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## Contributions.

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### SUNSET.

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When we grow old and whit'ning threads  
Shall shine like silver in our heads,  
Thy form divine to me will seem  
Still like some far-off dreamt-of dream.

Then 'neath love's skies of azure blue,  
May he by Cupid sent to woo  
Thee in the merry days of old,  
Press soft thy locks of grey and gold.

May thy lips speak as in the day,  
When love and life were young and gay,  
Such words as when in days gone by,  
I saw the love-light in your eye.

And when death shrouds in peaceful sleep  
These forms in heav'nly rest to keep,  
May we, as in the days of yore,  
Each other love forevermore.

*J. A. Carson, Gamma.*



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*THE FRATERNITY MAN OUT OF COLLEGE.*

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It is only an Alumnus that can discuss with knowledge this phase of the fraternity question, but it should prove an interesting subject to all college men who have allied themselves under a bond, the strength of which lies in the friendship and congeniality which gave origin to the union.

It cannot be denied that when a college man places on his coat the simple pin of gold, bearing strange letters and symbols, which fills the minds of the uninitiated with guessings as to the untold mysteries, then, if not before, he becomes a person of interest to the members of the faculty. They argue, and they do it rightly, that there is some good reason why the man was chosen. They do not study with psychological intent, but they wonder whether or not he will prove all that was expected or desired, and so they watch with interest the man's progress.

And again, it is the record which a man makes in college that becomes the basis of our opinion of him in after life. That is a rule in which neither time nor circumstances makes differences, and while there are plenty of good men in every body of students who are never sought out and bidden to the table, around which gather men who call themselves "Brothers," all admit that, taking each class as a whole, there are vast differences between the two, social and intellectual differences. These may be the results of differences of taste. But we are getting to a rather dangerous point in the subject.

When the man leaves college, we who some years ago have haunted the old buildings learning things not set forth in the curriculum, we think first of the record made during what is considered the formative period of his life, and in inquiring, we pay little attention to statements as to whether he was a "grind" or otherwise. A man may know "little Latin and less Greek" and still have brains and be a gentleman. And so, as I started to say, we set it down that a man is no fool if he wears a fraternity pin.



We may have cause to change our minds later, but the fact remains that the "frat." gets recognition at the start.

But to get at the real point of the question. When we see a man wearing the pin which we have worn and now wear so proudly, and which we have loved more than most things of this life, then it is that we begin to feel an interest. If his record was not of the best, we feel that he is a Brother who has failed, but a Brother still, and who would not try to help him forget all things which could make his passing through the world a sad journey. We know whatever his appearance or circumstances, a man who has felt the bond which the fraternity weaves about the souls of men, he must have felt at some time the ambition to rise to an honored place among the world's men, so that all who wish him well may feel proud of his success.

The judge, who on the bench presents a picture of dignity and sternness, will lay aside his papers and writings to place a friendly hand on the strong shoulder of his boy friend and speak words which encourage. And, when at night his mind goes back in sweetest reveries to the school days and the old friends, he feels that "All's right with the world." What is it that has softened the face of the grand old man?

And still you ask what advantage the "frat." has in the start. While the "non-frat." may or may not have friends, the man with the badge knows that there are thousands of men whom he has never seen who are behind him; men in all stations of life who will rejoice in his success, men of power who will put forth a hand to help, the scholar to instruct, the great man to advise, all banded together in the pride of an Order, which has made nobility of character its foundation stone. If the benefit is not material, who would think of that? It is intelligent sympathy that we want. And the knowledge that there are so many that wish us well, gives added strength. The man has friends who will violate no confidence. He has Brothers who will not dishonor the relationship, all hoping, helping, trusting. Old men and young, wish for one another, and all

the rest, all that life can give of happiness and success. The bridge of years is quickly crossed when the young clergyman and his Bishop meet if each has worn the badge of a true knight. Over a handclasp the young lawyer, with the ink on his license hardly dry, looks to the future with courage, while the honored judge lives once more in "the good old days." A little jewelled pin, and what it signifies, has caused it all. Friends in college, friends in after life, friends in sincerity and in truth, to-day and throughout life.

*Robert Rives Taylor—Alumnus of Alpha-Alpha.*

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*To H. K. A.*

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Here's to the Order of all Orders of its day,  
The one known and honored as *H. K. A.*  
An Order of purposes, pure, high and good,  
That uplifts and guides to a perfect manhood.

Then let us live by the motive of *Diamond and Shield*,  
That justice, peace and happiness be the fruits we yield;  
And when we enter the mystic *By and By*,  
We'll never regret having here been a *H.*  
*Abiam and Neoses* and the *Patriarchs* of old,  
Will doff their hats to the *Garnet and Gold*.

*Joe Gray, Alpha-Zeta.*



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*A GREATER FLORIDA.*

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It was in March 1513 that an old Spanish Cavalier set out from St. Germain, Porto Rico, in search of the fountain of youth. As he steered his ship across the blue waters to the north, he discovered on the glorious morning of an Easter Sunday, March 27, a low flat country to which Ponce de Leon, because of its flowery appearance—gave the name of Florida. And ever since our dear old State has been known as the land of flowers.

On account of Florida's late admission into the Union, the sanguinary struggle of the 60's and the disastrous freeze of 94, she has been prevented from standing in the front rank with her sister States. But proud I am to come before you to-night and speak of a Greater Florida whose budding greatness it takes no seer of prophetic vision to foretell.

The greatness of Florida is already beginning to attract attention abroad. None are so blind that they cannot see and realize that a tidal wave of prosperity is sweeping over our State, as well as the whole of our beloved Southland.

Compare our farmers of to-day with our soldiers of '65. What chance had he for the future as he wandered amid his empty barns, his stock, labor, and implements gone, gathering up the fragments of his wreck—urging kindly his borrowed mule—paying sixty per cent. profit on all that he bought and buying all on credit—his crops mortgaged before it was planted—his children in want, his neighborhood in chaos—working under new conditions and retrieving every error by a costly year—plodding all day down the furrow, hopeless and adrift, save when at night he went back to his broken home, where his wife, cheerful even then, renewed his courage, while she ministered to him in loving tenderness.

Who would have thought; as during those lonely and terrible days he walked behind the plow, that he would in forty years make a crop of over \$30,000,000. This he



has done, yet this is but the rose tint of a dawn that portends a brighter day when every foot of land shall produce of the continent's need.

A greater Florida in the full sence of the word means, that within the confines of our State there shall be manufactured into the finished article, all crude material which is now shipped away, and the money paid for skilled labor and freights shall be carried to our channels of commerce. That never more will we freight the oil from our cotton seed mills to Armor and Cudahy and pay many times what we receive for it back again in the shape of lard compound and olive oil. That we depend no more upon Northern and Western stockmen for our thorough bred animals. Our smoke houses shall no more be located in Kansas City. Our corn cribs never again filled in Nebraska, and for the last time has our beef been slaughtered in Chicago.

To bring about this happy state of affairs, a campaign of education must be and has been inaugurated, so no longer will the boys and girls of Florida seek other States for their education. The University, with it's preceptors, fits the young men for the professions of law, pedagogy, civil engineering and other responsible duties. The Industrial Institute educates the girls to assume the grave responsibility of life without fear for success. The education is demanded so that the world may learn of our pre-eminence. The mineral waters of our State, with health-giving and life prolonging qualities, must be exploited before the suffering humanity and made to proform the mission for which they are intended by the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and the day is coming when the invalid world will flock to Florida. Already the wealth of one man alone with decorative genius and prodigal enterprise, has made of our East Coast every thing the Rivera is, and a great deal more. The West Coast holds it's self yet in reserve. The railroads, the principle artries of our commercial greatness and industrial prosperity, 20 years ago nearly unknown is penetrating to the innermost recess of the State and opening communication with the busy marts of trade and exchange every where.

I am very strong in the belief that this very much to be desired State of affairs is not far in the future. The unprecedented development of Florida along agricultural industries and commercial lines during the past few years, with the spirit of progressiveness and perseverance so prominently shown by our people, presage the realization of the optimist's brightest dream for our beloved State.

The hungry thousands of Washington, New York, Chicago, and other Northern cities are fed and life maintained upon vegetables raised in Florida. Our orange cannot be surpassed. The finest fish in the world are those caught in the briny waters of Florida. The commerce of the continent can be carried in battons pitched with rosin gathered from the pine forest of Florida.

Great is the name of Florida, and greater still in it's citizenship of loyal and brave men and tender and true woman, who with one accord stand as a solid phalanx behind it's institution, ever ready to defend it's fair name and sing it's praises to the uniformed nations of the earth.

*W. M. Rowlett; Alphu-Eta,*

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### WHEN MARGARET SINGS.

Trillets of mocking-bird,  
Wood-notes of thrush,  
Love-calls of cardinal, oriole,

—Hush!

Margaret sings;  
And love is a-listening on quivering wings!

Light of the even-star,  
Moon in a mist,  
Voices of night inarticulate,

—List!

Margaret sings;  
And night is a-listening on dew-sprinkled wings!

*R. H. Adams, Beta.*



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### THE FRATERNITY MAN'S DUTY TO HIS COLLEGE.

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In one's enthusiasm for his fraternity, he is constantly in danger of minimizing his obligation to the educational institution of which he is a part. As a result of this, too often the best interests of the college or university is sacrificed to what *seems to be* the best interests of the Fraternity. Many a struggle on the gridiron and diamond has been lost because an overzealous captain has given his "brothers" a place on the team which he did not merit. Many an unworthy man has been put on the platform by the intrigue of "Greeks" to the disadvantage and discredit of the institution which he was representing.

The Greek organizations in many institutions have brought themselves into disfavor and unpopularity, by their rash and imprudent eagerness for success at any cost. Blighted hopes in literary competition, unmerited athletic defeats, the wreck of literary societies and college organizations torn asunder, tell the story of this fraternity loyalty. True these unfortunate conditions are not always the result of fraternity "ambition" when they are accredited to this, but too often those of us wearing the Greek letters are not guiltless.

Not that I would, by these words, make less the importance of one's obligation to his Greek "circle"—for none loves that circle more than I—but greater the importance of one's obligation to his college.

It is a fact that we must all recognize, that a man's highest duty to his college is his highest duty to his fraternity. Indeed, in performing the one, he must need perform the other.

At that point when he sacrifices the best interests of his college to the *supposed* welfare of his fraternity, he becomes unworthy of the lofty ideals and purposes which fraternal life instills, and is not only faithless to his college, but is also faithless to those immortal principles upon which he has sworn to stand.



These words may seem to be unnecessary and this position unwarranted; but unfortunately in my own institution the very things against which I would warn others have taken place, and I know it to have been just as true in other colleges. In the selection of men for positions of honor in athletics and literary circles, if the fraternity man be the best man in the institution for the place, we owe it to our Brotherhood, to our college and to the man himself, to support him, but if the best man in the institution be not a fraternity man, we owe it to our Order's lofty conception of justice to forego the honor which would come to us from the election of a "brother" in behalf of the man who can better serve our institution's interests.

I trust that the knights of the *Shield and Diamond* have never been guilty of this "abnormal ideal," yet we, as other men, must tread upon these dangerous places, and perhaps 'tis well that we should stop and think. Certainly no band of Greeks has higher ideals than ours. If there is anything for which Pi Kappa Alpha stands, it is genuine manhood. If there is any *other* thing for which she stands, it is for loyalty to a high standard of honor. And I am sure that our system of fraternity ethics demands no less of a man in his duty to his college than that which I have outlined in the foregoing words.

H. W. Carpenter, *Kappa*.

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### THE OUTSIDE CRITICISM OF FRATERNITIES.

Why is it that fraternities are looked upon with suspicion and some contempt by such a large number of people? The opinion seems to be almost general among the uninitiated that as soon as a man enters a fraternity the possibilities of a brilliant college career are clouded by a mass and maze of fraternity "business" which absorbs most of his time. In the case of some frats. the assertions are unfortunately *true*. How many times do we see young fellows

—whose means in most cases are more plentiful than their common sense—enter college with the sole idea of becoming a “Frat Man.” And when their ambitions are realized they are imbued with the idea that the college course consists only of being a frat. man.

Outsiders, in assigning a cause for the inevitable failure of a man of this type, will naturally lay it to his fraternity, since that seems to have been the only thing which occupied his mind while at college. They will never recognize, or care to recognize, the fact that when this man entered college he never intended to work. And the fraternities in general receive the approbrium.

But what happens when a frat. man makes a brilliant record? His personality and brilliancy receive full credit for his achievements, but not one thought is given to his associates in general or those closer associates with whom he is united in fraternal bonds. The surface is not pierced and no credit is given to the uplifting influence his fraternity may have had upon him. Not only is this true but the fraternity is not even given the credit for having secured a brilliant man.

Thus, the tendency of outside opinion is always toward criticism. Because one fraternity is not as good as another, they are all condemned as bad.

It should, therefore, be the aim of every *Π. Κ. Α.* to make the most of his energy and ability in order that the *Shield and Diamond* may be linked with achievement. Old *Π. Κ. Α.* is proud to look upon a man who has achieved success and say, “He is a *Π. Κ. Α.*,” and the man can say with equal pride, “I am a *Π. Κ. Α.*”

*Eta.*

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#### A NEGLECTED DUTY.

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It would be, to a great extent, a matter of unpleasant repetition if I should enumerate, in a detailed way, the numbers of *Pi*'s that are not engaged in active college work in the South, that are truly, but sadly so, not en-



gaged in active fraternity work. To be sure I'm acquainted with the fact that we have a great band of good, loyal men, whose loyalty and generosity has not ebbed, but there is one other phase of fraternity life to be considered, and it is that one in particular that I wish to emphasize. Suppose that this question was asked of each of our alumni that are now occupying numerous positions of responsibility and honor throughout the Western world: "How many men have you helped to enroll since you have left college?" I wonder what the majority of the answers would be. Yet, although I have no actual data, I have concluded that very few would answer in any other words than "Not any." This subject has been suggested to me through a case that came before our Chapter lately. We have elected a man that we know would make us a fine member, and a short letter from a neighboring Pi would greatly aid us in our work. The letter, as yet, has not arrived. We hope that it will.

Why should the case be thus? When a man leaves the college campus, does he necessarily resign his position as a fraternity man? The fact is, he is just entering a field where work can be done, and too, as a result, a harvest will be reaped. It is true that a man's college days are related to a definite position of his young manhood; it is during this time that he is to do his college work, but on the other hand, when he links himself to a fraternity, he places himself in a position that holds good for a life time. It demands just as much of him at one time as it does another, the report for his work is always the same. Environments may differ, conditions may change, but what of that when the very foundation of the work eliminates all localizations. The same stirring energy should be effective, the same sense of duty prevalent, upon the soul of every Pi, whether he be either in the regions of the pole, or more heavenly blessed by being a resident of our own regions.

Is this condition to remain, will the men that are now active Pi's forget the young college world about them when they leave their Alma Mater?

*C. H. Connally, Alpha Delta.*



**WHAT'S THE USE?**

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A man lived on this mortal coil,  
Never worried by care or toil;  
He never burned the midnight oil—  
For what's the use?

He had the best within the land,  
He spent his wealth with lavish hand,  
He joined the epicurian band—  
But what's the use?

Another was filled with knowledge and lore,  
He lurked in his study behind barred door,  
He studied and toiled 'till his brain was sore—  
But what's the use?

He reveled in ancient, dusty tombs,  
He knew the number of anything's bones,  
He knew the geological names of stones—  
But what's the use?

One died in drink, the other in fame—  
Compare the skulls, they're both the same,  
You can't tell them apart to save your name,  
So what's the use?

*K. S. C. "Echoes," Omega.*

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**THE NATION'S INDEBTEDNESS TO  
MR. CLEVELAND.**

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In 1884, for the first time in a generation, a Democratic candidate was elected to fill the chief executive chair to the United States. Grover Cleveland, the man whom the nation saw fit to so honor, had distinguished himself by the ability, integrity and success of his administrations as Mayor of Buffalo and Governor of New York. As a lawyer he held high rank, on account of the simplicity and directness of his logic, his power of expression, and his complete mastery of his cases. In his public career he was straightforward and honest, the difference between his

opinions and those of some of his party alone giving excuse for criticism.

Eight years after his first inauguration he was again chosen chief magistrate of the nation. His first administration was one of almost uninterrupted quiet as no momentous questions disturbed the public; but in sharp contrast to this is his second, in which the country was agitated by grave and important issues which cried for early settlement. The manner in which Mr. Cleveland settled some of these has been severely criticised. My belief that a love of fairness still abides with our people leads me to attempt a discussion of several of these events, to show how greatly Grover Cleveland served the country in his treatment of them.

Soon after Mr. Cleveland entered upon his second administration, the country was ravaged by a long and distressing financial panic.

It has been said that this panic was caused by Mr. Cleveland's mismanagement of national affairs. Such was not the case. This state of affairs was the result of an act of congress, known as the Sherman act, passed in the previous administration, requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase a specified amount of silver bullion, and to issue United States notes in payment; and these notes were to be legal tender in all debts, public or private, except where otherwise stipulated in contract. It further stated the government's intention to keep gold and silver upon a parity and gave the Secretary of the Treasury authority to redeem the notes in gold or silver at his discretion. The act amounted to a declaration for the free coinage of silver, since the amount purchased was the average production of the mines. Knowing this, speculators attempted to raise its value and though they succeeded, the rise was spasmodic. In a short time silver had sunk to an even lower value than before. The country was flooded with silver; capitalists began to doubt the nation's ability to fix the value of its fiat. They made haste to exchange their silver for gold, thus creating a run upon the Treasury,



which made the issue of bonds necessary. Foreign investors followed their lead. The result was inevitable; there followed a season of severe financial depression which distressed all classes of our people.

Mr. Cleveland and many other prominent men of the nation, as well as the Democratic National Convention, believed that only the repeal of the act would relieve the strain. In accordance with this opinion the President, in a special message to Congress, recommended its repeal. It was repealed, and with its repeal there arose such a storm of abuse, invective and criticism directed against the President as few other of our public men have had to brave. For the radical wing of the Democratic Party believed that the only way in which finance could be again placed upon a sound basis was to permit the free and unlimited coinage of silver. They disregarded the fact that such a course had always been followed by disastrous results when pursued by other nations; they ignored the fact that silver can be kept upon a parity with gold only when silver is coined in quantities sufficient for the ordinary needs of trade; that when silver is floated in quantities greater than gold the gold is placed completely at its mercy and ultimately driven from the channels of trade; and that when gold is driven from circulation the nation loses its financial standing.

The decision of the question concerned the individual and the national welfare. Mr. Cleveland had the foresight to see the evils which would result from such a course and, declaring himself opposed to it, he placed himself in the ranks of the opposition party. Many of his own party denounced him as a traitor and an impostor. But the storm of adverse feeling did not abash him; he never flinched from what he conceived to be his duty to his country. He met the issue squarely and with characteristic boldness.

Now, years after, people can look calmly back and can see that Mr. Cleveland took the right position. Men who opposed him fiercely have seen their error and have come



over to his way of thinking. They see from what a terrible disaster Mr. Cleveland's indomitable will, unflinching courage, and remarkable foresight have saved the country.

In the campaign of 1896, the leading issue was the free coinage of silver. For a time it seemed as if Mr. Bryan, the candidate representing the free silver faction, would be our next President. But at the crucial moment the common sense of the people reasserted itself, as it has ever done when a measure involving our national life was to be finally settled. Mr. Bryan was defeated and the question of free silver was forever settled. In our last Presidential election it was not even mentioned in the platform of either party. Mr. Cleveland has the pleasant reward of knowing that his course was the right one; of seeing his views accepted and adopted by the masses of our people; and of knowing that he has not run the gamut of public disapproval in vain.

Mr. Cleveland possessed singular power and showed great decision of character and courage in taking the initiative in great and momentous questions. This is demonstrated by the action which he took in settling the Chicago strike and the Venezuelan controversy.

In 1894 the employes of the Pullman Car Company organized a strike, and in their violent efforts to prevent the cars from running, they threatened great destruction and damage of property in no way connected with the Pullman works. John P. Atgeld, the Governor of Illinois, was in sympathy with the strikers and refused to take any action to check the violence. President Cleveland, taking upon himself the responsibility of restoring peace and good order, sent troops to the scene and by their presence dispersed the strikers. A long and bitter attack was made by Governor Atgeld upon the President; he contended that the President had no constitutional authority to interfere and that therefore his act was illegal; the President contented himself with the statement that the strikers were interfering with the United States mail and retarding interstate commerce. In that case it was his bounden





whole world into intense excitement. In the course of the message he said that he regarded the Monroe Doctrine "as important to our peace and safety as a nation" and that it "was intended to apply to every stage of our national life and cannot become obsolete while the Republic endures," and that nothing remained but for us to accept the situation and to deal with it accordingly. He recommended to congress that a commission be appointed to investigate and determine the divisory line, and should its report be accepted, that it should be the duty of the United States to uphold its decision and resist the appropriation of any land which we had decided rightfully belonged to Venezuela. Congress acted promptly, authorizing the appointment of the commission. If we are to judge from the tone taken by English newspapers it would seem that war was unavoidable, but from subsequent events it is clear that the English Government had no such thoughts. Diplomatic negotiations were continued and in the end all of the question was submitted to arbitration. A treaty to that effect was drawn up and ratified by both powers.

The Monroe Doctrine is respected by all the nations of the globe, but if Mr. Cleveland had not asserted its rights so vigorously would it occupy the place it now does ?

The men who fight the physical battles of their country are great, but greater are those who lead their country safely through crises, those who serve their country in other capacities and whom opposition or public disapproval fails to turn from the path of patriotic duty. We justly honor and revere the memories of the heroes who have sacrificed their lives for their country, but they are not the only heroes. The man who, by sheer will power and intellectual strength, pilots the nation safely through the rough and storm-tossed sea of the nation's life, is no less a hero. Both are necessary to the life of the nation, the one to protect it from within, the other from without. The nation is indebted to both alike.

The leader of a people may not always enjoy the same measure of admiration and glory that a great warrior does.

He may even lead his followers safely over a rough and perrilous way and yet his ability remain unappreciated until he is incapable of enjoying his renown. Some prejudice may blind the people to his worth when he most needs their co-operation. But after time has smoothed away the rough edge of their dislike they can see what a stay in time of trouble he has been. Mr. Cleveland has already begun to be regarded as one of the great figures of American History, and his name will go down with the certainty of fame to future generations as one who has served his country as surely as those who have won its great military victories.

*Landon Carlton, Alpha-Iota.*

*Sophomore Oration.*

#### TO A LOYAL SISTER.

When we did make, by sunset lake,  
A *H. K. A.* of you,  
You won our hearts with cupid's darts  
And wondrous eyes of blue.  
And now we love, all else above  
To always think of you;  
To know that we have now in thee  
A sister tried and true.

O, maiden fair, with golden hair,  
And smiling eyes of blue,  
Whose starry light awakes the night  
With waves of rainbow hue;  
All rubies red have made their bed  
Thy lips of freshest due;  
Thy lovely eyes tell to the skies  
That to us thou are true.

Earth, sky, and air, all nature's fair,  
But not as fair as you,  
Whose starry eyes before us rise  
Outshining sparkling dew.  
We lose all fears of coming years  
In depths of deepest blue,  
We'll rise to heights dreamed of by nights  
With such a *Pi* as you.

*Charles W. Underwood, Chi.*



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*THE REIGN OF CUSTOM.*

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Since Israel's Saul, generations have cried, "God Save the King." Whether or not such a sentiment is appropriate, depends on the character of the sceptre bearer. For illustration let us notice the reign of different rulers. King Alfred repelled England's enemy, established civil and military institutions, habituated the minds of men to industry and justice, and died with that much deserved appellation—"Alfred the Great," the founder of the English monarchy.

For a striking contrast between so noble a prince and one who rules as a tyrant, let us turn to the history of Russia. From the days of Ivan III down to the present, we trace a bloody thread upon which hang, the reign of sovereigns. Ivan the Terrible, clinched his hold upon the throne by murder, the false Demetrins was dragged from his palace window by angry conspirators, Paul met death by strangulation, and the reign of Alexander was the bloodiest of Russian crimes. Though these monsters have been suppressed by outraged people, and the nobility of character has been appreciated in all ages, the possibility of tyrants rising to places of power always remains.

In our land no crown rests upon mortal brows, no scepter flashes in mortal hands, but nevertheless, free as we are from despotic rulers, a king does rule, King Custom. Custom or habit has ever ruled men and nations. An example that at once attracts our attention is that of India. Custom of habit became king of the Indian people. Gradually it worked its way among them, until those very ones who were to become its slaves, accepted it as a necessary part of their lives. It was not long until the king, ruling without question of conduct or limitation of power, forced upon the Indian nation that principle which declares when a man is born a soldier, he must always be a soldier, when a serf always a serf. Like the leech that sucks the lifeblood when its victim knows not of its presence, this habit still holds to the oppressed people, and only in this

the dawn of the twentieth century is the light of a higher life beginning to find its way, through accident or design, there to dispel the darkness.

How is this despotism to be overthrown? How has it been overthrown in the past? History's answer is migration. Woodrow Wilson, in a work on the State, shows how men have broken the chains which bound them and sought after loftier ideals, nobler ambition and higher destinies. From history we infer that such was not the march of a host, but the slow progress of advancing races, its stages often centuries long, its delays replete with new habits and aspirations. A beautiful type of what took place those early days is seen in the transmigration of the Greeks after they came down to the sea from the interior of Asia Minor. We can dimly see them beginning a new home there on those fertile coasts. Slowly they acquired familiarity with their new neighbor, the sea. They learned its mood and worshipped its waves. They imagined new gods breathing in its mild breezes or storming in its tempestuous winds. They trusted themselves to its mercy in boats and, lured from island to island across that inviting sea, they reached the new home with which their name was ever afterward associated. They reached the new country changed men. Their hearts strengthened for bolder adventures, their minds quick with a readier skill, their minds open to greater enthusiasm, enriched with warmer imaginings, and their whole nature profoundly affected by contact with Father Aegeus.

A no less effective weapon against the power of custom is revolution. When the public conscience is exasperated by the tyrannical sway of custom, then men resort to revolution. The stagnation of European society and the feudal system which enslaved the masses were broken by the crusaders. This passion was not a mere desire to revolt against well established rules, but liberty that flows from the unforced appropriation of the soul. An example of the revolution method of reform is nowhere better given than in Russia to-day. The Russian masses have suffered the



humiliation of serfdom for centuries. The church that deifies the Czar and enslaves the tillers of the soil, has ruled their minds and hearts. Gradually the light of liberty has dawned in that land of darkness. Into the ever beclouded home of the Mushir have at last entered such words as liberty and equality. The serf has heard of a higher life, the priest has found new favor with his gods, the slaves have heard of the freemen across the boundless deep, and in the strength of his might, perhaps in the blindness of his zeal, his life-blood will be offered to give posterity this new found freedom. How blind must be the monarch who can not see, that by withholding from his subjects liberty, equality, and opportunity, he subjects himself to the odium of the civilized world and keeps himself from sitting on the mightiest throne in Europe! How could the Cossack face the fiery foe if he but knew he fought for a prince of the true knight's blood!

How would the Russian people rejoice if they might lie down to rest in the safety of liberty! Silently but surely the clouds are lowering over the Russian Empire. The darkness that settles over prince and peasant, foretells a raging storm, and when the wind has ceased and the calm succeeds, the sun that gave them hope, will smile on victory. Not always will men remain suppressed through ages they may endure, but naught can withstand their efforts when the day of judgment comes.

With these examples before us may we not with propriety seek to determine our own status? In our three great institutions, society, State and the church, are not despicable customs finding favor? In the metropolis of the nation a society called the "Four Hundred," has set the wild pace of unrestricted indulgence, and young men and young women of the land have come to look upon such as a necessary part of their lives. In the United States there are one hundred divorces to every one in Canada. Have we not reached a point where decent men and women should call a halt to such reckless conduct and sanctify the American home?

In the political life of our nation we are led, from observance of facts, to believe that corrupt customs are creeping in. In the days when the Southern Statesman rode through the country and explained the principles of his party, the office sought the man and not the man the office. Rather would they lay down their lives, and lose their property, than compromise truth and honesty. Rather would they be unknown masters of the old plantations, than occupy governmental positions by fraudulent means. Can we believe there is such chivalry to-day? Is not the dark hand of the corruptionist too manifest in the workings of political life to-day? There are Jeromes, and Lows, and Folks in New York City and St. Louis, just because there are also those who despoil a State of its wealth and a citizen of his honor. We have accustomed ourselves to look upon the politician as a rogue, till the young man dreaming of favor at the hands of his fellowmen, looking forward to a seat in the Senate or the chair of the Presidency, believes his first steps must be through the muck and mire of ward and county.

More grievous yet is weakness shown in the sacred guardian of all we possess—the church. When that institution, which almost five centuries ago planted the seed of this mighty nation, tries to pluck out by the roots the fruit of that sowing in this generation, is it not time for the brave and true to face like flint the foes that attack and withstand, in the name of all we hold sacred on earth, of all we hold sure in heaven, the insidious workings of the tyrant custom.

No tyrant has become so strong he may not be overthrown. And not the most remarkable thing in history is the part the young man has played in overthrowing despotism. Is there not in this verdict of history a message to the young man of to-day? Let us covet the possession of inspiring and defying habit. Let us hold dear the noble tradition handed down to us, like strong men, fearlessly face the subtle tendency so manifest to-day, and in the



strength of young manhood cry: "God save the King,"  
only when that king is the Prince of the House of David.

*J. W. Clotfelter, Theta.*

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**SONG OF THE PPS.**

(TUNE—AULD LANG SYNE).

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We love to sing the song of old,  
That tells of all the love  
Which brothers bear toward the Frat.;  
The same old P. K. A.

Our hearts are filled with strong desires  
To add new men to our band;  
Whose pure and winning ways will be  
The pride of P. K. A.

Our numbers few, but still endued  
With spirits proud and true;  
Whose strength and souls will always be  
For dear old P. K. A.

To our gallant maids, whose love for us  
Is true and curious,  
These lines are humbly written too,  
For their love for P. K. A.

*L. Theo. Bellmont, Zeta.*

## Chapter Letters.

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### ALPHA.

*University of Virginia.*

Our Chapter was very much pleased to learn of the installation of two more Chapters in colleges in which they will be a benefit to the Fraternity. Alpha is a firm believer in the wise and conservative expansion of the Fraternity, although she is, probably, a firmer believer in the strengthening of the Chapters already established.

The Beta Chapter of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, which has been out of existence here for some years, was revived on the 12th of January with excellent prospects. There are now seventeen fraternities in operation at the University, which has a student body of about seven hundred and twenty-five.

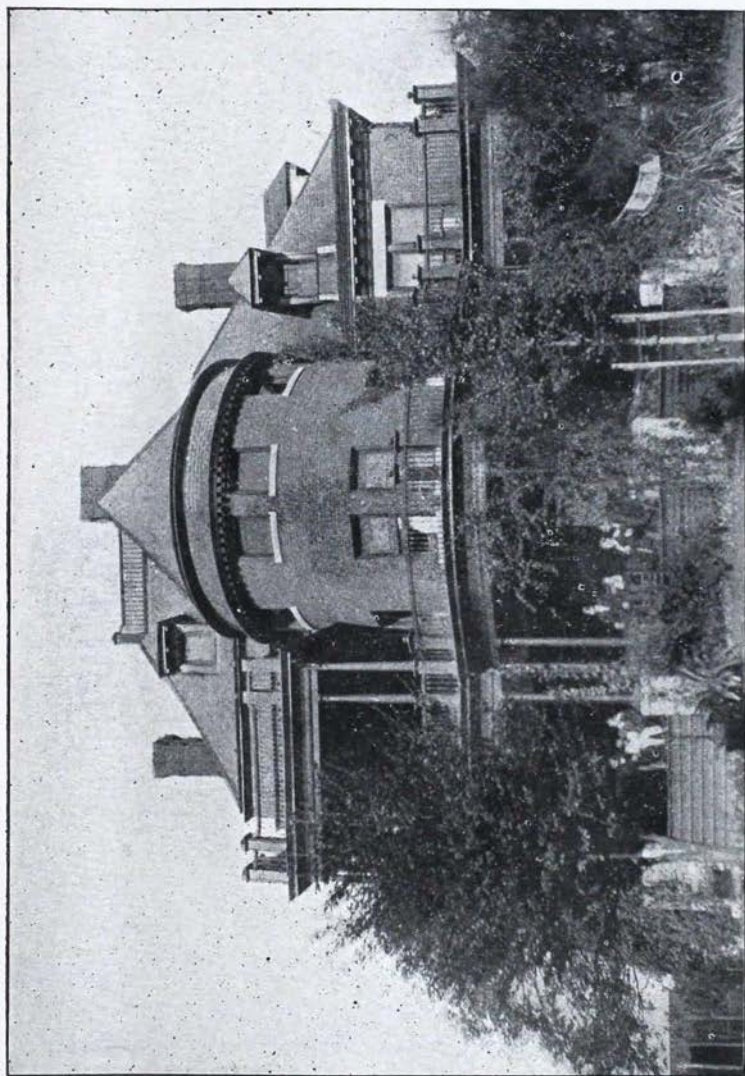
Brothers Spratley and Brown, of the Senior Law Class, successfully passed the Virginia State Bar Examination on the 9th of January. They will, however, complete their law studies at the University.

Brother N. S. South has become a benedict since our last letter, for he married Miss Neaton, of Cuero, Texas, on the 11th of January. We regret to report that he will not come back to college.

Many changes in our athletics will be caused by the recent enactments of the faculty. The five-months rule, the graduate-coach rule, which does not, however, go into effect until 1907, and that we cannot play colleges who have not substantially the same rule which govern our teams, are three of the most important rulings of the faculty.

Brother Lewis, who has been at home sick since November, will not return to college this year.





WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON, VA.—PI CHAPTER HOUSE.





We had the pleasure of meeting Brothers Anderson, McMurren and Moormaw, of Pi, when the Washington and Lee basket-ball team played our team. Brother Shields McCandlish, of Washington, recently paid us a short visit.

It is a pleasure to report that Brother Arthur C. Jones, who recently resigned the office of Grand Princeps, has been able to resume his work in Charlottesville with the Michie Publishing Company. Alpha owes much of her prosperity in recent years to Brother Jones.

*Duncan Curry.*

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### **BETA.**

*Davidson College.*

J. Wilson McKay, who was initiated into our sacred brotherhood in '99 by Beta Chapter, died at his home in Sumter, S. C., on January 19th. The announcement of his death brings sadness to us, for he was a general favorite with the Chapter. During Brother McKay's first year in college there were only two members of our Chapter, but when he left there were ten, which shows that he was one of the best workers we have ever had. He was considered an ideal frat. man, and all who knew him loved him. Though cut down at a tender age, he accomplished a work, in keeping Beta alive, that will ever keep his memory dear to all Pi's.

We have not called "Billy" into service since the holidays, but the Chapter has grown stronger in brotherly love, and this is much more important than numbers. It makes one feel good to walk into the meetings and see the congenial spirit that fills every one. The entire Chapter has grasped the correct idea of true frat. life.

About six of our members contracted *heart-disease* during the holidays, and it is a queer coincidence, but these self-same brothers had the misfortune (?) to *lose* their frat. pins.

The Sophomore banquet is the first event scheduled for this term. Brothers Allin, Morton, Mustin, Sadler and

Scott will take part. Brothers Mustin, Sadler and Scott will respond to toasts.

Junior speaking is the second event, and Brothers Gillespie and Wilcox will do the "stunts" for us at that time. This event always brings a number of fair damsels to the hill, and is one of the most enjoyable occasions of the year.

Base-ball talk is coming into prominence. We have only three of last year's team on the hill, and the new material is an unknown quantity, but we have secured Everett of the "Three I" league, and our hopes are that he will develop a few stars to hold up our reputation. Our manager has arranged seventeen games already, and two or three more are under consideration. Beta will send some men to the field, and we hope will have a representative on the team.

We wish each and every Pi a happy and successful year, and urge that they make it a "banner year" in the history of the Fraternity.

*R. I. McDavid.*

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### **GAMMA.**

*William and Mary College.*

Brother Bowles remained at home after the holidays because of sickness, but we believe that another name may be added to the list of Pi's before Gamma is many days older.

Certain forms, which it is necessary for one to go through with before one can become a Pi Kappa Alpha, forces us to suppress the name at present. At this writing we have twelve men—three in the Senior Class, four Instructors, three Juniors, two Sophomores and one Freshman.

It may be of interest to state that Brother Carson, of Gamma, was elected Vice-President of the Inter-Collegiate State Athletic Association.

Brother Bohannon, who is now practicing law, was with us a few days during the first of the month. Gamma always enjoys having one of the old men with her.

The Track Team has not yet elected its Captain, but will do so before the meet, which is expected to take place some



time this month in Richmond. We regret very much that Gamma was unable to contribute any men to this Track Team, not for the want of material, but for lack of time to do the necessary training. However, when the base-ball season opens she will certainly have something to offer.

Examinations being over, the college feels as though an immense burden had been lifted from its shoulders, which is true indeed.

The *Colonial Echo* staff has three Pi's. The photographer was in town the last of January making pictures for the *Echo*. The proofs show up well indeed and the cuts are out of the ordinary, being entirely different from any previous ones. On the whole, our Annual this year bids fair to eclipse anything in previous years.

There is a bill before the Legislature to make William and Mary a State institution which, if passed, will necessitate several important changes for the betterment of the college. In other respects the college is steadily improving and progressing; so with Gamma and *H. K. A.* generally. It is gratifying to watch the circle being gradually widened and strengthened. May she live forever.

R. B. Dade.

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### DELTA.

*Southern University.*

Since writing her last communication, Delta has added four men to her ranks. These men are of good standing in school, and as they have been *Ils* for several weeks, they have proven themselves jealous and determined workers for the good of the Fraternity. It gives Delta great pleasure to announce to the Fraternity at large the following names:

C. A. DeBardeleben, Shorter, Ala.

R. P. Cochran, New Market, Ala.

C. A. Grote, Greensboro, Ala.

A. C. McFadden, Greensboro, Ala.

No doubt, besides being loyal *Ils* themselves, Brothers

Grote and McFadden will increase the friendly relations of the townspeople, with whom we come in contact and on whom we depend for a certain degree of success.

All of our men returned after the Christmas holidays and are hard at work trying to make a reputable record for the second term. The first term examinations were held before the holidays, and *H. K. A.* has her share on the honor roll. Several of her men have been selected by their respective literary societies to represent them on commencement and other public occasions.

On the evening of the 18th Brother E. V. Otts, an alumnus of Zeta, gave us a supper, which was a success in every particular. Never did we enjoy an occasion of its kind more.

Everything is quiet here now. A few new students entered school at the beginning of the second term. The other fraternities have taken in a few men during the past month.

From all reports the impressions that have been made by us so far have been favorable. Being young, we are placed at a disadvantage, but we realize that if we can surmount these difficulties we will be made stronger by their having existed.

Delta wishes success to all of her sister Chapters and that 1906 may be the best year the *H. K. A.* Fraternity has ever experienced.

George M. Watson.

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### **ZETA.**

*University of Tennessee.*

Back to work! It is rather hard after the merry round of the holidays. Xmas is hard on spending money, and studious brains anyway. But frowning Jappos and indulgent "profs." bring a fellow round all right.

We are sorry to report that Zeta has lost two of her most loyal men since the last letter.

Brother McAllister, on account of the death of his father, remained at home. Brother McAllister has been a member of Zeta for five years, and has done as much for



the Chapter as any man in its whole history. Brother McAllister graduated in the Literary Department of the University last year, but returned and entered the Law Department last term. In him the University loses one of her most prominent men and Zeta one of her most loyal supporters. It is the hope of every one that Brother McAllister may return to school and to the Chapter,

The other Brother to whom we refer is Brother Herron, who, though not so old a member as Brother McAllister, still is no less loyal. Brother Herron is a graduate of Kentucky Military Institute, and was a student at the University during the last session. Brother Herron, is in business in Chattanooga. Anytime a Brother is passing through that city, let him know.

The social season on the "hill" is now in full swing. Since the holidays we are all busy reorganizing clubs, making "dates," etc. The opening dance of the Afternoon German Club came off Saturday January eighteenth. Zeta has two members on the governing board of five in this club, and of the twenty-five members ten are *III's*. About the same percentage both as to board and members hold's three in the University German Club.

We are happy to introduce to the Fraternity at large Brothers W. C. Johnson, Memphis, Tenn., and G. B. Bickley, Clinch, Va., who were initiated into the "mystery of mysteries" at the beginning of the term. We feel sure these two Brothers will make excellent supporters of the banner of the *H. K. A.* The Chapter is now in excellent condition, and we think is the best, most congenial, "on the square" bunch of fellows on the "hill."

We hope to have something real interesting for the Brothers in the next issue.

Yours in the bonds,

*Irvin A. Vincent.*

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*ETA.*

*Tulane University.*

Many important changes are to be made at Tulane in the near future. Houses for the Professors will be built.

Newcomb will be moved up near the Academic Department, and an up-to-date gymnasium will be built. A few more like changes and Tulane will be one of the big Universities of the Country.

Our basket-ball team has just returned from a very successful trip to Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. Birmingham, who defeated Yale, lost to our team by a score of 15 to 14.

Officers have just been elected for the T. U. A. A. Brother W. Colongue was elected Secretary, and Brother Joubert was elected assistant foot-ball manager. The prospects for base-ball and track team are good.

Since our last letter two new men have been initiated, J. H. Smith, Slindell, La., and George Roberts, New Orleans, La. Smith was guard on the foot-ball team this year, and was considered the strongest man on the team. He weighs 215 pounds. Roberts is not a great athlete but is one of the most popular men in his class.

In our next letter we hope to send some cuts for the Magazine and to announce the completion of our new Chapter house.

Hoping to see many of the Pi's this spring, we close.

*J. C. Menefee.*

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### THETA.

*Southwestern Presbyterian University.*

Theta has passed another Xmas and also Xmas exams.

We are much gratified at the rapid progress of our Fraternity, and we say let the noble work continue. It seems that the SHIELD AND DIAMOND cannot come often enough for us. We are proud of our Magazine and its contents we read from cover to cover.

About the only way Theta has helped our advancement is by getting her full share of men. As our number was thirteen at the last writing, we promised to break the charm, and now introduce to the fraternity Brother John Dougald Crosby, of Stockton, Ala.



Heretofore we have held our meetings in a Literary Society hall. Now we have a room of our own. It is the largest in the University and is furnished complete. The dream of the Chapter has been to have the most beautiful rooms in college, and now the dream has materialized.

We were well represented on the foot-ball field, but better in basket-ball. Brother Marshall is Captain and Brothers McLeod and Rothrock are on the team. Base-ball prospects are good, both for S. P. U. and for *H. K. A.*

Theta now closes, wishing continued prosperity to the Fraternity.

*Roy Webb.*

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### **IOTA.**

*Hampden-Sidney.*

The holidays exist now merely in our memories in connection with the long-to-be-remembered pleasures which we experienced while with our friends, or loved ones, during the vacation. Am sorry, however, to report that at the last roll-call Brother Armstrong's voice was not heard in reply to his name. He, to the deep regret of his friends here, has decided to discontinue his course for the present, and will probably go into business in Nashville, Tenn.

The students of Hampden-Sidney have much to look forward to during the long winter evenings, for on the thirtieth of January there will be an open debate between representatives of the two literary societies, the prize being a beautiful trophy given by Hon. Don Halsey, of Lynchburg. Then, following close upon the heels of the debate, will come, on the twenty-second of February, the Intermediate celebration given by the literary societies. On the Saturday night following the celebration of the Dramatic Club, which is now hard at work practicing, will give a play, the proceeds of which will be given to the *Kaleidoscope* fund. Later on during the session there will be delivered in the college chapel speeches by distinguished men, among whom is Dr. George Ben Johnson, Dean of the University of Virginia Law School.

Some years ago, while Dr. McIlwaine was President of this college, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars was bequeathed to this institution, but it was so left that for a long time it was feared it would never be paid; however, by the earnest efforts of Brother J. Gray McAllister, it has been so arranged that it will undoubtedly be paid in a very short while. Brother McAllister, accompanied by his charming wife, has for several weeks been traveling in the interest of the college, and at present is in Norfolk, Va., whence he expects soon to set out for home.

Before the end of the session we hope to be able to send some plates of the various heroes on the campus, to be printed in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Since the last issue the fraternities here have done comparatively no "rushing," and the material for such work is now about exhausted, but by the time for the next issue we hope to be able to report at least one more initiate.

Iota sends best wishes for a prosperous New Year to every II.

*P. Tulane Atkinson.*

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### **KAPPA.**

#### *Kentucky University.*

Since our last issue Kappa has added two splendid men to her roll, and it gives us very much pleasure indeed to introduce to the Fraternity at large Brothers Geo. A. Kelly, of Detroit, Mich., and Arthur Wheatley, of Duzuoin, Ill. Both are frat. men of the best caliber, and Kelly is one of our star athletes, playing sensational quarter for the 'Varsity team and making the 'Varsity nine with flying colors. Wheatley holds our standard high in scholastic lines, being one of the best of our many rising Choristers. We have another pledge who will, before this goes to press, be one of our mystic brotherhood.

The second term finds more new men on the ground preparing to add to the honor of our dearly beloved old University. There seems to be some likely material among



them, and if Kappa finds things to be likely may add one more to her number.

Omega and Kappa are preparing to have their annual dance in the near future, which promises to be a very enjoyable affair, and at which we hope to renew the ties of some of our old alumni.

Kappa hopes to begin a series of meetings in the spring, and to prepare herself for them will entertain in her halls semi-monthly, with a "jolly good time for all and troubles for none." She finds that in this way the fellows are more closely united and better results are obtained all 'round.

Our semi-final exams. are gone, and all breathe in freedom for another twenty weeks. Glad to say, though, that all report very creditable marks, as Pi's always should, and do.

The base-ball season has opened and practice begun, with fine prospects for a winning team. An excellent schedule has been arranged whereby we play most every Southern college.

With best wishes for every Pi, *David S. Bromley.*

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**MU.**

*Presbyterian College of South Carolina.*

College opened after the Christmas holidays with several new students, and we are all back at work again. Examinations start to-morrow and last for about ten days, so it follows that we are all very busy making up what we should have learned before, and trying to imagine what the Professor will give us.

All our Brothers have returned, except Brother McDonald, of Sumter, Ga., who was accidentally shot in the leg with a pistol a few days before the holidays. We are glad to know that he is improving rapidly.

Dr. Neville, our President, was in Columbia Hospital for two or three weeks before Christmas, having had an operation performed. We are glad to see him out again, and know that he has been much benefitted.

The erection of the new buildings on the campus is expected to be completed by the opening of next session.

We have the pleasure of having another alumnus Brother in town, Brother Greer, of Spartanburg. He is in the dental business.

We were glad to have Brother T. E. Simpson with us for a few days the first of the month, but as he was here on business, could not stay as long as we would like to have had him.

*D. Wyatt Neville.*

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NU.

*Wofford College.*

Wofford is in quite a whirl just now on the question of the publication of the College Annual. A meeting of the student body was called a few days ago, at which a Board of Editors were elected to get out an Annual. All of these men were fraternity men, except two Freshmen, and this, of course, very much aroused the non-fraternity men. They now declare that they too, will get out an Annual, which places Wofford in a rather unique position. Of course we cannot tell what the outcome will be, but it is thought that it will all pass over and there will be only one Annual published. *H. K. A.* is represented on this board by your humble scribe as Business Manager, and Brother Martin as Cartoon and Miscellaneous Editor. This is certainly the chief thing of interest, especially to the fraternity men, that has happened since the holidays.

Indoor base-ball practice has begun. There are over forty applicants for the team, and we feel that from this number Wofford will be able to choose a winning team. *H. K. A.* will be well represented on the base-ball diamond this year.

At a recent meeting of the Sophomore Class, Brother Martin was elected a speaker on the Sophomore Exhibition, which comes off in March. We feel sure that Martin will do honor to himself and to his Fraternity.

Since our last letter one of our members, Brother Boyd,



has suffered a case of pneumonia. He could not return immediately after the holidays, but we are glad to say that he is up and able to be with us once again.

For many years Wofford has been striving to secure a library building. The purpose has at last been accomplished, and through the liberal donation of Miss Julia Smith, who recently died, a handsome library building will be erected, known as the Whiteford Smith Library. Dr. Smith was an able and influential member of our first Faculty.

*J. Caldwell Guilds.*

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### OMICRON.

*Richmond College.*

All of Omicron's men returned after Christmas with glorious accounts of the good times they had during the holidays.

Since our last letter, Richmond College has been training for the Indoor Track Meet, to be held February 10th. We were fortunate enough to secure our foot-ball coach as General Athletic Director, and under his excellent direction, Richmond College will no doubt show up as well as any of the universities.

Ex-Governor A. J. Montague, has accepted the position as Dean of the Law School. We congratulate ourselves on securing the services of such an able man, and feel sure that he will do much towards building up the law, as well as the academic department.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity, Brother L. T. Chamblin, of Philomont, Va. Chamblin is well liked at college and will help the Fraternity. We were glad to have at the initiation Brother Carson from William and Mary, and Brothers Reese, Wallace and Martin, from the University of Medicine.

*C. H. Elsom.*

*PI.**Washington and Lee University.*

Pi Chapter is pursuing the even tenor of her way as the session glides rapidly by. Our days are measurably happy, thereby throwing additional proof to support the adage "Happy is that people whose annals are uninteresting."

When the roll was called after the holidays, we found that Brother Morehead had left us. He has secured a position as traveling salesman, being assigned the territory of New Jersey and Delaware. We are very sorry to lose Brother Morehead and have him go so far away, but he gives us some hopes that he may return here as a student some time in the future.

This winter basket-ball playing has been inaugurated here, and considerable interest is being taken in the game. Several of the new men have played this game in their home towns, and we consider our team quite a good one, allowances having been made for its recent organization. Incidentally, our Fraternity furnishes three of the players in the McMurran brothers and Moomaw, and while speaking of matters athletic, I will make note of the fact that Brother Moomaw was recently elected Captain of the Varsity foot-ball team for next season. Out of courtesy to the aforementioned gentlemen, I suppose a separate paragraph should have been devoted to this announcement.

We were delighted to read in the last SHIELD AND DIAMOND of the organization of two new Chapters, and of the auspicious circumstances attending their installation. Especially the idea of having representations of other fraternities and non-fraternity men at the first banquet; for such courtesy portends a life free from petty jealousies. Since our last letter, a new fraternity, the Delta Sigma Phi, has been put in here, with seven charter members. This increases the number of fraternities here to twelve.

Nothing further of interest has occurred in Lexington and vicinity, so we will extend our best wishes to all the Chapters and close.

*W. E. Jones.*



**RHO.***Cumberland University.*

The one-hundred and twentieth school term of Cumberland University was formally opened at Caruthers Hall on Monday morning, January 22. Quite an increase in the attendance in the Law and Literary Departments was noted and we think that if the term's work is as successful as the opening was auspicious, great will be Cumberland's glory in June.

There seems to be very little good frat. material in the Junior Law Class that has just matriculated and as has been our custom heretofore we are letting the other fraternities get the good material while we wait for *the best* to develop.

We regret very much to report that Rho will soon lose two of her most loyal sons—Red Smith and E. L. Minton. Smith for the past year has been taking post-graduate work in the Law Department and was called home in December on account of his father's death. He is now at his home at Columbia, Tennessee, looking after his father's estate, and we do not know where he intends to locate. Minton was graduated with the mid-winter Law Class of 1906, and has just passed successfully the Examination of the Tennessee State Board of Law Examiners. He will leave soon for Oklahoma, where he will enter his chosen field. These two *II's*, while in school here have made for themselves a name. In their class they have made an enviable record; to *H. K. A.* they have been true and faithful; and for Cumberland in the athletic world they have made a name. Red Smith, "the great centre," and Captain Minton the stalwart full-back have a reputation throughout the Southland. Vandy doubtless has a faint recollection of these *II's* as they appeared to her in '03, as do also our brothers at Eta and Chi. Rho is loath to give them up, but she delights in sending out such alumni.

On the basket-ball team this year, Rho is represented by Brothers Hudson, Wimberly and Cummings.

Prospects are bright for Cumberland's base-ball team

in the spring. It is of course impossible this early to tell who will be on the team, but an abundance of material is now in evidence, and Coach Spencer is already with us to begin his work whenever the weather will permit. It is safe to say that *H. K. A.* as in all former years, will furnish her full quota to the team.

To the older Chapters Rho sends greeting and to her younger sisters she bids welcome to our fold.

*J. Lacey Reynolds.*

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### **SIGMA.**

*Vanderbilt University.*

We are glad to be back with our sister Chapters again to tell them of our trials and pleasures and to read of them.

We have just gotten through our intermediate examination period, and it goes without saying that we all feel relieved for it looked like for a while that the "grave old doctors," were going to gobble up all the Pi's we had in stock. The much delayed "spiking" season will be on before this is read I suppose. It promises to be one of the hottest affairs yet, for everybody is getting ready for a great battle.

We hope to land a few for the *Shield and Diamond*, as there is a rather large number of freshies and some good material. I hope by next issue we can announce to the Fraternity a list of worthy ones. It is very uncertain just how many of the new ones will be able to go through the pent up energy of his "goatship" and look like anything any more. I hope there will be a few left to tell the tale, to let us know if the rule in vogue works well.

With best wishes to all our sisters,

*Gordon Brown.*

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### **TAU.**

*University of North Carolina.*

All members of Tau have returned and are trying to work. However working is no easy task just at this time,



for the pleasant thought of the recent holidays and of her who wears the *Shield and Diamond*, lingers still.

Just at this time, it is especially dull here, as is usually the case between the foot-ball and base-ball seasons. Our base-ball team, however, has very fair prospects. We have our same Coach, Dr. Lawson and if he turns out this season as good a team as he did last, in proportion to the material, it will be very good indeed.

A few weeks ago the monotony was interrupted by a series of lectures by Mr. Harry, of Michigan University. One lecture, *on the morals of fraternity life*, was delivered exclusively to fraternity men. Mr. Harry is a good lecturer

The Y. M. C. A., which has been built almost entirely by the efforts of Brother Jackson, will soon be ready to be occupied.

The University is now enlarging and improving her athletic field which, when completed will equal any in the South.

Tau's condition is good. We hope to soon be able to report the building of a Chapter house.

We wish all our sister Chapters a successful year.

*Stanley Winborne.*

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### UPSILON.

*Alabama Polytechnic Institute.*

Upsilon has once more returned to college duties, and we hope to make '06 our banner year. All returned except Brother M. L. Davis, Jr., who will be missed from our roll very much.

Basket-ball has the day here now. Auburn has a team that will rank among the first in the South. This is our first year in basket-ball, but not our worst. Brothers Hardie and Hall represent Upsilon, the former being Manager and sub., the latter a forward.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity, Mr. Robert M. Patton, Florence, Ala. Brother Patton is a "Xmas Rat" and a member of the class of '09.

Upsilon is now doing her best to beautify her hall. Paper has been ordered and will be put up this week. Next we will get new chairs and tables. By June we will have the best hall here.

*Louis. E. Otts.*

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**PHI.**

*Roanoke College.*

It was indeed a pleasant surprise last issue to see the establishment of several new Chapters. We wish these all the pleasure and prosperity of fraternity life. May they steadily increase in strength and become prominent Chapters of dear old *H. K. A.*

Few new men have come to college since Xmas, and consequently there has been no rushing; however "Billy" is keeping on the lookout, and by next issue Phi hopes to increase her number. We are sorry to say that Brother Simms was taken sick just before the holidays and compelled to go home. We sincerely wish him back next year.

The foot-ball season has passed and we are now preparing for base-ball. A good schedule and bright prospects are reported, and Roanoke expects to turn out a winning team. We will be represented by Brothers Jay and Al. Bowman, the former our worthy Captain, the latter first baseman.

The College Annual is now being gotten up, with Phi's full share of workers.

All of us are looking with delight to the Final Germans during Commencement, on which occasion we anticipate a meeting and reunion of many of the alumni, and lots of dances with our charming Sisters. Any of the Brothers will be more than gladly welcomed, and we assure you a pleasure not soon to be forgotten.

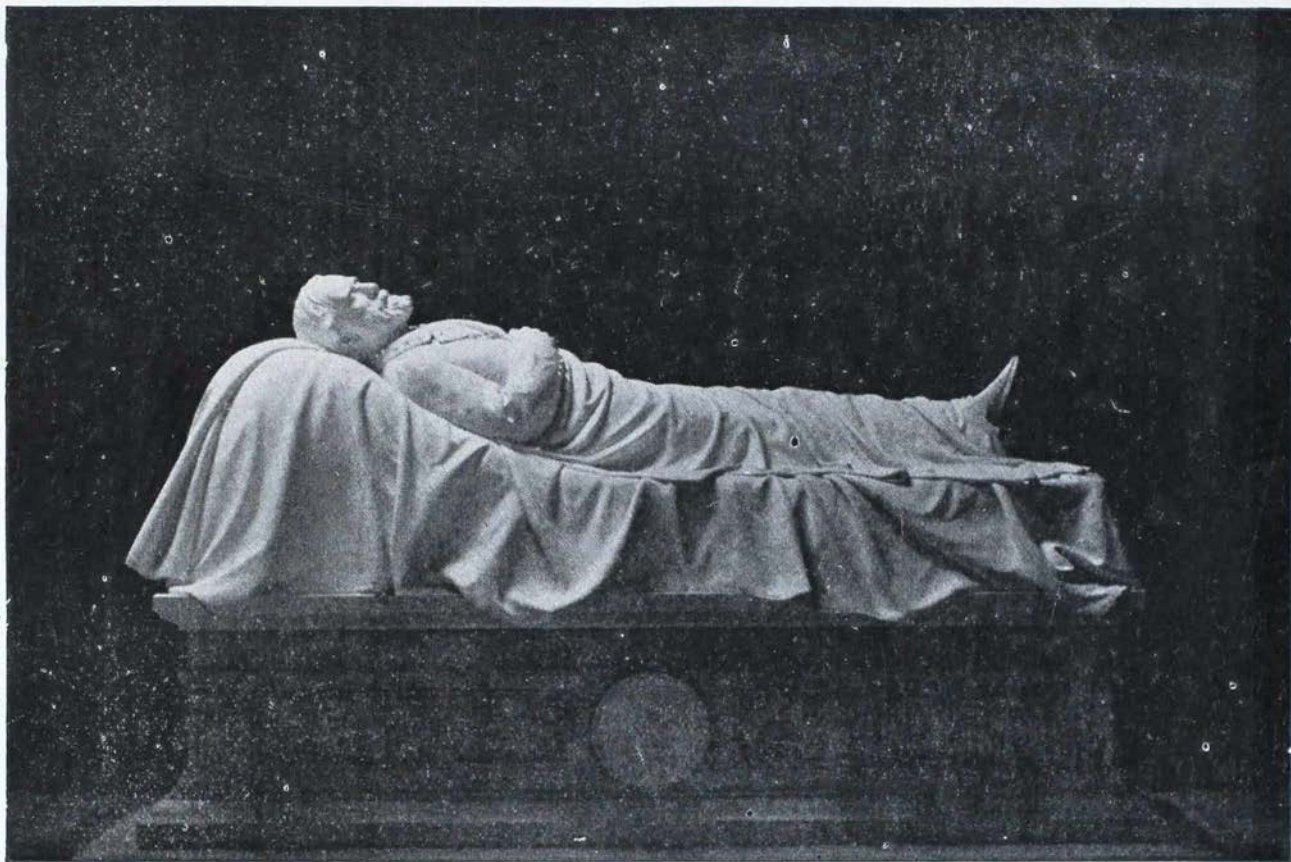
Oft times in the wee hours of the night, our congenial "bunch" may be found gathered under one of these dear Sister's far aloft windows uttering soft strains, with suddenly an awakening wind up of—

Wah! Rippity! Zip! Bang!

Hoop! Bang! Hi!

Hurrah! Hurray! Hurrah! Pi!!





WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON, VA.—RECUMBENT STATUE OF GEN'L R. E. LEE.





This awful awakening is appreciated, so they say, it appears so anyhow.

With greetings and best wishes to all of our sister Chapters, especially the "Young Ones."

*R. C. Bowman.*

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### CHI.

#### *University of the South.*

Chi necessarily has a short letter this time, for the University has its vacation during winter months, and is not in session at the present.

Beginning about the middle of March, the school year extends through to the middle of December. Our year is divided into three terms of three months each, which throws our Commencement exercises at about the same time as the other Universities and Colleges.

The University of the South offers a summer course, which enables teachers and students in other Universities and Colleges to do extra work if they may be so inclined. A great advantage of this course is that it gives one the opportunity of combining work with pleasure.

The mountain on which Sewanee is situated, is a delightful summer resort, offering exceptional advantages to those desiring good air and good water.

Of special interest in connection with the summer term of the University, is to be mentioned the social life of the mountain. The many student organizations, and especially the fraternities, combined with the generous hospitality of the residents, make the life of the students and visitors a continuous round of pleasure during the summer months.

It is too early to predict what kind of a base-ball team we will have this season, but we expect to have several old men back, and these, with the new material we can reasonably look for, should enable us to turn out a team that will compare favorably with other Southern college teams. We have as coach King Bailey, of Southern League fame. We are handicapped in being forced to begin training so late in the season.

Chi expects to start right to work as soon as school opens, and if she does as much as she did in the past year, may well feel proud of her showing. It is not easy for the youngest Fraternity in college, where there are six others, to succeed, but Chi is right in the race, and expects to stay there. She has many improvements in her Chapter house and grounds under consideration, which will lend much to the general comfort and attractiveness of the same.

Indications are that Chi will lose some of her number who do not expect to return to school, but a strenuous effort will be made to fill their places with new men.

*Charles W. Underwood,*

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### **PSI.**

*North Georgia Agricultural College.*

All of our old members returned except Hoyt and Henderson, J. F. We were very sorry to lose these, but we have compensated in some degree by adding Mr. Melvin Leonard Baxter, of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, to our brotherhood. He stands with the best, and we feel that we have helped the Fraternity at large by securing him.

There is much good material here this year, but we always are conservative. We hope before next issue, that we will have added other names that will be a source of pride and honor in future.

We are beginning to practice for base-ball, and hope to put a winning team in the field this season. We have been behind in athletics, but we are coming to the front if merit and persistence count for anything. Psi hopes to share the honors on the diamond, as well as in the debating halls and class rooms.

*G. M. Barnes.*

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### **OMEGA.**

*Kentucky State College.*

It gives Omega's correspondent much pleasure to open his letter by introducing to the Fraternity at large G. K.



McCorkle, of Eminence, Ky., and W. C. Lee, of Cambellsburg, Ky. Men we feel sure have proven themselves worthy to wear the *Shield and Diamond*.

During the last few days things have been very quiet here, as the first term exams. are over and everybody is hard at work again.

We were very glad to have with us last week E. C. Evans, of the class of 1902. Brother Evans is now situated with a firm in Cleveland, Ohio.

Basket-ball is the chief topic of interest at the present. We have played several games and have fine prospects for a winning team.

The Kentucky College held their annual declamatory contest on the night of January 19th, the representative for Central University being the winner. There is not much interest taken in declamatory contests here, and there is a rumor that an annual debate will take the place of them.

Omega is very sorry to report the loss of Ben Waddle, who was forced to return home on account of sickness, and he is not expected to be able to return to college this year. Brother Waddle is very much missed by his Brother //.'s.

We had with us the other day a committee from the State Legislature to look over our college and see as to our needs. Kentucky State asks for an appropriation to build a Normal, also an Agricultural Building, which are very much needed, owing to the crowded condition of the college at the present time.

Our prospects for a base-ball team are very good, as several of last year's players are back, and a lot of new material will be on hand. Omega will have at least two regular players on this team.

With fraternal interest for all the Chapters,

R. L. Sims.

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### ALPHA-ALPHA.

Trinity College.

The midnight oil burns low in the lamp of the plodding student, for examinations are on at Trinity in full blast,

and the members of Alpha-Alpha find themselves in the midst of the fray. Judging from the unusual quietude on the campus, it seems that every student is trying with all energy to collect his wits and at least make a passing grade,—if nothing more.

Immediately after examinations, our ball team will begin practice, and with the good material now in college a winning team is assured. Brother Arthur, the manager, has about completed his schedule of games and has given it out for publication. Two trips will be made this season which have not been made heretofore, and without a doubt the schedule is one of the finest Trinity has had for some time.

On February the first the long looked for date of initiation comes, and on that date Alpha-Alpha will initiate. Four men have pledged themselves to us, and we will make it a business to see that they are introduced into the mysteries of the new life with a proper and befitting ceremony, after which a banquet will be served. In our next letter we will be able to introduce our initiates to the fraternity at large.

With best wishes for the sister Chapters,

*L. G. Daniels.*

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### ALPHA-GAMMA.

*Louisiana State University.*

It is with great pleasure that our Chapter prepares her report with the introduction of a new and zealous member, Tomas James Heard, of Evergreen, La. Brother Heard was one of last year's star foot-ball players, and has been unanimously elected Captain of next year's team. He also stands well in the Military Department being First Sergeant of "A" Co., and thereby having an excellent prospect for promotion next session. Tillery is First Lieut. of "A" Co., Morgan is a Sergeant in "C," and your present scribe is Captain of "C" and Historian of his class.



The chief thing of interest at present is basket-ball and track athletics; we look forward with glee to the inter-collegiate track meet to be held here in May, and among the many contestants *H. K. A.* will evidently be represented.

Our intermediate examinations will begin on the 21st of February and they will likewise interest most of us very seriously. However the President of the University has very kindly arranged the schedule for these examinations so that most of the students will have finished in time to see Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

*A. S. J. Hyde.*

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### **ALPHA-DELTA.**

*Georgia School of Technology.*

Alpha-Delta will graduate three men in '06. She will lose three charter members; may those on whose hands the work of our Chapter shall fall be capable, energetic men, who will forever bear foremost among their intentions, the upbuilding of our Grand Fraternity.

It is customary at the Tech. for the different fraternities to give banquets at some time during the school session. We have not had ours yet, but if Dame Fortune will be right good, probably Alpha-Delta will be able to indulge too in drawing her chair up to our festal board.

Base-ball practice will soon begin, and of course the Georgia Tech. will be well represented on the diamond. Our schedule is heavier than any previous one; probably this will act as an incentive to harder, more persistent effort.

*C. M. McCord.*

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### **ALPHA-EPSILON.**

*North Carolina A. and M. College.*

The winter term opened with all members of Alpha-Epsilon back in their places.

Besides the enrollment of last term, viz:

O. L. Bagley, Graduate, of Bagley, N. C.

J. G. Morrison, Jr., '06, Mariposa, N. C.

D. W. Robertson, '06, Washington, D. C.  
W. A. Buys, '06, Thurman, N. C.  
A. E. Escott, '06, Charlotte, N. C.  
L. O. Jones, '07, Raleigh, N. C.  
J. K. Wilson, '08, Baltimore, Md.  
J. A. Powell, '08, Raleigh, N. C.  
G. F. Bason, Jr., '08, Charlotte, N. C.  
W. R. Marshall, '09, New Bern, N. C.  
D. H. Hill, Jr., West Raleigh, N. C.  
D. K. Steele, Keystone, W. Va.

We have with us again Brother John A. Park, Grad. '05, who has been appointed Instructor in Mathematics.

The base-ball season will open in a few days, with the arrival of Coach Kittredge from Washington, a past master of the twirler's art in the National League. Brothers Steele and Marshall are base-ballers, and we hope to see them on the team.

The annual Glee Club concert was given in the Academy of Music in Raleigh Tuesday night, January 30, and was the best patronized performance ever given by the Club here, the house being nearly filled with college girls and Raleigh society. Brother Bason directed the college orchestra, which assisted in the concert, and also rendered a violin solo. Brother Marshall is a member of both the Glee Club and the orchestra, and the writer is a member and manager of the Glee Club, as well as the author of the words of a new alma mater song sung by the club.

"*The Agromeck*," the college annual, will soon be in press and it promises to be an especially handsome and entertaining volume. Brother Robertson is Editor-in-Chief.

Brother Morrison is just recovering from a rather serious illness. He has been confined in the Hospital for two weeks, and all his friends are glad to see him again attending classes.

Brother Bagley is assisting in conducting some interesting soil tests for the Agricultural Experiment Station.

*Albert E. Escott.*

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

Two of our men have not returned. Joe Gray is studying for the West Point examinations next spring, Kenneth Ellis is in business in Eureka Springs.

With hard rushing we have succeeded in landing a man of whom our Fraternity will be justly proud. I take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large, Hugh Miller Rice, of Rogers, Arkansas.

We held our usual election on the night of December 9, 1905.

Brothers Penick and Wagner paid us a short visit during the Christmas holidays. We always look forward with pleasure to their visits.

Exclusive of the Medical and Law Departments, the enrollment of the University of Arkansas has now passed the one thousand and fifty mark.

We have a man pledged whom we hope to be able to introduce in our next Chapter letter.

We are expecting great things of the University base-ball team under the management of Mr. A. F. Wolf. Mr. Wolf, who successfully managed the foot-ball team last fall, has arranged a list of exceptionally good teams for the spring schedule. They will probably take a three week's trip.

*A. P. Boles.*

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

To be in the middle of examination week, with two days past and three more yet to come, one can hardly say just how the Pi's of Alpha-Eta feel.

It is with greatest pleasure that we introduce to the Fraternity—

William M. Dowling, Live Oak, Fla.

W. Frank Summerour, Jr., Dalton, Ga.

Fraternity spirit is high in the University now. The week-

ly hops given in our beautiful and spacious gymnasium, have caused the boys to "get busy." The young ladies ask, "Are you a fraternity man?" Fraternity men are holding their own in the social life of the University City.

Our President, Dr. Andrew Sledd, has been delivering to the student body very interesting lectures, in which he compared our University with others of the Southern Gulf States. He has shown by statistics that the University of Florida is only surpassed by one State University, out-ranking our neighbor, the University of Georgia.

We are in the midst of a series of inter-class basket-ball games. The Freshmen now seem sure to have the pennant to be given to the champions. They have defeated Normals, Sophomores and Juniors.

Base-ball practice began in January. The players give promise to produce one of the finest teams ever sent out from the University. Several games are already scheduled.

With best wishes to our sister Chapters,

*T. Z. Cason.*

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### **ALPHA-THETA.**

*West Virginia University.*

Alpha-Theta Chapter members are now in the midst of many and great preparations, as the annual "Military Ball" falls on the evening of February twenty-second. We expect within a few days to have our own invitations scattered about, the occasion being an informal card party at our Chapter house. We are all rejoicing over the report given out by one of our Brothers, who states that there is to be a fine addition made to the furnishing of our cozy home in an extremely short time.

We now number nine active members and have seven fine pledges. Our school Annual gotten out by the Junior Class, is now under extensive headway; our men are having their pictures prepared for the publication. Having procured the plate of our last year "*Monticola*" picture, we hope to see it appear in the next issue.



On Tuesday January the thirtieth we gave an informal smoker to a few of our outside friends, and after a few games and the serving of refreshments the guests departed having expressed themselves as having spent a very pleasant evening.

During the Christmas holidays, several of us had the pleasure of meeting Brother Cowles, a charter member of Omicron Chapter; he was spending his vacation with a college mate in our home town.

All the men of last term reported at our first session, and merry were the tales told, around the fire-place, of holiday experiences.

We have two men out as candidates for the base-ball team, one Staubly of last year's pitching staff who is practically certain of again holding a position on the "Slab." Brother Staubly was lately elected to the Vice-Presidency of the Athletic Association of West Virginia University. Your humble scribe at present is Secretary of the Junior Law Class, while Brother Yeardley, last year's foot-ball center and one of our pledges, holds the Managership and Captaincy of the Cadet Basket-ball team. We will be represented in the University Glee Club by Brother Arnold and in the cadet corps we have Brother Foreman as Lieutenant and Brother Yeardley as Corporal.

Concerning our alumni—Brother Neff is now practicing law in Clarksburg, W. Va., Brother Perry in Welch, W. Va., and Brother Seibert in Martinsburg this State.

Brothers VanBuskirk and Dunham are following business lines in Elkins, W. Va.

We are indebted to one of our alumni, Brother Seibert, for a very fine picture of the charter members while the Chapter has just procured a fine large picture of last years men.

We welcome Alpha-Kappa's establishment and also the reinstitution of Delta Chapter. May their path run smoothly and may they live forever. With sincere wishes to all our sister Chapters,

*Robert Mc Veigh Drane.*

**ALPHA-IOTA.***Millsaps College.*

Alpha-Iota takes great pleasure in presenting to the fraternity at large the following men:

R. M. Cust, Mount Olive, Miss.

F. F. Flynt, Hattiesburg, Miss.

L. F. Harris, Jackson, Miss.

O. B. Taylor, Jackson, Miss.

Toxey Hall, Lumberton, Miss.

The first is a Junior, the second and third are "freshies," and the last two are in the law class. We are proud of these men, and feel that our Chapter will never be on a low ebb while she can get such men as these.

Our alumni have not forgotten us since they received their diplomas. Brothers Graham, Harris, Kennedy, Mortimer, O. W. Bradley and T. M. Bradley, have stopped over and visited us. They seem to be stronger Pi's than ever. Brothers O. W. and T. M. Bradley have entered in the Theological department at Vanderbilt.

Brother Hill of Theta has attended several of our meetings and gave us a valuable talk on fraternity life. He is in charge of the West Capital Street Presbyterian Church. Brother Hill is a jolly Pi, and we are strengthened when he comes among us.

Most all the college attraction is centered on the great Y. M. C. A. Convention to be held at Nashville. Our college will send the full delegation. Four of the number are Pi's.

Our Chapter will give an anniversary reception on April 7. She will be just one year old. She has twenty-seven members on her roll with the alumni. All her alumni are making fine records.

Best wishes to all our sister Chapters for a succesful year.

*H. H. Bullock*

**ALPHA-KAPPA.***Missouri School of Mines.*

We are again settled down to work. It is the time when we have ceased to worry over last term's "flunkes"



and it is hardly time to begin dreading the spring "exams." so we are living on "easy street" at present. Those who went home, reported a fine time during the Christmas holidays, and we feel assured of that fact, as they were somewhat tardy in returning.

Those who did not go home were busy in the interests of Alpha-Kappa, and as a result of their efforts, we take great pleasure in introducing Brothers H. T. Mann of Cannon City, Col., and E. P. Murray, of Lake City, Mich., who were initiated on our return. We had voted on these two excellent men before leaving and were delighted to receive word that they were pledged.

Brothers Mann and Murray are in their Sophomore year and are doing excellent work in school. They are splendid men in every respect. Brother Mann hails from Colorado, and as he has already had about four years practical experience in one branch of his chosen profession, we feel that he is on the high road to success.

Brother Murray is from Michigan and has two years of practical mining.

This being our first initiation, we felt somewhat shaky over it, but we will flatter ourselves by saying that the "goats" were sufficiently impressed with the importance of the occasion.

Our Chapter is progressing splendidly, and we are wholly satisfied with our beginning. We have the Chapter house furnished in good shape, and are all settled down in good running order. It is unquestionably recognized that the *H. K. A.* fraternity exists here. We are well aware of the fact that we are young, but as youth is a gift to be cherished, we have no fears as to the future of Alpha-Kappa. We have our eyes on a couple of men that will undoubtedly prove good fraternity timber.

We have read with great interest and pleasure the excellent articles on expansion, and they are excellent in accordance with our hopes and desires. The field in the West is a ripe one.

Alpha-Kappa extends best wishes to every Pi.

*Ira Lee Wright*

## 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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—Robert R. Taylor, Alpha-Alpha, has recently been elected the Cashier of the Bank of Gates, Gatesville, N. C., one of the leading financial institutions of the Old North State.

—F. D. Harvey, Upsilon, one of the charter members of the Auburn Chapter, is now located with the "Frisco" engineers at Eudora, Arkansas. Brother Harvey was a star on the Auburn eleven while in school, and is a brother of "Mike" Harvey, the Mississippi coach for the past two years. Mrs. Harvey, of Sardis, Miss., is as loyal a *II*. as her husband, and always joins him in best wishes for the growth and success of *II. K. A.*

—Lloyd R. Byrne, Alpha-Zeta, who for the past year has been in the employ of the Delta Light Company, of Greenville, Miss., has surrendered his past time with this company, and during the coming year will engage in plantation work at Grace, Miss.

—L. B. Marion, Mu, has moved from Martinsville to No. 29 Sixth Street, S. W., Roanoke, Va., where he has a responsible position with a drug firm. We know Phi is delighted to have this Brother so near them.

—A. V. Russell is the General Manager of the City Coal Company, an incorporated concern, located at Rich-



mond, Va. This Brother will be glad to welcome any travelling *Π's*.

—J. O. Skinner, Jr., Nu, is now attending Pierce Business College, Philadelphia, Pa., his resident address being No. 3630 N. Gratz St. He writes there are 1,700 students at this college.

—W. S. Dowdell, Upsilon, is connected with the Montgomery, Ala., Office of Weil Brothers, the well known cotton buyers. He writes of his pleasure at seeing the financial condition of the Fraternity, and trusts that it will continue to grow.

—J. A. Lanford, M. D., is the resident physician of The Alabama Insane Hospitals at Mt. Vernon and Tuscaloosa, Ala. He writes, "When I read the Magazine I live again the days of college life, and my heart beats warmer for the Fraternity and for each individual member."

—The following from the New Orleans "*Times-Democrat*" will be read with much interest, on account of the prominent part taken by our beloved Brother, Dr. Bruns:

"Work upon the new clinic of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital will soon begin on the site purchased in Elk Place. It is proposed to erect the operating rooms at present where the poor can receive treatment, and later the larger portion of the building will be started.

The operations of the building committee, of which *Dr. H. D. Bruns* is chairman, were retarded by reason of the fever last summer. But now it will proceed with the cherished plan of giving to the poor a new, up-to-date hospital, where they will receive the best of treatment.

One or two of the buildings, the best on the site owned by the hospital, will be fitted up to accommodate patients. The building now occupied by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which will be vacated by December 15, will be used as a waiting room. The wing in the back will be demolished, and such alterations made as will be found necessary.

Dr. Bruns said yesterday that he hoped to have the new clinics ready for operations by the fall of next year.

—Harry Rutherford Houston, Iota 1899, Editor of the

Hampton, Va., *Monitor*, and recently elected to the Virginia Legislature, and Miss Elizabeth Watkins, of Hampton, a graduate of the Virginia State Female School and an accomplished and attractive young lady was married December 20th, at Hampton.

—On the evening of November 28th, Brother Robert Cox, Rho, of Lebanon, Tennessee, was married to Miss Maibelle Wilson, of Rome, Tenn.

The marriage took place at the home of the bride's father with only a few friends present. Mr. and Mrs. Cox left immediately after the ceremonies for quite an extended bridal tour.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. J. M. Wilson, a prosperous farmer of Nelson county, and comes from one of the most influential families in this section of the State.

The groom is a prominent young business man of Lebanon, being now proprietor of the Lebanon Steam Laundry. He is one of Rho's most loyal members, and for eight years has been the soul almost of the Chapter. His efforts have been untiring for the upbuilding of the Chapter and the Fraternity. Let every *H.* in the land join in wishing Brother Cox and wife all possible happiness through life.

—On December 22nd, the Pan Hellenic League of Houston, Texas, held its annual banquet, eighty Greeks being present from seventeen different fraternities. This is the third annual meeting, and the occasion was one of great pleasure. A number of local *H.*'s were present on this occasion, H. W. Garrow being toast-master.

—At the Presbyterian Synod at Monroe, December 5th, E. F. Koelle was elected clerk, and Rev. J. W. Caldwell, Secretary.

Rev. George Summey was present, and Rev. J. C. Barr, Chairman of the Hospital Committee. These names are all familiar to our members.

—The following from *The Memphis Commercial Appeal* January 28th, concerns W. P. Biggs, Chi, later an affiliate



of Kappa. Brother Biggs graduated with high honors in law at University of Mississippi in '05, taking a two years course in one. He was also associated with the Chapter at Millsaps College, taking an active part in the installation. He is an enthusiastic *II.*, a diligent student and promises to be a leading light of the Mississippi Bar. Best wishes are extended to the happy couple.

"BIGGS-WILBURN—At the First Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, January 23, Miss Julia Elizabeth Wilburn, daughter of Mrs. M. A. Wilburn, and William Percy Biggs, a young lawyer and real estate man of Memphis, were united in marriage. The church was decorated in rainbow colors, masses of filmy tulle, with quantities of smilax, and numerous palms and ferns, forming an artistically beautiful background for the bridal party. The bridesmaids were handsomely gowned in crepe de chine over taffeta, with arm bouquets of white carnations. They wore short veils, the color of their dresses, two being in pink, two in yellow, two in blue, the maid of honor in lavender and the matrons of honor in green. The little ribbon girls wore beautiful Liberty silk, the flower girls white accordion pleated silk, while the ring-bearer was dressed as Cupid, carrying a gilt bow and arrow.

An elegant reception was given immediately after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Biggs left at 11 o'clock for a short visit to New Orleans, after which they will be at home at 184 McLemore avenue."

## Editorial.

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MANY OF THE CHAPTERS are being badly handicapped by the lack of interest on the part of their Alumni in securing desirable initiates. Reference will be noticed to this in some of the Chapter letters and the officers have personally received letters from the Chapters on this point.

It is stated that the Alumni of other Fraternities help their Chapters materially, by speaking to good men who are going to college regarding their Fraternity, and also writing the Chapters the names of these young men. It will be at once appreciated that the request of an older man to one of the young men of his town to consider his Fraternity before selecting, would have a very material influence, and it would be a very easy matter for our Alumni to do this.

If, however, unable to speak to a young man, the advising of Chapters in advance of the expected arrival of any particular student would enable the Chapter to be on the lookout, and of course, "forewarned is forearmed."

The attention of our Alumni is earnestly called to this matter, for not only would our present Chapters receive great benefit from their help, but in many States it would undoubtedly result in the establishment of new Chapters. Most particularly is this the case in Texas, where there are no active Chapters, yet hundreds of Alumni.

Throughout our other States will not our loyal *IIs* take note of the young men of their cities, and to what colleges they are going, and help our Chapters by their influence to secure them as members. It is one of the most important branches of the work in which the Alumni can actively assist, and surely it would be a pleasure to have the sons of their friends to become members of their old Fraternity.



IT IS VERY PLEASANT to note the careful attention on the part of the majority of the Chapter correspondents to the proper preparation of their Chapter letters, both as regards the headings and the use of only one side of each sheet.

The letters in this issue also show an improvement in the subject matter and the method in which it is handled, which is very encouraging.

Some of the letters were not properly written, but this was probably due to forgetfulness, and it is hoped in future the correspondents will profit by their attention being called to it and not forget it again.

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IT IS ALSO GRATIFYING to see the continued inward growth of our Chapters, and this should receive the careful thought of our entire Chapter membership. While we are desirous of increasing our roll we must not forget that it is equally, if not more, important to see that our present Chapters regularly increase in strength and usefulness. There are many ways by which to accomplish this. Primarily, by exercising great care in the election and initiation of new men, choosing those only whose personality and position increase the strength of the Chapter. This should be considered as well as a man's congeniality and adaptability to the other members. The Chapters want to be made stronger by each acquisition, and the new men should be looked at with this end in view.

Other ways of gaining strength are, of course, the careful attention to Chapter duties; seeing that the meetings are well attended, that the interest is kept up in the Fraternity work, that the Chapter's obligations and duties to the General Fraternity are carefully and promptly met.

In this last thought is also involved the strict regulation of the Chapter finances. Members should be made to appreciate that their dues must be promptly paid and no laxity should be permitted in these matters. The passage

of a rule by the Supreme Council that initiation fees must be paid either in advance or on the night of the ceremony, is of vital importance. This rule obtains in practically all of the secret organizations of this country.

It is equally imperative that the Chapters attend to the careful and systematic instruction of their initiates in the Constitution and By-Laws. Not only should this be done, but at every meeting these important laws should be discussed and the members made to understand and appreciate their meaning.

The social side of the Chapter meeting should not be neglected. Short readings by members, or recitations and other means should be used to make each Chapter meeting a bright spot in the memory of the members and eagerly to be looked forward to in the future.

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“IN THE SPRING the young man’s fancy lightly turns to thoughts of” *poems* as well as other matters, as is quite evidenced by the pages of this issue. While these are pleasant and bright little dressings for the pages, the Chapters should not consider that thereby they have discharged their duty in furnishing articles for the Magazine. These should rather be the condiments to go along with the meat of the more serious articles.

Some of the subjects, such as “The Duty to the Fraternity,” “The Condition of Anti-Frat. Life,” and such, have become thoroughly threadbare, and it is most desirable that articles of general interest be furnished. In this progressive age, articles on the leading topics of the day would be welcomed and give pleasure and profit to our readers. At the same time, it is not intended to refuse any articles on Fraternity subjects, for this is primarily a Fraternity Magazine for the Fraternity which it represents, but a little variety is always desired. A number of the Chapters have failed to send in the first contributed article, due October 1st. These articles should be sent in immediately to avoid the penalty provided by the Constitution.



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