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THE SEVEN NECESSARY THINGS.

I am glad to learn that the boys are back, and to work with a vim for *H. K. A.* The flattering prospects reported at the last Convention should bring forth much fruit with the aid of a little time and work on the part of the Brothers.

It is unnecessary to urge the Brothers to be careful; all *H's* are that. Still there must be activity if the greatest results are accomplished. Select good men, Brothers, and all will be well. Our name is established firmly throughout our borders. Let each *Pi* strive to make it more noble and glorious.

Some things necessary to a successful Chapter year: First, keep in touch with the headquarters of the Fraternity. Let all financial obligations be promptly met; this is the time to attend to that. Get that out of the way by remitting, at the earliest day, all dues. Second, be prompt in sending in to the Editor-in-Chief your Chapter letters; the very life of the Fraternity depends upon that. Do not make the Editor-in-Chief write you on account of your delay or failure, but earnestly try to have your letters in early for publication. Third, remember the Magazine and pay up your dues promptly. Send in some good articles for publication and some good exchanges. Fourth, see that every member attends the Chapter meetings from the first. Let there be no lagging in attendance, for interest will soon die if there is. Fifth, look forward to the next Convention and strive to see, from the first, that your Chapter

will be represented there by at least two men. Keep the subject before you. Sixth, be careful to instruct the new men in the matters of the Constitution and general workings of the Fraternity. Seventh, be careful in the "putting on of the work" at initiation time; for first impressions are most lasting.

Then let us all pull together for the advancement of the Fraternity. Much, and perhaps I should say most, depends upon the work of active members. Do not depend upon alumni, Brothers, but let each Chapter do its part. The result will be what we wish.

Work and watch, therefore, from the start. Your officers are already at it, and they ask, at the beginning, for your careful and earnest assistance. This they have had before and confidently expect again.

Fraternally,

J. Pike Powers, Jr.,

Grand Secretary.

Knoxville, Tenn.

A CALL TO ARMS.

The October issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND is, in many of its features, the most important number of the year, and its pages should be closely scanned, and all the ideas and suggestions therein presented, and the plans formulated and set forth, should receive the most thoughtful and considerate attention of the Pi's, under whose view the Magazine and its articles fall. The October issue, always the bearer of a message to the noble body of Pi's now scattered far and wide throughout the Southland, goes forth upon its mission at this season, the beginning of a new college year, to give every member a hearty greeting in Pi Kappa Alpha, after the long, and we trust enjoyable and profitable vacation period, and acquaint them with the plan of campaign for the ensuing year, and the movements advisable to inaugurate for the advancement of Pi Kappa

Alpha's interest during the session of 1904-'5. The plans unfolded, the advice given and suggestions made, may be compared to the orders of a general to his officers and soldiers, in so far as they are intended to serve as a stimulus to co-operative work, and are, in fact, a summons to all of us that are worthy of the high membership which is ours, to be alert, active and loyal to the cause, and to be responsive to the call of assistance, which is the call of duty, in whatever form it may be presented. In this way only can our loyalty to and interest in Pi Kappa Alpha, and the sincerity of our professed devotion, be tested. In no other way can we lend any material aid to the progressive work which is demanded and hoped for, than by giving an ardent and zealous support to those who have so successfully and so safely steered our great fraternal vessel over dangers known and unknown, and by making a ready and quick response to their requests. These commonplace truths are not enumerated in the spirit of reflection or of criticism. Adherence to these fundamental principles underlying effective organization has been a factor in Pi Kappa Alpha's growth and usefulness. The possession by her sons of the qualities of loyalty and devotion to her, their zealousness and faithfulness in the assumption and discharge of duties, regardless of the difficulty entailed, are among the great secrets of the Fraternity's marked growth. These telling qualities have not been absent, but ever present. Lest we forget, however, the source of our power, and the security of our future welfare and greatness, a recurrence to those fundamentals is never amiss, as we cannot be too familiar with them. Let us not rest upon the laurels that mark past triumphs, but rather let us prepare for future victories by renewing and increasing, if possible, the fervor of our spirit, and by improving the character of our equipments, which will be sure means of securing victory's crown.

Vigorous in mind and body after the restful weeks of midsummer vacation, a return to college halls and college life should find all possessed with a spirit of achievement

that will add force and give support to resolutions for promoting all interests with which those returning are connected. Let every Pi remember that delinquency in the discharge of his college duties lowers the prestige of Pi Kappa Alpha in his college,—that meritorious effort lends an added brilliancy to her now resplendent glory. The high and honorable discharge of duties incumbent upon one as a student, in every walk of college life, is no less a duty owing to the Fraternity, into whose honorable and close comradeship one has been initiated, than it is to one's self. Be sure that the standard of duty and conduct is set high and consistently sustained. In addition to this dual duty, let the resolve be made anew that Pi Kappa Alpha's interest shall become a personal one to each Pi, and that her demands shall not be neglected during the session of 1904-'5 but complied with as faithfully and fully as those of one's self. With such a spirit permeating our ranks and prompting our every action, the greatest good within us will be employed in strengthening and upbuilding each Chapter, and inducing general and effective co-operative work. Work of this kind will bring a harvest of fine results, develop an increased interest and enthusiasm, and make possible the materialization of hopes otherwise impossible to be realized. The battle cry has been shouted along the line by other fraternities, and they are doubtless in form to wage a battle for their cause during the coming year. Let us, therefore, heed our battle cry and be prepared to do valiant service in the cause of Pi Kappa Alpha, and add new honors to a name that should ever be cherished and held sacred by every true Pi.

Charlottesville, Va.

*Arthur C. Jones,
Grand Historiographer.*

DOES PI KAPPA ALPHA PUT HER STAMP ON HER MEN?

At our last Convention in Atlanta I was impressed with the unanimity of sentiments and the kind brotherly sympathy exhibited on all occasions by the men of Pi Kappa Alpha. Notably was this true when any question as to the high purposes and standards of our Fraternity was raised. The genuine way in which the Brothers present condemned the underhand methods sometimes employed in spiking men, showed that all the Chapters were teaching their members that Pi Kappa Alpha must appeal to the noblest in a man, and that Pi Kappa should never take a man who was not prompted by the highest motives and showed himself a sincere believer in the ideals of our Fraternity.

This was not the first Convention at which I had observed this, but it did seem that I had never seen so congenial, so harmonious a gathering of Pi Brothers as that. They were men of so much the same type that one wondered when he found that they came from so many different sections. The men from Virginia had the sentiments of the Louisiana men. The men from Kentucky and Alabama were a unit in all the real issues of the Convention. The South Carolina men were filled with the same spirit as the Tennessee delegates, while the knights of the Old North State and the crackers of Georgia gloried in the same principles and stood shoulder to shoulder in the work of the Convention.

One might have expected to find some boys there more concerned "doing" the town than in deliberating fifteen hours a day over the interests of the Fraternity. One might have expected a few fellows just a bit too gay for a Convention discussion. Not so. All seemed full with the same earnest spirit. A man who has been much longer out in the world than I have been, who has seen more of college boy ways than I, remarked to me that he was proud to look those boys in the face and call them Brothers, be-

cause they were so dignified, were so manifestly gentlemen, were so free from the modern day rowdy spirit that makes a college crowd a nuisance to any community; were so honest in face and manner, that he knew they would one day become the back-bone of our best citizenship. Let me add that, though I was thrown with the men intimately, and under circumstances that many will confess would try the patience of Job and stir the feelings of the mildest, I never heard a single profane word from a Pi Brother during this Convention.

It did me good to look into the faces of such men and then think of the future of the Fraternity. I felt that her high destiny was safe in their hands. I asked myself the question, "Why should these men exhibit so fine a type of young manhood?" I was compelled to believe that Pi Kappa Alpha had placed her stamp upon these men. This encourages one who has labored so long for his Fraternity and has pinned his faith to her principles and glories in the work that has been set before her. If Pi Kappa Alpha can only gather together in all the colleges of our Southland the best, truest and noblest, and can make them worthy knights of the Garnet and Old Gold, can lead them into the true life of Phi, Phi, Kappa, Alpha, she will assuredly affix her stamp upon them and they shall be men every whit.

*H. B. Arbuckle,
Councilor Princeps.*

EXPANSION.

I do not believe in sectionalism, nor do I wish, in writing the following, to advocate any such. In this happy prosperous land of ours sectional feeling has long ceased to exist; the god of war has lowered his banner, and tranquil, peace and philonthropy now reign supreme. We of the South, though, can never cease to be proud of the fact that our ancestors were hospitable, true-hearted, chivalrous, and brave to a fault. They lived in ease and comfort,

bringing into America a glimmer of the feudolism and knighthood which once so characterized England. Southern society was of the highest type; the men, themselves as true as steel, had that high regard for woman known only among gentlemen, and the women whom they so regarded were as noble, pure, and beautiful as ever graced the earth. But a great change came; the devastating hand of war swept over the land leaving it barren, almost desolate. The fighting was over, but the struggle for the Southern people had just begun. Did they shrink from it? No. Bound together by the tender ties of old traditions, with their souls crying out to one another for support, they marched bravely into the work which lay before them.

It was in such a time and by such people that the *H. K. A.* Fraternity was founded in 1868 at the University of Virginia. Since the war the South has made rapid progress in regaining its former position of power, and with this progress our Fraternity has broadened and grown stronger. To-day the South is making more rapid advances than it has ever done before, shall not *H. K. A.*, born with the new South, now keep pace with it in this forward movement? Expansion is undoubtedly the problem which now confronts us, and I appeal to you, noble sons of the Garnet and Old Gold, to unite in this noble work.

Expansion does not mean simply going into new territory; the boys of the Southern district should not feel that expansion pertains only to the West and Northwest. We can never feel thus until every college of the South which is worthy of one, is blessed with a Chapter of *H. K. A.* This, however, is far from the condition of affairs at present; there are many good colleges in the South where we should have *strong* Chapters and now we have none. We should so completely fill the South with Pi's until it would be next to impossible for a good Frat. man to go to college without our knowing about him. Then, too, the more good Chapters we have, the more pleasant will be fraternity life, for what can be more pleasant than to meet on every hand wearers of "*The Shield and Diamond.*"

In order to enter these colleges where we have no Chapters, it is absolutely necessary for us to keep in close touch. As a medium for doing this I would suggest THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND. I feel safe in saying that our Magazine, during this year will contain more Frat. news than ever before. Every man should read carefully his Magazine, and if he sees mention of a prospective Chapter in any college, he should think whether or not he knows anyone there, or if in any way he could give information to those working on the Chapter. If he could give any such information he should make it known to the chief of his division who could then use it to the best advantage.

As is generally known, our Fraternity has been divided into four divisions. In each of these divisions a man is appointed as Assistant Editor, and to act as chief of his division in regard to expansion, etc. Of the Virginia and North Carolina Chapters I have been appointed chief. I need not say how I appreciate this opportunity of doing work for H. K. A., and that I will do my best. To the men of our division I would say that there is work for us to do. There are many colleges in Virginia and North Carolina in which we should have Chapters where we have none. To the boys, then, of these two States I would say, let us come together, and make a united effort to put in some more Chapters. Of course our section has long been inhabited by the Pi's, and we have no really new territory to work in, but if we will put forth a united effort, I feel sure we will be able to report, at least three new Chapters at our next meeting.

J. B. Clark.

**THE CATALOGUE—UNITY OF EFFORT
DEMANDED.**

In order that those whose interest concerning the catalogue was quickened during the past session may again be placed in touch with this work, which must and shall go on

to completion, it is deemed advisable at this time to make some mention of the work, and of the expectations of those who are most deeply concerned. And, again, the hope is entertained that a brief reference to this important work will serve not only to cause a renewal and rejuvenation of the interest and concern once manifested by the older Brothers, but may be the means of putting Pi's, who have more recently knelt at the mystic shrine, upon inquiry, and direct them into paths where their labors are much needed, and will likely be fruitful.

Former articles bearing upon this subject have emphasized the importance and pressing need of co-operative activity, namely, ready and efficient response from the several Chapters when calls are made upon them for data relative to the Chapter. One Chapter cannot perform such tasks for another. It is an individual work. Nor can the compilers of the catalogue obtain, in any way that now suggests itself, information relative to a Chapter, unless the members of the latter obtain it from the Chapter records and send it to them. Certainly this is the most approved way, and the one best calculated to hasten the completion of the work. Months have been rapidly transformed into years since this work was first started, yet the compilers, who feel largely responsible for its success, have been in most respects utterly helpless, and literally forced to sit with hands folded so far as pushing this work to completion is concerned, and this is chiefly due to the fact that the Chapters have not heretofore fully realized the urgency of the calls upon them.

Continued neglect and failure along these lines will impede the progress of the work, and tend towards a postponement of the day when the Fraternity may with some degree of pride and pleasure proclaim the fact that the catalogue is completed for publication.

A new session has just commenced and the hour has arrived for gathering up the strands of unfinished work, suspended at the close of last session, for laying the foundations preparatory to new work, and pushing them to

completion. To some of the Chapters the task of assisting the compilers of the catalogue, by sending data called for, comes within the first classification and in but exceptional instances has been performed. The task is wholly new to others.

Is there any reason why this duty, for such it is in the highest sense, cannot at once be taken up by every Chapter, and a full discharge made without delay?

A few weeks prior to the close of the session of 1903-'4, letters, with enclosures containing interrogatories which covered material facts relative to the Chapters, were directed to the several Chapter correspondents, and the answers to these queries are much needed. During the present session letters of similar import should have been received by every Chapter. If the former are not on file, or the latter have not been received, matters would be much facilitated if the correspondent would notify the Grand Historiographer to this effect. If these communications have been received, the work should be taken up without delay, and statistics called for be systematically gathered, put into good form and forwarded. A ready compliance with these suggestions will be of invaluable assistance in saving labor to the compilers and in promoting the work.

Charlottesville, Va.

*Arthur C. Jones,
Grand Historiographer.*

THE WINTER'S WORK.

For the benefit of our Brothers in other sections of the South, I wish to state a few facts concerning the conditions in our division—Georgia and South Carolina—at the outset of this article.

In the State of South Carolina fraternities have been excluded from every college in the State with the exception of the following three: Wofford, Presbyterian College

of S. C. and College of Charleston. In the first two named we have Chapters Nu and Mu respectively. Charleston College at present is not considered a field for extension activity, being overrun with other fraternities. Thus we have in South Carolina absolutely no field in which to labor for the establishment of new Chapters.

Turning now to Georgia we find the conditions somewhat better and our prospects somewhat brighter. Here again we find only two Charters—Psi, at Dahlonaga and Alpha-Delta, our youngest child, at the Georgia Tech. in Atlanta. But we also find that in Brother Arbuckle's list of accredited colleges which we should enter, two are Georgia institutions—Emory College and Mercer University. Now two Chapters in Georgia have been allotted each one of these points as its field of especial concentration, and the South Carolina Brothers stand ready and eager, to assist them in any possible way.

Now, Brothers of Georgia and South Carolina, such are the conditions that confront us. With a clear cut conception of the task before us, and an accurate knowledge of the surrounding conditions, are we not ready to make a more vigorous attack than ever before, to put forth a more strenuous effort, to labor with more untiring zeal and enthusiasm for the accomplishment of our cherished end? We know that by the power of concentration the greatest feats in history have been achieved. If we gather into a narrow channel the rambling expanse of a sluggish river, a rushing torrent will issue forth, with boundless capacity for usefulness. If we concentrate all our scattered energies with unswerving intentness upon the points that have been mentioned above, there is no reason why we should not soon see our emblem displayed, not only at Emory and Mercer, but at Athens as well. We must not rest until we have covered the State with our forces and made every weak point a stronghold. I would suggest under this head that the Chapters in the division keep up an active correspondence with one another, as well as with the Grand Officers, concerning the status of the work.

But we are not to confine our endeavors to expansion. The work in that direction is important in the extreme, but the results are necessarily dependent in some measure upon circumstances that we cannot control. There is another work before us, the results of which can be measured only by our endeavors. That work is the perfecting by each Chapter of its own excellence. Excellence in character, excellence in work, excellence in fraternity. These are the goals we all may reach. Whatever danger may threaten, whatever inducement such a course may offer, let us never, under any consideration, lower the standard one inch by which we measure a man's fitness to become a *H. K. A.* The character of our beloved Order is liable to become as the character of any man whom you initiate. No chain is stronger than its weakest link. Is it not plain that it is of the utmost importance that the highest standard of character be used in the selection of men? But not only are we to be judges of character, but in many cases we are its moulders. How often is a youth of unformed character made one of our circle? Do we realize that from that day forward we, his Brothers, are responsible for the way in which that boy's character crystalizes more than anyone else? These are facts which we must face in planning our winter's work.

Another point for our attention is the pursuit of literary work in our meetings. Is it right that our frat. halls should be mere club rooms with no higher office than to supply a comfortable place for social intercourse? Have you in *active use* a local constitution with by-laws prescribing a regular literary work at stated periods? Should we not let our intellects have a share in the fraternal life? It seems to me that this is a most excellent way to keep the Chapter in a healthy condition and to produce a well-rounded development. Let the fraternal training be not only social and jovial, but intellectual and serious as well. Let us study with more diligence our constitution and by-laws and our incomparable ritual. The latter especially is so full of wonderful jewels. What a shame to lay it away in

the strong box and only brush the dust off for the benefit of the new initiate!

But lastly, as the preacher says—though by no means least—we have the widest scope of all for activity in the development of the true, the highest and the most perfect spirit of *fraternity*, and the spirit which is the soul of *H. K. A.* Do not forget that it may lie dormant, locked in the strong box with the other mysteries, or it may become a living, growing, all pervading influence. Do not lock your fraternal spirit in your box, do not even consign it to the Chapter hall, but rather take it with you always and everywhere. Let us seek to know our Brothers better, to share in their sorrow and in their happiness.

These, then, are some of the things that we must do in the year before us. First, do all we can for the building of new Chapters. No church is prosperous which scorns foreign missions. No Chapter will flourish which is sufficient unto itself. Then labor for the excellence of your own Chapter in character, in work and in fraternity, remembering that the "night cometh when no man can work." Our college days will soon be over and our best opportunity to serve the Fraternity we love will pass with the years.

J. H. Smith.

EXPANSION.

As an old story seems new after an elapse of age, so it is with the subject that is before us. It may be an old topic that some think has been expounded and expanded until the extreme limit has been reached, so that there is no importance attached to it, but the question of expansion with Pi Kappa Alpha should never become a dormant one until every college throughout the South has been entered and a Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha so fortified there that the future struggle for existence will be an easy problem to solve. So long as there exists a college or university in our province where Pi Kappa Alpha has not a strong hold we, the wearers of the *Shield and Diamond*, cannot afford to be idle.

At our last Convention the colleges of our Southland were selected where the Supreme Council deems it advisable for the entrance of our Fraternity. These institutions are our field of labor, and it is by the efforts of each and every Chapter, each and every member, that new Chapters will find a footing. We cannot sit still and expect them to come. The order of propagation is not that way. They must come as the result of conscientious and exceedingly careful work, directed by men who are looking to the future as well as the present.

During the past four years Pi Kappa Alpha has moved forward with a rapid step, but as time moves on, and surely it does, everything must undergo a change, and to keep abreast of the times this Fraternity must grow stronger and larger, lest in the struggle for existence she be crowded out and become a thing of the past. As it is a recognized law of nature that only the fittest can survive, it behooves the "Knights of the Garnet and Old Gold" to be ever alert and never allow themselves to become satisfied with the present order of affairs.

Pi Kappa Alpha is a Southern Fraternity, born in the South, nurtured under the guidance of a democratic spirit, well adapted to grow and spread its seed in our "Sunny Southland." At present its field is the South, and what is desired is to build up a Fraternity in every college of this section of such a character that it will easily take the lead, no matter to what institution it belongs. Our object should be to strengthen each Chapter that now exists and make the future of a certainty, not simply to exist, but to become so vigorous and strong that they, each one, will be a factor of more than ordinary capacity and influence. As the old Chapters are made stronger, new ones should also be instituted, and special attention be given to the starting, for much depends upon the "getting off," as the expression is in foot-ball phraseology. We are building a Fraternity not for to-day, or to-morrow, but for the years that are to come, and great care should be exercised in the selection of material. As in the past our motto has

been "the best and nothing but the best," let not, at this period of its growth, when all looks so bright and encouraging, this motto be forgotten, but ever let it be kept as the watchword, and may "quality and not quantity" be the goal toward which Pi Kappa Alpha at all times shall strive. Guard the portals of each Chapter, both new and old, and may no one enter who is unworthy to receive the sacred name of "Brother," and be a Pi in every sense that the title implies. We are striving for permanent and certain growth, so that every effort be directed to the building up of a firm and solid phalanx of Southern Chapters for Pi Kappa Alpha. Make the home territory secure and strong, so that it will defy the attacks of external forces, and that internal dissensions may never be bred. Make each Chapter a castle whose own defence will never be overcome, and in whose walls the initiates will be such that no criticism or attack can be made against, and who may live without fear of the "wolf at the door."

When I say our Fraternity should be confined to the South, I speak with no feeling or malice toward any other section of our country. I say what I do with the interests of Pi Kappa Alpha at heart, with no feeling of sectional partisanship, with malice and hatred for none, but because first, I do not believe it expedient for the future of this Fraternity to try to go beyond the present section of country until a stronger organization has been completed and the home territory fully developed; and second, because there is a respect due to the founders of our Order who have passed to the realm beyond sea, a reverence for our two brothers and fathers, whose gray hairs indicate that the time is drawing near when their tottering step shall cease and they will be gathered to their home, not made by mortal hands.

Cursed is he who would open afresh the old wounds that have been closed for years, but thrice cursed is he who would forget the gratitude and reverence that so justly belongs to our "Heroes," for, unless the past be not considered and thought of, no thought will betoken for the future and for posterity. Permanent and certain growth

must be primarily the product of co-operation among the members of each Chapter and co-operation among the Chapters. In union there is strength and without it no advance can be made. If each man in each Chapter will do his duty soon seed will be sown from which a great harvest will be gathered. Order is the basis of all success. Systematic procedure meets with the best results. Let every Chapter in each division work together and develop its own resources so far as is in its power, and every division co-operate to carry out what a single division cannot achieve.

Special emphasis should be put upon the importance of keeping the Alumni awake to the obligations to their Fraternity. The old flame should never be allowed to become extinguished, but should be kept ablaze, for to a great extent the welfare of a Fraternity is dependent upon them; but bearing this dependent relation to them does not in the slightest degree relieve the active members from their earnest and constant duty. As we build this Fraternity into a mighty structure, let it have a solid foundation and each portion that is added to it be of such sterling quality that it will not soon give way, but stand for ages. Remembering that the work is for the future as well as the present, test each stone that is added and let it be the result of careful selection, rejecting all that will not add value, even if they will do no harm. Now is the time for active work, both in extension and strengthening. Shall the opportunity be neglected? Shall we remain quiet and see the opportunity go by, or shall we use it to the best advantage? Lost opportunities can never be regained; they are gone forever, never to be recalled.

As a new scholastic year has opened and now is the accepted time for taking courage from the victorious and profiting by the failures of the past, let each one take up the work that is before him and as this page of Pi Kappa Alpha's history is written, may it be covered with records of great advancement, as a result of duty faithfully performed. "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet lest we forget, lest we forget" our duty to Pi Kappa Alpha.

J. R. Williamson.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

University of Virginia.

The session upon which the University of Virginia has just entered marks an era in its history. In deference to the original plans of Mr. Jefferson concerning the institution, the pride of his declining years, the Board of Visitors has been very reluctant to change the form of government which has been in operation here for over three-quarters of a century. But the occasion and the spirit of progress demanded a more closely knit organization, even at the sacrifice in part of democracy. And after long discussion and mature deliberation, it has at last been decided that Dr. Edwin A. Alderman is the man most fitted to preserve the ancient traditions of the institution, and at the same time to bring it in touch with the most efficient methods of modern college education. It is with pleasure that Alpha Chapter hails Dr. Alderman as "The first President of the University of Virginia."

If we may be allowed to venture an opinion at so early a stage, the present session bids fair to be one of the most successful in the annals of the institution. In physical equipment improvement is evident on every hand. With the completion of the annex to the University Hospital its capacity will be doubled, and ample accommodation will be afforded to the increasing number of applicants. Work has been begun on the new Y. M. C. Y. Building, which is being erected at a cost of sixty thousand dollars. In the number of matriculates, also, this promises to be a banner year, and the seven hundred mark will no doubt be reached before the close of the session. Truly unprecedented prosperity prevails.

On the foot-ball field Virginia's chances are better than they have been for years. Under the efficient coaching of Sanford of Yale, and with the material in hand, we confidently expect to make good our defeat of last year and regain our rightful distinction of the "Champions of the South." We assure our Brothers of Tau that the management has been more wary in the arrangement of the schedule this year, and that nearly a full month intervenes between the Carlisle and the Carolina games. We hope to see our Brothers of the "Old North State" in Richmond on Thanksgiving Day.

Coming from these generalizations to what concerns us more specially, we still are able to report "prosperity."

For many years it has been the wish of Alpha Chapter to build for itself a home, but seemingly unsurmountable barriers have stood in the way. However, through the untiring efforts of several of our members these obstacles have at last been overcome, and at the opening of the session of 1904-'05 we found ourselves pleasantly located in a comfortable and extremely pretty house overlooking the Y. M. C. A. campus. Naturally we are very proud of our new home. Aside from the fact that, with its reception hall and commodious rooms, it affords a most convenient place for our meetings and social functions, (and also for loafing), there is nothing that develops the same interest in the Fraternity, or the same *esprit de corps* in the Chapter, and makes a man feel that there is some real benefit to be derived from membership in the Fraternity, as the possession of a house, which roots the Chapter more firmly to the soil, and makes every one feel that we are as lasting as the institution itself. To our sister Chapters we would say: "Go thou and do likewise."

Alpha wishes to acknowledge, through the columns of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, the generous contributions from our Alumni, and to extend its sincere thanks for the same.

As to the personel of our Chapter this year, we will write more at length in the future; our absent Brothers demand our attention now. Brother R. M. Strother is at present

in St. Louis, having accepted a position in the Virginia Building at the World's Fair. When last seen "Mitch" was complaining of his lot in not being able to get even with the "goats" of this year for the handling he received when he was initiated at the beginning of the past session. Brother H. B. G. Galt has decided to spend a year with an engineering corps before returning to resume his studies in that department. We are glad to have Brothers G. W. Langhorne and D. W. Harmon with us at this time, but regret to say that they are here on a visit only.

Of the members of last year's Chapter who has returned, all report a most pleasant summer. Brother P. M. Strother, who was among those in charge of the Virginia Building in St. Louis, had the pleasure of meeting several of the Brothers from other Chapters during the season, among whom were Brothers G. A. Wilson and Troy from Iota, Brothers A. M. and J. K. Bowman of Roanoke, Brother Woodside of Tennessee, and Brother Brown of South Carolina.

The following men are reported present and ready for duty:

Strother, P. M., Medicine.
Strother, W. A., Medicine.
Williams, J. P., Engineering.
Meadows, Wade, Academic.
Ferguson, W. S., Medicine.
Fulton, E. N., Law.
Scott, C. T., Medicine.
Curry, Duncan, Academic.
Downing, J. H., Law.
Webb, R. H., Instructor in Latin.
Brown, B. H., Law.
South, N. L., Law.
Conrad, C. E., Medicine.
Bohannon, J. G., Law.

So far only two transfers have reported, Brothers E. H. Smith, Law, and C. V. Spratley, Law, both of Gamma. We are glad to have these men with us, and judging from their records made while at William and Mary, we feel assured that they will prove valuable additions to the Chapter here.

As our "goats" for the present session, we take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large W. H. Fulton, H. J. Jordon and J. H. Neff, Jr. These are all good men, and we promise to let the Fraternity hear more of them in our next, as well as of the circumstances attending their initiation, which will be long remembered, especially by the "goats;" but we have taken up too much valuable space already.

Wishing our sister Chapters a most successful session, we remain in *H. K. A.*,

J. Gordon Bohannon.

BETA.

Davidson College.

It is with no little degree of pleasure that we pen our letter to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, for it is quite a privilege and pleasure thus to be able to communicate with our sister Chapters.

Davidson opened on the first of September with a full attendance, there being nearly a hundred Freshmen "on the hill."

The following names are those of our old men who were found here at that time:

Robert H. Lafferty, Med., Davidson, N. C.

George T. Clark, Med., Davidson, N. C.

Slade A. Smith, Med., Elkton, N. C.

J. Bayard Clark, '05, Clarkton, N. C.

Raven I. McDavid, '05, Peltzer, S. C.

J. Barrett Denton, '06, Dalton, Ga.

Robert King, '06, Summerville, N. C.

Thornton Stearns, '06, Ashville, N. C.

J. Leon Moore, Jr., '06, Rock Hill, S. C.

Everard Wilcox, '07, Augusta, Ga.

Harry A. Wakefield, '07, Charlotte, N. C.

William B. Gillespie, '07, Rock Hill, S. C.

We also had with us three of our Alumni's who gave valuable help in rushing the "Fresh." They are Brothers Deal, of Greenville, S. C., R. T. Gillespie, of Rock Hill, S.

C., and George Wilcox of Elberton, Ga. Brother Isaac W. Tull, Morganton, N. C., one of Mu's old men, also appeared upon the scene. He joined the Sophomore class, and is a welcome addition to our number.

Brothers Irwin of Tau, and Smith of Tau and Alpha-Delta were also welcome visitors.

We went ahead cautiously toward pledging new men this year. Several of the fraternities seemed to jump in blindly in their mad rush for men, but we congratulate ourselves on the fact that we did not follow their lead. We were not left behind, however, but succeeded in landing some good men.

The following men I take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large:

Jewitt Allin, Jr., '08, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Henry Flournoy Morton, '08, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Henry Horace Pearsall, '08, Wilmington, N. C.

Ralph C. Sadler, '08, Charlotte, N. C.

W. R. Jones, Greenville, S. C.

We are sorry to announce that Brother Jones was obliged to leave college a short time after his initiation. All of these men had attention, more or less marked, from the other fraternities, and it was not without a struggle that we succeeded in putting *The Shield and Diamond* upon some of them.

So far as I can speak from my own knowledge the Kappa Alpha have taken in nine, making about twenty-one. Beta Theta Pi, nine, making them about twenty strong, Kappa Sigma, six, making the same number.

The S. A. E., have eighteen, five of whom are initiates.

There is still some Frat. material left, and there may yet be "something doing."

There has been talk of Chapter houses here, but it is probably all talk, as our faculty is opposed to it. It is probable that if the permission is granted, all five Frats. will begin work as soon as possible.

Our meetings are held in a hall on the first floor of the main or Chamber Building. The hall consists of a Chapter room and an ante room. This hall was rented by our

charter members in 1894, and has been kept by us since that time. We pride ourselves on having one of the prettiest fraternity halls in the State. At present there is some plans on foot for considerable improvements.

Beta's men are always on the lookout for a place to install a good Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. At present we are working on three institutions. The success of one of the three is practically assured, and in the others we have good prospects. We hope there will be something official in this copy of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND in regard to this matter.

We are fortunate in having with us at intervals, Brother Gillespie, '04, who has been appointed financial agent for the college, and consequently he spends considerable time with us.

We are sorry to lose Brother Eggert, '07, of Pennsylvania, who has entered Washington and Lee. We are glad, however, to turn him over to such good hands as our Brothers of Pi Chapter.

At a meeting of the student body held during the first week of school, it was decided to get out the ninth volume of "*Quips and Cranks*," the college annual. Brother J. B. Clark was unanimously elected Editor-in-Chief. Brother Clark was already Editor-in-Chief of the *Davidson College Magazine*, but he resigned this to accept the annual work. Brother McDavid is an assistant Editor on each staff.

We hope that every Chapter will strive to make this the banner year in the history of our noble Order, especially with regard to expansion.

In closing, we wish for every Chapter a full measure of success and a year of pleasure and profit.

J. Leon Moore, Jr.

GAMMA.*William and Mary College*

Gamma once more hails her sister Chapters and wishes them godspeed.

Our men have again willingly answered the call of duty and faithfully kept guard for Frat. material. Old "Billy" being fresh from his summer pastures and impatient for work, has had his fill for a while and has again become quiet. Pi's, take notice! We gladly give you the names of your new Brothers, and only wish that you could know them as we do.

James Allison Carson, '05, Saluda, S. C.

Edwin Francis Shewmake, Jr., '07, Newport News, Va.

Cabell Bryan Bowles, '08, Hadensville, Va.

Joseph Emmet Guy, '08, Portsmouth, Va.

Fortune once more has shown her face. Our Alma Mater's future seems brighter than it has for many a day, and new life seems to have taken possession of both Faculty and student body. The gridiron is again filled with eager applicants and we are all confident of a winning team. We have had the good fortune to obtain the excellent services of Mr. Blanchard, of Bowdoin, as coach, and it will not be his fault, indeed, if our men don't come out victorious.

The fraternities here are strong this year, having the following numbers: Kappa Sigma, 13; Kappa Alpha, 9; Theta Delta Chi, 13; Pi Kappa Alpha, 12. Another fraternity came in last spring, being, however, rather small in the number of Chapters, namely, the Sigma Phi Epsilon, which has six men.

The offices held in the college by our men are as follows: President of Athletic Association, F. M. Parrish; Manager of foot-ball team, J. A. Carson; President of Tennis Club, W. B. Newcomb. The following men are trying for the team: S. C. Blackiston, O. L. Shewmake, G. G. Haukins, J. A. Carson and J. H. Lloyd. Out of these last names it is very probable that at least three will make the team, the others, however, being close "seconds."

Below is the list of our old men with their class year and address:

Oscar Lane Shewmake, '04, (teaching in the Model school and attending college,) Newport News, Va.

Slater Clay Blackiston, '05, Hampton, Va.

James Hubard Lloyd, '05, Lynchburg, Va.

James Nimmo Hubbard, '05, Wilcox Wharf, Va.

William B. Newcomb, '06, Sassafras, Va.

Fred. Mortimer Parrish, '06, Hadensville, Va.

Archer Lee Blackwell, '06, Reedville, Va.

George Geddy Haukins, '07, Toano, Va.

Gamma Chapter has no house of its own, but rents, by the year, a room where meetings are held. This room is in one of the most modern and attractive residences in Williamsburg, situated on Duke of Gloucester Street, (the principal street of the town) and within less than five minutes walk of the college campus. It is on the ground floor of the wing of the house and has a private entrance. Its size is fifteen by twenty-five feet, has a large open fireplace, two doors, two windows in the rear, and one large bow window facing the street. All the windows have inside blinds. We have two members rooming in another part of the house also. No other students are in the house. We hold our meetings there and the room is always open to the members of the Chapter and to visiting alumni. The strictest privacy is insured by the distance of the house from the street and of the room from the ground.

Our social features are usually held at Tazewell Hall, a grand old colonial mansion, the residence of Hon. A. J. Barnes, whose son, M. E. Barnes, is an alumnus of Gamma. Both Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are warm supporters of *H. K. A.* and our Chapter owes much to them. Our annual german is held in the gymnasium. This always takes place during the "Final Week" of the session.

Wishing her sisters the greatest success, Gamma sends greeting.

J. Hubard Lloyd.

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

Zeta sends greetings to all her sister Chapters, wishing that a successful and prosperous year be before them.

Zeta has begun under very auspicious circumstances, there being nine old men to start with. Those who have returned are :

Brothers Hudson, Law, '04; Coffey, '05; Walton, '05; Craddock, '05; McAllister, '05. Also Brother Darrow, who was with us in 1901, has re-entered the University and is quite a valuable addition to our Chapter. We are lucky also in having three transfers from Wofford College—Brothers W. W. Taylor, Mu, Georgetown, S. C., G. T. Skinner, Mu, Georgetown, S. C., and J. O. Skinner, Jr., Mu, Charleston, S. C..

who are also very valuable additions to our Chapter. They have already shown their loyalty and zealously by assisting in rushing the prospective goats.

Billy, who has been out on the pasture growing fat this summer, was led into the Frat. hall on Tuesday night, September 26, where two victims awaited him. Billy went at them with a vengeance and came near putting them out of business and had to stop on account of the extremely hot weather, which told greatly on Billy on account of his superfluity of flesh. Zeta takes great pleasure in introducing to the *H. K. A.* Fraternity Ridgely D. Park, of Murfreesboro, and Bush Strong, of Knoxville, Tenn. Both of these men are Freshmen in the Academic Department.

Brother Craddock left us a few days ago to enter Vanderbilt. His leaving is somewhat of a blow to Zeta, he having been a valuable and enthusiastic worker. He will no doubt make Sigma just as valuable a man.

S. J. McAllister, '05, Chattanooga, Tenn.

C. S. Coffee, '05, Chattanooga, Tenn.

G. T. Walton, '05, Rugby, Tenn.

W. A. Craddock, '07, Millington, Tenn.

H. B. Darrow, '08, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The foot-ball season is on and Tennessee is looking forward to a successful season. There is only one Pi on the team this year. With best wishes to all the Chapters:

S. J. McAllister.

ETA.*Tulane University.*

Eta Chapter enters upon the college year with greetings to all her sister Chapters, and will be glad to hear from them.

The outlook for our Chapter during the coming year is very bright, as all of our members will return; with the exception of L. A. Godbold and D. McL. Davidson, both of whom were members of the '04 graduating class. Brother Godbold is now working for Boland and Schwind and Brother Davidson is going to continue his studies at the University of Chicago.

The following list gives the names, the home address, the course and the graduating year of our present roll:

Sidney Edward Calongne, 936 Webster, N. O., Civil Eng., '06.
 Wilford Francis Calongne, 936 Webster, N. O., Civ. Eng., '07.
 Orloff Lake, 1936 State St., N. O., Mech. Eng., '05.
 Orloff Henry, Louisiana & Coliseum, N. O., Mech. Eng., '06.
 Charles Herbert Joubert, 4320 Magazine, N. O., Mech. Eng., '07.
 Joseph Frank Ward, 3705 Carondelet, N. O., Law, '05.
 Pratt Garland, Opelousas, La., Medicine, '07.
 Joseph Moore Garland, Opelousas, La., Law, '05.
 William Hickman, Amite City, La., Medicine, '07.
 George Sanders, Amite City, La., Medicine, '07.
 John Davidson, Jr., 1427 State St., Mech. Eng., '06.

Our Chapter hall is about 50 feet long by twenty feet wide. It is exactly the place to turn the goat loose, and in the near future four trembling candidates will be made Pi's after they have been sufficiently terrified by our tales of their peril.

Beside Pi Kappa Alpha you will find in Tulane University the following fraternities:

Kappa Alpha,	24 members.	Phi Kappa Sigma, 15 members
Sigma Chi,	18	Phi Chi, 15
Alpha Tau Omega,	13	Sigma Nu, 10
Kappa Sigma,	30	Phi Kappa Psi, 13
Delta Tau Delta,	9	Pi Beta Phi, 15
Phi Delta Theta,	13	Alpha Omicron, 18
Sigma Alpha Epsilon 15		Chi Omega, 9
Delta Kappa Epsilon 8		Theta Nu Epsilon 14

The students found in the above Fraternities and sororities come from the six departments of Tulane University, namely:

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

Total, 1215

Although a short while ago everything looked very gloomy for the college, on account of the loss of Dr. Alderman and Prof. Ayres, a sudden change has occurred and things have taken a much brighter appearance. The Board of Administrators called Dr. E. S. Craighead to the position of President which he has accepted. We have every cause to believe that he will fill the position with honor, and that he will do great good to the University.

John Davidson, Jr.

THETA.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

For the sixteenth year Theta sends greetings to all her sister Chapters, and wishes for them a most pleasant and prosperous year.

The University opened on September 21, with somewhat brighter prospects than for the past few years. Four of Theta's old men have already returned, and one more will be here in about two weeks. I have the pleasure of introducing to the Fraternity at large, Brother George W. Currie. He was in the University last year, and by his faithful work, and manly conduct, proved himself worthy to become a member of old *H. K. A.* We feel sure that he will be a real honor to our Chapter, and a firm supporter of the Fraternity at large.

The following are the names and addresses of the old men who have returned.

William Smith Barr, New Orleans, La.
James Wayman Clatfelter, Bessimer, Ala.
William Henderson Hill, Rienzi, Miss.
Joseph William Reid, Canton, Miss.
Ray Webb, St. Bethlehem, Tenn.,

and the name of our initiate is George Waddell Currie, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Brother Barr is now pursuing his literary course, after the completion of which, he expects to take the Theological course. He will be in the University three years yet. Brother Clatfelter is taking an Academic course, and will graduate in 1907. Brother Hill completes his Theological course this year. Brother Reid takes his A. B. degree this year, and has fine prospects of being Valedictorian of his class. Brothers Webb and Currie complete their literary work next year.

Good material is scarce here this year, but if there is any coming to us we get it. We rank favorably with other fraternities here.

The Kappa Sigma's have four men, the Kappa Alpha's four, the Alpha Tau Omega's ten, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon eight, and the *W's* have six. The general feeling between the fraternities at this time is good. Owing to the small number of students in the University this year, there is not much prospect of doing much in athletics, but I am sure the *W's* will do their full share of this work.

While our Chapter is small, yet we have a very enthusiastic and loyal little crowd for the *Shield and Diamond*. We expect an unusually pleasant and profitable year, and wish for our sister Chapter the same.

Wm. H. Hill.

IOTA.

Hampton-Sidney.

Hampton-Sidney opened on the fourteenth of September with a fairly good attendance, but while the number of Freshmen was up to the average, there was very little Frat.

material among them. Three men for the Kappa Alphas, two for the Chi Phis and two for the Kappa Sigmas almost exhausts the roll of likely goats among the new men. *B. Φ . Π .*, numerically the strongest Frat. in college has pledged no new men. *Π . K. A.* has initiated one man, and before the next issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND hopes to be able to report at least one more initiate. So far the strengths of the various fraternities, is as follows: *B. Φ . Π . 7.*, *K. A. 6.*, *Π . K. A. 6.*, *K. Σ . 5.*, *X. Φ . 5.*, and *Φ . Γ . Δ .* and *Σ . A. Ξ .* one each.

Of the nine men who formed our circle last year the following have returned:

- T. J. Watkins, '05, Charlotte, C. H. Va.
- J. Hart Lyle, '06, Hampton-Sidney, Va.
- R. C. Graham, '06, Max Meadow, Va.
- J. M. Graham, '06, Max Meadow, Va.
- G. A. Wilson, Jr., '06, Raphine, Va.

Brother Frank Mann took his A. M. degree last year and is now teaching at Miller's School, Va. Brother Anderson has been transferred to *Π .*, and Brother H. Whiting, '06, is in the furniture business in Hampton, Va.

Brother Whiting, however, was with us at the beginning of the session for a week or ten days. "Handsome Harry, of the Hampton Heavy Hitters," did some good rushing while he was here and it is mainly due, to his efforts that I am able to introduce to the Fraternity at large, Brother Tulane Atkinson, '07, of Virginia. Brother Atkinson is an earnest, hard working, jolly sort of a freshman and we feel sure that he will be a credit to the great Order of which he is now a part.

Brother W. E. Jones, '02, paid us a short visit recently. We enjoyed every moment of his stay with us, finding only one thing about his visit to regret, its brevity.

Brother John I. Armstrong has been elected to the Chair of Moral Philosolphy at Hampden-Sidney College. He is expected to reach here about the fifteenth of November. Iota awaits his arrival with eagerness and impatience.

The Faculty will not allow a Frat. to own a Chapter House or Hall, but each Fraternity rents a hall in which at least one man is required to room. Here the meetings, banquets, etc., are held. The *H. K. A.* hall is probably the most attractive in college.

Four of the Pi's hold prominent offices in college.

With best wishes to all Pi's.

G. A. Wilson, Jr.

KAPPA.

Kentucky University.

It is a genuine pleasure for Kappa to greet the sister Chapters of *H. K. A.*, and to wish for each member of the Fraternity that he may have spent a pleasant summer. The separation of the boys in the springtime means the breaking of many a fond fraternity tie and each loyal Pi hails with delight the coming of re-union in the fall.

Kappa's prospects for the year are unusually bright. As our old men have gone out our younger ones have stepped forward to take their place and have proved themselves the most aggressive set of Pi's, Kappa has ever had. In the first place our men were at work during the summer; they were in college at the sounding of the first bell; they "spotted" the best men as they registered and have been staying with them ever since. The result of their efforts already is that three of the most "rushed" men in K. U. are now wearing *The Shield and Diamond*. I take pleasure in announcing to the members of *H. K. A.* Brothers J. Frazer Hart, of Flemingsburg, Ky., Warren B. Davis, of Nicholasville, Ky., and David Bromley, of Overton, Ky. These men represent the very best families in the Blue Grass, and their worth is attested by the furious rush of fraternity men as soon as they stepped upon the campus. We congratulate ourselves on getting these men as they had all been "spotted" and some of them spiked by other Frats., but the

well directed efforts of our men saved them for *H. K. A.* We have eight good men from our last year's Chapter:—

- H. Max Hall, of Franklin, Ind., A. B., '04.
- Harry E. Yockey, Indianapolis, Ind., A. B., '07.
- Orris O. White, Edinburg, Ind., A. B., '06.
- C. Earle Gregory, Owensboro, Ky., A. B., '05.
- George M. D. Posey, Indianapolis, Ind., A. B., '05.
- Philip Pinkerton, Lexington, Ky., B. S., '07.
- Arch Elkin, Stanford, Ky., B. S., '07.
- Homer W. Carpenter, Flemingsburg, Ky., A. B., '05.

We have a larger student body this year and a fine company from which to select fraternity men. We have good prospects for a winning foot-ball team and a bright outlook for one of the best years in Kentucky University's history. We are hoping to have our Pi Kaps in the lead.

We have rented new quarters in the heart of the city and when thoroughly furnished will be an attractive home for us. We have four large rooms. We will fit up the largest as a parlor in which to receive our friends and use the others for regular routine.

Kappa wishes for all the Chapters a very pleasant and successful year, and assures the Supreme Officers of her very cordial support in their efforts for the advancement of the interests of our noble Order which has grown so dear to us.

Homer W. Carpenter.

MU.

Presbyterian South Carolina College

Our college opened its doors on September the 21st. On the 26th we assembled in our hall and organized for the year's work. Those who have returned are:

- R. T. Fewell, Jr., Rock Hill, S. C., '06.
- J. D. Fulp, Fort Mill, S. C., '06.
- Eugene L. Power, Abbeville, S. C., '08.
- J. H. Smith, Danville, Va., '05.

Brother L. M. Kennedy though not in college is working

in town and practically one of our active members. Brother W. H. Boyd, Mu, '03, is also engaged in business here, and we congratulate ourselves in having him among us. These two Brothers will assist us in the execution of the solemn rites, which will in all probability soon transform several promising freshmen into members of the brotherhood. The number of new students is somewhat larger than usual. We have already marked several of them for close observation and expect to have some new *IIs* to introduce in the next issue.

We have a suitable hall in the main building of the college, furnished us free by the Faculty. This hall we have fitted up more on the style of a club than a lodge room. And so by taking down the dividing curtain we have an excellent place for our social functions as well as a comfortable meeting place. Our only stated social feature is the annual commencement, which for 14 years has been one of the leading events of the commencement season.

Next June we expect to celebrate this occasion in fitting style for the fifteenth time. From time to time during the year we are wont to gather in the hall with "just a few" of our most loyal sisters for an evening of fun—and something good to eat.

Our Brother Smoot who graduated with honors in June is now first assistant in the High School, at Sparta, Ga. We wish him the greatest success in his work. We miss him sorely from our circle.

With fraternal greetings from every *Ii*. and wishing each member a prosperous year's work and each Chapter fresh laurels, we close our letter.

J. Hoge Smith.

NU.

Wofford College.

A thing of great joy has happened to us since we wrote our last letter. Then it was quite probable for that to be our last letter, for death was hanging over us. But now

the decision has been made in our favor, and we are destined to long life and much happiness. It is with much pleasure that we tell of our victory over a powerful non-Frat. element. Now we are once more free after five or six years of organized opposition and restrictions. We have only one restriction, and that is to the time (one year) that a student must remain in college before being taken in a fraternity. This we endorse as a protection against hasty choice of material.

College opened this year with the largest enrollment it has ever had. In the college proper, there have registered two-hundred and six students, four of whom are co-eds. A comparatively small per cent. of the student body are fraternity men. The membership of the different fraternities is as follows: *K. A.* 7; *K. Σ.* 13; *Π. K. A.* 5; *Σ. A. Ξ.* 10. *X. Φ.* 8, and *X. Ψ.* 4. All except *Π. K. A.* and *X. Ψ.* has taken in men this year. These two have that to do yet.

As to Chapter house, we have sole control of our Chapter house, but it is college property, on the college campus. It is rather a cottage. The first floor consists of four rooms, which are ordinary student rooms. The second story consists of our Chapter hall, where bi-weekly meetings are held and other meetings called for business; and two anti-rooms.

Since our last letter the *Π's* have been honored as follows: Brother Boyd was elected Business Manager, Wofford's base-ball team of '04-'05; Brother Guilds was sent as a delegate to the Waynesville Y. M. C. A. Conference; he has also been elected manager of his class foot-ball team; Brother L. H. Tolloson has been elected Recording Secretary of Calhoun Society.

Of the nine members of Nu last year; two graduated, one of whom, Brother Fair, is now cashier of The Edisto Saving Bank, Orangeburg, S. C., the other, Brother McWhirter, is in a mercantile and cotton business with his father at Jonesville, S. C.; two, Brothers Taylor and Skinner are now at the University of Tennessee; the remain-

ing five are here again, ready to do good work after a summer of pleasure mingled with a little work. While we are few in number, we are in for it for *H. K. A.* By the time this has gone to press we shall have added two worthy names to our roll, with home addresses, stands as follows:

J. W. Boyd, '05, Mountville, S. C.
J. C. Guilds, '06, Cordesville, S. C.
L. H. Tolleson, '06, Spartansburg, S. C.
W. L. Isom, '07, Gaffney, S. C.
R. H. Tolleson, '07, Spartansburg, S. C.

With happy greeting to every *H.* and best wishes for a prosperous college year.

J W Boyd.

OMICRON.

Richmond College.

With feelings of the greatest pleasure and enthusiasm, seven men of Omicron greet their sister Chapters. All summer the boys have been anticipating the opening of of college, in order to help to pull together for the common good; and when the familiar sound of the old bell came floating to our ears, it was accompanied by the merry voice of Walter G. Tyler, and the hearty laugh of Deane Hundley, drawn to Richmond College by the Fraternity and by their desire to aid in every way possible. Right here I might say that we have suffered an almost irreparable loss this year by the graduation of these two and two other just as loyal Pi's, Brothers R. H. Willis and P. P. Woodfin. Brother Woodfin, B. A., is now principal of a school and the other three will practice law. They go out to fight the real battle of life, with the best wishes of all their Brothers, and all know that they will fight a good fight and no one doubts that they will win.

While we have these things to make us sad we also have much to gladden our hearts, for we commence the new

year with seven good men in whose hands Omicron can be expected to thrive.

Only one Frat. here has more men to commence with and that has eight. Of our men, Brother C. M. Robertson, Crozet, Va., who received his B. S., degree last year, is applying for a B. A. Brother P. M. Gresham, Lancaster, Va., seeks the B. L. degree this year, while Brothers M. G. Willis, Jr., Fredericksburg, Va., A. W. Robertson, Rocky Mount, Va., J. S. Wright, Evergreen, La., and C. E. Talman, Richmond, Va., are expected to receive their B. A., next year. Brother Harwood will graduate the following year.

The college opens with the number of students increased and the new men, as a whole, present a better appearance than heretofore. There are few available Frat. men who are not sought by all the fraternities, and they show a disposition to look over the field and consider well before joining any. While we have no "goats" to report this time, I feel sure that when the returns are all in Omicron will not be an "also ran."

Everything points to a very successful college year.

It has been the aim of Omicron, for some time to have a nice place in which to hold its meetings. Our hope, I think, is about to be realized and at the end of the present session, we will be able to point with pride to our Chapter hall. No Frat. here has a house, and we are fortunate in having one of the nicest halls in the College. There are two rooms—one large and one small—the larger one might be called our parlor. That is where we have our little social gatherings and which we take pleasure in showing our friends.

Athletics at the college are receiving a great boom, and Richmond expects to retain the supremacy of the Eastern Division, and keep the championship cup a while longer. Brother Wright of last year's team is expected to do great world this year in foot-ball.

There are a great many things to write about at the be-

ginning of the session, but we must yield the floor to some one else.

We await the SHIELD AND DIAMOND with the greatest eagerness and impatience, and hope to see fine reports from all our Chapters at the beginning of this, the banner year for the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

C M Robertson.

PI.

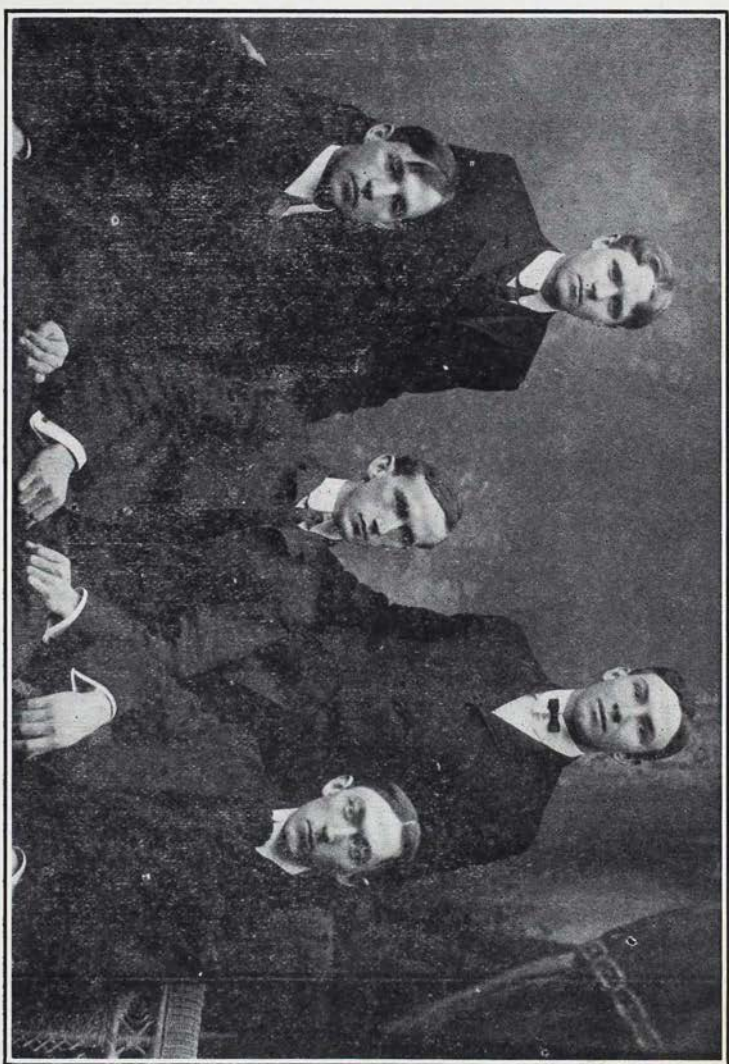
Washington and Lee University.

With the opening of the University on September 8, Washington and Lee entered upon what promises to be the most successful year in her history. The new men number about one hundred and fifty, making the student body three hundred and eighteen strong—the largest enrollment since the days of General Lee. A new dormitory has just been completed, and the new Engineering Hall well equipped for scientific work will greatly increase the usefulness of the University.

Four of Pi's members of last year returned and they were gladdened to find two transfers—J. E. Eggert from Beta, and Herbert Anderson of Iota. The enthusiasm generated by this good fortune was made to serve practical ends, and soon the initiates were guided through the portals.

In the changes which took place here during the summer the old hall for meeting was necessarily abandoned, and Pi found herself without a home just when she most needed it. This was a handicap in the opening days, but now we have secured two rooms (one 14x15 and the other 24x30) in a building down town where several other fraternities have their homes. The larger of these rooms has been nicely fitted up; and here we will hold our weekly meetings, and here we will welcome our Brothers from the other Chapters when they may visit us.

We believe that Pi is keeping pace with the growth of



PI CHAPTER.

the University. The Chapter has never been a large one, but college tradition tells us that its men has always reflected high ideals. Our initiates, to speak very conservatively, are among the best new men here, and soon we will have another valuable goat. Though there has been a large infusion of foreign blood this has been well assimilated, and the men are all working harmoniously to build up a stronger Chapter. We have sustained a great loss because Brother S. B. Alexander has been called to his Georgia home and there is uncertainty as to when he will return. In his place we have Brother Wilson, who returned a few days since, after an absence of one year, to continue his law course; and not long ago the scribe—Iota 1902—made the number nine.

The names and addresses of the members are:

J. L. Wysor, Pulaski, Va.
T. C. Campbell, Brownsburg, Va.
H. M. Moomaw, Roanoke, Va.
W. W. Hargrave, West Point, Va.
Herbert Anderson, Franklin, W. Va.
J. E. Eggert, White Haven, Pa.
W. Elliott Jones, Newport News, Va.

Initiates:

H. H. Darnall, Roanoke, Va.
Saunders Fleming, Lynchburg, Va.

In our next letter we will speak of our men more individually to show the stand we are taking in college affairs.

We await with pleasure the coming of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND because we believe it will bring good news of the fraternity at large. May all the Chapters prosper.

W. Elliott Jones.

RHO

Cumberland University.

The work for Rho opened with the initiation of the following men up to the time we write: Wm. Cragwall, Le-

banon, Tenn.; J. W. Bone, Madisonville, Ky.; Wakefield, Tennessee; Wimberly, Alabama. (We are not able to give the addresses of the last two from memory but will turn them in later). In these men we think that we have some very strong men. They will be noticed before the year is out. Cragwall and Wakefield have already made the Varsity team foot-ball.

As to quarters we will say that Rho has not as good rooms as she would like to have. We have two rooms over one of the business blocks of the town. They are fairly well equipped but far from what we think we would like to have. The rooms are 14 x 12 each making a hall 12 x 28 or thereabout. They are reached by stairs from the street.

An effort was made by the local alumni this summer to rent a large resident building and use it for a Chapter house this year, but owing to the fact that the houses in Lebanon are far short of the demand one of the kind suitable has not been found. It is the hope of all that they will be able to put up a Chapter house some time in the future, and it is the aim of the Chapter. The Trustees have in the past said they would permit the building of such houses on the campus, which offer if still open Rho wishes to accept in the future.

The student body at Cumberland is larger this year than ever before in her history. The work of the school is very good and the outlook most favorable. More college spirit and interest is being shown than has been known in years.

We are hoping for great things. The other fraternities of the place are doing well and there are only three at present at C. U., the K. S. and S. A. E. all of which have initiated a number of men this year and have a goodly number to return. The feeling is as good as could exist under the rivalry that naturally exists between local Chapters.

We feel sure that Rho will be able to make a good show for herself this year. Several of the local Alumni who have not heretofore attended the meetings, have taken an active part this year and say that "Rho shall have what ever she wants."

The following men have returned:

P. D. Tucker, Gallatin, Tenn.

F. D. Smith, Columbia, Tenn.

Paul Murray, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Brother Tucker will graduate in Theology this year and Smith in law. Murray is a literary of the class of '07, Wakefield, '07, and Brother Bone of '08. There are a few more students in the University this year than last, and the outlook is very good indeed, there are in all about three hundred and fifty students.

We have only a few to start with, but will have some more in later. We are going to be cautious and take only the best and are not going to try to have such a large number. We are after quality and not quantity. The men we have are good ones, and have a high standing among the rest of the student body.

Smith is the captain of the foot-ball team, and Wakefield will play tackle. We have a few more men whom we are looking after with a view to making members of.

Besides the above there are in town, Robert Cox, Dean Henery, H. H. Weir, T. B. Simms and W. L. Weir.

We are expecting in soon Mr. Rice, Mr. Weir, and Mr. McCaffity, some of our last year's men. All of these are Theological students and do not come in till October.

W. L. Weir.

SIGMA.

Vanderbilt University.

Sigma opened this year with the following old men back:

J. H. Brown, Columbia, Tenn.

Gordon Brown, Columbia, Tenn.

H. P. Watkins, Nashville, Tenn.

George H. Brown, Springfield, Tenn.

On October 3, the Dental Department will open and then the Chapter will be strengthened by the addition of

Thomas Morrow, Decatur, Ala.
Spencer Adams, Decatur, Ala.
Glenn Greer, Spartanburg, S. C.

J. H. Brown is a senior law student and will finish his course this year.

George H. Brown will take a B. S. Degree in 1906.

H. P. Watkins will be graduated in pharmacy in June. Spencer Adams and Thomas Morrow will complete their work in dentistry this session.

George H. Brown hopes to take his B. A. in June.

Glenn Greer will get his diploma at the Dental Department in 1906.

Vanderbilt opened on September 21 with a large number of students, including many new men.

The Engineering Department has taken the lead so far in numbers and the attendance in this department is expected to surpass all previous years.

Foot-ball prospects are very bright with seven of last year's men back and all of the substitutes, with the new men that are in from the prep. schools it certainly looks as though Vanderbilt has the material for a championship team.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to the Fraternity W. H. Walker. Brother Walker is from Homer, La., and will take his B. S. Degree in 1906. He is making a thoroughly earnest and active member. We, however, are after several other men and hope to report them as landed in our next letter. There are thirteen Frats. represented here and consequently competition is very sharp.

We have an elegantly furnished hall in the Y. M. C. A. Building which is on the campus.

We were glad to have with us last week Brother James Williamson, who is always ready and willing to help us.

George H. Brown.

TAU.

University of North Carolina.

The opening of the University during the first week in September found only two of Tau's old men on the campus, viz:—Brothers C. W. Rowe and A. J. Moore.

The prospects were indeed gloomy for Tau, but as luck would have it, we were suddenly approached by a bright little lad, who hails from Florida. He is an old member of Alpha Beta Chapter and by name Stuart G. Noble.

In a few days we had the genuine pleasure of meeting Brother C. W. Bear, an old member of Alpha Chapter, who is to cast his lot with us this year. He is a valuable addition to Carolina's foot-ball team, having won for himself great laurels as quarter-back on V. P. I.'s strong team last year.

With the addition of these two affiliates to Tau's number, we immediately began to search for those who were willing to take on to the new life and in a short time we were fortunate in finding two who were willing to cast their lot with us. Tau presents them to the Fraternity as Brothers Clarence Flagler and C. P. White. They are members of the pharmacy class and they are bright promising students.

Brother J. P. Irwin who graduated last year stopped on the "Hill" a few days with us. He was on his way to New York to accept a position as Assistant Chemist with a large paint concern.

Brother W. S. Patterson, a member of Beta, spent a few hours with us a few days ago. He was enroute to Richmond to enter the Union Theological Seminary. Tau enjoyed his short stay and the wishes for him abundant success.

The student body now numbers a few over 600. All the fraternities are strengthened considerably by the addition of affiliates as well as initiates. A spirit of good feeling and friendly rivalry exists among the fraternities and especially so between the Frats. and non-Frats.

Carolina's foot-ball squad is being coached by 'Coach' Brown who so successfully coached V. P. I.'s strong team last season. The prospects for a winning team are exceedingly bright. In addition to the old players that have returned are Sitton from Clemson College, S. C., Bear from V. P. I., Webber from Roanoke, Va., Gudger, ex-Captain from Tennessee, Barry from St. Albans, Va.

The prospects are bright for a successful year in every way for old Carolina. The Gymnasium and Y. M. C. A. buildings are nearing completion and they add considerably to the campus.

Tau extends her greetings to the sister Chapters and wishes all a bright and prosperous year, and also that she may soon be able to announce the names of other new initiates.

The following is a list of Tau's members with addresses, to-wit:

C. W. Rowe, Monroe, N. C.
C. W. Bear, Roanoke, Va.
Clarence Flagler, Stroudsburg, Pa.
C. P. White, Stroudsburg, Pa.
Stuart G. Noble, Bushnell, Fla.
A. J. Moore, Greenville, N. C.

A. J. Moore.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

The college season is upon us again and *II's* all over our Sunny Land, have gotten in their college homes to enter upon another year of endeavor and success.

We of Upsilon are fortunate in having with us again Brother Davis, of the class of '03, as librarian; Brothers Hall and Matson, of '04, as post graduates; Brothers Denson, McEniry, Young and Schuessler, of '05, as Seniors; Brothers Denson, N. D. and Spruance, of '06 as Juniors and Brothers Constantine, H. H., Hall, S., Hardy, Lurton, Milner and Robertson, of '07 as Sophomores. To these, four new members have been added, whom we in-

introduce to the fraternity at large as Brothers worthy of their love and esteem,

M. S. Davis, Oak Grove, Ala.

T. J. Constantine, Anniston, Ala.

J. Esdale, Birmingham, Ala.

L. E. Otts, Greensboro, Ala.

With these men old *H. K. A.* will go through with flying colors.

In the late promotions one of our Brothers, O. E. Young was appointed Senior Captain in the corps of Cadets, and Brothers J. V. Denson and Schuessler were appointed Lieutenant.

In the promotions to take place soon, our Sophomores will all rank well.

The opening of our college is better than ever before. The prospects for victories in foot-ball are bright indeed, and with the able coach we have and the fine material he has to work with, we believe that Auburn's lucky star will shine again. *H. K. A.* will probably be represented on the team by two men, one of whom has already won a reputation.

Our Chapter meets in a large room, on the second story of a brick building situated in the center of the town. We do not own a house of our own, but rent.

Our quarters consist of three rooms, a reception room, about 10x12 and joining this is the room in which we meet. It is about 20x24 and has four windows and a large cabinet mantle. Opening into this room is a small private room, with no windows. We use our large room for receptions and social features, which take place in February and at commencement. We hope in the near future to build and own a Chapter house of our own.

Of the seven fraternities in college only one owns a Chapter house.

Brother S. P. Hall is business manager of the team and as a consequence of the efforts he has put forth, the team shows up well.

We play a practice game at an early date, with the Montgomery Athletic Club, and close upon this follows games with Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Nashville and Georgia Tech all of which we hope to win.

J. H. Schuessler.

PHI.

Roanoke College.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I again send greeting to you Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha. Truly it is with a feeling of pleasure that we welcome back to our Chapter halls and homes, the members of our noble Brotherhood.

The enjoyments of vacation are forgotten, displaced by the greater enjoyments of college life. But should we thoughtlessly devote our time solely to that which brings no gain to ourselves or to others?

Brothers, I think that I can earnestly and conscientiously say that this spirit of idleness is no characteristic of the members of *H. K. A.*

So let us awake to the opportunity that awaits us in the coming year, and make our Fraternity and Chapter life involve every idea of purity and truth, for which we stand.

By this time I am sure the good work has started; old men have returned, and "goats" have been added to the list.

At the opening of college, things looked more encouraging than they have for two years past. Among those who returned there were four Pi's. Brothers G. H. Reese, Taylors Store, Va., C. E. Mason, Jett, Ky., J. K. Bowman and A. M. Bowman, Salem, Va. All are members of the Senior Class. But within the last two weeks our roll has been increased and at present number six.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to the Fraternity at large Brother Frank Robinson, Salem, Va., and Brother A. C. Cline of Concord, N. C. Brother Robinson is a member of the Freshman Class and of the Junior Class.

Still we do not intend stopping here, we have three or four in view.

The other Frats. have done nothing so far, but are in the race for some of the men upon whom we now have our eye.

The Phi Gamma Deltas have four men, Sigma Phi Epsilon two, and Pi Kappa Alphas six. College opened with an increase of about twenty over last year and things are beginning to look much brighter for old Roanoke in the years to come.

At the present time two of us are spending our evenings on the atheletic fields, Brother Reese is playing left tackle on the foot-ball team, while your humble scribe is acting in the capacity of full-back and captain.

Hoping to hear good news from all the Chapters in the first issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, I must close.

A. M. Bowman, Jr.

CHI.

University of the South.

Chi has been so anxious to introduce her new Brothers, she could hardly wait for the time of the Chapter letter. After the very severe diet of cans, gunpowder and old fence rails, Billy was more than glad to receive the four new men at the Chapter House July 5th at eight fifteen, graciously entertaining them until eleven forty-five when, with regrets (?) and tenderest feelings they bade Billy good-night. Chi introduces to the Chapters at large,

Richard H. Allen, of Memphis, Tenn.

Lindley Herrington, of Houston, Texas.

Francis Coffin, of Chicago, Ill.

Francis Lee Pfaffle, of Sewanee.

Of course all loyal and enthusiastic Pi's.

Chi is very proud of her new gravel walk and the beginning of a small library. Brothers Coffin and Underwood have promised a tennis court in the near future.

A reception at "Rocas Pardas," one of the Herrington's beautiful cabins, was given by Brother Herrington to the Chapter. There were forty present, a number of whom drove out in carriages. The decorations were sunflowers for "Old Gold" and broad streamers of Garnet ribbon. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served while the orchestra, which was stationed at the spring, played all the latest airs. The time to thank Brother Herrington for a delightfully spent afternoon came all too quickly.

Brother Wood is Business Manager of the next year's "*Cap and Gown*." Brother Turner has entered the Law Department, but is still teaching in the Grammar School. Brothers Herrington, Pfaffle, Coffin and Allen are studying hard; Underwood and Chaudron doing the same. We expect good work from them next term.

Chi will probably be represented on the foot-ball team by Brother Wood, who is trying for that end. Chi has on her string two good men which she hopes to land. The new term begins about September 19th, with two weeks vacation between closing and opening of the terms. Chi will be represented at the World's Fair by Brothers Wood and Allen.

A decidedly successful amateur Street Fair was held last week, the chief attraction, the Moorish Palace, being in charge of Brother Abeel, with Brother Wood as assistant. The boys cleared \$150.

Brother G. W. R. Cadman, who has charge of churches at Greenville and Johnson City, Tenn., was the guest of Chi for two weeks, leaving a present to each Brother of a beautiful photo. as well as a handsome hammock to the Chapter. Brother Pugh is Manager of the Minstrel Club. Brother Underwood has just been appointed Instructor in Stenography in the University. Brother Seaman has charge of the mission at Cowan, Tenn.

Chi holds her meetings in a pretty little frame house situated near the new gymnasium and overlooking the Athletic Park. The house, which has two rooms, is owned by

the Chapter, and the lot on which it stands has been leased from the University for ninety-nine years. Back of the house a tennis court is being laid off, and in the front yard are several oak trees to which hammocks are fastened. The billiard table is said to be the finest on the mountain. Besides the house, the Chapter has the use of two cabins, at which informal receptions and banquets are given.

Chi has the distinction of possessing a real, genuine, live goat. Under the care of Brother "Billy" Abeel, this goat has developed into a strong and fearless animal, capable of great endurance, as five men can testify this year.

The inter-fraternal relations are very good, and ninety per cent. of the students are frat. men. The strength of the academic frats., in point of numbers, is about as follows:

$\Phi. A. \theta.$, 20.

$K. A.$, 15.

$A. T. \Omega.$, 18.

$\Sigma. A. E.$, 15.

$\Delta. T. \Delta.$, 15.

$K. \Sigma.$, 8.

With best wishes to all the Brothers,

Arthur C. Pfaffle.

PSI.

North Georgia Agricultural College.

After spending the summer very pleasantly among relatives and old friends, we have met again at old N. G. A. C. to re-enter upon the field of college life. Although our number is not so great as last year, still, the enthusiasm and the spirit of loyalty, which always forms one of the great characteristics of a true Pi, has already been manifested by those few members whom we have with us this fall.

The old members who have returned, are :

C. M. Barnes, B. S., '06, Bullochville, Ga.

J. L. Brown, B. S., '06, Dalton, Ga.

W. O. Matthews, B. B. S., '05, Decatur, Ga.

W. M. Breedlove, B. B. S., '05, Monroe, Ga.

Charles M. Harris, B. B. S., '05, Dalton, Ga.

Notwithstanding the small number with which we have begun this year's work, Psi's prospects for a successful year never dawned brighter than for the year 1904-'05. So far, those to whom we have revealed the mysteries of our noble Order, this year, are:

James K. Watt, B. S., '06, 438 Oak St., Chattanooga, Tenn.
Lott Warren, A. B., '06, No. 46 Culberson St., Atlanta, Ga.
Julius Elkan, B. B. S., Brunswick, Ga.
Arthur Gresham, B. S., '09, Waynesboro, Ga.

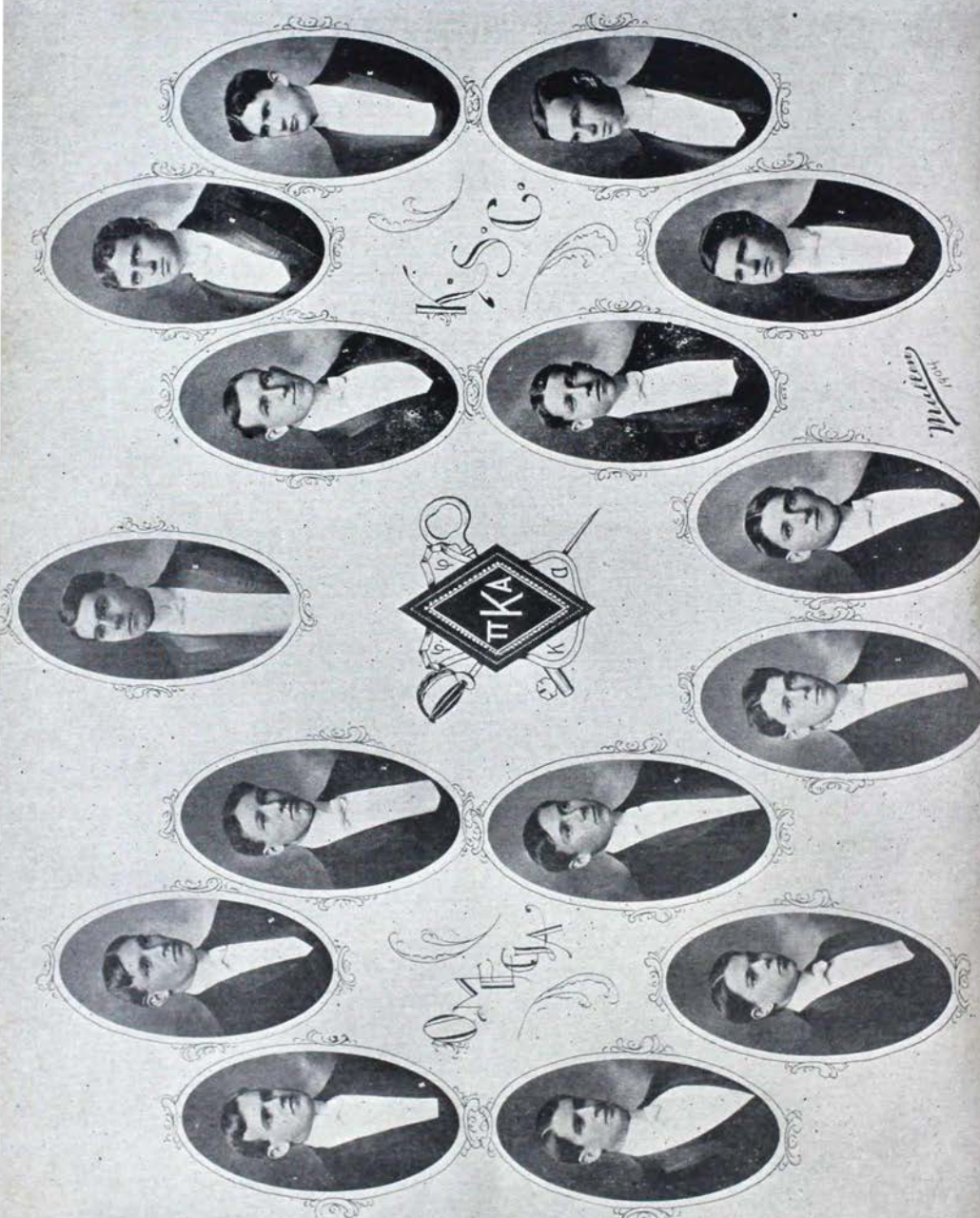
All of these young men are truly worth our emblem, and we are very glad to see them becoming such active workers for the Frat.

The student body numbers about two hundred and there is some good material for *Π. Κ. Α.*, and the old Pi's are working as one among the new students, and are doing everything in their power to select the very best of them to wear *The Shield and Diamond*. The Sigma Nus are our only rivals this year. They have taken in three new members.

Several of the royal Nons have returned, but if they have had a meeting we haven't heard of it. The life of their club, if it ever had any, seems to have entirely disappeared. They don't wear their pins any more, with the exception of one. I suppose they have become ashamed of them.

The college has at last realized the value of an athletic field, and has about completed a fine field for foot-ball and base-ball. We will also have a basket-ball team organized right away. We are in great hopes now that N. G. A. C. will come to the front in the way of athletics, and that *Π. Κ. Α.* will be well represented.

Brother J. D. Gortatowsky is holding a very desirable position as Journalist for the *Atlanta Constitution*. Brother O. W. Steed has accepted a very prominent position as book-keeper for the Leonard & McGhee Furniture Company, Dalton, Ga. Brother R. E. Ponder is taking a business course at the Southern Short-hand and Business College, Atlanta, Ga. Brother H. W. Stanton is holding a



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very responsible position as book-keeper for the Crown Mountain Gold Mining Company, Dahlonega, Ga. Brother G. M. Stanton is employed at the Union Store, Dahlonega.

All of these young men were with us last year, and we are glad to note that they are all doing well.

We haven't any Chapter House of our own yet, but we have a nice hall rented on the third floor of the Stow Building, and also an adjoining room. This is the nicest place we can get this year, but hope to have a Chapter House next year, consisting of a hall and four rooms in which some of the members will stay.

This will be a great step in the advancement of our Chapter, and will add much to our standing among the other Chapters.

With best wishes to all our sister Chapters, and with hopes that this may be the most successful year in the history of the Fraternity, Psi bids you all farewell.

Charles M. Harris.

OMEGA.

Kentucky State College.

When Omega was called to order after nearly three months of separation, six of her old men did not respond to roll-call.

Brother L. K. Frankel, one of our charter members, who has guided aright Omega during her short life, has resigned as Professor in the College and accepted a position at Chicago. Whatever the Chapter may have accomplished, is due to the unrelenting efforts and untiring zeal of Brother Frankel. We regret very much to see Brother Frankel leave us. Our sincere gratitude for the work he has done for us and our best wishes for his future success attend him.

Brother Gordon, '04, is at Phoenixville, Pa., with the Phoenixville Bridge Company. Brother Porch, also an '04, has an excellent position as Chemist in the Marine

Hospital, Washington. Brothers Andrus and Taylor cannot be with us.

Omega has only partially succeeded in replenishing our somewhat depleted ranks. We would introduce to the Fraternity at large Brother Robert Lee Sims of Lexington, Ky., and Brother Lemuel P. Gooding, also of Lexington. Both men are worthy in every respect to enter into this new relation of Brotherhood.

A large number of "freshies" were this year ushered into the ever-inspiring mysticism of Greekdom. In numbers we rank sixth with the other fraternities; however, numbers do not always mean strength.

Σ. A. E., 16.

Σ. X., 13.

K. A., 16.

Σ. N., 7.

K. Σ., 16.

Π. K. A., 12.

Φ. A. Θ., 14.

Our roll consists of the following:

A. Aikin, Princeton, Ky., B. M. E., '05.

H. L. Amoss, Paducah, Ky., B. S., '05.

R. A. Arnsperger, Lexington, Ky., B. S., '07.

S. A. Ashbrook, Cynthiana, Ky., B. S., '08.

J. W. Gwyn, Lexington, Ky., C. E., '06.

W. H. Goodwin, Lexington, Ky., C. E., '08.

L. E. Hillenmeyer, Lexington, Ky., B. Agr., '07.

G. C. Montgomery, Liberty, Ky., B. M. E., '06.

J. H. Letton, Paris, Ky., C. E., '06.

M. W. Smith, Hot Springs, Ark., C. E., '06.

R. L. Sims, Lexington, Ky., B. S., '08.

L. P. Gooding, Lexington, Ky., B. S., '08.

Brother Aiken is Vice-President of Class '05. In Military Department Brother J. H. Letton is Captain of B Company and Brother Smith is Lieutenant in Company C.

Out of a possible seven foot-ball men on our foot-ball team we have three:—Brother White Gwyn is Captain and half-back; Brother Montgomery right end, and Brother Goodwin is left tackle.

Our foot-ball team has a fine showing. With only three games played our score stands 79-0.

We beat Indiana University 12 to 0 and Center Univer-

sity of Kentucky, 40 to 0. The team is not large but fast.

The college men are giving support to the team more this year than ever before. College spirit has waxed warm since last fall. The outlook for the college is very encouraging and the prospects for our Chapter would never cause indigestion.

We have the entire third floor over the Second National Bank. Have reserved the front room for a parlor, the furnishing of which would incite the envy of other Frat. men if such thing exists in inter-fraternal relations.

We expect to accomplish much ere again the lingering taste of the sweets of college life merges into the spiced one of another vacation.

Omega greets you and wishes you success in everything.

H. L. Amoss.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

Trinity College.

It gives us great pleasure to greet our sister Chapters and we sincerely trust each and every one has had the same good fortune we have, of beginning the new session under such a promising outlook. We are indeed proud to say all our Brothers returned with the exception of Brother McCaules, who left school last April without any intention of returning. We are also proud to say that every pledged man we had in the High School last session, returned to college this session and we are only waiting until the Final comes when we can take them into the fold. We also have three new men pledged who were not in the High School last session and we expect to pledge several more before Christmas. The outlook is exceedingly bright for us and it will be surprising to see how the "baby" fraternity will grow this session.

School opened in a fine condition and we are proud to say we have a new law department in connection with the college.

We were very glad to have our Brothers from Tau with

us several nights ago and assisted them in the initiation of two new men which they brought from the "Hill," to put through the "mystic portals." We, ourselves, are anxiously awaiting the first of February when, according to the new rules of the college, we can lead the six pledged men we have, and probably more, into the "new life" and supple the rusty limbs of "Old Billy," who has been sheltering "mid the green fields" these long months. But, ere the dawn of February 2nd shall have made its appearance, we are quite sure "Billy" will gladly wish to retire and shelter in his "green" pasture until he recuperates.

All the Frats. are busy eyeing the new men on the campus and few there be who pass by unnoticed. We are never satisfied, and although we have six pledged, we are still on the alert and ready to grab any good man that comes our way."

Feelings among the different fraternities here is comparatively good and we trust it may continue so in the future.

The opening of the college this session is very good and there are about four hundred and fifty students on the campus, including quite a number of attractive "co-eds."

The Y. M. C. A. Annual Banquet given to the new men of the college was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion and the speeches were especially good.

The outlook for the Glee Club is fine and *H. K. A.* will be well represented. We cannot say as yet how many of us will make it but we can promise to do our part.

Our Chapter holds its meetings in the Knights of Pythias Hall. We have no hall of our own. This hall has five rooms in it, each one of a different size. The largest measures about sixty by forty feet and the smallest about fifteen feet square. The hall is located down town in the business section, on the third floor of one of the nicest stores.

In this hall is a room reserved for social features, but we do not confine ourselves strictly to this one as we have social features at least once a month, sometimes oftener, and do not confine them to any one particular room.

The college has a nice reception hall, located on the campus, which is at our disposal when needed, and our Commencement Banquet is usually held there.

The following is a list of our active members and the course they are pursuing:

- C. B. Arthur, Morehead City, N. C., '06, Engineering.
- C. R. Pugh, Wanchese, N. C., '06, A. B. Course.
- Paul Webb, Morehead City, N. C., Law.
- A. B. Stainback, Weldon, N. C., '06, A. B. Course.
- W. M. Wells, Elm City, N. C., '07, A. B. Course.
- W. J. Whitley, Bonnerton, N. C., '07, A. B. Course.
- L. G. Daniels, Wanchese, N. C., '07, A. B. Course.
- W. H. Wallace, Morehead City, N. C., '07, A. B. Course.
- F. S. Boddie, Durham, N. C., '07, A. B. Course.

Will give you addresses and courses of new men as soon as initiated.

Best wishes to all sister Chapters.

A. B. Stainback.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

Louisiana State University.

At the opening of the forty-fourth session of Louisiana State University there were only three *ll's* to take up the work for the current session.

It is this trio that now greets all *ll's* throughout our Southland. We return filled with renewed energy and hope, after a pleasant vacation.

Although we are not as fortunate as we hoped to be this year, still we feel no disappointments, nor have we anything but the brightest hopes for the future.

It gives Alpha Gamma both pleasure and satisfaction to introduce to the fraternity at large, Brother Thomas Buffington Beale we are fortunate in claiming as a Brother, one of his charter and disposition. We are still working to get the much needed Chapter hall and hope to see our efforts rewarded before this time another year.

We are already looking forward to the coming convention.

The pleasures of this session will be multiplied by our sisters in town, and we feel greatly encouraged to do our level best.

There have been few additions to the fraternal roll this year. The *K. A's.* leads with three initiates. The prospects for a successful year were never better, in the history of the University.

The new fraternity mentioned in a previous letter has so far failed to materialize; But it has developed quite a new phase of activity among the Frats. Under the guise of non-Frats. they have already caused considerable discord. They have made dupes of the non-Frat. element, and used them as tools to further their interest.

Through this agency they secured most of the class offices, fortunately the only field where they could manipulated and questionable tactics.

Three of our four members are town students this year. There are two Juniors, one Senior and one Sophomore.

In the University register the following notes are of passing interest. A. W. Buckner, Editor on Staff of "*Demeter*" and "*Revillee*;" Secretary-Treasurer L. L. U. Tennis Club, member of executive committee, L. S. U. Cotillion. R. G. Tillery Assistant Manager of the "*Demeter*;" Seargent Company D. Brother Fahey made a flying trip to the University last Sunday.

Brother Tahey is with So. P. R. R. is located in New Orleans. He spent the summer in the oil fields near Sour Lake.

Brother Golson seemed to have a position with the T. and P. R. R. during the summer but has never been able to explain just what he was doing.

Brother Buckner spent the summer in the pine district of Louisiana and Texas, working with the Louisiana Crop Pest Company. The roll of Alpha-Gamma is as follows.

R. G. Tillery, Jr., Agricultural Course, Wilson, La.

A. W. Buckner, Agricultural Course, Neulaton, La.

G. B. Golson, Jr., Civil Engineer, St. Francisville, La.

T. B. Beale, Soph., Com. Engineer, Baton Rouge, La.

R. J. Tillery.

ALPHA-DELTA.*Georgia School of Technology.*

After a very pleasant vacation Alpha-Delta again greets her sisters with the greatest pleasure. We trust that the summer was as pleasant to all the Brothers as it was to us. It was not until the 28th instant that our school opened, and since that time we have been kept very busy.

We are very sorry to state that two of Alpha-Delta's strongholds that did not return. Brother B. H. Smith, of Charlotte, N. C., decided that he preferred the old North rather than the "Empire of the South." Then Brother G. C. Paulsen of Savannah, Ga., decided to give up his Engineering course. We feel the loss of these two noble Brothers very deeply—yet we have not let it grow into despondency but rather into determination. The five who returned came filled with determined Pi enthusiasm. As a proof of this we have to introduce to you two of Georgia's noblest sons. Brothers join us in welcoming Brothers Howell Cobb Lamar, '09, of Americus, Ga., and Pierce Lambert Barrett, of Harlem, Ga., we feel that these two men will do much to help our Fraternity during their five years at the Tech. They are Brothers that are blessed with such a degree of personality that one is attracted to them unconsciously. It was a hard fight to win them from the other fraternities here—but it is not characteristic of Alpha-Delta to lose a man when once she starts after him.

We are sure that the fight here between the fraternities has been the warmest in the history of the institution, with an enrollment of probably six hundred, about two hundred and fifty of which are new students, the campus has been the scene of much "spiking." We have not been in such a hurry, knowing that it was best not to. If we see a new man that is apparently "O. K." we advise him to hold off from all for a few weeks. Some of the fraternities have caused "Billy" to go into a wholesale business for the past few days.

The rivalry between the "Frats." and "non-Frats here is comparatively small. The "nons" have no hard feelings at all for the fraternities. The fight is solely between the various fraternities.

Foot-ball is the rage now. The Tech feels bright and hopeful about season. With Coach Heisman to train the men, Tech feels that the "G. A. T." flag will wave victoriously over many a gridiron this fall. Alpha-Delta is very sorry to state that she will not be represented on the team. Her men do not aspire for athletic honors—the reason for this lack of interest being that the athletic men here are not given any leniency at all by the Faculty. It is practically impossible for an athletic man to get a creditable class standing. They are held as strictly accountable for all their work as the other men—consequently they get low class standing. We hope that all the *H. K. A.* Brothers who visit Atlanta this season with the foot-ball teams will look us up—or let us know they are coming so that we may look them up.

We are glad to state, that we are in better quarters than we were last year, however, we hope to have still better ones before many more weeks. We are now at 419 Kiser Building. This is a very nice corner room about 20x25 and answers for a hall very well. We are very sorry that we cannot have a hall near the campus, but this is impossible at present. All the fraternities here have to go up town to get to their rooms, as we have no fraternity hall on the campus. On account of many of the students having dates on Saturday we have to hold all meetings on Saturday night.

We are very sorry that we have no favorable report to make on new Chapters—however we have not given up by any means. We will keep persevering—then if we fail it will be Madame Fate and not Alpha-Delta. We have heard rumors of a new Chapter, and we trust that before the next Convention we may have more than one "baby" sister.

Brothers let us all determine to make this one of the

most successful years in the history of this or any other fraternity. Let us all unite for the same purpose—because where there's unity there's strength—and let this purpose be to carry the dear old Garnet and Gold to the top and to keep it there where it belongs.

Our roll is:—

G. Z. Collier, '06, 76 Dixie Avenue, Atlanta, Ga.

P. H. Connally, '06, Dallas, Ga.

G. A. Edwards, '06, Crawfordville, Ga.

T. B. Lamar, '05, Richland, Ga.

C. McCord, 267 Lee Street, Atlanta, Ga.

The new men so far are.

H. C. Lamar, Americus, Ga.

P. L. Barrett, Harlem, Ga.

With the very best wishes for the Brothers of our sister Chapters both individually and collectively, we anxiously await the present issue of the "SHIELD AND DIAMOND."

T. B. Lamar.

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, Hampton, Va., *any item of news concerning a brother member, which may come under his notice.* If the item appears in a newspaper, clip it out, paste it on a postal and forward as above, giving date and name of paper.

—The General Office received an interesting invitation to the opening of the Bethany Home Sanitarium which took place on August 22nd, corner of Clearborne and Allen Sts., New Orleans. Two of our Pi's are interested in this worthy work. Rev. F. O. Koelle is Secretary of the committee in charge.

The Bethany Home Sanitarium is a new departure. The institution will be conducted on the strictest ethical principles, and solely in the interest of the medical profession. All of our Sanitariums are situated in the First and Sixth districts. Owing to the Third district covering such a vast area, the Sanitarium fills a long felt want.

The fees (\$10.00 weekly,) are nominal, and can be taken advantage of by the ordinary wage-earner. This will facilitate the handling of a large class of patients which heretofore have been taking advantage of our charitable institutions.

A corps of trained nurses will be in charge.

—G. F. Mason, M. S., Omega, is in charge of the Chemical Department of Research of the main office of the H. J. Heinz Co., of Pittsburg, Pa. Our Brother writes that he "has not seen a Pi for over a year" and he hopes that some of them will drop in to see him soon.

—Rev. S. C. Byrd, Xi, assisted Rev. J. M. Harris in a meeting in his church the first week in August, during which ten new members were received into the church, six on profession and four by letter.

—Robert E. Lee, Chi, is enlisted in 82nd Company U. S.

Artillery and will be stationed at Long Island, New York. Out of nine applicants he was the only one to pass their physical examination. We trust this Brother will follow in the footsteps of his worthy ancestor, and ere long have the title before his name.

—The General Office has received the following invitation and extends best wishes to the happy couple:

“Mrs. Rebecca Howard Black
announces the marriage of her daughter
Betty Nichols
to

Mr. Ralph J. Speer,
on Wednesday the eighth of June,
Nineteen hundred and four
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

At Home
after June twentieth
Fort Smith, Arkansas.”

—W. H. Arthur, an initiate in Gamma in 1895, and who enjoys the title of D. D. S., is Secretary and Treasurer of the Franklin Drug Co., Franklin, Va. In the Fall of 1896, Brother Arthur entered the University College of Medicine, Richmond, Va., graduating in Dentistry in May, 1898. Since this time he has been actively engaged in his practice in Franklin, and has lately accepted this responsible position above mentioned.

—Best wishes are extended to Brother Powell and his bride, with appreciations for the courtesy in sending the following invitation:

“Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Shave
requests the honor of your presence at
the marriage of their daughter
Stella
to

Mr. Frank Carl Powell,
Wednesday evening, July thirteenth,
nineteen hundred and four, at nine o'clock,
St. Paul's Church,
Eau Gallie, Fla.”

—Rev. Richard Orme Flinn, of Atlanta, Ga., called at the General Office on September 2nd, while the Grand Treasurer was in New York. We regretted very much not seeing this talented Brother, whom every one loves and reverses so much. Hope he will soon call again.

—L. W. Payne, one of the founders of Upsilon, and who has for the past two years been Fellow-in-English in the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed by the J. B. Lippincott Company Assistant Editor of the new edition of Worcester's Dictionary, now being prepared by the house. It will probably be ten years before the entire work will be out, and it is then expected to supercede all other dictionaries.

Brother Payne and his family are of course living in Philadelphia.

—UNITY, ARK.—Rev. E. M. Craig, Iota, conducted a meeting in this church recently, and received sixteen new members into the church.

—Rev. P. H. Gwyn, of Charlotte, N. C., writes the following under date of September 20th: "Enclosed find check for \$2.00, for who can withstand the courteous and earnest invitation to become a subscriber to THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND. May the Fraternity and its organ flourish greatly this scholastic year." We heartily reciprocate his good wishes and trust that the great success which has crowned the efforts of this Brother so far, may continue with him always.

—Brother John S. White, Alpha, is practicing law in Charlottesville, Va. He is now numbered among the old married Brothers, having been married almost one year.

—Arnold D. Dabney, Alpha, one of our married youngest Brothers, is located in Charlottesville, Va., practicing the noble profession of law.

—Brother Frank D. Moore, an initiate of Alpha, in years gone by, is now Assistant Editor on the staff of the Michie Law Publishing Co., Charlottesville, Va.

—Brother Walter H. Robertson, Phi, and later a stalwart in Alpha, is practicing law in Bristol, Va.-Tenn.

—Dr. John Lloyd, Phi, later of Alpha, has but recently returned from London, where he has been taking a post graduate course in medicine.

—The Rev. John I. Armstrong, class of '04, of the Union Theological Seminary, was elected to the professorship of philosophy and Bible study. Brother Armstrong joined our Chapter at Vanderbilt University. At the request of President McIlwaine he taught his class in Moral Philosophy and Bible Study during the former's absence in the Constitutional Convention in Richmond two years ago. He has accepted the professorship and will enter upon his duties in September. The *Central Presbyterian* says editorially:

"It is not only the past which speaks for the College, but its present equipment. There is an excellent faculty of professors and instructors, in the very prime of their lives, scholarly, accomplished, worthy of confidence. Professor Whiting becomes the acting President. The Rev. John I. Armstrong, of the last Senior Class at Union Seminary, Richmond, was elected to the Chair of Philosophy and Bible Instruction, an eminently wise selection. During Dr. McIlwaine's absence in the State Convention, Mr. Armstrong filled this chair with notable ability and acceptability."

—Rev. Robert Hill, Iota, of Dallas, Texas, has received the degree of D. D. from Austin College, Sherman, Texas.

—Rev. G. W. R. Cadman, Chi, who is now pastor of St. James Church, Greenville, Tenn., and also the church at Johnson City, 33 miles up the road, writes us of his visit to Chi, under the date of August 10th:

"I have just spent a delightful time up there and find that things are very encouraging with us up there. I never saw Chi so nicely situated before and we have the reputation of having the nicest boys up there on the Mountain—this is from the Vice-Chancellor himself."

This Brother used to be located in Memphis, Tenn., but his health breaking down, he had to leave. We are glad

to announce that he is now completely restored to his accustomed good health.

—Mr. Robert Henning Webb, Iota and Alpha, who won his M. A. Degree at the University of Virginia this year was appointed Instructor of Latin for the coming year. His paper on "Witchcraft in Virginia" won the \$100 prize offered by the State Society of Colonial Dames for the best essay on Colonial History.—*Times-Dispatch*.

Brother Webb has had a remarkable career. He was a first honor A. B. graduate of Hampden-Sidney, 1901, and A. M. 1902. He received the Latin medal at the University of Virginia in 1903 and has been made Assistant Professor of Latin there, at a good salary. Dr. Richard McIlwaine, who has just resigned the Presidency of Hampden-Sidney College, after a long and honorable service of 21 years, speaks of him in an open letter to the *Times-Dispatch* as "one who has had no superior in scholarship or character at Hampden-Sidney within my knowledge." Brother Webb has been spending the summer months in the mountains of South-West Virginia.

—Rev. R. R. Claiborne, Gamma, is the popular rector of the Episcopal Church at Farmville, Va. He was married somewhat more than a year ago to one of the most charming graduates of the Virginia State Normal School, in that place.

—Brother Hollingsworth, Theta, who served the church at Stonega, Va., so acceptably for about three years, has entered upon his new pastorate at Hinton, W. Va.

—REV. J. S. FOSTER, Theta, pastor of the Tabb Street Church, Petersburg, Va., is taking a vacation until September, during which time extensive repairs are being made in his church.

REV. W. M. ANDERSON, D. D., Theta, pastor of the First Church, Nashville, Tenn., is spending a vacation at Dyersburg, St. Louis and Lake Winona.

—"The Times Dispatch," Richmond, Va., has been pub-

lishing brief sketches of the men who have helped to make that city. On July 4th the following appeared about Brother Beverly B. Munford, Gamma :

"Hon. Beverly B. Munford is a Richmond boy, though he has spent much of his life in other parts of the State. He was born here September 10, 1856, and when quite young moved to Williamsburg, Va., where his boyhood was spent. He was educated at William and Mary College, attended lectures under Professor John H. Minor at his summer law school, and commenced the practice of law in Pittsylvania County.

Mr. Munford returned to his native city in 1887, forming a partnership for the practice of law with the late Judge Waller R. Staples.

In 1889 Mr. Munford was elected to the House of Delegates from Richmond, and was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee. During this session the final and complete settlement of the State debt was accomplished under the terms of what is known as the Olcott compromise.

Shortly after the death of Judge Staples the present law firm of Munford, Hunton, Williams and Anderson, of which Mr. Munford is a member, was formed. The firm is the representative at Richmond of the Southern Railway Company, Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, several street railways, insurance and trust companies, banks and other corporations.

Despite the many calls upon Mr. Munford's time as a lawyer in active practice, he has been enabled to give no little attention to the business and educational interests of the city. He is President of the South-Atlantic Life Insurance Company, Director of the Mercantile National Bank, of the Richmond Trust and Safe Deposit Company, and of several other institutions. He is a member of the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College and of the Hampton Normal School, having succeeded the late Colonel Thomas Tabb in the latter position. He has taken an active interest in the work of preserving a truthful record of the causes which precipitated the Civil War, and on several occasions has, by addresses and written articles, made contributions of value to the volume of information in regard to this subject. His addresses delivered at the unveiling of the monument in honor of the Confederate soldiers of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and the memorial erected over the grave of Miss Winnie Davis, are probably the most notable and valued of these contributions. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Historical Society and a vestryman of St. Paul's Church."

—Rev. E. E. Ingram, Rho, who for the past four years has been in charge of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in Nashville, Tenn., has accepted a call to Waco, Texas. Our esteemed Brother has been a great factor in the religious movement in Nashville, and has been a man of untiring energy in his work. His loss to Sigma Chapter will be great for he has always been a true Brother.

—Brother Charles A. Cook, Sigma, has taken up his abode in Muscogha, Indian Territory and is meeting with success in the Pharmaceutical business. Brother Cook while a resident of Nashville for the past year has been an active member of Sigma Chapter, though not a student, and his presence will be missed on Saturday nights in Sigma's Chapter Hall.

—Professor C. S. Williamson, Jr., Sigma has received the appointment of assistant to the Chair of Chemistry in the Michigan Agricultural College at Lansing, Mich. During the last scholastic year he held the position of Professor of Chemistry and Biology at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C. During the summer he spent the time at the University of Chicago, where he was tendered a fellowship, but declined it, together with one from Columbia University, of New York, also an instructorship in the University of Colorado, desiring to enter a larger field.

—*The Nashville Banner* October 12th contains the following:

"A marriage in which many warm friends took a deep interest and which was simply but beautifully solemnized last night, was that of Miss Ollie Walton Connell and Mr. John Irvine Armstrong, which took place at 7 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church, Dr. W. M. Anderson officiating. Mr. Armstrong has been for some years a deacon of the church, and the bride an active and interested church worker, and the celebration of their wedding in the First Presbyterian Church was peculiarly fitting. The wedding guests who witnessed the impressive service were connected with the bride and groom by ties of warm affection, and a host of good wishes followed the young people to their new home.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong left for a few days'

stay at Lookout Mountain and Chattanooga, enroute for their new home at Hampden-Sidney, Va., where Mr. Armstrong occupies a chair of philosophy at Hampden-Sidney College. They will be joined at Salem by Mr. Armstrong's mother, who will make her home with them in the attractive residence on the college campus. The faculty of Ward Seminary, with which the groom was formerly connected as Secretary, presented a gold watch to Mr. Armstrong and a case of silver to the bride, whose departure from Nashville is generally regretted. She is the daughter of Mr. Wm. A. Connell and has resided recently with her aunt, Mrs. Evalina Bradford Burr. She has been one of the most valued members of the staff of the Tarbox School, and Mr. Armstrong has also been identified with educational institutions of the city. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia, later completing a theological course, and as an educator he has a bright future before him."

Congratulations to the happy couple.

Editorial.

IT IS TO BE REGRETTED that during the summer nothing definite was accomplished in the way of extension. A great many plans were started at the close of the last session, which it was believed would result in the establishment of some new Chapters, but an apathy seems to have fallen over the Fraternity during the past three months and so far as learned, nothing has been done. Thus the best season for meeting men from different colleges, and laying plans for the establishment of Chapters has passed. Since the Chapters have reassembled, however, plans are on foot, which we hope will give us two new Chapters by the time the next issue appears.

At the last convention the expansion spirit was so strong and great results seemed so assured, that we expected all previous records to be surpassed. It is not too late now for good work to be done, and we hope that the Chapters will carry out the plans which were outlined to them for the summer's work and appoint committees to take up this important matter. The names of the different colleges on which it is desired to work, have already been given to the different Chapters, and the time has come for some definite action.

IT IS VERY GRATIFYING to note from the Chapter letters that all of our Chapters have started off the new year with renewed strength and vim. With a large number of old men in their places to take up the work, all the Chapters seem to have secured a handsome number of initiates. We feel that this session has been begun under the most brilliant auspices for many years, and the prediction in so many of the letters that this is to be our banner year, seems to be well timed.

We must also compliment the Chapter Correspondents on their splendid letters. We are glad to see so much news concerning the other fraternities and also the colleges themselves. Chapter letters should not contain only news regarding themselves. The Fraternity wants to know of the growth of the college and of the conditions which surround the Chapter. It is also pleasant to learn what the other fraternities are doing, and we trust that in each letter from now on the correspondents will endeavor to give this general information in addition to that about themselves.

WITH THE ABUNDANT CROPS that have been made throughout the South, and the general prosperity of the whole section, the attendance at the various colleges this year is said to be larger than for some time.

It is pleasant to know of this general increase in the college attendance, because it strengthens the colleges themselves, and because it gives the fraternities larger classes of material from which to select their new men.

We note that all of the fraternities are numerically stronger than they have been recently, and we feel sure that our Chapters are getting their full share of the good men.

We trust however, that conservatism will not be lost sight of in the desire to increase the number in the Chapter.

More and more each year the fraternities are endeavoring to do away with the old time indiscriminate rushing, which is fraught with so much evil and so often causes discord and trouble in the Chapter circles. We would urge our Chapters to go slowly and surely in taking in new men. Many of the college boards have now put in force the requirement of one year's attendance in college before becoming a member of a fraternity, and we think that this is a most excellent plan.

THE CHAPTERS MUST give attention to the requirements of the Constitution that in October and April of each

year, some article must be furnished by them for the Contribution Department of the Magazine. For this issue, very few articles were obtainable, as the Chapters had not been sufficiently organized to enable them to arrange for this. Now, however, is the time for them to get to work and each Chapter, at its next meeting, should delegate some member to write the article due for October, and see that it is sent to the General Office immediately.

It is not necessary that this article should be solely on fraternity subjects, as we would be very glad to have any article which would be of interest to the readers. In fact, it was suggested at the Convention, that the Chapters send articles such as they would furnish to their college magazines; and that while a few good fraternity articles is desired during the year, it is pleasant to intersperse them with some stories or articles on general college subjects.

Please see, therefore, that this work is prepared and sent in during the next week or ten days, so that we may have a supply for next issue.

THE GRAND TREASURER would be glad if the Chapter Treasurers would look up their accounts and send in amounts due. A large number of the Chapters have paid their accounts in full, and we trust their example will be emulated by the others.

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