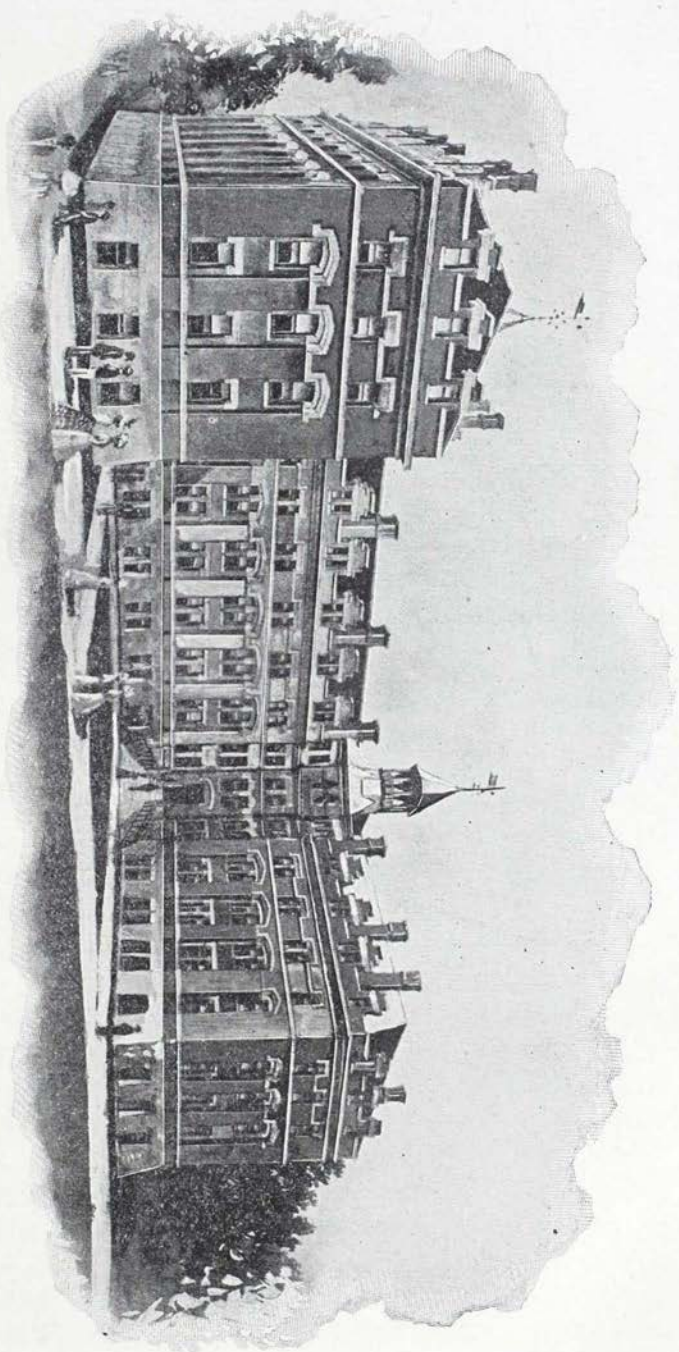
Brother Minakuchi is now at Yale working for his Ph. D.

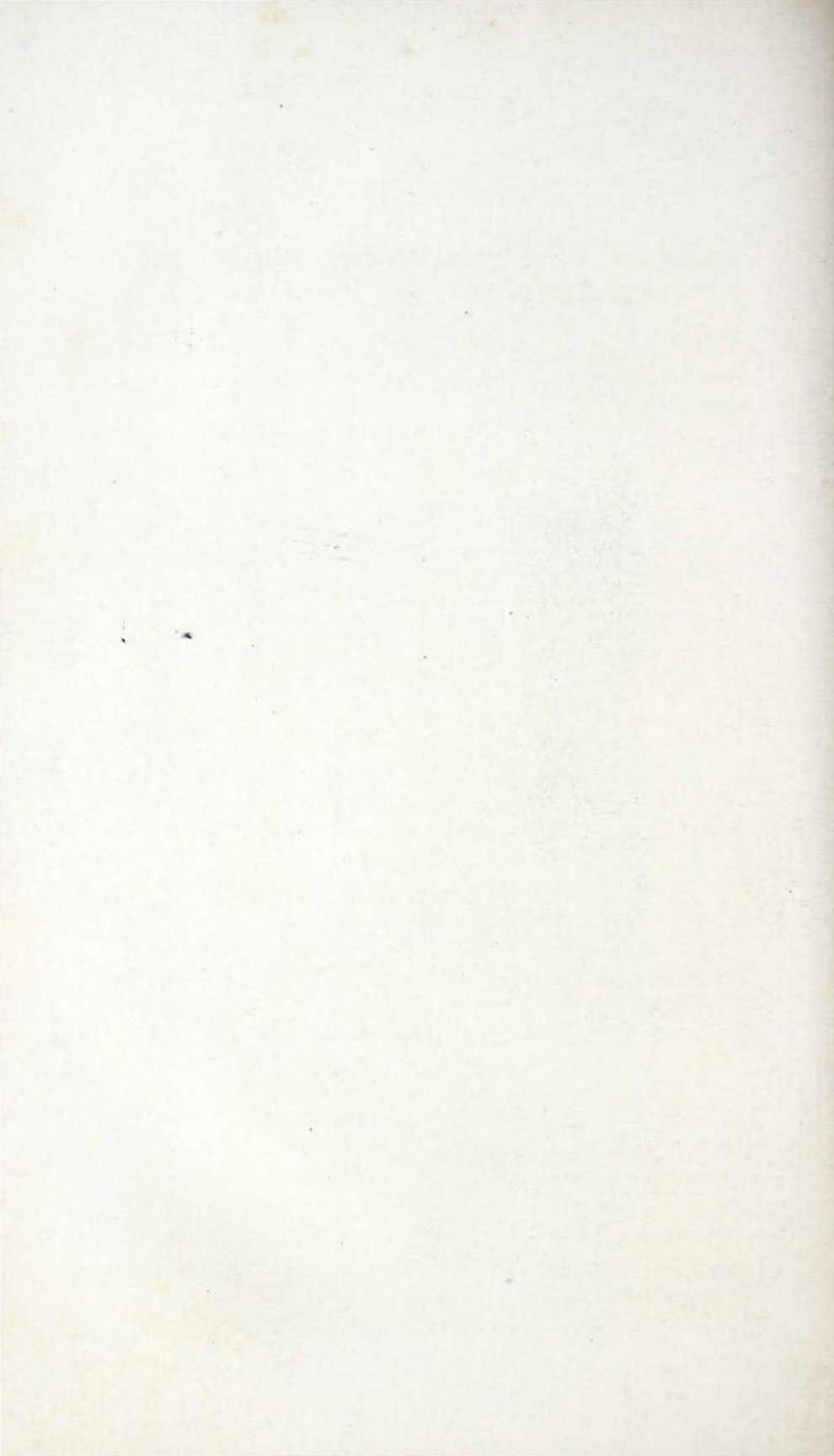
The primaries for the Southern contest will be pulled off this month and we hope to see II. K. A. again carry off the honors and send her man to the contest at Nashville, Tenn., May 18.

K. A. will have a strong base-ball team this year, and hopes to win her share of the diamond honors.

Kappa Chapter will give her annual banquet along toward the close of school.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY—KISSAM HALL.





Brother Hiram Brown was our delegate to the Convention and went with the enthusiasm of Kappa Chapter. We know that this year will prove to be the largest Convention year the II. K. A. Fraternity has ever known. Three cheers for the Convention of 1904; may it be surpassed only by the one of 1905.

Geo. M. D. Posey.

MU.

Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

It is with heartiest congratulations for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND on the splendid Foot-Ball Edition that Mu again makes her appearance.

Since our last letter we have had "Billy" at work and take great pleasure in introducing to our Sister Chapters Brother Eugene L. Power of Abbeville, S. C.

Although a new man, Brother Power has already proven himself to be a true and loyal II.

But the pleasure with which we announce this is changed to deepest regret when we have to record that Brother L. M. Kennedy has discontinued his studies at college, but we hope that he shall remain in town and be able to meet with us often.

On the fifteenth of March we were called to mourn with Brother Kennedy the loss of his only Brother, who died on that day after a brief illness. Brother Kennedy and his entire family have our most heart-felt sympathy in this great sorrow.

Brother Smith, who is to be our representative at the oratorical contest, is hard at work on his oration and all of us are confident that he will win.

Brother Smith, who is President of the Y. M. C. A. here, was a delegate to the Convention at Spartanburg and reports an enjoyable trip, the pleasure of which was greatly enhanced by the opportunity of meeting and talking with so many of the Brothers of Nu.

Several of our number had the pleasure of meeting Bro-

ther Taylor of Nu, several days ago, who passed through here on his way to Georgetown, where he will spend a few days with his parents.

Brother Fewell has been elected our delegate to the Convention and all of us are looking forward to it with a great deal of interest.

Our hall was beautifully decorated by several large vases filled with violets almost as beautiful and sweet as the fair sisters who sent them.

In closing Mu wishes success to every Chapter and every individual II.

James D. Fulp.

NU.

Wofford College.

March examinations have just closed. These are always the most dreaded examinations of the college year. It is with much rejoicing that the boys hail their departure to welcome spring with its various amusements. Base-ball is the chief topic of the college community. Wofford's team and its prospects for winning in the various scheduled games are discussed freely on all sides. A few have placed her in the category of the victorious; others have said she will win or lose in this or that game. The practice games, however, have shown this much, that we have a good team, and whoever carries off the palm over Wofford will have no easy fight. Philadelphia National League team spent two weeks practicing on Wofford's grounds. During their sojourn here our team gleaned many points, that will be helpful to them.

The South Atlantic States Music Festival, given under the auspices of Converse College, is but three weeks off. The festival will last three days, embracing the dates of April 27, 28 and 29. This promises to be the largest attraction of its kind ever given here. Up to date the sale of tickets is doubled over that of any previous year. On account of a previously arranged date, Sig. Campinari cannot come, but

another singer of prominence will fill his engagement. Many singers and musicians of renown will be here, making a rare treat for the lovers of music who will enter into the attractions with the spirit of the poet, "Sing while we may, for to-morrow will bring enough of sorrow."

We had a pleasant visit some time ago from Brother J. M. Giles, a charter member, who is employed in civil service work, with his headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

We were glad to have Brother Smith of Clinton, Pugh of Trinity, King of Davidson, with us during their attendance on the Y. M. C. A. Convention of North and South Carolina. Brother B. W. Isom, who completed the Sopomore class last year and who has since been engaged in work on the Spartanburg '*Daily Herald*' is spending some time with the boys. All of us are glad to be in close touch with this old brother, whose good nature is stimulating.

The Fiftieth Anniverary of Wofford will be celebrated June 4-8. As this marks a half century of work, every body is looking forward to one of the most notable commencements in the history of the institution. Many distinguished guests and speakers will be here and everything will be done to make this far above the average commencement.

With best wishes for sister Chapters.

W. M. Fair,

OMICRON.

Richmond College.

The spring exams. are over and the base-ball team has gotten down to practice in earnest. There are prospects for a good team at Richmond College, and Omicron will be well represented by Brothers Woodfin and Robertson. Brother Harwood would certainly have made the team but for the injury sustained in foot-ball last year, the ill effects of which appear at the slightest exertion on his part.

The Annual Oratorical Contest between the two societies

was held recently, and in a fine speech Brother R. H. Willis, a representative of the Mu Sigma Rho, won the medal. It now devolves upon him to represent the college in the State contest to be held in April. Brother Willis has been highly complimented on all sides for his splendid oration, and when it is taken in consideration that five other good men put forth every effort to carry off the honors, the distinction is one of which he may well be proud.

I think Omicron has won her share of the honors here this year, with two men on the foot-ball and base-ball teams, with a President of the Mu Sigma Rho Literary Society and the winner of the Orator's Medal.

We look with pleasure to the work of our Convention, and hope it will result in lasting good to the Fraternity as a whole.

Carter E. Talman.

PI.

Washington and Lee University.

Pi is glad to greet her sister Chapters again through the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and really we feel especially elated at this time, your correspondent having only this morning returned from the Convention. We also feel that no other explanation is necessary to account for the very happy and enthusiastic feeling under which we are penning these lines.

This letter, however, should have been written before the Convention met, so guess we had better keep silent along this line, and reserve what we may wish to say relative to "that dear Atlanta" and the good time we had there until a later date. 'Twould not be so pleasant to be confronted with a fine for non-performance of duty ere we had hardly gotten back to tell the boys "all about it."

The session of 1903-1904 is drawing rapidly to a close, and we can hope for very little more of the good things at college this year. We are glad to report, though, that, barring all mishaps, we will be able to record one more name on Pi Kappa Alpha's role before the present session

has seen its finish. After a delay of several months, we succeeded in inducing one whose name we will not mention at this time, to see the beauties and grandness of dear old Pi Kappa Alpha, and hope to initiate him before the first of April.

In our last letter we reported the absence of Brother Carpenter, who had returned to his home for the rest of the session. Brother T. Campbell Wilson, of Brownsburg, Va., also found it necessary to leave college some weeks ago for business reasons. He will return next session to complete his course in the law department.

With our already limited number of men, these losses come as a very heavy blow to Pi Chapter. We miss our two Brothers in more than one way, and shall rejoice when we can greet them again. Pi Chapter's role now numbers five, exclusive of the men we have on the string. We expect, however, to begin the next session with eight men, as we will not loss any from this year's number.

We wish to express our appreciation and enjoyment of the Foot-ball Edition of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND. It was certainly a unique plan, and must have met with the endorsement and appreciation of every individual member of the Fraternity. To tell the truth, there is nothing about Pi Kappa Alpha that we do not enjoy and love, and if we have been at all lax in our expressions and actions at any time in the past, we hope to erase all such records by a brilliant and successful future, fraught with the energy and devotion which every Pi owes to his Order.

With our kindest regards and best wishes for each and every Brother,

S. B. Alexander.

SIGMA.

Vanderbilt University.

Once again old winter has given way and yielded up his sway to gentle spring and this is a change which, no doubt, everyone welcomes.

The base-ball team has been taking advantage of these

bright spring days, and now, after hard and constant practice, is in first-class condition. So far, Vanderbilt has played only two games, and those have been with the Nashville professional team and, although beaten, she put up a creditable contest. These games show that the team is a little weak at the bat and still weaker in the box, but very strong in fielding the ball. It is hoped that more practice will remedy the weak spots, and that Vanderbilt will have one of the strongest base-ball aggregations that she has ever had in her history.

We are sorry that we are not able to introduce to the Fraternity a new brother, but we will have to let the "goat" rest so that he will be able to do the hard work which will be his next fall. Sigma continues on her road to prosperity, and sincerely hopes that her sister Chapters are doing the same.

George H. Brown.

TAU.

University of North Carolina.

It is with regret that Tau has to announce to the Fraternity this spring the name of no new candidate. Fate seems to be against her just now, but she hopes the future has something bright in store.

Tau notes with interest, through the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, the general progress and enthusiasm of the Fraternity to carry forward its grand mission.

Carolina had the good fortune to win out in the debate with Georgia recently. She has been somewhat unsuccessful in her ball games, but she is waiting for better things to happen before the season closes.

"Exams." will soon be here, and Tau, like the rest of the sister Chapters, I suppose, is looking forward to a happy vacation.

Best wishes for the Fraternity.

A. J. Moore.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Upsilon regrets very much that she could not send a larger delegation to the recent Convention. Circumstances seemed to have conspired against her doing so. Three men were off with the base-ball team, two on a special engineering trip, two on the sick list, and of the others, an even dozen, five were as many as found it possible to go.

Those of our number who went came back with glowing descriptions.

Our Chapter has suffered another loss. Some weeks ago Brother T. J. Dowdell, post-graduate assistant in English, resigned his position and is now situated in LaFayette, Ala. Brother Dowdell leaves for West Point in June, where no doubt he will continue the same good record which he made at his Alma Mater. Certainly his resignation meant a gap in the ranks of the Pi's of Auburn that cannot well be filled.

Affairs in Auburn are progressing as usual. There is little to break the monotony of regular routine work, unless it be the exploits of our base-ball team, of whose record so far Auburn has reason to be proud.

W. W. Davis.

PHI.

Roanoke College.

In view of the fact that the students at Roanoke College have been working hard with examinations for the last week, and that the members of Phi are included in these, we were unable to have a representative at the Convention.

Although we can not meet personally with the members from other Chapters, we will be with them in spirit and heart.

For several months Salem has been quiet; that is since the Lenten season began, but since Easter everything has been running in the same old way. Through all of this Frat,

life was necessarily slow. The three Frats. here have really done nothing since Christmas; that is in the way of rushing men.

For the last week base-ball has been all the go at college, the team having played three games, defeating Fishburne 13-0; St. John's, of Annapolis, Md, 9-6; and St. Paul's School, Garden City, New York, 27-6.

Roanoke has made an unusually good showing for the first of the season, winning her first three games.

Phi is well represented on the team; Brother Snider, Captain and short-stop; Brother Bear, catch; and Brother Bowman, first-base,

We will meet a number of Pi's on our trips later in the season.

In foot-ball we will also be represented, for Brother Bowman has been elected Captain for the second time.

Roanoke is rapidly coming to the front in athletics, having one of the fastest base-ball teams in the South, and prospects for foot-ball next year are bright.

Wishing every one a pleasant time at the Convention, I will close.

A. M. Bowman, Jr.

CHI.

University of the South.

A hearty welcome to you again, Brothers. As you doubtless know our University opened again on the 17th of last month. All our men are back and are busily at work, some on the diamond, others at their classes. Chi is very well represented in the student activities and in general.

Our prospects for a good base-ball season this year are very good. We have about thirty men out at practice every afternoon. This year we have a Suwanee coach, Mr. Josie Seldon, Delta Tau Delta, nevertheless he gets three hours of hard practice out of us every afternoon. Brothers Harper and Wood are out on the diamond, both trying for the field.

Chi was especially delighted with the last SHIELD AND

DIAMOND. It was quite a treat to see pictures of our Captains for the coming year. No team in the South could hardly defeat such a splendid eleven as the II. K. A. football team of '03, with "Red" Smith as center.

E. A. Wood.

PSI.

North Georgia Agricultural College.

Since our last communication with our sister Chapters through THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, the affairs of Psi have been on the onward march to prosperity.

Things are very lively with us now. Fraternity spirit is at its highest. All are struggling for honors, and as a matter of fact, Pi's are "still in the swim." As a result of our struggling your humble scribe has the pleasure of introducing to every Pi throughout our Sunny South, Messrs. J. Gordon Morrison, of Talking Rock, Ga.; Rembert Stearns, of Talking Rock, Ga., and Charles M. Harris, of Dalton, Ga. The above mentioned young men are members of the best families of Georgia, and stand foremost in their classes. They have already proven themselves worthy of the name of Brother, and we are confident will ever strive for the success of our noble Order.

Recently Psi has lost one of her most faithful sons, Brother W. Thomas Townsend, of Jockey, Ga., who, after successfully passing an examination for teacher's place in Phillipines, has left us, and is now stationed near the city of Manilla. Brother Townsend was one of the leaders in our college. His career as a scholar and debater was unsurpassed by any of his fellow-students. Above all, he was ever loyal and truthful to his "Frat." Owing to his ability as a student, we predict for him a prominent place in his profession.

Psi is in the lead in the way of honors. In the Military Department, societies and class honors, she has a good show. The "Honor Role" of the classes consist of two-thirds of Pi's. In the Battalion of Cadets, twelve of seven-

teen members are officers. We will have front seats in spite of every opposition.

We unfortunately and very unwillingly will have to lose Brother C. H. Hodges, of Perry, Ga., who will leave us the first of May for his home, where he will remain until June, when he will leave for West Point. Brother Hodges is a true Pi, and we wish him much success through life.

Psi sends greetings and best wishes to all her sister Chapters.

Oliver W. Steed.

OMEGA.

Kentucky State College.

The foot-ball number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND was enjoyed by all. We are proud of our foot-ball heroes and glad to meet them through the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. Some of our II. K. A. Brothers are also stars of the diamond, among whom no one has made a "bigger" reputation than Brother Bobby Geary of Omega. Brother Geary twirled K. S. C. to the championship of Kentucky last season, and as Captain of the '04, team will surely lead them through victors again. Brother Gordon has arranged quite an extensive schedule for the season, including a ten day trip through Indiana and Ohio.

The Convention is now over and we expect a great many good results from it. Expansion is the doctrine of Omega.

Omega regrets the loss of a most loyal member, Brother Bernard, who left college several weeks ago.

Brother Andrus has given up college work and is studying law.

Brother Mason, with Heintz Pickling Company, Pittsburg, was with us a few days last month.

We are glad to welcome Brother Charles Arnsperger back to Omega again. Brother Arnsperger is on a furlough from the naval service.

Brother Carpenter, of Kappa, was warmly congratulated by all the II's on winning the State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest.

Omega and Kappa Chapters regret seriously to have to give up their Chapter hall, the building is to be replaced by a new one. We can boast of having the best fraternity hall in Lexington.

Commencement will soon be here, and let us think how many Brothers will go away to be with us no more. Omega will lose two of her most loyal and earnest members, Brothers Gordon and Porch, who graduate with B. C. E. and B. S. respectively.

Our best wishes go with them and we know they will always be true to the ties of II. K. A.

Geo. C. Montgomery.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

Trinity College.

We regret very much that our last letter failed to reach the editor, thereby causing us to be left out of the last edition of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. Owing to this fact, it behooves us, in addition to what news that has happened since our last letter, to repeat some of the letter that should have been published in the last edition.

On the night of February 1st, six new men were initiated into the mysteries of Pi Kappa-Alpha and are now active members. Ere the dawn of day, "Billy" was pretty tired, but he performed his part well, and before leaving the hall he was recognized unanimously as "master of ceremonies."

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large the following:

Brother W. J. Whitley, '07, Bonneaton, N. C.; who graduated at Trinity Park School last session. He is very popular among the boys in college and stands high with the "co-ed's."

Brother John McCauless, '07, Salisbury, N. C., is also quite a favorite in college. Owing to his size and strength, "Billy" had quite a time handling this "giant" at first, but

"ere the mist had rolled away" it was readily seen that "Billy" had conquered.

Brother Wm. H. Wallace, '07, Morehead City, N. C., otherwise known on the campus as "Victor," is very popular in college, stands high in his classes and is worthy in every respect to wear the *Shield and Diamond*. "Billy" did not find it very hard to handle Victor, but found it exceedingly hard to keep him on his back, for he showed well that he was not accustomed to riding goats. However, he was very patient and is now recognized as one of the best riders in this Chapter.

Brother L. G. Daniels, '07, Wauchese, N. C., otherwise known as "Times," graduated from Trinity Park School last session and was "Punny" man of his class. He is quite popular both with the boys and the "co-eds." He is very witty and it is a pleasure to visit him in his room, for he can keep you laughing from the time you enter until you leave.

Brother Wm. M. Wells, '07, Elm City, N. C., graduated from Trinity Park School last session at the head of his classes and is making his work in college nicely. He is exceedingly popular and seems to be quite a pet with the Conservatory girls. We wish him well and trust ere school closes he may be able to "land his fish."

Now, "last but not least," comes your humble scribe, A. B. Stainback, '06, Weldon, N. C. Owing to his timidity he doesn't toot his own horn very much. But he manages to hold his own among the boys and is extremely fond of the fair sex, even though he visits very seldom, owing to heavy studying. He is a member of the Glee Club in both vocal and instrumental parts. Having just recovered from a spell of sickness when he was initiated, "Billy" was not as severe on him'as is customary but he found a vast difference between riding goats and horses.

After the initiation of these men, we had an elaborate spread, which was greatly enjoyed by all, and ere we reached our virtuous couches the dawn of day could be seen.

We are highly pleased with our Chapter this session

and our prospects are very bright. We are still holding our own with the other frats here and feel no hesitancy in proclaiming our crowd as good as any in college.

Brother Pugh and your scribe, members of the Glee Club, had a very pleasant trip with the club on the first of March, and during the trip your scribe was fortunate enough to spend several days at his home, keeping Brother Pugh over with him also.

Our base-ball team this session is one of the strongest we have had in years. Brother Webb represents us there and is holding Pi Kappa Alpha's banner high in the air.

Brother Arthur will represent us at the Convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., next month and hopes to see every Chapter well represented.

Brothers Webb and Arthur have been appointed Assistant Managers for the coming commencement. Happy will be the "fair ones" who wear these regalias.

Brother Pugh attended the Y. M. C. A. Convention in Spartanburg, S. C., last month as a delegate from Trinity, and reports having had a grand time. He has also been chosen as one of the debaters on the Sophomore debate to be held next month.

Our Track team will be selected soon and we hope to be well represented on this also.

Our roll now numbers ten members as follows:

Professor Ernest F. Hines, '00 Florence, S. C.

C. R. Pugh, '06, Wauchese, N. C.

C. B. Arthur, '06, Morehead City, N. C.

Paul Webb, '06, Morehead City, N. C.

A. B. Stainback, '06, Weldon, N. C.

W. J. Whitley, '07, Bonneaton, N. C.

W. M. Wells, '07, Elm City, N. C.

L. G. Daniels, '07, Wauchese, N. C.

John McCaules, '07, Salisbury, N. C.

W. H. Wallace, '07, Morehead City, N. C.

Alpha-Alpha sends greetings to all her sister Chapters.

Ashley B. Stainback.

ALPHA-GAMMA.*Louisiana State University.*

At this meeting there is little that will prove to be of more than passing interest. The preparation of the Annual is now occupying the spare time of all connected with the staff, as well as much of the time of the students in assuming the proper attitude for the Camera.

For some time there has been a lively interest in class base-ball games, and there seems to be good material for a 'Varsity, but it seems that this year's team will be forced to take a back seat in athletics because of the financial condition of the Association.

In referring to the Annual, it occurs to the scribe that a circulation of the Annuals of all the colleges where we have Chapters, would prove both interesting and instructive. Each Chapter could have one or more copies, and when some plan of circulation was started, there would be a copy of some school received every week by each Chapter, which would furnish interesting reading while awaiting the following issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

The Foot-Ball Issue was very interesting, as well as unique in conception.

Why not have the next issue complimentary?—giving pictures of twenty-four "Sisters"—one from each Chapter.

Are not our loyal Sisters as much a part of our Fraternity as our foot-ball champions?

There can be but one objection to our Sisters' edition, and that would be the difficulty in deciding which should be chosen to represent "her" Chapter; but that could be decided by the Sisters themselves.

As I write, my thoughts constantly revert to the Convention to be called to order to-morrow at Atlanta. Doubtless it will be the greatest of all our Conventions.

With enthusiasm and new life so evident among our Chapters, there is every reason to look for great results. And I dare say that if our fondest wish were gratified, we would all be there to-morrow, then it would indeed be great. But some of us are unfortunate, such are those

who must stay away; let them resolve to exert renewed energy in materializing all that is planned by the Convention.

Were it not a violation of the military regulations, I would drink the health of II. K. A. to-night, and if the crowd agreed to take the "nigh off" I would drink one to Brother Arbuckle and Brother Smythe as well as all the other officers, and lastly when "two morns rose over the city," (if possible) I would say: "Boys, here's to expansion,"

A. W. Buckner.

ALPHA-DELTA.

Georgia School of Technology.

It is with great pleasure that Alpha-Delta, the youngest of the family, makes her first bow to her sister Chapters. After much hunting, the following Brothers were found and brought together on the night of February twenty-seventh: Dr. H. B. Arbuckle, Iota; Ham, Psi; Burwold, Psi; Underwood, Chi; Giles, Nu; and Smith, Tau. The object of the meeting was the installation of Alpha-Delta Chapter, and five worthy candidates were lead into the mysteries and pleasures of our sacred brotherhood. We take great pleasure in introducing to our sister Chapters the following Brothers:

John Zachry Collier, '06, Atlanta, Ga.

Paul Humber Connally, '06, Dallas, Ga.

George Albertus Edwards, '06, Crawfordsville, Ga.

Thomas Bagley Lamar, '04, Richland, Ga.

Claude Manly McCord, '06, Atlanta, Ga.,

who, with Brother Burton-Hoyle Smith, an affiliate from Tau, make up the personnel of Alpha Delta. At present there are Chapters of ten other fraternities at the Georgia Tech: Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Phi and Kappa Delta.

The feeling here between the frats. and non-frats. is only

fairly good. We are very sorry to see the signs of what promises to be a non-frat. organization, which has been organized under the head of a smoking club. We should and do consider ourselves fortunate in having two officers of our Fraternity, Drs. H. B. Arbuckle, C. P., and Theron H. Rice, Jr., G. C., among our alumni in the city.

Among the other alumni are Dr. R. O. Flinn, pastor of the North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Dr. C. B. Willmer, Gamma, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Ham, Psi; Burwold, Psi; Giles, Nu; and Wilkinson, Chi.

We are also glad to find a few Pi sisters already here and hope to have more before many moons have passed. I write this letter at the request of Brother Edwards, our Chapter correspondent, who is new at the business, but I can promise you a good letter when he sends in his. We are very sorry that we have no representative on the baseball team, but we hope to see many of our Brothers on the visiting teams. Our team bids fair to hold a good claim to the championship of the S. I. A. A. We have as our coach Mr. J. W. Heisman, a gentleman who is recognized to be at the head of his profession and who is undoubtedly without a peer in the South. We are fortunate in establishing a Chapter in an institution which offers so much to a young man and which with the possible exception of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is the best of its kind in the East. Here are offered courses in all the different branches of engineering. The student body numbers nearly five hundred for this year, which shows up well for an institution of its age—sixteen years. When any of our Brothers are in the city, we will be more than glad to have them call on us. We will be found at 411 Kaiser Building, every Saturday night. Young as we are, we are very much interested in the work of extension and hope to hear of several new Chapters before the end of the year. We have come to the conclusion that the best way to extend our Chapter roll is for some Brother who is thinking of going to another college, to go to one where we have no Chapter, pro-

ceed to "get busy" and put in one. This seems to be about the simplest solution of the problem that we can think of. Let the good work of extension continue, and

"The banners of Garnet and Gold, long may they wave,
O'er our Sunny Southland, the home of the free and the brave.'
Burton-Hoyle Smith.

ALPHA-BETA.

Centenary College.

It is with pleasure that Alpha-Beta again greets her sister Chapters. Our base-ball team left here Saturday to play a series of six games before returning. The team expects to win four out of the six. Brother Reily plays third base. Last session we lost every game except one, but we hope to do better this time.

The frats here are not progressing very rapidly this year. The Kappa Alpha's and Kappa Sigma's have each taken one and we have not taken any. There will not be any material here in several years if the same boys return. Brother Reily and I have had a lonesome time of it by our selves, but as we are both coming back next session we expect to do better.

We are sorry that we could not be at the Convention.

In a little over a month we will be standing examinations for the close of the school. With best wishes for the frat. as a whole, and the individual Chapters, we close.

H. B. Munson.

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, 67 N. Sycamore Street, Petersburg, 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.

—Thomas L. Cannon, who was a member of the Fraternity in South Carolina, has a position in the clerical department of the Atlantic Coast Line railway, with headquarters in Petersburg, Va.

—William Almond Shepherd, Pi, who graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1897, is a member of the graduating class of 1904 at the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond. He is also instructor in several classes at the Woman's College in that city.

—William Read Martin, Iota, who graduated from Hampden-Sidney in 1902, is pursuing a course of medicine at the University College of Medicine, in Richmond, Va.

—Wellford Bohannon Lorraine, of Iota, who graduated from Hampden-Sidney in 1899, is studying medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

—W. B. Lyles, Xi, who graduated from the South Carolina College, at Columbia, in 1897, will receive his degree this year from the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond. All these men are splendid fellows and stand high in their classes.

—John P. Leary, Xi, class 1897, who graduated in law at the University of Virginia in 1899, is practicing his profession in Richmond, Va., with offices on Main street.

—William Gordon Belser, Xi, class 1897, South Caro-

lina College, who graduated in law at the University of Virginia in 1899, is practicing in Columbia, S. C.

—J. G. Hughes, class 1897, Xi, who graduated in law at the University of Virginia in 1899, is practicing at Union, S. C.

—George McCutchen, class 1897, Xi, after taking a post-graduate course at the Chicago University, is adjunct Professor of History at the South Carolina College, at Columbia. Wilmont McCutchen, his brother, of the same college and class, graduated in dentistry at the Maryland University, and is located at Columbia, S. C., where he is enjoying a fine practice.

—N. A. Orr, Tau, a member of the graduating class in medicine at the University College of Medicine, at Richmond, Va., is now resident physician at the Sheltering Arms Hospital, at Richmond.

—John Martin, 1903, Iota, has accepted a position as a member of the faculty of the Berkley Military Academy, Martinsburg, W. Va.

—E. S. Cowles, Gamma, is a member of the class of 1906 at the University College of Medicine, at Richmond, Va.

—R. A. Stewart, who graduated with the Ph. D. degree at the University of Virginia in 1901, now hold the chair of French and German at the Woman's College, Richmond,

—The congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Springs, W. Va., has extended a call to the Rev. Shadia Moore Engle, pastor of a group of churches near Parsons, W. Va. Mr. Engle graduated from Hampden-Sidney College and was an enthusiastic member of Iota Chapter.

—Through an inadvertency mention was made in the February issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND to Mr. E. Stanley Brinkley, of Hampton, Va., as a member of Gamma Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. Mr. Brinkley is not a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

—The Fraternity will read with sorrow the sad news of the death of Mrs. Briscoe, wife of our beloved Brother of Zeta. The sympathy, sincere and heartfelt, of all, is extended to our bereaved Brother:

"March 15th at 10:30 o'clock, Mrs. Will N. Briscoe, formerly Miss Lynn Russell, died at her home, 1618 Clinch avenue, west, after an illness of several weeks. The deceased leaves a husband and two little children.

The news of the death of Mrs. Briscoe will be received with general sadness throughout the city, where she was so well known and where she was popular with a large circle of friends. She and Will N. Briscoe were married six years ago.

She was a young woman highly esteemed, a member of one of the oldest and best known families of the city, and was a consistent member of the First Presbyterian Church. The deceased was reared in this city, where she attended the city schools and later the private institutions of the city, and she was beloved by all who knew her. In the bereavement which has come over the family, all have the tender sympathy of the entire community.

The funeral services will be conducted at the residence, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev. James Park, D. D., pastor of the first Presbyterian Church. The remains will be interred in Old Gray cemetery."—*Knoxville Sentinel*.

"A telegram received here last evening announced the death at her home in Knoxville, Tenn., of Mrs. W. N. Briscoe, a former resident of this city. Mrs. Briscoe's husband was a member of the firm of Smith-Briscoe Shoe Company, and during their residence here they won a host of friends, everyone of whom entertained for them the highest esteem. Mrs. Briscoe was a woman of lovely character and sweet and lovable disposition, and the announcement of her death will be received with deepest sorrow by all who knew her. The telegram stated that Mrs. Briscoe died at half past ten o'clock yesterday morning. The funeral will take place today."—*News, Lynchburg, Va.*

—Our Magazine is always glad to know of its popularity, but especially appreciates and values such testimony as the following from Rev. W. R. Wallace, Mu, Ellenton, S. C., "Enclosed find \$2.00 for my subscription to SHIELD AND DIAMOND. I do not feel like I could get along without it."

"Martinsburg, W. Va., March 16.—The Winchester Presbytery met here in the Presbyterian Church last night in adjourned ses-

sion. Rev. S. M. Engle, *Iota*, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Parsons, W. Va., who had been called to a charge at Davis, W. Va., was permitted to decline it and to accept a call to the Berkeley Springs, W. Va., church."

—The following from "*The Richmond Times-Dispatch*" March 30th, will be read with pride by all Pi's:

"The annual inter-society oratorical contest was held at Richmond College last night. Every year three representatives from each of the college literary societies, the Mu Sigma Rho and the Philologistian, contest for the handsome gold medal which is awarded jointly by these literary organizations. The interest is heightened by the fact that the successful orator will represent Richmond College in the Virginia State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest.

The speakers and subjects were:

"Now," Carter Ashton Jenkins; "A Southern Hero," Frank Lewis Hardy; "Fra Domenello, of Pescid," Douglass Southall Freeman; "Plea for the Abolition of the Death Penalty," William Eldridge Ross; "The Law," Russell Holman Willis; "America," William Vernon Thraves.

The flow of eloquence was splendid, and every subject was responded to with ability and credit to the speaker. After the speeches had been made the judges retired to consider their decision. When they returned it was found that Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, who has been endeared to the hearts of Richmond College students by his friendly and able service on other similar occasions, had been selected as spokesman. He paid a fitting tribute to every speaker on the programme, but when he reached the end of his remarks and declared that the speech of Mr. Willis, the speaker on "The Law," contained the merits of all and many more, and was, therefore, entitled to the decision, the crowd went wild with approbation. Thunderous applause greeted his statement, and the successful speaker was borne around the room on the shoulders of his enthusiastic friends.

The evening oration was pronounced by all who heard it to be a gem.

Mr. Russell Holman Willis is a native of Lynchburg, Va., a graduate of the Richmond College Law School, and prominent in every branch of college life. He is a scion of an old Culpeper family. He is also a member of Omicron Chapter, II. K. A., and universally popular at the college.

The decision was generally pronounced to be both eminently just and thoroughly popular."

—The *Herald* originally and earnestly advocated the re-

turn of Hon. J. J. Owen, Epsilon, to the legislature and for two reasons. He had already done more work in the interest of Virginia's only Normal for girls, and because other and necessary work remained to be done. It has been gloriously consummated and the plume of our efficient representative was ever seen waving in the very fore-front of battle.—"*Farmville Herald*," March 18th.

—No name on our roll awakens more true II. enthusiasm than that of McAllister. The three brothers have all served II. K. A. loyally and devotedly, and any news of their happiness and success will always give universal pleasure to all II's. Therefore it is with the very warmest congratulations and showers of good wishes, that we publish the following account of the marriage of J. Gray McAllister, taken from the "*Richmond Times-Dispatch*," March 27th. We wish the young couple every joy and a long life of happiness:

MCALLISTER—RUSSELL.

"A May wedding in which many Richmond people are interested is that of Miss Meta E. Russell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Russell, of Winchester, Va., to the Rev. James Gray McAllister, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Farmville, Va. A recent issue of the Winchester paper says:

'Miss Russell is extremely popular among the younger social circles of Winchester, and has been identified with church and musical organizations. Her musical talent is conspicuous and her charm of manner and attractive personality have given her wide popularity.

Mr. McAllister is a brilliant young minister of the Presbyterian Church in Virginia. Last year he held the chair of Hebrew at the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., filling the place of the Rev. W. W. Moore, who was in Europe for his health. During his connection with the Seminary in this capacity, Mr. McAllister won for himself quite a reputation. Recently he was appointed to the pastorate at Farmville.'

—E. F. Koelle, Theta, who has done so much to extend II. K. A. in our Western territory, and to whom we owe the revival of Eta, writes us February 19th:

"I resigned my position at American Sugar Refinery Co., January 15th, and same day entered the U. S. Custom

House and am at present clerk in Naval office. Think I can do much better, and as I am in Civil Service can feel pretty safe for future. Was last week elected President of 7th Ward Central Republican Club."

Best wishes for success will always follow you, Brother Koelle.

—The following interesting account of our members at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., was sent us by Brother Arthur F. Jackson, under date March 31st:

"There are enough II's here this session to make a good Chapter if it were not for the anti-fraternity regulations of the college.

Among the Post Graduates we have Brother J. Paris Palmer, Phi, of Greenville, Va., who is pursuing his studies further in Electrical Engineering, a course which is very popular with our men. In the Senior class of that course is Brother Maurice B. Langhorne, Iota, of Smithfield, Va. Brother Langhorne, besides proving himself a star on the Senior Class foot-ball team last fall, is playing in the left-field on the base-ball team this spring. Brother C. E. Bear, Phi, of Roanoke, Va., is also a Senior, and although he had his hands full with his specialty, foot-ball, he found time to take a course in Agricultural Chemistry extra. His extra studies could not hold him up here long after the foot-ball season was over.

Brother Junius B. Lamb, Gamma, of Williamsburg, Va., and Brother Alfred W. Taylor, Zeta, of Knoxville, Tenn., are the men we have in the Junior Class. Brother Lamb is studying to be an Electrical Engineer, and Brother Taylor is working in Agricultural Chemistry.

The Sophomore Class has had three II. K. A.'s in it, but Brother J. C. Morehead, Pi, of Pulaski, Va., left College about the middle of the session. Brother Sidney S. Hughes, Gamma, of Norfolk, and Brother Taylor Garnet, Gamma, of Matthews, Va., are still hard at work learning all about Electrical Engineering.

We would not have had a representative in the Freshman Class had not Brother Harvey S. Gill, Omicron of Petersburg, Va., come in at the beginning of the second term to study Civil Engineering. He was urged to try for the base-ball team, but did not apply because he was sick about the opening of the practice season. The writer (Upsilon) of West Point, Ga., is General Secretary and Physical Director of the College Young Men's Christian Association.

The Brothers up here in the mountains send greetings to their old Chapters and their sister Chapters, and we hope that the principles which we stand for will take hold more and more deeply on every man in the Fraternity."

—The following note concerning our Brother will be a source of pleasure and gratitude to all II's: "At the meeting of the Lebanon Presbytery which convened in Murfreesboro on March 16th, Rev. E. E. Ingram, Rho, was elected as one of the two delegates to the General Assembly which will convene in Dallas, Texas."

This is another honor which our esteemed Brother is well qualified to accept.

—The General Office has received some very pleasant letters from correspondents, the following extracts from which will be read with interest by the Fraternity:

"I have the success of the Fraternity at heart and find great pleasure in reading its literature."

Van Frierson, Louisville, Ky., Theta.

"THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND has been regularly received and read by me with much pleasure. It gets better and better each year, which reflects great credit upon the officers of the Fraternity."

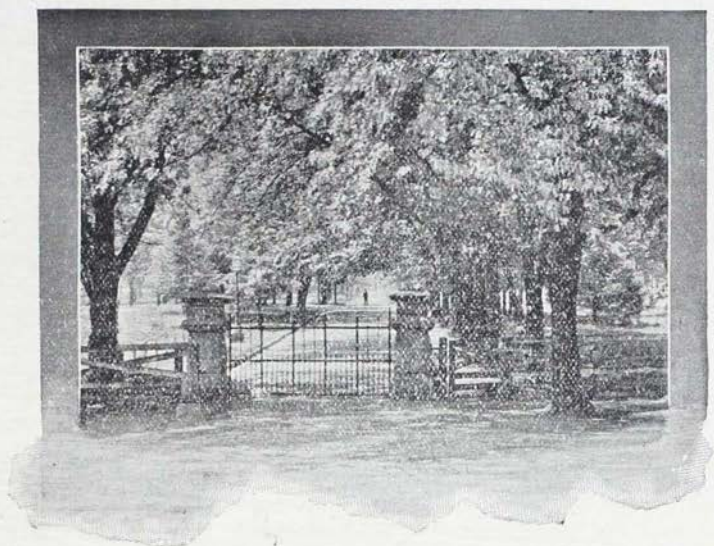
F. S. McCandlish, Washington, D. C., Gamma.

—Brother J. Baird French, Zeta, now a newspaper man in Texas, will marry Miss Alice Miller, of Knoxville, Tenn., April 26th, at Church Street M. E. Church, South. Brother French has our congratulations and our good wishes are extended to both parties.

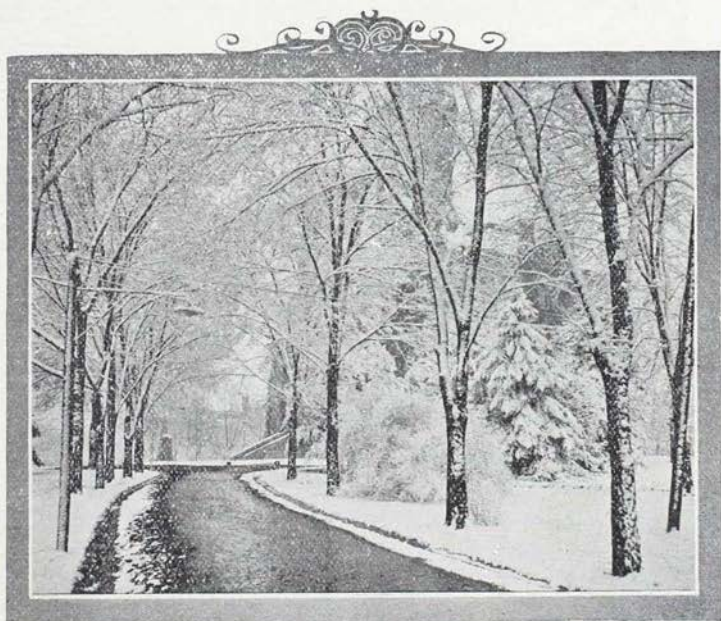
—Rev. E. M. Craig, Iota, Ex.-Grand Chaplain and a most enthusiastic Brother, writes us under date of the 19th instant, regarding his work as Secretary Evangelist of Home Missions of North Alabama Presbytery, in Birmingham, Ala.:

"Have had charge of this work six months and have seen a financial improvement in that time of over \$2,500."

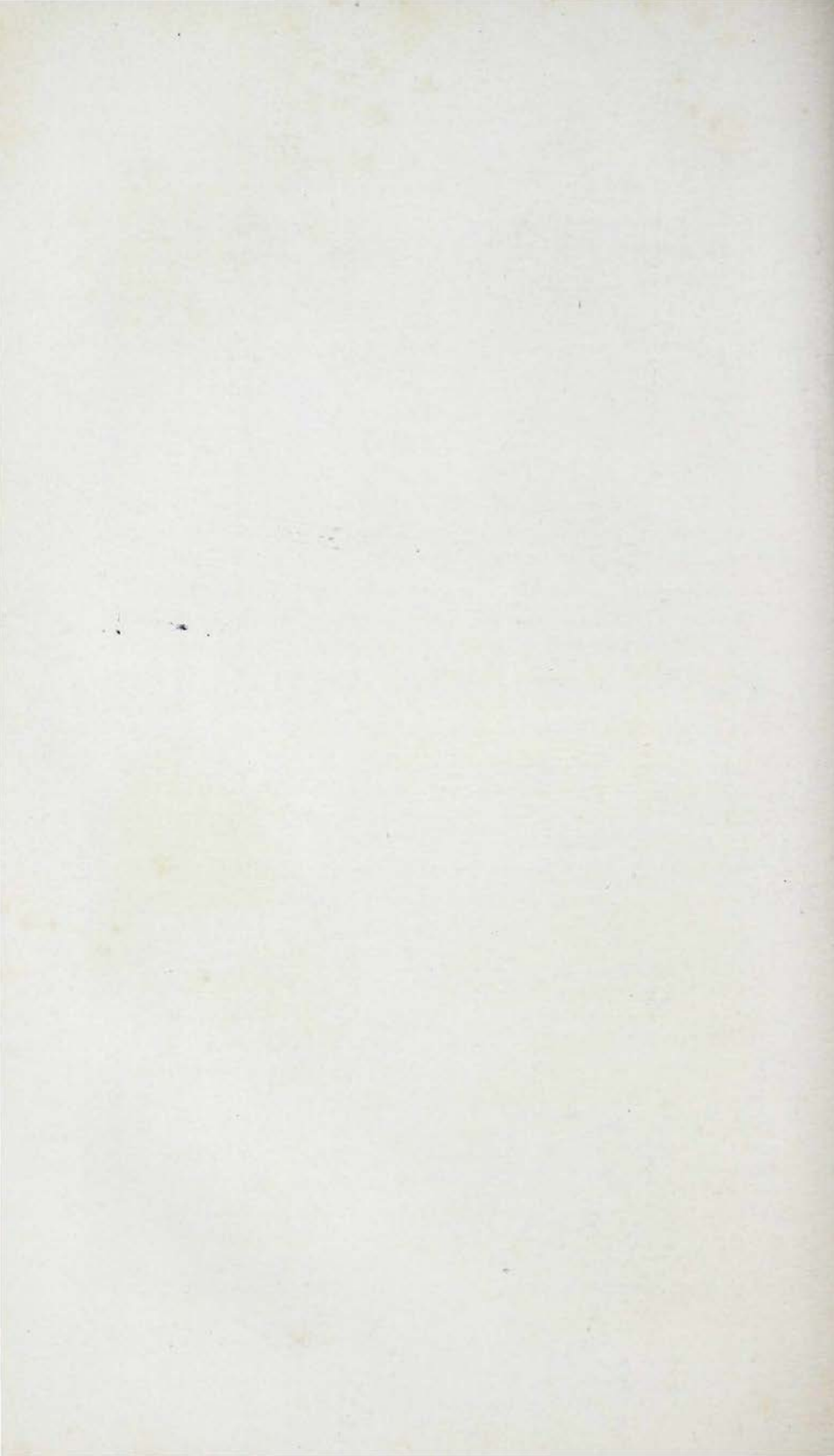
He also expresses regret at not being able to attend the Convention and renews his subscription to the Magazine, with pleasant expressions as to the progress we are making.



VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY—ENTRANCE FROM BROAD STREET.



VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY—CAMPUS VIEW.



Our Colleges.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY—A SKETCH.

Vanderbilt University, situated in the City of Nashville, Tennessee, is too well known to people throughout this land, especially the South, for me to take much space in commenting upon it. To us at Vanderbilt its history is full of interest; to the people of Nashville it is a source of pride; and to our entire South, as it has figured so much in the educational development, its past history is so linked with its growth that no story of its development can be told without acknowledging the part that this institution has played in the great drama.

In 1873 Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt came to the rescue of Bishop McTyeire, with his financial aid and made his first donation of \$500,000. How much this meant to the educational interests of our land can never be estimated. Suffice it to say that it gave an impetus to educational development that can never be checked.

Mr. Vanderbilt did not stop with his first donation but, realizing the great opportunity which presented itself to him, he made other gifts. Following the example of the Founder, other members of that family have dealt kindly with the institution, and, as a result, to-day there exists in the City of Nashville the magnificent institution, which is pre-eminently the leading institution in the land of Dixie.

In 1875 the Academic Department opened its first session with an attendance of one hundred and fifteen students, under the direction of ten instructors, and with a limited range of subjects of study. The standard then was not that of the present day, but it was no fault of the University. The conditions of education in the South existing at that time explain these deficiencies. But to-day

things have become changed, just as times and conditions have, and we find an institution that maintains such high ideals, that the Colleges and Universities of the North and East have acknowledged the quality of her work by granting a charter for a Chapter of "Phi Beta Kappa," which is a society based on scholarship. If you should ask, what right is there to claim for Vanderbilt University such a high rank in educational lines? Then the answer must come, because no other institution in the South has been granted a charter for Phi Beta Kappa since the Northern and Eastern Colleges, after investigating the character of their work, have not deemed their position to be such as to justify it.

Since a tree is to be judged by its fruit, so may one examine the past history of the growth of the South, and there will be found the greatest testimonial to the efficiency of this institution.

Since 1875 the growth of Vanderbilt University has been remarkable. To-day, instead of one department with one hundred and fifteen students, there are seven large and fully equipped departments, interested in the upbuilding of the whole University, with an enrollment of over nine hundred students from all sections of our country.

While great stress has been put upon the Academic Department and a constant endeavor has been made to keep its standard high, the professional departments have not been neglected. Care and vigilance have been taken to improve each department as soon as the conditions would permit.

The University is proud of its Medical Department, and is it not proper that it should be? Basing the assumption of its superiority upon the number and quality of its laboratories, which are now conceded to be the most convincing measure of any institution devoted to the teaching of science, and upon its method of instruction, as carried on by an able corps of instructors, will not the department bear comparison with any institution south of the Mason and Dixon line and many beyond it? The course of in-

struction in the beginning covered a course of two years, but this length of time was deemed too short and soon it was changed to three years. But this change was not sufficient, so at present there are four sessions of six months each. Another favorable feature of the department is its nearness to the City Hospital, which is one of vital importance.

Space will not permit of a discussion of each department, but suffice it to say that a careful examination of each will plainly demonstrate with what care and skillfulness the curriculum of each has been mapped out. What has been said with reference to the quality of work and equipment for the same of the Academic and Medical Departments will appropriately fit the case of each of the others, namely, the Law, Dental, Engineering, Pharmaceutical and Theological Departments. Other than the quality of work done at Vanderbilt University, there are other attractions that lend to the pleasantness of college life. To those who have once seen the Vanderbilt campus, it is needless to speak of its beauty, but to those who have never had the opportunity, it can be said that human hands, aided by nature's endowment, have presented a landscape that is one of the prides of the University.

With a complete system of dormitories, there is that opportunity to mingle with one's fellow-students. This is an essential feature to college life. It is the means of developing a strong sentiment, commonly known as "college spirit." Take away the opportunity of association with students from all sections throughout our land, and one might as well be at home reading his text-books there, for a well rounded character does not come from simply devouring text-books, but coupled with this must be added the benefit to be derived from coming in contact with students from other localities than where one has been reared. There is need of this association to give one the polish that is necessary to a man who is to become a factor in after life. Association gives one the velvety appearance,

but underneath there is that by which a man's worth is reckoned.

To Athletics a place is given, since it is the opinion of those in charge that as the mind is exercised and given development, so also must the body have such treatment that it may keep pace with the intellectual growth. A well equipped Gymnasium, under the direction of an experienced director, is open to all students. In addition there is on the east side of the campus an athletic field, suited and equipped for base-ball, foot-ball and track work. Are these disadvantages? The answer must come in the negative. The occasions of Inter-Collegiate Contests afford opportunities of uniting the student body of any institution, since on those days, all personal difficulties are put aside, and with love for the Alma Mater, the students, one and all, rally around its standard and cheers its heroes on.

Vanderbilt University stands for that which is highest in the development of a perfect man, be it intellectually, morally or physically. The "Honor System" is maintained, and each student is considered a gentleman until proven otherwise. No attempt is made to watch a student with the intention of finding him out, but each one is considered a gentleman, and the moral sentiments are such that his Honor is a bond stronger than all the iron-clad rules. This sentiment exists in every feature of the college life, and Vanderbilt University stands for purity of athletics, and athletics conducted only in a sportsmanlike manner.

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