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The dawning of a new year is generally the occasion of much stock taking and resolution making. Why should this not be the case in our Fraternal life? We think that it should; and so as the last sands are trickling through the glass, we sit down to see what we have done and what we have failed to do.

We know that Pi Kappa Alpha has made great strides to the front since the Atlanta Convention, and naturally the first question we put to ourselves is, have we, as a Chapter, made forward strides in proportion to the progress of the general Fraternity? Admitting that we have not, we resolve to "put to the more strength." If we are to continue putting new links in our chain we must make the old ones stronger.

This question in turn suggests another. If the constant improvement of each Chapter is necessary in order that the advance of the whole fraternity may continue, is it not just as essential that each member of each Chapter should, by his individual growth, stimulate the development? Have we grown as fraternal beings during the year just ending? After all the prosperity our cherished Order depends upon the character of the individuals who wear the *Shield and Diamond*.

Since our last letter, we have initiated Mr. Robert E. Law, of Elliott, S. C. He is one of our most promising freshmen. The work of our goat seems to be over for the year, but still we have a hope left us, and possibly our June letter will record its fruition. Our number of active members is now six, augmented by one in urbe. Brother James D. Fulp, of Fort Mill, will represent us at Chattanooga.

Our College is not doing much in base-ball, but our men are at the front of the team. Brother Lowell is Captain, Brother Fulp is manager, and the writer is holding down first base. We expect to be heard from on the diamond next season—our trouble this year is that several of our best players failed to matriculate within the required thirty days.

In conclusion, here's hoping that the Chattanooga Convention may eclipse all predecessors—and there's no doubt that it will.

E. L. Power.

NU.

Wofford College.

The base-ball season is now on and all are turned to that form of College amusement. We are not only looking for our College team to do great things for us, but the base-ball spirit is pervading the campus. The classes have organized teams, and besides the Young Men's Christian Association has organized a team and even a few independent teams are being formed. These teams of course will help the College team by giving practice and also by increasing ball spirit. The college team is one of the best the college has ever had, with a number of old ball men and a few valuable additions of new men. Having been for the past two months under rigid training, under the direction of Coach R. R. Brown, the team is expected to play a victorious series of games through the season. Nu is represented by Isom on first base, reminding one of the work of his elder Brother, B. W. Isom, who played first and lead batting list three years ago. Boyd, while not a player himself, has the pleasure of looking after the players in the capacity of student manager. These two shall be glad to find *U's* wherever they go to play, and with as many teams as possible of those who come to us.

On the third Monday night in February Brother Guilds appeared before a full house, as contestant for the orator's medal and also the honor of being representative in the State contest. He of course was at a disadvantage, being a Junior contesting against Seniors, and with that being the first speaker. While he fell a little short of winning the medal, he showed that he is a speaker of no mean order. He was very highly complimented for such a speech at his age. Everybody says he is sure for the next

one. We might say in passing that he received the most abundant and most beautiful flowers that were sent up.

We are looking forward to the Convention and sincerely hope that it may prove the best and largest in the Fraternity's history. Of course we are all delighted with the new additions to our roll of Chapters since the last Convention. May the good work still continue, with every *H.* doing his part.

J. W. Boyd.

OMICRON.

Richmond College.

The beautiful weather of the past month has been a great temptation for us to quit studying and roam in the forests among pleasant shades, but instead of freedom we have been "up against it" in spring examinations, and they were all we were looking for in the way of work. But we should not fail to mention the week's holiday following, during which time most of us went home to recuperate.

We are glad to note the growth of the Chapters and the increase of the members of the Chapters. Let our watchword be "Progress." But while we are growing in numbers, let us see to it that we grow in strength. Be careful that every man whom we shall honor with the badge of the *Shield and Diamond*, shall measure up in every respect.

The old maxim, "a chain is no stronger than its weakest link," should be remembered.

Looking back over the year behind us, I note the installation of several strong Chapters. We are growing as fast as it is safe for us to grow.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce Brother J. P. Snead, of Fork Union, Va. The night of February 8th will long be remembered by Brother Snead. He is showing up well as catcher on the base-ball team, and in him we have a good man.

As far as it is possible to judge, Omicron will have the following men on the team: Snead, catcher; Robertson, (Captain) center-field; Harwood, third base; Talman, short-

stop; and a chance of Ellis and J. B. Wright making a position.

Let us go to the Convention with the determination to work hard for the betterment of our beloved Fraternity. If we keep this in view we will accomplish great results.

Looking forward with great pleasure to the Convention,
Marion G. Willis, Jr.

PI.

Washington and Lee University.

We lay aside note books and thrust thoughts of examinations away from us for a moment, to give our associates in the bonds an opportunity for drawing a conclusion—the conclusion being that the Pi Chapter correspondent is an honest man in saying nothing of interest is taking place in the college circle.

Of course a base-ball enthusiast would differ from me, because the exceptional weather (as contrasted with the February blizzard), has brought out candidates in abundance for the regular team. The mantle of prophecy has not fallen upon me, and data concerning the teams at other colleges is not at my disposal; so I am unable to say just where our team will stand at the end of the season. But I hope you will find at least one of our men when the Washington and Lee team visits you, and that those of us not gifted in ball tossing, may have the pleasure of seeing many visiting brothers in contests here.

An announcement has just been made by President Denny, that Mr. Carnegie has promised to give the University fifty thousand dollars for a library building, provided another fifty thousand can be raised. We have had no statement as to the probability that the money will eventually come to us, but the energy with which the present administration attacks such problems, gives us good grounds for believing that the library will be built.

When our delegate reaches the Convention, we hope he can definitely announce that we will have a Chapter

house next year. A plan is now on foot that should materialize, yet the arrangement would suit us so thoroughly that we feel that no such good fortune will befall us.

Fraternally yours in the bonds,
W. Elliott Jones.

RHO.

Cumberland University.

Continued interest attends the spring work in Rho. We are now making preparations for our annual Chapter "Fish-Fry," which will be given on the Cumberland River early in May.

Rho is represented on Cumberland's base-ball team by Ashley, pitcher; Minton, fielder; Wakefield, first-base, and Cummings, pitcher. Cumberland has a strong schedule of twenty games with Cornell's first team, the Toledo professionals of Toledo, Ohio, and leading Southern college teams.

A life sized picture of deceased Brother Charles McClellan, who died in 1902, while a student of Cumberland University, has been given the Chapter by Mrs. C. M. McClellan, of Claremore, I. T., mother of the deceased. "Cherokee" Charlie was the most popular member that Rho has ever had.

I would like to say furthermore, of late the interest of our meetings is enlivened by the frequent visitations of some of our local alumni. Their presence and words of wisdom tend to stimulate our zeal in accomplishing great undertakings, and create a desire for uplifting the Chapter's past record. We as members, would like to make the interest in the future stronger than ever before, and also create an interest that can't ever die, for we desire to see more enthusiasm as the Chapter grows in years.

We are glad the Convention was made satisfactory to all Chapters, and we will send our men. It has not yet been determined how many, therefore we can't give names.

With best wishes and success to all, we close.

Paul C. Wakefield.

SIGMA.*Vanderbilt University.*

At this time we are looking forward to the Convention at Chattanooga. No better place of meeting could be imagined, and no doubt exists in our minds that this will be the most memorable Convention that *H. K. A.* has ever had. Sigma intends sending as many men as possible.

The base-ball season has opened. Vanderbilt has played only two College games. Her opponent, Cornell, winning both the scores of 10 to 6 and 3 to 0. The New Yorkers have a splendid team and proved to be a little too much for Vandy. The Medical Department closes the first of April and we lose Brother Morris Adam for the rest of the year. However, he will be with us again next year. Wishing success to the Convention, we close.

Geo. H. Brown.

TAU.*University of North Carolina.*

Once more spring is here. What a pity it doesn't make us feel that we are taking on new life like everything about us, instead of making us feel so lazy. But it is not right to let the weather have too great an influence upon us. Especially should we not allow it to make us less active along fraternity lines, at a time when the Convention is so near.

Tau has begun already to look out for the interests of the Chapter next year. We certainly have not begun too soon, for at a recent meeting the faculty of the University made the rule restricting the taking in of men by fraternities still more severe. By the present rule a man cannot join a frat. until after registration in his Sophomore year, and then he must have passed on twelve hours of his Freshman work. We think that this is a fine plan, for it does away with the wild rush that is made for new men when there is no restriction. But at the same time it is somewhat of a disadvantage to the small Chapter.

Our members are all desirous to establish our Chapter here on a firm basis. For the last year or two it has at times seemed that it could no longer exist, but we have always managed to pull through. But none of us are content to think of letting it have a mere existence in the future; we want something more and we are each determined to make it something more. There is no reason why we shouldn't have a good Chapter here,—the best in the State—for we have thriving Chapters all around us and Pi Kappa Alpha is now getting a firm foot-hold in North Carolina.

The prospect for a winning base-ball team at the University this season is good. We have played so far only two games and those with small schools, but this is enough to show that our team is improving rapidly and will meet the best Southern teams on an equal footing.

We will meet you at the Convention and talk over matters more fully.

Stuart G. Noble.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Since our last letter to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, we have initiated into the secrets of *H. K. A.* Mr. S. L. Greene, of Citronella, Ala., whom we introduce to the Fraternity at large, and commend him as worthy the honor he bears. We have another good man in view and hope by the next letter to introduce him as a Brother.

The members of Upsilon are exceedingly rejoiced over the spirit of expansion that seems to have taken possession of the Fraternity, and we, too, hope to be able soon to report the establishment of another Chapter, which we have in view. In addition to this, the prospects for still another seems auspicious.

As usual, Upsilon stands at the front rank in base-ball. There are on the team Brother L. B. Hall, Captain and second-baseman; Brother Lurton, catcher. Brother S. Hall

is Captain of the "scrubs." The team has already achieved some success, and without exaggeration, we may say that it is due to the energy and enthusiastic work of Brother Hall.

Basket-ball is still in its infancy at our college, but it has received great encouragement this year, and we predict that next year Auburn will be the champions of the South. Upsilon is represented here also, Brothers S. Hall and W. Hardie playing forward and guard, respectively.

Brother J. V. Denson has been selected by the Faculty as one of the Senior speakers at Commencement. We are expecting the coming Commencement to excel all others in the history of the college. Several distinguished persons have accepted invitations to be present, and the social features will be the most brilliant in years.

We sincerely hope that the coming Convention will be as successful as the one in Atlanta, and Upsilon will be well represented.

Upsilon extends best wishes to all her sister Chapters.

F. D Spruance.

PHI.

Roanoke College.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to the Fraternity at large Brother R. H. Clemner, of Middlebrook, Va., and a member of the Freshmen Class.

Our new record book has also been a source of very great pleasure in recalling to our minds memories of Brothers who have gone out from our Chapter hall in search for that which the world has in store for them.

In college circles base-ball is the all absorbing feature, and it was in our first game of the season, on March 30th, that Phi furnished her share of men for the team.

On the team of '05, Brother Bear is catching, Brother J. K. Bowman, second-base, Brother Strother is first in-

field and substitute, and your scribe is holding down first base.

It was hard luck, however, that the University of Virginia took the first game by the score of twelve to eleven. Errors, inexperience and the bad weather were responsible for our defeat, and we hope to turn the tables to-day in Roanoke city.

We also had the very great pleasure of having with us Brother Stanbly of Alpha-Theta, who is one of our charter members of our baby Chapter at the University.

Brother Stanbly is one of their pitchers, and will more than likely use his switch against Roanoke College to-day.

Roanoke has quite a good schedule this year, and will visit Gamma, Omicron and Pi, throughout the season.

Once more to fraternity matters, Phi is now making preparations for the Convention, and it is with great anticipation that our delegate will go to Chattanooga.

Wishing all of our Brothers much success in the remaining college year, and hoping to hear from many of you through our delegate at the Convention, I must close.

A. M. Bowman, Jr.

CHI.

University of the South.

Sewanee's long winter vacation is just at an end. Since the week before Christmas we have been scattered all over the South, from Tennessee to Texas, but to-night we are re-assembled—that is the ninety per cent. of academic Greeks—about our respective Chapter firesides. Even as I write, there floats across the campus the battle cries of Delta-Taus and Alpha-Taus, of Kappa-Sigs and Kappa-Alphas, and the martial airs of Phi Delta Thetas and Sigma Alpha Epsilons.

The fraternity material among the new students will be distributed among these seven fraternities, but so far there are very few eligible men, but more may turn up this week.

The principal rushes, however, will be made in July at the opening of the Trinity term.

Chi has eight old men back in the active work, and two alumni on the mountain. Brothers Pugh, Wood, Underwood, Coffin, Herrington, Frank, Pfaffle and Allen, together with the scribe, constitute the active force, while Rev. Brother Claiborne and Brother "Doc" Pfaffle are sympathetic and loyal helpers on the outside.

The enthusiasm of the Brothers has exerted itself, and of course been helped by attentions bestowed upon and received from the good Sisters of the Order, two of whom have shown themselves distinctively worthy of the *Shield and Diamond* which they wear. These are Miss Proudfit and Miss James of Memphis.

By this summer we hope to have completed our tennis court, which at present comes very appropriately under the head of "irregular and unfinished business." When this feature is added to our other advantages, we expect to have a thoroughly equipped place in which to amuse ourselves and entertain our friends.

E. Cecil Seaman.

PSI.

North Georgia Agricultural College.

Since the last issue we have succeeded in landing another man. In getting him we win one of the greatest victories of the year. Allow me to introduce to the Fraternity at large, William O. Hoyt, of Sumter, S. C. While we have gained this man we have lost Brother F. S. Harris, who was compelled to discontinue his course on account of business matters.

Now for a word on expansion. Among the renowned Colleges of Georgia Pi Kappa Alpha can boast of but two Chapters. I long to see the day when we shall have at least three more Chapters in this State, at Mercer, Emory and the University. While the conditions may not be

favorable for the establishment of a Chapter at present, let all of the Pi Kappa Alpha's of Georgia, who have the interests of the Fraternity at heart, go to work with a will to clear away these obstacles and then see Pi Kappa Alpha march gloriously to the front.

Hoping that the coming Convention will be the most successful in the history of the Fraternity, we close with wishes for our sister Chapters.

W. O. Matthews.

OMEGA.

Kentucky State College.

Since our last letter Omega has again lost two of her members. Brother Letton has been forced to cease his work on account of his eyes. Brother Ashbrook has returned home. He will leave soon for St. Louis, where he has recently accepted a position.

We are glad to have with us for a short time Brother Taylor of Zeta, who is pursuing a business course in Lexington.

We trust all the Chapters shall have a representation at the Convention. Omega wishes to get in touch with them.

H. L. Amoss.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

Trinity College.

I know of no better way to begin this letter, and one that gives me more pleasure, than by introducing to the Fraternity at large four new Brothers who were introduced into the mysteries of Pi Kappa Alpha on the night of February 4th last. They are indeed very strong men and worthy in every respect to furl the banner of Old Gold and Garnet. I would first introduce Brother E. R. Hines, of Florence, S. C., a loyal member of the '08 class, and is also a member of the Masons and Knights of Pythias lodges.

Next, Brother C. S. Pugh, of Wauchese, N. C., and a

member of the '08 class. He is a brother of our esteemed Brother, C. R. Pugh. Thirdly, Brother N. J. Boddie, of Durham, N. C., and is also an '08 man. He is a brother of our loyal Brother, F. S. Boddie, and will make us a loyal Pi, I feel safe in saying. Last, but by no means least, comes Brother L. B. Gibson, of Gibson, N. C., who is a member of the loyal class of 1906.

Base-ball is the topic of most discussion on the campus at present and, with Webb and Bradsher in the box, we will make it lively for any we should come in contact with. *H. K. A.* is represented by only one man on the team, that being Brother Webb, but he is indeed a strong one, holding the places of pitcher and third base.

Brother Arthur is First Assistant Manager, and is well suited for the honor.

We are looking forward with great interest to the approaching Convention and trust a full attendance will be present. Alpha-Alpha will be represented by Brother C. R. Pugh.

Brothers Daniels and N. J. Boddie, have been elected Marshals for the coming Commencement, making two *P. K. A.*'s out of six Marshals elected.

Alpha-Alpha sends greetings to all sister Chapters.

A. B. Stainback.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

Louisiana State University.

Alpha Gamma takes pleasure in introducing to the fraternity another member Brother Albert Sidney Johnson Hyde, who is not only a hearty worker in his class-room, but who will prove a diligent worker in the Fraternity.

Just at this time of year, the fraternities here are "on the boom," rushing most of the desirable "freshes" to the very utmost, and in some cases, there are, indeed some exceedingly hot contests,—not to the extent, however, that it is bitter rivalry, but just exciting enough to be interesting.

As spring has dawned upon us, many opportunities are now given to engage in out-door sports, and base-ball may be specially mentioned. On this account, our team has for the past three days played the Baton Rouge professionals of the Cotton State League, and it must be said, put up exciting, close and interesting games, being beaten, however, in all. This, as can be seen, is quite a helping agent to our team, giving it some much needed practice. We hope that our manager will schedule a few games with college teams on which *H. K. A.* is well represented, and that among these most will be played here.

From now on until the Convention, let every one be gathering up such points as can be advantageously argued, discussed, and perhaps agreed upon, and thus make his meeting among the most successful, and most beneficial of any that has heretofore been held.

We anticipate having a Chapter house soon—but not telling when it will materialize,—knowing as we do that a Chapter house is one of the essentials to the growing and welfare of any Fraternity.

Robert G. Tillery.

ALPHA-DELTA.

Georgia School of Technology.

Here at Tech. everyone is “boreing” hard for mid-term exams. Nothing has occurred beyond the ordinary, except the usual failures at exam. times.

Since our last letter Brother Lancon has left us, and we have thereby lost one of our best men. He leaves to accept a good position in Jacksonville, Fla. But we are able also to introduce Brother McKinney, our most recent “goat.” We expect a great deal from Brother McKinney, he being one of the best men in the Sub-apprentice Class.

We look forward to the Convention with pleasure, and indeed, it is almost a thing of the present. We were also pleased to note the place.

Our base-ball team is now hard at practice for our first game on April 8th, and we set great store by the team and Mr. Heisman, our coach. In the practice games with the Cleveland Americans, the team showed up well, better than one would suppose from a score of 8 to 2, however, and Mr. Heisman seemed to be well pleased with their work.

This is one of the seasons of the year when fraternities seem to be thinned by the vigorous exams. of our faculty, but from the present outlook, all of our flock seemed destined to pass exams. once more. We would also inform our sister Chapters of the illness of our Brother, J. D. Singer, who is very sick with appendicitis, and whom we lose probably until next October.

With this we extend our best wishes to our sister Chapters, and hope to meet a goodly number of delegates from each at the Convention.

John Z. Collier.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

North Carolina A. and M. College.

Alpha-Epsilon is steadily increasing in influence, and week by week growing more important in the life of the college, and among ourselves we are growing and broadening out in the spirit of the Fraternity. We are beginning to better understand and to more fully appreciate the beauty and sacredness of ties that bind us together, the principles which can lead only toward the right. So it is with joyous hearts that we again greet our many Brothers.

Base-ball is the chief topic of conversation these days, and so probably a few words about our team will not be amiss. We have a "winning" team and are confidently looking forward to a succession of victories. We regret that we have no men upon the team but nevertheless we are backing it to the finish.

In a recent public oratorical contest Brothers Park and R. B. Wilson took part and acquitted themselves with

credit, each receiving many compliments upon the excellence of his work.

The question as to the wisdom of initiating men during their Freshman year has come up for discussion before the various fraternities, and the majority of the fraternity men hold the opinion that it is an unwise thing to "rush" Freshmen during the early part of the year. As a result of this agitation it is now almost an assured fact that the faculty will rule that, beginning with next session, no Freshman shall be initiated into a fraternity until after the first of February. We are in hearty sympathy with this, believing that it will work for the best interests of both the Fraternity and the new men

Brother Park will represent us at the Convention in Chattanooga and is already telling us what an enjoyable time he is going to have. Some important questions will come before this Convention.

Ronald B. Wilson.

ALPHA-ZETA.

University of Arkansas.

There has not been much "goating" among the fraternities, especially among the *H. K. A.*'s. The *A. Z. Φ.*, a local, disbanded; the *E. A. Ξ.* succeeded in landing four, the *K. A.* one. But we take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large, Brother Hugh Carter, of Fayetteville. Brother Carter is a Sophomore C. E. and Lieutenant in the military department. We feel that we have added a man to the roll that will always be an honor to the Fraternity.

We regret very much to lose Brother Reinberger, who, on account of his father's illness, had to leave school about the time examinations began, and because he was absent so long, decided to remain out of school the rest of the year, and Blackwood had been ill for some time, so his guardian thought best for him to leave.

The base-ball team is practicing hard for the coming season. We are glad to say that one of our pledges has

made the team, and is considered one of the best men on the team. The first game will be played here on the 6th of April.

The *S. A. E.* gave a banquet in honor of their anniversary March 16th. Several of their alumni were present and all report a nice time.

The Freshmen gave a reception March 17th, which proved to be the best reception held this year.

The Legislature visited the University on March 3rd, to investigate the needs of the University, but hardly think they accomplished anything on account of the "frats." and "anti-frat." men. The cadets met them at the train in the morning, and had a dress parade in the afternoon. Free dinner was served at the dormitory. It seemed as our time in the University was short when the House voted 44 to 22 to abolish fraternities, but the bill has stopped in the Senate, and we have every cause to believe we are safe to say our life in the University of Arkansas is not as short as expected a few weeks ago.

We have had with us since our last letter, Brother Penick. We were all glad to greet him, and would be glad to have him call oftener.

One of our men has very good prospects of installing a Chapter in the near future. Hoping to see an account of it in this SHIELD AND DIAMOND, I close with best wishes to every Pi.

Arthur C. Parker.

ALPHA-ETA.

University of Florida.

From the land of sunshine and flowers Alpha-Eta greets the sister Chapters, especially the baby. We greet you with all the fraternal love that we possess, which I fear is small, as we have not had the opportunity to come into close association with the fraternity-at-large, as we desire to do, on account of our distance for the other Chapters. We now hope that, through association with our delegate,



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"BREAK NOT THE ALABASTER BOX TOO LATE."

When death at last shall loose the silver cord
And broken is the golden bowl of life,
And spoken is the final farewell word,
And left behind the sin and sordid strife;
I would that none should grieve that I am gone,
No black-robed mourners gather round my bier,
Striving with words and vain tears to atone
For heartaches caused while I was with them here.
Love me while living, now, one kindly word,
One smile of sympathy on friendly face,
Is worth a hundred eulogies, deferred
Till with the silent dead I take my place:
The writing's written then and all the sands
Of life are run—the rest is in God's hands.

O. L. Shewmake, Gamma.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION.

Ex-Grand Secretary.

On April 25th, a little more than one year after the previous Convention, delegates and alumni met in Chattanooga, for the Sixteenth Annual Convention of The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. In many respects it was the most successful meeting in the history of the Fraternity.

The absence of our beloved Grand Treasurer, Robert Adger Smythe, of Charleston, S. C., was a universal source of regret. He is perhaps the most conversant fraternity man in the country, and one to whom Pi Kappa Alpha owes not only its present flourishing condition, but also its existence, largely. It was but natural, therefore, that there should be unanimous regret that his business affairs prevented his presence.

Other officers, also, to whom we owe so much, were unable to meet with us, but Dr. H. B. Arbuckle, so much beloved as Councilor Princeps and man, presided with firmness and kindness, and by his impartiality, as well as his personal magnetism, gained many new and lasting friends, who, with his old ones, regretted he was forced to resign on account of his many duties as Professor of Chemistry and Biology at Agnes Scott Institute.

Among the alumni present, Brother J. Graham Sale, who was elected Grand Historiographer, endeared himself to the Brothers by his great interest in the new Constitution that was adopted and his untiring work as chairman of the committee that re-drafted it. He showed himself to be familiar with his subject, yet he was most willing to accept what few changes were advised by the Convention, and none could fail to know that his heart was warmly devoted to the Fraternity and her interests.

The "*pro rata plan*" was successfully launched, and a better representation was the result—better than ever before. They were enthusiastic men, too, that gathered there from colleges in Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North

Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana, and they reported Chapter conditions prosperous, in the main, and an improvement over preceding years.

Three Chapters were not represented, out of twenty-nine, and the men who came would do honor to any fraternity. Pi Kappa Alpha may not have great wealth, she may have her Chapters in smaller colleges than some, she may be lacking in many things, we admit, but the men who were at Chattanooga this year were a band of Brothers and gentlemen worthy to wear the *shield and diamond*, or the badge of any other honor that may be conferred upon them in life. And they were wide awake to their fraternity's necessities and continued improvement, and cognizant of the fact that there is much yet to be done before their hopes shall be fulfilled; but they were grateful, too, that so much has been accomplished.

There were some differences, as there always are, in such gatherings; yet there was union and love and fellowship.

The Grand Officers reported a growth, marked and healthful. Five new Chapters were created during the previous year. All of the Chapters, with few exceptions, were stronger. It has been our policy to grow, both inwardly and outwardly. We have not striven for more Chapters, simply, though we have been by some, so charged, but we have grown in both respects, and realize that we must still develop. The watchword was *advancement along all lines*, and for this we shall strive and work, with a co-operation that has been growing greater for years. Perhaps the best financial report ever made was that sent in this year by the Grand Treasurer. Chapters have met their obligations. They have been more attentive to duties to their Fraternity, and with such conditions success must await us.

The Chattanooga Alumni, though few in numbers, were zealous in their efforts to help the meeting, and their kindness and hospitality will long be remembered.

The banquet, the responses to toasts, the tally-ho par-

ties, the songs, the new acquaintances, the new friendships formed, the flow of harmony and the fraternal affection, all caused the social side of this meeting to be both pleasant and helpful. Although the sessions of the Convention were full of work, yet, even here, there was always present an undercurrent of good cheer and brotherly love, such as is generally found among our Brothers.

As to what was done in the different sessions, "*Dagger and Key*" will give a detailed report. This should be read by every active member of the Fraternity. It would be well to read it in the Chapter hall, and discuss the different acts and resolutions of the Convention. It is almost necessary for our development that each member become familiar with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Fraternity and with the work done by the Convention. I beg, therefore, to urge this, and that it be done before the close of the present term, if possible.

The new officers, Arthur C. Jones, Grand Princeps, J. Graham Sale, Grand Historiographer, J. R. Williamson, Grand Secretary, and Robert A. Smythe, the re-elected Grand Treasurer, who now compose your Grand Council, will need the help and co-operation of every active man in the Fraternity, and this support, we trust, will be given them. They have entered upon their duties, and we know, from their past work, what they will do in the future. They will have the assistance and co-operation of the other officers, but they must have the Chapters in touch with them from the first.

"On to Richmond" will be our cry during the next two years, and is it too much so early to express the hope that there may there be present at least two delegates from every Chapter on the roll? Let us work and strive to make our present Chapters come up to our principles, and if there are other colleges we should enter—and there are—let us enter them, and the result will be what we hope for, a still larger fraternity.

For seven years in succession, I have attended the Conventions: Knoxville, Spartanburg, Charlotte, Norfolk,

Nashville, Atlanta and Chattanooga, but the greatest of these was Chattanooga.

*J. Pike Powers, Jr.,
Grand Chancellor.*

Grand Historiographer.

What were your impressions of the Convention? Well, there were many of them, too many to comment upon each in the short space I shall take, but nevertheless they exist, shall continue to exist for a long time, and I am glad I was there, and feel better for having been there. Don't you?

We were all, of course, impressed with the beauty of the city of Chattanooga and of its surroundings; with the beauty and grandeur of Lookout Mountain, with Chickamauga Park, with Missionary Ridge and their historical associations. In fact, I would gather from some of these "carrying-ones" of those who took the tally-ho ride, that many of us were particularly impressed with the beauty and charm, yes, even with the coquetry of the fair sex of Chattanooga, but now I have gone entirely without my jurisdiction and into that of our good lawyer Brother of Chattanooga, so I had better stop. And we were all very much impressed with the Incline up Lookout Mountain; so much so in fact, that it is said that one of our Brothers prayed very fervently all the way up, and our West Virginia Brother (not the writer, but that other West Virginian) found it necessary to hold on to "something" all the way down. (It might be well to note here that some of the Chattanooga girls were there at the time.)

Another favorable impression that all who were at this Convention must have, and it is one that was not peculiar to this Convention, but always has been and always will be incidental to a Pi Kappa Alpha Convention, was the character of the men who composed it. Those college boys from all our best institutions in the South; those boys, in whose veins flows the best blood of our South; those boys, whose manliness, whose behavior, whose inborn refinement and whose good fellowship necessarily made any

one think that there was a crowd composed of ideal fraternity men, the kind who make fraternities desirable and the very kind to wear the *Shield and Diamond*. They were there at Chattanooga. I could almost take each one separately, for each one impressed me forcibly, but I shall not. Only one shall I mention, and that is he who presided over us, whose patience and impartiality as a presiding officer demanded our respect and admiration, and whose gentleness and friendliness, whose very individuality won from each of us our love and affection. Many things about this Convention may be soon forgotten, but I do not believe a single member of that body will ever forget or ever cease to love our late Councilor Princeps, that ideal man, that grand and noble Pi, Dr. H. B. Arbuckle. What a loss to the Fraternity will be his retirement from the office he has so long and efficiently held!

This Convention was a business one, and its members were there to transact business—"rise to a point of information" and ask "Millsaps" if it was not.) I believe that in that respect it differed from many fraternity conventions of which I have heard. Its members were men, upon whom there rested a responsibility, and they were men who realized that responsibility and did their duty. Very few absences for any session was recorded. Everybody had a good time, but everybody worked, too, and I feel confident that for years to come the Fraternity will reap good effects from the labors performed at Chattanooga.

The most pleasant, as well as the most impressive thing about the Convention, however, was the true and loyal fraternity spirit which each man had towards the other.

I believe that, were this the only impression that was received at the Convention, that it was one that would have made every man who left that Convention proud of the fact that he was a Pi; proud that he had such Pi Brothers as those he met at Chattanooga, and proud to exert his energies for the continued prosperity of Pi Kappa Alpha.

J. Graham Sale.

Alpha.

There are times in the life of every man towards which he will always look with much feeling and great pleasure. One of those times inscribed in my memory will be the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the *H. K. A.* Fraternity. This meeting was composed of a body of young men, the best fellows of the dear Sunny Southland. Fellows with one great thought, one great interest and one great purpose, and that the advancement of our Fraternity. For earnestness in work, and sincerity of aims, no more successful gathering can be had.

From the first hour of meeting on Tuesday morning until the final parting on Thursday evening, did such a cordial spirit enthuse us all. *H. K. A.* Fraternity, surely you are to be congratulated as holding within your sacred vows such men as here represented your interests. Men such as these could only come from good Chapters. None others could secure them as initiates.

Well might I continue and describe the delegates and their work in detail, but a large space in my thoughts turn towards the Grand Officers. What a splendid body of men! Loyal, hard-working and true-blue, I boast of them the best of all. Active men of the Chapter, I would that you might come in touch with them! If we but knew the energy and zeal they are lending to our work, to our praises already high, there would be a mighty acclaim. We must never let them leave us, if we can by any means keep them. The only thing that occurred to mar our pleasure at Chattanooga, was when our beloved and honored Councilor Princeps, Brother H. B. Arbuckle, would not accept a re-election. We felt that had not the press of his private business affairs been so great he would not have asked us to let him go. He will help us when he can, and we shall not hesitate to call on him.

The thanks of the Fraternity at large are due to the Brothers of the Special Committee who drew up the new Constitution and By-Laws. Brother Graham Sale, its chairman, deserves especial mention. As a Grand Officer

we will get more good work from him. The new Constitution is, I believe, a most excellent one.

The result of such a Convention is that the delegates have returned to their colleges with new fraternal fires in their breasts, and the Chapters must share in their enthusiasm.

And now for the next great gathering two years hence. May it be more successful even than the last! Let it be the greatest in the history of *H. K. A.*

Alpha bears for its motto: "Continued health and prosperity to the Fraternity, its Grand Officers and men, and 'on to Richmond in 1907.'"

C. Vernon Spratley.

Beta.

The first impression is that every Pi ought to be at Richmond, and make that the finest gathering of Pi Kaps that we have ever had.

To be a Pi Kappa Alpha is a great thing. Yet one doesn't realize to the fullest what he belongs to until he attends one of its Conventions. Then he meets representatives of many colleges, and Brothers from all over the South, and a fine crowd of fellows it is. The bond of good-fellowship and friendship made a most lasting and most pleasant impression on me. We got to Chattanooga Monday and Tuesday, all perfect strangers to each other, but after the meetings, the loafing together in the lobby, and especially after the tally-ho ride to see the sights, we felt as if we had known each other for years.

To meet and know our Grand Officers, was one of the greatest pleasures. So long as the Fraternity is in such hands, we need have no fear for its safety. It was a great disappointment to all present that more of them were not there, and especially anxious was everyone to have Brother Smythe with us.

The way that the boys got down to business and stuck to it, was remarkable. The attendance on the meetings was always full. I suppose none of us will forget the firey

debates, especially on expansion. One thing is certain, and that is, that Pi Kappa Alpha will not lack for orators in a few years if some of the brothers keep up their Convention oratory.

The tally-ho ride showed us some of the grandest and most beautiful scenery in the country, and it is well worth a trip to see the views from Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain.

T. L. Moore, Jr.

Kappa.

It was a great success in every way. It has been my pleasure to attend a number of conventions of various kinds, but this was without exception the greatest of them all. For uprightness and character, cleanness of words and general straightforward, upright college men, the old aristocratic, noble *Π. Κ. Α.* Fraternity of our glorious Southland holds a high rank in every way. We have the brightest outlook of any fraternity of which I have knowledge, and in the near future we will be recognized by all National Fraternities as one to be considered in any movement. The association with the grand fellows met at the Convention will be cause of many precious friendships that might never have otherwise been formed. It will always be remembered by me as one of the happiest periods of my life.

David S. Bromley.

Alpha-Delta.

The Convention was indeed a marked success and notable event in the annals of our Fraternity's proud history. There were assembled at this splendid meeting typical devotees of our cherished Order from every section of our glorious Southland, not only to attest by their presence the sincerity of their loyalty, but equally also to receive that unfailing impetus that always springs spontaneously out of such noble and inspiring gatherings.

The loyal sons of old Carolina grasped with fraternal love and fellowship the hand of the sturdy Texan, and the

same cordial relation manifested itself between the boys of Virginia and the stalwart members from the Land of the Everglades.

One must speak unrestrainedly of the social feature of the banquet. All the appointments in this connection were of the most wholesome and appropriate character and lent a newer and more heroic zest to the enthusiasm of those who were so fortunate as to be present at the sparkling festal board. The witty and eloquent toasts that were given were especially apropos of the occasion and culminating in that last solemn toast "To Our Departed Brothers." This was beautifully pathetic, touching those tender human cords of affection and arousing anew in the bosom of all thoughtful followers of our *Old Gold and Garnet*, a better, purer and more substantial memory for the departed Brothers.

Summing the whole matter up, we had a glorious meeting and we are each indebted to Tennessee and her large-hearted Pi's for the welcome they extended us on this occasion.

Chas. S. Harper.

Mu.

When I arrived in Chattanooga I felt as though I were a stranger in a strange land.

But this feeling did not last long before Brother Jewitt Allin came up and gave me the grip and pinned a souvenir on me.

From that moment I felt as a new man. You could not turn around without seeing some good Brother ready and willing to thrill your very soul with that hearty grip of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

I was impressed very much with the character of the delegates. I never saw a more orderly set of fellows in my life.

Then I was more than pleased with the Grand Officers.

One could simply look into the face of our Past Grand Princeps and read his character. There are very few men

in this world who possess this supernatural quality, and he is one of the few.

Then our bachelor Brother could look you square in the face and make you wince under his glare.

Our new Grand Historiographer, too, is one of these undiscovered nuggets of gold. The way he remodeled our Constitution and By-Laws, showed that he had the interest of Pi Kappa Alpha at heart.

I could just go on this way and describe every Brother at the Convention and not say an evil word about any of them, but that would never do.

The only objectionable feature which I saw in the whole Convention was the absence of Brothers Smythe and Hughes and the resignation of Brother Arbuckle.

I am sure that every individual *H.* felt Brother Arbuckle's resignation sharply, and saw what a column of the Fraternity we were losing and how hard it would be for us to get another to fill it as well. But the Convention made a wise choice when they cast the mantle of Brother Arbuckle upon the shoulders of that loyal and true *H.*, Brother Jones. May he have as successful term in the next two years as Brother Arbuckle has had in the past.

I wish to thank all the Alumni for the deep interest which they took in the delegates and the hearty welcome which they gave us to their mountain city.

Let us all work and make the Convention of 1907 as successful, or more so in every respect as the Convention of 1905.

James D. Fulp.

Sigma.

I shall leave it for more fluent pens to tell of all the pleasure and profit of our recent Convention at Chattanooga. But there are two little matters that impressed me very forcibly, that I do want to call attention to briefly.

I noted with pride the immense amount of work there is in connection with the running of our fastly growing and already large Fraternity. The Grand Officers' reports showed that they were not only guiding and directing

affairs, but that they were doing an immense amount of detail work, which in nearly every instance—doubled by the failure of Chapters to respond promptly to a demand made upon them. These Grand Officers are all active and busy business men, who are doing the work of the Fraternity merely for the love they bear for it. The spirit that prompts each one of them is truly noble in every sense of the word. And it behooves us, as appreciative young gentlemen, to do everything within our power to aid them and to take at least a part of the burden of this detail work off of their shoulders. A half dozen letters to any Chapter should not be necessary, to get it's Chapter letter in time for publication. This incurs unnecessary expense as well as labor. Let each one of us, therefore, Brothers, see to it that our Chapter is prompt in every transaction with the headquarters. It is never harder to preform a task promptly than to keep neglecting it. And there is no reason why every one of us cannot be prompt in every thing, and I feel sure that if we should just one moment stop to think, we would realize this necessity; and in the future would govern ourselves accordingly.

I believe the cause of our failure in this particular is my next point, viz: the average member of the Fraternity has too small an idea of what the Fraternity really is—its purposes, plans, ideals and the amount of real labor necessary to carry out these, even in part. The average man loves his Chapter and is willing to work for it first, last and always, but he has no adequate knowledge or realization of the fact that he is actually a part of a Fraternity that is rapidly growing. He knows in a way that there are other Chapters off yonder somewhere, bearing the same name and using the same ceremonies, but does he as a rule feel that deep interest in the larger aims and broader undertakings of the Fraternity as a whole? This state of things, I believe, is due to the fact that so few of us attend our Conventions. The prime object of these Conventions, as I take it, is to bring us in more intimate touch with all the parts of our grand organiza-

tion and to give us an accurate knowledge of what is being done in every phase of its work. This contact with the Brothers, and gaining of information, both as to the success and failure of others, lends an inspiration and creates an enthusiasm such as nothing else can possibly do. And while it is good for a few to acquire this inspiration and enthusiasm, how much better would it be for many of us, yea even all of us, to imbibe it.

Let's improve here again, and send more men to the Conventions. Let it never occur that a single Chapter shall be without any representation. Then let us aid our Grand Officers to carry on the good work with ease and efficiency, and thus let us all unite together to learn of the successes and failures and aid in solving the problem of why successes were not grander ones and why failures occurred at all. This done, and I for one do not believe the South would be big enough for us in the course of a very few years.

Glenn W. Grier.

Alpha-Epsilon.

The one thing that impressed me most forcibly at the Chattanooga Convention was the kind of men I met there. When one has an opportunity of knowing and associating with such men, his Fraternity and its interests appeal to him more than ever.

It should be considered an exceptional privilege to be with the officers who conduct the affairs of *H. K. A.* To know them is to admire and respect them. Their reports show what valuable work they have done for us, and what care they have displayed in everything they did. To do so much simply for the love of their Fraternity is commendable in all of them.

There is no doubt that a convention arouses a man's fraternal enthusiasm. The Convention is really useful, to delegates particularly, and to every Chapter represented. The best thing that any Chapter can do towards further-

ing the Fraternity's interests, is to send its entire membership to Conventions.

After observing and experiencing the genial fellowship that prevailed at the 1905 Convention, I realize fully what a Fraternity means to a man, and I shall always look back with joy upon the 16th Convention.

John A. Park.

Eta.

I certainly have cause to congratulate myself in being chosen to the last grand Assembly. I would surely like to see the day in which it would be possible to have all the members of each Chapter present. The benefit received is unlimited and nothing can compare with it. One does not realize or comprehend what fraternity life really is, until he meets and is thrown in close and intimate contact with men whose sole purpose, whose ever-present thought and whose ultimate aim is to work for and uplift their dear old Frat. The enthusiasm and spirit, the general feeling of goodwill and fellowship, will long be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who gathered at this Convention, and there relating of their respective home Chapters interchanged ideas and purposes and recounted triumphs, and perhaps trials, of those who wore the Garnet and Gold.

Brother Arbuckle is a Pi of all Pi's. He has the Pi spirit as few of us have. I thought I loved my Frat., but my devotion dwindles down into mere insignificance in comparison with that of Brother Arbuckle. His report taught us many things and instilled us with a spirit and determination to go home and put in many hard "knocks" for old *H. K. A.*

Our Grand Secretary, J. Pike Powers, impressed us by his quiet dignity, unswerving purpose and genial smile. His report was very interesting and from him we learned of the flourishing condition of our finances.

Perhaps the greatest feature accomplished by the Convention was the new Constitution. For this we are greatly indebted to Brother J. G. Sale and his colleagues.

The reports of the different committees were gratifying, especially the report on Chapter books.

Before adjournment a place for the 1907 Assembly was selected. Hurrah for our next Assembly and we will surely let our cry be once more "On to Richmond." We will have a time when we will meet again and give that hearty old grip and cheerful word.

The work was over and the fun was to begin. What with the banquet, the trip to the old battle grounds and the excursion up Lookout Mountain, we all enjoyed a royal time. Brothers, let us all join in and give three lusty Pi cheers for Chattanooga, its Alumni and the Sixteenth Annual Convention.

S. E. Calougne.

Iota.

I find it a rather hard task to express my impressions of the Sixteenth Annual Convention in a short article, for there were so many lasting impressions made upon me.

Possibly the feature that struck me most of all was the perfect harmony with which the business was carried on. Notwithstanding the fact that the discussions were heated at times, there was never the slightest ill feeling.

Another thing, was the ease with which our Supreme Officers controlled the business meetings, and when it was learned that Brother Arbuckle could not serve us any longer as an officer, a gloom seemed to be cast over the entire crowd.

A whole volume might be written in praise of our new Constitution, but sufficeth it to say that the Convention adopted a Constitution of which the Fraternity ought to be justly proud.

The flourishing Chapter reports were enough to inspire anyone, and the rapid growth of the Fraternity was plainly manifested by the number of delegates present.

I should say that this Convention was an ideal one in every detail. A prettier and more historic place could hardly have been chosen for this Convention than Chattanooga, and I am sure that each one who participated in

the well planed excursion on the final day received lasting benefits.

The congeniality of the assembled delegates was another thing which impressed me very much. Although we were together only a short time, when we gave each other the farewell grip we felt as if we had known each other for years.

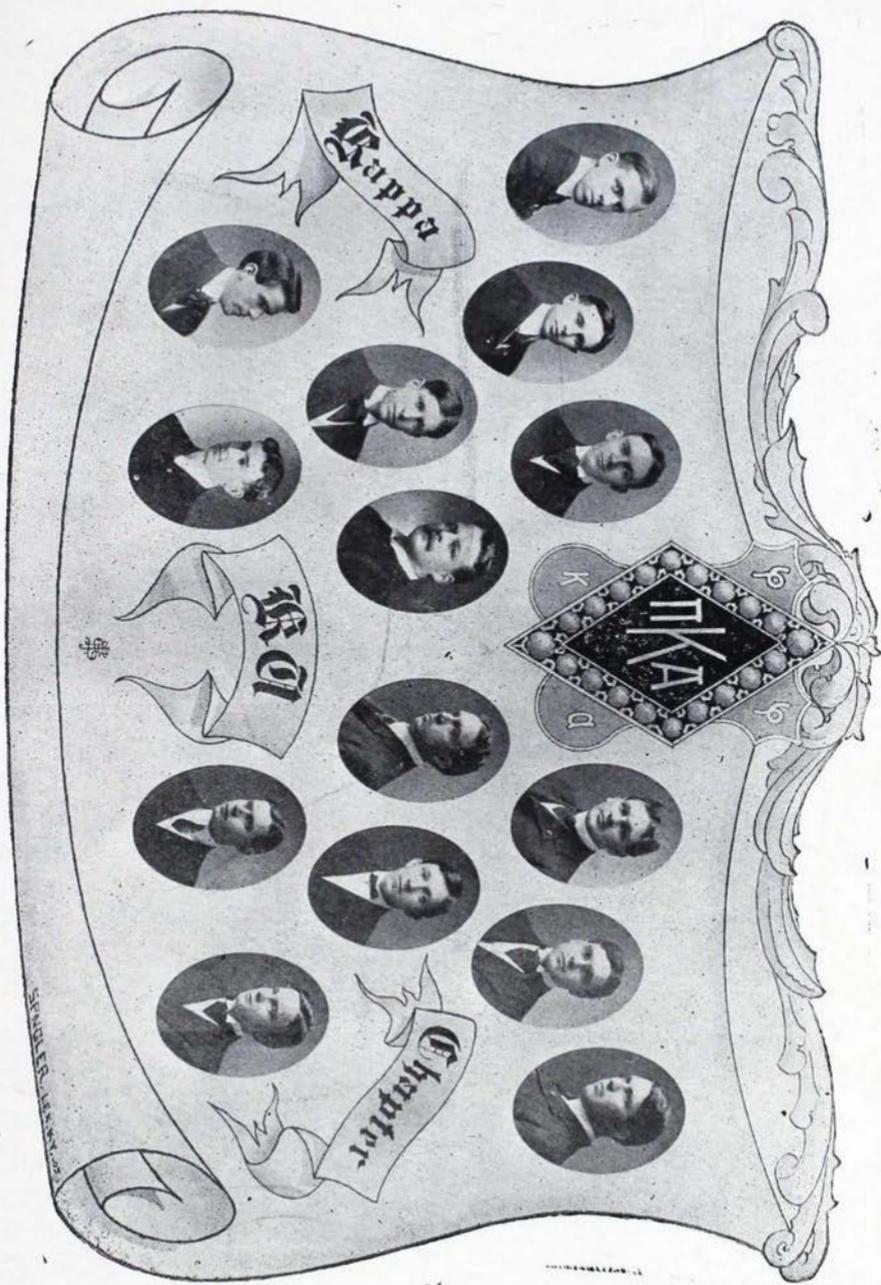
In closing, I wish to say that when the Convention meets in Richmond, Va., in 1907, that the Chapters of Virginia will endeavor to make it even a greater success than the one just held.

James M. Graham.

Nu.

For the past two years the Convention sketches in the June issue have been a most interesting feature of our Magazine. After having read these sketches and listened to verbal reports of a number of delegates, it was with eager anticipation that I looked forward to the Chattanooga Convention. And my every expectation was fully realized. I found out that these impressions of the Fraternity, gathered from its Conventions, have not been extravagant; but on the other hand, they have fallen short of expressing the fullness of the occasion.

Of course there were many interesting phases of the Convention. The greatest were the personal acquaintance with the Grand Officers and observing the harmonious working of the Fraternity at large as represented from the different fields. The singleness of purpose of the men was a very noticeable feature. All seem to work in unison for a common welfare. Besides these, there was the banquet with all of its jollity, the congenial mingling of Brother with Brother, and the delightful trip over Chattanooga, with its various places of natural and historical interest. And how could these places have been visited more pleasantly than with a good, jolly party of *H. K. A.*'s? While Chattanooga is not a *H. K. A.* city, there being no Chapter very near, it is with very pleasant memory indeed that we recall



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the few moments spent in Brother Allin's home, where we met his delightful family.

The intense zeal and earnestness of the Grand Officers surely will inspire anyone to give them the heartiest and staunchest support in all their undertakings, and thereby maintain, and even build higher, our present standard among fraternities. We cannot hope to surpass in all things, but we have some features of which we may be justly proud. To be sure the Grand Officers are not working alone. Every man in the Convention seemed fixed on doing everything possible for the best interests of the Fraternity at large. While there was difference of opinion on some points, and indeed, warm debates, it was all done with the utmost kindness and feeling. Each man wanted to do what the Convention should see best, instead of insisting that he was right and others wrong, as is so often the case in such discussions.

As a summary, I will just state that I think the value of a Convention in any *H. K. A's* college life cannot be overestimated.

May the good cause thrive, and may 1907 find us with another grand Convention, in some respects even better than the Chattanooga Convention.

J. W. Boyd.

Theta.

I was disappointed with one aspect of the Chattanooga Convention—that was the attendance. I hope that those who go to the Richmond Convention will find all of the Grand Officers present, as well as every Chapter well represented. Every one who was present at the recent Convention was very sorry not to be able to greet all of our officers. The delegates are due to become acquainted with those who have done so much for the cause of Pi Kappa Alpha. This is the only aspect of the Convention any one could possibly object to.

I was never thrown with a finer and more congenial set of fellows, everyone of whom I was proud to call Brother.

I thought I had just reason to be proud of my Fraternity after I had met so many fine men in Nashville two years ago. But I think the Chattanooga Convention could not be surpassed by a representation anywhere. It seemed like one grand congenial Chapter, where the flame of fraternity spirit was ever kept aglow in our hearts. There was no clanishness nor snobishness, but everything to make one grand and noble brotherhood. Congenial, because they were all men, men of purpose.

We are certainly to congratulate ourselves on the rapid and thorough progress with which each part of the business of the Convention was carried out by our officers. Never can a member of Pi Kappa Alpha realize how much interest our Grand Officers take in the Fraternity, until you have heard their reports read in the Convention hall. These reports mean more when they are read by each officer himself, and on this account, too, we regret the absence of several of the officers. I don't believe that we will ever be able to repay our officers who work incessantly and unselfishly for our good, for their service.

"Last, but not least," comes the time to thank the alumni who did all in their power to make our stay pleasant. I must say, that I hope that this trip to Chattanooga will not be my last, so pleasant was my stay made there. The trip to Chicamauga Park and over Missionary Ridge and also up Lookout, which were so well planned by the alumni, showed to some of us the grandest sights and views ever seen. They made impressions on us that will never die.

Now, before the end, one word more. Let every Pi help to make the Richmond Convention the grandest Convention ever known in our history. I am sure the Virginia boys will hold up the "rep." of their State for hospitality.

With wishes of success for every Pi, I close.

J. Gilman Reid.

Psi.

It was my pleasure to attend the Sixteenth Annual Convention at Chattanooga, Tenn., to meet the jolly *II. K. A.'s*

that were there, and a nobler body of young men were never gathered together—*The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity*. Men that were strangers to each other a few hours before were now seen talking as though they were old acquaintances. But they were more than this, they were wearers of the *Shield and Diamond*, which is enough to say of any man.

The reports made by the Grand Officers were very impressive, and could not help make every one present feel proud that we are governed by such a noble body of officers. The reports showed that the year just passed has been one of marvelous growth, and has never been exceeded by but few fraternities. The report made by Brother Arbuckle was a stimulus to every one present.

The business of the Convention was conducted in a most excellent manner. Every one seemed eager to do all that he could to forward the interests of Pi Kappa Alpha.

To the Alumni of Chattanooga we are greatly indebted. The tally-ho ride through Chickamauga Park and the trip on Lookout Mountain will always be remembered by those who participated, as the most pleasant features of the Convention. Then the banquet must not go unmentioned. With Brother Arbuckle as toastmaster and such men as Brother's Powers, Sale, Pugh, and others to reply, it would have been impossible for it to have been anything but a success.

To me the Convention was a great success and marks a new epoch in the growth and upbuilding of Pi Kappa Alpha.

W. O. Matthews.

Alpha-Alpha.

It is usually a task for me to write any of my deeper sentiments, and certainly to convey on paper my choicest impressions. But tasks are counted pleasures to a man who had the good fortune of attending the Sixteenth Annual Convention.

First, I would say "unutterable thanks" to that mind in which dawned the first conception of the pro-rating plan, which found Chattanooga to be the most central point for all the Chapters. Here we assembled in a mansioned valley, belted by a chain of mountains, on the summits of which rested pillowed marble, stone statues and granite shafts that marked the memory of martyred heroes. All this was a gratis gift to those in attendance.

Second, I would especially note the appearance of the men who assembled on that memorable occasion. Men from the cocoanut palms of Florida to the blue grass of Kentucky; from the prairies of the south-west central to the sea-girt isle of Roanoke, (N. C.,) all of whom bore the distinguished look of true blooded manhood. They were men in all reality; they met for a business purpose and they transacted business; they assembled to gain fraternal knowledge in order to impart it to others; they wished to strengthen each other by their congeniality of association and thereby give a strengthening stimuli to the fraternity at large. All this they certainly acquired.

Third, the universal spirit of brotherly love, as shown from member to member, whether a grand officer or a road conductor.

There were times in the Convention when the walls of the Southern Hotel parlors waxed hot with argument and heated discussion; but when one man's motion lost and the other man's motion won, all feeling of opposition was completely submerged in this stream of fraternalism.

We assembled as a body of men set to perform manly duties, and these duties were set aright by the thinking of some of the weightiest brains that have their adopted abode in Southern institutions.

We had there men in whose eye was the flash of an orator, and to exemplify it, there dangled from his watch pocket (whether or not he owned a watch) a shining medal won for debate or oratory. Men who anywhere would be singled out as scholars to carry the high standard of scholastic honors for "Old Gold and Garnet;" men who ranked

first in athletics and men who could hold the crowd in ecstatic rapture by their high sounding notes of music. We had men of all worthy places, representing all worthy positions and all standing for truth and right, honor and rectitude.

Then, brethren, one and all, with such a body of men making up the membership of Pi Kappa Alpha in the South, let us never tire in our onward march.

Let each in his immediate circle follow in his own small way the lessons which were impressed at the last Convention of dear old Pi Kappa Alpha. *C. R. Pugh.*

Omega.

It was my good fortune to be present at the Atlanta Convention last year, so the scenes were not entirely strange to me. In some respects the two were very similar, notably in the fraternal feeling shown among the delegates. Upon several occasions during the sessions, questions came before the body which caused a division among those present, and each side hotly championed its view of the question, but when the majority had voted one way or another, the minority cheerfully acquiesced in their decision and matters once more proceeded smoothly. Much of this smoothness was probably due to our efficient and beloved Councilor Princeps, Dr. Arbuckle, who, by his courtesy and tact, won all hearts. One of the most unwelcome things that came before the body was his resignation. Every one was sorry to hear his decision that, on account of very pressing private affairs, he could no longer continue as one of the Grand Council.

The reports of the Grand Officers and those of the several Chapters showed much internal and external growth, and were very, very encouraging. All of them are fully set forth in the *Dagger and Key*.

Last, but not least, comes the social side of the gathering. In this regard, I am sure, there are two things especially which will long be remembered pleasantly by all, the drive

to Chickamauga Park and the banquet. The first consisted of a drive over the historic battle-fields, embracing a dinner in the wood, the whole interspersed with song and laughter. On the second occasion, with Dr. Arbuckle as toastmaster, wit and good-fellowship reigned supreme. Many and varied were the toasts, all good, especially that of Brother Pugh, on the lovely theme "The *H. K. A.* Sisters." The whole program was spiced with songs rendered by a double quartette made up of members of various glee-clubs.

Taking the Convention as a whole, I think every delegate spent an enjoyable three days in Chattanooga, and will long remember them. Now, in 1907 let the slogan be "On to Richmond," and let us make it the greatest gathering in the annals of Pi Kappa Alpha.

M. W. Smith.

CONDITIONS EXISTING AT THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

The West Virginia University is situated in the Monongahela Valley, amidst towering hills which present to the view the ideal mountain scenery of the State of West Virginia, which has for its motto one which is exactly applicable to the locality "montani semper liberi." For the benefit of those of our brothers unacquainted with the situation existing at our institution, I beg leave to present these few and meager facts as well as I am capable of doing!

We well know that many think this to be a place composed entirely of, so to speak, "backwoodsmen," and it is partially in defense of this that I write this article. In the University men have been reared and sent out into the world who had, as has undoubtedly been proven, great powers, together with ability to apply them, which is so necessary to make these powers a success. Their achievements, when cast into the world to make a fight dependent entirely upon their own resources, prove, without further argument, the strength and character they possessed.

Without fear or favor I beg leave to make this statement and, as has been shown, it most certainly is not an exaggeration. "Some of the most prominent men of the United States to-day have sprung from the hills of the Mountain State and have been graduates of the Institution known as "The West Virginia University." Conditions here are constantly improving as the University increases in student body and expands in its various departments. There is, without any possible shadow of a doubt, as upright, morally as well as physically, strong set of men in this institution as exist in any institution of learning in our beloved South, yea, as well as in the world.

Of course, while we are not as well off in material riches as some Colleges and Universities, yet under the existing circumstances, we are making great strides in the direction of learning. At the present time, for the school year of 1905, we have reached the enrollment of 1090,—an increase over the enrollment of last year of just 99,—and there are still new names daily being added to our rolls. A new department has been added to our University, that of "Veterinary Science." Does this not show that we of the Mountain State are progressive and are bound to win in the struggle of placing the West Virginia University among the most powerful institutions of learning in our country? Think not, O brothers, that we are "uncouth and uncivilized" in these parts because we are nick-named "snake hunters," for in this you incur a great mistake. At the present the requirements for entering the colleges is above those of many of our sister Universities. No degrees are given in this University unless the requirements of admittance to the colleges are fulfilled and a full four year college course taken. There exist five divisions of college men—Freshman, Sophs., Juniors, Seniors and Specials. It is of the last that I wish to say a few words. By special student is meant, not one who registers under this name to escape requirements, but one who, having fulfilled the requirements, is desirous of taking only those subjects which directly apply to his course, in order that

he may, for pecuniary reasons, or for other personal reasons, complete his college work as soon as possible. These men receive no degrees. Summing up, we see that the future of our University is undoubtedly bright, and as its future brightens so does the future of our beloved Alpha Theta Chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity; for as the student body increases the men to chose from increase, and as the University becomes better known it naturally follows that better fraternity material will each term appear. The faculty here are wholly in favor of the existence of fraternities, and what can but be the results of such co-operation but that the Chapter will prosper.

Robert Mc Veigh Drane.

OUR MAGAZINE.

With a peculiar kind of interest and pleasure every Pi looks forward to the arrival of his SHIELD AND DIAMOND, eager to hear of the doings of his Brothers at other institutions. He reads the Magazine from cover to cover to hear of the spread of Pidom and the announcement of new wearers of our badge of honor. No other publication is of the same interest to him.

The Magazine has worked wonders with our Fraternity. By its instrumentality the Fraternity has broadened and grown. It has drawn together the separate Chapters and, as it were, welded them into one big Chapter. But Pi Kappa Alpha has not always had its Magazine. Those of us who have never experienced such a condition, cannot realize what that meant. To us the Magazine and the Fraternity are inseparable.

The establishment of a Magazine was the longest stride forward that Pi Kappa Alpha has ever taken, though at first it was small and unpretentious. But its course has ever been upward, each issue surpassing the preceding. This year's copies are, beyond doubt, the best that have yet been

gotten out, and is truly a thing of which we may justly be proud.

But we are unwilling to allow it to stay where it is now. Progress is yet to be made, and that progress will be due to us, the active members of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Our esteemed and beloved Editor is due all, or at least the greater part, of the honor for raising the Magazine to its present standard. He gives, and has given for years, much of his valuable time to the Magazine, and sometimes it would seem that he alone had to bear the burden of the work. Certainly his support has been poor. So, upon us then, Brothers, rests the responsibility of the advancement of the Magazine, and especially does this apply to those of us who have been chosen as Correspondents for the various Chapters. In this connection I have two suggestions to offer.

The first suggestion is to the Chapter Correspondents, and let me preface my remarks to them by saying that I realize my shortcomings and hope to have some suggestion in return from them. It is needless to say, as it is more than a twice-told tale, that we ought to have our articles in on time, and even ahead of time. This will save much work.

Chapter letters are, without doubt, the most interesting portion of a fraternity magazine. In them we see the life of each Chapter, and we should spend time on these letters and not merely jot down a few disconnected sentences after you have been written once or twice for the letter. We should put more thought on this matter and send in only matter of interest to the Fraternity at large. There seems to be a tendency in some of the letters towards jokes and hits on individual members. In my opinion this is to be deplored, for it is not only uninteresting to the Fraternity at large, but also tends to lower the standard of the Magazine. So, Brother Correspondents, let us turn over a new leaf and try to write more interesting, and at least in some cases, more dignified Chapter letters.

The other suggestion is this question—Are we not having too much expansion in our Contribution Department?

It is far from my intention to throw a damper on expansion, for I believe in it as heartily as any Pi. We are expanding and we are going to continue to expand. But by now every Pi, at least every active Pi, should have the idea of expansion in his brain and in his heart. Every issue of the Magazine contains an article on this subject, and sometimes articles, and of necessity there is much repetition. My idea is not to stop expansion, but to stop *writing* of expansion and instead *work* with all our energies for it.

The SHIELD AND DIAMOND is for the members of Pi Kappa Alpha, and it should be fitted to their need, but it must necessarily fall into the hands of outsiders, and whether that outsider be the exchange editor of another fraternity journal, or who, he will doubtless be struck by the everlasting cry of expansion. His first, and most natural conclusion, is that that fraternity is weak and is eager to strengthen itself by entering any opening. Nothing could be farther from the truth than these two assertions. We know that we are not weak, when we have twenty-eight active, wide awake Chapters in our limited territory. We know that our Supreme Council receives applications for charters, which are refused, but which would be granted were we working for mere numbers. An outsider knows nothing of all this. Some one will say that our Magazine is not for outsiders. That is true, but we should at least desire a good reputation as a fraternity, and nothing will be lost by a let-up on expansive literature. A good, strong, occasional piece on expansion will do more good than an ever recurring set of pieces. Expansion will not cease, it cannot for it is now in the heart of every loyal Pi.

Let us then all encourage in every way the upbuilding of the Magazine, and hold up our hard working editor's hands to the best of our ability, and we will have the honor of seeing not a good fraternity journal, but the best of them all.

J. Leon Moore, Jr.

THE STORM'S VICTORY.

[From Red and White.1]

The ship is rocking to and fro;
The waves lift high their crests;
The winds in fury howl and blow,
As o'er the sea they hum'ing go,
In wild and direful quests.

In furious battle, wind and waves,
Together clash and war;
To subdue the one, the other craves,
While each in greater fury raves,
As they approach the shore.

Now bright and sharp the lightning flash,
And deep the thunders roll.
Against the ship the waters dash
And try her noble sides to crash—
To crush her mast and pole.

Within is heard a mother's prayer,
A child in terror cries,
And every face shows sad despair.
There's only anguish pictured there;
There're only groans and sighs.

The ship has stood her battle well,
But now the storm succeeds;
Her sails are torn, and each huge swell
Sweeps o'er her deck a dark, death knell;
Defeat she now concedes.

The baby's cries are heard no more
And hushed the mother's prayer;
The ship in splinters on the shore,
Will never sail again; nevermore
The storms to brave and dare.

R., Alpha-Epsilon.

WHO MADE HER A II. SISTER?

“Oh! There is a *II. K. A.*”—were the words which half-smothered, timidly spoken, reached the ears of Gordon Glenn as he walked along the track in front of the depot just as the north-bound train came in. It was just a few days after the boys had gotten frat. caps in colors with the letters across the front. It was this cap that made him so easily recognized as a *II.* from a distance. Although the words were spoken in a low tone and not for his ears, but as the effect of a sudden impulse on seeing something familiar, he heard them, and looked up in the direction from which they came just in time to get a last glimpse into the pleasant face of a girl quickly turning in another direction. Although he did not have time to catch the expression of the face, he fixed the source of the utterance which had attracted his attention. On taking a few steps in that direction he realized that his would-be friend was a girl of singular attractiveness, with large, soft, brown eyes, smooth skin and hair almost jet, dressed in a cherry-red traveling suit. On catching her glance again he was inclined to smile. What would she do? Could she afford to spurn a would-be friend, and he showing her the only mark of friendship she had received since she left her home, then a hundred or so miles behind her? She hesitated a moment in thought, and then raising the lapel of her jacket, showing to him a *II. K. A.* badge. “My! she is pretty”—thought Gordon to himself as he hastened toward her putting his hand into his pocket for his card-case. As she dropped her card into his hand, he read “Miss Jessie Hughs.” Just then the train was pushed back on the side-track for the south-bound train to pass. So Gordon stepped inside the car and soon found himself again facing Miss Hughs; but it was easy now, the ice was broken. He soon found that her home was in the lower part of the State, and she was on her way to college in the adjoining State. In a few minutes the train was leaving and he had to tell her good-bye with a true

hope that he would see her again. Walking back to the college, he could think only of Miss Hughs. He knew several of his frat-mates in colleges in the State to which she had gone, and wondered with peculiar curiosity whose badge it could be, and considered him lucky indeed who had put it on her. He told the boys at his Chapter house about his incident, declaring that that was the luckiest cap he had ever worn.

In a few weeks his college magazine was published. He could not help sending one to the *II.* Sister whom he just met. In a few days he received a nice little note, and in a few weeks there came to him a magazine, which proved to be sent by her. He was very much elated over the fact that she had sent it, and sent her a rather lengthy note of thanks.

Near Christmas, when college boys and girls were beginning to go home, Gordon felt inclined to watch the trains going South. And he did not watch in vain, for on December 21st, one day before he was to go home, he saw Miss Hughs on her way home. The train stopped about ten minutes, but he was in the car as soon as it stopped and was much pleased to shake hands with the brown-eyed *II.* sister once more. Jealously he wished in his heart that she did not already wear a *II.* badge. He could not ask her whose it was, but he could and did ask the more general question how many *II.'s* she knew. To his disappointment she named quite a number, only two of whom he knew at all, and these two more by reputation than by personal acquaintance. He found out when she would go back and promised to come down to the depot to see her. Of course she would be glad to see him. The train's leaving parted them again and he cast a last sad glance as she waved her handkerchief, disappearing in the distance. He was sorry that she was gone, but sadder than that she already had on a *II.* badge.

The next spring brought a new idea to him: he would see her and also his own frat. mates while on a base-ball trip

up into that State. So he started on the trip, joyful over the fact that he would see her, but with nothing short of hatred in his heart for one of those fellows up there, whose badge she wore. He knew not which one, but suspected every one he saw and felt a delicacy in asking about her. But he did ask one or two, but to no avail; they had only a slight acquaintance with her. When he played ball in her town, she wore his colors. He was allowed to call on her at her college for a short time in the afternoon, and came away with a sad heart because she was already badged. When he returned to his college he described her to his fellows as having proven of late to be the nicest, most loyal *II*. sister he had ever seen, but did not intimate to them that he was sorry that she was already a *II*. when he met her.

Gordon Glenn graduated that summer and left that college town, almost hoping he would never see her again, but in his heart, craving to find her somewhere soon. He went immediately as night clerk for the summer in a hotel at a popular summer resort. In midsummer one afternoon his heart was rejoiced when he saw her alight from the train. Of course she was glad to see him again. To his discomfort he saw again the badge that he had once noticed with great pleasure. After seeing to the baggage and carrying her to the hotel, he went to his room where he swore to himself that he could not stand it, but determined at least to find out who was fortunate enough to own that badge. The next afternoon he carried her out to show her the springs, etc. They finally sat down just at sunset, on some grass on the hillside above the springs. He proposed that they had known each other for some time and hence could wish to know more about each other, *and so on*, until he finally asked, if she did not object to telling, who had made her a *II*, whose badge she wore. To his joy, both then and thereafter, he found her quite willing to tell him that it was her brother's badge, who had two years before finished a law course out in Louisiana.

J. W. Boyd, Nu.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

University of Virginia.

The close of another session is almost upon us. A few more days of toil, and the record of Alpha Chapter for the year 1904-'05 will be completed—a matter of history. With the closing scenes of this session comes to many of us the close of our active affiliation in the ranks of Pi Kappa Alpha.

From the time since we first entered upon our college lives if there has been one thought uppermost amid the conflicting ideas which bewilder the mind of the student, it has been of that day when we should be allowed to take our stand in the "world's broad field of battle" as men of affairs or as members of our chosen professions. In the seasons of gloom and despair we have hailed this thought with pleasure, but now with that eventful day almost upon us our pleasure is not unmixed with pain nor our rejoicings untinged with regret. As we stand on the brink of unknown and untried careers, and turn for a moment to look back upon our college lives, only the more pleasant scenes present themselves to our view. Not the least pleasant of these are the happy hours which, when the cares and burdens of student life had been forgotten, we have spent in our dear old Chapter halls and in the fellowship of the members of our beloved Fraternity. It is hard to realize that all this is to be so no more, and such thoughts as these mar the pleasure of the last few days of our college lives.

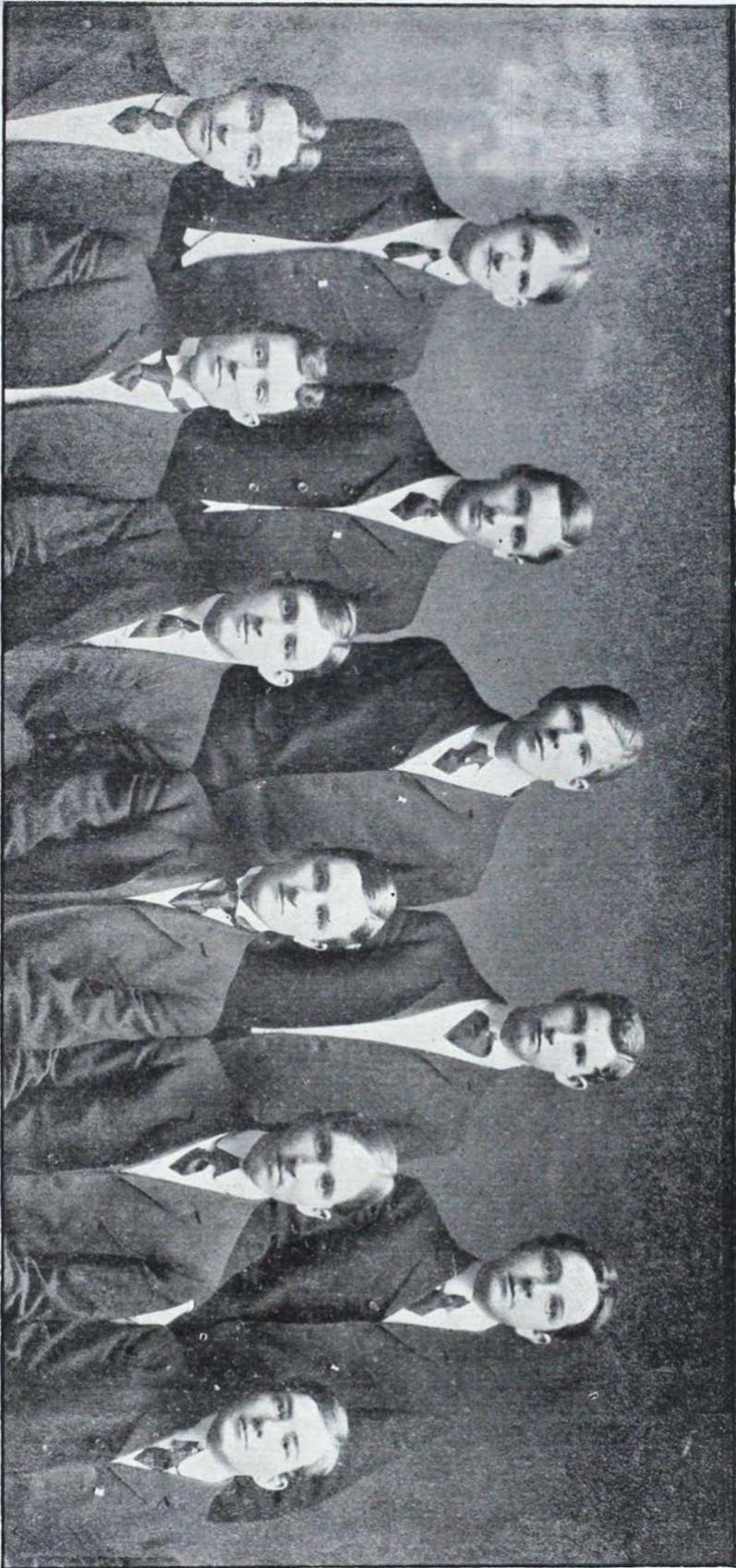
We may be pardoned, perhaps, for this remeniscent mood into which we have fallen when it is learned that for nearly half of our present Chapter the close of this session marks a turning point in our lives.

Walter S. Ferguson takes his M. D. this year and goes to his home town, Lynchburg, Va., to practice his profession. Chas. E. Conrad will begin the practice of medicine in Harrisonburg, Va. William A. Strother will be in the vicinity of the University of Virginia this summer. He takes his M. D. this year, but has not yet determined upon his permanent location. J. Peter Williams left us a few days ago to accept a position as a mining engineer and will be located for the summer in Williamsburg, Ky. John H. Downing goes to Front Royal, Va., to begin the practice of law. E. N. Fulton goes back to Bardstown, Ky., to practice law. Ben Hill Brown leaves us this year. He may be found in his office at Cowpens, S. C., where he expects to practice his profession. Your humble scribe will open his law office at Surry, Va., early in the summer. He will begin practicing as soon thereafter as he has an opportunity.

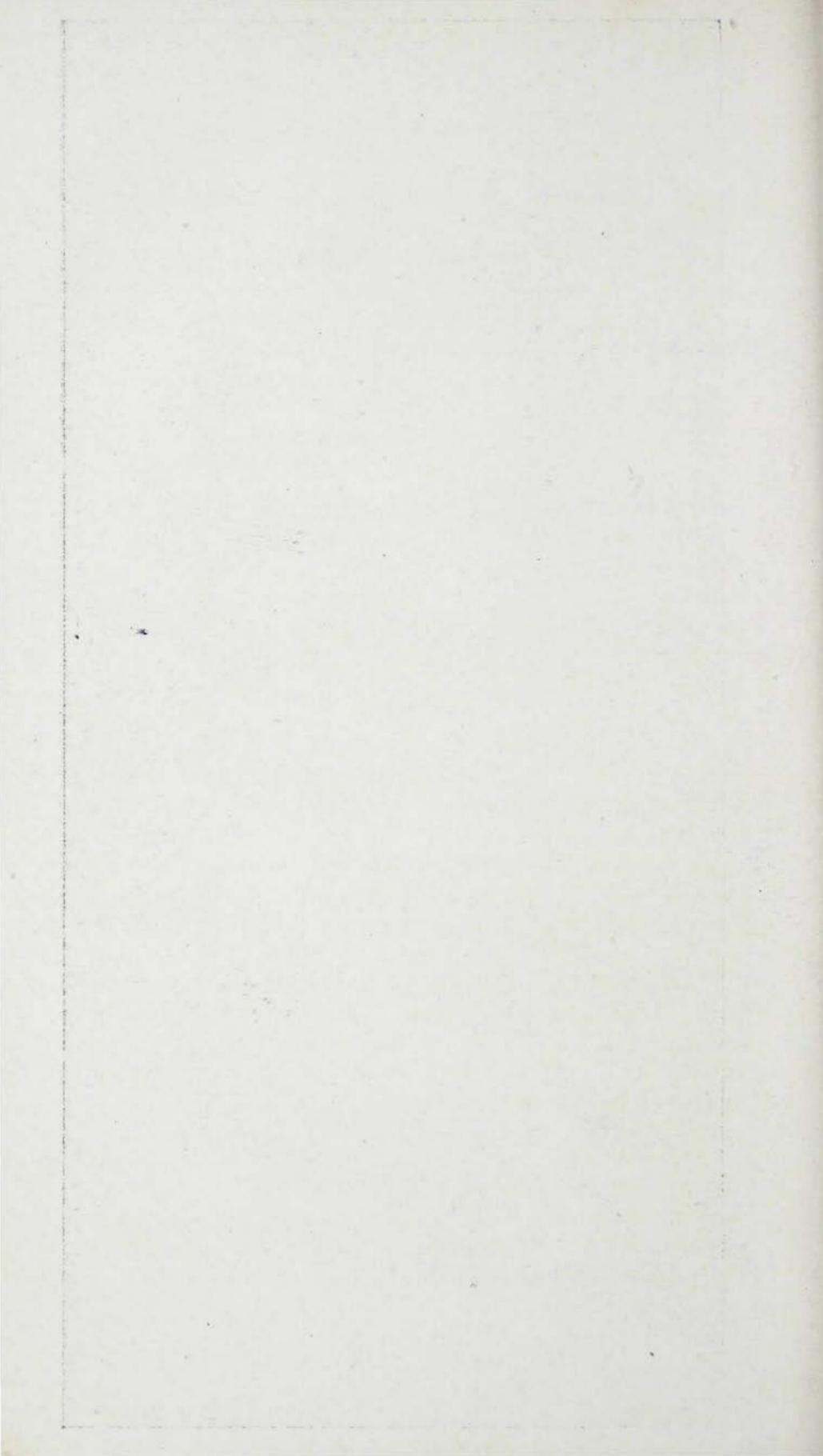
We are glad to announce that the following members of this year's Chapter will return:

NAMES.	SUMMER ADDRESSES.
P. M. Strother,	Lynchburg, Va.
C. T. Scott,	Lynchburg, Va.
R. H. Webb, Instructor in Lat.,	Suffolk, Va.
Wade Meadows,	Newberne, N. C.
Duncan Curry,	Staunton, Va.
N. L. South,	Jett, Ky.
C. Vernon Spratley,	Hampton, Va.
E. H. Smith,	Heathsville, Va.
J. H. Neff, Jr.,	Harrisonburg, Va.
W. H. Fulton,	Bardstown, Ky.
H. J. Jordan,	Lynchburg, Va.

On the evening of May the thirteenth, the occasion of our last regular meeting, Alpha celebrated the close of a most successful year with becoming "ceremonies." It was especially fitting that on that occasion, which marked the close of the active fraternity lives of so many of our Chapter, we should have initiated into the bonds one whose shoulders are not unworthy to bear the mantle which shall fall



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from our departing Brothers on those into whose hands the destinies of Alpha will be placed.

We are proud to introduce to the fraternity at large C. Beverly Broun, of Urbanna, Va.

Wishing each individual member of the Fraternity a most pleasant vacation, we close.

J. Gordon Bohannan.

BETA.

Davidson College.

The time for the final letter of this college year finds Beta in the midst of exams. Most of her men are coming out all right. We have none to win the coveted "sheepskin," as we are lacking in Seniors this year. It is too early to say what honors Beta will take at commencement. But Brother King will probably be announced as first honor man in the Junior Class. Brother Scott will have either first or second place in the Freshman Class. Brother Stearns will represent the Phi Society in the Oratorical Contest, and Brother King will be awarded the Essayist Medal. The rest of us will look on, happy at being over the 70 mark.

On Saturday night before Commencement we expect to have an informal feast. Several *II.'s* have signified their intention to be with us and help make merry on that occasion.

The entire Chapter regrets the resignation of our Councilor Princeps, but they realize that he would not lay aside his work except through necessity. Brother Gillespie, '04, the College's representative, tells us of a most enjoyable visit to Brother Arbuckle during May.

Prospects are good for next year. We lose none by graduation, and we know of none who will drop out, except Brother Tull, who will enter West Point. Probably two of our old men will return, and we have some new men for next year "on our string." They are not pledged, but we have a splendid chance for them.

We hope that all the Chapters have equally good prospects.

Our summer addresses will be :

R. H. Lafferty, Davidson, N. C.
 R. T. Gillespie Davidson, N. C.
 G. T. Clark, Charlotte, N. C.
 S. A. Smith, Elkton, N. C.
 Robert King, Summerville, Ga.
 J. B. Denton, Dalton, Ga.
 Thornton Stearns, Ashville, N. C.
 J. L. Moore, Jr., Rock Hill, S. C.
 W. B. Gillespie, Rock Hill, S. C.
 Edward Wilcox, Augusta, Ga.
 I. W. Tull, Morganton, N. C.
 H. A. Wakefield, Charlotte, N. C.
 H. H. Pearsall, Wilmington, N. C.
 H. F. Morton, Rocky Mount, N. C.
 L. R. Scott, Statesville, N. C.

J. Leon Moore, Jr.

GAMMA.

William and Mary College.

Life with Gamma since our last letter has run smoothly.

Our base-ball team, of which the writer of these lines was Captain, has just closed a most successful season. Not a single championship game was lost, while we had the very great pleasure of defeating, on their own grounds, our old rivals, Randolph-Macon and Richmond College, the former by the score of 5 to 4 and the latter 12 to 3. We ascribe most of our success to our worthy and efficient Coach, Mr. J. M. Blanchard, of Bowdoin College.

William and Mary is now closing the most successful session she has had since the re-organization in 1888. We have a large student body, and better work has been done along all lines than ever before.

On May 1st the contest for the College Orator's Medal took place here. It gives us great pleasure to state that Brother Carson was our representative to the State Inter-Collegian Oratorical Contest, which took place at Hampden-

Sidney, May 6. Brother Carson is loud in his praise of the way he was treated by the boys of Iota and, although he did not bring home the State Medal, we know that he represented us well.

We are all looking forward with much pleasure to the finals, which begin June 11th. We have four members of the Senior Class—Brothers Blackiston, Carson, Hubbard and Lloyd. Brother Lloyd is President of the class and Brother Carson is Valedictorian. Also, on the finals we will be represented by Brother Parrish as one of the Debaters from the Philomathean Literary Society, and by Brother Bowles, who is one of the marshals. Brother Lloyd is also President of the Final Ball, which is given annually by the College German Club, and will take place on the night of June 8th. Our Final German takes place the evening of June 5th, and on that occasion old Gamma expects to do herself proud. We are expecting quite a number of visiting Alumni at that time.

Our prospects for next year are most encouraging, both as to the number and quality of our "goats," and to the quarters in which we expect to live. We expect nine or ten of our men to return. We will lose Brothers Blackiston, Parrish and O. L. Shewmake. Brother Blackiston will graduate and will very probably attend a Medical College next year. Brother Parrish will graduate from the Normal Department and will not return. Brother Shewmake, who took his A. B. in June 1903, and has since been teaching in our Practice School, has accepted a position as Supervising Principal of the City School, of Georgetown, S. C. They are all "good men and true," loyal sons of Gamma, and will be sorely missed.

Below we give the names of our members, with their summer addresses:

- S. C. Blackiston, Hampton, Va.
- A. L. Blackwell, Reedville, Va.
- C. B. Bowles, Oilville, Va.
- C. M. Barnes, Williamsburg, Va.
- J. A. Carson, Saluda S. C.

J. E. Guy, Norfolk, Va.

J. N. Hubbard, Wilcox Wharf, Va.

G. G. Hankins, Toano, Va.

J. H. Lloyd, Lynchburg, Va.

W. B. Newcomb, Sassafras, Va.

F. M. Parrish, Hadensville, Va.

O. L. Shewmake, 2506, Orcutt Ave., Newport News, Va.

E. T. Shewmake, 2506, Orcutt Ave., Newport News, Va.

We close, wishing to all Pi's a pleasant vacation.

J. H. Lloyd.

ETA.

Tulane University.

This year to us has been a very prosperous one, and we begin to feel now that Eta has, to a great extent, ceased to be an-experiment. Although we are but two years old, we consider ourselves no longer a child, but that we have grown good and strong.

Since our last letter, I take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large Brother Ralph Clifton Patton, of the class of '07, engineering course.

In regard to athletics at Tulane University, the Pi's have held their ground. Among the stars of the season will be found the names of Charles Joubert, Donald Sinclair and James Chappell Minefee, the last mentioned of which has been made Captain of next year's Track Team.

On the night of May the twenty-fifth the Senior Class of the Academic met at the Tulane Theater to have their Commencement Exercises. The night was certainly an enjoyable one. Lights shining from all parts of the house showed to advantage the variegated colors of the beautiful costumes of the friends, sisters, mothers and sweethearts of the students who were gathered to see the final good-bye to dear old Tulane.

As to our future, I may say that we will be just as strong next year as this, for we lose but one man by graduation, Brother Orloff Lake. This Brother, by the honorary mention of his Thesis, makes our hearts tingle with pride. Al-

though we are sorry to lose him from our number, we are glad that he has been able to overcome the difficulties of an engineering course, and trust that he will be able to make a great success in life.

Before bringing this letter to an end I would like to make one suggestion, which is, although vacation is near let us continue working, so that when we return next session we will have our material selected of the very best sort, and then we can in this way keep replenishing our Chapter, so that as fast as our men drop out we will have good strong ones to take their places.

Now, in conclusion, Eta sends best wishes for a pleasant summer to all her sister Chapters.

John Davidson, Jr.

THETA.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

It is with unfeigned pleasure that Theta contributes her part to the Commencement issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. We realize that the year is speeding to a hasty close and that examinations will soon crucially test our progress.

Our University has experienced rather an unusual session. Interest has flagged generally, students have been few; necessarily our Chapter has not been numerically strong, but we have endeavored to conserve our forces and to uphold our cause. We believe confidently that next year will herald a better change in our institution. We indulge reasonable auspicious anticipations, whose realization will materially enhance our prestige.

But the present is by no means without honors for us. We have creditably represented ourselves in almost every field of accomplishment. In athletics Brothers Read, Armisted and Barr played an illustrious part. Brother Clotfelter has been chosen as one of the inter-society orators, and also as a local editor for the *Journal* next year. Brother Hill, we are sad to relate, is graduated as a theologian in June, and has already accepted a promising position.

Brother Reid, who is a member of the Senior Literary Class, is also to be its valedictorian. We hold our record comparable to any in school and shall willingly permit none to excel us.

Next year we expect a goodly number to return, and we shall gladly welcome any brothers from other places. We await, too, with encouraging certainty, the obtaining and furnishing of a Chapter hall. This has been one of our greatest needs and its satisfaction is especially gratifying to us.

Not least among our valuable assets are our loyal alumni and cherished friends in the city, whose appreciated zeal goads us to strenuous effort and whose kindly interest guards benignly our future.

Before we have completed this final letter, we shall subscribe the names and vacation addresses of our members. They are:

Armisted, W. H., Madison, Tenn.

Barr, W. S., New Orleans, La.

Clotfelter, J. W., Bessemer, Ala.

Currie, G. W., Hattiesburg, Miss.

Hill, W. H., Jackson, Miss.

Reid, J. G., Canton, Miss.

Webb, Roy, St. Bethlehem, Tenn.

As nothing further remains to chronicle, we express sincerest hopes for every Chapter's weal and faithfulest wishes for each brother's welfare.

George W. Currie.

IOTA.

Hampden-Sidney.

As this issue will be well filled with reports of the Convention and other matter, I feel that a long Chapter letter, especially one from the hand of a green correspondent, will be out of place, so I will content myself with a few lines.

We are now nearing the close of one of the most successful years of our history, and despite our impatience to be at home with our loved ones, we look forward with enthusiasm to the approaching fight of next fall. Next year

our number will compare very favorably with those of the other fraternities here. We will lose by graduation two men.

Thomas Jones Watkins, Charlotte, C. H. Va.

John Garland Jefferson, Amelia C. H., Va.

The following will be back next year:

Goodridge Alexander Wilson, Jr., '06, Rapine, Va.

James Montgomery Graham, '06, Graham's Forge, Va.

Robert Calvin Graham '06, Graham's Forge, Va.

John Hart Syle, '06, Hampden-Sidney, Va.

James William Armstrong, '08, Hampden-Sidney, Va.

Paul Tulane Atkinson, '07, Hampden-Sidney, Va.

The strength of the other fraternities next fall will probably be as follows: *K. A. 6*, *B. θ. II. 4*, *X. φ. 4*, *K. Σ. 4*. From the present indications there will be a large Freshman Class here next year and we hope to do some good rushing.

With the exception of those of the Literary Societies, no commencement honors have as yet been conferred. In these, however, we have one of the marshalls and the chairman of the invitation committee.

As our delegate has expressed far better than I could his impressions of the Convention, I will not dwell on the subject, except to express my delight that the next convention will be held so near us.

With best wishes to all *II's* for a joyful vacation, I close.

P. Tulane Atkinson.

KAPPA.

Kentucky University.

The Chapter held its annual "year-end" function on May twelfth. To make the affair informal, the banquet, which had been decided on, was held at Georgetown, Ky., a town about twelve miles from Lexington, and an inter-urban car chartered for the evening. The combined car ride and banquet was very successful.

In the last letter we said that Kentucky University's prospects were bright. Since then they have brightened

up still more, through the President's securing from Andrew Carnegie the promise of \$25,000 for a new Science Hall, a building greatly needed. This means a higher grade of work for the University, more students enrolled and greater opportunity for Kappa Chapter to progress.

Our fellows will be scattered about this summer as follows:

Harry M. Stansifer, 31 E. 8th St., Covington, Ky.
 Cleburn Earl Gregory, Lewisport, Ky.
 Orris O. White, Edenburg, Ind.
 George Dunlap, Versailles, Ky.
 J. U. Field, Versailles, Ky.
 A. W. Bryan, 414 W. Second St., Lexington, Ky.
 Frazee Hart, Flemingsburg, Ky.
 Homer W. Carpenter, Flemingsburg, Ky.
 Warren B. Davis, Nicholasville, Ky.
 David S. Bromley, Owenton, Bromley, Ky.
 Harry E. Yockey, 401 N. Broadway, Lexington, Ky.
 Homer Maxwell Hall, Franklin, Ind.
 Alfred C. Zembrod, W. Fourth St., Lexington, Ky.
 Eugene L. Porter, 22 Church St., Springfield, Mass.

We have one graduate, Homer Maxwell Hall. He expects to study at Yale next year.

E. L. Porter.

MU.

Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

We take this opportunity of welcoming those who have lately been chosen as officers of the Grand Council; we wish for them the highest success, and promise our own co-operation in the work; also to our Brother Arbuckle, who retires after so many years of faithful labor, to him we extend our gratitude, and we assure him that he has made for himself a place in the warmest affections of every true "Pi."

The changes in the Constitution etc., made at Chattanooga, impress us forcibly with the fact that we are taking our stand alongside the older and larger fraternities, and so it is necessary to adopt their methods, although we re-

luctantly part with the old one, that were distinctively our own.

We shall be able to make a very encouraging report, not only on the work of this year, but on the prospects for the next session.

The honors taken by members of our Chapter are as follows: On the *Collegian* Staff, Smith, Editor-in-Chief; Fulp and Fewell are also on this Staff.

President of Philomathean Literary Society, Smith, Marshalls for coming commencement, Fulp, Fewell and McDonald. The results of the medal contests are not yet known. Some of our Brothers are racing well for these honors also. We lose by graduation this year, J. H. Smith, of Danville, Va., who will very probably enter one of the Theological Seminaries next session. We are all certainly sorry to lose such a faithful worker from our midst; our hearts go out with him wishing him great success.

Those who expect to return are:

- R. T. Fewell, '06, Rock Hill, S. C.
- James D. Fulp, '06, Fort Mill, S. C.
- E. L. Power, '07, Asheville, S. C.
- George C. McDonald, '08, Sumter, Ga.
- R. E. Law, '08, Elliott, S. C.

Besides these we have another Sophomore pledged.

We are preparing to make our Annual Banquet more elaborate than usual. A great many visitors will be with us on account of the inauguration of President Neville, which is to be the feature of commencement ceremonies. To many of these we will attempt to illustrate genuine *H. K. A.* hospitality.

In closing we wish all of our Brother *H's* a pleasant vacation.

Eugene Power.

NU.

Wofford College.

The base-ball season has closed with us, and, although we have not had as many victories to our credit as desired,

still we had a strong team and played some pretty games. The *II's* were represented on the field by Isom, who held down first base in such a way as to do honor to himself and to his Fraternity. Boyd, who was the Student Manager, also accompanied the team on their trips. These two make very favorable reports of the Chapters which they touched.

Commencement is near at hand and the boys are all rejoicing over the fact of soon being at home once again. Boyd, with whom we are all sorry to part, will receive his diploma. The writer will represent the Preston Society on the Annual Inter-Society Debate between the Calhoun and Preston Societies. We expect a large crowd of old *II's* up here at that time, and we always enjoy seeing *II's*, who, although they have been out of college a long time, still have the interest of the Fraternity at heart.

Nu will be represented on the "*Journal*" staff next year by the writer. He will also speak on the Oratorical Contest for the Prestons.

Nu's outlook for next year is brighter than it has been for several years. Although we have had only a few members this year, we have not been idle and expect great things next fall.

We were all glad to see Allen, who dropped in to see us a few days ago. Allen was here several years ago, and we enjoyed talking over old times.

All of our present members will probably return next year with the exception of Boyd, who graduates.

Our roll at present, with the summer addresses, are as follows:

J. W. Boyd, '05, Spartanburg, S. C., "Argyle."

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

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

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

R. H. Tolleson, '07, Spartanburg, S. C.

With best wishes to all our sister Chapters, and wishing every *II*. a pleasant vacation, Nu closes.

J. Caldwell Guilds.

OMICRON.

Richmond College.

When Brother Talman returned from Chattanooga, bringing such a glowing account of the Convention, it made us wish we could have been there, but we had to content ourselves with the fact that 1907 will bring us together in Richmond for a reunion of Omicron's old men, as well as the men from the other Chapters.

Richmond is well suited for the Convention on account of its location, as well as for other reasons, and Omicron will be glad to welcome all of the Pi's to her home town.

So much for the future, now for the present.

In base-ball C. E. Talman is Captain for 1906. This is the second year Omicron has held this honor, C. M. Robertson being Captain this year.

In the election for the management of base-ball, '06, the non-frats. organized, and the election turned out to be frat. vs. non-frat. The frats. won out by a vote of 97 to 73, and we hope this will be the end of the anti-frat. war, though rumors are still afloat of a permanent organization.

Final Exam's are upon us, and the "midnight oil" may be seen glowing on all sides.

Two of our men take their degrees this year. C. M. Robertson, who got his B. S. last year, takes his B. A., and P. M. Gresham gets his B. L., and will practice law in his native county, Lancaster. In their terms at college these men have done much good work for their Fraternity, and their sound advice will be greatly missed. From present prospects all the other men will return.

A. W. Robertson won the Tennis medal this year. His playing was the event on Field Day.

We hope to have a stronger Chapter next year, as we have several good men in view already.

If anyone knows of a good man coming to Richmond College and would drop any of our men a line about him, we would greatly appreciate it.

We have enjoyed visits from Deane Hundley, W. G. Tyler, S. W. Lacy, and J. M. Lewis, during the last ten

days. All of these are Omicron's old men, and we are always glad to see them. We are hoping to have R. H. Willis, '03, with us for a few days before Commencement.

The following is a list of our members and their summer addresses:

- P. M. Gresham, Lancaster, Va.
- C. M. Robertson, Crozet, Va.
- J. S. Harwood, Jr., 2000 W. Franklin St., Richmond, Va.
- C. E. Talman, 2720 E. Broad St., Richmond, Va.
- C. H. Elsom, Danville, Va.
- George B. Wright, Evergreen, Louisiana.
- John S. Wright, Evergreen, Louisiana.
- A. W. Robertson, Salem, Va.
- J. P. Snead, Fork Union, Va.
- R. S. Ellis, Lloyds, Va.
- M. G. Willis, Jr., Fredericksburg, Va.

With best wishes for a pleasant vacation for every Pi, and hoping that we will come back next session with renewed vigor to work for the upbuilding of our Fraternity,
Marion Gordon Willis, Jr.

PI.

Washington and Lee University.

This closing letter, we believe, should be a summation of the year's work of the Chapter, together with an outline of its probable future, and we take pleasure in presenting our status to the fraternity at large.

Once or twice we have threatened to give a detailed statement about our individual members, and also any college honors (?) that may have fallen to their lot; but the pen of any writer would falter in giving adequate expression to their many-sided characteristics, therefore I shall not attempt this. Yet permit me to say, parenthetically, it would be hard to find another such set of individual units, each *sui generis*, and to know them you would have to pay us a visit.

When I begin the search for officers of college organizations among us and for men high in affairs of the Uni-

versity world, such investigation is not very reproductive, though I did make the following discoveries at our last Chapter meeting: In athletics Moomaw represented us at full back in foot-ball, Eggert was substitute in both foot-ball and base-ball, while Wysor wears a monogram which he won in base-ball three years ago; since then he has retired from active participation in such sports, though the glory of the victories he helped to win is still fresh in his mind (and ours). Moomaw is Vice-President of the General Athletic Association for next year.

In the Literary Societies no one could be found who had distinguished himself, though some are resolved to make a better showing next year. "On the *"Calyx"* board we have Donald. Next year the scribe is business manager of this same publication. Herbert Anderson is accompanist at the piano when the Glee Club regales us, and Donald sings. In the Student Council this year Moomaw had a seat by virtue of his being President of the Sophomore Class, and for next year the Engineering School has elected Jones one of its representatives to this body. Wysor is our only degree man this year. He acquires an A. B.

We believe our prospects for next year are as bright as one could desire. After October 1 we expect to be together in a splendid residence which adjoins the campus, and this will be in reality a Chapter House—none but Pi's will live there. In making this arrangement, we are decidedly better located than any frat. here, and if we were given to boasting this matter might be put more strongly. With one or two exceptions all our men expect to return, and we are already almost certain of two goats, and we have heard of two possible transfers who would decidedly strengthen us. These facts make us decidedly optimistic and fraternity spirit is running high. If any one can give us information about new men who will come to our University in September, we would appreciate their writing us, because at that time it is important for a Chapter to have all possible data at its command. We expect to inform

any Chapter when we know of a good man (or a badman) who will be in its reach.

At the addresses given below our men can be found during the summer, and if a Pi wishes a *cordial* welcome and a hearty handshake he must let us know when he is near us:

Thomas Campbell Wilson, Brownsburg, Va.
 Harry Hairston Darrall, Roanoke, Va.
 Joseph Lawrence Wysor, Pulaski, Va.
 Hugh Mangus Moomaw, Roanoke, Va.
 James Caddall Morehead, Pulaski, Va.
 Herbert Anderson, Franklin, W. Va.
 Joseph Robinson Eggert, White Haven, Pa.
 Saunders Fleming, Lynchburg, Va.
 Lawrence Alexander Anderson, Lynchburg, Va.
 Wm. Elliott Jones, Box 283, Newport News, Va.

With the usual good wishes,

W. Elliott Jones.

RHO.

Cumberland University.

Rho's annual fish fry on the banks of the Cumberland River, May 8, was possibly the leading social event of the college year. Twenty couples attended under the chaperonage of Dean and Mrs. J. R. Henry.

Farewell honors were bestowed upon the following brothers:

Rev. P. D. Tucker,
 who leaves Cumberland for the pastorate of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Madisonville, Ky.

Bailey Pride, of Morganfield, Ky.

Will Cunningham, of Roxama, Texas.

Six of Rho's members were on Cumberland's foot-ball team. Five were on the base-ball team. Bernard Rice was Editor-in-Chief of the *University Annual*; S. L. Wear was Associate Editor. David Brown was on the Editorial Staff of the *Cumberland Weekly*. Bernard Rice has been chosen Editor of the *Weekly* for the next school year. Rho's honors in Cumberland came easily.

The following active members of Rho will enter Cumberland in September:

S. L. Wear, Ft. Worth, Texas.
 David Brown, Cleveland, Tennessee.
 B. L. Rice, Colorado Springs, Col.
 W. C. Cragwall, Lebanon, Tennessee.
 P. C. Wakefield, Cornersville, Tenn.
 P. D. Wimberly, Stevenson, Alabama.
 V. B. Ashley, Cornersville, Tenn.
 John W. Bone, Madisonville, Ky.
 Paul Murray, Chattanooga, Tenn., Sherman Heights.
 "Red" Smith, Duck River, Tenn.
 Lacy Reynolds, Dover, Tenn.
 Allen Cummings, Petersburg, Tenn.
 E. L. Minton, Kenton, Tenn.
 W. W. Gill, Petersburg, Tenn.

Lee Weir will reside in El Paso, Texas. H. H. Weir who has for several years faithfully served the interests of Rho will henceforth reside in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

C. H. Kimbrough.

SIGMA.

Vanderbilt University.

Since the last issue great calamity has happened to Vanderbilt University. April 20th, about 11:15 A. M., the main building of the University caught fire in some unknown manner. Before the fire department could reach the scene, the flames were beyond control, and in a few hours the structure was a mass of ruins. The loss was great. The insurance could not begin to cover the damage, even if it were not taken into consideration that many precious things which can never be restored, were destroyed. The greatest loss was suffered in the library, which had been many years in accumulating.

The Faculty did not allow the fire to interfere with the class work, but arranged that classes should be held on the next day as usual.

The citizens of Nashville have rallied to the support of Vanderbilt in her time of need, and propose to put up a

building which will cost \$100,000. The alumni are also raising subscriptions, and where formerly we had only one building, we hope to have several.

The final examinations begin on the 8th of June and continue until the 16th. From then on until Commencement day, which is the 21st, the time will be taken up in Commencement exercises.

The following men will be graduated this year: J. H. Brown, L. L. B.; Spencer Adams, D. D. S.; T. G. Morrow, D. D. S., and G. H. Brown, B. A.

Greer, our delegate at the Convention, reports that it was a great success and that he had a delightful time.

Although Sigma will lose several men in June, yet prospects are bright for next year.

The addresses during the summer will be as follows:

J. H. Brown, Columbia, Tenn.
 Gordon Brown, Columbia, Tenn.
 Spencer Adams, New Decatur, Ala.
 Thomas Morrow, New Decatur, Ala.
 Morris Adams, New Decatur, Ala.
 Earl Wilkerson, Cornersville, Tenn.
 H. W. Walker, Homer, La.
 H. P. Watkins, West Nashville, Tenn.
 Glenn Greer, Spartanburg, S. C.
 G. H. Brown, Springfield, Tenn.

Geo. H. Brown.

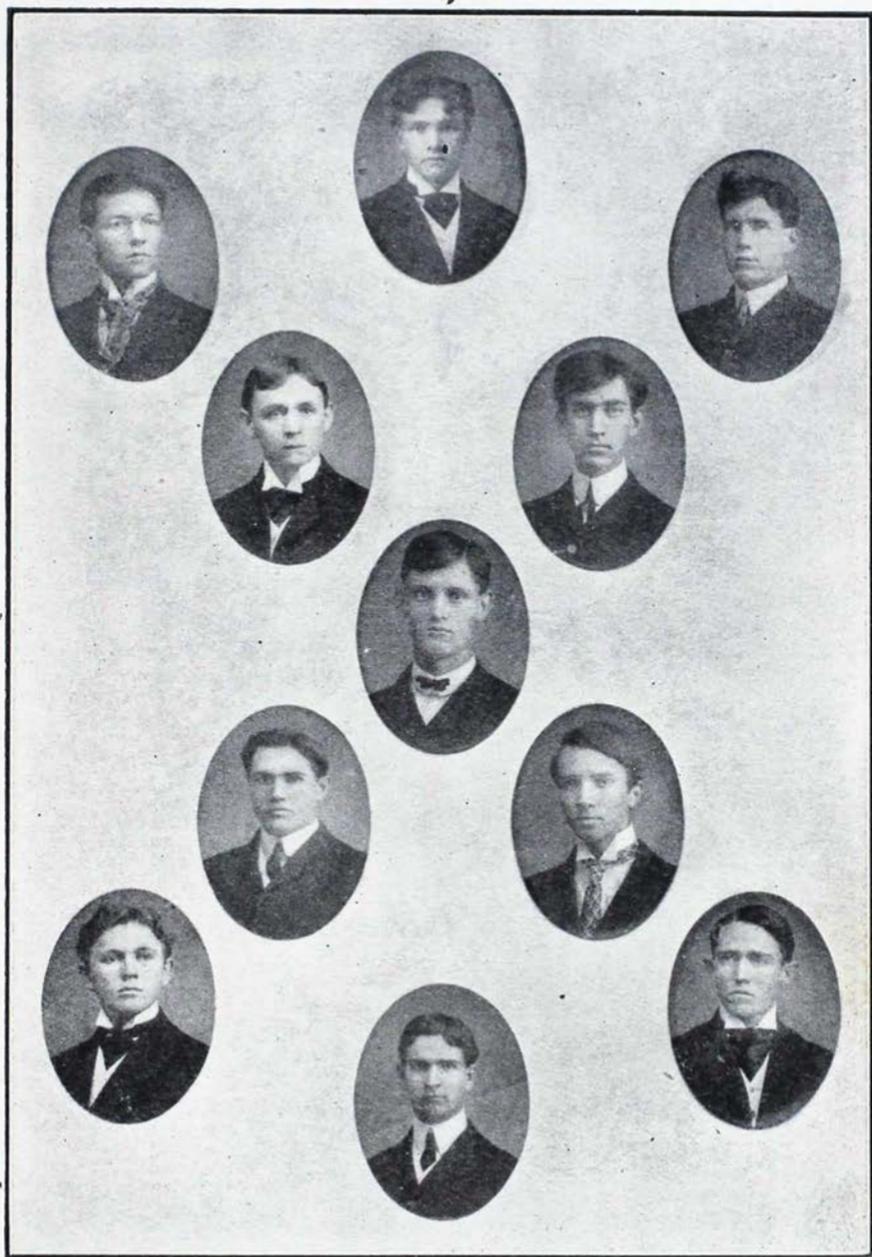
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University of North Carolina.

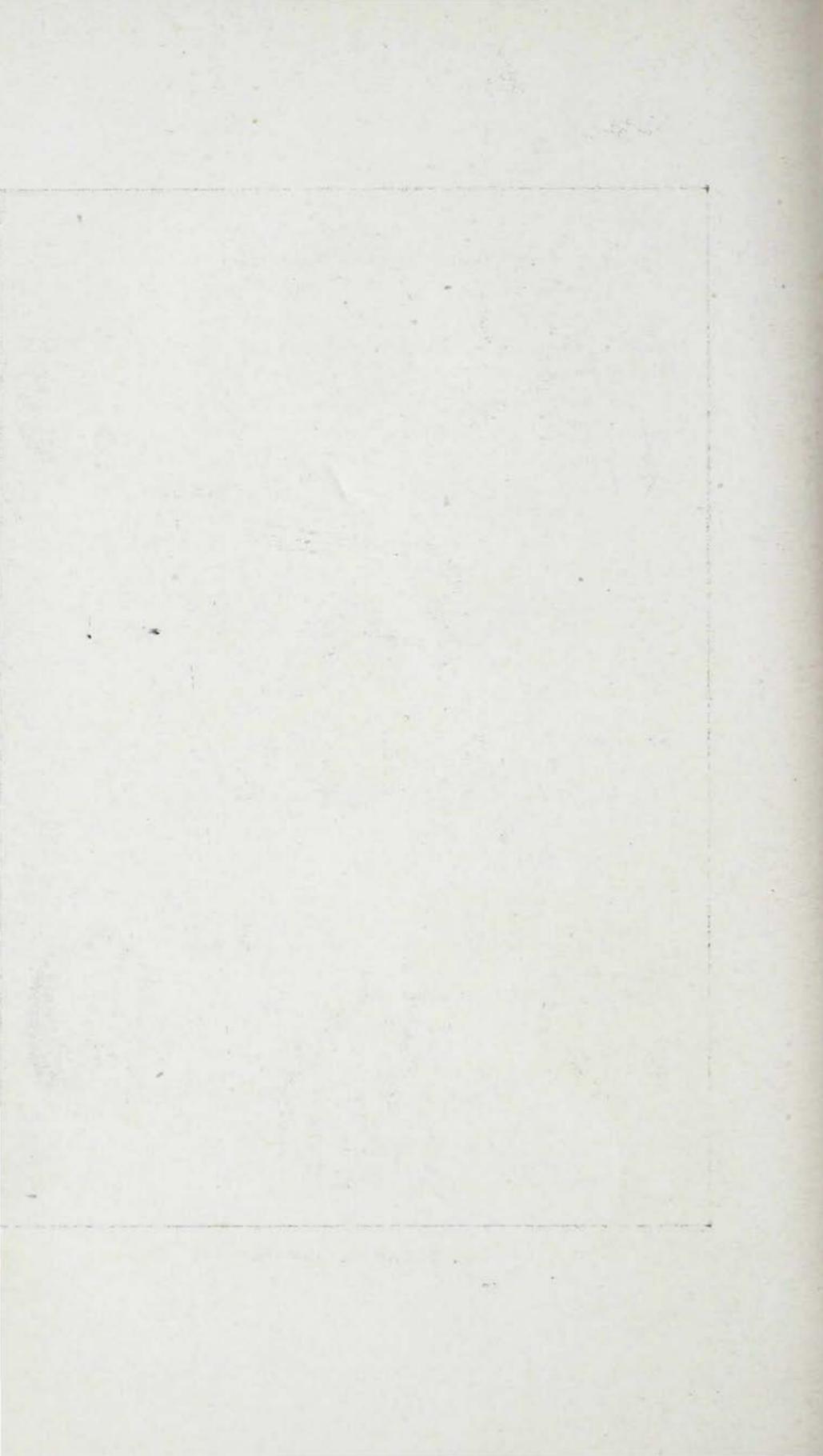
June Exams. passed. Commencement on. Tau draws a red line under her last entry and looks over her books for the past session with satisfaction. To her credit she finds all; to her debit, nothing. Beneath the red line she makes this note: "Altogether a prosperous year for Tau and a good promise for one to follow."

But before we proceed further, let me give you an introduction to two new Brothers whom it has pleased Tau to make a part of herself during the past month.

J. Carroll Wiggins, Suffolk, Va.
 Stanley Winborne, Murfreesboro, N. C.



ALPHA-ETA, 1904-'05.



Two tallented and popular men these are, and men who will be a credit, not only to Tau Chapter, but to Pi Kappa Alpha as a whole.

We have taken a goodly share of the honors this year. Flagler, President of the Pharmacy Class and representing it on the University Council graduates this year with the honors of his class. He is also manager of the Pharmacy foot-ball team, and a member of the University Glee Club. White is manager of class base-ball team, for which he pitches, and plays quarter-back on class foot-ball team. Wiggins plays second violin in the University Orchestra.

We are sorry that we will not have with us next year A. J. Moore, our worthy representative on the '*Yackety-Yack* Staff, who will receive his degree this year. Moore has been a zealous member of our Chapter for about four years,—so long that we are reluctant to give him up. However we are sure he will continue to love his Chapter and to work for the advancement of Pi Kappa Alpha.

A few nights ago the members of Tau drove to Durham and took Alpha-Alpha by storm. We didn't deserve anything for the surprise we gave them, but before we knew it they had us seated at a supper, the best that could be procured. We can assure our Brothers that we heartily enjoyed the treat.

These are the names and summer addresses of our men:

Clarence Flagler, Stroudsburg, Penn.
 Andrew J. Moore, Greenville, N. C.
 J. B. Clark, Clarkton, N. C.
 C. L. Miller, Shelby, N. C.
 Stuart G. Noble, Bushnell, Fla.
 Charles P. White, Stroudsburg, Penn.
 J. Carroll Wiggins, Suffolk, Va.
 Stanley Winborne, Murfreesboro, N. C.

Stuart G. Noble.

UPSILON.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

A few days ago two *U's* left our midst; one, Matson permanently; the other, Lurton, to return next year. We feel

their absence, and are sure that Matson's place can never be filled. He has accepted a position with the Engineering Department of the Southern R. R. at Chattanooga.

Dr. O. D. Smith, our greatly beloved Professor of Mathematics, died very suddenly last Sunday morning. He has been Senior Professor and Secretary of the college for a number of years. For thirty years he has been the wise counselor and friend of every student in the institution. Not only the college and State, but the entire South mourns his loss.

In the approaching Commencement, Upsilon takes her usual stand. O. E. Younge, who is Senior Captain, has an excellent "crack co." to compete for the sword given by the Faculty to the best drilled company. He is assisted by Denson, who was recently promoted to a First Lieutenantcy. The Faculty has honored Denson by selecting him as one of the Senior Speakers for Commencement.

It is quite gratifying to the *H's* of Upsilon to know that he will be with us again next year, having been chosen to manage our '05 foot-ball team.

We must not pass without mentioning the success of our base-ball team. Our season has gone into history as the most successful in years. We played twelve games, losing only three, and they of different series. Hall, our crack second baseman, captained the team, and well did he lead his men on to victory. The team had in Lurton one of the best college catchers in the South. "Post" has won a "rep." of putting them down to second, only five bases being stolen off of him during the entire season.

W. Hardie, who will be a Junior next year, has recently been elected Manager of the Varsity Basket-Ball Team for the season of 1905-'06. Hardie is a basket-ball player himself, and has a good head on him. We have no doubt that under his direction the team will achieve great success and prominence, and incidentally win laurels for Upsilon and Pi Kappa Alpha.

Since our last letter we have initiated into our noble Order F. M. Shepard, of Mt. Kernan, Ala., and wish to introduce him to the Fraternity at large.

Below will be found the summer addresses of our members, and each will be delighted to show the best possibly time to any *U's* who chance their way:

Constantene, H. H. Jr., 1130 Lughton Ave., Anniston, Ala.
 Constantene, T. J., 1130 Lughton Ave., Anniston, Ala.
 Davis, M. L., Oak Grove, Ala.
 Davis, W. W., Oak Grove, Ala.
 Denson, J. V., Lafayette, Ala.
 Denson, M. D., Lafayette, Ala.
 Hall, L. P., Birmingham, Ala.
 Hall, S., Florence, Ala.
 Hardie, W., 2220 Sycamore Street, Bushnell, Ala.
 Lurton, W. S., Pensacola, Fla.
 Esdale, J., Birmingham, Ala.
 Matson, T. H., care Eng. Dept. So. R. R., Chat'ga, Tenn.
 McEmery, J. H., Bessemer, Ala.
 Milner, T. W., Gulfport, Miss.
 Robinson, T. H., Uniontown, Ala.
 Schuessler, J. H., Lafayette, Ala.
 Younge, O. E., Selma, Ala.
 Spruence, F. D., Sheffield, Ala.
 Greene, S. L., Citronella, Ala.
 Shepard, F. M., Mount Kernser, Ala.
 Otts, L. E., Greensboro, Ala.

T. Wilson Milner.

PHI.

Roanoke College.

Since the first of May Phi has been occupied with discussion, relating to the actions taken by the Convention, and I think I can say, without the slightest probability of doubt, that the steps taken at Chattanooga are most agreeable to our Chapter.

In our opinion, the bi-annual Convention plan and the steps tending to the betterment of our Magazine, signify greater advances than any movement made by the Fraternity in years past.

We are looking forward to the spring of '07, when the Convention will be held in "Old Virginia," the mother of Statesmen, States, and even of Pi Kappa Alpha.

At college, the students have been quite active in base-

ball and track athletics. The base-ball team has just closed a very successful season, and in the election of Captain for the season of '06, J. K. Bowman was elected. A. M. Bowman, Jr. was also elected Captain of the football team of '05.

On May the twenty-ninth, the tenth annual Field Day took place on the college grounds, and several State records were broken,—pole vault, hurdle race, and mile run.

In one of these events a member of Phi came out victorious.

Since all of these things have passed, we have only Commencement to look forward to.

Though it is with great expectation that we await Commencement week, the day of parting is brought to mind. Phi will lose two men by graduation, and probably another will not return.

We have four Pi's in the Senior Class, but A. M. Bowman will return for his M. A. degree, and J. K. Bowman will also be back.

G. H. Reese will study medicine and C. E. Mason will nestle down in the blue-grass of Kentucky.

The following is a list of members and their addresses:

- A. M. Bowman, Jr., Salem, Va.
- J. K. Bowman, Salem, Va.
- R. C. Bowman, Salem, Va.
- R. H. Clemmer, Middlebrook, Va.
- A. C. Cline, Concord, North Carolina.
- J. H. Gibboney, Wythville, Va.
- C. E. Mason, Jett, Kentucky.
- G. H. Reese, Taylor's Store, Va.
- F. W. Robinson, Salem, Va.
- R. M. Strother, Lynchburg, Va.

Eight out of this number will be back next fall to begin work, and Phi expects to accomplish much in '05-'06.

With best wishes for a most pleasant vacation to all of you throughout the South, I must close.

A. M. Bowman, Jr.

CHI.*University of the South.*

While most of the Chapters are about to suspend work for the summer we are just getting a good start, and are looking forward to a busy summer.

The University is enjoying a prosperous year in attendance and in permanent improvements. The Grammar School, or prep. department, is filled to its limit and has a constantly increasing waiting list, all of which points to a goodly number of fraternity men for the University during the next few years. The Theological Department has had the next largest growth, while the Department of Art and Sciences, Medicine and Law have also grown. Great improvements have been made in the Medical College in the way of equipment; a very beautiful Chapel is being built for the Divinity School, and also a new stone Chapel for the entire institution is under construction.

Sewanee has played a good ball season, thus far having lost only one series—that to the mighty wielders of the hickory at Knoxville.

Chi will lose two men by graduation this year, Pugh of Clarksville, Tenn., who will take his B. A., and also finish his Theological work, and E. A. Wood, a prospective C. E. from Dallas, Texas. These are two of the strongest men in the Chapter, and their loss will mean a great deal to us. Frank Pfaffle has withdrawn from the University but is living here with A. C. Pfaffle.

The Chapter roll at present is as follows:

- R. H. Allen, Memphis, Tenn.
- F. J. H. Coffin, Highland Park, Ill.
- F. J. McCloud, Lancaster, Pa.
- P. A. Pugh, Clarksville, Tenn.
- E. A. Wood, Dallas, Texas.
- A. C. Pfaffle, Sewanee, Tenn.
- C. W. Underwood, Atlanta, Ga.
- E. Cecil Seaman, Houston, Texas.

Of these all but Brother McCloud have been presented to the Fraternity, and it is with a great deal of pleasure that I now present him to you. We expect to reinforce

our ranks in July at the general rush, and to introduce more neophytes in the fall.

E. Cecil Seaman.

PSI.

North Georgia Agricultural College.

Psi greets you with best wishes for a pleasant vacation, and hoping that every Pi will return to college next fall with renewed fraternity spirit.

In the speaker's contest Elkan and Hoyt were successful contestants. The outlook for Psi next year is not as bright as her members would like to have it, but we are trusting to some unknown power to better our condition. We lose by graduation this year Castleberry, Smith, Harris, Breedlove, and Matthews. Psi will probably begin work next fall with not more than six old men, but they have the spirit that goes to make the true Pi Kappa Alpha.

The names and summer address of our members are as follows:

Chas. M. Harris, Dalton, Ga.
 G. M. Barnes, Bullochville, Ga.
 W. O. Hoyt, Sumter, S. C.
 L. R. Castleberry, Dahlonega, Ga.
 Lott Warren, Atlanta, Ga.
 Julius Elkan, Brunswick, Ga.
 R. E. Smith, Salacoa, Ga.
 W. M. Breedlove, Monroe, Ga.
 W. C. Matthews, Decatur, Ga.

W. O. Matthews.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

Trinity College.

Since our last letter we have passed through the trying ordeal of final examinations, and feel capable of enjoying a long vacation.

On May 8th, a gloom was cast over the community by the death of our greatest benefactor, Mr. Washington Duke. All college work was suspended for two days. The

entire student body marched along in the funeral procession.

We are now looking forward to our annual Fraternity banquet, to be held at the Carolina Hotel on the night of June 6th. We expect to make this the greatest event of the season. We will have for our chaperones, Dr. A. W. Knox, an alumnus of Alpha Chapter, and his wife, of Raleigh, N. C. We expect other prominent members of the Fraternity to be present on that occasion.

We were glad to hear from our delegate such a favorable report of the Convention, and heartily endorse the actions taken by them while in session. We are glad that the next Convention will be so near to us, and feel sure of having several delegates present next time.

We expect the majority of our present members back in college next year, and are now busy at work in the High School pledging men who will return next session.

We were pleased to have with us our Brothers from Tau on the night of May 6th, who brought with them a new man to enter the "mystic portal."

We were very sorry on the first of April to lose from our midst one of our most valuable men, F. S. Boddie, who discontinued his connection with the college to enter the Insurance Field. We are glad to state that he is doing well. His headquarters for the present are at Durham, N. C.

Our summer addresses will be as follows:

- C. B. Arthur, Morehead City, N. C.
- Paul Webb, Morehead City, N. C.
- L. B. Gibson, Gibson, N. C.
- C. R. Pugh, Wanchese, N. C.
- A. B. Stainback, Weldon, N. C.
- W. J. Whitley, Bonnerton, N. C.
- W. M. Wells, Elm City, N. C.
- W. H. Wallace, Morehead City, N. C.
- L. G. Daniel, Wanchese, N. C.
- C. S. Pugh, Wanchese, N. C.
- N. J. Boddie, Durham, N. C.
- E. R. Hines, Florence, S. C.

We wish each of our sister Chapters a most pleasant vacation.

A. B. Stainback.

*ALPHA-ZETA.**University of Arkansas.*

There has been many things happening in the old U. of A. since our last letter, the most important being the settlement of the anti-frat. trouble. The bill died in the Senate.

We are proud to say that the University got the largest appropriation in its history. We will get two Dormitories, Chemical Laboratory, and extra appropriation for the Agricultural and Horticultural Stations. And, on account of this we expect to have a large student body to choose from next year.

Base-ball has been the talk for the last season on account of our success, our per cent. being about 700. We played 10 games at home and 7 games away.

Field Day was not so good on account of the weather.

We regret very much not being at the Convention, but it seemed as if it were a "providential hindrance."

The *K. A.'s* had their annual banquet at the "Washington." The *X. Ω.* also gave a reception to all frats. in the *Σ. A. E.* hall. The ones that were lucky enough to be present, report an extra good time. *Z. T. A.* planned to have their reception, but the 30 day law before exams. caused it to be put off. The *Y. M. C. A.* also gave a reception.

We now have a new Commandant, and he certainly makes everything step high.

We have had the Chapter picture made, the design being the badge with the members arranged around the diamond.

We expect to get a new hall next year that will be more secret, being on the third floor. The hall is 90 x 40, and is on the square. It will be divided into two rooms, making the smaller one secret and the larger for social functions.

In a few days the exams. will start, and that is the time things get busy. But after examinations we will have a week for Commencement, and probably a chance to spot some new men for next year. On the 15th the boys will depart for home to spend three months vacation.

We expect to have with us next year seven old men that are here now, and probably some that are out of school now will be back next year. Alpha-Zeta bids all farewell until next year,
Hugh R. Carter.

ALPHA-ETA.

University of Florida.

Since your last letter we initiated into the Fraternity Ross Cumnor Sawyer, '05, Key West, Fla., and we take great pleasure in introducing him as a worthy member of our noble Fraternity. Sawyer has won many laurels in base-ball during the season. He is our worthiest athlete.

One of the most exciting base-ball games ever played on our grounds, was played last month between Stetson University and University of Florida. The thirteenth inning had to be played to decide the game—we being victorious. The score was one to two.

Our delegate, Peters, reported having a delightful time while at the Convention, and brought back some valuable information in regards to our Chapter.

On account of ill health, Peters has left the University for his home and will not return until next year, and we hereby loose one of our best men.

Last month R. T. Gillespie of Davidson College gave us a most delightful call. He instilled into us the true love of fraternalism, and left some valuable suggestions. It would be quite a joy if we could meet often such Brothers.

Hackney takes off first honors in the Freshman Class at Commencement, and Henry in the Junior Class. Efirid and Hackney take part in the Freshman Declamation Contest; Buck takes part in the Debate. Out of the four Juniors who enter into the Junior Oratorical Contest, we hold two, Henry and Rowlett, they are both brilliant young men and we hope one of the two will be victorious.

B. H. Bridges graduated this Commencement, but we by no means lose our most worthy Brother. He accepted a position in the University as an assistant Chemist.

We expect all our men back next year.
Here is our Chapter roll, with their addresses.

B. K. Buck, Leesville, S. C.
B. H. Bridges, Rose Hill, Ala.
B. T. Bridges, Rose Hill, Ala.
W. A. Brown, Key West, Fla.
A. M. Henry, Lake City, Fla.
W. M. Hackney, Melborne, Fla.
W. A. Ebird, Lake City, Fla.
G. T. Jarrell, Lake City, Fla.
P. Greene, Arcadia, Fla.
R. C. Sawyer, Key West, Fla.
W. T. Hall, Ocala, Fla.
W. M. Rowlett, Jr., Palmetto, Fla.
J. S. Peters, Plant City, Fla.
S. W. Teague, Ocala, Fla.

With this we extend best wishes to all sister Chapters.
Peck Greene.

ALPHA-THETA.

West Virginia University.

We are proud to know that we are no longer the baby Chapter and extend our congratulations to Alpha-Iota also best wishes for her future success.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brother, R. E. Watson, Martinsburg, W. Va., L. C. Yeardley, Newark, Ohio, G. W. VanBuskirk, Elkins, W. Va., and R. W. Dunham, Belington, W. Va., who on April 5th were conducted into the mysteries of our Fraternity.

On May 19th, we gave a dance and supper, which was a very elaborate affair. This was the first of our annual dances which we are going to give.

I personally, also in behalf of the Chapter wish to express my gratitude for the warm welcome extended me, their representative in base-ball, by the many Pis I had the good fortune to meet while on the southern trip.

R. T. Staubly.

ALPHA-IOTA.*Millsaps College.*

A brief account of the installation of Alpha-Iota in Millsaps College appeared in the last issue, and we are glad to say that we have made splendid progress along all lines since that time. Besides those whose names appeared in that number, the following men have been added to our ranks:

- Thornton E. Mortimer, Belzona, Miss.
- John Lambert Neill, Montrose, Miss.
- J. Marvin Bradley, Pinola, Miss.
- T. E. Pegram, Ripley, Miss.
- M. M. Roberson, Vicksburg, Miss.
- James M. Kennedy, Montrose, Miss.
- Clarence B. Godbold, Homo Chetto, Miss.
- H. M. Harris, Jackson, Miss.

These men we take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large as gentlemen who will do credit to our Fraternity, and who will ever have its interests closest at heart.

Alpha-Iota is represented in almost every phase of college life. Of the five honors given by the college, Alpha-Iota receives four. S. M. Graham represents the college at the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest, to be held at Gulfport, Miss. T. M. Bradley represents us in a similar contest at Crystal Springs, and O. W. Bradley goes to the Sam Jones Chautauqua Contest at Gloster, Miss. In all these contests the four colleges of the State will be represented.

T. E. Pegram represents our Law School in a contest between the Law Schools of the State.

Surely with these representatives Alpha-Iota may expect some results.

We are almost as well represented on the Commencement program. Cook, Collins and Kirkland have secured places on the Freshman Prize Declamation Contest, and Carlton and C. Lamar Neill have been given places on the Sophomore Oratorical Contest.

Of the five Senior Speakers, Alpha-Iota has two, and of the two Law Class Speakers, we have one.

S. M. Graham, O. W. Bradley, T. M. Bradley, T. E. Pegram and M. M. Roberson compose our representatives in the Senior Class, the last two being of the Law Class.

The following is a complete list of members with their summer addresses:

- O. W. Bradley, Broxton, Miss.
- T. M. Bradley, Pinola, Miss.
- H. H. Bullock, Monterey, Miss.
- L. K. Carlton, Sardis, Miss.
- Jeff Collins, Laurel, Miss.
- G. P. Cook, Chrystal Springs, Miss.
- C. B. Godbold, Homo Chitto, Miss.
- S. M. Graham, Oak Grove, Miss.
- H. M. Harris, Jackson, Miss.
- J. M. Kennedy, Montrose, Miss.
- C. H. Kirkland, Fellowship, Miss.
- E. D. Lewis, Congress, Miss.
- T. E. Mortimer, Belzona, Miss.
- E. G. Mohler, Mount Olive, Miss.
- C. L. Neill, Montrose, Miss.
- J. L. Neill, Montrose, Miss.
- T. E. Pegram, Ripley, Miss.
- M. M. Roberson, Vicksburg, Miss.
- J. L. Sumerall, Laurel, Miss.
- Dr. Swartz, Jackson, Miss.
- H. R. Townsend, Kilmechael, Miss.

The members of Alpha-Iota extend their best wishes to every Pi.

C. Lamar Neill.

The Pi's.

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.

—The General Office has received a very pretty invitation to the Commencement Exercises of the University of Florida June 11th-14th, being indebted to B. H. Bridges for same. The exercises start on Sunday with the sermon by the President. Monday, Dress Parade and Joint Debate. Tuesday, Gymnasium exhibition, Competitive Drill, Alumni address and Banquet. Wednesday, the Senior Orations and conferring of degrees. Brother Bridges is a member of the Graduating Class.

—Rev. Thornwell Jacobs, Mu, was unanimously elected Pastor of the Bishopville, S. C., Church on January 22nd.

—Dr. Daniel Harmon, Alpha, a recent graduate of the Medical Department and Surgeon in the United States Army, was married to Miss Verdie M. Irvine at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, March 20th, at the residence of the bride's mother at the University of Virginia. "*College Topics*" has the following to say:

The wedding was a surprise to the friends of both parties. It was hastened by the uncertainty of the movements of the young surgeon. Dr. and Mrs. Harmon left Monday night for Nashville to visit the groom's parents. Later this month they will go to New Orleans, where they will sail for Cristobal, Panama, where the groom is at present stationed.

Dr. Harmon has since resigned his position in the Army and is now located at No. 179 E. Pine street, Atlanta, Ga., where he is practicing his profession.

—Robt. H. Lafferty, Beta, writes us under date April 1st: "Yesterday I had a letter from Dr. C. C. Orr, one of Beta's charter members. He is in Asheville, N. C., and has charge of the Bacteriotherapeutic Laboratories there, which is a fine position. His brother, N. A. Orr, also an M. D., occupies a splendid position in Richmond, Va., under Dr. McGuire."

—The General Office has received a beautifully engraved invitation, bearing the badge in gold at the top, to Mu's Banquet, as follows:

"Mu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha
Thursday evening, June the eighth,
Nineteen hundred and five,
Nine o'clock."

College Hall.

R. S. V. P.

—The publishers call attention to the documents illustrative of the Reconstruction Period, from the pen of our talented Brother, Walter L. Fleming, W. Va. University. These documents are seventeen in number, and have attracted wide notice from all students.

—Rev. C. B. Wilmer, Gamma, who presided at the Banquet of the Fifteenth Convention in Atlanta last year, was married in February in Atlanta, Ga. He is the Rector of the St. Luke's Episcopal Church. We regret not to have more definite information, but extend many cordial congratulations.

—The following is taken from the "*Times-Dispatch*" of April 14th, regarding a Brother of Phi:

The Rev. Thomas Campbell Darst, who some time since was called to the rectorship of St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church of this city, has accepted the call, and will enter upon his duties as rector Sunday morning.

The new rector is a Virginian, born in 1875. He received an academic education at Roanoke College, Salem, and then entered into active business life, which he continued for several years. Then he entered the Theological Seminary at Alexandria, from which he graduated with high honors, and was ordained in the diaconate by Bishop Peterkin in June, 1902. He served his dea-

conate as assistant to the rector of Christ Church, Fairmont, W. Va., and afterwards had charge of St. Andrew's Church, at Mannington, W. Va.

While acting as assistant in June, 1903, Mr. Darst was ordained to the priesthood. In the same month he accepted a call to the rectorship of Meade and St. John's parishes, in Fauquier and Loudoun counties. In 1902 Mr. Darst was united in marriage with Miss Florence Wise, of Alexandria.

He is an earnest student and able speaker, and is considered one of the ablest young men in the church in Virginia.

—The Winchester, Va., "*News Item*" of January 5th, 1905, has the following regarding one of Alpha's members, Blackburn Smith:

Hon. Blackburn Smith, member of the House of Delegates from Clarke and Warren, and Mr. F. B. Whiting, Jr., have formed a law partnership at Berryville. Both of the members of the firm have practiced successfully and are well known.

—S. P. Miller of Yellow Store, Tenn., Phi, according to a local, was visiting friends the middle of April in and around Salem. "Of course, everyone knows what that means; at least all can guess." We hope very soon to hear of the success of these visits.

—The *Central Presbyterian* of May 10th, in its Union Seminary Notes has the following to say regarding our newly elected Grand Chaplain.

On Monday night the Rev. J. Gray McAllister was inaugurated Adjunct Professor of the Hebrew Language and Literature. In the presence of the Board of Directors, of the student body, and a full assembly, the exercises were conducted by the Rev. Dr. G. W. Finley, the acting President of the Board. Professor McAllister took the prescribed obligations and was cordially greeted by Dr. Finley. The charge was delivered by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Rosebro, of Fredericksburg, who said that while the pulpit was the high throne of the Christian minister, it was a position of great responsibility and of the highest honor to shape not only the mental but the spiritual life of the successive classes of young men entering the ministry. The Old Testament, of which the Professor was to be the instructor, was the especial object of attack in our day by friend and foe. The professor in the seminary has opportunity for making deep impressions upon the minds and hearts of the students, of which Dr. Rosebro gave illustration from the life of Dr. R. L. Dabney.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Hill, solemnly and effectually inducting the Professor into his work.

Prof. McAllister took for his theme, "There is but One Book," the words of Sir Walter Scott on his death bed, and delivered an address of much power on the Word of God, and its unique and pre-eminent place among books. This fine address must be published in some way.

—Rev. Frank Mann, Iota, who has been filling the position of Mountain Missionary in Albemarle County, Va., has recently accepted the position of Assistant Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Havana, Cuba, and is now at his post.

—The following newspaper note regarding the Church in Atlanta, of which Brother Theron H. Rice is the Pastor, will be read with interest:

A big annex is to be built to the Central Presbyterian Church, on Washington Street; the church purchased a lot adjoining the present church for \$8,000. When the church was built the property bought yesterday was sold, none of the church members thinking the church would ever outgrow the present building, which seats 1,400 people. The Sunday-school, however, has increased wonderfully in the past few years and it has become necessary to provide other quarters for it.—*Central Presbyterian.*

—The following very handsomely engraved invitation is acknowledged with many thanks by the General Office. We know it was a delightful occasion.

Gamma Chapter
of
Pi Kappa Alpha
requests the honor of your presence
at their
Final German
Monday evening, June the fifth
nineteen hundred and five
at half after ten o'clock
College Gymnasium
Williamsburg, Virginia.

—The Commencement Exercises of the Greenbrier Presbyterian School, Lewisburg, W. Va., will be held May 21st and 22nd. The Rev. D. W. Hollingsworth, Theta, will preach the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday

night, the 21st, and the Rev. Asa D. Watkins, Iota, will deliver the Literary Address on Monday night, the 22nd.

—The following from the "*Sunday Outlook*" of Georgetown, S. C. on January 21st, contains the sad announcement of one of Nu's very talented Brothers:

A gloom was thrown over the town of Georgetown and community on Thursday evening last when the sad announcement was made that Judge Bryant H. Henderson had suddenly passed away.

In 1898 he was elected to the legislature from Berkeley county, and in 1905 he was prominently mentioned for Congress from the Sixth district.

In 1900 he came to Georgetown and practiced his profession until he was elected Probate Judge in 1902, which office he has filled with efficiency and honor until his death on Thursday evening.

In 1902 he was chosen county chairman of the Democratic party, serving in this capacity until the time of his death. He was also one of the leaders of the "White Supremacy Club," and it was largely due to his untiring efforts that the club met with its great success. He was a member of the Masonic Order and the Knights of Pythias.

He attended the public schools of his home county until he arrived at the age of sixteen years, when he entered the High School at Manning, S. C. Finishing the course of this school he then went to Charleston and entered the Citadel, from where he attended Wofford College. Graduating from this college he entered South Carolina College at Columbia, to study law. After finishing the studies of his chosen profession, he began to practice at Fitzgerald, Georgia.

He leaves a wife, a little daughter about seven years of age.

—J. D. Walker, Upsilon, has been connected with the United States Engineer Corps since graduating, his first year in survey work, and now in construction work inspecting levees. The last letter received from this Brother was at Home Place, Ga.

—H. H. Weir, so long a hard worker for Rho's success, has accepted a position on May 5th, with "*The Daily Progress*" at Hattiesburg, Miss. The best wishes of the Fraternity follow him in his new work, in which we hope he will reap abundant success.

—Brothers N. T. Wagner and G. A. Penick, Beta, are now located in the Government Land Office at Tahlequah, I. T. As has always been characteristic of them, they have not remained idle as regards Pi Kappa Alpha, though situated at such a distance from their Chapter. It was due to their efforts and influence alone, that Alpha-Zeta Chapter was established at the University of Arkansas.

—Geo. E. McLaurine, Sigma, who has been travelling for Nelson, Baker & Co., of Detroit, has resigned his position, and is now owner of the Muscogee Drug Co., of Muscogee, Indian Territory.

—M. O. Bridges, Rho, who was selected as "All-Southern" Tackle for the season of 1903, has accepted a position with the New York Life Insurance Co., and is making his headquarters at Nashville, Tenn.

—The following interesting clipping is taken from the "*Times-Dispatch*" of June 4th:

Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, at Richmond College, united with Alumnus Alpha of Richmond in their annual banquet, given in Murphy's Hotel Friday evening.

Many knights of the "Shield and Diamond" from the various Virginia Chapters and a goodly number of the local "sisters" were present, and made the occasion a most enjoyable and happy one. The spacious banquet hall was beautifully decorated with the fraternity colors and pennants. Dancing was the closing feature of the evening.

Among those present were Misses Susette G. Beale, of King and Queen; Stella K. Bass, of Richmond; Sarah Lee Robertson, of Salem, Va.; Ella M. Smith, of Clifton Forge; Annie E. Barnes, of Richmond; Placidia A. Hudnall, of Northumberland; Lucy M. Taylor, of Richmond; Judith A. Kemp, of Henrico; Edith L. Hatcher, of Fork Union; Virginia L. Williams, Langhorne Cosby, Maud G. Steele, Lynda M. Koiner and Mrs. Robert Whittet, Jr., chaperone, all of Richmond.

The members of Omicron Chapter present were Messrs. R. Halman Willis, Walter G. Tyler, Paul P. Woodfin, Deane Hundley, Philip M. Gresham, Carter E. Talmon, A. Willis Robertson, John S. Wright, George B. Wright, John S. Harwood, Jr., C. Hawthorne Elsom, R. Spencer Ellis, Marion G. Willis, Jr., Cosby M. Robertson, Joseph P. Snead.

Representatives from Alumnus Alpha included Messrs. James Alston Cabell, Clinton A. Boyce, Oscar Swineford, Edwin P. Cox, Robert Whittet, Jr., E. L. Bemiss, Beverly B. Munford, Samuel W. Lacy, Dr. E. H. Cowles, Dr. N. A. Orr, Dr. Robert A. Stewart.

Mr. Oscar L. Shewmaker, of Gamma Chapter, was also a guest of the evening.

Mr. Robert Whittet, Jr., was toastmaster. Mr. Clinton A. Boyce responded to the toast, "Pi Kappa Alpha Memories;" Hon. James Alston Cabell to "Virginia—Mother of Pi Kappa Alpha;" Mr. E. P. Cox, Jr., to "The Next Convention—Richmond, Va., 1907;" Mr. W. G. Tyler to "Omicron Chapter;" Mr. B. B. Munford to "The Alumni;" Mr. Joseph P. Snead to "The Goat;" Mr. O. L. Shewmaker to "Our Sisters," and Mr. Robert Whittet, Jr., to "Good-night."

Features of the evening were an instrumental solo, by Miss Robertson, and a vocal solo, by Miss Smith, and a piano solo, by Miss Hatcher.

—Best wishes are extended to Brother Penick, Beta, on his approaching wedding, as set forth in the following invitation:

"Mr. and Mrs. Julius O. Risser
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Mary Boyd
to
Mr. Giles Albert Penick
Wednesday evening the twenty-eighth of June
nineteen hundred and five
at seven o'clock
108 East Street
Fayetteville, Arkansas."

Exchanges and Fraternity Notes.

—Fraternities at Vanderbilt which are housed are Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, D. K. E., Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, S. A. E., Phi Kappa Psi, and Phi Kappa Sigma. Phi Delta Theta and Kappa Alpha own, and also Sigma Chi, though its chief asset is said to be a mortgage. Kappa Sigma has built recently, with a fine lot as collateral.

—Kappa Sigma is the first in many years to crowd Phi Delta Theta out of the laurels of supporting the lengthiest chapter roll. There are now seventy-one chartered bodies operating under the Kappa Sigma banner to sixty-nine of Phi Delta Theta. Beta Theta is in hot pursuit with sixty-seven, S. A. E., shoving her with only two less.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

—Five fraternities at Virginia occupy houses—Delta Psi, D. K. E., Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta and Pi Kappa Alpha, the last two being the latest. Only the first two own houses. Kappa Alpha rents a flat.

—In addressing the Twentieth Century Club at Boston recently, Prof. H. L. Bailey, *ϕ. Δ. θ.*, director of the College of Agriculture, Cornell University, said: "I believe that there are more boys going directly back to the farm from the agricultural colleges than there are lawyers going into law from the law schools or doctors going into medicine from the medical colleges."—*ϕ. Δ. θ. Scroll*.

—Under the auspices of his fraternity, Dr. George H. Kress has issued a unique Greek letter publication, styled the *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Manual*. It is a concise volume of nearly two hundred pages, divided into three general heads: First, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; second, Other Greek Letter Fraternities; third, A Defense of the College Fraternity

System, with maps and tables. Most of the volume, as would be expected, is devoted to S. A. E., its history, its chapters, and its alumni, but its concise sketches of all fraternities, illustrated with the badge of each, and its defense of the system, make the volume of interest to all Greeks. Dr. Kress has devoted considerable time and labor to his production, and he and his fraternity are to be congratulated on having successfully produced a volume that, as far as the writer is informed, is the first of its kind yet issued by any Greek letter organization. The author resides in Los Angeles, Cal., but the price of the volume does not appear.—*K. A. Journal*.

—The following most valuable table is taken from the *K. A. Journal*:

	1905.	1898.	Gain.
Kappa Sigma	70	49	21
Phi Delta Theta	69	63	6
Beta Theta Pi	67	62	5
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	62	54	8
Phi Gamma Delta	57	44	13
Sigma Chi	53	50	3
Alpha Tau Omega	51	42	9
Sigma Nu	50	40	10
Kappa Alpha	49	37	12
Delta Tau Delta	47	38	9
Phi Kappa Psi	42	38	4
Delta Kappa Epsilon	41	35	6
Delta Upsilon	35	31	4
Pi Kappa Alpha	27	13	14
Theta Delta Chi	24	21	3
Phi Kappa Sigma	23	12	11
Alpha Delta Phi	23	23	0
Psi Upsilon	22	21	1
Zeta Psi	21	20	1
Chi Phi	20	19	1
Phi Sigma Kappa	18	8	10
Chi Psi	18	19	-1
Sigma Phi Epsilon	12	0	12
Delta Phi	11	12	-1
Delta Psi	8	8	0
Sigma Phi	8	8	0
Kappa Alpha (N.)	7	6	1
Alpha Chi Rho	6	0	6

Editorial.

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL Convention probably accomplished more work than any recent meeting. It is true that it had more opportunity, because the reports of the Constitution Committee were made to it, but whatever the cause, it is certain that the delegates spared no pains or energy to devote their time and thought to the work in hand. Like all of our Conventions, as long as there was any work to do, delegates and officers had no thought but for its accomplishment, and only when the "Decks were cleared" were the social features considered.

We think that the Constitution adopted is a very strong and staple one, and that Brother Sale deserves many thanks for his work. If this Constitution is thoroughly carried out, and its methods employed in our work, it will mean a general overhauling of previous rather lax methods and the getting down to a strictly business basis. This has been an end very much to be desired and not only the General Fraternity, but each individual Chapter, will benefit by it. Let us determine that the new laws adopted for our government shall be lived up to strictly and enthusiastically. Each member should have a copy of these laws and study them thoroughly, so that his individual and official acts may be according to their requirements.

THE CHANGING OF THE Convention meetings from annual to biennial sessions may or may not be advisable, at least, we will know by the next Convention whether the Fraternity was ready for such a change. There are some who think that on account of the formative period, so to speak, through which the Fraternity is passing, and the recent radical change in the laws, it would have been bet-

ter to have postponed this change in the Conventions for a few years. It is very natural that in making such changes there will be found many laws that are not exactly adapted to the requirements, and such can, of course, only be changed or rectified at a Convention. It seems, upon careful reading, of the Constitution, however, that it is a very full and complete document and, should occasion arise for some slight changes, provision is made for the Supreme Council to use their discretion, amenable to the next Convention.

TO THOSE WHO WERE CLOSELY connected with the Supreme Council as it has existed for so many years, feelings of sadness have come at the changes made in it, and the parting with one who has been the leading spirit of the Fraternity for so many years; whose firmness of character, whose devotion to his Fraternity, whose absolute impartiality as presiding officer, and whose lovable nature and disposition, had won for him the admiration and respect of those who were associated with him as officers, and the abiding faith and love of the younger members who were thrown with him at the Conventions. It will be very hard to get along without Dr. Arbuckle; for officers and Chapters have been accustomed so long to refer to him matters for decision and advice, and have always found such sound judgment, such brotherly sympathy and such executive ability at his hands, as to make his place more that of an elder Brother than otherwise.

The Fraternity sympathizes with the reasons which caused his resignation and appreciates that, while not officially connected with them, no appeal for advice and no request for assistance will fall unheeded on his ears. Arbuckle is "true blue" through and through, and whether he resigns or stays in office, the Fraternity will always look to him for advice and assistance—and they will never call in vain.

NO MORE WORTHY SUCCESSOR could have been found for Dr. Arbuckle than Mr. Arthur C. Jones, who was chosen by the Convention. He has proven himself an earnest and thorough worker for the Fraternity, and we know that under his administration the well laid plans will be carried along smoothly and efficiently, and success will continue to crown each year's work.

No Fraternity could have had a more efficient Grand Secretary nor more faithful and devoted officer than J. Pike Powers, Jr., and it is a matter of congratulation that we still retain him as one of our active officers. His successor as Grand Secretary, J. R. Williamson, has always been an active Fraternity man, and will bring to his office the enthusiasm and devotion of a loyal member, which means success.

The Fraternity was very fortunate in securing the services of J. Graham Sale for so important a work as the Historical Records. This enthusiastic Brother has planned his work well, and before the next Convention assembles, we predict that he will be ready to furnish a very comprehensive catalogue.

Those of the old guard yet remaining in the Council extend to the new members cordial greetings, and hope, with their assistance, to continue the good work of the Fraternity. Let each member become acquainted with his associates through correspondence, and keep up the close touch of the elbow which has existed for so many years in this body.

DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS the members should realize that an exceptional opportunity is offered to do good work for the Fraternity. They will come in contact with students from all colleges, and many a good word can be spoken and many an acquaintance formed which will result in a new Chapter if proper advantage is taken of it.

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