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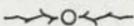
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## Contributions.

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### FRATERNITIES IN ARKANSAS.

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To the many *H. K. A.*'s scattered over our land it may be of interest to know the condition of affairs, surrounding fraternity life in Arkansas. At present there is only one school in the State in which fraternities exist, that being the State University, so we shall confine most of our remarks to that institution.

The first fraternity chapter installed in Arkansas was Omicron of Chi Phi at St. John's College. As far as is known this was the only fraternity in that institution and its charter was withdrawn a few years later, upon the death of the college. The first chapter of any fraternity in the University of Arkansas was Alpha Xi of Alpha Tau Omega, which was installed about 1880 with five charter members. For some unaccountable reason, this chapter did not flourish, no more men being added to its fold, and in a few years it also surrendered its charter, having, for the time being, no college fraternity organization in the State. In 1890, however, Kappa Sigma located a chapter here,

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this being the oldest active fraternity in the institution. In 1894, Sigma Alpha Epsilon chose Arkansas as its home, and was closely followed in 1896 by Kappa Alpha. In 1898, Chi Omega was established with its Alpha Chapter at the University, and since has grown to be one of the strongest national societies in the United States. Then for a long time a sort of lethargy seemed to settle over the University, and no new Chapters were established until 1903, when Zeta Tau Alpha, a national society, granted a charter to Epsilon Chapter of the institution. Then in November 1904, Pi Kappa Alpha installed Alpha Zeta Chapter here, being closely followed in December of the same year by Sigma Nu. Besides these fraternities and societies, there are the following locals: The Triangle Club or Alpha Zeta Phi local, established in 1901, the Indian Club established in 1902, and the Elephant Club in 1904. Therefore at present there are located at the institution five fraternities, two sororities, and three locals, who are seeking admission to national fraternities. So that in the last fifteen years, Arkansas has made giant progress in the establishment and maintenance of fraternal organizations. Of course through this period of time there have existed from year to year several social clubs, whose only objects it was to pass away the time in the pleasantest way possible to its members. These have all disappeared, and as their members were not bound by any obligation they were never classed as fraternal organizations.

By no means must it be thought that all has been fair sailing with these Chapters. On the other hand as early as 1896, anti-fraternity spirit begun to make itself manifest, and from a little beginning grew into the "Tenth Legion" as they styled themselves. In the session of the State legislature of 1897, this body of men exerted their every effort to have fraternities excluded from the institution, but to no avail. But during the next session in 1899, they had gained ground, and though no legislative action was taken, the Board of Trustees was prevailed upon to make it a rule of the college that no student should join

a fraternity until his Sophomore year. Not satisfied with this, in 1901 the "Barbs," secured the passage of the so called "Anti-Fraternity Bill," which though not excluding fraternities, imposed certain restrictions on students belonging to some. In 1903 stronger legislation was sought but not procured. At the next session of the legislature, which convenes during the present month, it is thought a very severe fight will be had between the two factions, and from present indications there can be no doubt but that the fraternity shall be the victor, and if such is the case, it is a safe proposition to make that no more active measures will be taken against them in the future. Thus even at the time when Arkansas' days are darkest, she will be snatched from the marsh of oblivion, and placed on solid ground, where she can grow and prosper, as is her wont.

Such are the conditions by which Alpha Zeta is surrounded, and it is her dearest wish to be able to announce in the next SHIELD AND DIAMOND that in old Arkansas, "Barbarism" is dead forever and fraternalism reigns supreme. As to extension, there are besides the University but two institutions of higher education in the State, Ouchetah Baptist College, and Herndrix Methodist College, and as neither of these have any fraternities, we do not consider them as yet suitable grounds for expansion. But Alpha Zeta's home is in Western Arkansas, very near the borders of Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri, and to the many colleges which dot these States, are we turning our attention and hope, in the near future, to report several new chapters along our boundaries. To the many Pi's in Arkansas we extend a hearty invitation to visit Alpha Zeta when in our vicinity, and assure them that every effort shall be exerted to give them a nice time, and show them the celebrated hospitality of our little city.

We call upon every fraternity man in Arkansas to help us in this, our greatest and hardest fight against anti-fraternalism. You, alumni, scattered over the State, we are depending on you to exert your every influence to help us

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defeat anti-fraternity legislation, and get through our legislature a bill, which shall place fraternities again on their feet at the University. We are working at our end of the line, and we earnestly beg your earnest help and co-operation in killing this anti-frat. sentiment. We feel sure that no matter of what fraternity you are a member, that you will unite with us in this enterprise to foster fraternal principles and at last place the University of Arkansas at the head of the fraternity fostering institutions of the Southwest.

*L. R. Byrnes—Alpha-Zeta.*

#### **WHAT CONSTITUTES A TRUE FRATERNITY.**

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This is a question in which we all, as members of a fraternity, should be interested. Those who are so unfortunate as to be unacquainted with the nature of fraternities often ask this question, "What are fraternities and what good comes from them?" Then, in order to answer such questions with both readiness and accuracy, we must ever have in mind the principles on which our noble organization was founded.

Fraternal organizations have existed almost from time immemorial, for far back in the dark pages of ancient history we find that the first light in which Christianity presented itself to the world, was made through a declaration of the fraternity of men in Christ. The nature of man is a social one, and his greatest happiness comes from close intercourse with his fellowmen. On such a basis fraternities were founded. Therefore a true fraternity is a brotherhood, or body of men joined together by sacred and solemn ties for the promotion of each other's well being. Our beloved Fraternity has united its members into a brotherhood of the closest type, and all of us who wear the "*Shield and Diamond*" fully appreciate its worth.

"A fraternity is made up of good intentions and founded

upon the principles of loyalty," but notwithstanding this any fraternity is what its members make it. In view of this statement, let us as Brothers do nothing which would reflect on the name of Pi Kappa Alpha. Let us govern ourselves in such a manner that outsiders may clearly see the friendship, congeniality and brotherly spirit which exists throughout our ranks.

We must remember that the men whom we initiate help to constitute or make up a part of our Fraternity. Quality is always a much better motto than quantity, and in view of this fact we cannot be too careful in the selection of initiates. We do not want a man simply because he has money and dons himself in "sporty" wearing apparel, neither do we want him for his athletic record or because of his popularity in society circles. A man who wears our society emblem should be a man in the broadest sense of the word. We mean by this that a *H.* should prove himself of sterling worth, not only to the Chapter of which he is a member, but to the fraternity at large. Therefore, in order to get this type of men, each individual Chapter should combine its mental forces in such a way that the worth and true value of a candidate being discussed for membership cannot be mistaken.

Brothers, what organization is there in existence one-half so dear and sacred to us as our noble Fraternity? For her we have the strongest affection, and from her we derive the essence and pure sweetness of college life. The solemn vows of loyalty which we have taken have cemented us together in a united brotherhood, and certainly "where there is union there is strength." Pi Kappa Alpha puts her stamp on her men and causes a nobler influence to hold sway in the heart of every member. She has benefited us, both from a social and moral point of view.

In view of these things, may we strive never to forget our duty to the "*Shield and Diamond*" and our loyalty to the colors "*Old Gold and Garnet*."

L. E. Darnels—Alpha-Alpha.

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*VIRGINIA IN THE MAKING OF AMERICAN HISTORY.*

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During the two decades previous to the War of American Independence, the making of American history began. It was, strictly speaking, during the period in which the assemblies of the different colonies arose in opposition to the oppressive measures being enacted by the British Parliament; at a time when townships and countrysides had been firmly enough established to feel the ever encroaching tyrannical tendencies of the mother country.

Thus the American colonies, guided by principles of liberty and justice, rebelled against the acts of unjust taxation, cast off the chains of oppression, and entered into a struggle that was to end with no less a reward than the freedom of their land.

It is, then, with the American Revolution that our country's history really begins.

However, while facing the greatest trials and difficulties that ever beset a nation, our country sent forth her noblest and best to be leaders of men heretofore untrained and inexperienced, to battle with a formidable foe,—soldiers of the British crown. But the prominent figures of the agitated new world and the advocates of revolution foresaw the hardships to be endured in the working out of the destiny of their country.

And as trumpet-tongued the words of warning from Patrick Henry, and the writings of the ever ready pen of Jefferson, set forth principles that were dear to every American born citizen, the country rose in arms to dispel from its shores all traces of royalty and to become a free and independent people.

It was at this stage of our history that Virginia produced that influential group of brilliant men,—Washington, Jefferson, Marshall, the Lees, Henries, Randolphs, and others whose counsels and activities throughout the war and in the first organization of the government were to be second to none.

Nor can all America boast of nobler statesmen and patriots than these men; men who were leaders of men. And so it was that the leadership of the Continental army fell upon the shoulders of Washington, the leader of the army of the country of which he is called the Father,—the most august name in our history and one of the grandest in the history of the world.

And under the command of one who possessed such personal magnetism, such high integrity and undisputed ability, this army of ragged militia turned the eyes of the world upon them. And it is when we look back upon the deeds of courage and valor of these men and the gallantry of their generals, made manifest in the campaign of seventy-seven, and see the endurance of hardships in the dreary winter quarters at Valley Forge, we are proud to be descendants of such heroic ancestors.

But we of this day and generation, as we read with unbounded admiration and pride of these glorious achievements, overlook the discouragements and trials that faced the Commander-in-Chief and the dangers that threatened the success of the cause.

Washington, however, by his influence and unceasing labor, kept an army in the field, and through victory and defeat discharged his duties in a manner befitting the great general that he was. Notwithstanding the many disappointments and conflicts of the long years of war, at last, within the borders of his native State, he dictated terms of peace to the commander of the British forces, thereby raising the long spell of British tyranny so offensive to the American people.

Though the end of this great undertaking had been accomplished, his services to his country were not yet done. The country made one more call and it was with reluctance that he accepted the first Presidency of these United States.

It was he who gave dignity to and demanded respect for the government yet in its infancy.

But while we are absorbed in the works of this great general and statesman, let us not forget the inestimable

services of such men as Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence; Henry, the Virginian orator, and Marshall, the greatest Chief Justice who ever sat upon the bench, and who made that department of the government what it is to-day.

There are laurels that have fallen upon the brows of other illustrious sons of Virginia. Consequently we follow the history of George Rogers Clarke in his Northwest Conquest with admiration and wonder for the deeds of daring and bravery so heroically done by his little band.

We look with amazement at the great achievements of this stalwart Virginian, though accomplished in days so unlike our own that we scarcely appreciate the indomitable will and perseverance of this leader and his followers.

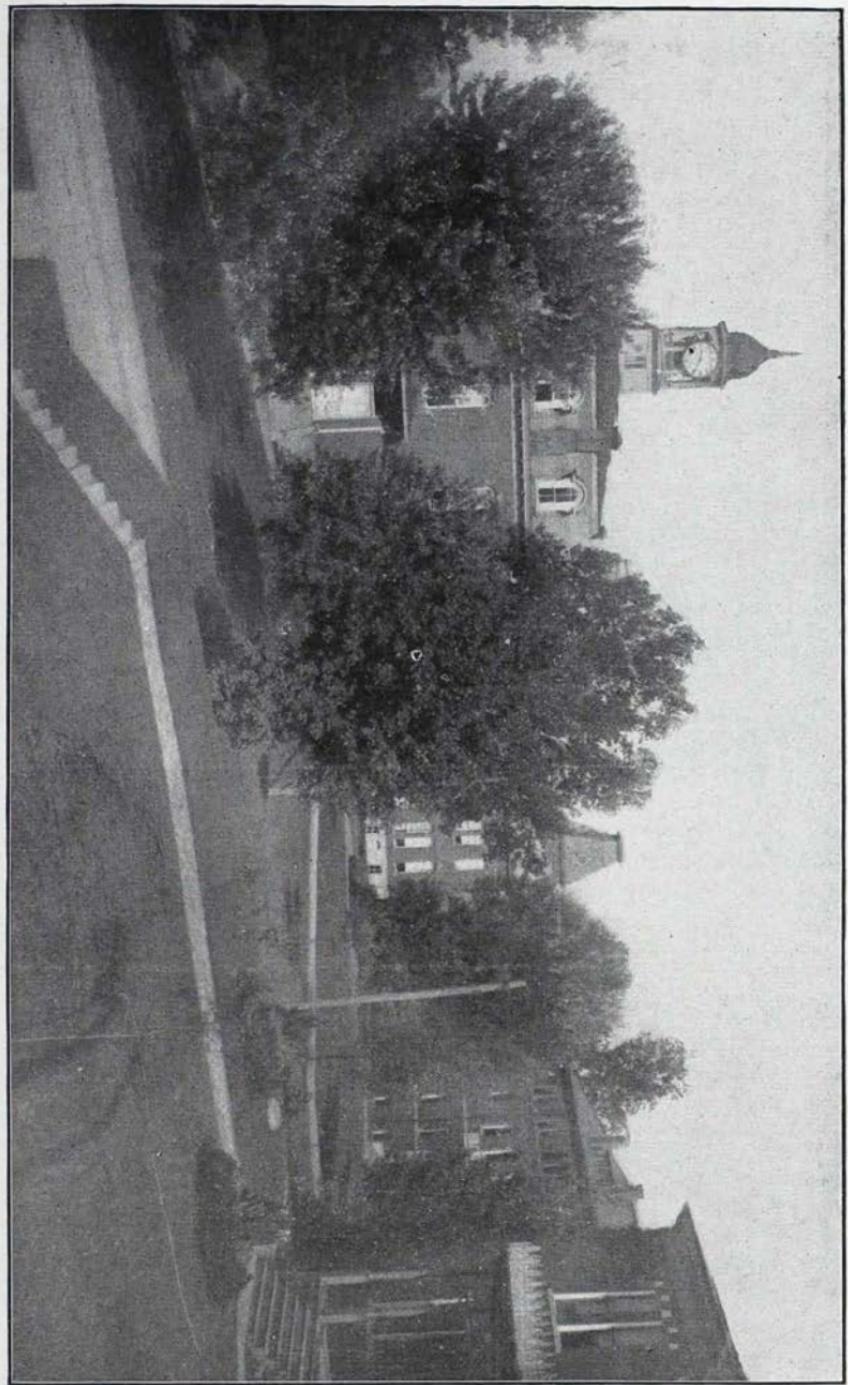
The material advantages, the acquisition of extensive lands, out of which came the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota; the breaking of English power on our Western border, and the control of the Mississippi, are all due to the success of Clarke on his expedition.

But after all, he was able only by the support given by the Virginian assembly to carry out plans that have in after years shed glory on his name. Had it not been for the generalship and boldness of this man, what might have been the extent of our boundaries?

Had it not been for the triumphant planting of the American flag on the fort of Kaskaskia; had not the memorable march over the flooded plains of Illinois to Vincennes been made, the sovereign power of the American government might have been limited and the United States would have been one of the petty nations of the world.

But what has been left to posterity in the galleries of our heroes, commemorative of the deeds of courage and valor done in the vast wilderness of our Northwest country?

In answer we hear too plainly these words of an historian:—With all the profuse expenditures by congress for the adornment of Washington City and the capitol building with paintings and statues of historic characters, one



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will look in vain for Clarke, Vigo, Gibault, or anyone else, as far as can here be recalled, that would be especially commemorative of the acquisition of the territory Northwest of the Ohio river, which was certainly one of the most important events which has occurred in the history of our country,

But the time must come when a grateful people will recognize the glorious deeds of Clarke, by erecting to his memory a monument worthy of his fame.

With the culmination of the struggle that gave naught but martial glory, we find Virginia still holding her prestige of former times.

Out of the first five Presidents Virginia gave five, and it was during the administration of the calm and conservative Jefferson that the transaction, the Louisiana purchase, took place, making an epoch in our history. This step, though opposed by men of the New England States, was carried out by this far-seeing statesman, and within the last year we have a monument no less grand than the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, commemorative of this great achievement of the sage of Monticello.

However numerous were Virginia's services to her country, the greatest of these and the most far-reaching in their effects, were the acquisition of the Northwest Territory and the purchase of that vast bulk of Louisiana whose boundaries no man certainly knew. That was to be the real making of the nation.

There sprang up the lusty States which now outnumber almost three-fold the thirteen commonwealths which formed the union. Their growth set the pace of our life; forced the slavery question to a final issue; gave us the civil war with its stupendous upheaval and its re-settlement of the very foundations of the government; spread our strength from sea to sea; created us a free and mighty people.

That rolling, resistless tide, incalculable in its strength, has made us what we are and has put the resources of a huge continent at our disposal. It gave us, not Louisiana

alone, but Florida also; it forced war with Mexico upon us and gave us the coast of the Pacific; it swept Texas into the union and made far Alaska a territory of the United States. Who shall say where it will end?

Among other achievements of this illustrious statesman was the founding of the Democratic party—a party that has lived and proven the greatest political organization ever known to a republic.

And so through the formative period of our government down to the civil war, Virginia took a most prominent part in all matters of state. The deeds of her Confederate soldiers constitute some of the brightest pages of our history. During these four years of the most terrible strife and bloodshed that the world has ever known, there came out of Virginia men who will be examples to posterity for ages to come. And as the names of Lee, Jackson, Johnson and Stuart fall from the lips of our younger generation, who can but proclaim the glory and honor due such soldiers?

Not only is Virginia great in the glorious and brilliant achievements of her sons on the field of battle, in convention and the halls of legislation, but she is also great in the quiet pursuits of peace.

Out of the trials of reconstruction days she has come with her proud spirit unbroken, renewing her strength with the progress of years. And to-day, on the summit of her material growth and splendor, she stands with her face to the rising sun. Confidently and triumphantly she is reaching ahead, and the hour is not far distant when she will have regained her old time place in the foreground of the nation.

*A. M. Bowman, Jr.—Phi.*



JAMES ALSTON CABELL—ALPHA.



**HON. JAMES ALSTON CABELL.****ALPHA.**

Hon. James Alston Cabell, of Richmond, Va., announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor of the State of Virginia on January 14th, 1905. Brother Cabell has had numerous letters from friends all over the State, urging him to enter the race, and these have had much to do with influencing his candidacy. The following interesting sketch of this prominent Brother of Alpha appears in "*The Times-Dispatch*" of January 14th;

"Mr. Cabell is a member of an old Virginia family. His father, Colonel Henry Coalter Cabell, was a distinguished officer in the Confederate service. Mr. Cabell graduated at both the Richmond College and the University of Virginia with three degrees, besides winning several important prizes. He afterwards studied in Germany.

After leaving the University of Virginia he was elected to a professorship in the Central University of Kentucky, filling that position for two years with great credit. He resigned to practice law in this city. In 1884 he was elected a member of the City Council, declining a re-election urged upon him. In 1893 he was elected to the General Assembly, and was again re-elected in 1895-'96. In the Legislature he took a leading part as Chairman of the important Committees on Library, Propositions and Grievances and General Laws. He was also a member of the Committee on the Chesapeake and its Tributaries, Courts of Justice, and sub-chairman of the Committee on Elections.

He served for about eight years as chairman of the Virginia Commission on the Uniformity of Legislation in the United States, taking a prominent part in the deliberations of that distinguished body. He had much to do with framing that valuable set of laws known as the Negotiable Instruments Act, which has been adopted by most of the States in the Union.

He is a prominent Mason and Knight Templar, also Grand Representative of South Carolina in the Grand Lodge of Virginia. He is a distinguished educator, always being a strong advocate of liberal education, particularly in the Public Free Schools of Virginia being especially in favor of liberal appropriations for these schools in the poor rural districts. Brother Cabell has been

President of the Sons of the Revolution, is now Commander of the Virginia Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars. An honorary member of the Virginia Society of the Cincinnati. An hereditary member of the North Carolina Society of Cincinnati. A life member of the American Historical Association. He is an active and honorary member of many literary, historical and scientific organizations in this country and abroad."

We feel sure that the *H.'s* throughout Virginia will gradually rally to the support of this prominent member.

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**SANS REMI ET SANS RAISON.**

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You who sigh with restless yearnings,  
You who gaze up at the moon,  
You who sing those ditties lovingly of her,  
You who wish to wed in earnest ere your 21st birthday  
Just hearken to this story I aver.

Some many years ago, now,  
In a good old Southland State,  
Where the mountains meet the lowlands with a heave,  
Where the trees with hectic flushes,  
Greet the Autumn's first wild breath,  
'Twas there I met and won my dear heart's ease;  
Boys, 'twas there I met and won my dear heart's ease.

In the college where I wondered  
Why they waste the Latin books,  
Why Greek and Math. and English should not die,  
There lived and thrived at that time  
A tall and graceful youth  
Who could conjugate and calculate and sigh.  
Now this won the girlies' hearties,  
Every darling, blessed one,  
And I cussed the day that youth was ever born,  
For to cap the merry climax,  
We were very much alike,  
In features, sound of voice, size, and form—  
Yes, very much alike were I and Reggie Smithers  
In features, sound of voice, size, and form.  
Well, to make the matter short,  
Or to cut the cat's tail quick,

(As the saying went some many years ago)

Things narrowed down to us two  
With the Colonel's youngest girl,  
Dearest, sweetest, shyest, coyest, little Prue.

Our Senior year had ended,  
Our college days were o'er,  
Our race for love was run and I had lost,  
So with heart aweeping silently  
I would leave old scenes behind,  
But to forget them all, a thousand years 'twould cost—  
So I thought,  
To forget them all, a thousand years 'twould cost.

Reggie Smithers left that morning, with a winsome, cooing smile,  
He had asked her, Oh I felt it through and through,  
He had put the fatal question to the dearest in the world,  
He had put the fatal question to Miss Prue.

I had never had the courage,  
I had lived a silent ass,  
I had let my tongue grow stiffish from non-use,  
I had reaped the ghastly benefit  
Of action such as this,  
And would henceforth curse the folly of my youth.

Ere I left the college hamlet  
For my uncle's far off ranch,  
In the wilds of distant, lonely Uruagray,  
Ere I braced the heaving billows  
In the journey to that place,  
I would view her vine-clad window, not by day.

The express it came at midnight,  
And the moon it rose at ten,  
So with heart clean cut in shivers by defeat,  
I passed along the orchard and stood languid at the gate,  
And it seemed I felt the sweetness of her sleep,  
Sweet and deep,  
The heaving quiet murmur  
In the dreamland of her sleep.

The moon it rose in glory,  
And the mocking bird began,  
And all was peaceful, happy, joyous, but myself,  
When, what wonder, there appeared,  
On the moon-flecked, dewy sward,  
A symph, a siren, or a fairy elf.

It halted not far from me,  
And I saw my gross mistake,  
As before me stood no other than dear Prue.  
Then the strangest thing did happen,  
(I could not tell you how)  
For I said, "I love you dearly, love you true."

She looked at me a second,  
And then straitened up a bit,  
She looked at me, then, stately as a queen,  
She told me that my love  
Could never be returned,  
For another's her's had always been.

I turned slowly in my tracks  
And faced the bright gold moon,  
And walked off several paces from the gate—  
I would leave her now at once,  
I cared not to remain,  
For I knew and felt my long expected fate.

As I turned for one more look  
At the goal of my desires,  
The diamonds of my frat. pin caught the light,  
And with a thousand jewelled flashes,  
Filled with colors since unseen,  
The diamond on the shield lit up the night—  
Yes, the diamond on the shield  
Drank in the moon's bright beam,  
And with opalescent splendor  
Lit up the night.

I saw her hand start forward  
And grasp the cool thin air,  
I saw her lips move silently and slow,  
And then I heard her voice,  
As a far-off loving call,  
Ringing through the night in accents sweet and low.

"John, John, Oh is it you, John ?  
Why have you been so queer ?  
Oh John, 'twas you I meant a while ago!"  
And then like gleams of lightning  
It flashed upon my mind  
The true and only logical wherefore.

Poor Reggie wore no badge  
Such as gleamed upon my breast,

She had taken me for Reggie, sure as fate,  
So with heart aflame with joy,  
I clasped her in my arms  
Quickly clearing hedge and distance and the gate.

Now you who sigh with yearnings,  
You who gaze up at the moon,  
You who sing those ditties lovingly to her,  
You who wish to wed ere your 21st birthday,  
Just harken to advice that I aver.

Always wear your shield and diamond  
Where its brilliance can be seen,  
Always place it near the region of your heart,  
Always keep it close in sight  
In the day-time or the night,  
For its presence tends to help you win your mark.

*W. W. Davis—Upsilon.*

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### THE FRATERNITY HISTORY.

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It seems as if some Chapters have been very negligent of their duty, for after many urgent appeals on the part of our Grand Historiographer, both by private letters and by articles in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, there are still Chapters which have not replied in any way in regard to their Chapter histories.

The duties of the Grand Historiographer are very arduous, in that they require much time and care to get up what is much needed, a history of the Fraternity. Now, cannot some one in each Chapter take enough interest in the Fraternity to at least write to the Grand Historiographer and tell him that they have not kept a history?

While this might be embarrassing, it would not be necessary generally, for in nearly every Chapter there is some one who has been in it for several years. So let him write up what history he knows, and then write a personal letter to some one who graduated his first year in college, and get him to write what history he knows, and in this way we could at least get a partial history, which is better than

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none. While we may not be able to work in the extension field, there is the great home work of getting up some Chapter history and sending it to the Grand Historiographer. Why cannot we have a full report from the Grand Historiographer, with a word from every Chapter in the Fraternity at the next Convention, along with the good news of the establishment of new Chapters? Let every Brother think of this and see if he has not a little home mission work to do. It is not the officers' duty in the Chapter to see to this, it is the duty of each Brother who reads this poor appeal for help. Would that I could make it plain to every one what a great thing it would be for the Fraternity.

Certainly you do not expect the Grand Historiographer to visit each individual Chapter and work it out there for you. This is impossible, as you know. So why not do your duty and help him?

We have a Chapter record book now, let it be written up fully and carefully at once to date, and let us keep a history of each Chapter from now on, accurately and thoroughly. The past is important as well as the present, so let every Brother in the Fraternity consider himself a committee of one to attend to this at once. Don't postpone it. "Do it now."

*Charles E. Conrad—Alpha.*

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#### THE COMING CONVENTION.

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Just after the Convention in Atlanta last spring, the impressions made upon each delegate by this gathering were published. This, it strikes me, was a happy thought, for it gave all those who were unable to attend a pretty good idea of the Convention.

The time for our next Convention is rapidly drawing near and the boys of the *Garnet and Old Gold* will assemble once more to deliberate for the best interests of old II.

*K. A.* The majority of the men who will be sent as delegates to this Convention will be men who have never attended one before, as few are so fortunate as to be sent twice as a delegate.

Now is the time for those who expect to go to be preparing for it. You should go to the Convention with a clear-cut idea of the real purpose for which it has been called; not in a mechanical sort of a way, without realizing what it all means until it is over. You should appreciate that you are sent as a delegate to represent the interests of your Chapter and to help work out the salvation of the Fraternity, just as a man is sent to the legislature to represent the interests of his country and to help work out the salvation of his State.

A delegate should be conversant with all the conditions of the fraternity. Unless such a man be sent to the Convention he will be unable to vote intelligently, to say nothing of discussing the problems which confront our fraternity, for he will know nothing of the questions at issue. A Convention composed of such men as these, or even a per cent. of such men in it, is not the thing for us to-day. Doubtless the *I. K. A.* Fraternity is growing faster at present than it has ever grown; already a good many Chapters have been established since September; they are all in prosperous institutions and so far as expansion is concerned, this year of our existence bids fair to be a record breaker. We are all proud of this and justly so, but let us not forget that this rapid growth itself demands careful deliberative legislation on our part. How can you assist in this work if you have never studied the questions and don't even know what your own Chapter thinks should be done? The thing for you to do is to get down to it and become conversant with everything concerning the Fraternity; find out how your Chapter stands on every possible question, see that your minute book is in good condition, and carry with you a long, well-written Chapter report containing everything of interest concerning your year's record.

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But the Convention is not a mere routine of business and hard work, as this article so far seems to portend. No, indeed it is not. I am in serious doubt as to whether or not the most tedious part of the longest session could be called real work, for it is such a pleasure to be associated with so many loyal *H. K. A.* Brothers that you never think of it as work at all. But there are special occasions set apart for pleasure exclusively, and on such occasions the pleasures offered are of the true type; places of interest to be visited, the smoker, doing the town and the banquet, where so many pleasant hours are spent.

All that I wish to add is that if you get a chance—a half chance—to go to the Convention, go by all means. Go! and do your best as a loyal *H. K. A.*, both in duty and pleasure, and you will have the finest time that you have ever had.

*J. B. Clark—Tau.*

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#### *WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.*

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In 1814 the Legislature of Virginia passed an act incorporating Monongalia Academy, and locating it at Morgantown. The first building was a one-story brick structure, divided into two rooms. In 1828 this building was sold, and a two-story brick building erected. As a further endowment, the Virginia Legislature passed an act authorizing the trustees of the Academy to raise twenty thousand dollars by lottery, and the drawings for this lottery were conducted January 26, 1832. In later years the Monongalia Academy became an institution of wide reputation, drawing students at one time from fourteen States. For more than fifty years it was the leading school in Virginia west of the mountains.

On July 2, 1862, Congress passed an act donating public lands to the several States to establish "colleges for the benefit of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts." In 1864 this act

was extended to the new State of West Virginia, and in 1867 the West Virginia Agricultural College was founded. The trustees of the Monongalia Academy gave to the State all of the real estate and personal effects of the Academy. The building and grounds of Woodburn Seminary, a school for girls at Morgantown, were also donated, and the new college succeeded the old Academy and Seminary, inheriting an honorable record and much good will. The first faculty meeting was held August 20, 1867, and on September 2 of that year the school was formally opened. In 1868 the name of the new institution was changed by an act of Legislature to the West Virginia University.

Morgantown, the seat of the University, is the county seat of Monongalia county, and is a beautiful town of nine thousand inhabitants, on the Monongahela river and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, 103 miles east of Wheeling, and the same distance south of Pittsburg.

Few institutions of learning have more attractive natural sites. The University grounds border the Monongahela river, and afford a most picturesque outlook. The campus comprises about twenty-five acres. The University also has a farm of about one hundred acres for the use of the Agricultural Experiment Station and the College of Agriculture.

The University organization consists of twelve colleges and schools of the following courses: Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Mechanic Arts, Agriculture, Law, Medicine, Music, Fine Arts, Military Science and Tactics, Veterinary Medicine, Summer School, Commercial School, Preparatory Schools.

There are ten buildings, eight of brick and stone. Besides these, are the various buildings on the Agricultural Experiment Station Farm.

The total number of students enrolled since beginning of session 1904-5 are 867; including summer school students the total enrollment is about 1,000.

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There are in the University, 36 Professors, 3 Associate Profesors, 4 Assistant Professors and 37 Instructors and Assistants.

William L. Wilson was one of the most prominent Presidents of the University. D. B. Purinton, L.L. D., is now President.

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### ***IN THE DARK.***

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But it's long—so long—to the turn of the road,  
And my feet are weary and travel-stained,  
And the stones are sharp—oh! how they have pained !  
For it's long—so long—to the turn of the road !

Oh ! it's long—so long—till the darkness lifts,  
And the star that I looked to has long since paled,  
And my courage has faltered and almost failed,  
For it's long—so long—till the darkness lifts !

But it's sweet—so sweet—to trust in the dark,  
To keep the heart steadfast and patient still.  
To believe that the sun will arise o'er the hill  
And repay all the hours I groped in the dark !

—R. H. Adams—Beta.

## Chapter Letters.

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### **ALPHA.**

*University of Virginia.*

In the columns of the last issue our worthy editor took occasion to comment on the fact that the Chapter Letters were not up to their usual standard. Now we are not authorized to voice the sentiments of the rest of the "poor devils" who have this honor thrust upon them, but for ourselves we may say that the criticism was well deserved and very timely. But just a word in our defence. There are matters of daily occurrence in college life which are of vital interest to the students of that particular institution, and the columns of the college papers are eagerly read to glean the news of the latest happenings in the world about us. But we are convinced that our friends into whose hands the SHIELD AND DIAMOND may come would not feel any peculiar interest in such matters. And again, since our contribution department has been established we do not feel at liberty to encroach upon its province and air our views, on the various matters which are of interest to the Fraternity at large. So we often find ourselves in the very unenviable position of one who feels compelled to say something, when in fact he has nothing to say.

However, we take this occasion to congratulate the Fraternity on the addition of the new Chapters. They seem to be of the proper material. Had they not been we are sure that they would never have passed under the censorious eye of our grand officers. We are always glad to see our beloved Fraternity grow and expand, provided it is in

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the right direction. And no doubt this is a most excellent move.

On this point, however, we should remember that the strength of a fraternity is no longer measured by the number of its Chapters. In fact, if we may be pardoned for sounding a discordant note among the chorus of voices which clamor for expansion, we are inclined to be very conservative in our views on this subject, and while we heartily favor such judicious expansion as we have made of late, yet we cannot be too careful, either in the selection of the institution or of the individual members of the Chapter. There is danger that too great an infusion of this spirit, which seems to be the policy, not only of the nation, but of our Fraternity as well, may lead us to steps which we may regret after it is too late to recede from the position which we have taken. Our first duty lies in placing those Chapters which we have already established on a firmer basis, building Chapter houses, beautifying the halls and bringing those Chapters more in touch with each other and with the general Fraternity. After this is done expansion will follow as a natural consequence, and we will be in the position of the sought, rather than that of the seekers after new Chapters.

We do not pretend to know what advantages are offered in the other Southern States, but speaking from the vantage ground which our position at the State University gives us, we are convinced that the field in Virginia is well covered at present, and that there is no room for further expansion here.

However, as we are doing just what we promised not to do, foisting upon the unsuspecting readers of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND our puny opinions on subjects the treatment of which belongs more properly to the other departments, we will turn our attention to matters more in the sphere of a Chapter correspondent.

It is with heart-felt sorrow that we announce the death

of Mr. Lloyd T. Smith of Northumberland County, the father of Brother E. H. Smith of this Chapter, formerly of Gamma. Mr. Smith was recognized as one of the ablest lawyers in Virginia, and his death is lamented throughout the State. The sympathies of the Chapter are extended to Brother Smith, his bereaved mother and sisters.

A short while ago Brother Spratley was called home on account of an accident of a serious nature which had befallen his brother. We are glad to report, however, that his condition is much improved, and that his recovery is assured.

Alpha wishes every *II.* a bright and prosperous new year.  
*J. Gordon Bohannon.*

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**BETA.**

*Davidson College.*

Beta has had the misfortune of losing some of her congenial circle of last fall. Brothers J. B. Clark, McDavid and Allin failed to respond to the roll-call after the holidays. The two former were both members of the Senior Class and were prominent in all phases of college life; Brother Clark being Editor-in-Chief of this year's Annual. Brother Clark has now become a member of Tau Chapter. Brothers McDavid and Allin are at their respective homes—Pelzer, S. C., and Chattanooga, Tenn.

With the exception of regret for the absence of these Brothers, Beta is enjoying one of the happiest years of her existence.

At a recent meeting we initiated into the Fraternity Mr. Lee Richmond Scott, '08, Statesville, N. C., and I take pleasure in introducing him as a worthy wearer of the *Shield and Diamond*, Brother Scott gives promise of making a good man for the Fraternity.

Base-ball prospects are bright here this spring, and Davidson may be relied on to make a strong bid for the South-

ern championship. Beta will furnish no representative this year on the team.

Washington's birthday will be celebrated this year, as usual, by the Junior Oratorical Exercises. Three Pi's—Brothers King, Stearns and your correspondent, will figure on that occasion,

Rumors have been circulated on the campus of the coming of another fraternity, but as yet it has not materialized.

Brother R. T. Gillespie, Financial Agent for the College, has been on the hill for several days. He reports a most enjoyable visit to the office of the Grand Treasurer during January.

With best wishes to all *II's*,

*J. Leon Moore, Jr.*

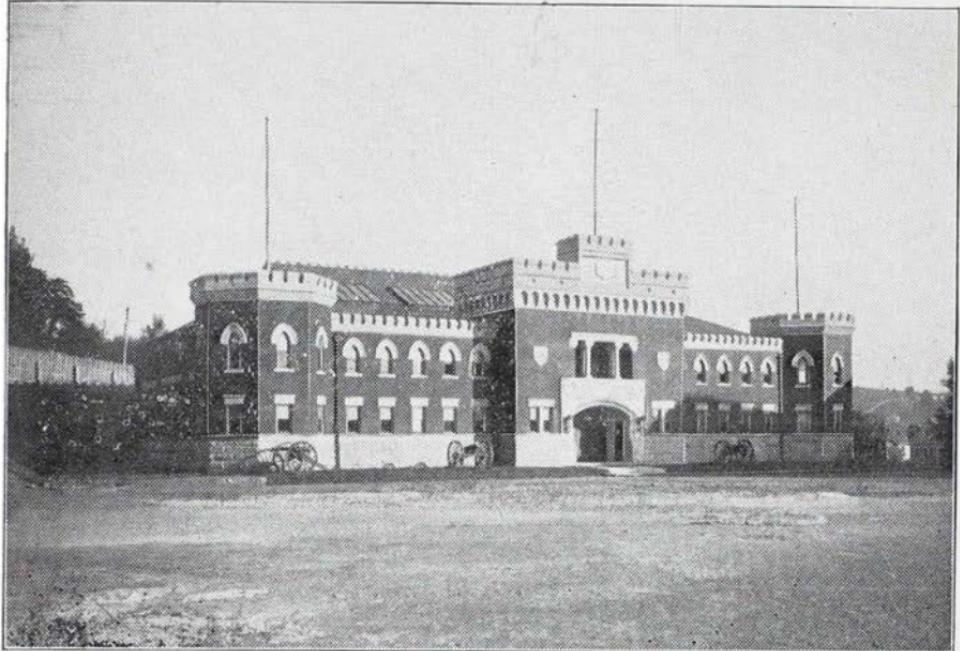
#### **GAMMA.**

*William and Mary College.*

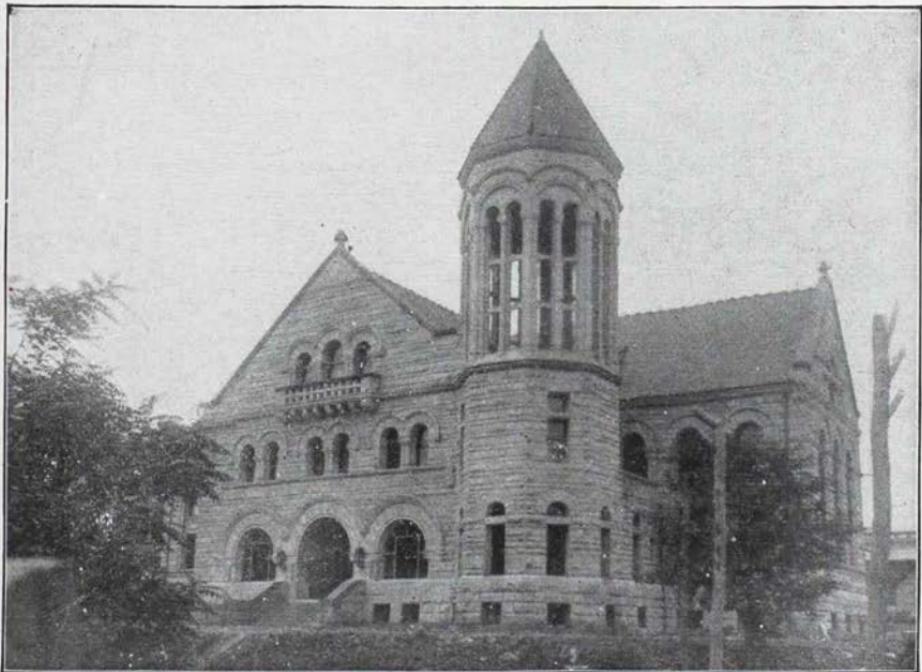
'Tis with a glad heart and good news that Gamma once more greets her sister Chapters.

We take pleasure in notifying all *II's* of the initiation of Mr. Childe M. Barnes, who is now a full-fledged, enthusiastic *II*.

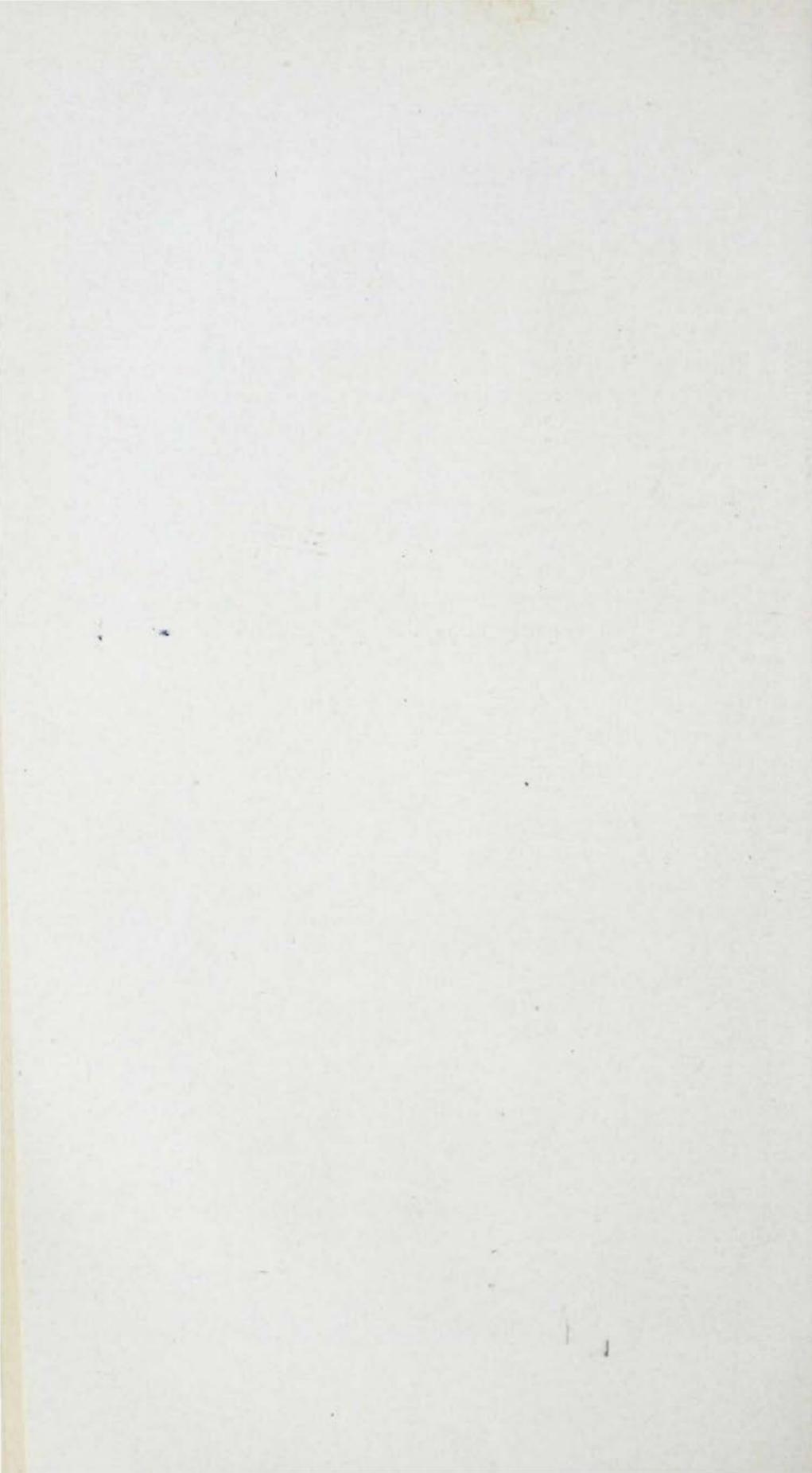
College life has resumed the same routine of attending and preparing lectures, but has been broken and brightened by more than the usual gayeties. There have been card parties, receptions and dancing galore, and old Gamma has come in for her share of the fun. On the evening of January 19th a reception was given by Mrs. H. N. Philips, one of Gamma's most enthusiastic sisters, in honor of our Chapter, and it was indeed a great success. The rooms were beautifully and artistically decorated with our pennants and in our grand old colors, and in everything and everywhere was *H. K. A.* evident. Along with the refreshments were given dainty and unique favors, being cards in the shape of our badge with the badge burnt on them and



THE ARMORY, WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.



THE LIBRARY, WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.



a bow of Garnet and Old Gold ribbon attached. Just before our departure all the *II's* gave the yell, as a token of their appreciation for their hostess.

We had the pleasure of a short visit from Brother W. G. Tyler, of Omicron. Brother Tyler is always welcomed and enjoyed whenever he comes, only his visits are entirely too short.

*J. Hubbard Lloyd.*

### ZETA.

*University of Tennessee.*

The last issue, with its new dress, was a source of great pleasure. The reports from our new Chapters were especially gratifying, and we extend a hearty welcome to all who have been recently brought into the fold of Pi Kappa Alpha.

The New Year has begun rather gloomily for us, four of our Brothers having failed to return after Christmas. However we are not discouraged and abiding by the *II. K. A.* motto of "quality and not quantity," we are more than holding our own along every line. We realize that the future is brighter for our noble Order than ever before, and not only are we encouraged for this reason, but the reports from all quarters, especially the opinions and ideas expressed in the contributions of the last issue, have inspired and gladdened the hearts of every Zeta.

There has been no "goating" since our last letter, but by the next issue we hope to announce at least one addition.

#### OUR ROLL.

S. J. McAllister,	W. V. Deadrick,
G. T. Walton,	P. J. Callan,
J. H. Hudson,	W. W. Taylor,
C. S. Coffee,	R. D. Park.

The following is the numerical standing of the other fraternities on the Hill:

*S. A. E.*, 16; *K. S.*, 11; *Φ:Γ. A.*, 22; *A. T. Ω.*, 10; *K. A.*, 10.

From these numbers it can be readily seen that the number of fraternity men are rather small, considering our enrollment, and for this reason we have to go very slow and cautious in stamping *P. K. A.* on any one; heretofore we have not needed any additional members, our enrollment before Christmas being a round dozen, but since our loss we are going to try and find one or two more.

There is "nothing doing" on the Hill at this time of year, class basket-ball games and dances being about the only attractions. However, the near approach of baseball has aroused more enthusiasm than ever before that is season of the year. Our prospects are very flattering and, having the same battery and four other old men, we think with the large amount of new material, that our team will defend the honor of Tennessee with much credit.

*Ridgley D. Park.*

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**ETA.**

*Tulane University.*

It was indeed a pleasant surprise last issue to see the establishment of so many new Chapters. We wish these new Chapters all the pleasure and prosperity of fraternity life. May they steadily increase in strength and become prominent Chapters of dear old Pi Kappa Alpha.

We have just initiated a young fellow who entered college this year and succeeded in getting a place on the Football Team. He has identified himself with the Forum Literary Society and by his personal magnetism has been gaining friends right and left. I take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity-at-large Mr. Minafee and hope that you will be able to meet him at some future time.

Our examinations begin on the second of February and continue for a little over a week. We trust that we will be able to hold our own and not be a disgrace to the noble Order of Pi Kappa Alpha.

This year there has been an ice-skating rink erected and

it certainly has charmed the people. At each period one will find a happy, gay crowd floating around the ice to the music of a string band. It is proving such a success financially that I hear next year it will be greatly enlarged. At this place most of Eta's members spend their vacant hours and spare change.

With best wishes to all Pi's,

*John Davidson, Jr.*

#### **THETA.**

*Southwestern Presbyterian University.*

Theta gladly welcomes the new Chapters into our noble Fraternity and feels greatly indebted to the Supreme Officers and the alumni for their untiring efforts.

We have received our new record book and consider it a most excellent plan, and in the future we will have a clear record of our alumni.

No new men came to college after Xmas and consequently there has been no rushing. Our hearts have been saddened by the misfortune of Brother Armistead, who was called home during the Xmas exams. on account of the death of his sister.

The foot-ball season has passed and we are in the midst of basket-ball. Brother Reid is Captain of the team. When the base-ball season opens we hope to be well represented in that sport also. Theta has held her place in athletics better than usual this year.

Some of our alumni have been with us at our recent meetings, and they seem to be as much interested in *H. K. A.* as when they were in college. Let all of our Chapters arouse their alumnii and persuade them to attend the meetings, and in this way we will help advance the Fraternity. It was greatly through the efforts of alumni that the baby Chapters were established, and if all would work in this way, we would have old *H. K. A.* triumphantly advancing throughout the South.

Theta is looking forward with pleasant anticipation to the next annual Convention, and will do all in her power to make it the greatest and grandest of them all.

W. H. Hill.

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### IOTA.

*Hampden-Sidney.*

Welcome, thrice welcome, Alpha-Epsilon, Alpha-Zeta, Alpha-Eta and Alpha-Theta! We need you and you need us. May your life be as happy, congenial and prosperous as Iota's has been in the past and promises to be in the future. Promises, I say, because this year we have as congenial a crowd of fellows as ever worked together in a fraternity, a crowd which, according to one of its number, deserves some individual mention.

Since our last letter we have enjoyed a short visit from Brother Herbert Anderson of Pi. Brother Anderson was for three years a member of Iota, and his presence on the "Hill" made things feel like old times.

At a recent meeting of the Philanthropic Literary Society, Brother J. M. Graham was appointed Chairman of the Intermediate Invitation Committee; Brother R. C. Graham was elected Final Senior Orator; and Brother Wilson Intermediate Junior Orator. The intermediate celebration of the literary societies, with their usual gayeties, are close at hand now, and we predict a rousing good time.

Hampden-Sidney will, if all goes well, turn out a strong base-ball team this spring.

Best wishes for our sister Chapters.

G. A. Wilson, Jr.

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### KAPPA.

*Kentucky University.*

Kappa Chapter has been moving on since the last letter

in her usual "happy family" style. She carried Brother Homer Carpenter off the platform of the College Chapel on her shoulders December last, one of the winners of the Inter-society Debate. She performed in a similar way a few nights ago, when Brother Warren B. Davis won the Inter-society Declamatory Contest. She expects to do it again at Georgetown in February, when Brother Davis wins the Inter-collegiate Declamatory Contest.

The Chapter is just now trying to reconcile itself to the temporary loss of the above mentioned Brother Carpenter. Brother Carpenter has been so willing to shove and boost anything or anybody that needed his assistance, *H. K. A.* among the rest, that the doctor has decided that such activity shows an unhealthy constitution, and has ordered him to quit and see if he cannot become more selfish by taking a rest. We look for Brother Carpenter's speedy re-appearance.

We have one new member, Mr. H. M. Stansifer, of Covington, Ky. His immediate election to one of our offices shows what we think of him.

A new society has recently been organized in the University, neither a literary society nor a fraternity, but a society which, it is hoped, will stand for the highest ideals of both. It has no name as yet, but is known as the "honor society." It is to be composed of the strong, solid, active men of the two upper classes, the men who cause things to move, and move in the right direction. They are to be on the watch for any chance to further the best interests of the University. They are the men the President can rely on for sane and hearty co-operation. Obviously such men can do more for the University if banded together, than if each worked independently. The society is to be in no sense a fraternity. Such organization ought to be of great value to any institution, and the starting of one in a college would be good work for *H. K. K.* men.

*E. L. Porter.*

**MU.**

*Presbyterian College of South Carolina.*

We who are about to be examined, salute you. We trust that with most of our Brothers the ordeal is past. To those in tribulation similar to our own, greeting and sympathy.

Our Faculty stills hold out for examinations only twice during the year, and the dreaded hour of the "Intermediate" is at hand. It is gratifying, however, to report that the team work of our little band, as a whole, justifies the prediction of a successful passage.

Mu takes this opportunity of extending the right hand of fellowship to our four new sister Chapters. May they find the fraternal life as sweet as it has been to us. May they give their best to the Fraternity and receive the Fraternity's best in return. The tide of expansion seems to have set in; we trust that there will be no diminution of its plan until every desirable institution in our land may be bound together by the strong bonds of friendship, of which our Fraternity consists. Let us not rest upon our laurels too much, but keep on working.

The new record book is certainly neat and tasteful. It supplies a long felt want.

Our new President, Dr. Neville, is now established in our little town with his family in quarters on Centennial street. At the recent celebration of the Carolina College, that institution conferred upon him the degree of L.L. D. He is a man of strong personality and executive ability. We expect to see the college prosper wonderfully in his hands.

In the recent Literary Society elections, the following Brothers received offices: Eukosminan—Fewell, Treasurer; Fulp, Monitor. Philomothean—Smith, President; Power, Monitor. Brother Smith was elected as one of the Debators for the Commencement Contest.

We were happy to have with us for several days, just before the holidays, Brother J. H. Thornwell, ('03), who is now serving his second year as First Assistant in the Winsboro Graded and High School. Brother Thornwell met with us and gave us one of his splendid talks. One of our most distinguished alumni, Brother States Jacobs, of Nashville, will be here to deliver the next lecture in the Lyceum course. We hope to have him meet with us during his stay in town.

In closing, we extend our warmest greetings to every Pi.  
*E. S. Power.*

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*NU.*

*Wofford College.*

After the Christmas holidays, which are counted the most enjoyable time of the year, all of our men returned and are back at work once more.

Prehaps the most important thing that has taken place since Christmas, was the arrival of our new coach. He has taken charge of the men and has begun a vigorous training. The prospects of Wofford getting out a good baseball team are brighter than they have been for years, and it is believed that she will put out a team which will gain for her the championship which she once held. We may say that *H. K. A.*'s are figuring conspicuously in this work.

At a recent meeting of the Sophomore Class Brother Isom was elected as Marshal for their Annual Sophomore Exhibition, which comes off sometime during the spring

Another new thing in the history of the college is that Wofford and Furman Universities have entered into an agreement to have an annual intercollegiate debate. This opens this field to new college honors, and therefore to new *H. K. A.* honors.

Nu was most agreeably surprised a few days ago by a short visit from Brother C. W. Rowe, of Tau. We were certainly glad to have him at our "home," and we think

that this point should be emphasized. There is a great deal of inspiration to be gained from a *II* who has been in touch with other Chapters, and has seen something of the work of the Fraternity at other places; and we think that much good could be done in this way, by giving and receiving information and also by helping a Chapter to solve some of her difficulties with the experience of other Chapters.

We do not think that it would be out of place here to congratulate the committee appointed to draw up a record book for the Fraternity. The book is not only attractive, but will be of great service to the Fraternity in keeping a neat, correct record of her members, which is a very essential factor to her prosperity.

We are glad to see that our list of Chapters is still growing. And we wish to extend our best wishes to the Chapters which have just been added to our roll.

Best wishes to all sister Chapters.

*J. Caldwell Guilds.*

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### OMICRON.

*Richmond College.*

I am sure it was a source of great pleasure to all Pi's to note the installation of the four new Chapters, and it gives us much joy to welcome them into the pleasures and duties of fraternity life, for entrance into frat. life means work for the upbuilding of one's self, the Chapter and the whole Fraternity.

All of Omicron's men spent a happy Christmas. Our examinations were over with before the holidays and we all departed to enjoy the good times to which we had looked forward for so long.

All of our men returned and have gotten back to work again for the Chapter and for the goal to which we all aspire—the Degree.

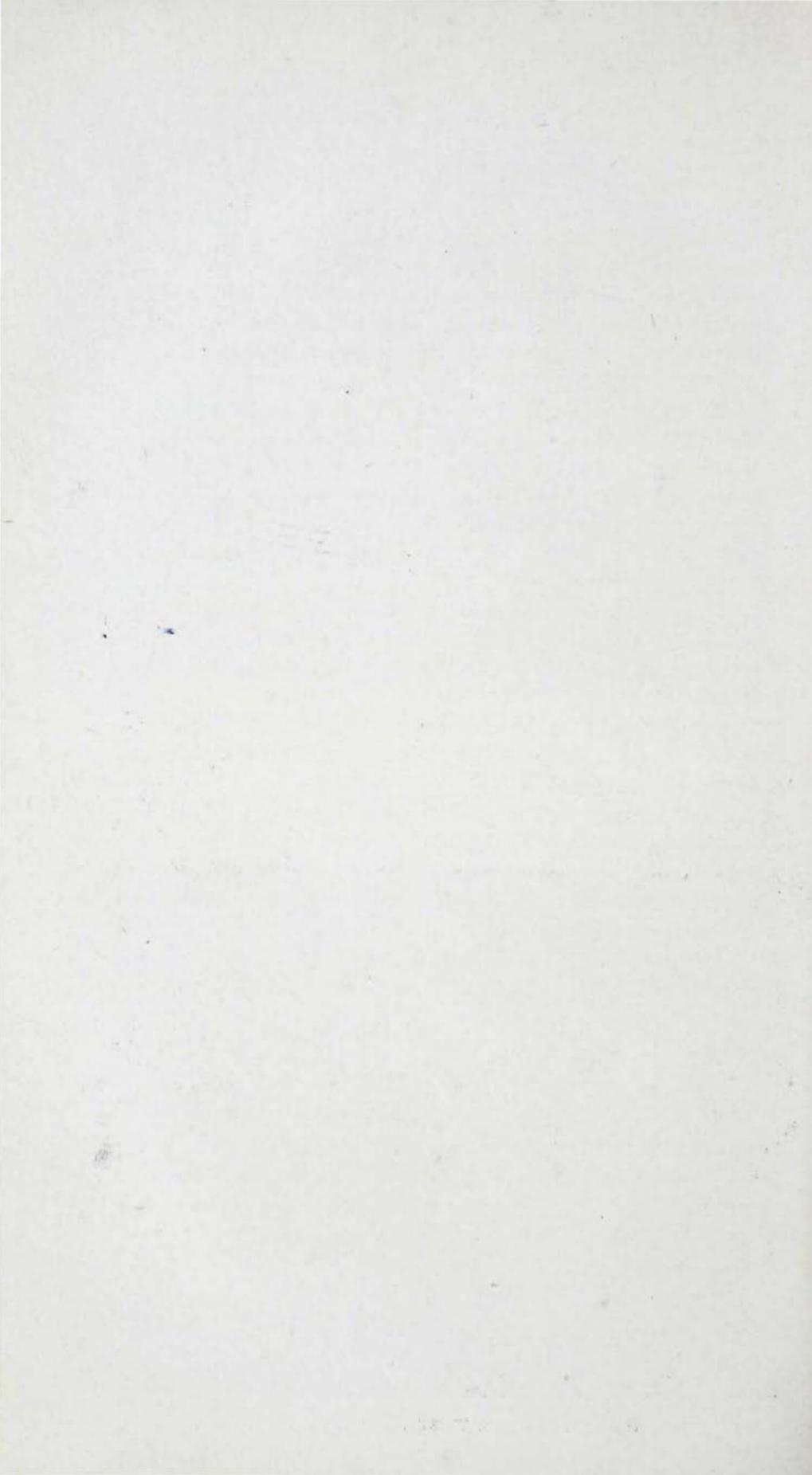
Base-ball is the all absorbing topic here now. The good



VIEW FROM WOMAN'S HALL, WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.



ON THE CAMPUS, WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.



weather of the past few days has brought out many applicants and the prospects for a winning team are great.

Brother C. M. Robertson is Captain this year and Omicron hopes to have four, possibly five men on the team—Brothers C. M. Robertson, Harwood, Saunders, Talman and G. B. Wright are showing up well.

We have been glad to have with us a number of times this year Brother W. G. Tyler, B. L., '03. It is an inspiration to have one with us who has the Frat.'s interest so much at heart. And what has been said about Brother Tyler may be also applied to J. Marshall Lewis, H. S. Gill and P. P. Woodfin, who have honored their old Chapter by their presence this winter.

It has been our pleasure to see and have with us Brothers T. W. Hooper, Patterson, Deihl and Shaw, who are students at the Union Theological Seminary, near Richmond.

I would mention the fact that Brother C. M. Robertson is one of the editors of the "*Messenger*," our monthly, and is on the Annual staff.

Before closing I must call the attention of all Pi's in Virginia to the fact that Brother J. Alston Cabell is a candidate for the Lieutenant-Governorship. Let us get together and see that the next Lieutenant-Governor in this noble State is from our ranks.

With greetings to all our sister Chapters, especially the "Babies,"

*Marion G. Willis, Jr.*

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**PI.**

*Washington and Lee University.*

As we take up the tread of the year's history of our Chapter, as told in these pages, and attempt to resume our weaving, we find our skein a bit tangled and interspersed with many colors. And this is not surprising. Since last we recorded our doings, the Christmas holidays have intervened, and hence the explanation of the tangles, the

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gold colored memories of the happy days, and the variegated reflections of the hours spent with loved ones. Who knows but what the dark gray even, which we discover here and there, may be suggestive of the "morning after?" Still for the most part we can give connected narratives of what took place Xmas.

Brother Hargrave could not return to the University for the second term, and we regret very much to give him up. However, in his place we have again received Brother Moorehead, who was a member of Pi two years ago, but in the meantime he has pursued his studies at V. P. I. until the recent difference of opinion (now happily removed) which arose between the Faculty and Junior class of that institution.

We also present to the Fraternity a new addition in Brother Lawrence Anderson of Lynchburg, Va., who entered the University in January. He belongs to the Class of '08, so our Chapter will have his pleasant companionship for years to come.

Most of the students here live in the private families of Lexington, so we feel that, separated as we are, we do not get all the benefits to be derived from fraternity life. Therefore we are agitating the question of arranging next year so we can all be together somewhere. We are hardly strong enough financially to have a house by ourselves, but as I said, we are still agitating, and if a Chapter house should develop it would thoroughly establish us in every way.

The new Chapters who were introduced to us in the last issue, we heartily receive. It looks as if we are destined at some time to possess the South, but the field is still a broad one which broadens as the South develops.

A New Year's greeting to all the Chapters.

*W. Elliott Jones.*

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**RHO.***Cumberland University.*

Owing to the fact our last letter failed to reach the editor, it behooves us, in addition to what news that has happened since our last letter, to repeat some of the letters that should have been published in the last edition.

On Friday evening, November 11th, the Fraternity was entertained in the bachelor's quarters of Weir and Simms. At a late hour we took our departure, declaring away down in our hearts that it was the social event of the season.

We have succeeded in landing several good men. Rho takes pleasure in introducing the following initiates to the Fraternity-at-large:

Of the Law Department—

V. B. Ashley, Tennessee.  
L. B. Pride, Kentucky.  
W. E. Cunningham, Texas.

Literary Department—

J. Lacey Reynolds, Tennessee.  
Allen B. Cummings, Tennessee.  
W. W. Gill, Tennessee.  
E. L. Minton, Tennessee.

Theological Department—

L. R. Hogan, Tennessee.

Rho has been very cautious in spiking men and consequently we have secured the best material available in the University.

With happy greeting to every *H.* and best wishes for a prosperous year's work,

*Paul C. Wakefield.*

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**SIGMA.***Vanderbilt University.*

All of our little squad escaped unhurt from the late Christmas engagement, and are back doing time, if nothing else, at old Vandy's same old stand, with one exception, Brother W. A. Craddock, of Memphis.

He was in the Senior Class in Pharmacy, but will remain

at home this term to assist in his father's business, though he will probably return in the fall and complete his professional course.

All departments of the University are in the throes of intermediate examinations now, and unless the unexpected happens, many there be who will not get over the dead line.

Sigma has but ten members with which to begin the new term, but for our small number, we are one of the most representative fraternities in Vanderbilt this year. We have at least one man in every one of the departments, except the Biblical. But while we have no "theolog" as yet, Brother "Bull" Brown was elected President of the Bible Class recently organized by the Y. M. C. A., to be taught by Chancellor Kirkland.

The Y. M. C. A. has instituted a series of inter-fraternity Bible class study, which seems to be getting more popular with the boys, and bids fair to become as permanent as the Y. M. C. A. itself. Each fraternity "lends" its Chapter house for a meeting of the respective classes every Sunday morning.

Vanderbilt has put out no basket-ball team this season; not so much for lack of material as of interest in this sport, though doubtless some of our stalwarts from Rho would say we were afraid of being walloped by Cumberland again.

The Roger Williams University, a school for the education of the negro, was almost totally destroyed by fire not long ago.

It was located not more than a stone's throw from our University and about the same distance from Belmont, that pride of Southern schools for women. It was an eye-sore to both schools and the immediate land-owners, and it will hardly be rebuilt. Hope to see you at the Convention.

*Geo. H. Brown.*

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**TAU.**

*University of North Carolina.*

Tau begins her new year with glowing prospects. We

found on our return from the holidays Brother Miller, one of our alumni, now taking Post-Graduate work in Chemistry, ready to greet us with the grip of *H. K. A.* There was still another pleasant surprise. Before we could hardly realize our good luck in having Brother Miller return, Brother J. B. Clark, of Davidson, was upon us offering his able and much needed services to the upbuilding of our Chapter. It is unnecessary to say anything further about these men, as Brother Miller, being an alumnus, would be fitter to introduce us to the Fraternity-at-large than we him, and Brother Clark, as Assistant Editor, certainly needs no introduction.

Brother Rowe having received his B. L. Degree here this fall, will pursue his studies this spring at Columbian University, Washington, D. C. We are indeed sorry to lose him.

Brother Bear, our foot-ball man, has not returned yet, but has sent word that he will be back to play base-ball. Whether he returns or not we do not consider him lost, for most assuredly he will come this fall to help carry over Carolina's pig skin for many a touchdown.

Our two "Yankee" boys, Flagler and White, returned quite sad from a happy Christmas spent in their snowy Pennsylvania homes. When asked why so sad, each replied, 'O, nothing, except I lost my pin.'

We were glad to have with us on the 22nd, our popular and much beloved Brother—T. J. Moore, of Greenville, N. C. This genial Pi seems never to meet a stranger.

Everything on the campus is quiet now, only an occasional game of tennis or a frozen base-ball tossed on sunny days, breaks the monotonous stillness.

Everybody seems to be at work, trying either to redeem the poor grades of last term or to make their good grades better.

We note with joy the recent growth of our Fraternity and hope that this may continue.

We wish prosperity and long life to the Chapters just entering our ranks, as well as to those by whose side we have fought in the past.

*Stuart G. Noble.*

**UPSILON.***Alabama Polytechnic Institute.*

At the re-opening of college, all of Upsilon's members were present except W. A. Young.

Never in the history of the college has there been a more prosperous year than now. The enrollment is now 518, increasing from 406 in three years. Upsilon Chapter has kept apace with the growth and prosperity of our college, and we are looking forward to a very successful year.

The *H.'s* continue to win honors. Brother J. V. Denson has been elected foot-ball Manager, and has arranged for the heaviest season in the history of the college, including games with Vanderbilt and Nashville. We have no doubt he will manage a very successful team. Brother Denson is also Associate Editor of the "*Glomerata*," our college annual. Brother O. E. Young is President of the Senior German Club.

The class foot-ball games are now receiving much attention, and good class spirit is being shown.

The prospects for a good base-ball season are very bright, and Upsilon will be well represented on the team.

Upsilon is beginning to look forward to the Convention with unusual interest, and will be on hand with a good representation.

We wish all our sister Chapters the greatest success during the ensuing year.

*F. D. Spruance.*

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**PHI.***Roanoke College.*

Once again we greet our sister Chapters and wish them well in the work that is being accomplished by each.

Examinations being over, we are looking among the second term men in search for those who might do credit to our Chapter and Order.

So far we have several in view and hope that our desires may materialize.



A. M. Bonnaffon Jr.



Geo. K. Reed.



H. P. Marlow.



W. Snider.



Chas. E. Best

J. L. Kirby.



We have also been glad to welcome back to college Brother Gibboney, who before Xmas was making an effort to cremate himself while acting the part of Santa Claus in one of the churches in town.

Brother Mason, who has been ill with measles, is now recuperating and will soon be with us again.

With best wishes for the new Chapters,

*A. M. Bowman, Jr.*

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**CHI.**

*University of the South.*

It may seem strange to some of you who are struggling with to-morrow's lessons that we should have a three month's vacation in winter, yet not one of us would exchange this time honored custom for a vacation in summer. It is true that we get reparation for going to school in the summer time, some few days when we are free to enjoy the pleasures that summer affords, for we have two weeks vacation in July, which tradition has been wont to call Commencement week, not a week at all, but fourteen long, happy days. But it is like building castles in the air to speak thus of summer when it is yet the middle of winter.

When the Tiger returns to her mountain lair, she will begin immediately to train her cubs the art of base-ball. Sewanee has exceedingly fine prospects for a good team this coming season. "King Bailey" of base-ball notoriety, is to coach our squad. Earl Wheat of *A. T. A.* is Captain, and Raymond D. Knight of *K. A.*, is Manager. We have the material this year and we mean to have the best team we have ever had. Chi will be represented on the field by four sons: Brother Underwood, who has a reputation as short-stop; Brother Pugh, Captain of a last year's ball team, and Brother Seaman, one of the "St. Luke's" nine, and your humble scribe. All of the Halls expect to have good teams and excitement is growing warm.

When the scholastic year opens on the 17th of March, Chi expects to have all her Brothers back, with the excep-

tions of Brother Abeal, and the Brothers Pfaffle. Brother A. C. Pfaffle has opened a dental office in Los Angeles, Cal., while Brother F. T. Pfaffle will enter a military school. Brother Abeal has entered business in Chattanooga, Tenn. We will miss these Brothers very much, and regret that they could not have remained with us another year.

Chi wishes all her Brothers good luck—good luck and patience to her fellow students, and good luck and prosperity to her Brothers in business.

*Edward A. Wood.*

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**PSI.**

*North Georgia Agricultural College.*

All of our old men returned after the holidays, but Brother J. L. Brown has since discontinued his course at the North Georgia Agricultural College on account of weak eyes.

Fraternity material has never been so scarce here in the history of the college and from all appearances it seems that we will have no initiates this year. However we are going to keep our eyes open.

The much talked of *S. A. E.* Chapter at this place seems to have abated, and instead something in the form of a non-fraternity has been organized. They are known as the "Thaliants."

In the recent promotions *H. K. A.* held her own. W. O. Matthews was appointed 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant, C. M. Harris, Sergeant, J. K. Watt, W. M. Breedlove, and G. M. Barnes, Corporals. The military department at the North Georgia Agricultural College is considered one of the best in the South, and it is all due to our able Commandant, Major Tillson.

Greater interest is being shown in the meetings this year than was shown last. No Chapter can prosper when half of the members never go to the meetings. With eleven men full of Pi enthusiasm, I am sure that Psi will

hold her own among her sister Chapters, and carry the "Garnet and Gold" above every other color at this college.

Hoping that this will be one of the most successful years in the history of the fraternity, and with best wishes for our sister Chapters,

*W. O. Matthews.*

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### **OMEGA.**

*State College of Kentucky.*

Omega congratulates herself that she has done fairly well, yet in looking back over nineteen and four many things which were slighted or half done present themselves, and bearing these in mind, we hope to profit by last year's experience.

Since the last issue Omega has lost one of its strongest and most loyal Pi's; Brother J. White Gwyn, left college and is now in Oklahoma.

We were glad to welcome Brother R. M. Taylor, of Owensboro, again. Brother Taylor affiliated with Pi Kappa Alpha in September, 1903, and after attending one year did not return to complete his course.

Omega has no representative on the Varsity Basket-Ball Team. However, she has a team of her own. She has lately defeated  $\Phi. A. \theta.$ , and expect to try all the frat. teams at State.

The base-ball schedule is completed, showing games with Southern teams. Heretofore our team has gone North on its trip, but this year we are in the S. I. A. A.  $\Pi. K. A.$  has two men on the team, one being Captain.

Omega greets her sisters, especially the new Chapters; we bid them good speed.

*H. L. Amoss.*

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**ALPHA-ALPHA.***Trinity College.*

We trust each and every one of you enjoyed the vacation as much as we did, and we are proud to say every one of us returned in time to answer Chapter roll-call!

We are anxiously waiting and longing to see February 1st come, for we hope to introduce several new members. The college laws prohibit any fraternity from taking in members sooner than February of each year.

We are in receipt of the new Record Book and are highly pleased with it. It is nicely bound and conveniently arranged and much credit is due those who had it in charge.

We rejoice most heartily to see four new Chapters added to our roll and extend them a hearty welcome. This should encourage us still more and cause us to push forward more vigorously until every school of recognized standing has a Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha.

One of our pledges asked to be returned and we understand he is now pledged to another frat. here. We gave him his pledge back, as we want no one to join us who feels he would be dissatisfied afterwards. Another man turned out differently from what he was when we pledged him, and feeling he would injure us if we took him in, we, of our own accord, withdrew our pledge from him. However, the others we have pledged are showing up well and, I feel ne hesitancy in saying, will make us fine members. We will introduce them to you in the next issue.

Each frat. will take in some new men February 1st, but, at present, (January 20,) they number as follows:

*A. T. Θ., 7; K. A. 7; K. Σ., 3; and Π. K. A., 9.* The feeling here between the frats. and nons is fairly good, yet there are still some factions at work which are hard to overcome, especially among the Literary Societies.

We are looking forward with pleasure to the Convention in April and trust each Chapter will be well represented. Brothers Arthur and Webb attended the inauguration at Raleigh and enjoyed meeting with some of our Brothers of Alpha-Epsilon very much.

Our Glee Club gave concerts at Oxford, Henderson, Littleton and Warrenton on December 19-22 inclusive, and we had a grand time. The Club is composed of twenty members, seven of these being frat. men. There are two *K. A.*'s.; one *K. S.*; two *A. T. O.*'s; and two *H. K. A.*'s. Brothers Pugh and the writer represent *H. K. A.* and keep her banner exalted.

The most enjoyable occasion since our return was the "oyster roast" given us by Brother Webb, who received a barrel full from home, and 'tis useless to relate how we enjoyed them.

Alpha-Alpha extends best wishes to one and all of her sister Chapters and hopes to hear of more new ones soon.

*A. B. Stainback.*

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**ALPHA-GAMMA.**

*Louisiana State University.*

In our recent examinations some of our men have the distinction of being record-breakers in the classes of which they are members.

We are glad to introduce to the Fraternity Brother Frank M. Edwards, of Amite City, who holds the proud distinction of being President of the Sophomore Class and Captain of next year's foot-ball team, having played an excellent full-back on the varsity during the past season.

Athletics at this University are now on somewhat of a boom, as there is a basket ball game played every Saturday, also other field exercises are being practiced every day. There is quite a crowd of young ladies who are attracted here by the basket-ball games, and who are always pleased to see such rare treats during mid-winter.

In April there is going to be a varsity field-day, on which many prizes will be given. It is to be hoped that some of our men will capture a prize or two.

At this time every true *H.* should look forward to the Convention which is to be held soon and should be prospecting as to how he can make it more beneficial and harmonious.

Hoping to see every *H.* at the Convention,

*Robt. G. Tillery.*

**ALPHA-DELTA.***Georgia School of Technology.*

From the "center" of the South Alpha-Delta launches her '05 greetings and good wishes to her sisters.

We introduce Brother Charles Spencer Harper, of Demorest, Ga.

We note with due appreciation that we are rolling westward to reap, gather and maintain the choicest plants of Western society. With the foothold that we now have, surely we are booked for greater gains. The necessity of expansion seems to have imbedded itself in every member of *H. K. A.*, and most especially in our officers. Three cheers for the workers!

Base-ball practice has begun here at Tech., and we see many bright stars on the diamond. We have only five of our last year's team with us, but we hope to fill their places with better material. We have already scheduled about 25 games, so we must have a team to win all these. Most of these games will be played in Atlanta and in our own park, which, by the way, is almost completed. Rather than give the city several hundred dollars a year for the rent of a park, we decided to build one of our own. It will be large enough for any sport, and as well equipped as any of the city parks. It adjoins campus.

Best wishes for every *H.*

*C. M. McCord.*

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**ALPHA-EPSILON.***North Carolina A. and M. College.*

It is with genuine pleasure that Alpha-Epsilon again greets her sisters. While the days of our life have been few, yet in the spirit of our fraternity, in the spirit of *Φ. Φ. K. A.* we believe that we are old and it is in this spirit that we greet our many Brothers scattered throughout our beloved Southland.

We of Alpha-Epsilon realize full well that we are still but children in the great ranks of *H. K. A.* and that we are to

most of our brothers utter strangers, and so here we are going to give a brief history of ourselves in order that all may gain some idea of the manner of men we are.

Brother Park, '05, is First Lieutenant of the Band; Business Manager of "*Red and White*," the College Magazine; ex-President of Leazar Literary Society; Junior Debater of same, winning the undergraduate medal; Senior Orator of same.

Brother Wilson, '05, is President Leazar Literary Society; Junior Debater same; Senior Orator same; Associate Editor "*Red and White*"; Associate Editor "*The Agromerk*," the annual of the College; Class Poet, 1904-'05.

Brother Robertson, '06, is First Sergeant Company C.; Associate Editor "*Red and White*"; Secretary and Treasurer of Class 1902-'03; same 1903-'04; Class Historian 1904-'05; Marshal Pullen Literary Society; Editor-in-Chief "*The Agromerk*" for 1906.

Brother Morrison, '06, is Second Sergeant Company C.; Reviewing Editor of "*Agricultual Education*"; Marshal Leazar Literary Society.

Brother Hardison, '06, is First Sergeant of Band; soliciting Editor "*Agricultural Education*"; Commencement Marshal, 1904.

Brother Buys, '06, is one of the promising young Civil Engineers of the college.

These are the six men who banded themselves together in the early days of last November and enthusiastically set to work to add glory to the already glorious name of *H. K. A.*, and right well have they worked for now, instead of six, there are ten who are proud to wear the "*Shield and Diamond*." It is with great pleasure and gratification that we introduce to the general Fraternity the following four:

- A. E. Escott, '06, of Charlotte, N. C.
- Lawrence Jones, '07, of Raleigh, N. C.
- A. S. Dalton, '08, of Winston-Salem, N. C.
- J. K. Wilson, '08 of Baltimore, Md.

And now a word about our College. As its name indicates, it is an Industrial College and, like most of the

State Industrial Schools, is under military discipline, a U. S. Army Officer being detailed here as Commandant. Though but fifteen years old the College has already grown greater than its founders ever dreamed of, being now well equipped along all industrial lines and giving instruction to about 450 young men. And each year the enrollment is steadily increasing.

*S. N.* was established here in 1895 and now has a membership of 18. The *K. Σ.* came in in 1903; now numbers about 15. *K. A.* which entered the same year now has 10. So with 450 men, only about fifty of whom are divided among the four fraternities, it is quite evident that there is yet plenty of fraternity material, and it may be that we will have the pleasure of introducing one or two others before the close of the year.

It is with the hope that all enjoyed the holidays which have just passed and that all will enjoy a period of unexcelled prosperity during the next five months, that we close.

*Ronald B. Wilson.*

#### ***ALPHA-ZETA.***

*University of Arkansas.*

It gives us great pleasure to say that the "Owl Club," a local organization of the University, which has for some time been petitioning Sigma Nu, has secured its charter, and on the night of December 21st, 1904, were initiated into that fraternity. We feel that we have a special interest in this Chapter, for it was through the efforts of one of their men that our local Alpha Phi was organized, and it is indeed gratifying to us that another national has chosen to cast their lot with us, and especially one of the standing of Sigma Nu.

We wish to extend to this Chapter congratulations and best wishes, and hope that all relations between Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Nu will always be of the most amicable nature. We were glad to have with us for a few days after the holidays, Mr. Geo. C. Russell, of Joella, Arkansas. Mr. Russell was one of the founders of our lo-

cal, and had always been a worker for our advancement, therefore it gave us great pleasure to take him into our mystic circle and to introduce him to the horde of *H. K. A.*'s over our land. Besides Brother Russell, we take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large, C. F. brook, of Stamps, Arkansas, and John C. Ingle, of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Brother Glassbrook is spending his first year at the University, and has always done himself credit as a student. During the past season he played substitute end on the Varsity team, and we feel sure he will make the team next year, and will be a credit to Alpha-Zeta.

Brother Ingle is a son of one of our leading families of Fort Smith and we have secured a great worker for the cause. He played in the line of the second Varsity last season, and we believe he will be a star on the "Varsity Eleven."

Our foot-ball record for the past season was very unsatisfactory and it is rather with a feeling of relief than otherwise that Alpha-Zeta can say she was not directly represented on the team. Our Coach, Brown, of Syracuse, N. Y., was one of the best, and it was owing only to lack of material that made our team a losing proposition.

In base-ball we are looking forward to a good team and schedule. Our last year's record, in which, we are glad to say, Brother Trigg played such an important part, was good. Two or more of Alpha-Zeta will be given a "try-out" on the team. It has been rumored that a series has been obtained with Texas, Missouri, Kansas and Vanderbilt. With these games in view, our team will get to work early, so as to be ready for the conflict.

Of the thirteen men initiated by Alpha-Zeta, nine are in college and the other four are at work, with the intention of returning to college as soon as possible.

The following are in the Literary and Engineering branches of the University:

Brothers Parker, Reinberger, Davis, Thompson, Smith, Blackwood, Ingle, Glassbrook and Fuhrman,

Brother Boles, whose home is in Fayetteville, is working for his father and is an active member of the Chapter.

Brother Trigg is working in McCurtain, I. T.

Brother Russell is working for his father at Joella, Arkansas.

Brother Byrne is at present at his home, Luna Landing, Arkansas, but expects to soon go to work in Pine Bluff or Mississippi.

As to expansion, we have to report that we are now working hard, and hope to be able in the near future, to report several new Chapters.

The fraternity situation in the college is now at its climax. In the next few weeks our State Legislature will decide whether or not fraternities will be allowed to live in the University. The present has been one of the hardest fights which we have ever been through, and we believe if we win out in this we will be disturbed no more.

With five fraternities, *K. Σ.*, *Σ. A. E.*, *K. A.*, *Σ. N.* and *H. K. A.*, two sororities, *X. Ω.* and *Z. T. A.*, and three locals, Indian Club, *A. Z. Φ.* and *K. Θ.*, we have every cause to believe that our banner will waive triumphant over the flag of "Barbarism."

We hope that in the near future we shall meet at the Convention our brother *H.*'s, several of those who are now strangers to us.

*W. S. Fuhrman.*

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#### ***ALPHA-ETA.***

*University of Florida.*

Our examinations are not worrying us, for we have made the best, or as good records, that have been made in school this year.

Sometime since the English Professor was called upon to recommend students from the various classes to serve on the Editor's staff of the College Magazine and out of eleven recommended five were *H.*'s.

Every member of our Chapter has returned except Brother Townsend, who has been ill, but is now recuperating.

I understand Brothers Teague, Brown and Hall will be students at Cumberland next year.

At our last meeting Mr. G. T. Jerrald, of Lake City, Fla., was initiated.

Base-ball season will soon open and I think as in foot-ball we shall be well represented. Though we have nothing to boast of in foot-ball, I think we shall have a base-ball team second to none.

We regret to announce that the conduct of Mr. G. W. Basset made it necessary for us to expel him.

In conclusion, we extend best wishes to all Brother *II's*,

*J. S. Peters.*

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**ALPHA-THETA.**

*West Virginia University.*

Alpha-Theta takes great pleasure in sending her first letter. On Friday night, December 16, 1904, as has been already told, we were introduced to the mysteries of the *II. K. A.*

After the installation we retired to a dining hall, where awaited us a very refreshing and bountiful repast.

On December 17, one by one, after many congratulations from our fellow-students, we departed for our homes to spend the holidays with our friends; but never forgetting our duties and pleasures which were bestowed upon us on that memorable night of December 16.

All of our men are again in school and seven of the charter members and five pledges are very comfortably situated in our chapter house.

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

- R. McV. Drane, Piedmont, W. Va., B. S. C. E. '07.
- C. M. Hanna, Charleston, W. Va., Special.
- A. B. Arnold, Piedmont, W. Va., Law, '06.
- A. L. Lohm, Grafton, W. Va., Law, '06.
- A. F. Staubly, Martinsburg, W. Va., Law, '06.
- A. H. Foreman, Morgantown, W. Va., B. S. M. E., '06.
- W. T. Owens, Clarksburg, W. Va., Medicine, '08.
- F. A. Parsons, Piedmont, W. Va., Medicine, '08.
- C. M. Seibert, Martinsburg, W. Va., Law, '05.

Two pledges have conditions worked off and will be initiated in the near future.

The *I.I. K. A.* is the third fraternity to enter the West Virginia University within the past year and a far more friendly feeling is exhibited towards us by the older fraternity men than towards the other baby fraternities. The fact that we have started on such a solid basis has hushed all adverse criticism.

The social life in the University is very much developed. There are now ten fraternities and three sororities. It is well known that all new organizations of this kind have their ups and downs, but we feel sure that in the near future the *I.I.*'s will be able to hold up their end.

Alpha-Theta wishes to thank Brother Bowman, to whom we are indebted for the installation of our Chapter.

Any of our Brothers who, by chance, may come to Morgantown, will be heartily welcomed by the Alpha-Theta Chapter.

With best wishes to our sister Chapters, we close.

*C. M. Seibert*

## The Pi's.

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In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to J. R. WILLIAMSON, Culleoka, Tenn., *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.

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—The General Office has received the following invitation, and wishes our Brother from Theta and his fair bride a long life of happiness:

Mr. Zachary T. Henderson  
announces the marriage of his daughter  
Marie Florestyne  
to  
Dr. John Marcus Koelle,  
which will be solemnized at the  
Second German Presbyterian Church,  
Allen and Claiborne Streets,  
New Orleans, La.,  
Wednesday evening, January eighteenth,  
nineteen hundred and five,  
six o'clock.

—Rev. R. L. Telford, D. D., who is President of the Lewisburg Female Institute, Lewisburg, W. Va., and has rendered such valuable services in the education of young ladies and brought his Institute to the forefront as one of the leading Colleges of the South, writes us, "I congratulate you on the good work done for the Fraternity, and especially for the marked improvement in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND." Brother Telford is also President of the First National Bank of Ronceverte, W. Va., which has a capital of \$50,000.00 and surplus of \$20,000.00. Few men are better known throughout West Virginia and the South generally, than this talented Brother of Iota.

—W. O. Shepherd, *II.*, who graduated from Washington and Lee in 1900, entered the Medical College of Richmond, Va., the next year, from which Institution he took his M. D. with the highest honor, viz: The appointment to Bellevue Hospital, New York City. While pursuing his studies at the Medical College, he filled the chair as Professor in "The Woman's College of Richmond, Va." He has recently begun the practice of his profession at Williamson, W. Va. The best wishes of the Fraternity will follow him in his life's work.

—Parks M. Lafferty, Beta is located at Concord, N. C., in the drug business, and is making an enviable reputation for himself.

—"A History of Presbyterianism in Nashville" has been compiled by Rev. William States Jacobs, with the assistance of Dr. J. H. McNeilly. The volume is arranged in attractive form and contains cuts of every Presbyterian church in the city, together with photos of all the present pastors and most of the former pastors of these churches. Copies of this publication will be distributed to the Presbyterians of the city. Brother Jacobs is well known throughout the Fraternity and is one of a number of brilliant Alumni of our Nu Chapter who are making such a mark for themselves.

—Dr. James Morgan Minter, Chi, is practicing his profession in Washington, D. C., his address being 938 K. street, N. W. A visiting Brother writes us, "He is one of the most loyal Pi's I ever met, and a magnificent fellow."

—J. B. Spruance, Upsilon, is the resident agent of Glens Falls Insurance Company at Sheffield, Ala. He will be glad to see any Pi's who come to that section.

—E. B. Cooper, Alpha-Beta, is one of the teachers in the Mooney School, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Our Brother, U. D. Mooney of Theta, is the head master of this college, the reputation of which is not confined within the limits of Tennessee.

—F. S. McCandlish, is Private Secretary to Congressman W. O. Jones, of Virginia, at the National Capital. His home address is 1709 Q street. This Brother established Omicron Chapter at Richmond, and has always been a very active and loyal Pi.

—E. L. Bemiss, who was initiated into Alpha in 1876, is probably one of the best known of our Alumni. After leaving the University of Virginia, he taught for years at the University of Louisiana, now Tulane University of New Orleans. In 1886 he became interested in electrical industries, and has been connected in various capacities with a number of them in various parts of the country. He lived in New Orleans up to 1898, when he removed to Richmond, Va., and since 1903, has been a member of the well known firm of John L. Williams & Sons, bankers and promoters. He has always remained a loyal Pi and regular subscriber to the Magazine.

—Brothers R. H. Willis and W. T. Tyler, to whom Omicron owes so much, have formed partnership for the practice of law at Buena Vista, Va., January 1st, under the firm name of Willis & Tyler. Both of these young Brothers graduated with brilliant honors, and we know will make a success of their work. Best wishes to them.

—Hon. James Alston Cabell, Alpha, of Richmond, Va., has recently announced himself a candidate for the office of Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, and has received the enthusiastic support of all Pi's in this, our mother State. Brother Cabell has been prominent as a lawyer in his native city for many years, and we know will ably fill the position he seeks.

—Geo. W. Fraser, Theta, Crowley, La., writes the General Office, "I am overjoyed to hear of the growth of our Order, and gladly send money order for my subscription. Though I have not had the pleasure of even meeting a Brother for nearly five years, I am still a *H.* first, last and all the time. I trust the Fraternity will have a prosperous year." These good wishes are certainly reciprocated to

our Brother, and we hope he will join us at the next Convention where he will be able to meet a large number of the wearers of the *Old Gold and Garnet*.

—Rev. S. C. Byrd, Xi, who is well known throughout South Carolina, is now located at Winnsboro, S. C., the pastor of Zion Church.

—J. W. Garrow and his brother, H. W. Garrow, Jr., of II., are located at Houston, Texas, with their father in the cotton business. Milby Porter of the same Chapter, is also in that city, and we hope very soon to report an Alumnus Chapter as the result of their efforts.

—Hugh M. McAllister, Iota, Ex-Deputy Grand Treasurer, is now located at Covington, Va., as the Secretary and Treasurer of the two firms Julian R. McAllister & Co., General Merchandise, and McAllister Hardware & Furniture Co. Thus it will be seen that our Brother's time is very completely occupied, and we know that all the Pi's will wish him continued success and prosperity,

—F. S. Wray, Tau, has been very successful in farming near Shelby, N. C. He writes the General Office, "I am very proud of the rapid progress of II. K. A., and wish I was in a position to help the good work more than by taking the Magazine."

—The following from "*The Richmond News-Leader*," concerns an Alumnus of Pi Chapter:

"Lieutenant Charles M. Blackford, Sixth Infantry, United States Army, and Miss Clara L. Thompson, of Andover, Mass., will be married early in February. Lieutenant Blackford is the son of Dr. Benjamin Blackford, of Staunton, Superintendent of the Western State Hospital. He is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, has made a fine record in the army, and is a young officer of great promise. His regiment has just been ordered to duty in the Philippines, and he will sail with the command from San Francisco about March 1, 1905."

Best wishes and congratulations are extended on behalf of the Fraternity.

—Alton S. Ham, D. D. S., Psi, is located at McDo-

nough, Ga., and has been very successful in the practice of dentistry. His office hours are from 7 to 12 A. M. and from 1 to 5 P. M. Brother Ham writes, "My best wishes for anything that pertains to the upbuilding of *I. K. A.* in our Southern Colleges. While not in a position to be a very active member, I can assure you I have its every interest at heart."

—The General Office had the pleasure of seeing Brother R. T. Gillespie, Beta, during a business trip in the interest of Davidson College, January 18th and 19th. This Brother speaks enthusiastically of Beta and Alpha-Epsilon; the latter he has recently visited. *I. K. A.* certainly has a splendid set of fellows in North Carolina of which this Brother is a leading representative. As is well known, Beta has a beautiful Chapter hall, and it would pay any Pi to take the trip up from Charlotte to see it.

—Thos. A. Caufield, Theta, whose name is so well known in connection with his Brother's as the originators of the "Caufield Plan," which many years ago saved the Fraternity from financial embarrassment, is one of the most brilliant officials in McLennan county, Texas. He has filled the position of County Clerk since 1900, having been re-elected twice and now entering his third term. The County Judge in addressing the officers on an occasion of their taking oath December 16th, 1904, said:

"You have done your duty as County Clerk, Mr. Caufield. You have done your whole duty, and done it well. I have been familiar with the affairs of McLennan county for over thirty years. I give it as my opinion that the county has never had a more faithful County Clerk than you have been. I go further, and say that to my thinking you are the most efficient, the most capable clerk this county has ever had. I say this unsolicited and frankly, because I feel you deserve it. I wish you well, Mr. Caufield."

When Judge Gerald ceased, one by one the commissioners spoke up, endorsing what he had said. It was an expression any man might have been proud to hear of himself, and no wonder Tom Caufield looked gratified.

In another part of the interesting ceremony at the Court-

house, a list of securities of the County Clerk is mentioned, the total being \$167,555.96. Brother Caufield writes in renewing his subscription, "I have been greatly gratified at the growth and prosperity of the Fraternity. The Magazine has contributed more than any other thing to its upbuilding, and I take this opportunity of congratulating you on the good work it has done."

—J. A. Lanford, Upsilon, who is completing his studies in medicine in Mobile, Ala., from which College he will graduate in April, has taken a very high stand, and upheld his previous record at Auburn. He will be glad to see any Pi's passing in that section.

R. E. Cline, Tau, has just taken the position of head bookkeeper for the Cannon & Fetzer Co., wholesale merchants and cotton buyers at Concord, N. C. This is one of the largest wholesale houses in the State, and our Brother has been with them two years as assistant bookkeeper, just having been promoted to his present important position. We wish him continued success.

—John D. Langston, Alpha-Alpha, who is located at Mt. Olive, N. C., is very anxious to get the names and addresses of any *H.s* in Colorado. His brother is going to Denver for his health, and we will be glad if this information would be furnished our Brother by anyone having it.

—Oscar Swineford, Theta, says: "Glad to know the Fraternity is forging ahead, and with all of its Chapters, should be getting in good shape." This enthusiastic Brother is one of the best known insurance men of the South. He represents the Equitable of New York, having a large number of sub-agents under him. He is probably one of the busiest men in the very busy city of Richmond, but he is never too busy to stop and talk to a *H.* about his Fraternity.

—The General Office has received a copy of "The Buford Expedition to Kansas," by Walter Lynwood Fleming, the same being published by the Alabama Historical Society of Montgomery, Ala. This article is a very exten-

sive one, the list of authorities which were consulted in its preparation numbering thirty-eight. In the same publication is the following interesting sketch of Brother Fleming, prepared by the editor of the Historical Society:

"Walter Lynwood Fleming, born April 8, 1874, at Brumidge, Pike County, Alabama, is the son of William LeRoy and Mary (*Edwards*) Fleming. He graduated with the degree of B. S. from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1896, and received the degree of M. S. in 1897. After graduation he was elected assistant in English and mathematics, and later assistant librarian. On May 1, 1898, he enlisted in the 2nd Alabama volunteer infantry, and was made first sergeant of Company "H;" in July, 1898, promoted to second lieutenant of Company "A," 3rd Alabama volunteer infantry, and in January, 1899, detailed by General Frank as quartermaster of the 2nd division 4th army corps field hospital. After being mustered out he returned to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute as assistant librarian. In 1900 he entered Columbia University in the City of New York, and in 1901 took his degree of M. A. He will receive the degree of Ph. D. in 1904. After a year's service as lecturer in history in Columbia University, N. Y., he was elected to a professorship of history in West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va."

—D. J. Brimm, Theta, Ex. C. P. and Ex. G. H. C., the first one to occupy this latter position, and who did so much hard work for the Fraternity in years gone by, is still an enthusiastic *H*. He is located in Rock Hill, S. C., and is the Principal of a very large school, which we are informed is meeting with great success and becoming a power in the educational life of the State.

—J. S. Vaught, Alpha-Beta, who is the present head bookkeeper for the firm of M. J. L. Hoye's Son, general merchants at Newton, Miss., writes us most interestingly in renewing his subscription, as follows:

"This has been overlooked or I would have sent you this sooner. Have been kept rather busy since leaving College, and as a good many others, have let this important matter pass by. However, I have the same love for the Fraternity as when I was an active member, and if at any time I can be of any assistance to you, would be glad if you would let me know."

In regard to Alpha-Beta being revived, believe as soon as the College is moved to Shreveport this can be done without any

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trouble, and am going to work for this end. Had a talk with one of my old schoolmates a few days ago and learned that all the frats. there had returned their charters."

—“Rev. and Mrs. Willis Sherrard Wilson, Master David Gibson Wilson.” The card bearing the above and mailed at Marion, N. C., has reached one of the Pi friends. Congratulations. May David grow up to be as fine a man as his father.

—H. B. Munson, Alpha-Beta, is now located at Foreman, La., on his large farm and is making a great success. He is very anxious to assist in reviving his old Chapter and we think if he and Brother Vaught will just get together it will be speedily accomplished.

—Brother Hugh M. McAllister, our Ex-Deputy Grand Secretary, has resigned his position as Editor and Business Manager of the Hampton department of the “*Times-Herald*,” Newport News, Va., and has entered upon his new work as Secretary and Treasurer of the three large McAllister stores in his home town, Covington, Va.

—Dr. J. Alexander Arbuckle, Iota, who has been for two years, teacher of Physics and Physician in the Lewisburg, W. Va., Female Institute, has for two summers past been specializing in Richmond, will soon leave for New York for further advanced study and practice in his chosen line, and by July 1st will swing out his shingle in a promising West Virginia town, as Specialist in the diseases of eye, ear and throat. Dr. Arbuckle is brother of Prof. Howard Arbuckle, our honored C. P.

—Brother Frank Mann, Iota, a graduate of Hampden-Sidney, in 1903 and sub-professor there 1903-04, has been teaching at Miller-Manual Labor School, near Charlottesville, Va., since September last. His uncle and guardian, by the way, Judge William Hodges Mann, is one of the best known and most useful of Virginia’s public men, and is one of the three candidates for the nomination for Governor of Virginia.

—At Union Theological Seminary we have several very companionable *Pi's*—W. N. Scholl, of Theta, W. S. Patterson, and R. C. Deal of Beta, and T. W. Hooper, Jr., of Iota, as students, the three last named being in the Junior or first year class. We also have one member of the Faculty, Brother J. Gray McAllister, Iota, who after a year of service as Pastor of the Farmville, Va., Presbyterian Church, entered last September upon his work as Adjunct Professor of Hebrew and Oriental Literature in Union Seminary. Brother McAllister has recently been appointed by the Division Commander as Chaplain of the Virginia Division of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Brother Robert Webb, Iota, is making a place for himself in the world and a name for himself at the University of Virginia. After graduating from Hampden-Sidney with marked distinction, he entered upon special work at the University. He wrote an article on Colonial Virginia that captured the \$100 prize offered by the Colonial Dames for the best of such articles submitted to them and all this session at the University he has been doing the bulk of the teaching work in the department of Latin in the absence of Professor Fitzhugh. We have flanked him this time by securing this information from another Pi.

—The following from "*College Topics*" of the University of Virginia concerns one of Alpha's Brothers. Best wishes are extended to him.

A beautiful wedding was celebrated in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of Richmond, at 5.30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 25th, when Miss Lily Harrison Hill was given in marriage to Mr. Wilson Lawrence Smith of Charlottesville. The Rev. J. W. Morris of Leesburg Va., conducted the ceremonies. The groom was attended by Mr. William L. Hill, Jr.

Mr. Smith is an Alumnus of the University and a nephew of Professor Smith.

—The election of Brother John I. Armstrong, Nashville to the professorship of Moral Philosophy and Bible His-

tory in Hampden-Sidney College was not only a wise and happy selection—it was but another instance of the fact that our Pi's continue to hold their places among educators of youth. Professor Armstrong is doing, as we should expect, the work in his department and is, besides, making his influence tell for good on the life of the student body. Just at present, in addition to his regular college duties, he is editing the "Class Letters of 1894," the class in which he graduated at Hampden-Sidney.

## Editorial.

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IT IS NEEDLESS TO COMMENT upon the following pertinent remarks from one of our active Alumni on the subject of the Chapter letter department. It is earnestly hoped the Chapter correspondents will appreciate the spirit of this comment and that it will prove a new incentive to the more careful preparation of Chapter letters in future.

"Have you ever noticed how much alike are all the chapter letters? With one or two exceptions each letter begins and ends with some stock phrase, some trite and worn out expression. Some of them seem to have a prescribed form, so that writing a Chapter letter becomes the task of filling out blanks. The letters from the smaller colleges are generally filled with commonplaces, petty localisms and jokes that have no meaning outside of their College or Chapter. My remarks in my last letter were followed by a re-reading of some old magazines, resulting in the foregoing observations. I must admit that I found no source of pride in my own letters. But having been a Chapter correspondent, and one of the worst, I suppose I may make these remarks without being thought over critical. There are a number of letters that are pleasing exceptions, but if we are to be judged by our Chapter letters, all trite forms, all local jokes, all hints at the love affairs and escapades of the Brothers should be left out of the letters. Otherwise they smack too much of the country correspondent of the country newspaper. If necessary we might add a department for this stuff, called Chapter Locals. Even then I would advise that the simple news without any comment thereon be given."

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CONSIDERABLE COMMENT HAS BEEN caused by the new official receipts from the Grand Treasurer's office. They are printed in "Garnet" ink on "Old Gold" paper with the symbols of the Fraternity and make a very pretty souvenir. They are furnished all Brothers at the small

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cost of \$2.00 apiece and a subscription to the magazine is thrown in. Alumni are urged to obtain one of these souvenirs at once while the supply lasts. Return postage is paid on them by the General Office.

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OUR CORRESPONDENT FROM ALPHA gives us food for a good deal of thought in his letter herewith. Unquestionably he is correct as to our first duty being to strengthen those Chapters which we now have on the roll, putting them on a firmer basis and if possible helping them to build Chapter houses. By firmly establishing ourselves in the colleges in which we now have Chapters, we can then better present a strong front in our expansion work.

However, this duty to strengthen the Chapter must necessary rest upon the Chapter members themselves, and upon their members who have gone out of the Chapter Halls. The Supreme Council, of course, have charge of the general affairs, and while willing and ready to aid each Chapter in any way needed, they cannot understand the peculiar surroundings of each Chapter, unless such wants are made known. Each Chapter must therefore work for its own strengthening and upbuilding. Any plan which they have needing the general assistance of their fellow-members can be brought before the Convention and, as in previous instances, they will always receive a ready response.

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THE TIME OF THE CONVENTION is rapidly approaching and an official letter has been sent to each Chapter, laying before them the plan under which this 16th Annual Convention will be held, as well as the other features in accordance with resolutions adopted at the last Convention. The Chapter vote should be taken on each one of these matters and the result reported at once to the General Office.

There are a great many arrangements to be made before this Convention and Chapters should see that they do not delay at all their response to these letters.



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