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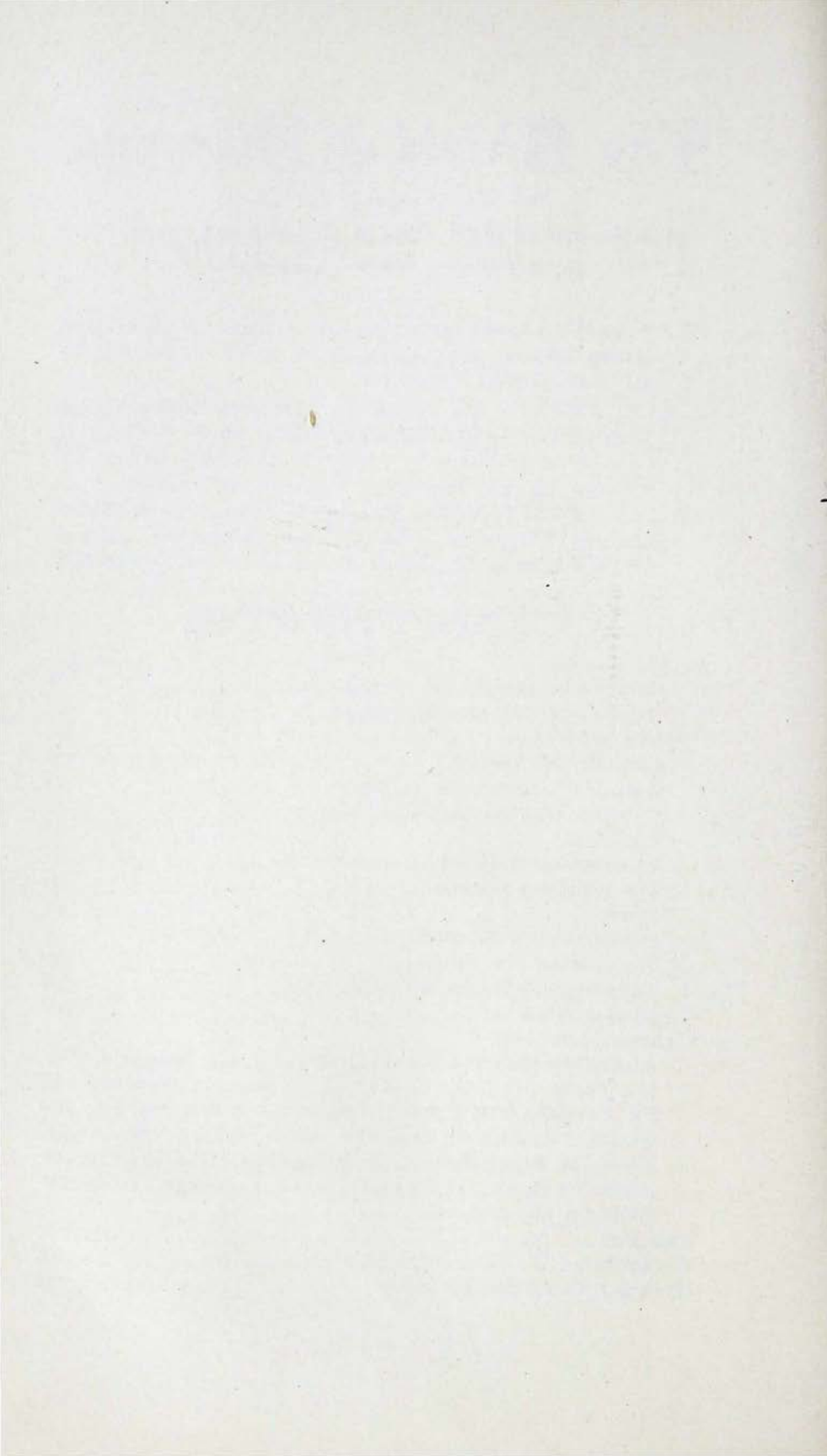
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## Contributions.

### SEWANEE'S SUMMER GIRL.

#### I

The summer season ended on Sewanee's mountain high;  
And a thousand lustrous maidens stopped to bid a sad Good-bye.  
And varied were the colors which each beauty did enfold,  
But the loveliest lass was she who wore the Garnet and the Gold.

#### II.

There was Point d'Esprit from Paris, from New York there came  
Pique—  
All the colors of the rainbow bent their force on *H. K. A.*  
But though white or blue snared many eyes, no heart was found  
so cold,  
But felt the hot blood thrill to see the Garnet and the Gold.

#### III.

At Chapter House, or Tennis, drive, moonlight walk, or dance,  
Each damsel heard the whispered vow, and marked the melting  
glance,  
But the maid who saw love's fiercest stream leap forth all uncon-  
trolled—  
And kept the pledge, was she who wore the Garnet and the Gold.

#### IV.

By the soft fringe of her eyelid; by her cheek, where white and red  
Struggle each to be possessor; by her dainty poise of head,  
By her small mouth, laughing lip, bright eye, and thousand  
charms untold,  
Let each Pi honor her, who wears the Garnet and the Gold.

*P. T. Prentiss, Chi.*



### ARE COLLEGE MEN BECOMING FLABBY?

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In an article in the September number of the *North American Review* Dr. Barrett Wendell, of Harvard, makes this statement: "The average college student of to-day is becoming flabbier and flabbier in mind." It would be presumption indeed for me to set forth a statement publicly denying the Doctor's charge, but as a college man I resent the spirit of the article; and in this age of freedom of thought and action, in this institution whose policy emphatically encourages freedom of speech, and in this society whose position on the same is no less strained, I think I may venture to express my ideas on this question.

Let us look about us and see what causes flabbiness of mind. It seems to me that indolent habits, coupled with frequent dissipations, carelessness and indifference towards work, and seeking after easy courses, which require little exercise of physical and mental faculties, are the most usual pretences with which men satisfy their consciences and starve their souls. I make no attempt to deny that there are men in every college whose highest aim is to get through with their work with as little exertion as possible, but the majority of college men, especially in the South, come to college to fit themselves for the duties of life, and they realize that their time is valuable to them and what is wasted cannot be recalled. This class of men are not indolent or given to frequent dissipations, nor are they indifferent to their work. This accusation cannot be brought indiscriminately against college men as a whole, yet Dr. Wendell made no discrimination whatever.

There is, however, a great deal of indifference in our colleges to-day, but it is due to the regulations as much as to the man. Much of it is caused by ironclad regulations of institutions whose curriculums are almost entirely compulsory. Heretofore, and to a certain extent it is true to day, the faculty of such institutions have inherited a traditional



idea that a man can never be educated until he has been dragged by force through Horace and Plautus and had Plato and Homer drilled into his cerebral hemispheres by a fat old professor who smacks his lips in ecstasy as he walks arm in arm with Socrates and Aristotle, and who sits with a brow as black as night while some halting freshman stumbles through Lycias.

Mr. Wendell, in his article, admits that, after studying Latin and Greek for ten years, he threw his books aside without being able to read a line of either at sight. Where, then, is the wisdom of such application?

We come now to the vital question, and upon the answer of this question your idea of the truth of the Doctor's statement. What does it mean to be educated? What makes an educated man? To be educated is to be so trained intellectually, morally and physically as to think and act wisely and independently. When a man has acquired these qualifications he is educated if he has never seen a college or read a line of Latin. Now are college students, as a rule, able to think and act for themselves? We cannot estimate this, of course, but we can form a definite idea of it from the world's estimate of college men. The Erie Railroad Company requires a college diploma as a recommendation for their employ, and the authorities say no men learn faster and work better than college bred men. A few newspapers require the same, and are not slow in testifying to the same results.

What should be a man's attitude toward his work in college? Is a long face, which invariably repels his fellows, and a brow drawn with ridges like whip cords, the label knowledge puts upon her sons? If so, I want to be no son of hers. But knowledge does not effect the normal man that way; it gives him a glow of countenance and a free and easy manner which makes him accessible rather than repulsive. What doth it profit a man if he learn all the Latin written if he knows not how to move freely among his fellows? The ideal college man is not the one who sits

constantly with his books, delving late and early. This is very commendable, and a certain amount of this is necessary for every student's success, but what a man learns and is not able to apply in actual life is worth little to him. Many men make a great mistake in their college career by hedging themselves in with their books, excluding their fellows from their companionship.

The college community offers an unrivalled field for the study of human nature. Men are intimately associated in class, around the campus and in their rooms, and the veil of conventionality is lifted and the soul awaits our interpretation and yet we spurn it, the opportunity of a life time. Can the student's communion with the dead works of the past lose any of its charm by being shared with his fellows? The strongest bonds of friendship are often moulded while in college. The immortal Hallam was Tennyson's bosom friend while at college; Milton's cherished friend, Edward King, was his college chum at Oxford. You may cry with Lowell, "solitude is the nurse of full grown souls," or quote Emerson to prove that "society is a conspiracy against manhood," yet you are called upon to lament the failure of your petted scholar when you pit him against the world with infinite confidence; and to stare with wide open eyes to see this easy going fellow, this flabby minded fellow, as you call him, who spurned Horace with contempt, as he is welcomed by the world and heralded as a man among his fellows.

No, the book worm is not always the statesman who reforms society and bestows a boon upon humanity. It is this same "easy going" fellow who in after life feels the burden of humanity upon his soul, and having an intimate knowledge of this humanity, through long and continuous contact with his fellows, sets about to remedy the existing evils of his time. His soul fills the universe and he walks among men an uncrowned king. He it is who writes the nation's laws and gives it an indisputable place among the powers of the earth. Such has been the records of the



world's great minds; and such it will continue to be in spite of the sickly protest of puny hermits, who claim to have the light of the past blended with that of the present to guide our feet aright and ferry aspiring youth across the gulf of ignorance on to true greatness.

*Paul Webb.*

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### CHAPTER HOUSES.

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In the last few years this fraternity has probably established as many new Chapters as any other in the United States. If there ever was necessity for such rapid expansion, surely now, with a Chapter roll of some thirty odd in our territory, it has become a thing of the past. We have the numbers now, but along with greater size comes new and greater responsibilities. Quick growth almost invariably creates some weak points and some defects to be remedied. So at present the logical act is to turn our attention and efforts towards strengthening the individual Chapters.

In this connection nothing, I think, is more beneficial and nothing more productive of good results than a Chapter house. "The reason for fraternities," is not the appeal that mystery and symbolic secrets, make to many, but is congeniality, pure and simple. The very association of men together in a fraternity is the expression of a common desire among them to have in this group their best and most intimate college friends. This desire is best satisfied and the ideal of fraternalizing is best realized, when all the members of a Chapter are under one roof. There, from the very nature of the case, the men see most of each other and experience the kindness of that congeniality which attracted them to one another. Moreover, a house not only enables a member to get the most out of his fraternity life, but it gives to the same number of men a far greater working capacity than they would possess scattered. They



can concentrate their efforts more quickly and more effectually than they would otherwise be able to do. As a necessary consequence the fraternity assumes a position of more influence in the college world.

Every Chapter which thus strengthens itself has just so much strengthened the fraternity as a whole, and added to its position among other fraternities. A home for a Chapter, then, is conducive to the pleasure and profit of the men, and to the power of the Chapter and the general organization.

But the benefits of a house do not need to be dwelt upon very extensively or with much detail. The advantages are only too obvious to anyone who takes time to consider the matter. Everywhere fraternities are realizing the necessity and desirability of possessing homes, and are endeavoring to get them. We, who see in them a great force for building up our Chapters, and who concede that we need some building up, can little afford to stand idle; we must get to work industriously and obtain houses.

The task is a hard one, and will demand much energy and perseverance. In each Chapter committees should be appointed every fall and every spring to work among the active members, as well as solicit interest and aid from alumni for the undertaking. The committees must have more or less discretionary powers if they are to accomplish much. This kind of work always devolves on a few men, and they cannot do their best if continually hampered by the rest of the Chapter. Most of the active men can contribute something each year to a fund, and graduates, or any who leave can promise certain sums a year, for a certain term of years. From the alumni, of course, the majority of the finances are expected to come, and much will depend on being able to arouse enthusiasm among them. The best means of doing this, is a show of hard work and something accomplished among the active members before the alumni are appealed to.

A committee among the Grand Officers to serve in an advisory capacity to the Chapters would do a great deal

of good. Interested alumni, too, could give much aid and advice in regard to getting the movement on a substantial business basis, and about the practicability of the different methods different Chapters will have to adopt. The counsel of men experienced in business will prove of invaluable aid once interest is aroused among them.

But whatever way the different Chapters employ, the main is to get a house. A fraternity which has each Chapter in its own home possesses an air of power, influence and permanency which is undeniable. Among the numerous fraternities those which have houses are the ones which will survive. The strongest fraternities are striving their utmost to get every Chapter in a house, and if we wish to retain our position here in the South, we too must have them; not rent them, but own them.

*J. H. Neff, Jr., Alpha.*

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## CHAPTER LIFE.

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A few short years we dwell together here,  
And live as friends, soon to be thrust apart.  
We share our college joys and hopes and fears,  
And speak as man to man and heart to heart.  
So transient seems such friendship we might think  
This comradeship so dear would come to nought  
When we, who came at learning's fount to drink  
Have gone, taking the honors that we sought.  
But no, there is a link which binds us fast,  
And does not weaken as the years go by,—  
Our much-loved bonds will be from first to last  
Our blessed emblem and our common tie.

*E. F. Shewmake, Jr., Gamma.*



**BALLADE OF FRATERNITIES.**

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"Familiar tongues that faintly call,  
Remembered songs of days gone by,  
Dim echoes, they too softly fall  
On ears that hunger for reply;  
For memory wakes and love makes cry  
In tones of greeting and of praise,  
'To you I drain the health-cup dry,  
Old comrades of my college days.'

Whate'er you emblems, hail to all!  
Because ye loved them so shall I;  
'Tis sweet each old friend to recall;  
The Shield and Diamond, Sigma Chi,  
D. U., Phi Gam, and every Phi,  
I loved; ye Theta Delts, K. A.'s,  
And Dekes—greeting to all I cry,  
Old comrades of my college days.

Good cheer and blessing to ye all,  
Old friends of days that shall not die:  
Like sunbeams dancing on the wall  
May all the happy moments fly.  
Companions still, may ye and I,  
Though straying far on several ways,  
Remember well the days gone by,  
Old comrades of my college days.

**L' ENVOI.**

But, Brothers, as the seasons fly,  
While bright the Star and Crescent blaze,  
Still closer grows our nearer tie,  
Old comrades of my college days."

—*The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.*



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**CULTIVATE OUR MANNER OF SALUTATION.**

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Have you ever met a man whose very salute sent the blood tingling in your veins? His "*good morning*" was a tonic. The manner in which he spoke gave you new life and encouraged you to your very best. The company of such a man is always sought, whether he be a prince or a pauper.

We are prone to get into the habit of drawling out our salutes in a haphazard manner that becomes merely a drag and mannerism. We make it a matter of indifference, and of course, the effect on the person saluted is the same. It is thus that we sometimes lose faith in our fellow-man.

A salute well said is worth saying, but a salute half said had better be left unsaid. *Psi.*

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**THE IDEAL.**

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What our work accomplishes in the way of advancement depends upon our own efforts toward perfection. We can become useful to society only as we advance toward the best. We cannot estimate the value of an ideal.

Have an ideal, representative of something far beyond anything the eye has yet seen, the hand wrought, or the ear heard. The faculty of conceiving and always maintaining an ideal of excellence is of great value—its power is unlimited. The ideal is constantly suggesting itself, and a man is surrounded by wondrous inspirations toward a finer life. All nature is an instrument by which God reveals Himself and inspires the highest and best in everything. Art and literature are great and real only as they are attempts to express the ideal.

Idealism enters into much that has made up the history of the past, and to-day it supplies a great motive force in society, for it holds before the mind a high standard of attainment. An occupation without an ideal has never yet

gained the attention of the race, nor has any great degree of excellence been attained in any part or profession without a desire to reach such a goal.

The realization of the ideal has given us our greatest world productions in art and literature. To this end did Raphael advance inch by inch, step by step, until he gave us that great masterpiece, "The Transfiguration of Christ," which has influenced the world to take one step higher.

Beethoven—how the name thrills us—as we think of him in the little cottage playing for the blind girl, it seems as though we can see the moonbeams fall across the floor and feel the holy calm which settles over all. We watch the hands of the great musician fly like magic over the keys, and the whole scene is to us an ennobling picture. It is here in this lovely cottage that Beethoven composed the "Moonlight Sonata," in whose sweet tones he realized his ideal, and the world rises higher for them.

Not in a single day or year did William Wordsworth learn all the great lessons set before him. He conformed to the laws of the universe—he grew. He knew and loved the best in nature and in man. How truly did Wordsworth see in all about him a life which would lead him onward and upward. Every day he looked forward, not backward, up and not down, in not out. He learned to see less of evil and more of good in all things. He realized his ideal.

It is of greatest importance that we seek the highest and best in life, that we strive for all that life holds for us. Those who neglect this, whose hopes and aspirations are realized when they are securing, or have secured, a comfortable earthly existence are, or should, be of all creatures most miserable. However, there is a great majority of mankind who disregard the influence of their better natures, and are content to remain in the crowd—in the valley of mediocrity? They aim no higher than the gratification of their present need and desires. Others are true to their better sentiments, their aspirations for higher things have overcome all lower tendencies, they see things



in their true relations. The ideals of the artist and the poet transform the commonplace. They seek to exalt humanity by presenting, for contemplation, examples of high characters, they strive to awaken nobler purposes and give life a greater significance.

We live to progress, to strive in an unbroken continuity toward perfection. Man must not content himself with any gift the earth can bestow, but must perpetually grasp things, attainable only by the greatest efforts, and these having been reached, he must find that they are unsatisfying. A new ideal becomes necessary, for in this earthly stage we must continually strive to realize that perfection which "the souls sees perfect, but the eye seeks in vain."

Let idealism be dreaming if you will, yet the dream must go before every advanced position, either in realms of scientific investigation or the beauties of art. Theory has always preceded practice, and theorizing is but the forming of ideals toward which strife can be directed.

The Divine plan is but a great Ideal, and with that for example we can truly say that *the Ideal is all-powerful*.

W. H. Argabrite, *Alpha-Lambda*.

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### PROMISCUOUS BADGING.

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There is one custom among fraternity men which seems to be almost universally popular, and that is the custom which we call "badging"—sticking a pin on an attractive young lady and showing her a peculiar way of shaking hands. That sounds easy and is as easy as it sounds, especially if the pin happens to be a pretty one, and here is the trouble. It is *easy*, so easy that the custom has come to be detrimental to the Fraternity. There is no restriction whatever placed upon badging beyond the taste, and, too often the passing fancy of an individual member. I have said that it is detrimental to the Fraternity. In most cases it is a great help, but in others, thanks to the lack of re-



striction, it is a positive meanace; in this my readers must agree with me after reading the facts which I intend to set forth in this article.

Our Fraternity is based upon high principles. Our pride is that the "*Shield and Diamond*" signifies worth, manliness, culture, good blood; that the wearer of that pin is anywhere and everywhere worthy of our friendship and esteem. Suppose that some one wears that pin whom we are ashamed to take to our homes. Suppose that a girl wears that pin whom we would not introduce to our mothers and sisters. How would we feel? What would outsiders say? This is the exception, but the simple fact that such an exception is possible, calls for some restriction.

By that simple act of badging a girl, a responsibility is placed upon every member of the Fraternity. When a young lady wears our pin it is "up to us" to show her a good time wherever we meet her. This is looked upon as a pleasure, not a responsibility, and our Pi sisters are a source of pleasure and of pride to us. But often, as the result of a summer flirtation, the whim of a Freshman, a Final's heart-smashing, or something of that sort, they are—shall we say a burden? At any rate, if they had to wear a frat. pin, we wish that they had chosen another design.

A number of girls have told me of the pins that they have worn at different times. Let me give a few examples. One young lady—and a very lovable creature she was—recounted her victims as follows: "The first frat. pin I ever wore was a  $\Phi. \Delta. \theta.$ , the next a  $K. \Sigma.$ ; the next a  $\Sigma. A. E.$ ; then a  $K. A.$ , and now I am wearing a  $\Pi. K. A.$ " Another belle named eleven pins whose value she had enhanced, with  $\Pi. K. A.$  about third in chronological order. A friend of mine once appeared with a  $X. \Phi.$  pin where frat. pins are usually worn, a  $B. \theta. \Pi.$  belt buckle, her collar fastened at the back with a  $K. A.$  pin, while a pretty jewel pin, bearing the letters  $\Pi. K. A.$  held it at the throat.

I once stopped at the home of one of the most popular belles of a certain Virginia city. I noticed that she wore a  $K. \Sigma.$  badge. I remarked upon it, and, shifting her posi-

tion, she displayed a *K. A.* badge. Then she told me to wait until the next day and she would show me something, and she kept her word. She appeared at breakfast on the morrow wearing a fraternity ring and four badges—none of them alike—which, she said were all she could find just then. Thank goodness that a *Pi* badge was not then, and never had been, among her collection. These are examples from my personal experience.

Now this sort of thing may be very nice for the girls. They no doubt find these pins pretty and useful ornaments, but the "*Shield and Diamond*" has another purpose, and the two do not *exactly* harmonize.

For those sisters who are loyal and true, who stick by the frat. through thick and thin, when the Chapter is strong and vigorous or when it is weak and sickly—for such sisters we have only praise and love.

*G. A. Wilson, Jr., Iota.*

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### *THE RUNAWAY SPANIARD.*

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Old man Juan de Leon lived in a secluded cove on the coast of Spain. In his youthful days he had made his home upon the sea, and even now would occasionally ship on such crafts as had, for some reason, lost some of their crew. But by far the greater part of his time was spent in the little cove, or in training his nephew for a sailor's life. This nephew was left an orphan when a little black-eyed bit of a boy, and then the rough old sailor had taken him into his little home and his great big heart. As the years went by and the little fellow grew in stature and strength, he also grew deeper and deeper into the old man's heart, until now all his joy in life seemed wrapped up in young Alphonse. His one great ambition was to see this strippling lead the rough but joyous and free life on the deep, that he himself had led and loved for so long. And Alphonse bade fair to fulfil his highest hopes, for ever since



the youngster could remember, the water had occupied his thoughts and held his attention; all his boyish air castles were built with sea adventures as their foundation. He already was nineteen and had gone on several long voyages. They were happy, the two. But one sad thought marred their happiness. A great terror came into their lives, a fear lest their dreams and plans should be brought to naught. For the King had been carrying on a great war, and it was customary to give every tenth man to serve a year. As the time for the levy drew near they were ever restless and fearful lest this strong and healthy young man should be called upon.

One fine day the little hamlet where old Juan and his nephew lived was thrown into wild excitement. The King's men had arrived and word had gone forth that every fifth man would be taken for a period of five years. The people cried out in excitement and babbled loudly to one another.

The old sailor heard the news with shaking knees. Surely this would ruin him. If Alphonse served for five long years in the armies he would forget and never learn again the life of the sea. Arm in arm the two went to read the lists, and there at the top was the name "Alphonse de Leon," the old man's head bent low; his rough frame shook with sobs; great tears stood in his eyes.

"I won't go," cried Alphonse; "I will run away."

"You cannot run away, my son," said Juan. "You must go; it must be so."

All day they sat in their little house sad and lonely; the old man beaten and weary; Alphonse silently thinking and thinking.

In the morning when Juan awoke Alphonse was gone. He could find no trace of him; the King's men went off without him, cursing and threatening the old man. As the years went by and still his boy did not return, he gave him up for dead. The joy had gone out of his life. He was a sad and lonely old man.

But what had become of Alphonse?



Late that night he stole away and went to the nearest of the large ports; here on account of his knowledge of the sea, he readily found employment and "shipped" on board the "Santa Marco," bound for the United States. In a few days the vessel was ready to leave and Alphonse went aboard with all his worldly possessions.

On the way over he received many kicks and cuffs, but he did not mind, for was he not sailing on his beloved sea? Had he not escaped the King's levy? He was sad at times because of the old uncle, but then he was free.

Everything moved smoothly until the Maine coast was almost reached. Here trouble began. The sails were always getting ripped, the anchor chain broke, the captain fell sick, everything seemed to go wrong at once; but early one morning their worst calamity befell them—a gale from the east swept down, driving them nearer and near to the dreaded "breakers." At last all hope was gone and there was nothing to do but wait!—wait in silence for the impending doom. Mercifully for them they did not have long to wait, for with a boom and a crash they struck the rocks, and in an instant the sea was sweeping over the decks. Alphonse, quicker than the others, had climbed the mainmast and was fully twenty feet above the roaring black water.

After an almost endless time, as it seemed to him had elapsed, a cry was heard from shore to know if anyone was alive. He feebly answered, and as soon as possible a boat was sent off to rescue the only living being remaining of a crew of twenty-six. He was taken ashore, and being too weak to stand, he was carried to a nearby farmhouse and there put to bed, where for many a long day he rolled and tossed between life and death. He had contracted pneumonia from exposure during the storm, and for weeks lay in helpless delirium babbling of Juan, of the sea, of the King's levies.

Through all this time the good farmer folk cared for him as if he were their own. The farmer's daughter, a dainty young girl, rarely left his side, but watched him

and nursed him like a brother. At last her tender care and his strong constitution pulled him through. As his mind became clear, he never took his eyes off her face, watching her every movement and listening to her voice, though he could not understand a word she said. She seemed an angel sent down by the Mother Mary. He was content to lie forever in her presence. The mere touch of her hand thrilled him through and through. She taught him the English language, and he was eager to learn. Soon he was up and well. But he could not go away. His great love held him fast. The girl, carried away by the fire of this Spaniard's passionate nature, surrendered her heart and hand. They were married and moved to Portland, where, that he might be always with his bride, Alphonse picked up the carpenter's trade and worked hard. He kept saving, saving to go back to old Juan, in the far off cove on the coast of Spain. After a long time had passed and he had saved a goodly sum, he took his wife and boarded a ship for Spain.

Old Juan was sitting in the door of his little house, melancholy, sad, and alone, when he saw a strong young man and fair haired woman walking toward his house. Suddenly his face brightened, he recognized his boy; his joy had come back into his life.

Married men are not required to serve in the ranks, so when Alphonse is not pursuing his favorite calling, that of the sea, he may be seen on a pleasant farm in southern Spain, with his Yankee wife, and Juan, his uncle and they are happy, very happy, these three.

*D. A. Haller, Iota.*

*"Hampden-Sidney Magazine."*

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**DITTO.**

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Business had detained me up town longer than I had realized, and to my surprise, when I glanced at my watch I found that I had barely enough time to catch my train,



which left in six minutes. Snatching up my grip and hurrying into the street, I was fortunate enough, however, to procure a cab without any delay. I urged the driver to make all haste in getting me to the depot, and, thus importuned, he covered the distance so quickly that I was put down at the station with something over a minute to spare. Tossing a dollar to the driver, I hurried up to the ticket window. Several were ahead of me, and I impatiently awaited my turn. A gentleman just in front of me called for a ticket to Durham, and, since that was my destination, and as time was at a premium to me, I blurted out "Ditto." The gentleman procured his ticket and stepped aside and I was handed my ticket with the change from the bill with which I had made my purchase. It seemed to me at the time that I was getting too much change, but I had little time to investigate the matter, so presenting my ticket at the gate, I was directed to the first train on the left and got into it just as it was pulling out. An important business engagement had called me to Durham that evening; and as I had never been there before, and since this meeting, if successful, meant so much to me, I was very desirous of arriving at the appointed time.

I settled myself back comfortably in my seat in the train and passed away the time in reading the paper, gazing at the surrounding country and congratulating myself on my good fortune in gaining my train after such a narrow escape.

Finally I finished my paper and strolled back into the "smoker." There I was not long in making the acquaintance of a T. P. A. brother, and we were soon in the midst of a typical drummer's conversation.

"Where are you bound for on this trip?" asked my newly made friend.

"Durham!" I replied.

"Durham!" he exclaimed in a surprised tone. "Why Durham is not on this line."

"To be sure it is," I said; "I have never been there, but I purchased a ticket for that place, presented it at the gate,

was directed to this train, and my ticket was taken up by the conductor without any questions, so it is impossible for a mistake to have occurred."

"My dear sir, it is strange that you were directed to this train, and that your ticket was taken unquestioned, but I know that Durham is in the opposite direction from that in which we are going. I have been making that town for the last ten years, and I know what I am talking about."

I could scarcely credit him, despite his earnestness. How could I have made the mistake and not been detected?

The conductor was passing at that moment, and, regardless of how my friend might take it, I asked him if Durham were not on this line. He replied that it was not.

"Then why was I directed to this train, and why did you not question my ticket?" I angrily demanded. "I shall see to it that your company pays for this negligence. It means the loss of hundreds of dollars to me."

"Your ticket did not call for Durham," blandly responded the conductor. "It was stamped 'Ditto.' That station is ten miles ahead of us."

"Why, I don't understand. I—I—O, Jerusalem! I see it now. The cigars are on me, gentlemen,"

I then explained the whole incident. Since then I have been more careful in the use of my "dittoes."

*J. H. Richmond, Zeta.*

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### DANIEL DECATUR EMMETT.

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Daniel Decatur Emmett, the author of "Dixie," was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, October 29, 1815. His father was a blacksmith and fought in the Revolutionary War, and also in the war of 1812. When Daniel was only a boy he would help his father in the shop and play the violin for the villagers. With only an elementary education he went to work, at the age of thirteen, in a newspaper office as compositor, and was still working at this when he com-



posed "Old Dan Tucker." Daniel entered the army as a fifer, and after his enlistment he traveled with Rice, whose performances suggested the negro minstrel to him. In 1843 he organized in New York a sable quartette, with violin, banjo, tambourine and bones, which was called the Virginia Minstrels. His show was successful in America, but failed in England. On his return to America he found that some one had used his ideas and he joined Bryant's Minstrels.

One Saturday night, while with his company, Emmett was told that a new walk around was wanted for rehearsal Monday, but he could not hit on any tune that night. The next day was rainy and dismal, and while standing at the window he remembered the saying of Southern men in the North, "I wish I was in Dixie." Involuntarily the thought came over him, and a little later he worked out the melody, which became a popular song from the first time it was sung. After rehearsal the first verse was omitted for fear it would give offence to some of the audience. Plain "Dixie" was suggested as a name by Mrs. Emmett, but when it was published it was called "I wish I was in Dixie." Later "Dixie Land," but now simply "Dixie."

During the war Emmett, being a Northern man, was denounced by Northern men and accused of treason.

A minstrel troupe manager thought that Emmett would be a great benefit for his show. When he reached Emmett's home town and asked for Dan Emmett, the author of "Dixie," the town people told him that there was a Dan Emmett there, but that he was not the author of "Dixie" or anything else. Emmett joined the company and made a tour. When the band first played "Dixie" he went out on the stage and sang the song. While in Richmond he came across Stonewall Jackson's monument, raised his hat to shield his eyes, so as to read the inscription. The evening paper came out with big headlines, announcing that "Daniel Decatur Emmett," the author of "Dixie," like a true Southern man that he is, bows with uncovered head before Stonewall Jackson's monument.

He was very grateful for the way he was received all over the South, but never attempted another tour, returning to his home in Mt. Vernon.

He was very religious, the Bible being his companion for his last days.

He died very poor, only having a small allowance from the actor's fund at his Mt. Vernon home.

*A. P. Boles, Alpha-Zeta.*

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### **THE LASTING OF A NATION.**

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As one looks backward at the achievements America has made, step by step, year by year, a vivid, changing scene is revealed. We marvel at the story of advance; beginning with the accidental discovery of a new land, and continuing through the dawn of the twentieth century, while this new land evolves a nation that the world chooses to call great. With such a brilliant record, a pessimistic belief sometimes arises that nearly all the fruits of civilization have been consumed, that the nation will soon reach a standstill and then go into a decline.

True, many a prosperous country has been engulfed by riches, effeminacy and corruption, and recollections of the fall of once powerful nations, bring to us the thought that we too may become victims of the same snares.

Let us see what cause or causes were responsible for the failures of the past. These were, first, failure of the people to adjust themselves to new conditions, material and political; second, cessation of efforts toward prosperity; third, civil or foreign wars, fourth, lowering of moral standards. In answering the question, Will America endure?—a careful consideration will show that there is not now, nor will there be in the future, any probability of such dangers destroying our nation.

The brightest hopes of this nation's advancement are centered in its intellectual prospects. Educational pro-



gress is an unchangeable fact. Each year shows the founding of institutions of learning, more students in attendance and more graduates fitted for better service to their country. Still, there are less than half the children of school age regularly at school in the United States, and only 3 per cent of the youths at college. Hence we see what a great opportunity there is for a more widespread education, and we are forcibly impressed with the certainty that that opportunity will not be overlooked. We know that where there is a more generally educated population, higher ideals arise, poverty and sin decrease, while happiness and prosperity abound.

Intellectual supremacy alone, however, will not carry our national civilization forward—there must be something definite to which intelligence may be applied. With nothing to subsist upon, civilization withers.

In spite of the enormous strides that America has already made, there are still innumerable possibilities of advancement. One phase of development that is yet capable of greater expansion, is our broad and varied field of industry. Although a large portion of the population is engaged in the manufacturing of articles for use at home and abroad, there are still many untouched natural resources awaiting the skill of man to turn them into wealth and usefulness. Modern conveniences and necessities are inviting inventions and applying them to practical use. New conditions appear which require development, and these developments in turn unfold more conditions, and so the process continues, keeping the nation always striving for something ahead.

As an example of open possibilities, electricity may be mentioned. Those most proficient in the subject tell us that the science is yet in its infancy, that through study and investigation the future of electricity will reveal many more astonishing wonders. Also there are the steam engine and the gas engine, indispensable as motive powers, remaining to be rendered more efficient. Radium is claimed to be a source of energy that will some day be cheap

enough for industrial use; many metals offer chances to the chemist to find better extracting processes; the germ of laziness still waits to be exterminated. The tariff question is still being agitated; the negro problem is yet unsolved. The navy is looking for a genius who can construct a gun that will send a shot through the thickest armor plate, and can then build an armor strong enough to resist the most powerful gun. And so on a long list might be given of things undone, mostly along industrial lines, that will furnish opportunities for thought and effort in the coming years. Congress has foreseen the importance of industry, and has encouraged the separate States to provide special technical schools to prepare men for promoting the various industrial arts. Then why should not industry thrive and expand? The present generation has seen what war has meant to two great countries—Russia and Japan, and it also knows what internal strife has done, and is still doing to the Russian empire.

One branch of industry upon which all others depend is agriculture. We must have food and clothing, and more of each as the population increases. There is no fear of starvation when we think of the vast farm lands scattered about the country, some of them idle, nearly all of which may be improved by applying modern methods of cultivation. Along with progress of the many industries and education, there must continue commerce, law, medicine and all the other professions and sciences, each one helping the others and advancing the nation's welfare. With so many opportunities of every conceivable kind before us, and with competition and the desire for self-betterment urging us on as we toil, there is little likelihood that we will cease our efforts to keep American civilization at the front.

Such examples but help to show that peace and arbitration are cheaper, more humane and less destructive than war. This nation is aware of these facts, and although ever ready to uphold the cause it believes to be just, is in favor of peaceable settlements. And while memories lin-



ger, or records recall the awful horrors of civil war, the cry from north and south, east and west, will be for peace—eternal peace throughout the land we love.

In promoting peace, and in encouraging progress, much depends upon the nation's moral culture. Deterioration in this direction has ruined nations and cities in the past. But we know that Christainity has secured such a strong hold in this country, that it will not suffer immorality to conquer; nor will it allow corruption to increase. Even with occasional outbursts of crime, the uncovering of frauds, the contaminations of vice, the nation's general moral culture is in no way deplorable. An increase of respect for manhood, and a higher sense of honor toward womanhood can be discerned. Simplicity of act and desire, sensible, sanitary living and self-improvement are spreading every day. The power of the church and the inflence of religion are revealing the better way and the happier life to the laboring masses. Other nations fell because they were lacking in righteousness—because their governments were polluted. So must every nation fall if it is not just.

An American statesman says, "Here is a nation where men meet greed with fairness, where the people are patient and sensible, where the man they honor most is a leader who gives simple justice and fairness to all." Such a nation, as the years pass, will continue to put the benefits of the civilization which all have builded, within the reach of every honest, hard-working citizen.

With the spread of individual liberty, giving opportunities for enjoying these accumulated benefits, the determination for advance only becomes intensified. Because the nation is our own, we believe in it—we honor and support it. We feel the sentiment recently expressed by the nation's chief executive, "I believe in this nation with all my heart and soul; I believe that our people will rise level to every need; will triumph over every difficulty."

And because we believe in our nation is the reason that we will not let it drift into insignificance, but will keep it in civilization's front rank. Yes, America will endure—

built upon those principles and sustained by those energies that know of no such word as fail, the nation will forever advance, carry forward itself and the whole human race.

*J. H. Park, Alpha-Epsilon  
in "The Red and White."*

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### **THE CHAPTER'S DUTIES TO THE FRATERNITY.**

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Every body of men who compose a Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha take upon themselves, collectively and separately, certain duties and responsibilities. Each Chapter, as a body, has these duties to perform, and each member of the Chapter is to a more or less extent responsible for the performance of them. The Chapter's duty to itself; its duty to its members; to its college; to its alumni; to its sister Chapters; each of these is more than sufficient for a subject of a much longer and better article than this will be, but there are duties which you—your Chapter—owe the Fraternity.

How many of the Chapters can tell me what they are? How many have looked into the Constitution and By-laws recently to find out? How many perform them when they do find out?

Of course each Chapter owes the duty to the Fraternity of being a good one. To take in no man who will ever fail to be a credit to the Chapter and the Fraternity; none but those who help to make a Chapter the best in its institution; and no man who would not be a benefit to any other Chapter in the Fraternity, should he affiliate with any of them afterward. This duty is probably the first and most important which each Chapter owes its fraternity, and this article is not to criticise the way in which our Chapters have performed this duty. But there are other duties, many of them; did you ever consider *what your failure to perform them meant?*



Our laws make it the duty of the Chapter, or of some officer of the Chapter, which is the same thing, to write certain articles and letters to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and send them in at a *certain time*; to pay certain dues at *certain times* to the Grand Treasurer, and to make reports to the Grand Historiographer at *certain times*.

These duties are positive ones, placed expressly on each Chapter by the laws of the Fraternity, enacted by the Chapters through their representatives. Each one carries with it a positive obligation—yes, promise—on the part of each Chapter to perform it, and not only to perform—most of the Chapters do that *sometime*—but to perform it *at a certain time*—most of them fail to do that.

Did you ever consider what the failure meant? Take for example to the writer, as a Grand Officer. Every report of initiation which comes in late, makes it necessary for at least one letter, maybe three, four or more, to be written. Every report improperly filled in means the same thing. Don't you think you are the only Chapter which sends in reports late or fills them in improperly, you are not; you are only one of thirty-one, the most of which do it. In the aggregate this means an immense and continuous correspondence to be carried on through this office, and that correspondence is nothing as compared with that of the Grand Treasurer. Every delinquent payment of dues; every delayed letter or article for the Magazine, means so much more correspondence, in addition to so much more delay, and probably a delayed and cut-short Magazine. And yet, time after time, and in instance after instance, his letters and those of the other officers *written the Chapters on account of the Chapters negligence*, are not replied to or even acknowledged.

Is that fair to Pi Kappa Alpha? Is that the proper way to advance what is so dear to you, the interest of Pi Kappa Alpha? Every delay and every failure to perform any one of these duties, just means so much more to impede the advance and growth of your Fraternity, which you love.

Is that fair to your officers? Men whom you have

chosen over you, all of whom are busy men, engaged in active business or professional lives, who have a living to make for themselves and their families, but who take a large portion—not a small—of their time away from their business and personal affairs, and give it to the Fraternity. These men think that they have the right to rely upon each Chapter to keep from making that portion of time, given the Fraternity, larger and out of all reasonable bounds. Shouldn't they have the right to rely on that? But they can't, and I state, without fear of contradiction *that the failure of the different Chapters to perform their different duties at the proper times causes the work of each Officer to be at least twice what it otherwise would necessarily be.*

This article is not written for the sole benefit of any one Chapter, it applies almost equally to each one of you,—nor is it written with any spirit to unjustly criticise, nor with any desire to laud the officers and find fault with the Chapters of the Fraternity. I know none of you willfully fail to do your duties, but each of you negligently *omit* to do it. Now don't you? Each Chapter answer that question in our next meeting and I believe this article will have some result.

Won't *you*—and this applies to each and every Chapter—try and remedy this? Have a course of instruction at your next meeting. Read over, study, then heed the laws of the Fraternity, and instruct each Chapter officer as to his duties. A great many times have the S. C's. of the different Chapters written me, as an excuse for the tardiness of a report, the fact that they did not know the law regarding the sending of these reports. "*Ignorantia legis neminem excusat,*" and especially is this true when copies of the Constitution and By-laws are plentiful and easily obtainable, and when each and every report form states in plain and simple English when it is due and for what it should be sent. Install and maintain some systematic method of attending to your correspondence. Send in your articles to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND on time; arrange for the pay-



ment of your different dues on time—not a week or month later.

Consider this at your next Chapter meeting. If you do this, you are thereby lightening the work of your Grand Officers, and thereby giving them an opportunity to put some time on other important work for the Fraternity, which now they necessarily have to neglect. You will then be *helping on* and not *retarding* that upward and onward course, the destiny of our dear old Fraternity. This I believe each of you want to do; *well do it.*

*J. Graham Sale, Grand Historiographer.*

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## In Memoriam.

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CHARLES T. GORDON, *Delta.*

When, in His infinite goodness and wisdom, Almighty God sends the Angel of Death to hover over and at last to gather unto his own, the spirit of a loved one, it is hard, so hard in the face of our grief to bow to the inevitable, and in the words of our Saviour say "Thy will be done." When, in the evening of life, the work is over and age and infirmity have conquered the rugged body, our grief is assuaged by the thought that it is for the best. And when in youth the grim reaper comes, the sorrow of the parting is lessened by the knowledge of the trials and temptations which the dear one has been spared and our hearts go up in praise to God, who "doeth all things well." But, when in the prime of manhood, surrounded by a loving family, honored by a trusting public, and living for all but self, the message comes, it is doubly hard for those left behind to think that at the height of its glory, the height of its

honor, the height of its trust, this noble life was cut short. 'Tis when the fortitude of the stalwart Christian is put to the severest test, to look in the face of God and say "Thy will be done."

Brother Charles T. Gordon was born in Union County, Arkansas, in 1849. He was the son of a Methodist parentage in which faith he was reared. His education began in the public schools of his home, and shortly after the war of '65 his parents sent him to the Southern University, where he took his A. M. degree in 1871. It was at that institution that Brother Gordon became affiliated with *H. K. A.* through Delta Chapter, being initiated on June 6th, 1871. After his graduation he returned to his native State, and was then actively engaged in teaching for twenty years. While pursuing this vocation he was admitted to the bar, and held several positions of public trust, being twice elected to the Legislature from Union County. For one term he was clerk of the Senate. A short while after this he removed to Camden, Ouachita County, when appreciation was again shown of his ability, by his being elected Circuit Clerk for four years. From then, up to the time of his death, he followed his chosen profession, resigning his position of Principal of Bearden Public Schools, on account of poor health. Again his people honored him by electing him at the last primary to the Legislature from Ouachita County, which position he would have filled had he lived until the next January. He was troubled with heart disease, and for six weeks before his death was in very poor health, taking to his bed but a short while before the end. Thus on the morning of July 9th, surrounded by family and friends, his spirit went up without a fear to meet that God whom he had served so faithfully and so well. On the following day he was buried in Greenwood Cemetery from the Methodist Church, of which he was a devout member, and thus was ended a life of usefulness, of honor and of purity.

Charles T. Gordon was born, reared, lived and died



within the confines of two counties. His honors came to him unsought from a constituency which had known him from boyhood, thus disproving that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own land." Of the many trusts imposed upon him, he was recreant to none; as an educator, he was unexcelled; as a legislator he was ever watchful of his people's interest; as a lawyer, he was a leading light; and as a man, he was a Christian gentleman. His attributes of honor, truth and purity so endeared him to his people, that when the last call came, the tears of friends mingled free with those of relatives, and together the last sad rites were said that again consigned him to the God that gave him life. Brother Gordon leaves a wife, one son and five daughters to mourn his loss, in which they are joined by a host of kinsmen and friends, and every loyal Brother of *H. K. A.* In his death his county and State, as well as his Chapter and Fraternity, have sustained a loss that never can be filled. To the bereaved family and friends, sincerest sympathy is extended, and may a Heavenly Father assuage their grief and give them strength, so that when they too shall receive the last summons, they may be able to face the future with the same fearless serenity and say—

Oh! grave, where is thy victory?

Oh! death, where is thy sting?

*Lloyd R. Byrne, Alpha-Zeta.*

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PEARL LAURENCE PARSONS, *Chi.*

WHEREAS, We have learned with deep sorrow of the late death of Brother Pearl Laurence Parsons, a beloved and zealous member of the Pi Kappa Alpha, and desiring to express our estimate of his character, and our sense of the great loss sustained by his relatives and friends, as well as our Fraternity, therefore be it

*Resolved* (1), That the deceased was always loyal to the

interests of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and stood high in the estimate of those who remain to mourn him.

(2). That we extend to the stricken family the assurance of our most sincere sympathy in the loss which falls so heavily upon his many friends, but far more heavily upon them; and we commend to them the faith that made strong the character of our deceased Brother.

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

*Chi Chapter.*

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JAMES LEONIDAS MOORE, JR., *Beta Chapter.*

WHEREES, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to take from our midst our beloved Brother, James Leonidas Moore, Jr., to serve in the higher and better service of Him who doeth all things well; and

WHEREAS, In the death of Brother Moore the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity has lost a valuable member; one who has lived up to its standard and teachings; one who has unselfishly devoted his time and means to advancing the interest of the Brotherhood, and in guiding it onward and upward in the path of its destiny; therefore be it

*Resolved*, By the Grand Councilor and the members of the Supreme Council of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, governing the Fraternity and acting in its behalf, that the Fraternity does deeply deplore the untimely death of Brother Moore, and extends to his stricken relatives its most heartfelt sympathy in this, their time of sorrow, and commends them to the watchful care of Him who lightens the burdens of the heavy laden and comforts those who are sorrowful; and be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of Brother Moore, the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity has lost a loyal and enthusiastic



member, a wise and sagacious counselor, whose death has caused a break in the mystic circle of our Brotherhood that can never be restored; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be presented to the bereaved family of our deceased Brother; a copy thereof sent to the Beta Chapter, to be there spread upon the records of that Chapter, and that the same be published in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Given under our hands and the great seal of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, this first day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and six, and in the thirty-ninth year of the Fraternity.

FLOYD HUGHES,

*Grand Councilor.*

J. PIKE POWERS, JR.,

*Grand Princeps.*

ROBERT A. SMYTHE,

*Grand Treasurer.*

HUGH M. McALLISTER,

*Grand Secretary.*

J. GRAHAM SALE,

*Grand Historiographer.*

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J. LEON MOORE, JR., *Beta.*

The news of the death of J. Leon Moore came to us six months ago. Nothing that has happened within recent years has cast such a gloom over his Chapter. The glorious Easter day was one of profound sorrow. Groups of boys congregated about the college to discuss the fine qualities and lament the loss of the lad who had been so recently among them.

"Little Moore," as he was generally called, entered Davidson at the beginning of the fall term four years ago, was a member of Davidson's first big Freshman class, and there was certainly not a boy in it who gave promise of making a finer man. He stood third or fourth in his class and took

a great interest in all college matters. He was devoted to his Fraternity, doing all in his power to promote its well-fare and advance its interests.

For more than two years he was among us, but when the Juniors spoke, the latter part of February, he had been called home by the death of a sister. At Easter he represented his Chapter at the Convention in Chattanooga, and by Commencement he had left college. After that we heard but little of him, except that, in hope of being benefitted by the climate, he spent some time in Ashville, and that one of his fraternity and class-mates, his best loved friend, went to his home in Rock Hill to spend several days at his death bed and attend his burial.

"He closed as he began his career on earth, and ever sustained it—a gentleman." He came of a people who regarded honor first, and who, afterwards, were distinguished for intellect, courage, for public service, for public and private virtues. There was never a man who discriminated more nicely between the right and wrong of things, or who lived more nearly to that ideal of a man—"as brave as a lion and as gentle as a woman." God and his ancestors had given him an intellect with which he might have done almost anything, and within the years that were given him he employed it to the best purpose. He was faithful to his trust, loyal to his Fraternity and to his friends. Able, brilliant, brave, generous, unselfish, lovable. That is why he numbered his friends by his acquaintances.

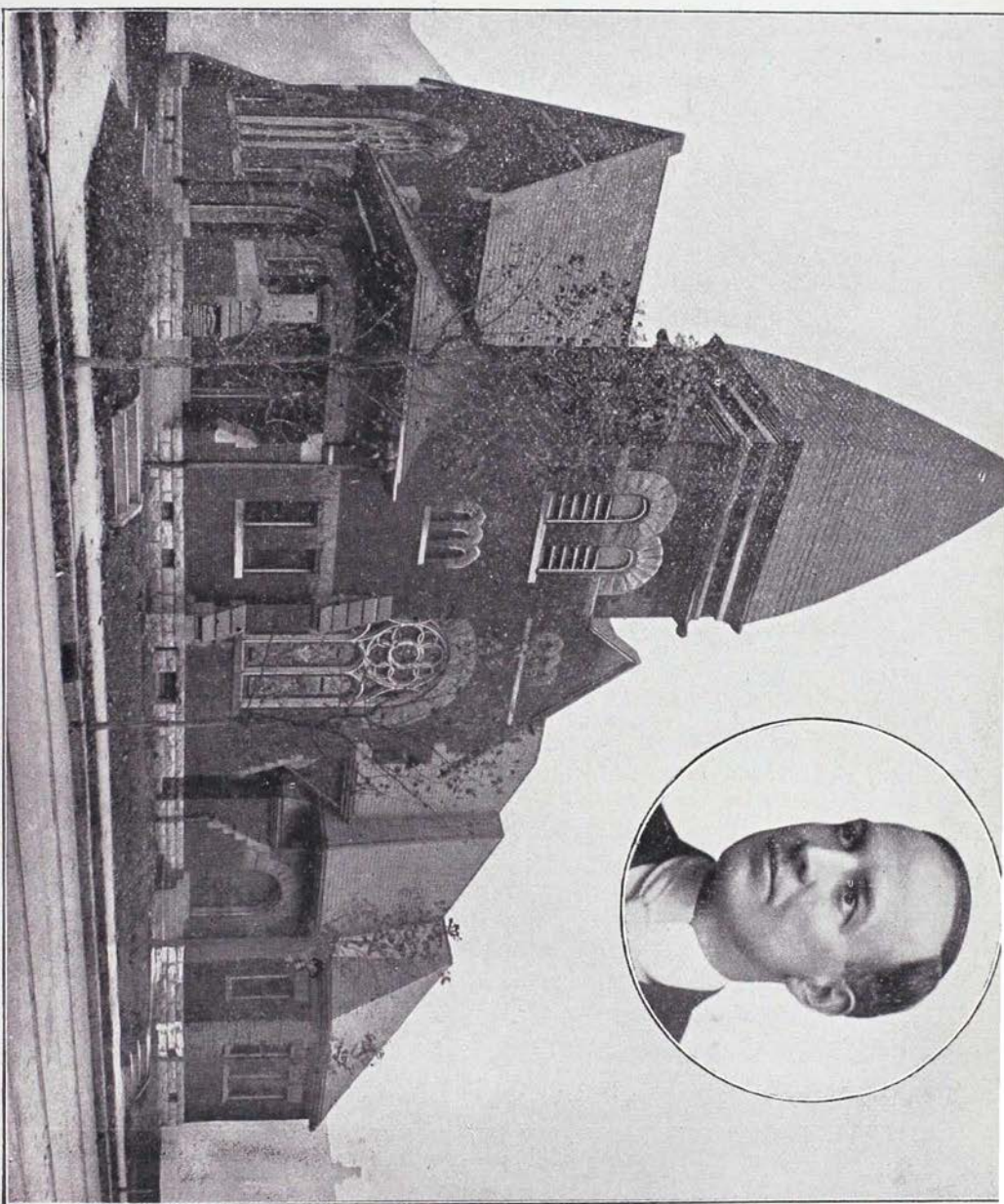
*A. J. M.*

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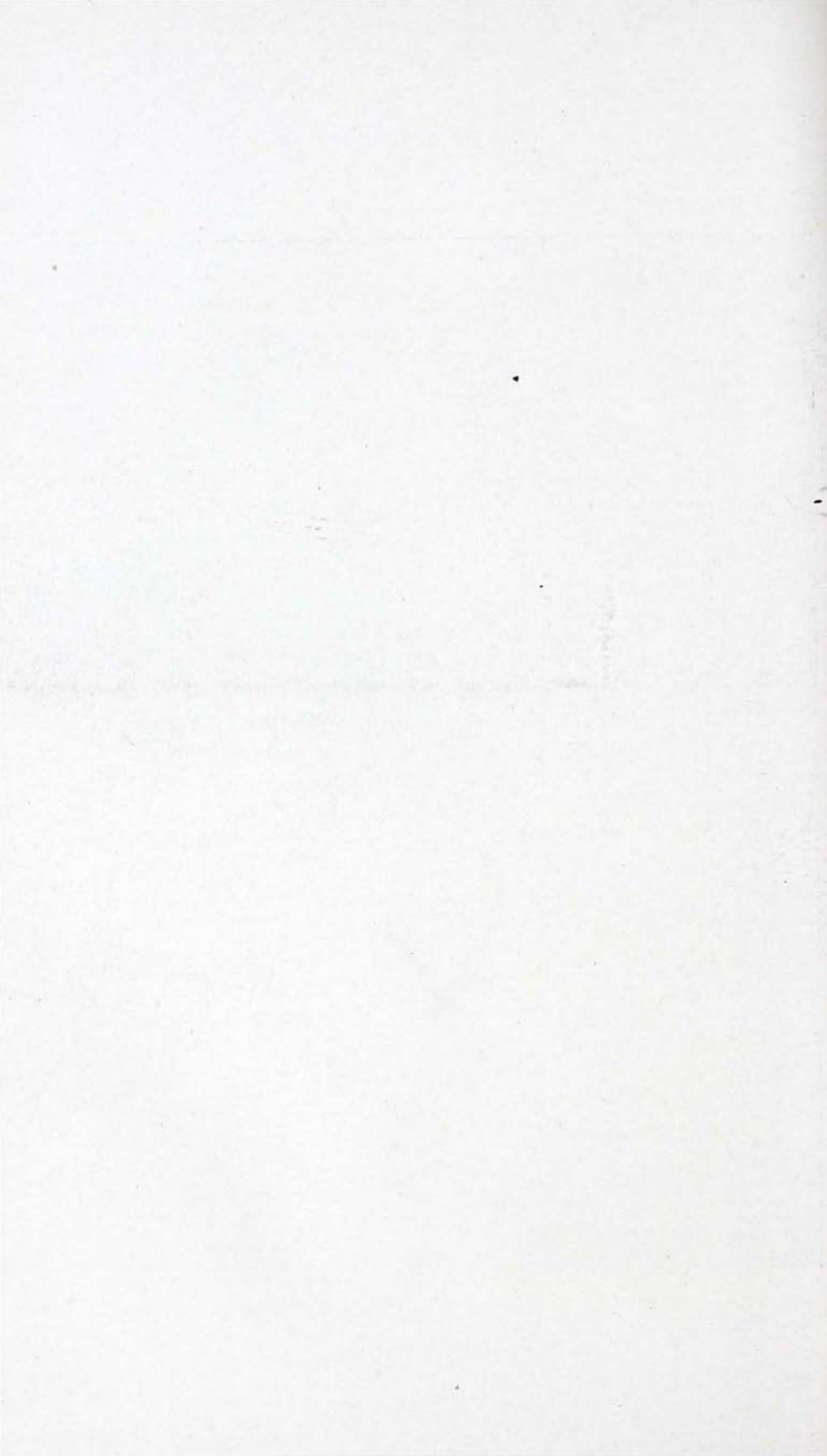
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H. W. McLAUGHLIN, IOTO, AND HIS CHURCH.





## Chapter Letters.

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### ALPHA.

#### *University of Virginia.*

The University has exceeded all promise in the number of students this year. Already the roll is larger than it has ever been. Several much needed buildings also are to be constructed before next session. Work has been commenced on the University commons, a building intended as a mess hall, which will accommodate a large number of students. The north wing of the University Hospital is also in course of construction, which, when completed, will make the hospital one of the largest and best equipped hospitals in the South. Plans are also being made for the erection of a residence for our President. All these buildings are to be ready by the next session. The million dollar endowment fund which was started some years back, has at last been completed, through the efforts of President Alderman. This will certainly increase the University's usefulness.

Our foot-ball team has done good work, losing, so far, only one game, that with Bucknell. The defeat of Georgetown University, was a matter of great rejoicing to the students, as Georgetown is one of our closest rivals. On Thanksgiving the team will play the strong Carlisle Indian team, and a good game is expected. Brother Neff has been playing a strong game at full-back or end throughout the season.

It is with pleasure we introduce to the Fraternity our initiates:

John Lobtan Kable, Staunton, Va

Mitchell Tabb Neff, Harrisonburg, Va.

Thomas Hamilton Willcox, Jr., Norfolk, Va.

All are members of the Academic Department and will be in college for several years. Brother M. T. Neff is a brother J. H. Neff of this Chapter.

Since our last letter we have another transfer, Brother J. F. Jefferson of Iota Chapter.

Brother P. M. Strother, who graduated in medicine last year, is practicing at Moneta, Bedford Co. Va.

Dr. Daniel H. Hammon, an alumnus of Alpha, M. D. in 1903, has received appointment as surgeon in the army, and is posted in New York.

*C. E. Mason.*

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### **BETA.**

*Davidson College.*

Examinations are close at hand, but as yet all interest is centered in the coming game with V. M. I., which will be played in Lynchburg on Thanksgiving day.

R. S. Graham, of the University of Virginia, is our coach and, thanks to his good management, the team is in splendid form, so we are confident of a victory. Beta is represented on the team by Brothers Morton, Allin and Sadler.

Fraternity affairs are in *status quo*. However, Beta is taking time by the forelock and making friends of some good men whom we feel sure will be a credit to the Fraternity. We expect to have the cut of the Chapter, including initiates, ready for the next issue.

A merry Christmas to every *H. K. A.*

*A. R. Mustin.*

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### **GAMMA.**

*William and Mary College.*

The time which has elapsed since our last letter has been a period of great activity for Gamma. Naturally our first duty of the session after we had greeted one another and



enjoyed long talks together as to how the summer had been spent, was to turn our attention to the new students, and we have initiated seven men, each one of whom has proven a valuable addition to our Chapter. The present enrollment is the largest Gamma has ever known, and is as follows:

## OLD MEMBERS.

C. M. Barnes, Williamsburg, Va.  
A. L. Blackwell, Reedville, Va.  
J. H. Brent, Heathsville, Va.  
R. B. Dade, Round Hill, Va.  
G. G. Hankins, Toano, Va.  
Floyd Hughes, Jr., Norfolk, Va.  
E. F. Shewmake, Jr., Newport News, Va.  
J. S. White, Warrenton, Va.

## INITIATES.

Cyrus Hankins, Williamsburg, Va.  
T. G. Jones, Jr., Urbanna, Va.  
E. M. McCandlish, Saluda, Va.  
B. T. Newton, Hague, Va.  
A. M. Snead, Stafford, Va.  
T. P. Trigg, Jr., Abingdon, Va.  
W. W. Trigg, Abingdon, Va.

R. B. Dade, whom we reported in October as expected to arrive in a few days, is with us now, and this year a candidate for the Degree of Master of Arts, having received his Bachelor's Degree last session.

It is with the most sincere regret that we report that Cabell B. Bowles, of Oilville, Goochland County, Va., has given up his intention of returning to William and Mary. Brother Bowles was a member of the Chapter of 1904-1905, and was also here for a short time last session, but was compelled to leave on account of ill health. We had hoped to have him back this year, and are truly sorry that he did not return.

On Saturday, November 3rd, there was an unusually large gathering of Pi Kappa Alphas here—twenty-nine in all. The center of attraction was the foot-ball game between Richmond College and William and Mary. In addi-

tion to our own fifteen members there were nine members of the Richmond College Chapter (Omicron), and five alumni of Gamma. The Omicron men here were J. S. Wright, P. Woodfin, L. L. Chamblin and A. W. Robertson, who played on the Richmond College team, and C. H. Elsom, B. E. Steele, Taylor, D. Wright and G. Wright. The Gamma men of former years who were in town were S. C. Blackiston, C. V. Spratley, F. M. Parrish, G. A. Hankins, M. D., and M. C. Barnes. We were very glad indeed to have these visitors with us, and wish such pleasant occasions occurred more frequently.

J. Gordon Bohannon, another alumnus of Gamma, and who is now a prominent lawyer of Surry county, was here for a day or two toward the latter part of November. Brother Bohannon's visits are always enjoyed by us.

During the first few days of the session F. Shield McCandlish, who graduated here in 1899, was in town, and proved by his efforts in our behalf that he is about as deeply interested in Gamma as when he was at college.

Now all these visits are over and we are by ourselves again, working hard, and counting the days before the holidays begin.

With sincerest wishes that the Christmas vacation may be greatly enjoyed by all Pi Kappa Alphas, we close.

*E. F. Shewmake, Jr.*

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### **DELTA.**

*Southern University.*

Although the beauty, sunshine, love and flowers of vacation are but memories, and the impending possibilities of examinations are frowning ominously in the distance, Delta once more greets her sister Chapters, and wishes for them in the approaching holidays all that "home coming" and Xmas mean to the college boy.

We present to the Fraternity at large Benj. F. Feagin, of Pineapple, Ala. We predict for him that which he has al-



ready begun to evince—an enthusiastic and persistent effort for his Chapter and the Fraternity's advancement.

We, with the student body, desire to express our indebtedness to Dr. Morris, President of Central College, for his able and scholarly lectures delivered in this institution in the interest of its young men. He treated with sharp and discriminating skill the deeper and more ennobling passions of life, with especial application to young men.

Together with the other fraternities in college, we are anxiously awaiting our "spiking" season, which, by the sovereign decree of the Faculty, is deferred until about the tenth of January. In this approaching "rush" for men, Pi Kappa Alpha hopes to secure her share of those whom she may think capable of upholding her exalted ideals.

There is no change, relatively considered, in regard to number among the fraternities, with the exception that *Σ. A. E.* have added two former students to their roll; *A. T. O.* one also.

As has been noted before in these columns, we are located down town. Of all the halls here, we think we have now the most commodious and best situated, which we have recently had much beautified, and which we hope soon to make second to none in its appointments.

Our prospects in athletics this year are not very bright. However, notwithstanding the restriction placed upon inter-collegiate sports by the executive body of the institution, there is an appreciable interest being manifested along all athletic lines, especially in base-ball, basket-ball and tennis. No doubt though a much greater impetus will be given to the cause of athletics in this school by the handsome gymnasium which is now being constructed upon the campus. This valuable adjunct supplies a long felt and urgent need of the college equipment, which doubtless will be productive of an increased attendance and wider field of usefulness for the Southern University. Professor Richardson, a member of the present Faculty, and an able and conservative supporter of physical development, will direct it.

Brother Watson has recently accepted a position upon the staff of the "*Review and Bulletin*," our college journal, as Literary Editor. Brother Cammack still retains his position of Treasurer of the Athletic Association and Manager of the basket-ball department. Brother DeBardeleben, in a recent debate, reflected credit upon his literary society, himself and Delta.

Delta's prospects are bright, the enthusiasm of her men marked, their efforts for her success persistent, and we are confidently looking forward to achievements in the remainder of this and the succeeding half of the session worthy of our opportunities and possibilities.

*Victor M. Shamberger.*

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### ZETA.

*University of Tennessee.*

When our last letter was written, Zeta had six Brothers on the active roll. Since that time our ranks have been increased by H. L. Willifred, of Memphis, an old Pi of Tennessee, who has returned to complete his course in law, and by the initiation into the mysteries of H. K. A. of W. D. Moore, of Chattanooga, and G. H. McCully, of Knoxville. It is with pride that we introduce these two men to the Brothers, for we feel sure that in them we have men who will strengthen our already excellent standing on the "Hill."

Our Chapter is in a prosperous condition. We have nine active members, and, in the near future, we hope to announce further acquisitions to our ranks; our parlor is tastefully and thoroughly furnished, and has no indebtedness hanging over it; and all nine of the Brothers are exerting their best efforts to make this year one of the banner years for H. K. A. in "Tennessee."

On the evening of the 22nd of November, Brother John Hudson, of this city, was married to Miss Lucinda Givens. The marriage ceremony was performed in the First Pres-



byterian church, and was one of the most notable functions of the year.

Brother Sam McAllister, one of the attendants at the wedding, is visiting the Chapter now.

We hope that our sister Chapters are flourishing, and that the cause of *H. K. A.* is advancing all along the line.

*James H. Richmond.*

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*ETA.*

*Tulane University.*

Eta has been hard at work for the past month and a half. We have three men in the graduating class this year, and it is needless to say that they are unable to take any active part in the social functions that are of such frequent occurrence at college. These men are all taking the Mechanical Engineering course, and like all noble Pi's, are making records of which they may all be proud. Brother Patton, one of the most prominent political advocates that has entered Tulane University for some time, has been compelled to retire from all active politics, owing to his entrance into the Senior year. The loss is felt deeply throughout the student body of this University. Brother Colongue, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Tulane Athletic Association, could not retire from politics, owing to the fact that his term of office does not expire until December 29th, 1906. Brother Joubert, assistant foot-ball manager, is still holding office in the Association, and will continue to do so until the expiration of his office, which takes effect on the above date.

Brother Smith is still on the star list in the foot-ball games, and though Tulane has been unfortunate in the games this year, it is no fault of the Pi men, who number among her ranks. Before the publication of this letter, Tulane will have ended her foot-ball season, and then comes the event of the year, the annual foot-ball game between the Sophomores and the Freshmen. During the first part of the college session a "Tug of War" between

these classes was the important event. The features of this contest were that it took place across a pond five feet deep, and the winning team had to pull, or rather drag their opponents to the opposite side of the pond. The event was witnessed by a thousand specators. The Sophomores won two heats out of three, thereby winning the contest. If the Freshmen win the foot-ball game, then the two classes will engage in a wrestling match, in which each class shall be represented by its best men. Brother Smith was captain of the Sophomore's "Tug of War" team, and also served as the "anchor" for that team. He has also been elected captain of Sophomore Class foot-ball team. May he lead them to victory.

Before closing, Eta takes great pleasure in introducing Brother Ernst, who was initiated shortly after the first issue. He has proven a zealous member already, and shows signs of being a hard worker for the glory of old *H. K. A.* in the future.

*R. Homes.*

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### THETA.

*Southwestern Presbyterian University.*

Two months gone! And right ominous did that little sheet look a few days ago on the door of the Chancellor's office proclaiming Christmas exams. As custom ever was, such announcements chill the blood of some in S. P. U., while to a large number they are necessary evils to be lightly regarded. Before these days of trial and vexation get dangerously near, Theta hopes to consummate a plan, which has been in evolutionary process for several weeks. "The Evening of Thanksgiving" has been our password these many days. And by the time this document shall have passed muster in the composing room, we hope the event will be history. The purpose is a good time of love, laughter and song; the place, Theta hall; the host, Theta Chapter; the guests, Theta's Sisters and friends.

Since the last letter Theta's course has been prosperous indeed. On the night of October 3rd there was some-



thing doing in the main building. His goatship was in good form and impatient for the fracas. But the candidates, so far as riding ability was concerned, proved themselves worthy of a bid from Ringling Bros. or Teddy Roosevelt. After much charging up and down the earth, the following gentlemen cantered gracefully over the drawbridge:

S. E. McFadden, Oakland, Tenn.

Alwin Stokes, Gloster, Miss.

Christopher Taffe, Louisville, Ky.

It is with peculiar pleasure we introduce these new Brothers to the Order of Pi Kappa Alpha. McFadden is a brother of the great half-back, F. L. McFadden, who is now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Gulfport, Miss. These three, together with the return to the University of Brother R. E. Fulton as Assistant Professor of History, swell our roll to seventeen. There is not much probability that Billy will be disturbed any more this session. The relative standing of the four fraternities is now:

Kappa Sigma 18,  
Alpha Tau Omega 18,  
Pi Kappa Alpha 17,  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon 15.

There is some talk of an interfrat agreement, to the end that no Freshman be invited to join fraternities in S. P. U., but the day of such ruling seems not near at hand. The present method, which allows of men being initiated the day they matriculate, is an abomination. The Brother knew whereof he spoke, when he compared frat. rushing to a lottery. We would like to see a discussion of such an agreement in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

On the gridiron Theta was not without her share of honor. Three of the line were, Marion center, Stokes guard, McLeod tackle. The team, under the efficient coaching of Mr. Brown, Vanderbilt's Captain of last year, has been developed into a fighting force of no prep-school calibre. Sewanee and Howard were the only teams

to wring victory from them. No other score was made against them the whole season.

*James W. Marshall,*

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### IOTA.

#### *Hampden-Sidney.*

Everything is moving along smoothly at Hampden-Sidney. Iota has entered into another year of prosperity, and everything seems to point to renewed usefulness in the future. We now have eleven men, having eight initiates so far this session. The latest is: Graham Gilmer, '09, Draper, Va.

He entering the Soph. Class and has already distinguished himself in the learned paths.

Our foot-ball team has been faring badly this year, many of our best players having been hurt.

On the Roanoke team were four of our brothers from Phi whom it was a pleasure indeed to meet. Our only regret was that they could not remain with us for a longer time.

Iota is well represented now in college affairs. Among the offices our men hold we will mention: President Senior Class, President Y. M. C. A., Editor-in-Chief of Magazine and two other men on the staff, Editor-in-Chief *Kaleidoscope* (Annual) and probably two or three men on the Dramatic Club. Our only cause for regret is that we have none on the foot-ball team, and from present indications will not have anyone.

Brother J. Gray McAllister, our President, and his charming wife, are spending a few weeks in New York City.

Our men who did not return this year are in the following locations: James M. Graham, '06, is at his home near Pulaski, Va., while his brother Robert, '06, is in New York. G. A. Wilson, Jr., '06, is teaching at Fishburne Military School near Waynesboro, and James W. Armstrong, '08, is at work near Nashville, Tenn. Iota feels the loss of



these good workers. The numerical strength of the Fraternities here is *K. A. 11, K. Σ. 12, X. Φ. 11. B. Θ. Π. 9, Π. K. A. 11*  
*D. A. Haller.*

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### **KAPPA**

#### *Kentucky University.*

Since our last letter we have initiated into our ranks two men, and these we take great pleasure in introducing: A. B. Coble, of Union City, Tenn. and W. D. Dunlap of Versailles, Ky.

J. Frazee Hart, was compelled to return home the first of the month on account of bad health, and we much regret his departure, but hope he will return soon.

With the exception of three Kappa Chapter is now made up of recent initiates, and these are working as if they had been Pi's for years.

Kentucky University is without foot-ball this year, so there is not much enthusiasm in Kentucky University this fall over athletics. All interest however is centered on the Thanksgiving game to be played here between State College and Central University. We hope to have a good basket-ball team this winter. It is the opinion of everyone that foot-ball will be reinstated next year, and having been without it for a year, will do a great deal towards purifying athletics in Kentucky University.

Kappa and Omega can feel justly proud of their rooms this year, for they will be long remembered by all Pi's who are making this their last year in college. We have the pleasure of frequent visits from Alpha-Lambda Chapter at Georgetown, and extend to all *Π. K. A's.* that may be passing through Lexington the same cordial welcome.

We had the pleasure of having with us a few days last week C. E. Gregory, of Owensboro, Ky. Brother Gregory was an enthusiastic worker for Pi Kappa Alpha and is now working for one of the papers in his home town.

We are all looking forward to the Convention to be held at Richmond, Va., next spring, and expect to be well represented.

*John U. Field.*

**MU***Presbyterian College of South Carolina.*

It gives Mu much pleasure to introduce to all our brothers three of the finest boys in college:

William Smith Bean, Jr., Clinton, S. C.,

James Brian Bell, Jr., Gaffney, S. C.

Christopher Dudley Harrall, Bennettsville, S. C.

These are three stalwart fellows, and any fraternity would be proud of them.

On Friday evening, November 23, the members of Mu gave a "Thanksgiving Feast," to their *H.* sisters. The Chapter Hall was beautifully and tastefully decorated in Old Gold and Garnet, while branches of ivy formed a border around the top of the wall. Several new pillows and pictures have been added to beautify the hall since college opened. For the amusement of the young ladies present we had them draw the badge on one side of a card, on the other side of which had been beautifully etched the fraternity coat of arms.

Next the "coffin" was rolled in filled with all kinds of fruits and nuts. During the eating of the refreshments Miss Jones presided very charmingly over the punch bowl.

Miss Rosa Bailey, a loyal *H.* sister is to be married to Mr. D. R. Williams of Lancaster on the 28 of this month. Mr. Williams is to be congratulated on his choice. Several *H.* sisters will act as brides maids, and on the next day four of our sisters and Brother Fulp, '06, will participate in a wedding at Fort Mill, S. C.

Brother Bell visited his home in Gaffney last week and and on the 19th attended a reception given to the Senior Class by the Juniors at Converse College. While at this reception he shook hands with thirty of his newly made brothers from other Chapters.

We enjoyed a visit from Brother Wilcox a few days ago, Wilcox entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia last September and is very enthusiastic over his work.

At a meeting of the class of '08, Brother Neville was elected President and Brother Power Vice-President.



Power and Bell were two of the representatives at the tennis tournament which was held at Greenville November 26 and 27th.

The members of Mu had quite a compliment paid them not long ago, and our hearts were filled with genuine pleasure when the President of the College told another member of the Faculty that he thought the Fraternity boys did more good for the college than any other set of boys on the campus. May he never have cause to change his mind.

With a hearty handshake to all the new brothers and best wishes to you all, we bid you God speed.

*E. L. Power.*

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### OMICRON.

*Richmond College.*

We can truthfully say that Omicron is now in the midst of one of the most prosperous and successful years in her history.

In the selection of new men, the goddess of fortune has indeed smiled upon us, and it is with a feeling of pride and pleasure that we introduce to the Fraternitty at large the following initiates:

W. M. Nance, of Roxbury, Va.

G. E. Nance, of Roxbury, Va.

D. D. Wright, Tappahannock, Va.

S. G. Gill, Petersburg, Va.

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

The most successful foot-ball season in our history is rapidly drawing to a close, and we are justly proud of our team and its splendid showing against three of the strongest teams of the South. Omicron was represented by J. S. Wright, Chamberlin, Woodfin and Robertson, all of whom played excellent ball and added much to the success of the team.

With best wishes to all the Pi's for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Jas. N. Hubbard.*

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**PI.**

*Washington and Lee University.*

Since our last letter we have no further initiations to report, but Brother W. T. Hall has been transferred from the University of Florida, and he received a cordial welcome here. Brother Lyle, we are sorry to say, has found it necessary to return home, so our number still remains sixteen.

The membership of the other fraternities is about as follows: Phi Delta Theta, nine; Delta Tau Delta, eight; Kappa Alpha, 13; Sigma Chi, nine; Phi Gamma Delta, 12; Phi Kappa Psi, 13; Sigma Nu, seven; Phi Kappa Sigma, 17; Kappa Sigma, 15; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 12; Sigma Phi Epsilon, 10; Alpha Tau Omega, 11.

Our foot-ball team has just disbanded, as the management failed to arrange a Thanksgiving game. This was a great disappointment to every University student, and especially to our Brother, Captain Moomaw, who claims the team is in better condition than at any time during the season. The only game lost was to Georgetown, 6 to 5, and our score of 4 to 4 against A. and M. of North Carolina was gratifying.

In fraternity circles nothing of interest is doing, and in the college generally, the scribe finds nothing to record.

*W. Elliott Jones.*

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**RHO.**

*Cumberland University.*

In the midst of college life, with all of its demands, we greet our sister Chapters. Prosperity smiles upon us, happiness fills our ranks. So it is a message of good cheer



and gladness that we bring. While our beloved University prospers, she does not fail to impart her spirit of success to Rho Chapter.

With pride do I introduce to our Brothers at large the following new *H. K. A.'s*:

L. W. Mitchell, Chattanooga, Tenn.

W. W. Grissom, Bliss, Ky.

W. J. Harrison, Clarksdale, Miss.

G. M. Miller, Lewisburg, Tenn.

Joseph Orr, Lewisburg, Tenn.

E. L. Orr, Cabot, Ark.

C. W. Summers, Glasgow, Ky.

On November 16th we gave our annual banquet, which, in many respects, was the best we have ever given. Besides our own active Brothers—thirteen in number—with their ladies, we had present ten alumni Brothers with their ladies, and likewise two men from each of the other two active local Chapters—*K. Σ.* and *Σ. A. E.*

As regards athletic and other honors, we are showing rather poorly in athletic, but very well in other things. The Business Manager of the "*Cumberland Weekly*" and the Manager of basket-ball team, are both *H.'s*.

The fact that our Faculty ruled not to have foot-ball this year, has made college life somewhat less enthusiastic, but the basket-ball season is almost on now, and it promises a banner year. Our team will be a good one, and our schedule full.

With kindest wishes for all in the bonds.

*Fred. L. Hudson.*

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### UPSILON.

*Alabama Polytechnic Institute.*

After about three months of hard work the boys are settling down in order to successfully pass the first term examinations, which begin very soon.

Since our last letter we have been fortunate enough to land four more good men, whom Upsilon takes pleasure in introducing:

F. Morgan, Birmingham, Ala.

G. Brewer, Birmingham, Ala.

J. G. Hanlin, Sheffield, Ala.

J. R. McCleskey, Boaz, Ala.

The foot-ball season has about closed and, although Auburn has been defeated in every game, she has played clean ball and made a fair showing every time. Although Upsilon has no players on the 'Varsity, she is represented on the scrubs by Shackelford, Brewer and Morgan. In the games which the scrubs have played, these men have showed up well.

We have added to the beauty of our hall by several pictures and a pennant from each college where we have a Chapter.

Upsilon extends to every Pi the wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*John. J. Weatherly.*

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### **PHI.**

*Roanoke College.*

Since our last issue, Phi has increased her roll by the initiation of an excellent fellow. We are pleased to introduce Arthur Lee Stras, of Roanoke, Va., a member of the Sophomore Class, fine frat. man and is a worthy wearer of the Garnet and Old Gold. By February, very likely, our number will undergo several more additions—we trust so anyhow. As Pi Kappa Alpha is the only fraternity in college, and we have everything our own way, so to speak, we do not deem it a good plan to pursue too hurriedly that sensational work termed "spiking."

Phi had several representatives, as was stated before, on Roanoke's foot-ball team this season who enjoyed very much meeting and being amongst the brothers of the respective Chapters, Pi, Iota and Omicron. All seemed to be in a flourishing condition. Also, after the hotly contested battle between Davidson vs. V. P. I., we had the pleasure of having with us three brothers of Beta



Chapter, viz: J. Allin, Jr., H. F. Morton and R. C. Sadler. It goes without saying that Phi is always ready to give the "glad hand" to all wondering Pi's who chance to come our way.

As Thanksgiving and Xmas are near at hand, things about the college and town are becoming livelier. The customary Thanksgiving German will be given in Hotel Crawford on the night of November 30th. In the early part of next month, the Sophomores intend to have a banquet for their class. Brother Robertson is the General Manager and with his untiring efforts it should be a "howling" success. Brother Stras will hold his own at the festive board. December 14th is the date set for a play, which will be presented by the Roanoke Dramatic Club, of which Brother Connor is an important factor.

On Friday, November 30th, there will be an exciting class game, when the Freshmen, usually known here as "rats," will meet the gay young Sophomores on the grid-iron to decide the championship of the school.

Professor J. N. Ambler, Steere Professor of Mathematics and Geology, having lately tendered his resignation, which goes into effect at once, the trustees of the college have been working to secure a successor for this vacancy in the Faculty. We are glad to know that Professor Greenwood, A. B., A. M., of Oxford University, England, has been elected to this chair. He is expected to arrive about December 1st, to take charge of the work, and we think he will make a valuable addition to our Faculty.

Wishing our Sister Chapters, one and all, a most enjoyable time during the holidays,

*R. C. Bowman.*

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### CHI.

*University of the South.*

So far, Sewanee has had such a brilliantly successful foot-ball season, that we are entertaining high hopes of wiping out old scores with Vanderbilt on Thanksgiving

day. It has been now four years since the memorable victory of 1902, but as Sewanee's present team has been pronounced by the authorities as being far superior to any of the teams produced during the interim, our high hopes are well founded. To the present date we have played and won seven games, only being scored on once.

Preparations for the Semi-Centennial of the University, which will be celebrated next year, are already being begun. Work on the new "All Saints" Chapel is being rushed, and it is now an assured fact that the same will be completed by Commencement. Improvements are being made on the campus and elsewhere, so that next year Sewanee will be in gala attire.

To the recent convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Memphis, a special sleeper was run from Sewanee, filled with enthusiastic delegates. After the convention several delegates from all over the country paid a visit to Sewanee, and though their visit was necessarily a short one, the spirit of enthusiasm which they brought with them is still with us.

As our winter vacation is now rapidly approaching, there is very little activity in the fraternity world here.

With best wishes for a happy Christmas to our sister Chapters,

*F. J. H. Coffin.*

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### **PSI.**

*North Georgia Agricultural College.*

Psi Chapter takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity—

D. C. Thaxton, Jackson, Miss.

Our foot-ball team has disbanded for this year. They played some very close games, considering to be such a young college in athletics.

Promotions in the battalion of cadets was made recently, Psi being well represented. Stephens was promoted to 1st Lieut., Galloway was promoted to 1st Sergeant, Wil-



lingham was promoted to Sergeant, Elkan was promoted to Sergeant.

We joined with the Sigma Nu's in entertaining the Seniors of our sister college, Brenau, at Gainesville, when they paid us a visit recently.

The Sigma Nu's have taken in two men and have pledged one, their total enrollment is ten.

Our attention is now turned to the Christmas holidays; the Faculty have allowed us an unusually long vacation, beginning on the 20th of December, and lasting until the 3rd of January.

We wish every Pi a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Julius Elkan.*

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### OMEGA.

*Kentucky State College.*

If the Pi Kaps here possessed trouble among ourselves, or if any external dangers bothered us, there might be something to write about, but now we are so well satisfied that there is nothing to tell of, the axiom about no news being good news, being very true.

The next most interesting date on our calendar is the dance to be given on Washington's birthday. Since our letter we have placed the *Shield and Diamond* on two young Kentuckians, Mr. Harry Letton, of Bourbon County, and Mr. John Guyn, of Lexington. This makes our active Chapter number eleven; of Seniors, we have Hillenmeyer and J. H. Letton; among the Juniors are Orr, Sims and McCorkle; our '09 men are Alcorn, Lee, Vories and Harry Letton; and in the Freshmen Class we have Kimbrough and Snyder.

Four or five of Omega's men will go to Richmond in April, as will several Kappa members; so old Kentucky will be well represented and they'll make things move too; We'll have the hotel elevators running "straight to Kentucky on the sixth floor," where we'll "keep open house from 4:55 A. M. until 5 A. M. the next morning and re-

peat." Oh, but we must make the next Convention a great one, the greatest in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Kentucky State did well this year on the foot-ball field, being defeated only by Mariette and Vanderbilt. It was a matter of great regret to the people of Lexington that they could see no game between State College and Kentucky University this Thanksgiving, but the latter school has abolished athletics. We expect to have the best baseball team in the spring that ever represented the old college, and Omega will be as well represented as in former years.

The student body was glad to welcome back to his old duties our former Commandant, Major Wilson B. Burtt, who had been temporarily called away by the War Department. Speaking of things military, Brother Sims has charge of the best company in the Battalion, he being the fourth Pi Kap to be Captain of Company B in the last five years.

May the Christmas holidays be memorable to every Pi Kap for their pleasures.

*Rodes A. Arnspiger.*

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### ALPHA-ALPHA.

*Trinity College.*

Since the last issue we have succeeded in pledging two more men, both of whom we feel sure will prove a good addition to our Chapter. Almost at the opening of the session another man was pledged to us and consequently we have three "well under way." One of these is a member of the Junior Class and we will possibly initiate him at an early date. The other two are both first year students; on account of college regulations we are debarred from giving them the initiatory ceremony before February 1st of next year.

Considering our number, we are comparatively well represented in the different phases of college life. Brother Webb is President of the Law Class and acts as Clerk for



the Moot Court, while Brother Gibson acts in the capacity of Solicitor. In the Glee Club and Orchestra Association we are represented by Brothers Wells and Lee. Wells is President of the Association and is also assistant instructor in the department of Physics.

We have completed arrangements for an informal dinner, to be given on December the 10th, complimentary to the pledged men. Suffice it to say that a few invited guests and the usual number of Pi Sisters will be present. The Durham Catering Co. will have charge of the menu, and the occasion as a whole bids fair to be a most pleasant one.

Every one is anxiously looking forward to Thanksgiving as the next holiday. Several of our Pi's will spend the day out of town, and there will at least be some arrangement made to make the day a pleasant one for those who remain.

A movement has been on foot for some time by which it was thought that another fraternity would put in a Chapter here. The organization of such was almost perfected, but for some reason it was suddenly crushed and it is now thought that there will be no further step in this direction.

*L. G. Daniels.*

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### ALPHA-GAMMA.

*Louisiana State University.*

In the words of its President, "The Louisiana State University has ceased to be a small college, but is now to be ranked among the foremost colleges of our Southland." The five hundred mark was reached last week, and in celebration thereof the President has very generously granted an extension of Christmas Holidays.

This University is indeed making rapid strides toward becoming one of the greatest Southern Universities. Only during the past three years, at the beginning of which your scribe matriculated he has seen spring up before his eyes no less than five large brick and stone buildings, while too more are under course of construction, The

architect also has the plans under consideration for a new Chemistry Laboratory, the minimum cost of which is to be \$75,000. In years to come, the one who is fortunate enough to be an alumnus of L. S. U., will look back with justifiable pride at the changes that have taken place since the close of his collegiate career.

We have five fraternities in the University. Their numerical standing is as follows, *Σ. N.* 10, *Σ. A. E.* 5, *K. A.* 6, *K. Σ.* 12, *Π. K. A.* 6.

We had with us last week Brother Kelly of Southwestern Presbyterian University. A jolly Pi is Brother Kelly.

I wish now to introduce to the fraternity at large William George Mundinger, of Baton Rouge, La. We indeed consider ourselves lucky in getting Brother Mundinger. He is not only congenial, and of a studious nature, but has developed into a zealous fraternity brother.

A merry Xmas and a happy New Year to every Pi.

*Geo. S. Miller.*

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### **ALPHA-DELTA.**

*Georgia School of Technology.*

Again Alpha-Delta has the pleasure of greeting the Brothers. Our life was almost despaired of at the opening of school, and it was only through the strenuous efforts of Brother McCord, one of last year's graduates, Brother C. W. Underwood, Brother Neill and Dr. Arbuckle, that we are still in existence. The trouble was that none of last year's men returned. Since school opened we have had one transfer from Wofford College, Brother Gruber, but he fears he will not be able to remain. We have two new men to introduce to the Brothers, G. C. Thompson, Jackson, Ga., and S. N. Hodges, Perry, Ga. Both are fine men. We have a number of men in view, but no pledges as yet.

We wish all the Brothers a merry Christmas, and hope in our next letter to be able to report more men.

*G. C. Thompson.*



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**ALPHA-EPSILON.**

*North Carolina A. and M. College.*

Alpha-Epsilon's prospects for a successful year are very bright, and since our last writing we have added four new men—

A. J. Beall, Jr., Charlotte, N. C.  
St. J. L. Springs, Georgetown, S. C.  
J. K. Bruner, Jr., Raleigh, N. C.  
E. J. Carpenter, Gaffney, S. C.

We feel sure that they will reflect credit on themselves and the Fraternity.

Our foot-ball team has made a fine record so far, not having lost a single game. On Thanksgiving day we go to Richmond to play V. P. I. for the championship of the South. A special train will run to Richmond to take the students and people of Raleigh. The college band will go, under the leadership of Brother Bason. We feel sure that the game will result in our favor.

The class foot-ball team are out contesting for the silver cup offered by the Faculty. Brother Marshall is a member of the Sophomore team.

On November 15th we had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Escott, alumnus ('06,) Brother Dunn of Tau Chapter, and Brother Jones, a former member of this Chapter. We were sorry that they could not remain with us longer.

Brother Morrison, alumnus ('06), spent the week of the State Fair here as a Marshal and a guest of Brother Park. Brother Morrison was the founder of this Chapter, and one of its most zealous workers while in college.

From time to time during the fall, it has given us great pleasure to meet several of the Brothers from other Chapters, who have been "on the Hill" with the various visiting foot-ball teams who have played here, and also those who attended the State Fair.

*D. H. Hill, Jr.*

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

It is with a feeling of much satisfaction that we write our letter to the Magazine. Seldom in the history of a Chapter has such remarkable success crowned its efforts, and indeed are we proud of our present standing.

Having returned ten old men and three initiates, a conservative policy was decided upon, and only two men were spiked. It is with a feeling of pride that we say we secured both of these, and now take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large the following worthy knights of the Old Gold and Garnet:

R. E. Shipley, Booneville, Ark.

E. F. Woodson, Huntington, Ark.

Both of these men were in school last year and thoroughly known by the Chapter. Shipley is a strong Freshman C. E., a hard student, and bids fair to lead his class. His acquisition was a double victory, in that he was secured in the face of strong opposition. Woodson is a Junior C. E., and one of the hardest students in school. This man was under the consideration of the Chapter during the past year, and it was only after long and persistent rushing that his consent was obtained. With these two initiates and two more men spiked, the best of the new men in college, the active rushing of our Chapter has ceased, and ere this letter has been read, a few more "goats" will probably have been introduced to the glories of "Pidom."

In the recent military promotions, the following Pi's were remembered: Reagan, Lieutenant and Commissary; Carter and Davies, Lieutenants; Koser, Thompson, Woodson and Parker, Sergeants; and Smith Corporal. It must be remembered, in our college fraternity men can hold no higher office in the cadet battalion than lieutenant, and this, together with the fact that three of our men are excused from drill, gives us an easy lead in the promotions. Brother A. P. Boles has recently been elected on the Y. M. C. A. Lecture Course Committee. In athletic lines



Alpha-Zeta takes no part, but prides herself that among her sons are found four of the hardest students in school. Our reputation for high scholarship is firmly established and acknowledged by all, one of the Professors having said to one of our new men that we were the most studious bunch in school.

The social event of interest to all Pi's at the present time is the Pi Kappa Alpha reception and dance on December 14th, when Alpha-Zeta will make her debut in society. It is the idea of the Chapter to have present on this occasion representatives from each of the fraternities and sororities, as well as all of our alumni and other Pi's scattered over the State.

It is with a feeling of great pleasure that we can report that from all indications the anti-frat. fight, which has been waged so bitterly for the past five years, seems to be on the wane, and it is our sincere hope that the near future will see the end of this long drawn out struggle. Every effort is being brought to bear by the authorities to bring about an amicable adjustment of the matter among the students themselves. Events, too, have conspired to accelerate the settlement of the question, and we hope soon to see Arkansas among the strong fraternity schools of the Southwest. A new and strong local petitioning A. T. O. has just come to light, though it has been in existence for the past year. A Chapter of T. N. E. was organized last February, so that now a larger per cent. of our student body are fraternity men than ever before. The other local Chapters in college have large memberships and are in a healthy condition, the S. A. E.'s and K. S.'s occupying rented Chapter houses.

Brothers Trigg, Fuhrman and Ingle are working in Ft. Smith, Brother Rheinberger is in Pine Bluff, and Brother Blackwood is at his home in Newport. Brother Byrne spent two weeks with the Chapter just previous to Thanksgiving. We trust that all the sisters' futures are as bright as our own.

*A. P. Boles.*

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**ALPHA-ETA.***University of Florida.*

The welcome accorded the University by the citizens of Gainesville surpassed our greatest hopes. The good people of the town have taken it to their hearts to fill the place made vacant by the abolition of the old East Florida Seminary, which was done away with two years ago by the same will which created the University of the State of Florida.

Alpha-Eta Chapter of *H. K. A.* has taken a high place in this our first year, and although few in number, we are able to take care of ourselves in every way.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to the Fraternity at large, Bros. H. Earle Bouis of Jacksonville and Thomas G. Hancock, of Tallahassee. Hancock is captain and full-back of three foot-ball teams, Varsity, Junior Class, and Company B.

Our foot-ball team was very successful this year considering the fact that only one last year's Varsity man returned. We won three out of six games.

We hope to be represented in base-ball by Brothers Bouis and Hancock and in basket-ball by Cason and Hancock.

Fraternity material is rather scarce, but there are one or two good men upon whom we have our eyes and we may have some initiates to introduce in the next issue.

Hoping that our sister Chapters are having a successful year,

*Burton Barrs.*

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**ALPHA-THETA.***West Virginia University.*

Alpha-Theta has been very busy this fall, and has held two initiations, two smokers and an informal dance. We held one initiation on the night of October 19th, 1906, and one on November 22nd, 1906. At each initiation several



promising "goats" were offered as sacrifices to the "Greeks." Following is a list of our members:

## OLD MEMBERS.

L. A. Carr, Clarksburg, W. Va.  
A. C. Knight, Clarksburg, W. Va.  
C. M. Hanna, Charleston, W. Va.  
C. H. Layman, Fairmont, W. Va.  
P. B. Lantz, Blacksville, W. Va.  
R. McV. Drane, Piedmont, W. Va.  
W. D. Hill, Scottdale, Pa.

## INITIATES.

H. L. Nay, Fairmont, W. Va.  
J. D. Boyle, Liberty Town, Md.  
P. H. Marcum, Huntington, W. Va.  
E. R. English, Huntington, W. Va.  
I. S. Davis, Huntington, W. Va.  
J. H. Mills, Morgantown, W. Va.

## PLEDGES.

H. A. Sayre, New Haven, W. Va.  
G. W. Barnes, Fairmont, W. Va.  
O. G. Marsteller, Elkins, W. Va.  
G. C. Smith, Walkersville, W. Va.

We also received several short but pleasant visits from alumni Brothers: A. Arnold, of Piedmont, W. Va.; A. H. Foreman, McKeesport, Pa.; J. A. Byars, Aberton, Pa.; G. W. Van Buskirk, Elkins, W. Va., and W. Hill, Scottdale, Pa.

Our Chapter is in good shape, and our men are drawn equally from the Medical, Engineering, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Law Departments.

L. C. Yeardley and W. E. Paul are expected in school for the winter term. The former is at the University of Cincinnati, and the latter at Charleston, W. Va. W. T. Owens and Robert Dunham are completing their medical course at the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md.

Alpha-Theta makes no pretense of being overflowed with honor men, but our Chapter holds quite a number of offices. I. S. Davis is President of the Freshman Medical

Class, A. C. Knight captured the Anatomy prize offered for the year of 1906, and was chosen President of the Sophomore Medical Class. C. H. Layman is Secretary of the Sophomore Medical Class, and is Manager of the "Varsity" track team. G. C. Smith is Secretary and Manager of the Freshman Class, and is also in the Glee Club. P. B. Lantz and W. D. Hill are on the Glee Club. L. A. Carr is Vice-President of the Athletic Association, and your "scribe" is Associate Editor of the College Weekly.

The Chapter hopes in the future to own its Chapter house, now that it is completely and comfortably furnished, but when our age is considered, and the fact that in order to have a house on a footing with the rest, from ten to fifteen thousand dollars is needed, our sister Chapters can see what "we are up against."

We aim to make our letters to the point, in order to let our sister Chapters know our standing in the University, and would like to see the same plan carried out by all, as we can then get an idea of the strength of our Fraternity in all the States.

With best wishes to all for a long life and extended prosperity.

*R. McV. Drane.*

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### **ALPHA-IOTA.**

*Millsaps College.*

Greetings to all *Π*'s from Alpha-Iota. We trust all of our sister Chapters are having as pleasant a time as we. Our affairs have been running smoothly and we have been successful in all our labors. As a result of these labors, I beg leave to introduce two new brothers: Frank S. Williams of Mt. Olive, Miss., and Robert J. Mullins of Meadeville, Miss. Brother Williams won the Freshman medal last Commencement. Both are from the Sophomore Class. We can not initiate any of the new men until after Christmas because of restrictions imposed by the Faculty.

The *Π*'s here are represented in nearly every phase of



college life—athletics, debates, publications and all. On the College Monthly we have three men—Brother Rousseaux, Business Manager, Neill, alumni department, and your humble servant looks to the exchanges. He is also Business Manager of the "*Bobashela*," our Annual.

Foot-ball is the one absorbing topic on the campus. Each class has a team and all are contesting in a series of twenty games for a silver championship cup offered by one of the faculty.

The enthusiasm aroused is intense. The wonder of all, however, is the Senior team. With but thirteen men to choose from they are at present leading in the race for the cup. On all these teams are several Pi's.

Alpha-Iota entertained many of the new boys at a smoker on October 27, at 8 o'clock P. M. All professed to have enjoyed themselves very much.

Brothers E. G. Mohler, '06, and E. D. Lewis, '06, were on the campus recently. It affords us great pleasure to know that W. M. Langly, '04, is to be married in our city on November 29, to Miss Mary Ellen Koon, of Jackson. They have our sincerest wishes for a long and happy life.

*Landon K. Carlton.*

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### ALPHA-KAPPA.

*Missouri School of Mines.*

Alpha-Kappa introduces the following initiates.

T. S. Dunn, Waukegan, Ill.

H. E. Minor, Canon City, Colorado.

J. G. Vogt, Trenton, Ill.

R. T. Kendrick, East St. Louis, Ill.

This gives us seven new men this year, and with three pledges still out, whom we hope to introduce in our next letter. The fraternity material this year was exceptionally good, and from all appearances Alpha-Kappa has held up her end with the best of them. We are also glad to say Brother McTighe is back with us and have high hopes of

having Brother Flood of Sigma with us after the holidays. We have two more men in sight, and then we will rest with a Chapter roll of twenty if everything comes out all right.

School life is running along smoothly here, foot-ball being about over and basket-ball just starting. One of our pledges was the star of the foot-ball team, made his "M" and gave up a chance for captaincy to wear the button, much anti frat. feeling existing among the team. Alpha-Kappa gave a very pleasant Halloween party, representatives of the other fraternities, barbs and Faculty being present, every one had the best of times and voted Alpha-Kappa a royal entertainer. We give a Thanksgiving party November 28th, and on December 2nd a Stag Banquet in honor of our installation, for members only.

Brother Seltzer was elected Vice-President of the Athletic Association at its last meeting by a unanimous vote, it being a special election for the office, made vacant by its holder failing to return to school this fall.

The school is getting out a very nice annua; we call it the *Rollamo*. Several Pl's are on the different staffs, drawing, writting, advertising, etc. Every effort is being made to make it a success.

There is some talk of organizing a basket-ball league, but cannot say how it will come out.

As the rushing season nears its end we find  $\Sigma$ . *N.* with 14; *K. A.* and *K.  $\Sigma$ .* with 11 each, and *H. K. A.* 14 and three pledges, none of the others having any pledges.

The foot-ball team, we are sorry to say, has been very unlucky, loosing most of its games this year; most of the men were green, and next year will be splendid material. An active Y. M. C. A. movement has been started here in which several of our men are interested, and a building is in sight. A new mining building is also being added to the school and with two new buildings on the campus our grounds will look well indeed. The enrollment this year



is two hundred or more and will probably increase after Christmas.

With best wishes to our sister Chapters and to those in the bonds,

*Karl R Morgan*

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### **ALPHA-LAMBDA.**

*Georgetown College.*

Things have been happening with Alpha-Lambda since last we greeted our sister Chapters. We have initiated four excellent men, and it gives us great pleasure to introduce—

Roy Beckett, 1747 Madison Ave., Covington, Ky.

J. R. Spragens, Ellisburg, Ky.

Lucien C. Turk, Bardwell, Ky.

William Dawson, Switzer, Ky.

In the acquisition of these men we have greatly strengthened our Chapter in every way, and not least of these benefits is the experience in winning the hearts of those whom we wished to call "Brothers." We have had our discouragements along this line, for none of us were experienced in fraternity life, and our friends, the K. A.'s have strong following in the college community, having been established five years. But the community is now awake to the fact that *H. K. A.* has come to stay and to have her share of the best there is.

Foot-ball, the all-absorbing topic of the day, has somehow not much claim for Georgetown this season, and our team is not up to our average, or our neighbors are above par, for we have only won one game so far. But Georgetown has the best basket-ball team in years, and if anybody wants "licking" in that line, we can tell him where to get it. In every respect the college is in better condition this year than it has been for some time, and to date the enrollment is 288.

College politics is a very important factor just now, as the class elections occur in a week, and rivalry is hot. We

wish we could hold this until the results could be announced, for we feel certain of the Senior Class Presidency. There are four candidates—a *K. A.*, a "local-bunch" candidate, an "anti-frat," and Brother Beckett. So, to say the least, prospects are good for some fun on election day.

We have met all of Kappa and Omega's men, and wish to congratulate them on the excellency of their material. We wish also to heartily thank them for their kindly interest in us at the opening of school.

We were very sorry to lose Brother M. W. Crawley, who was called home some time ago. At present we have eleven on our roll. The Kappa Alpha's have 13, and the Delta Phi (local), have 14. We are expecting a few good men for the last term, and hope then to give "Billy" some more exercise.

With best wishes to our sister Chapters,

*John Ford Johnson.*



*TAU.**University of North Carolina.*

After a full and frivolous merriment the students are now burning the mid-night oil. Tau has one less engaged in this great struggle for education, Brother Holland having been called home in the early Fall on account of the feeble health of his father.

Foot-ball in the University has not been very successful this Fall, but good material has developed for next season. The Virginia and A. M. games being cancelled, have somewhat lessened the enthusiasm of the student body.

We were greatly pleased to have with us Brothers Wright, Robertson, Chamblin and Taylor, who came down as members of the Richmond College Foot-ball Team. We hope to see them again next year. Thanksgiving also brought its joys in the coming of Brothers Webb and Gibson, of Alpha-Alpha. We were delighted to see with them two charming young ladies, Misses Munnell and Arthur.

The Thanksgiving Germans will ever be remembered as the best mid-session dances even given at this institution.

We are soon to be blessed with a new one hundred thousand dollar library, the ground already having been broken for this building, of which we have been in need so many years.

Tau has taken her share of college honors this Fall. Brother Coughenour, who was assistant manager of the foot-ball team this year, has been elected manager for next season. Brother Carroll Wiggins was elected Vice-President of the German Club, and, while we were not fortunate enough to have a man on the Varsity Foot-ball Team, your humble scribe represented us on the scrub team.

With best wishes for a pleasant holiday,

*J. M. Wiggins.*

## The Pi's.

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In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to H. M. McALLISTER, Covington, Va., *any item of news concerning a brother member which may come under his notice.* If the item appears in a newspaper, clip it out, paste it on a postal and forward as above, giving date and name of paper.

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—J. Morgan Minter, M. D., Chi, Assistant Surgeon United States Army, was recently ordered from the United States Naval Hospital at Norfolk, Va., to the United States Naval Hospital, Twenty-third and E streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. He will take a six months course there of post graduate work and will be more than glad to welcome any *I*'s passing through his city.

—The General Office is in receipt of a very pretty invitation from Rho Chapter for their Annual Banquet at Lebanon College, Friday evening, November 16th.

—Rev. E. M. Craig, Iota, Ex-Grand Chaplain, is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Dothan, Ala., and also Chairman of the Home Mission Committee of the East Alabama Presbytery. In writing us, renewing his subscription, he says: "I hope to see the old Fraternity continue in future as it has in the past. It is wonderful to see how the number of Chapters have multiplied since Lambda was organized."

—The Richmond (Va.) *Times-Dispatch* of Sunday, October 28th, contains a picture of Dr. Edward S. Cowles, Gamma, of Richmond, with a very complimentary account of his being chosen as the Richmond representative to the Convention of Phi Beta Pi (Medical Fraternity). Phi Beta Pi is one of the largest and most exclusive professional fraternities, and we are glad that this honor has fallen to our



good brother Cowles. We congratulate both him and Phi Beta Pi.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Wunder, of Mt. Jackson, have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Grace, to Dr. Wellford Bohannon Lorraine, Iota, of Richmond. The wedding will take place Thursday evening, November 8th, at 6:30 o'clock, in St. Calvary Lutheran Church at Mt. Jackson.

—W. P. Hickman, Eta, is resident student at the Charity Hospital of the State of Louisiana in the city of Shreveport, but will take up his studies again at Tulane Medical College in time to graduate in 1908.

—Lee Morris, Alpha-Beta, is in business at Welch, La.

—N. C. Blanckard, Jr., charter member of Alpha-Beta, is in the railroad construction business, at Boyce, La.

—The following from the Mount Olive (N. C.) *Tribune* is a very complimentary notice of one of Alpha-Alpha's men:

"No man in the county did more earnest work for the success of Democracy during the campaign just closed than our townsman, Attorney J. D. Langston. \* \* \* He is able and fearless as a speaker, and there is no doubt but that much good came out of his tireless efforts for the success of our county and legislative ticket. There is a splendid future in store for our young friend. You may pin your faith to this prediction."

—J. M. Giles, Nu, is at present located at Wyncote, Wyo., in the reclamation service of the United States Geological Survey, a branch of the Department of the Interior. This work is being carried on by an engineering corps engaged in planning and constructing irrigation works in the arid Western States. As Brother Giles expresses it, "Making blades of grass grow where none ever grew before." He is Assistant Engineer in this corps and much inrerested in his work.

—The following editorial from the *Journal and Tribune*, Knoxville, Tenn., of November 9th, '06, will be read with much interest. It is headed "An Honest Election." A

notice was given in this department last issue of the appointment of Brother Powers to this important office:

"Governor Cox declared months ago that it was his purpose, in so far as he could work with success to that end, to give the people of the State an honest election. So far as we know or have heard, that of Tuesday was an honest election.

It was so in Knox county, all honors to J. Pike Powers Jr., chairman, and to the members of the election commission. It is our belief that they did the best they could to select election officers who would observe the oaths they took and make returns of the ballots just as they were cast. The people of Knox county are congratulated upon the fact that this may be truthfully said.

There were doubtless cases of bribery, as there have been for years in the past. If the proof can be made, those who are guilty should be tried and convicted and be made to suffer the extreme penalties of the law. There is no partisan politics in this; honest men of all parties want to see those who have been guilty of either giving or accepting bribes of any kind, made an example of as a warning to other violators of the laws governing elections.

Nothing has done more to detract from the respect in which the ballot should be held, than the feeling that men who make pretensions to respectability are willing to participate in dishonest practices in elections. It is really no honor to a man to hold an office if he owes it to the ballot box stuffer, or to the election officer who makes a false count or a false return. It is a reflection upon a man's character for honesty and integrity to accept an office that comes to him in that way. The man who accepts an office that has been stolen for him is no better than the man who has done the stealing. Hence it is a pleasure to know or to feel that the election held in our city and county has been an honest one. Under such circumstances, however great the disappointment may be over the result we cheerfully acquiesce in it as good citizens, feeling that it is the voice of the majority. That being the case we are sure to have better men in office, when the people vote their sentiments and their votes are honestly counted; political parties will understand that if they are to succeed they must put forward candidates who are worthy of success."

—T. P. Forbes, who occupies a prominent position with the Quinn-Marshall Co., Lynchburg, Va., writes: "The Magazine has certainly reached a high standard, and it seems to me that it would be a pleasure to all of our alumni to subscribe, as it is the only way to keep in touch with our dearly beloved Order."



—Elsewhere is published a cut of the Stuart Robinson Memorial Church, with the picture of the Pastor, Rev. H. W. McLaughlin, Iota. It will be interesting to note the following account in connection therewith, and also to see that one of its previous Pastors, Rev. Joseph Rennie, was also a member of Iota.

"In 1892 the friends of Dr. Stuart Robinson erected in his memory a handsome brick church at Sixth and Victoria Place in Louisville, Ky., at a cost of about \$20,000. Provisions for raising the whole amount was made, but the financial depression of 1893 and the death of a number of the friends of the enterprise, left a debt of about \$11,000 on a very weak and struggling congregation. About the year 1900 the matter of liquidating the debt was taken up by the congregation, which had grown stronger under the faithful ministry of such men as Rev. W. T. Overstreet, Rev. Joseph Rennie, D. D., Rev. Ernest Thacker, Ph. D., and Rev Ernest Thompson, D. D. Two and one-half years ago, when the present pastor, Rev. H. W. McLaughlin, was installed, the debt was nearly \$7,000.

The interest was kept up and some paid on the principal; but about the 4th of February of this year the church took up the work in earnest. A congregational meeting was called for February 11th.

At this meeting a few facts were stated, among them that Mr. John Stites, of the Second Church had offered to donate \$500 provided the whole amount was raised by May 1, 1906. A subscription was opened, but no one was approached, or asked for a donation, yet \$4,238.30 was subscribed and donated during February and March. At present the whole debt is provided for except \$300. Mr. Stites has generously extended his offer for a few days, till this amount can be raised."

—The Columbia University Press of New York has issued notice of one of the works of Brother Walter L. Fleming, Ph. D., Professor of History in the West Virginia University, "Civil War and Reconstruction in Alabama." The notices on this work are most highly complimented by all the leading papers, saying it is of "absorbing interest and full of most valuable information." Brother Fleming has also written an Introductory and Notes for another book, "The Ku Klux Klan," which is considered to be an authority on Reconstruction days.

—Walter M. Smith, the founder of Lambda, and who

has made such an enviable reputation in the engineer corps of the United States Army, has recently had a further high compliment paid to his well known ability. When Congress decided upon a lock canal at Panama, Brother Smith was transferred back to Washington by the Secretary of War and placed in the Commissioner's office in charge of designing the locks. His home is No. 1906 Third Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. It is also interesting to know that his son, Walter M. Smith, Jr., has this year entered the South Carolina Military Academy, from which his distinguished father was graduated with high honors and where he organized Lambda.

—D. W. Harmon, M. D., has recently been appointed Surgeon in the United States Army and has been transferred from Nashville, Tenn., to Fort Hancock, New Jersey. His October issue failed to reach him on account of this change in address, and in requesting us to send duplicate he says: "I am much interested in the Magazine and do not want to lose any numbers,"

—Brother Goodwin, Omega, is assistant book-keeper with the firm of Bryan, Goodwin & Hunt, one of the leading wholesale grocery houses in the South. Albert W. Bryan, Kappa, is also with the same house.

—J. Lambert Neill, '06, Alpha-Iota, is Y. M. C. A. Secretary at Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.

—E. Croney Elliott, charter member and present Th. C. of Omega, already enjoys an established practice as a leading dentist in Lexington.

—S. M. Graham, '05, Alpha-Iota, is principal of Gloster High School, Gloster, Miss.

—The General Office is in receipt of the following invitation from Alpha-Kappa Chapter, which is much appreciated: "The honor of your presence is requested at an informal dance at the Pi Kappa Alpha house, Wednesday, November 28th, 1906."



—H. M. Harris, Alpha-Iota, is working at Collins, Miss.

—E. D. Lewis, '06, Alpha-Iota, is preaching at Thomasville, Miss.

—A. S. Higginbotham, Iota, is a very successful practitioner of law at Tazewell, Va. He writes the General Office, "I am glad to see the Fraternity making such progress and hope this success will continue."

—E. G. Mohler, '06, Alpha-Iota, is principal of the Flora School at Flora, Miss.

—Charles Arnsperger, Omega, is in the carpet department at Brower's, the leading furniture house in the West, outside of Chicago.

—O. B. Taylor, Alpha-Iota, enjoys a lucrative law practice in Jackson, Miss.

—S. B. Alexander, Mu, who is located at Elberton, Ga., in writing regarding his subscription, says: "I have not forgotten this matter, which is not much, if of any, less importance to me now than when I was in college."

—M. Waide Smith, Omega, who has done as much as any one for the Fraternity, is fast making a name for himself in Texas as a Civil Engineer in the employ of the Cennefick-Hammond-Quigley Construction Company.

—J. M. Kennedy, '04, Alpha-Iota, is teaching in the Montrose High School, Montrose, Miss.

—Frank S. Carden, Rho, who, by his untiring efforts to show the boys a good time, endeared himself to every one at the Chattanooga Convention, was elected to the Legislature of Tennessee from the City of Chattanooga by a good majority. Brother Carden will, no doubt, be one of the youngest law-makers in Tennessee, but we predict he will be one of the best. The Fraternity hopes and believes that this is but the beginning of a useful and brilliant political career for our popular Brother.

—William N. Briscoe, Zeta, has withdrawn from the

Smith-Briscoe Shoe Company, of Lynchburg, Va., and is President of the W. N. Briscoe Company, who will establish a large clothing house in Lynchburg, Va.

—J. Hubbard Lloyd, Gamma, is studying for the Episcopal ministry at the Theological Seminary of Virginia, Alexandria, Va.

—R. S. Blackburn Smith, Alpha, of Berryville, Va., has been appointed Historian for the Virginia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

—John H. Neff, Alpha, has been elected Captain of the University of Virginia Foot-ball Team for next year. The Lynchburg (Va.) *News* of December 4th has the following to say about Brother Neff's election:

Charlottesville, Va., December 3—(Special)—The members of the Virginia foot-ball eleven to-night elected John H. Neff, of Harrisonburg, Va., Captain of next year's team.

Neff is nineteen years of age. He was a substitute of last year's team, and this season played at full-back on the Varsity. Although he carries the ball well, he is better on the defence.

"V's" were awarded the eleven men who participated in the Indian game.

We are glad that a Pi will direct what will no doubt be one of the strongest foot-ball teams in the South next year, and we congratulate the Virginia foot-ball team upon its choice of a captain.

—Hugh M. Moomaw, Pi, this year captained the strongest foot-ball team Washington and Lee ever had. According to the Associated Press reports, Brother Moomaw was a star in every game. His position was full-back.

—The *News and Courier* of December 1st, under the heading "Pi Kappa Alpha Feast—Splendid Affair at the Presbyterian College," publishes the following regarding Mu:



On Friday evening, November 23, the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity of the Presbyterian College threw open its hall to two dozen invited guests. The occasion was the annual Thanksgiving feast given by this Fraternity. The hall was charmingly decorated in Garnet and Old Gold, and the insignia of the society, gruesome skulls, a coffin, and the strong-box wherein Billy is said to be stabled, made the guests shiver with awe.

Fruits; nuts and candies were served and punch was dispensed by Miss Caroline Jones, of Newberry. Miss Jones was the winner of the prize for the best drawing of the society emblems, the *Shield and Diamond*. The guests at this delightful affair were Dr. and Mrs. Neville, Dr. and Mrs. Bean, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Martin, Mrs. Kennedy and Misses Tallulah Neville, Caroline Jones, of Newberry, Susie Simpson, of Tampa, Florida, Margaret Parrott, Katharine Bean, Elizabeth Bean, Rosa Bailey, Eliza Horton, Janie Kennedy, Fronde Kennedy, Marion McCreary, Bessie Hays, Essie Young. The members of the Fraternity are Messrs. George McDonald, Eugene Power, L. McD. Kennedy, D. Wyatt Neville, Will Bean, Brian Bell and C. D. Harrall.

—L. A. Snider, Beta, is holding a fine position with the Midnale Steel Works of Philadelphia, Pa., his home address being No. 4534 Wayne Avenue.

—The General Office is in receipt of a beautifully gotten up invitation from Alpha-Zeta Chapter. On the first page is exquisitely engraved the Court of Arms of the Fraternity and on the second inside page is the following invitation:

Alpha-Zeta Chapter  
of  
Pi Kappa Alpha  
requests the honor of your presence  
at their  
First Reception and Dance  
Friday evening, December fourteenth  
nineteen hundred and six  
at half past eight o'clock  
Chapter Hall  
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—President Roosevelt has appointed Hon. Wm. P. Kent, of Witheville, Va., Consul-General to Guetemala. William Patton Kent is one of the many distinguished members of Gamma. He was the Republican candidate for Lietenant-Governor of Virginia last Fall, and has been honored several times before by his party. Brother Kent carries with him to Guertemala his bride.



## Editorial.

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EVERY CHAPTER MEMBER should read carefully the article in this issue on the subject of Chapter Houses, and should take to heart and try and put into practice the suggestions therein made for the first steps looking towards this desired end.

Without question, this is the most important matter now facing the Fraternity, for while it is by no means as large in number of Chapters as it should be, as the writer of this article well says, the point has been reached where we need not be so aggressively anxious for new Chapters, but much the rather devote our thorough and systematic work to up-building and strengthening those now on the roll and strongly entrench them in their position beyond the chance of any failure.

If every Chapter owned its house they would each one be doubly strengthened in their position and assured, beyond almost any question, of permanency of life and continued and increasing strength and usefulness. Life in Chapter houses draws closer the bonds of the Chapter; they increase the benefits to be conferred upon its members, and thereby give the Chapter always a strong inducement to offer to new men, aside from the other well known advantages derived from membership.

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THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS approaching offer an excellent opportunity for each Chapter to get in touch with its Alumni members and secure their financial assistance and thus form the nucleus of a fund which can very easily be

increased in a twelve month sufficiently to warrant the undertaking of a Chapter house; the balance of the necessary amount can then be arranged through some financial institution.

So often these suggestions are made to the Chapters and so seldom do they consider them, but it is earnestly hoped that at this period when no Chapter can fail to appreciate the *absolute necessity* of a Chapter house that the Chapter members will take each one upon himself the duty of seeing several of their Alumni during the holidays. No matter how small the amount may be, the fact that *something has been raised* and is in bank for the building of a Chapter house will act as a great incentive to increase that amount and by slight denials on the part of the members in the way of refreshments, engraved invitations and such things for a brief period, the Chapter house will be assured.

After the holidays each Chapter will be asked by the Supreme Council to advise what steps have been taken for the Chapter house plan and every Chapter should be prepared to show at least something accomplished.

Let the watchword for the New Year be "*Chapter Houses*" and with the earnest work of the team it will be wonderful to see how quickly each Chapter will secure its home.

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IT IS SELDOM THAT THE Grand Treasurer's office is called upon to perform a more pleasing duty than that recently occupied as the trustee of the fund to present J. Pike Powers, Jr., with a testimonial of affection and regard from the Chapters and the Alumni members of the Fraternity, which he has served so zealously and so well.

In order that all the contributors can see the use made of the fund, elsewhere in these pages is shown a picture of the gift presented in their name to Brother Powers.

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THE CHAPTER CORRESPONDENTS have performed their duty well in the preparation of their December letters and the management desires especially to attest appreciation of the promptness with which they were sent in. By the 30th of November practically every letter was in and therefore we are able to publish our issue before the holidays.

Some of the correspondents are a little careless as to the heading of their letters and do not write them quite as plainly as might be done. By attention to these matters the work of the Editor will be greatly reduced and also the chance of mistakes in initials of members minimized.

The next Chapter letter should reach the General Office not later than January 25th for the February issue and correspondents are asked to note this carefully and prepare their letters accordingly.

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MAY THE YULETIDE bring pleasure and joy to every wearer of the Garnet and Old Gold and those most dear to him, and may the New Year contain for each and every one all the good things that may be desired.

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