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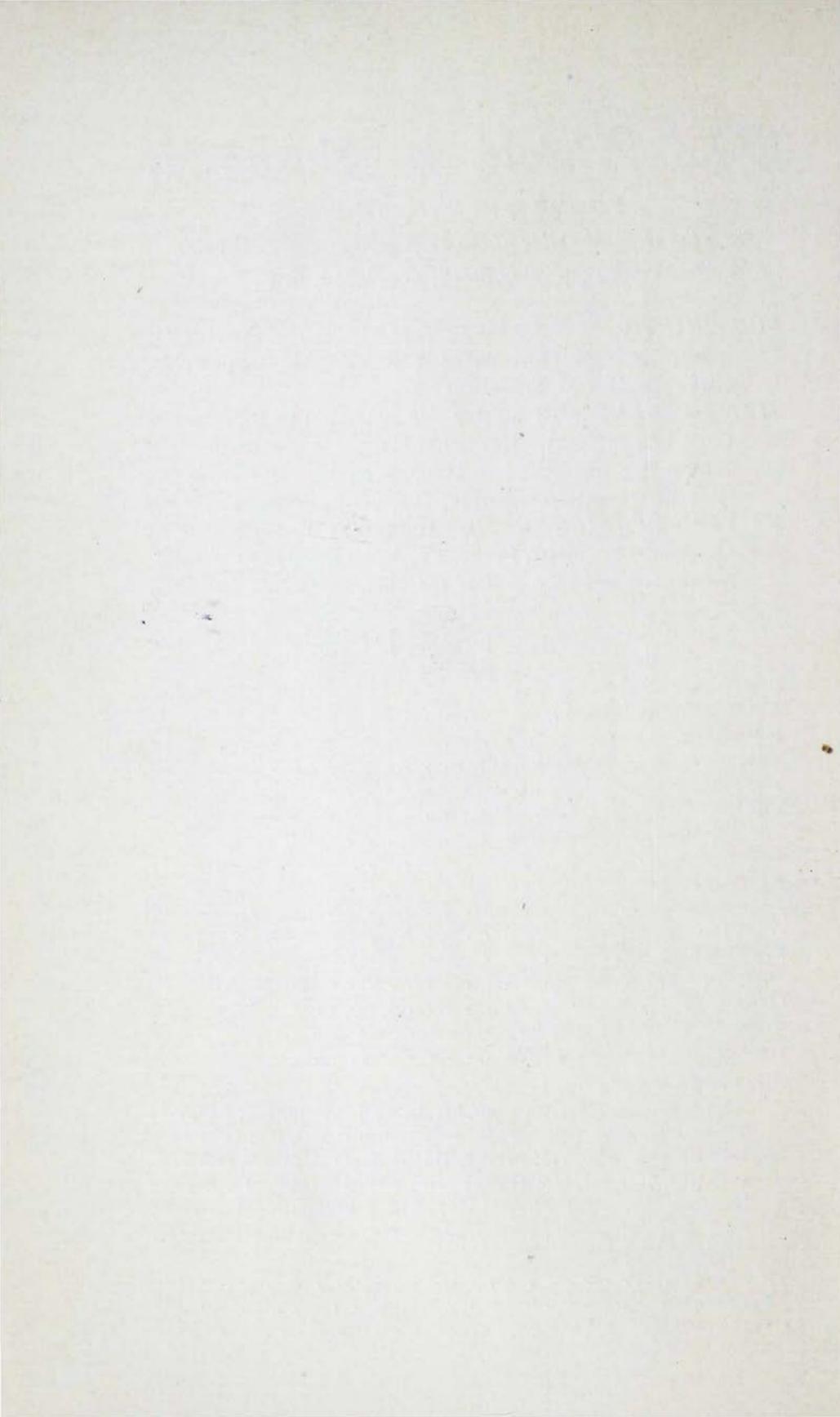
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ABIDING LIGHT.

The low-descending sun has sunk
And gilds the fading west
As twilight spreads her gentle shade
And nature goes to rest.

The cloudy squadron softly sails
The Indian summer sky,
And fainter grow their fleeting forms
As darkness dims the eye.

The silver moon climbs on her course,
All through the heavens alone,
And gilds the scene with glory rare,
A glory not her own.

So joyful days change into night,
And dim life's winding path,
The happy moments swiftly glide,
And sorrow speeds her shaft.

'Tis then fond memory's genial glow,
The ceaseless vestal flame,
Brings light of other days gone by,
And calms the throbbing brain,

Till once again bright morn shall break
The binding chains of night
And happy day shall dawn anew
And make our pathway bright.

E. M. Robertson (Omicron) in Richmond College Messenger.

EXTENSION.

Very possibly there will appear in this issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, the announcement that two more Chapters have been added to our already glorious roll. This will give us thirty strong, active Chapters. To the Pi's who gathered from our two organizations in 1889 to save Pi Kappa-Alpha from impending death, as to our surviving founders, this number marks the realization of a desire, once considered improbable and even at one time impossible. But it has been done, and the goal been attained, due to the love and loyalty borne the fraternity by her noble sons. In fifteen years Theta and Iota have re-established all but two of our defunct Chapters, and carried the banner of *Π. Κ. Α.* into twenty-three other institutions of our Southland. Two of the latter are now inactive. I say Theta and Iota did this, because to them and them alone is due the present life and prosperity of our noble order, and every wearer of *The Shield and Diamond* has them to thank for his membership in the only fraternity of the South, *Π. Κ. Α.* According to the law of mathematics, what two Chapters have done in fifteen years, thirty Chapters should accomplish in one. Not only could this be done, but it would if the present generation of Pi's had half the loyalty, half the enthusiasm, that filled our men of old. I do not believe that this is intended as neglect, but fear our boys do not feel the necessity of increasing our Chapter roll, or in raising the Old Gold and Garnet on new territory. And I further know that could this necessity be impressed upon them, that no band of men could or would respond with more alacrity, with more loyalty, with more enthusiasm than our noble brothers.

By reference to Baird's Manual it may be seen that in this day of fraternity growth, there are only two classes of the men's general societies which are not constantly adding to their Chapter roll. These are, first, those societies whose prestige has been gained by long standing and age, and

whose roll has never been large, no Chapter having been added since the war; second, those whose rolls are now full, and admit but few colleges of the very best standing. Prominent among the first named are: Kappa-Alpha (N), Sigma Phi, Delta Psi, Delta Phi, Chi Psi and Alpha Delta Phi. The second class contains Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Beta Theta Pi. On the other hand we see such fraternities as Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Nu, Kappa Alpha (S), Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Phi Sigma Kappa, with an increase in the last five years of from 8 to 21 Chapters. Cannot we well afford to follow the lead? *H. K. A.* has done a wonderful work herself in the last five years. But let us not tire in our well doing, but continue to upbuild and uplift our fraternity until she has not a peer! I know there are many who think we should not talk so much upon extension through the columns of the Magazine, for two reasons. In the first place, as was voiced by a brother last year, we should not do so much talking, but a little more work. That is, we should expend our energy in establishing Chapters and not in talking about establishing them. In the second place, many Pi's think that the impression will go out that we are so anxious to establish Chapters that no consideration will be paid the college, or applicants as to standing, position, etc., and that in view of this fact we ought not to waste so much time in discussing this subject. In reference to the first reason, I can say for myself that I heartily coincide with the opinion that talk and no work is a bad policy, and I believe if the exponents of our expansion policy were only talkers, not only would our fraternity suffer, but the rebuke as administered would be well deserved. But the idea is, to awaken to a realization of the existing conditions, the whole body politic of our fraternity, both graduate and under-graduate, so that we can and will take a concentrated action, and thus attain that for which we have striven. Answering the second reason given. No one can accuse *H. K. A.* of using such tactics. Above all she stands for

the best institutions and for the best men in them. If we can not get them, we want none. Our Supreme Council are quick to see a defect in the standing of a man or institution, and we may well rest assured that a charter issued by them is to a reputable college and to a high class of men therein. Yes, brothers, our destiny, in that respect at least, lies safe in their hands. As our future is judged by our past, could we have no brighter record? Our roll contains the names of only the most reputable colleges in the South and we may have no fear but that this state of affairs will continue in the future.

But to return to the point at issue, *Π. Κ. Α.* wants more Chapters, needs more Chapters, and the only way for this need to be filled is for every true Pi to exert his every effort to establish them in the many reputable colleges of our territory. In many of the large and growing cities of to-day, the citizens have banded themselves into clubs, the object of which is to swell the city's population in a certain time, to so many people. These take their names after the population they wish to attain, as the Five Hundred Thousand Club, and it is every member's duty to use his every endeavor to bring about this desired result. Let every Pi, graduate and under-graduate, unite themselves into a Fifty Club, and when the next convention meets in 1907, take to it a chapter roll of fifty Chapters. Quite a gigantic proposition you say. But it can be done. Have not we the magnificent example of Theta and Iota, the saviors of *Π. Κ. Α.*? Have not we the same spirit that pervaded them? Can not we do half as well as these? Most assuredly yes. With thirty of the strongest colleges on our Chapter roll and a membership of three thousand true and loyal men, *Π. Κ. Α.* can undertake this proposition and carry it successfully to a finish. Just think for a moment what might be accomplished, if on the first of January, 1906, each and every one of our thirty Chapters would earnestly resolve to establish at least one new Chapter before commencement. Can you calculate the outcome? Then suppose that one-third of our alumni read-

ers would make the same resolution. Granting that two or more of these efforts were directed toward the same institution, and that half of the applications were turned down by the Supreme Council or were rejected, we would still have ten new Chapters to welcome into the field. We know the job of establishing a Chapter is not an easy one, but at the same time we are working for our fraternity and cannot we afford to spend a little time, a little worry for something that has done so much for us? Come, men of *H. K. A.*, get to work and show that your *Φ. Φ. K. A.* extends not only to your Chapter, but to your noble fraternity as well. But I hear our Eastern Chapters say: "The Virginias and Carolinas are as full of *H. K. A.*'s. as they can be. We have Chapters in all the Colleges that will admit them. How can we join in the campaign? Brothers, your old Chapters have an army of alumni, scattered over the South in Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, etc. Write to them. Get them interested in this work. Show them you want these colleges. Infuse in them your spirit and you will attain your end. Then again some say, we would like to do this, but we are harrassed by fraternity opposition, poor material, and a thousand other cases, to such an extent that it takes just all of our time in overcoming these difficulties and in holding our own, so we just cannot do it. Brothers, you want to forget your troubles. Some of these things surround every Chapter, and suppose every one hung back on account of it, we would today be a dead issue instead of a thriving and growing organization. If once you get your mind and soul into this work, you will find that you are getting more out of your fraternity and at the same time growing stronger day by day than ever you did before. The new Chapters, as a rule, feel a hesitancy about entering upon this work, because they fear they will be presumptuous in undertaking it. Moreover they fear failure and do not quite know how to go about the work. To these might be said, nothing that they could do would more endear them to, or bring them into closer contact with, their fraternity than the

gaining of a new Chapter through their efforts. As to the manner of doing this, circumstances in every case always control, but where there's a will there's always a way, and a letter addressed to our Supreme Council, will always bring forth any and all information desired. The alumni in many cases have better opportunities of doing this work than the Chapters, for they are often thrown in direct contact with schools in which Chapters are desired.

To these then belong much of the responsibility of enlarging our roll and every true graduate Pi, recognizing this responsibility, will not fail in his duty to dear old Pi Kappa Alpha.

A close study of the question shows that in the States of Alabama, West Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Virginia and Tennessee, there are fifteen colleges and Universities of reputable standing containing fraternity Chapters, in which there is no Chapter of *H. K. A.* The same conditions exist in twelve reputable institutions in Texas, Missouri, Maryland and the District of Columbia. I know nothing of the local conditions surrounding these institutions, and no doubt in some of them restrictions are placed on the entrance of new Chapters, in others, our Supreme Officers, may have placed the ban; at the same time, it is not quite possible that all of these are so situated and restricted that we cannot find a home anywhere among their number. At any rate this will stand investigation, and if we can, let us put Chapters in them. In Texas two Universities and in Missouri six, throw wide their arms to receive us. Will they be passed by with never an effort to enter? We think not, for the Pi's of these grand old States will rise up in their might and bring them under the sway of *H. K. A.*

There are many who do not believe in having many Chapters, still others who do not believe in so rapid a growth. As one correspondent has said: "A fraternity's strength is no longer measured by her Chapter roll." All this may be true and right, but it is a significant fact that

our leading fraternities, with the few exceptions of the old and very restrictive orders, have over forty Chapters. We know that many of the very best men come from the smaller organizations, and in that respect place them on a par with their stronger rivals, but it is necessary for the prestige of an order that its roll shall be large enough, at least, to withstand the loss of Chapters, due to natural causes, as well as to anti-fraternity laws being enacted to such an extent at the present day, especially in the South. Then, brothers, let's rally round the flag and plant our standard all over the territory.

In conclusion, I wish to apologise to the fraternity for seemingly having assumed, through the writing of this article, superiority or seniority not my own. I love my fraternity in a social line, above everything else, and whatever I may be able to do to upbuild her interests, I shall cheerfully do, not as a duty, but as a pleasure. This then I shall offer as my excuse, and if a single Chapter is added to our roll through the influence of this article, or the ardor of a single brother increase, in his work for our beloved Order, it shall not have been written in vain. There may be those who differ with me on the policy set forth herein, and doubt the advisability of voicing it as I have. Brothers we are working to the same end,—the success of *H. K. A.*, and our methods only differ. If the end is attained we can afford to forget the methods, provided they are honest and pure. No effort has been made to write an able essay, and as such it is not offered to the reader. It is only an appeal for the good of the fraternity as I see it, and is full of errors and mistakes. With hopes for the upbuilding of our noble *H. K. A.*

I am in *Φ. Φ. K. A.*

Lloyd R. Byrne, Alpha-Zeta.

EXCLUSIVENESS IN FRATERNITY LIFE.

At every college there is a distinct line that marks the difference between the frat. man and the non-frat. And there is always some feeling, more or less intense, existing between the chosen few and their less favored brethren. Divers causes have brought about this feeling, chief among which is the exclusiveness of fraternity life. Of course, it would be futile to try to eliminate the feeling against fraternities—it would be impossible. Yet, much might be done to keep it down. By remedying this matter of exclusiveness, for instance, the breach between frat. and non-frat. might be made less conspicuous.

In using the term exclusiveness, I do not have reference to the selection of men for initiates. That is entirely out of the question. But what I do have reference to is the association of fraternity men. They, in many instances, stick too close together. They are too much bound up in themselves. Now, I would not discourage intimate companionship among the men, but I would encourage their mingling freely with other fellow-students also. Let them be pleasant and sociable among all classes of men. Let them take an interest in the literary societies and other organizations free to all. Let them make the non-frats believe that fraternity men think themselves no better than they. I believe this line of conduct will pay. I believe it will bring to your side scores of friends and supporters who, if you followed an exclusive policy, would oppose you. It may not be just as I say, but I know from observation that a policy of exclusion is not for the best interests of any Chapter. Furthermore, it is without doubt that exclusiveness is one of the primary causes of the anti-fraternity sentiment.

Stuart G. Noble, Tau.

THE RISE OF FRATERNITIES.

Phi Beta Kappa, the first Greek letter society or fraternity, was organized at the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, Va., on December 5th, 1776. Its origin is legendary, although there are three different stories about its founding, handed down by tradition. One says that the society owed its origin to a lodge of Free Masons, one asserts that the society was brought from Europe, and the third attributes the honor of its foundation to Thomas Jefferson, who was a student at that college in 1759. The first meeting of this famous organization was held in the Apollo Room of the old Raleigh Tavern; "the room in which the first revolutionary spirit of Virginia was breathed in the burning words of Patrick Henry." Chief Justice John Marshall, Justice Bushrod Washington and Judge Spencer Roane, were among the forty-three original members of the society. The original charter of Phi Beta Kappa is in possession of the Virginia Historical Society. The fraternity went out of existence at William and Mary when the college broke up in 1781, but the Chapter was renewed in 1850, and, since that time, it has been in vigorous operation.

The next Chapter of this fraternity was put in Harvard University in 1780, and in a very short time after that, Yale University had the third Chapter, then the Yale and Harvard Chapters united to put in a Chapter at Dartmouth College. From that time on, Phi Beta Kappa has entered almost every college and university of importance in the United States.

The *raison etre* of the formation of Phi Beta Kappa, was "the promotion of literature and of friendly intercourse among scholars" and the further promulgation of the patriotic sentiments of those times. The original fraternity was a secret organization, but, as a result of the anti-Masonic agitation, the Harvard Chapter in 1831, disclosed its secrets and motto, "Philosophy, the Guide of Life," and since that time Phi Beta Kappa has not been a secret or-

ganization. It is at present more or less an honorary society, membership in which at some colleges is as much of an honor as the L. L. D. degree. At the mother Chapter, William and Mary, the initiates are men who have achieved distinction in their particular walks in life.

The Kappa Alpha Fraternity—not the Southern Kappa Alpha Fraternity which originated at Washington and Lee in 1865—was the pioneer among college fraternities. It was founded at Union College in New York in the year 1825. This fraternity started the fraternity system as we see and understand it to-day. Union College has truly the honor of being the mother of the present fraternity system, for three fraternities, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi and Delta Phi, were in existence there before there was a fraternity at any other college, excepting, of course, Phi Beta Kappa. In a short time these fraternities had Chapters in Hamilton and Williams Colleges, and from these colleges the fraternity system began its ramification. The year 1840 may be termed the time when this national tendency arose. The multiplication of fraternities has been a wonderful growth, and even at this late day the number of fraternities is advancing.

Since 1825, when fraternities arose, there has been bitter opposition to them, both by faculties and the public, on account of their nature. At several times in the history of fraternities, it has seemed as if they must be overwhelmed by public opinion, but they have always recovered from these storms of public disapproval. At the present time most of this antipathy, on the part of faculties of the public to fraternities, has disappeared, owing to their good records and defences of them by Bayard, Andrew D. White, ex-President of Cornell, and other eminent authorities.

There are five dates in the history of fraternities which serve as landmarks. The first date, 1776, is when Phi Beta Kappa originated; the second one, 1825, is when Kappa Alpha began; the third one, 1831, is when Phi Beta Kappa became a non-secret society; the fourth one, 1840,

is when the national tendency arose, and the last one is 1870, when the centralizing influence started. By this centralizing influence is meant that each fraternity took on a true organization with a regular government. Before 1870 the governing power emanated from the first Chapter which was founded, but now a fraternity has an executive body which is elected by representatives from the different Chapters.

In 1870 the first fraternity, composed of college women, was founded at De Pauw University in Indiana. The growth of societies since 1870 has been as marvelous as the growth of fraternities.

It is generally accepted that the fraternity idea is composed of about five per cent. secrecy and ninety-five per cent. friendship. The cause of the organization of the Greek letter fraternities, is usually attributed, either to the piquancy of a secret society, or to the desire of college youths to use the secret societies of their elders, or finally to the natural tendency of persons of like dispositions to unite in a society. It is more probable that fraternities are caused, not by one of these forces acting alone, but by all three factors acting in conjunction to a greater or less extent.

Duncan Curry, Alpha,

THE SHIPS SAIL BY.

Oh, the ships sail by toward the bending sky,
 And the ships sail back o'er the blue,
 As a maiden stands on the yellow sands,
 And she sings of the lover true.

"Oh, a lad came down o'er the hill of brown,
 With a smile and a jaunty grace,
 With the blue of the skies and their light in his eyes,
 And the light of his love in his face.

Ah! my heart he won ere the set of sun,
 And my word he took o'er the sea,
 For a promise he gave, from o'er the wave
 To be true and return to me.

I have told his words to the wild sea birds,
And they told his words to the sea,
But I wait all alone by the waves that moan,
For he never comes back to me.

Oh, the ships sail by neath the darkening sky,
As the maiden looks o'er the blue;
But she waits all alone by the waves that moan,
For they moan for her lover so true.

R. H. Adams (Beta), in Davidson College Magazine.

THE MOUNTAIN OF FRIENDSHIP.

In the north of Georgia in sight of the college buildings two lofty steadfast mountains stand out as an example of steadfastness. How many generations have gazed upon their dark outline! They bask in the same sun; they are drenched in same the rain; the same winds beat against their everlasting heights. From these mountains I would draw a lesson, and learn to "lift up mine eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help." If I have a friend I want him to be constant and steadfast like the mountains; to be everything he appears to be. To stand with me in the storm of passion as well as in the sunshine of joy. I would that every Jonathan had his David. How much good will would be on earth.

The highest sentiment in man is his yearning after his fellow man. A selfish man is a parody on the image of the Almighty. In human society "no man can live entirely to himself." For the society of one man is necessary to the existence of another. An association is built of friendship and mutual confidence. Men meet and weigh each other and the congenial souls mingle and find comfort. And straightway friendship springs up, and there are four hands to fight the battles of life instead of two. What makes hermits? Is it not because men are without sympathy and do not trust other men.

The word friend is often times very loosely used. We say friend when we mean acquaintance. Solomon says

“there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.” Again he said “a friend loveth at all times.” This is a very exalted idea of friendship which Solomon has given us. I admire the friend that loveth at all times and is not abashed by adversity. He is surely like that friend that sticketh closer than a brother. *Friend*—there is melody in the word, that has made music for a multitude of hungry hearts. It is the word that will go sounding down future generations expressing that tie—that mountain of sympathy that holds one man to another.

“To me, fair friend, you never can be old,
For as you were when first your eye I eyed,
Such seems your beauty still.”

Psi.

REFLECTIONS.

The pleasures of college life are many and various. Among these there is one of a peculiar kind, one which is apparently unreal, but whose charm is partly due to its own peculiarity.

Where is the college student whose mind has not wandered almost unconsciously from his book to enjoy the mystical pleasures of reflection? In rapid succession pictures present themselves to view with an exactness that makes them appear real. He sees before him images of past experiences, and passing on he is occupied with dreams of the future—building air-castles. In the silence of his room he thinks of home and the dear ones there gathered around the fireside, of his departure for college, of the Freshman days just passed and the Senior days yet to come or not spent, of the athletic contests of previous years and those of the approaching season, until finally his reveries narrow themselves down to those concerning the fraternity. And here, excepting one, the home, he lets his thoughts linger longest. And what wonder is there that one who has once felt the ties of friendship that bind

the members of Pi Kappa Alpha in eternal union, should reflect seriously on his noble Order.

Every one who knows the least of its history, must almost necessarily have the same general course of reflection. Images of the past appear, to be chased away by those of the present, while the latter are in turn forced to give way to the more fanciful ones of the future. First, we (selfish beings that we are) recall the establishment of our own Chapter, its growth to the present, and then become absorbed in the possibilities of the future. And thinking our aim and determination to ever strive for the advancement of the Chapter, and thus in the interest of *Π. Κ. Α.* become deeper rooted in our lives, and in fact, a part of our very being. From one Chapter we pass to reflections upon the fraternity as a whole, and reviewing its history we find that it is but the repetition, in a way, of the history of the single Chapter. The Chapter increases in members, the fraternity in both members and Chapters,

From the founding of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at the University of Virginia in 1868, the growth has not been rapid, but it has been marked by a steady progress. Its growth has not been like unto that of a weed that springs up and flourishes but for a season, but like unto that of the oak, which, from a small beginning, ever spreads its branches outward and upward.

Such, indeed, has been the growth of the fraternity in past years, and such is the growth of the present year, and judging from the indication of the past and present, such shall be the character of the growth in the future. Our oak has spread its branches almost to the four boundaries of its territory, and there is bearing abundant fruit. Our "baby" Chapters are new seed in new ground and having once taken root will no doubt before long rival in size and strength the older ones, and *Π. Κ. Α.* will ever rejoice in the birth and growth of any Chapter.

Ever watching, ever working and building upon the solid foundation we already have, no dream as to the future of our fraternity, no air-castles that we may build can be

too unreal or too unsubstantial that it cannot become a living reality.

H. M. Morrow, Pi.

ARE FRATERNITIES NARROW?

Some time ago we asked a man to join us. He was one of the best men in college,—known for his manly conduct and refined sentiment; and he was a man that thought for himself and formed his own opinions. At first he refused positively to join us, and gave as his reason that fraternities are narrow and that by declaring himself the secret friend of few he would lose many of his friends. He finally came in and made us a splendid member, but what he said of fraternities was to some extent true.

We must admit that fraternities are to an extent narrow, and that they often must exclude many deserving men. Some men who are all right in other respects are excluded because they would not make frat. men. Indeed all organizations of the kind are narrow if we look at them in this light, but narrowness is necessary in many places in practical life. The ideal life is broad and takes in the world in its scope. It calls for the universal brotherhood of man—the millennium. It pictures one great fraternity in which all men are sealed under one common grip. The practical view is to let only those combine in the strong bands of friendship who can agreeably do so. This is true fraternity spirit—not ideal, but intensely practical, though it is narrow. We hope for universal brotherhood to come, but till then let smaller brotherhoods flourish.

Certain late writers have attacked fraternities. They say they are organized beds of corruption and educate men in snobbishness. Some say that fraternities monopolize the honors of colleges. If these things be true we can not blame outside men from forming non-fraternities for self preservation which is the first law of nature. A fra-

ternity should act so as to have the respect and admiration of both faculty and student body.

I do not believe a man can have a greater incentive than the right kind of a fraternity. When one feels that he has the reputation of an honorable organization to sustain, if he has one spark of generosity alive in his bosom, will exert himself to do his best. We, as fraternity men all know the good that we derive from the fraternity, but I fear we do not show others as we should do.

G. M. Barnes, Psi.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, We have learned with sorrow of the recent death of Brother Thomas B. Green, a beloved and zealous member of our Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and desiring to give expression to our estimate of his character, and our sense of the great loss sustained by his relatives and friends as well as by our Fraternity, therefore, be it

Resolved (1). That the deceased was always loyal to the interests of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and stood high in the estimate of those who remain to honor and mourn him.

(2) That we tend his stricken family the assurance of our most sincere sympathy in the loss which falls so heavily upon his many friends, but far more heavily upon them; and we commend to them the faith which made beautiful and strong the character of our brother, and failed him not even at the end.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be published in the next number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and that a copy of that Magazine be sent to our deceased brother's family, and also the resolutions be given a prominent record in the minutes of our Chapter.

*Zeta Chapter,
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.*

A CALL TO ARMS.

In the history of the past, all great armies fighting their adversaries in defence of their own purpose, were continually kept enthusiastic and strong by the recruiting process. And since all things (even armies) have existence, philosophically speaking, and this "being" only for a season, thus we come to the statement, that in the history of the south, amid all the circumstances tending to call out her different armies, the clarion call for men was never so audible as it is to-day.

She had her early history and battled for it's principles; she was the home of heroes, patriots, and statesmen who fought, bled and died, that they might firmly establish her to an on-looking world. But time swept away this army in it's whirling eddies, and left but their memories as a guide for the new. She labored under conceptions and misconceptions, at all times working for her permanent existence; and at all times proving an undying courage to think, live and die for a principle.

Again, time consigned this army to the records of history, and took away it's vital life. All the time recruiting, until our army of southern manhood is but a synonym of that courageous throng pushing towards the goal of all worthy attainments.

As the appeal to join armies and fight battles has always been touching and stirring to the human heart, yet that appeal was never more earnest than the "call to arms" of southern manhood, and especially young manhood, is at this present time.

We must move forward! We owe it to the memory of those heroes who lived that the South might have life, and died that that life might be uninsultingly maintained; we owe it to the promptings of southern history and the environments framing her legislative disposition. And in order to pay these remembered debts, we must stand in the forefront of of America's manhood, and in the lime

light of present circumstances prove our allegiance to an un- mistaken cause.

Too often our brainy young men have left their home- land and given their service towards the further develop- ment of alien climes. It is true the conditions at home, at all times, do not seem so inviting, but this because one does not seek to find what an undeveloped resource could become, were he not blinded by the accomplished success of development and education.

The young man has a place on the field of action to-day that has never been given him before; the call is louder and the time is riper; the conditions of both state and nation appeal to his sense of duty to enlist his service in what should never be a forsaken cause. Has the South no undeveloped resources? Out of these untutored cir- cumstances has there arisen no problem, calling for set- tlement? And have we reached our educational climax that we have attained perfection? Out of all these con- ditions comes the call for men; men to develop, men to tutor, men to educate and by all means men to lead.

One of the greatest advantages for a young man to serve his state and people, and thus right the wrong, is being offered the southern man to-day to enter it's different fields of service. The pulpits, standing for moral culture and righteous leadership, has not men to efficiently fill them all; the bar needs men who feel the significance of their legal calling and who will rid that ancient vocation of justice, of it's non-founded and con-founded criticism; business life and commercialism ought to feel the pulses of a nation's cause, yea a section's need; and by no means more silent is the call for statesmen.

The great, much talked of, question of industrialism, opens up new fields and establishes new conditions which must be filled by efficient men. This great and prosper- ous South, whose sons and daughters seek higher education whose resources are not developed and whose soil is not tilled, is earnestly calling for workmen Shall we not hear?

The great political movements need leaders; men who will not act as the popular tool of any political faction, but rather outline a policy of undefined principles, and have the backbone to stand for right and reform, though in the solitudes of loneliness.

Never before was there such an opportunity to satisfy the hunger of fame and honor. For since every phase of the South's industrial political and religious awakening needs men, then it is the men of efficiency who will make the intended mark and thus strike the popular chord of an admiring and an appreciative people.

We are already the market place for several staple products, and when these canal projects are successfully carried out, and the Orient is placed in touch with the West and all nations are, by transportation, in elbow's touch with one another, these great hordes of different peoples will be compelled to consider each other (at least more scrutinizingly) and nothing then is left but this great Southland, with its rivers and harbors and fruitful soil, to become the great market place for an Eastern and Western civilization.

Let us as young men, men who have college breeding and University training, men whom the world is looking to for leaders, a goodly company of whom support the fearless "*Diamond*" and the protective "*Shield*," study the conditions of the time, learn the needs of our present situation and putting our shoulders to the plow of service, break up these fallow fields and make our country what God intended it to be.

Let us develop a manhood of sturdy laborers, in every respect, and with a motto of efficiency, breadth and effectiveness, marshal our armies of right and might and master these great, grounded problems as an example to an astonished but an admiring world.

C. R. Pugh.

FRATERNAL DUTIES.

I learned of the resignation of Authur C. Jones, Grand Princeps, with deep regret, for he rendered faithful and efficient service to the Fraternity during the the short time he held that office, and endeared himself to the entire brotherhood. His unfortunate physical condition, however, is a source of sorrow to us all; and he has the love and sympathy of all the Brothers, who, I am sure, will unite with me to wish him a speedy restoration to his accustomed health.

For the unexpired portion of his term of office, that is to say, until the next Convention, the Supreme Council have chosen me to serve as Grand Princeps,—an honor, the greatness of which I both realize and fully appreciate. Under other circumstances I would have hesitated a long time to resign from the office of Grand Chancellor and take the place which H. B. Arbuckle and Arthur C. Jones and others, so much more capable and better qualified than I, have held with credit to themselves and honor to the Fraternity. Had I dwelt long upon the excellent records of my predecessors, in considering whether or not I should accept this office, and had I given due consideration to my personal wishes, I would have declined; but the Supreme Council informed me that they decided upon me, because it was necessary that somebody be selected without delay, and because they desired one familiar with the Fraternity's management; and I was constrained to agree with their request and become Grand Princeps, for I love the Fraternity and am willing to serve it as best I can.

Pi Kappa Alpha, with the exception of one or two Chapters, is in a prosperous condition. The fall has passed, and I trust all of the Brothers are hard at work in their respective colleges and universities, preparing themselves to be useful men in the world. I hope they are devoting time, thought and energy to their Fraternity, for no organization—no plan, in fact—is automatic; hard work is necessary to

accomplish anything worthy of accomplishment. It is with the Fraternity as it is with any other association, made up of individuals, each Brother owes the Fraternity duties that must be performed before the ideal of the Order can be attained. A failure on the part of one Brother to live up to these duties *pro tanto* detracts from the success of the entire Fraternity.

There are three respects in which these duties of Fraternity men may be regarded. Of course every man who wears the badge should, first of all things, strive to become a stronger and a better man. To himself he must be true; yet I think that some of our Brothers, in their youth and enthusiasm, failed to grasp, or at least to retain in their minds, the principles announced and the lessons sought to be impressed upon them when they were initiated. It is not a mere social club to which we belong, neither is it a mere means for social or "political" prominence. The organization is not intended for the furtherance of one's selfish motives or interests; it is not one whit selfish, either to its Brothers or in its relation to other men in college, outside its circle. On the other hand, it is intended to help make and mould the character of its members; to lift them up, to instill into them the principles of true, brotherly love and self-sacrifice; and thus to help not only the Brothers in the Fraternity, but all others with whom its members come in contact, through life. The first duty, therefore, of a member, is to strive to master the Fraternity's principles and so to live them from day to day, that his own character is made stronger, and he himself becomes an assistance to his Brothers and to his fellowmen. Then will he be worthy of the name of "brother" and merit the name of the Fraternity, whose ideals are lofty and worthy of emulation.

I now refer to another duty, that of the Chapter member to the Chapter. What are you doing, Brother, to upbuild your Chapter? Are you, in daily life, setting a good example to the members? Are you helping them? Are you

fulfilling your financial obligations to the Chapter promptly? Are you studying the Fraternity's principles and trying to live them every day? Do you attend the meetings of the Chapter regularly? Do you see that its business is regularly and orderly transacted? Are your Chapter's history and statistics being preserved as required? Are the Chapter letters and the minutes promptly and carefully written? See that the Chapter is doing her part in the general work of the Fraternity. In the choice of members, see that there are chosen men of character, men of solid worth, who will, when made Brothers, throughout their lives bring credit to the Fraternity. Worth and merit should be the first consideration in such selections.

There still remains that most important duty, the Chapter's duty to the Fraternity at large. This is not alone a collective duty, it is an individual duty. To those who fully realize the duty of serving the general Fraternity, it becomes a pleasure. Most of the Chapters understand in what that duty consists, and, as far as they possibly can they perform it, but two or three Chapters seem to have forgotten this duty and have constantly to be reminded of their duties to the general Fraternity by our General Office, which has by the Chapters' votes been placed in charge of such matters. I am sure they do not criticise those officers for urging them to perform that duty; they have no right to criticise; criticism, if there is any, should come from the other source.

The Chapter's financial obligations ought to be met early in the fall, if they are not the Chapter derelict is retarding the Fraternity's progress. If any of those obligations have not been met, let me urge you to get them out of the way as soon as possible, by paying whatever your Chapter may owe.

Chapter letters are the life of the Fraternity, and by them is the Fraternity judged in the outside world. The man chosen to write them should be capable; and if the Chapter correspondent will not give them the preparation

and careful attention they deserve, he should be removed promptly and some one chosen who will. Chapter "A" judges Chapter "B" by its Chapter letter, and Pi Kappa Beta judges Pi Kappa Alpha by the standard of its Chapter letters. Now and then I hope Pi Kappa Beta will be charitable.

The old negro said: "Eny weathah is bettah dan none," and some of our Chapters, though repeatedly requested or reminded, occasionally fail to send in any letter, and that Chapter at once, on that account, becomes conspicuous within and without our borders, and, by such carelessness and breach of duty, hurts itself and the Fraternity at large.

Chapter letters, financial obligations and other such duties to the Fraternity at large should be promptly given attention, in order that the more important work of the Fraternity may be given uninterrupted attention by the Grand Council and the Chapters.

Pi Kappa Alpha is neither desirous nor anxious to enter thoses colleges unworthy of her presence, but there are colleges on our accredited list in which we should become established. It has been our purpose for some time to enter these. And so I appeal to the Chapters and Brothers, in and out of college, for their earnest efforts in behalf of a conservative extension. Alumni, active members and Chapters! This ambition, if attained, must be reached largely through your efforts. I would love to talk to each Brother face to face about the great work before us, but I can only use the printed page and appeal to your interest, your thought and your work in this matter. Let us keep our eyes open, and with willing hands and hearts perform this duty that lies next to us.

One Chapter, Delta, has been revived through the work of alumni and active members, with the guidance of the former Council, since the last Convention. We welcome the old Chapter back into the fold, and the new Brothers. Other new Chapters are in contemplation, will you not help your Fraternity?

It is a pleasure to be associated with the Supreme Council again, and especially with our worthy Grand Treasurer, who so unselfishly has given time, thought and energy to the Fraternity for so many years. I hereby publicly thank the Supreme Council for this honor, and promise the Fraternity to do all I possibly can in the new relation, to subserve interests.

I have just learned, with deep regret, that J. R. Williamson, Grand Secretary, has resigned too, because of ill health, and that the Supreme Council have chosen Hugh M. McAllister to succeed him as Grand Secretary. I send my sympathy to Williamson and my greetings to McAllister. I think the new Supreme Council will work well together. With an earnest appeal in behalf of the Supreme Council for the Fraternity's hearty co-operation,

Yours faithfully,

J. Pike Powers, Jr.,
Grand Princeps.

INSTALLMENT OF DELTA.

At 7:30 P. M., November 20th, 1905, with the help of my brothers E. V. Otts and G. H. Robertson, the members of Delta were duly initiated and instructed in the noble Order of *H. K. A.*

After this work of duty and pleasure, we three turned our steps towards the home of Mrs. Lelia J. Otts, where awaited us a feast fit for a king or a *H.*, given by Upsilon Chapter. The banquet hall was decorated in Garnet and Old Gold, and at each plate was a souvenir in the shape of our badge. Prof. Bert P. Richison acted as "Toast Master." The following gentlemen made responses: Mr. C. D. Daniels, who welcomed Delta in behalf of the *K. A.'s*; Mr. L. J. Lawson, Jr., in behalf of the *Σ. A. E.'s*; Mr. Black for the *A. T. Ω.'s*; Mr. F. D. Gully in behalf of the people of Greensboro. Mr. McCann and Dr. Brown Far-

rior, who told us about some of the trials and glories of being a new Chapter. After supper was served we retired to the parlor to enjoy a chat. At 2 A. M. Delta's first night was over.

My trip to Greensboro was a great pleasure. I beg to say to my Brother Pi's that, if every man will put himself to work on the extension fund, and give as much as he can, they will never regret it in after life.

Louis E. Otts, Upsilon.

OUR DEFECT.

TO THE CHAPTERS.

The greater part of our publications is taken up in commenting on our good qualities; on those things in which we excel, and it is nothing but natural and right that this should be the case, for Pi Kappa Alpha is brimming over with good things in common with our sister fraternities, and in many things we claim to excel all other fraternities, and justly so, but in one thing we are sadly deficient, and that is about what I am going to write, namely the record of our alumni and the amount of attention paid them.

I make no claim to the questionable distinction of being a "kicker." I hope I appreciate the many advantages of Pi Kappa Alpha as much as any one, and I know that I enjoy hearing her praise sung as much as any member of it, but holding the office that I do in the fraternity, I am in the position to know and to appreciate, probably more fully than any other member, the miserable condition of affairs that have existed, and that do exist, in many of our Chapters relative to the record of the alumni. I have written letters to a great many men whose names and address were furnished me as alumni of our different Chapters, and many of those letters have been returned "unclaimed," and many have such notations as "dead for several years" and the like made on them. Several of the

men have answered, several in their replies have said that this was the first that they have heard of their fraternity for several years. Can you expect, then, these men to maintain their fraternity enthusiasm? Many of them have attained distinctive successes in life; almost without exception they are men whose lives and whose accomplishments should make any fraternity proud, and they all add to the glory of the Garnet and Gold, but we do not get the credit for it nor do we deserve it, for we know them not. We have forgotten them, and, sad to relate, many of them have almost forgotten us. Why is this? Answer these questions, each Chapter, and you will know.

Has your Chapter a record of all the members? Possibly you have their names, *some haven't even that*. Do you know where they are now? Do you know what they are doing? Do you ever communicate with them? Have you invited them to initiations and banquets recently? The negative answer to most of these questions is the one that most Chapters must make, and that answer explains and confesses this defect of ours.

I am not blaming the Chapters, nor am I blaming the officers of the fraternity. Our Chapters have always been earnest and willing workers, and our officers in the past have been remarkably zealous and diligent ones, but the fault lies in the fact that until recently we had no law covering this point. It was allowed to attend to itself; no rules were made governing this important feature of the fraternity, and things went on in a haphazard way until they have reached the present state: but that does not make the condition of affairs any the less deplorable; such a condition does exist, and it is the duty of each of us to try and remedy it.

At the Norfolk Convention in 1902 the office of Grand Historiographer was created. To that office was placed the duties of obtaining information of the alumni preparatory to getting out a directory of the Fraternity. Brother Arthur C. Jones was elected to that office. To the

fact that he worked with marked efficiency and success, I, as his successor, am in the position to testify. He accomplished wonders, but he had practically nothing with which to do it; the information which he was able to obtain about our former members was scant and inaccurate, consequently he could not fully remedy this defect.

At the last Convention the new Constitution was adopted. It increased the duties of this office. It instituted a system of reports, which it is hoped will avoid this trouble in the future. Unfortunately, however, Brother Jones had to retire from this office in order to accept another. As the result of this retirement this office fell to me; therefore I am actually "up against these inaccurate and incomplete records of ours, and know whereof I speak.

I have worked diligently on these records, and I am conceited enough to believe I have accomplished something. They are becoming better, and I hope by the next Convention to have them in such a shape that my successor can compile from them a complete Directory of the Fraternity.

To attain this end, however, *I must have the active help and assistance of each Chapter.* I do not know who your former members are. You must tell me, or my office is a dismal failure. Won't you do it?

Appoint a committee in your Chapter to look after this important matter; look at your minute book and other records and try and make out a complete list of your members; then try and find out where they are and what they are doing. Send me this list and I will write to each of them, or better still, write to them yourself. If you take the latter course let me know, and I will send you some forms which I have prepared, and which, if filled in, will give you all the information you will want. Copy that information in your Chapter record book. I will do the same in my office, so that then we will have two complete records of each Chapter. This can be done by each Chapter for itself much better than I can do it for all thirty.

Will you not take it up at once? If so, write me and

command me; my services are yours, and by a united effort of all the Chapters we will, at the next Convention, be in a position to say what we have never been able before to say, "Here are all of our former members; look at them and judge by their lives of the principles of Pi Kappa Alpha. We know them all, and we are proud of them." Our alumni will then take more interest in and be prouder of their Fraternity.

Remember that, while it is grand and good to extend the principles of Pi Kappa Alpha into new territories and take new men into her fold, it is *grand and better and much more important* to keep strong and lasting that bond of fraternity love that binds us together, and in order to do so we must keep in touch with those who have already been taken in our noble Order.

Let us work to that end.

*J. Graham Sale,
Grand Historiographer.*

FROM THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

In assuming the duties of the office of Grand Chancellor of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, I feel a great pleasure in again becoming actively associated with the affairs of our Fraternity. I must confess that during the years intervening between my graduation from college and the present time I have been somewhat of a delinquent, as far as my duty to Pi Kappa Alpha is concerned. Now I have been called into the councils of the Fraternity and asked to aid in the present upbuilding of our beloved brotherhood. In the face of many misgivings as to my ability to creditably perform the duties of the office to which I have been called, I have accepted in the hope that I may be able to render some assistance in the great and united effort being made for the strengthening and expansion of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity throughout the South.

During my college days, when I was a member of Xi Chapter at the South Carolina College, we had a small band of Brothers who loved and loyally upheld and supported the principles of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, then composed of eleven active Chapters in Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina, and three Alumni Chapters in those States and one in West Virginia. The Fraternity was then just beginning to awake from a state of lethargy. What a difference a few years have made! In reading the excellent number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND for October, I find a list of twenty-nine active college Chapters and eleven Alumni Chapters, covering practically every Southern State. Of this remarkable growth every member of the Fraternity should be proud, and every loyal Pi Kappa Alpha owes an everlasting debt of gratitude to those true and faithful Brothers who have been at the helm and have conducted the affairs of the Fraternity for the past several years. All honor and praise to them for their true devotion, untiring efforts and marvelous success! The wonderful growth of our Fraternity is a monument to their loyal enthusiasm and noble work. May we, the present and future officers of Pi Kappa Alpha, continue with undiminished zeal the work that has been most admirably begun!

The policy of our Fraternity is to accomplish our high and noble purposes within the bounds of our territory. First planted in the soil of the Old Dominion, Pi Kappa Alpha has grown to be a strong oak. Let us not cease our work until we have planted an acorn and have seen it germinate, grow and bear fruit throughout every State where a college worthy of the name holds aloft the torch of learning and lights the way to higher education, broader culture and deeper refinement. Let our efforts be for the expansion of Pi Kappa Alpha within our borders. In our labors to this end, I trust that we shall combine with our enthusiasm a conservatism that brings the best and most lasting results, and that wherever the Garnet and Old Gold is worn, it will be emblematic of quality, congeniality and

highest character. To the accomplishment of these purposes I pledge you my loyal support and most earnest efforts.

*J. Gordon Hughes,
Grand Chancellor.*

INSTALLATION OF ALPHA-KAPPA.

Under instructions from Brother Smythe I left little Rock, Ark., for Rolla, Mo., on Friday, Nov. 31, 1905. Noon of the following Saturday saw me at Rolla, where I found Brother McTighe waiting for me. He was the first of the new Chapter to meet me, and after all the advice that I had received, and after all my fears as to the many difficulties before me, it certainly was a relief to see him. The Pi Kappa brand was written on him so plainly that it was with difficulty that I restrained myself from greeting him as "Brother."

After dinner we met the rest of the men. Every time one of them came to the room where I waited for them, I felt like turning loose that good old invigorating yell of ours. It was easy enough for me to see of what material they were made. It has never been my good fortune to meet a finer crowd of men, and certainly I never had a better time than during the first few short days that I spent with them. After the Chapter had been installed, after I changed into only a visiting alumnus, and there was nothing to do but say "good-bye" and go back home, I felt like I was leaving my old college and my old Chapter.

But to get down to business. I found the men were in every respect worthy of even our Fraternity. They stand well with their fellow-students and with the people at their college town. All of them are successful students, while Seltzer is an assistant instructor in the college, and Wright a teacher in the local high school. And, as is always the case with the Pi Kaps, they will not be without an abundance of "frat. sisters." In short, the members of our new Chapter are active in every phase of college life. They

start into frat. life on equal terms with the other fraternities there, and I have no doubt that we are to have the strongest Chapter there. I think we have it now, but of course I am partial, for I have seen them and been with them. The Kappa Alpha's, the Sigma Nu's and the Kappa Sigma's are represented at Rolla, and all installed in Chapter houses. But none of them began their existence in a house, and *Alpha-Kappa did*. This was the first important record that she saw fit to break, and she is now in possession of a first rate house.

The Missouri School of Mines, the home of Alpha-Kappa, is situated in a fine country for such a school, and with two hundred and fifty men, it is more than able to support four fraternities. The work done here is all scientific, and every department of the college is maintained at the highest standard of excellence. The school is a growing one, and already draws men from every part of the Union. In short, it is just such a college as we always desire to enter.

Alpha-Kappa begins life with eight men, and with fine chances of more should she desire to get them. However, this Chapter is determined not to make the mistake of most new Chapters and go out after goats with a drag net. It is safe to say that they will have a very high standard of entrance requirements, and the man that successfully answers all they ask of him will be a good *II. K. A.*

I suppose the Chapter will have a far better and more accurate account of the state of affairs at their home and so I will close with a list of the men:

Tennessee furnishes William A. McTighe, Memphis, and F. T. Walker, Memphis; Illinois sends James A. Taggart, Freeport; A. J. Seltzer hails from Denver, Colorado; K. P. Morgan is from Lyons, Iowa; Missouri is represented by I. L. Wright, Sedalia, and W. P. Jones, Plattsburg; and Kansas has kindly donated a goat, whose name will be announced at the proper time. I take great pleasure in introducing these men to the Fraternity. They are all so good that you could never pick the leader. I congratulate the Fraternity on the acquisition of Alpha-Kappa, and of course everybody congratulates Alpha-Kappa:

W. G. Riddick,

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

University of Virginia.

Since our last letter little has transpired at Alpha which would be of interest to the other Chapters of the Fraternity, and for that reason our letter must of necessity be short.

During the foot-ball season Alpha had the pleasure of having with her many of the Brothers from other Chapters, and also several of her alumni. We are always glad of having the opportunity of meeting the men of our Fraternity from other institutions, and of having with us again those whose bright faces and congenial dispositions have made the Chapter meetings of Alpha so pleasant and enjoyable in the days gone by.

Since our last letter, Curry, Fulton and Neff have been initiated into the Lambda Pi Fraternity here at this University. Alpha has now in this organization six members, and we trust this and the additional fact that in the other societies and organizations she is well represented, is one of the greatest evidences of the worth and standing of the men of which our Chapter is composed.

On last month our Chapter was deeply grieved on learning that Bohannan, of Surry county, Va., (B. L. '05), had had the misfortune of losing his honored and beloved father. We extend to him and his bereaved family our sincerest sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

Lewis of our number has been compelled to leave the University on account of sickness, but we are glad to learn that at this time he is much improved and we hope to have him with us again in a few days.

Alpha wishes every *ll.* a bright and happy Xmas.

E. Hugh Smith.

BETA.

Davidson College.

Since our last writing "Billy" has not been called into service, and we are so well contented that he is not likely to be used again this year unless an unusually good fellow turns up. If we find a diamond in the rust, we do not mind polishing it, but we want to be certain that it is a diamond.

The other frats. are about as they were at our last writing, excepting the *K. Σ.*'s; they kept getting busy until it looked as though they were going to take in half of the Fresh. They now have eleven new men; twice as many as any frat. in college.

The much talked of new fraternity has not entered, and from what can be learned, it seems doubtful that it will go through.

Davidson has had a very good year in foot-ball, and, while we have lost three games, we have the satisfaction of having held the victors to small scores. Brothers Allin, Morton and Sadler have been subs. on the Varsity, and we feel confident they will be of the eleven next year.

Our enterprising President has raised money for the erection of a new and elegant dormitory. Besides this there are to be numerous improvements made upon the other buildings, and with "Lake Wiley," which the boys propose to rebuild, Davidson will be much more attractive to the students.

We enjoyed a visit from Brother Morrison of Alpha-Epsilon. We are always glad to have our Brothers with us.

R. I. McDavid.

GAMMA.

William and Mary College.

The foot-ball team disbanded about ten days prior to the fixed time, because of sustained sickness. Whereas the Goddess of Fate did not smile on our team to the ex-

tent of last year, we feel that she did not withhold all from us, for all the games were characterized by grit and stubborn resistance until the last whistle blew. But we are determined to put out a winning team next fall, and are already taking steps to that end. The two positions on the Varsity, right tackle and right half, were played by Brothers Hankins and Dade; monograms will be distributed a little later in the session.

Gamma has three candidates for graduation out of a class of twelve, Newcomb, Hubbard and Dade. Bowles was forced to leave college sometime back on account of sickness, but is rapidly convalescing, and we hope will soon be able to fill his place among our number. Gilbert White has been in Richmond for the past two weeks recuperating. We are expecting him to be with us in a few days.

We are authentically informed that Phi Beta Kappa of William and Mary will have an initiation December the fifth, with the usual accompanying banquet. Gamma is accustomed to these happenings, but is not accustomed to one of their number being initiated into that body, as will be Brother O. L. Shewmake on this occasion. Brother Shewmake took charge of the public schools of Georgetown, S. C., this year, with Brother Blackiston as his first associate. We feel that the people of Georgetown were indeed fortunate in securing this efficient management, since there were quite a number of positions offered him by Virginians. The initiation of "grads." into this body is a departure from its former rulings for this Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, but we see no reason why this should not be so, since their sister Chapters North do this unhesitatingly. Very recently E. F. Shewmake received an instructorship in the department of English. Newcomb and Dade have a like appointment in the Scientific Department. Carson already occupies the position of Instructorship in the practice school, which in all make a very creditable showing for the Chapter.

Brother Hughes has succeeded in securing from the Grand Historographer all but twenty records of the Chapter. This number he hopes to lessen.

There is a possibility of having a new Chapter house here, to be built or modeled after an ideal fraternity house.

Gamma extends best wishes to all Pi's for a merry Christmas.

Robert Beverly Dade.

DELTA.

Southern University.

Delta was installed in the Southern University November 20th, by L. E. Otts and F. H. Robertson of Upsilon, assisted by E. V. Otts, alumnus of Upsilon. It was with much "fear and trembling" that we anticipated our experiences. The writer cannot say how well he rode, but he had pleasure of seeing some of the others during their trial, and they bore themselves befittingly throughout the performance.

After our initiation we were given a banquet at the beautiful residence of Mrs. Otts, mother of the Otts. The banquet was in every particular a success. There were present representatives from the town, the non-fraternity, the faculty, and other fraternities. Toasts were made by representatives from each, and *II. K. A.* was given a welcome into the town and college by all present.

The Southern University is experiencing a successful year, with 140 students, and, though the attendance is no larger, yet the spirit of the student body is better than it has been for many years. Considerable improvement is being made in the Science Department.

Delta was established in the Southern University in the seventies, but for some cause soon became inactive. However, some of its former members have lived to bless the Fraternity, and left us, in many respects, a worthy example to live up to and emulate.

There are three other fraternities in the college, all of which are in a flourishing condition. They are the Kappa

Alpha, the Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. So far they have evinced a friendly spirit towards us, which we desire to cultivate.

The names and home addresses of the members of Delta are;

S. E. Scarborough, Sweet Water, Ala.
 V. M. Shamburgher, Cuba, Ala.
 J. T. Willcoxon, Borom, Ala.
 N. G. Commack, Jr., Eleanor, Ala.
 G. M. Watson, Hestle, Ala.

These men have been enthusiastic workers in their college duties heretefore, and it is sure they will be even more so now, always remembering to keep the welfare of *H. K. A.* uppermost in their minds. We expect to make Delta, one among the first, if not the first, in our college, desiring to become a strong link in the strong chair of *H. K. A.*

There is some good fraternity material here, and we expect to add other members from time to time. We expect to use an adequate amount of caution and not be too hasty in pledging men.

As Delta is only a few days old, she begs the clemency of the Fraternity at large in behalf of this communication, data being rather scarce at present.

Thanking Upsilon for her many kindnesses, and wishing her sisters success, Delta closes.

Geo. M. Watson.

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

College opened September 28th, with the following Brothers back on the "Old Hill:"

G. T. Walton.
 S. J. McAllister.
 C. S. Coffey.
 P. J. Callan.
 L. T. Belmont.

Few you say! Yes, but veterans in the interest of Zeta and our beloved *H. K. A.* Four other Brothers who had been here during the past year were expected to return, but for various reasons did not return.

Three weeks after the first meeting the following Brothers were taken in the Chapter:

Eugene Wade,
George T. Fort,
W. H. Herron,
Harry H. Heiser,
Irvin A. Vincent,

A jollier, more congenial bunch of fellows Zeta has never seen.

The University, at the beginning of this session, organized a post graduate class in the Law Department for alumni who had been practicing two years. Zeta has the following alumni in this class:

J. Pike Powers, Jr.,
C. R. Harrison,
J. W. Hudson,

At the last meeting the Chapter decided to organize a Bible class for the benefit of such members as cared to join it. This seems to be an original "stunt" in the ranks of the *II's*. and it is hoped it will prove a success.

The prospects for the year are indeed bright for Zeta, and it is hoped that every other Chapter may have the brightest year in the history of the *II's*.

Irvin A. Vincent.

ETA.

Tulane University.

Eta has once more assembled, and extends to her sister Chapters wishes for as prosperous a session as she anticipates.

Because of the very unfortunate epidemic of yellow fever, the opening of Tulane was delayed until November

2nd. But work has been taken up with more vim and earnestness than ever before. The same movement characterizes fraternity spirit and work this term: the brothers of Eta are doing their utmost to be worthy of *Φ. Θ. Κ. Α.*

At present, our Chapter consists of fourteen men, as follows:

H. Henry,
S. Calonge,
P. Garland,
M. Garland,
A. Garland,
J. Davidson.
C. Joubert,
W. Calonge,
J. Ward,
Van. Frierson,
Menafee,
Austin,
R. Patton,
J. Robert,

Two of these have transferred from other Chapters, Van. Frierson from Theta; and Austin from Alpha-Gamma.

The members of the Tulane foot-ball squad have undergone very severe and almost incessant practice since our late opening, to try to derive from eighteen days training the benefits of many weeks. They have worked like men, and deserve the praise of other men. We are proud to have Brothers Menafee, S. Calonge, and Austin among their numbers.

The faculty of Tulane saw fit to place the sum of \$5,000 as the minimum price of any Chapter house to be erected on the campus. At present this price is prohibitive, otherwise the aspect of our affairs is bright in the extreme.

R. C. Patton.

THETA.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

Although Christmas examinations are now confronting us, yet there may be seen a smile on the face of every *II.*

on the campus. One may easily guess the cause when we introduce to the Fraternity at large the names of Brothers—

Richard Asa Bolling, Centerville, Miss.
 Walter Francis Creson, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
 James William Marshall, Purden Hill, Ala.
 Robert Newton Marion, Okolona, Miss.
 Gaylord Floyd McLeod, Moss Point, Miss.
 John Thomas Rothrock, Somerville, Tenn.
 William Herron Rothrock, Somerville, Tenn.
 Olaz Harold Oisen, Canton, Miss.
 Robert Lee Walkup, Waxhaw, N. C.

Let it be understood right here, that the old goat has some life in him yet, and in our next letter we expect to introduce more knights of the Old Gold and Garnet.

There is no truth in the old saying that thirteen is an unlucky number, for Theta is now on a firmer bases than ever before. We expect to occupy our new Chapter rooms in a few days. We are represented on the Varsity eleven by McLeod at left tackle and Marion behind the line. We have Webb and Creson in the Senior Class doing valiant deeds and stunts in high order.

We will be ably represented on the base-ball team by J. T. Rothrock, Marion, Armistead, and possibly others. Barr was elected Manager of the basket-ball team, and Marshall Captain.

The standing of the fraternities in the University is as follows: *A. T. Ω.*, 14; *Σ. A. E.*, 11; *K. Σ.*, 11; *Π. K. K.*, 13.

With best wishes to all our sister Chapters for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year,

Roy Webb.

IOTA.

Hampden-Sidney.

Our first term is rapidly nearing its close and examinations, the very thought of which sends cold shivers down the spines of many, will soon be upon us in all their fury. The signal of their advance was given, when a few days

ago the schedule was posted, and from now on the "burners of the midnight oil" will doubtless be numerous.

Since the sad accident which befell one of our students, Mr. H. C. Montgomery, in a game of foot-ball, and which caused his death, we have taken no active part in athletics. With this exception, however, it gives me great pleasure to say that under the wise jurisdiction of Bro. J. Gray McAllister, Hampden-Sidney has so far enjoyed a very prosperous session. The list of new students is very much larger than it was at this time last year, and it is thought by the friends of the old college that she is now entering upon an era of unexcelled usefulness.

The members of Iota recently spent a most enjoyable evening at the home of Brother McAllister, having been invited over by his charming wife to attend a surprise party which she tendered him on his thirty-third birthday. Mrs. McAllister, as well as her noble husband, is a true and loyal *II*, and they have both won warm places in the hearts of all the students.

The fraternities have been busy during these first few months, and, as a result of their labor, have made the following additions to their numbers: Kappa Alpha's five, Kappa Sigma's three, Beta Theta Pi's two, and the Chi Phi's two. The Pi's have been very conservative, but have received two new men who are far above the average. We hope also to be able to report another initiation ere long.

The numerical standing of the fraternities here, is as follows: *K. A.* 9; *II. K. A.* 7; *B. Θ. II.* 6; *X. Φ.* 5; and *K. Σ.* 5;

Iota is still represented on the Glee Club. She has the Vice-President of the Athletic Association and the manager of the foot-ball team. On the Magazine Staff she has the Editor-in-Chief, Business Manager and the Athletic Editor. On the Annual Staff she has three men, one of whom is the Business Manager. The Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer for the Senior Class, the Treasurer of the Junior Class and the President of the Sophomore Class are all from among her numbers.

J. M. Graham, G. A. Wilson and R. C. Graham recently accompanied the foot-ball team to Lexington, Va., and upon their return gave glowing accounts of the royal hospitality which they received from the members of Pi. Especially were they struck with their new apartments, the very thoughts of which make us long to make similar arrangements, but the authorities here forbid any Chapters owning a house.

With best wishes to every *II.* for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, we close until after the holiday.

P. Tulane Atkinson.

KAPPA.

Kentucky University.

Once again Kappa greets her sister Chapters through the columns of our excellent Magazine. Since the last issue we have been successful beyond our brightest anticipations, having taken into our brotherhood three of the finest men in University circles. All were furiously rushed by the other frats., but the well directed and timely efforts of Pi Kappa Alpha's men secured them for her, and we take great pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity at large, J. Theodore Hale, Mayfield, Ky.; W. H. Whitley, Pautego, N. C., and George M. Vomell, Chicago, Ill. Whitley and Vomell are on the Varsity eleven, and are splendid workers on the gridiron. Hale will make the 'Varsity nine with honors to himself and all concerned. Vomell is one of the best half-backs in the South, and has helped our team to victory in more than one contest. We have another excellent man pledged to be initiated immediately after the Thanksgiving holiday.

This year gives promise of being the best that Kappa has ever had in Kentucky. Have taken everything in college worth trying for, and in the next issue shall have more honors to announce for dear old *II. K. A.*

The visit of the Cumberland boys to Lexington on the occasion of their gridiron battle with K. S. C., was greatly

enjoyed by Lexington Pi's. The night after the game Kappa and Omega united in giving them a social session, which all seemed to enjoy, and especially did the men of Kappa.

The following week a social session was enjoyed in honor our "goat" Vomell. Kappa and Omega are preparing to have a dance soon after the Xmas holidays, which promises to be a very enjoyable affair.

There has been considerable discussion of the all absorbing topic of this session, and especially of the annual game between K. S. C. and K. U. It is generally conceded that K. U. will win, as she has the strongest team since her "immortals," having played such teams as Morietta, Northwestern, U. of T. and U. of Ark., and not a single defeat.

We note with regret the controversy concerning the eligibility of players to take part in this game. It is a deplorable fact that this discussion occurs as regularly as the game itself. There is a rumor afloat that K. U. contemplates seeking admission to the S. A. A.

There is but one cause for complaint among Kappa's men this year, and that is the state of our beloved President's health. He spent the summer vacation among the health resorts of the old world in a vain search for health, returning in October much improved, but after a month in the executive chair, he has again been forced to seek renewed energy elsewhere, this time going to the Southern part of Texas, where he will probably remain until after the new year.

What do our Brothers think of the idea of offering a prize to the Chapter sending in the best series of letters during the year, to be purchased by the Chapters and awarded by the Supreme Council? It would undoubtedly tend to strengthen and better our Magazine, a thing greatly desired by our worthy Editor, and it seems to me that it is "up to us," Brother correspondents, to aid him all in our power.

Kappa sends greeting to all her sisters, and wishes for each and everyone a happy and prosperous holiday.

David S. Bromley.

MU.

Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

It gives Mu's correspondent much pleasure to be able to open his Chapter letter with the introduction of two new men:

Robert Steele Fewell, Rock Hill, S. C.,

David Wyatt Neville, Clinton, S. C.

It is needless to say that Fewell and Neville have already proven themselves to be true and loyal *II's.*, who will always answer the call of our noble fraternity.

On Wednesday evening, November 29, the eight members of Mu gave a feast to their *II.* sisters.

The Chapter hall was tastefully decorated in Old Gold and Garnet, and the souvenirs were hand painted cards with the badge on them. The "coffin" was filled with all kinds of fruits and nuts, and olives and crackers were served. The chaperons were Mrs. N. M. Kennedy and Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Neville. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all.

On Friday evening, Nov. 17th, the *II.* sisters of Mu gave a tea at the residence of Dr. W. S. Bean. This was one of the swell affairs in the annals of Mu. The house was decorated in Old Gold and Garnet, chrysanthemums, ferns, and palms.

In the dinning room the Gold and Garnet effect was again carried out most beautifully. From the chandelier directly over the table hung streamers of Garnet and Gold crepe paper to the four corners of the table. Five courses were served.

The place cards were beautifully hand-painted post cards.

We had the pleasure of meeting Alexander Martin of Charleston, who was in our town a few days of the past week. We are very glad to learn that Brother Martin is

to have Clinton as headquarters for the winter. His cousin, Professor A. V. Martin, is a professor in our college.

We are also glad to be permitted to announce that a Sophomore whom we pledged last year is to return after Christmas. This initiation will give us nine members.

A. G. Fewell, '03, spent a few days with us in October and as usual gave us one of his profitable talks at a meeting. It always gives us new energy for our work to have an alumnus brother step in and tell us some of his experiences in frat. life and show us our faults and praise our good deeds.

With best wishes for a merry Christmas and happy New Year,

James D. Fulp.

NU

Wofford College.

About the best thing that we have to report is that we have added another name to our roll since the last letter. We take great pleasure, and with much pride introduce Marshall Gruber. We feel that in getting him we have secured a member of whom we might all be proud.

The tennis players of the campus have elected Martin as their Captain this year. A tournament has been arranged and a silver trophy cup will be given to the winner. We are represented by Martin and Isom, and we know that the one who takes the cup out of their hands will have to do some extra fine playing.

A new thing for Wofford is a basket ball team. This team has been picked and will begin playing match games in a few days. We had to be represented, of course, and we find Martin, our all-round athlete, playing center. It may be interesting to note just here that Martin plays on every athletic team in college, which is something that no other man in college can boast of.

The Oratorical contest came off on the 27th, and your humble scribe won second place. He is also the business manager of the Wofford Annual for 1906.

Nu has a set of all-round good men this year. When you come to the social side, and we consider that a very important side, you will find that *Π. Κ. Α.* is always well represented. At the big reception given by our neighbor, Converse, we found a crowd of Pi's. And we are not real sure but that when they left, there were some Pi' sup there to whom you might have the pleasure of giving the "sister's grip."

Wofford is expecting to put out a great base-ball team next season. We have some excellent material to work on. In all probability Nu will have three men along with this team.

We are looking forward to examinations, which begin in about a week, with much anxiety. After they are over with, however, we shall set aside our books for a season and go away to enjoy the Christmas Holiday. May the holiday in store for every Pi be the most pleasant he has ever experienced, is the sincere wish of our Chapter.

J. Caldwell Guilds.

OMICRON.

Richmond College.

The foot-ball season being over and examinations only a few weeks off, every man in Omicron Chapter is hard at work with his studies.

Omicron had a winning team this year, our Chapter being represented by J. S. Wright, left end, and A. W. Robertson, left guard, both of whom played excellent ball. Wright is candidate for Captain of next year's team, and the prospects for his election are exceedingly bright.

Omicron takes pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large:

J. A. O'Neill, of Crozet, Va.,

Henry Taylor, of Richmond, Va.

B. E. Steele, of Tazewell County, Va.

These are all strong men, and we feel sure they will do honor and credit to our noble Order.

We had the pleasure of having at one of our initiations J. S. and G. G. White, from Gamma. They report their Chapter as being in excellent condition this year.

The Correspondent takes the liberty in this letter to speak of one thing, and that is our need of fraternity songs. We have talked of this thing long enough. It is time to act. I think it would be an excellent idea for every Chapter to send at least one song to our next issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Wishing every Pi the best of times during the holidays,
C. H. Elsom.

PI.

Washington and Lee University.

It had been our desire to send several cuts of our new home and of the various University buildings for this issue, but owing to a rush of work our photographer was unable to get his plates developed in time. We trust that they may be ready for the next issue.

Up to the last few days there has been little of interest happening at the University. Last night, however, marked the beginning of the Thanksgiving dances, and it has filled us with happiness to see a number of our Sisters from the outside world here, "tripping the light fantastic toe 'till the wee sma' hours of the morning." We know our pleasure, though, is simply an index of that unspeakable pleasure which would fill the breasts of some of our Brothers to be here with our charming Sisters. Our Chapter has been well represented on the floor. This recreation will add zest to the work which we will have to do next week, when the fall term examinations begin. The midnight oil will then indeed be seen burning in many corners.

A number of our Chapter had a pleasant trip on the 4th of November, when we went over to Charlottesville to see the V. P. I. foot-ball game. We were royally entertained by Alpha, the hospitality shown us being unbounded.

We are glad this year that we will not have to speak for our foot-ball team. It has spoken for itself. Suffice it to say that it has been the most successful year we have had for many years, and we have cause to be proud that our Brother Moomaw played so important a part in winning this success,

With the best wishes of the season for each individual Pi,
L. A. McMurran.

SIGMA.

Vanderbilt University.

While things are rather on the quiet in Fraternity circles at Vanderbilt, there is much activity along other lines.

The laws recently passed by the Pan-Hellenic Council have been reinforced by more stringent ones, and these are to be strictly enforced.

J. R. Williamson, one of Sigma's "Old Guard," has been with us since our last letter. Clark, who is teaching at Bell Buckle, has also been with us recently. Flood has been quite sick recently, but, we are glad to report, is able to be up now.

The chemical laboratories have been opened, and there are about 125 students at work in them each week. The old building, which was destroyed by fire last spring, has been replaced to some extent. Two concrete floors have been put in, which serve as a temporary roof. Things are in a rather mixed condition yet, but the students are doing the best they can under conditions.

They have started excavating for the new building, which will be a four-story structure of large dimensions and will be devoted to scientific laboratories. This building will be known as Furman Hall in honor of its donator, Mrs. Furman.

One could hardly mention Vanderbilt now without saying something of the great team we have this year. Already its reputation has gone over the South, and after Turkey day we hope for it to be even more widely known.

Everything is in a stir at present over this last game, and the largest crowd we have ever had is looked for.

Sigma sends greetings to all *II's*.

Gordon Brown.

TAU.

University of North Carolina.

The whole college is now aroused and enthused over the impending foot-ball game, which is to be played at Norfolk Thanksgiving. This game with Virginia is the greatest event of the year with us, and the result will greatly affect the Christmas spendings of the Carolina boys.

The growth of the University and the certainty of her upholding her reputation as one of the foremost educational centres of the South, is unmistakable. The Chemical Department, which is acknowledged the best in the South, will soon be installed in the new fifty thousand dollar building, which is equipped with the most modern apparatus. The Y. M. C. A. building is also nearing completion. We, as a Fraternity, are especially interested in this building, because the fraternities have been invited to use it for any reception or social affair for which they may have occasion. Besides these two buildings, our hall has nearly been raised for the hundred thousand dollar Carnegie Library, and it will soon be begun.

The affairs of the Fraternity are the same as in the last letter, except we initiated N. T. Simmons, of Washington, N. C. Brother Simmons was an academic student here three years ago, but is now taking law.

Tau wishes a merry Christmas to all.

Stanley Winborne.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

The time is drawing near for Term Examinations and Corporal examinations have just been held. Greene, Shephard and Lyell have won stripes. There are six fra-

ternities in college, and each is well represented with Corporals.

Brother Otts has recently returned from Greensboro, where he reinstated old Delta Chapter in the Southern University. The charter members are all hard workers, and will make loyal *II.*'s. Our baby Chapter has been firmly established with the proper fraternity material, and let every *II.* do his best to encourage the men to do great things for *II. K. A.*

Auburn will soon have a new athletic field completed. It is located about a half mile from the college campus, and will be one of the finest athletic fields in the South. There will also be a spacious grand-stand. Within the next two years the college expects to have completed a very handsome Library Building. The old Chapel has been remodeled and divided into three very large recitation rooms.

Upsilon is still furnishing leaders and business managers in the athletics at Auburn. John Denson has made one of the best foot-ball Managers Auburn has ever had. In fact, Denson has never been found wanting in any work he has undertaken here in college. Hardie has been elected Manager of Auburn's basket ball team. Upsilon furnished two Captains and four of the best players Auburn has ever had on her base-ball team.

We are working very hard to get a Chapter house, and expect to get one before very long. There is only one Chapter house here. Several fraternities have bought lots and expect to build. Our plan is to make arrangements with some real estate dealer to build us a Chapter house according to our plans, and make him a guarantee of so much money per year until the property is paid for in full. It would take several years for Upsilon to finish paying for her Chapter house and lot, but from the present outlook, it is the only way we could get one for a good many years to come.

I introduce to the Fraternity at large, Mr. Morgan, of Birmingham, Ala.

Upsilon Chapter extends to all *II.*'s the best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

M. L. Davis, Jr.

PHI.

Roanoke College.

The quarterly examinations having just ended, and a seemingly long week of that awful work termed "cramming" passed, we are enabled to renew with a greater amount of time and energy, the duties of our noble Order.

We are glad to report a happy and healthful state of affairs in our Chapter.

Since our last writing, it is with joy and delight Phi can say that her quarters have been changed. Instead of a small, unsuitable hall, she has now a large flat, and it is to the secret confines of this assembling place that we continually find ourselves unconsciously led, there to be recipients of new courage and determination from the very souls of those to whom we are bound by the ties of fraternal friendship and love.

Our roll has undergone some changes also; we number ten now, instead of nine.

"Billy" having been into action once, has "landed" one well worthy to be called a Pi and wearer of Garnet and Old Gold. It is now with great pleasure that I introduce to the Fraternity F. A. Conner, of Bradford, Mass. Conner was right half-back on the V. P. I.'s eleven last year, and has been coaching and playing full-back for the 'Varsity this season. Our brother is also Assistant Instructor in Chemistry.

A. M. Bowman, Captain of the 'Varsity team, with the help of Conner, has developed one of the best elevens Roanoke has had in years. Although unsuccessful in some of the first games, it has done remarkably well considering the material out of which it was picked.

J. K. Bowman, Captain of the base-ball team for the coming year, reports bright prospects. We will say more

about this, however, in our next letter. Thus it is plainly seen that Phi is well represented in athletics.

Wishing every Pi a merry Xmas and a happy New Year, Phi bids all a fond adieu for this year, and trusts that next year may lead into our noble band several new Chapters.

R. C. Bowman.

CHI.

University of the South.

On the 16th of this month the University closes, and the students will scatter to their homes throughout the south to enjoy a three months vacation. The biggest thing in our sight at present is our Thanksgiving game with Vanderbilt.

Shortly after Thanksgiving, we plunge into our final exams. And there is where many of us will meet our Waterloo. But we will drown our sorrows in pleasant thoughts of the long vacation to follow, when we can hunt and skate and travel without being constantly harrassed by the thought of to-morrow's classes.

There is noticeable quietness prevailing in fraternity circles at present. Every one seems to be interested solely in foot-ball. The warm weather that has prevailed lately has brought out a few tennis players, but only for a short time.

Chi congratulates her sister Chapters upon the successful beginning of a new year, as noted in the October issue, and wishes them a successful continuance.

Charles W. Underwood.

PSI.

North Georgia Agricultural College.

Since our last letter we have added four new men to our roll. We now have thirteen members, nine of whom are new members. We have not been hasty this year, but have let the men develop before we took them in. Our

Chapter has been highly complimented by the faculty on account of its high standard and good record. We intend to keep that record as bright in the future as it has been in the past. Three of our men are on the Varsity foot-ball team; seven were promoted in the battalion of cadets.

We are going to form a plan for raising money to erect a Chapter house. As a general rule our boys are not wealthy, but we can lay aside some money each year until we have a enough to begin. We would like for some one to explain the plan that was suggested at last convention.

The barrack system will be introduced here after the holidays and we expect an increase in attendance. The college is more promising than it has been before. The tendency is to have a school modeled after the strictest military schools of the country. Some think this will not be to the best interests of the fraternities. The following are the names and addresses of the initiates since the last issue.

Thomas Hanson Hunt, Chickamauga, Ga.

Fred Hill Henderson, Chickamauga, Ga.

Miner Lee Stephens, Franklin, Ga.

Thomas Owen Galloway, Elberton, Ga.

G. M. Barnes

OMEGA.

Kentucky State College.

Kappa and Omega Chapters had the very great pleasure of meeting several Brothers of Rho Chapter on the night of November 11th, the occasion being the game between Cumberland and Kentucky State College; there were old Red Smith, the two Wimberleys, Gill, and Minton and right glad we were to know them.

After much consideration the Thanksgiving game between Kentucky State College and Kentucky University was declared off; our team disbanded the day before Thanksgiving after electing J. Waller Rodes, Σ . X. Cap-

tain of the 1906 team. R. W. Vandercook, *Σ. N.* is manager for next year.

I wish to introduce to all Pi's your new Brother, J. Will Alexander, '09, of Owenton, Ky.

Our rooms are nicely furnished and are a very attractive loafing place where friends are always welcome. Brother Montgomery, '06, became a Tau Beta Pi last month.

Basket-ball practice commenced the first day in December and a good team is likely; base-ball will soon be taken up. One of the most enjoyable features of college-life at Kentucky State is the monthly Cadet Hop, which is much looked forward to and enjoyed. The Military Department is better this year than ever before, due to Lieut. Wilson Burt, 5th Infantry who has taught us something of what the regular army is like; we Pi's are well represented among the officers, having one Captain and several non-Coms.

Omega received an invitation to the wedding of a charter member, Prof. Leon K. Frankel, to Miss Ora B. Slaughter, of Eminence, Ky. Brother Frankel did very much indeed for Pi Kappa Alpha during his college days.

The writer is glad to note the progress of the Fraternity and hopes that each Brother Pi will return to college after Christmas with the determination of doing anything he can to advance the welfare of our Order.

Rodes A. Arnpiger.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

Trinity College.

I introduce to the Fraternity W. R. Grant, of Raleigh, N. C., a member of the '08 class. We consider ourselves fortunate in having added him to our number, and have been congratulated on this point from other sources than *Π. Κ. Α.* Grant is President of his class, a member of the Glee Club, and also Treasurer of his society. We have four other pledged men in the Freshman Class, but the college restrictions prevent us from taking in members of

this class before February the first. However we have them safe "on the string" and will lead them into the new life with a proper and befitting ceremony when the fixed date rolls around.

The Glee Club and orchestra (of which Pugh is Manager) will make its first tour just before the Christmas holidays. In this company of "wandering minstrels," *H. K. A.* is represented by five men. The boys have all been putting in good practice, and promise that their concerts will be something unusually good.

College exercises will be suspended on December 21st to January 4th. We will have this period of recreation and merriment "midst the scenes of our childhood" with the folks at home.

A merry Christmas for all *H.*'s.

L. G. Daniels.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

Louisiana State University.

Owing to the fact that college was late opening this year, we present this as our first Chapter letter for the season. We opened November 1st, with an enrollment of about four hundred, which has continually increased until the number nearly reaches four hundred and fifty students.

The chief topic of interest, as yet, has been foot-ball. We played our annual game with the Tulane University last Saturday, 25th inst., and were victorious. Our schedule will probably terminate with next Saturday's game, which will be played with the A. and M. of Mississippi. Among our valiant eleven of this season, Alpha-Gamma boasts of one, F. M. Edwards, who is Captain of the team and typical foot-ball player.

As to our fraternal standing this year, I consider that we compare very favorably with the other Orders, notwithstanding that two of our members, Buckner and Golsen, are not back. We have had three initiates so far, their names and addresses being as follows:

W. Digby Morgan, Tangipohoa, La.
 Thos. A. East, Wilson, La.
 Geo. Sullivan Miller, Norwood, La.

The old men who returned, are :

R. G. Tillery, Norwood, La.
 T. B. Beale, Baton Rouge, La.
 F. M. Edwards, Amity, La.
 A. S. J. Hyde, Amity, La.

We are still prospecting the erection of a Chapter house, but can't say just how long before it will be realized.

With best wishes to *H. K. A.*

A. S. J. Hyde.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

North Carolina A. and M. College.

We have four new members to introduce :

O. L. Bagley, Bagley, N. C.
 D. K. Steele, West Virginia.
 G. F. Bason, Charlotte, N. C.
 D. Stewart, Laurinburg, N. C.

O. L. Bagley is an Instructor in Chemistry. Steele made his reputation as an athlete before he came here, but this fall, as quarter-back of our team, he broke all previous records. He has played from start to finish in every game, and his long runs and head work have pulled A. and M. out of many a hole. He is considered by all the star of the team.

Our Chapter gave a smoker to our initiates and a few of our many friends, the 17th of November, which was a great success.

We have one more man pledged, the son of the Vice-President of this college and a grandson of General Harvey Hill. We will doubtless introduce him as a Brother in our next Chapter letter.

With very happy greetings to every *H. K. A.*, and best wishes for a prosperous year.

W. A. Buys,

ALPHA-ZETA.*University of Arkansas.*

I take great pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity—

Joe Gray, Eureka Springs, Ark.

J. Kenneth Ellis, Eureka Springs, Ark.

J. H. Crownover, Dardeville, Ark.

Z. L. Reagan, Fayetteville, Ark.

The first three are "freshies." Reagan is a Junior.

Alpha-Zeta has her share in the Military Department this year. Lieutenant is the highest office a fraternity man can hold, and we have three Lieutenants, Carter, Reagan and Davis. Karn and Ellis are Corporals.

We were glad to have with us for a day, Robbins and Varnell of Kappa, who were here with the Kentucky football team. We are sorry to say that Kentucky defeated us, but are always glad to have the Brothers from the other Chapters with us.

Alpha-Zeta was one year old November the nineteenth. We celebrated our first anniversary with a stag supper and smoker in our halls. After the supper we had toasts and songs.

Since the beginning of the present term, six handsome new buildings have been started, and now all are progressing rapidly and will probably be completed by March. They are a chemistry building, a boys' and girls' dormitory, agricultural building, dairy and an infirmary.

We at last have a college magazine, the first we have had in several years. It is a monthly called "*The New Ozark*," and is published by the collegiate students.

The fraternities at the University have taken the following number of men: *K. A.* 4, *K. Σ.* 8, *Σ. A. E.* 5 or 6, *Σ. N.* 5 or 6, *Σ. X.* 5, *K. θ.* (local) 4, *H. K. A.* 6.

The sororities: *X. Ω.* 7, *Z. T. A.* 3.

The anti-frat. men are very much in evidence this year. They carried every class election by large majorities, except the special clubs.

With best wishes for the baby Chapters or Chapters, we close.

Sam. G. Davis.

ALPHA-ETA.

University of Florida.

Alpha-Eta has been hustling and many credible results are evident. We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Cason, Barrs, Curry, Palmer, Hough and Liddell.

We are trying to be a live Chapter, and being the only one in Florida, feel the responsibility of establishing a strong circle of *II's* in this State. There is room for expansion and we hope to see ere long one or two more thriving Chapters in our beloved State.

Our foot-ball records opened well this year, but our hopes are somewhat blighted by the recent death of one of our best players.

Rowlett and Hall are on the team. Rowlett is also President of the Athletic Association.

We hope to have ready by the next issue a picture of our Chapter for this year,

Wishing all a merry Xmas,

W. M. Hackney.

ALPHA-THETA.

West Virginia University.

As the fall term nears its close we can return home to spend our holidays in glad rejoicing, because we feel, with due regards to Pi Kappa Alpha, that we have done good work for Alpha-Theta. Considering the few that returned this year and the heavy expenses we were under, we were laboring under extreme difficulties, but we were never weary of well doing. We have succeeded in spiking six good men, which will bring our Chapter roll up to a good standing and fill our house next term. We have practically cleared ourselves of all debts, and have made extensive improvements about our Chapter house.

We wish to send our best regards to Montgomery of Omega, whom we had the good fortune to meet when Kentucky State played here. Although we wanted the

game badly, we were sorry to see him lose by so large a score.

Foot-ball has been a great subject for West Virginia this fall, as we have put out a good team. We succeeded in holding Pennsylvania State to a score of 6 to 0, which was so near a victory that we consider it as such. Yesterday, our big center received great praise for the fine game he played, and we feel very proud of our representative. We were also represented by Carr, sub for the back-field. Byans was Captain of second team, while Barrell also played a star end for the same. They both stand a good chance for the Varsity next fall.

There is only one thing that Alpha-Theta regrets in being the most northern Chapter, that is that we meet so few of our Brothers; but we hope that any Pi coming our way will not fail to look us up. He will be sure to find comfortable quarters and a good congenial crowd awaiting him.

R. F. Staubly.

ALPHA-IOTA.

Millsaps College.

We have resumed our scholastic work after six months delay, caused by the infection of yellow fever in several towns of our State. Alpha-Iota is well represented, and every member has the Fraternity's interest at heart. Twelve of the old men are back. We are as well represented in the number of men as either the *K. Σ.'s* or *K. Α.'s*.

The following men have returned: H. H. Bullock, L. K. Carlton, Jeff Collins, G. P. Cook, C. B. Godbold, C. H. Kirkland, E. D. Lewis, E. G. Mohler, C. L. Neill, J. L. Neill, J. L. Sumeral and H. R. Townsend.

We got our share of the Commencement Medals. We won three; L. K. Carlton, the Sophomore Oratorical Medal; O. W. Bradley, the Gunning Medal, and M. M. Roberson, the Mortimer Law Medal.

Our men are well arranged in the college classes. We have three Seniors, three Juniors and six Sophomores. We are now spiking some in the Freshman Class. We

believe one of the secrets of the success of a fraternity, is to have their men well proportioned in the four classes.

Our Literary Society elections are just over and the Pi's almost fill the program for the Commencement Debate and the the Anniversaries. Three of the four debaters, C. H. Kirkland, C. L. Neill and J. L. Neill, and the orators of the Anniversaries, E. D. Lewis and L. K. Carlton, are on Alpha-Iota's roll.

Although we are not allowed Inter-Collegiate games, yet much enthusiasm is shown in athletics. Our foot-ball team occasionally plays the town team. We are getting ready for a game that will take place during our State fair. We have several men on the team.

H. H. Bullock.

ALPHA-KAPPA.

Missouri School of Mines.

On the night of December 2nd, 1905, Alpha-Kappa was successfully installed by Brother W. G. Riddick at the Missouri School of Mines. Our future Chapter house was used for this purpose.

The organization of our Chapter has required a great deal of time and thought, but we feel that we are fully compensated by becoming a part of the *H. K. A.* Fraternity. We realize that Alpha-Kappa is a "baby," but we assure you a good strong one, and we extend a hearty greeting to our sister Chapters.

The Missouri School of Mines, a department of the State University, is located at Rolla, Mo., 111 miles northwest of St. Louis, on the St. Louis and San Francisco R. R. There are about 225 students enrolled in the different engineering and scientific courses.

There are four fraternities represented, Sigma Nu, Gamma-Chi Chapter with 14 men; Kappa Alpha, Beta Alpha Chapter, with 14 men; Kappa Sigma, Beta-Chi Chapter with 13 men, and Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha-Kappa Chapter with 7 charter members. The names and ad-

dresses of the charter members of the Chapter, are as follows :

W. A. McTighe, Memphis, Tenn.
F. T. Walker, Memphis, Tenn.
A. J. Seltzer, Denver, Col.
K. L. Morgan, Lyons, Ala.
J. A. Taggart, Freeport, Ill.
W. P. Jones, Plattsburg, Mo.
I. L. Wright, Sedalia, Mo.

Our men are all thorough and conscientious students, and are well up in their school work. McTighe took an active part in foot-ball this season, and missed getting his "M" only by an unfortunate illness which prevented his playing in two or three games in the latter part of the season. Seltzer is Assistant in Metallurgy, which speaks well for his work, as only the best students secure these appointments. He holds also the position of treasurer of the Junior Class. Morgan did good work in foot-ball this season. On account of his good work in chemistry, Taggart is well known on that subject. The writer has been assistant in surveying, and now teaches in the Rolla High School in Physical Geography. We cannot find words to express our gratitude for the many kindnesses shown us by Brother Riddick in his installation of our Chapter. He conducted the work in a manner both solemn and impressive, and each man was made to realize fully the importance and seriousness of the step he was taking. We are indeed proud to call such a man Brother, and feel that the Fraternity should be proud to number such a man among its ranks.

We are making preparations for the immediate entrance of our Chapter house, and hope to have it ready in the very near future.

A very strong man whom we expected to be a charter member, is experiencing some difficulty in obtaining the consent of his mother, but we hope to land him after Christmas.

We wish to thank Brother Smythe for his promptness in assisting us to organize our Chapter. We feel that the

success of our undertaking is due to the interest and help he had given us in this matter from the start.

Ira L. Wright.

RHO.

Cumberland University.

It can be said with impunity that Rho is now in the midst of one of the most prosperous years in her history. In every way she is in better condition than for years past. We failed to secure new Chapter rooms, but we are content in our old quarters just the same. On December 18th we will give a banquet in honor of our "sisters" in the town and in the University, and we hope to make it the swellest affair of the season. Our unique "fish fry" in the spring and our annual banquet in the fall has ever been a source of great pride to every member of Rho Chapter.

Spiking is now almost over for we have, without one single exception, landed every man we started out to get. Suffice it to say we only went after the best material available in the University.

Rho is justly proud of her initiates this year. They stand in the foremost ranks of their classes and come from the best families in the States which they represent. As Alumni of Cumberland University, and as men of affairs, we feel sure that these men will uphold this reputation that they have already established as students, and will ever be an honor to the name *H. K. A.* Rho does herself the honor to introduce to her sister Chapters the following initiates.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

James Lawrence Mayo, Tennessee.

LITERARY.

C. Carl Wimberly, Alabama.

John W. Barbee, Mississippi.

Fred. L. Hudson Tennessee.

THEOLOGICAL.

William L. Brubaker, Illinois.

On the opening of the Theological Seminary on October

6. we welcomed back to our fold the following brothers of that department:

Bernard L. Rice, Colorado.
L. R. Hogan, Mississippi.
David L. Brown, Tennessee.
S. L. Wear, Texas.
J. C. Orr, Tennessee.

Cumberland University made a good showing during the foot-ball season just closed. Nine games were played, all of which were away from home. Coach Counselman of Virginia Polytechnic Institute had charge of the team, and his work was highly satisfactory. This year, as in previous years, a majority of the athletic teams are *IP's*. On the foot-ball team were "Red" Smith, Capt. Minton, C. C. Wimberly, D. P. Wimberly, Gill, Rhine and Rice.

For a pleasant time during the coming holidays to every *II.* in the land, Rho sends best wishes.

J. Lacey Reynolds.

ALPHA-DELTA.

Georgia School of Technology.

We have recently initiated and now introduce to the Fraternity, Archie Kay, Brunswick Ga., and Robt. Gann, Atlanta, Ga., mentioned in the order of their initiation. These additions have been great encouragement to the Chapter, and increased the energy and enthusiam. They are splendid men and will add much to our strength. We expect new additions in the very near future, and having gained these aquisitions our work, until after the holidays, will be completed.

The foot-ball teams that have wended their way to the Georgia Tech., have brought us numerous stalwart *II.'s* to whom we were glad to extend a joyous welcome.

C. W. Underwood came down with the Sewanee team, and we were heartily glad to see him and renew our pleasant acquaintance with him.

C. M. McCord.

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, Covington, 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.

—Harold L. Amoss and Madison B. Porch, both of Omega, are associated with the Public Health Department, United States Government, and may be found at the Hygienic Laboratories, 25th and E. Streets, Washington, D. C.

—E. Cronley Elliott, Omega, is fast securing a large practice in dentistry at Lexington, Ky.; his office is in the Trust Company Building where all Pi's are welcome.

—R. M. Taylor, Omega, is studying law in the University of Michigan.

—On November 28, Professor Leon K. Frankel, Omega, and Miss Ora Barnett Slaughter were married at Eminence, Ky.

—The following invitation has been received by the General Office, the marriage of our popular Brother of Zeta and all good wishes are extended. The happy couple will be at home after the first of December at No. 601 Pearl Street, Lynchburg, Va.

—Brother Briscoe is Secretary and Treasurer of one of the wholesale houses of the South.

—Rev. G. W. R. Cadman, Chi, is Chaplain to the Bishop of Texas at the University of Texas.

—Edgar W. Loomis, Chi, is attending the University of Texas.

—Edward A. Wood, Chi, is continuing his study of

Engineering at Cornell University. Brother Wood graduated with a C. E. from the University of the South in June of this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins Cooper Hodges
requests the pleasure of
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smythe's
company at the marriage of their daughter

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to

Mr. William Nicholas Briscoe
on the evening of Wednesday the fifteenth of November
at nine o'clock
at Twelve hundred and one South Eleventh Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

—C. H. Lambert, who was a member of Gamma Chapter in 1898, is now principal of the Lake Village School at Lake Village, Ark. In sending in his subscription to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND he spoke of his interest in the Fraternity being unabated and his desire to always keep in touch with it.

—T. H. Matson, Upsilon, is now a Civil Engineer of the Southern Railroad, with headquarters at Chattanooga, Tenn. He made very rapid progress since his graduation last June and is now in charge of the tunnel work under Lookout Mountain.

—W. W. Davis, Upsilon, is at present in New York City doing journalistic work while pursuing a course of study in the Columbia University. He has written a great many articles in the past few years, two of them for the *Review of Reviews* and one for the *Cosmopolitan*. Several of his historical articles appeared in the leading historical papers of this country.

—L. P. Hall, Upsilon, is also in New York City, Electrician for the subway in Greater New York. Brother Hall made a fine record at Auburn and is fast making another at his work.

—H. H. Hall, another of Upsilon's New York Brothers is also Electrician for the subway, having recently been promoted to a fine position, establishing quite an enviable record in his work.

—The Grand Treasurer had the pleasure of meeting several of these Brothers last year and hopes to renew the pleasant acquaintance in February.

—J. E. D. Yonge, Upsilon, is studying law at Columbia University New York City. He graduated at the University of Georgia in 1905 as first honor man in his law class and won many other honors.

—Henry Yonge, Upsilon, is in the Real Estate business at Pensacola, Florida, and is making a nice success.

—Walter L. Fleming, Upsilon, is Professor of History at the University of West Virginia, besides being quite an Author. This summer he had a very high honor in being called to the Columbian University of New York City, to conduct the historical classes during the summer courses. It was the pleasure of the Grand Treasurer to meet him there, and he is truly a magnetic man.

—J. H. Schuessler, Upsilon, was electrician at Lafayette, Ala.

—H. E. Davis, Upsilon, is Assistant Book-keeper for L. L. Davis Lumber Co., Oak Grove, Ala.

—W. W. Willis, Upsilon, is connected with the firm of Bruce & Morgan, architects in Birmingham, Ala.

—Arch B. Elkin, Kappa, has accepted a position as sporting editor to "*The Herald*," Lexington, Ky.

—Herbert Martin is now Assistant Professor of Philosophy of John Hopkins University. He is held very high in the regard of everyone in Lexington.

—On the 19th of July past, T. Peden Anderson, Beta, Westminster, S. C., and Miss Pearl Hutchinson, Selma, Ala., were united in marriage at the home of the bride. They are now living at Westminster, S. C.

—Dr. Natt A. Orr, Beta, after spending a year in the Virginia Hospital at Richmond, has located at Newells, N. C.

—J. B. Clark, Beta, is principal of a flourishing school at Godwin, N. C.

—W. S. Patterson, Beta, Winston, N. C., after spending the summer engaged in Home Mission work in the mountains of West Virginia, has resumed his studies at Union Seminary, Richmond.

—Dr. H. C. Davis, Beta, who recently located in Baltimore, is making a success in the practice of profession. His practice is limited to the diseases of eye, ear, nose and throat.

—Natt T. Wagner, Beta, has severed his connection with the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of the United States Department of The Interior, with headquarters at Tahlequah, I. T. He has taken a responsible position with a prominent development newspaper of Muskogee, I. T., "*The South Western Development News.*" This position promises well for the future, and we extend hearty good wishes to our Brother.

—Rev. J. Gray McAllister, President of Hampden-Sidney College, our Grand Chaplain and Ex-Grand Secretary, and all round sterling *H.*, took part in a recent meeting of the great Educational Commission of Virginia, at Lynchburg, November 30th–December 1st, and enrolled a visiting attendance of more than 500. He was tendered a very elaborate dinner at the Carroll Hotel, Lynchburg, by the Hampden-Sidney Alumni Association of that city.

—Rev. J. C. Story, Beta, is now located at Peden, N. C., the pastor of one of the largest churches in that city.

—Rev. R. R. Claiborne, Gamma, is connected with the Episcopal Church at Farmville, Va., and both he and Mrs. Claiborne are most popular with everyone.

—In the October-November issue of the "*Union Seminary Magazine,*" there is a very strong article by Professor John

I. Armstrong, Iota, of Hampden-Sidney, entitled "Our Church and Her Schools."

—Hon. Robt. M. Hughes, who is so beloved by our Fraternity and has labored so constantly for her benefit, has recently been elected President of the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College, of which he is a prominent alumnus. It will also be remembered that Brother Hughes some years ago established a *H. K. A.* scholarship at this same college, which is open only to members of Gamma Chapter who make a certain per cent. in their studies.

—The *Times-Dispatch*, of Richmond, published the following notice of one of the most progressive firms in the South, which largely owes its prominence and success to the indefatigable work of W. M. Briscoe, of Zeta:

Lynchburg, Va., August 26th.—The Smith-Biscoe Shoe Company, a well known shoe jobbing house of this city, has commenced the erection of an eight-story building on Jefferson street, in which they propose to manufacture shoes for their trade. The building has to have a frontage of 165 feet on Jefferson street, and it will be equipped with modern machinery. The structure will be occupied as soon as practicable. With the erection of this factory the local shoe plants will have a daily capacity of considerable more than 5,000 pairs of shoes. Two other factories are prospected here, to be erected during the coming year. One of these will certainly be in operation by this time next year, and the other probably before the close of the year.

—The recent Democratic victory in Virginia brought into, or continued in office, a number of Pi's. "Among those of Augusta county," says the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, "one of the most prominent of our public men is Hon. Edwin Piper Cox, Alpha, and one of the trusted young men in the political life of Richmond."

—"Another is Hon. Harry B. Houston, Iota, one of the youngest members of the Legislature. While at Hampden-Sidney he took rank as writer, artist, editor and speaker, and since college days has been making a reputation for himself as one of the rising young men of Tidewater Vir-

ginia. He has been for years the editor of the *Hampton Monitor* and the correspondent of other papers in the State. He is the son of the Rev. H. H. Houston, of Amsterdam, Botetourt county, Va., himself a man of varied gifts."

—Of the resignation of Rev. A. D. Watkins, Iota, the *Pocahontas Times* says:

"Much to the regret of his numerous friends in Upper Appomattox, Rev. A. D. Watkins has been constrained, by a sense of duty, to sunder his ministerial relations with them that have been so happily existing the past four or five years. While it might be devoutly wished, for the honor of the Christian religion and the good of the people, that scores of such young ministers may be sent forth, yet none that have passed our way surpass this young minister in the record he has made for fidelity to duty as he saw and felt it. Much that his illustrious Huguenot ancestry stands for has manifested itself in the successful service he has performed among the people of our county, who have honored themselves by the kindness they have ever shown to him."

—Wm. Elloitt Jones, second honor man of 1901, stood first in the class of engineering at Washington and Lee University.

—Walter M. Smith, the founder of Lambda, has recently had another honor conferred upon him and a new proof of his recognized ability, by the United State Army Engineering Corps. He has recently been called to Washington to assist the Panama Canal Commission with their work. He is one of the few Assistant Engineers of the U. S. Army that were selected for this important duty. This is not only a pleasant honor, but brings a very handsome increase in salary with it. Until recently, Brother Smith has been located at Charleston, S. C., in charge of the defense work in the harbor, his services having been requested by the Captain of Engineers in charge, and endorsed by the other authorities, and his transfer to this point was therefore ordered by the Secretary of the Navy. Brother Smith is still a young man to have gained so much prominence in his profession. He graduated from the

South Carolina Military Academy in 1889. He is still on the sunny side of forty.

—O. W. Steed, '04, Psi, has a good position with the First National Bank of Marshall, Texas.

—C. M. Harris, '05, Psi, has a lucrative position with the Southern Express, Chattanooga, Tenn.

—W. T. Townsend, '04, Psi, has received rapid promotion in the teacher's service in the Philippine Islands.

—J. D. Gortatowsky, '04, Psi, is with "*The Atlanta Constitution*," Atlanta, Ga.

Editorial.

WITH THE REVIVAL OF DELTA all but one of the Chapters established under the old regime have been brought back to life. Starting a few years ago with only two active Chapters, a good number of new Chapters were established and then the work of reviving the old ones began; and now only one remains inactive, and this is due to Anti-Fraternity laws. It is expected that some action will be taken regarding these laws at the next meeting of the Legislature of Virginia, thus enabling us to revive this Chapter. Of the recent Chapters two are inactive in South Carolina on account of the same Anti-Fraternity laws.

Our banner has been raised again in the Western territory, and for the first time in the State of Missouri. Alpha-Kappa commences life under bright auspices with a splendid set of men, and we believe will make a record.

Delta has a glorious past to live up to, for while the original Chapter was short lived, it accomplished a great deal, and its influence has been felt in the Fraternity during the succeeding years. We think the new Chapter will prove a worthy successor.

It is very pleasant to note that at the complimentary banquet, speeches were made by the other fraternities represented at the Southern University, welcoming our Chapter into the fold. We think this a very pretty idea, and a custom we would like to see adopted by all of our Chapters. Fraternities have a great deal in common, and there should be the very highest bonds of friendship between them.

THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE Fraternity goes forth to Brother Arthur C. Jones in this hour of severe affliction when the hand of disease has been laid so heavily upon him. The earnest wish is extended him for a speedy and complete recovery.

It is with sincere regret that we part with this Brother as an active officer of the Fraternity, for in the few months of his tenure of office he proved himself well worthy to wear the mantle laid down by Dr. Arbuckle. A man of careful thought and earnest purpose, he went into every detail of the Fraternity work thoroughly, and labored with a deep interest. The Fraternity felt the impress and influence of his work from the offset and appreciated his earnest efforts in her behalf.

To him, primarily, belongs the credit for the two new Chapters, especially Alpha-Kappa. Through his direct efforts and carefully laid plans this Chapter was brought into life. No more truer *II.*, no more zealous or determined worker, no finer gentleman and no more unselfish man exists than Brother Jones, and the Fraternity owes him much of the new life that is coursing through her veins this year.

May God, in his all-wise-providence, speedily restore this brother to health and strength.

WE ARE ALSO SORRY TO PART with J. R. Williamson as Grand Secretary, but since the last Convention his health has not been the best.

When did *H. K. A.* call upon a McAllister and not receive a ready and cordial response? Although heavily taxed with duties of his business, Hugh McAllister has graciously accepted this additional work when his Fraternity needed him, and will prove an efficient and enthusiastic Grand Secretary.

J. Pike Powers, Jr., needs no introduction to the Fraternity; no man has worked harder for her advancement

since her "Reconstruction Period" than this brother and few appreciate the personal sacrifices he has made in accepting the office of Grand Princeps. We honor him for his devotion to the Fraternity which prompted his acceptance of this office. Well will he direct her course and actively work for her advancement.

Thus Phoenix-like, from the ashes rises the new Supreme Council and right earnestly will they endeavor to keep the work up to the high mark fixed by their predecessors.

WITH THIS GOOD BEGINNING WE TRUST the Chapters will go to work with renewed energy and determination to make this a record-breaking year in Extension.

There are many colleges right around us which we should enter, and which we *can* enter immediately if efforts are properly directed. Missouri offers us four; Georgia, three; Tennessee, one; Kentucky, two; Alabama, two; and in the great State of Texas, where so many of our *II.*'s live, there is not a single Chapter. We should certainly be represented at the University of Texas and the South Western University at Austin and Georgetown, respectively.

In all of the above colleges the leading Southern fraternities have Chapters—why not *II. K. A.*? Simply because *II. K. A.* is not making direct efforts on these colleges. Let the Chapters nearest these colleges appoint committees and see if proper material is not to be found in each of them, warranting a charter from our Fraternity.

TO ALL THE *II.*'s we extend hearty greetings of the holiday season, and may the new year contain for them all that their hearts most desire.

Official Communications.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION No. 1.

It is with much regret that the Supreme Council announces the resignation, of Arthur C. Jones as Grand Princeps, and J. R. Williamson as Grand Secretary.

In accordance with Section 3, Article IV, of the Constitution, the surviving members of the Supreme Council have duly elected J. Pike Powers, Jr., as Grand Princeps, to serve until the following Convention, and he will be respected and obeyed as such.

On account of this election, the resignation of J. Pike Powers, Jr., as Grand Chancellor has been accepted.

ROBERT A. SMYTHE, *Grand Treasurer,*
J. GRAHAM SALE, *Grand Historiographer,*

November 1st, 1905.

Supreme Council.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION No. 2.

In accordance with Section 20, Article III, and Section 23, Article IV, of the Constitution, the following elections are hereby announced:

HUGH M. McALLISTER, Covington, Va., *Grand Secretary,*
J. GORDON HUGHES, Union, S. C., *Grand Chancellor,*

to serve until the next Convention. They will be respected and obeyed as such.

J. PIKE POWERS, JR., *Grand Princeps,*
ROBERT A. SMYTHE, *Grand Treasurer,*
J. GRAHAM SALE, *Grand Historiographer,*

November 11th, 1905.

Supreme Council.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION No. 3.

Attention of the Chapter Correspondents is called to the following:

I. Chapter Letters should only be written on one side of the paper.

II. Letters should be headed only in the following way, viz:

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University of Virginia.

III. Chapter Letters not conforming to the above will be returned to writer.

ROBERT A. SMYTHE, *Grand Treasurer.*

December 1st, 1905.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION No. 4.

The Supreme Council requests the attention of all Chapter Members and Alumni to Article VII, Section 28, of the By-Laws providing that badges should only be purchased from the Official Jewelers.

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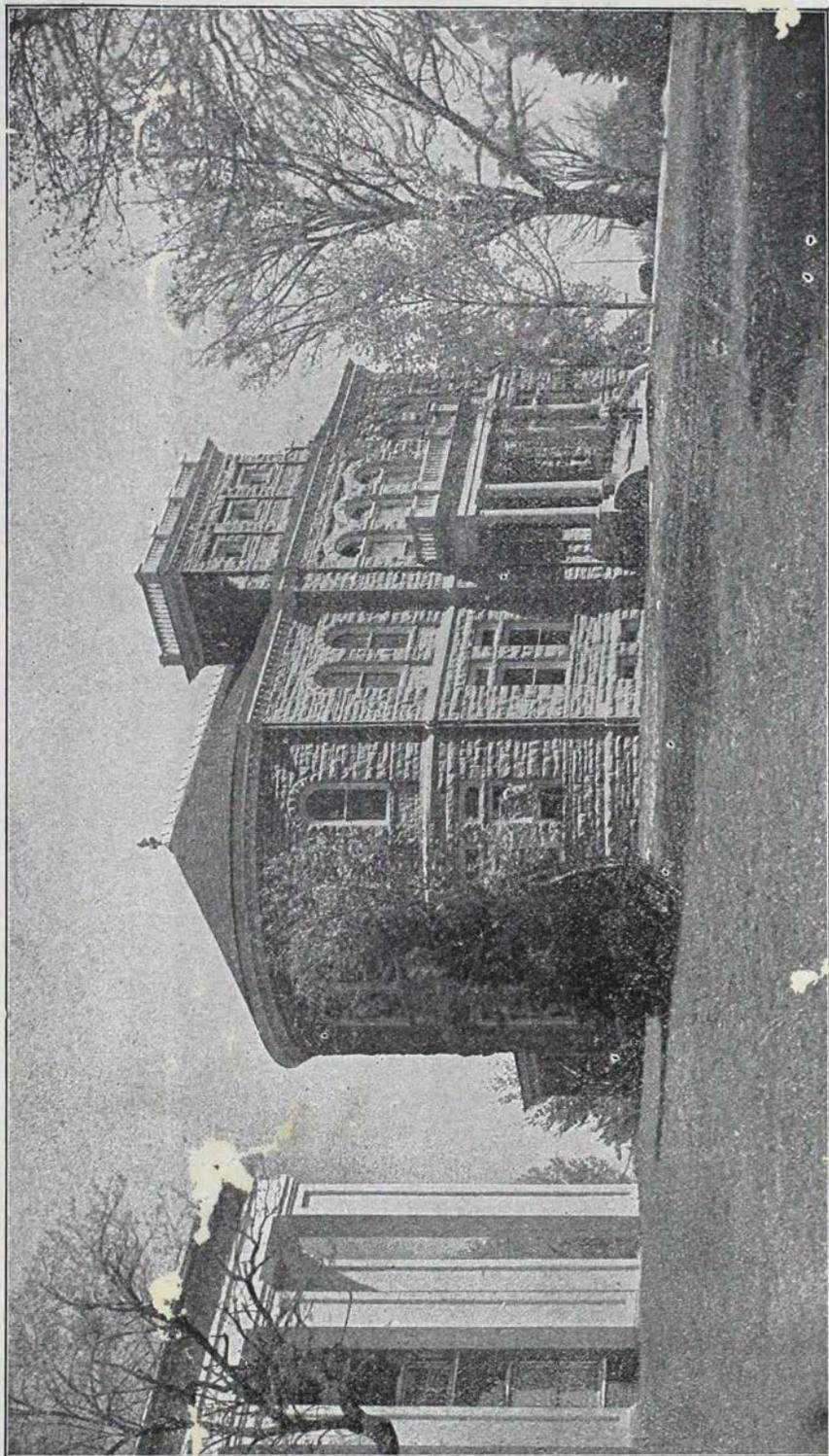
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