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The Convention.

A GLIMPSE OF THE FIRST BIENNIAL CONVENTION.

The first biennial Convention exceeded the most sanguine expectations of all the II.'s, and showed more forcibly than anything else the growth and strength of the Fraternity. It far surpassed in numbers and enthusiasm any gathering ever before held by our Fraternity.

What a time we had! How can anyone commence to give an account, or any idea, of that magnificent, glorious body of fellows who for two days and a half toiled at the business of the Convention with but a short time in between each session for meals. How can anyone give an idea of the fun, of the pleasure, of the glorious thrill that went through us all when it was announced that about 120 members had signed the roll in the Convention Hall far exceeding any Convention that the Fraternity has ever held before. In addition to this number some twenty or more came in just in time for the banquet, but their names were not obtained.

What a pleasure it was to see all of the Grand Officers present

and every officer working enthusiastically with the active men in the business sessions. How can you be given a correct idea of Sale's "Matrimonial Bureau," of Gordon Hughes' aspirations to the "Governor's Mansion," of the "Sister's Branch" from Florida, of Underwood and his "five gallon demijohn," and again of Sale and his "safety pin," and Powers and his self-satisfaction and great contentment that he could no longer be called the "Bachelor Pi," and of Dr. McAllister trying to stand as high as possible, that the *slight* lack of hair on top should not be noticed. It was necessary to be there to understand and appreciate the great fun and pleasure that these jokes occasioned.

Soon after the roll call on the opening session it was noted that two of the chapters had failed to respond. A telegram was received from one delegate, but Alpha-Delta from Atlanta was still missing. Some brother announced that he knew the delegate was en route, as he had left Atlanta that morning on *the Southern Railroad*. Immediately upon this announcement a motion was made that this brother's name be sent to the "*Committee on Deceased Brothers*"; this committee having requested, as soon as appointed, that all names be handed to them to be included in their report.

What an amount of work was accomplished. No previous Convention has ever gotten through with such an amount of it as did this first biennial. Among the most important was the establishing of a permanent chapter house fund for the assistance of chapters who have raised two-thirds of the amount necessary for their building. This has been a great need of the Fraternity for years, and the safe restrictions thrown around this plan necessitating that a chapter must have a contract signed either to purchase or build a house, in addition to raising the money before getting assistance from this general fund, will act as an incentive in all of the chapters to go to work at once on their plans.

Alpha-Gamma has already been voted assistance, a special arrangement being made for her fund, which will enable her to build her chapter house, and thus prevent giving up the charter.

A very noticeable feature of this Convention was the fact that

every chapter had its minute books and its official record books there, and when the roll was called, and they were requested to bring them forward, there was a great deal of applause, that for the first time in the history of our Conventions every chapter had attended to this most important requirement.

Another matter that was given a great deal of discussion was that of having the Alumni interest themselves in the students from their localities going to the different colleges, especially where we have chapters. It was shown that the son of one of our founders was initiated into another Fraternity simply because our chapter at that college did not know of his presence until too late. Instances were also shown where numbers of other valuable men were lost for this same reason. Both the Alumni and chapter delegates spoke of the importance of this work, and a plan was adopted for sending blanks to all of our Alumni, requesting that they notify the chapters on them of the students going to the different colleges. If the Alumni will only give this matter a few moments' thought, it will be the means of assisting the chapters in obtaining many valuable additions to their membership.

A very sad feature of the Convention was the receipt by Brother Bason, of Alpha-Epsilon, of a telegram during one of the sessions announcing the sudden death of his father. It was a most distressing scene, and our unfortunate brother was much overcome. A committee was instantly appointed to go with him to his room and help him in his sad mission of returning home. Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted.

THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND will have many great improvements commencing with the next volume if the committees who undertook the general plans will work as enthusiastically as they spoke. New covers, new headings for the departments, new departments, additional editors, the reading of all contributions before the chapter body previous to sending them for publication—these will all bring about good results in the next volume.

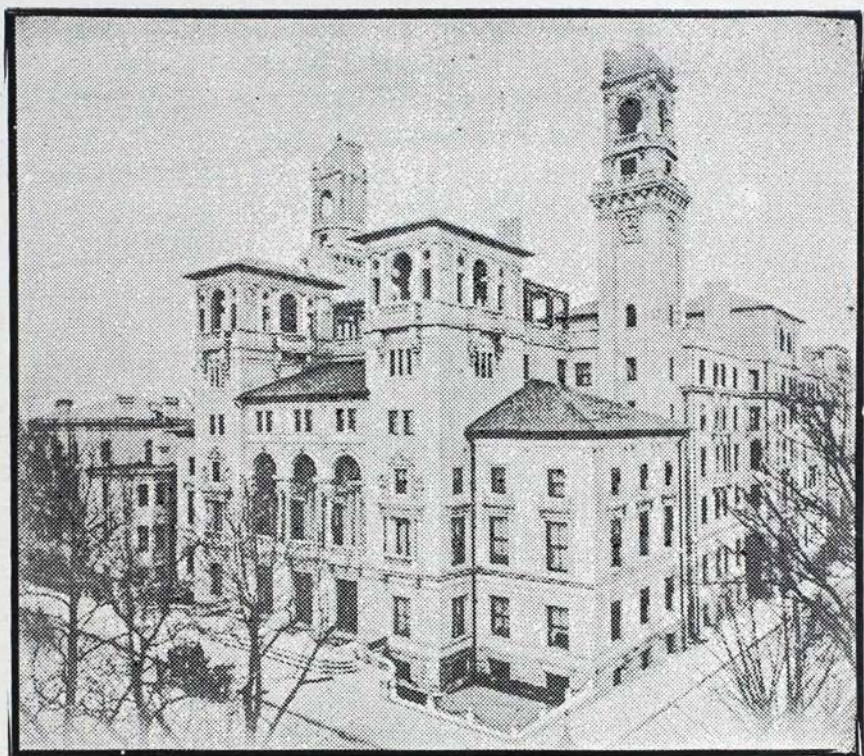
The methods for establishing new chapters, the inside workings of the chapters, their development and strengthening, were all given deep thought, and many wise and beneficial plans were

adopted. Of course, we talked a little about extension, but *we always talk about that*, and then take up the balance of the work as soon as we can. Everybody agreed that Whitley, of Kappa, was a fine fellow, a good fighter, but a good laughter when his plans failed of adoption, and every one wants him at every Convention!

The reports of the Grand Officers were intensely interesting and filled with many valuable suggestions and advice to the active members, and when the chapters receive the *Dagger and Key* these reports should be read with great care and much profit will arise therefrom. The writer has attended a large number of Conventions, and does not remember ever hearing a finer set of reports than were rendered by the chapter delegates at Richmond.

It certainly showed that II. chapters were composed of the right material, and in many instances after the recital of the honors taken by the boys of the Old Gold and Garnet the delegate was asked if there were any other honors in the college left for the others. The address by the Grand Historiographer on historical work was replete with valuable suggestions to the chapters for the preservation of the records, and an urgent appeal that they assist him in collecting these records in order that the catalogue might be published.

For various reasons the trip around Richmond for sight-seeing was abandoned, owing to the inability to arrange for coaches to carry the party as a whole, the Convention being so much larger than was anticipated. The delegates divided themselves into small parties, and the interesting points of which Richmond is so full were thoroughly seen and enjoyed by them. One of these parties was conducted by the Grand Chancellor, assisted by the Grand Historiographer, and one of the points carefully inspected was the Executive Mansion of the Governor of Virginia. This special trip was extended for *some time after the other parties had finished* their sight-seeing, but proved to be none the less delightful to those who were participating in it, judging by their reports *next morning*. For further information on this subject, correspondence should be addressed to



JEFFERSON HOTEL, RICHMOND, VA.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE CONVENTION, MAY 1ST TO 4TH, 1907.

"Governor" Gordon Hughes, Grand Chancellor.

On Friday evening at 8 o'clock the delegates repaired to the famous Westmoreland Club, where a banquet was prepared for them tended by Omicron and Alumnus Alpha Chapters. The banquet hall of the Westmoreland Club was festooned with Old Gold and Garnet, and at the end of the hall was a large table set for the Grand Officers and the toast-master. The delegates were assembled at small tables throughout the spacious hall, which was lighted by candles covered with *Garnet* hoods. As the delegates took their places at the tables the room was flooded with *Old Gold* light from the electric chandeliers, making a beautiful effect.

The following is the delightful menu, which was beautifully served by the attendants:

MENU.

Poineiries a la Madison	Consomme Franklyn
Celeri	Olives
	Radis
Salees Amandes	
Alose Grillee Buerre Ravigole	
pommes de terre Duchess	
Filet de Bœuf au champignon	
Sorbet	
Hampden-Sidney	
Poulet Grille au Petit Sale a la Maitre d'hotel	
Petit pois au Laitues Ciselees	
Salade de Saison	
Glace Arlequin	
Lion Lithia	Petit Fours
Apollinaris	El principe de Gales
	Cafe
Wines and Liquors	Carolina Bright Cigarettes

Hon. James Alston Cabell, the toast-master, was unfortunately taken quite sick in the early part of the banquet and had to retire, much to the regret of all present. By request of the committee, Grand Treasurer Smythe acted as toast-master.

Probably the most impressive part of both the Convention and the banquet was the swearing in of the officers by Grand Councilor, Floyd Hughes. The toast-master announced that before the toasts the newly-elected officers should be sworn in, according to the constitution. Grand Councilor Hughes arose and called Grand Princeps Powers to his feet and administered to him the solemn oath of office. Each officer was then in turn sworn in, and afterward Grand Princeps Powers administered the oath of office to Grand Councilor Floyd Hughes.

The toast-master requested that before the regular toasts were begun that the delegates should fill their glasses and, all standing and in silence, should drink a toast to those members of our Fraternity who have gone before us into that Great Beyond.

The regular toasts were then responded to as follows:

TOASTS.

Our Bachelor Pi.

Hon. J. Graham Sale Pi.

Our Pi Girls.

Hon. J. Gordon Hughes Xi.

Pi Kappa Alpha Ministers.

Rev. J. Gray McAllister, D. D. Iota.

Our Alumni.

Hon. Floyd Hughes Gamma.

Our Benedict Pi.

Col. J. Pike Powers, Jr. Alpha and Zeta.

"Shield and Diamond."

C. H. Kirkland Alpha-Iota.

Pi Kappa Alpha Spirit.

Paul T. Prentiss, Esq. Chi.

Virginia.

R. Harmon Willis, Esq. Omicron.

In between one of the regular toasts Brother J. Cabell Brockenbrough, Alpha 1871, who claimed to be the oldest member present as regards the number of years of membership in the Fraternity, proposed the following little toast:

“ ‘Sailing over life’s tempestuous sea,’
May the Pis land their barque
In the haven, where they would be
The sincerest wish of the oldest Pi—J. C. B.”

which good wishes were greeted with a storm of applause.

A number of most delightful impromptu speeches were delivered after the regular toasts, and it was in the early hours of morning before the delegates all joined hands and singing “Auld Lang Syne” separated to meet again in New Orleans in 1909.

It was a great privilege to have attended this Convention, to have met the men who composed the active chapters of the Fraternity, to realize from them what a splendid set of fellows are in the chapters, and to see the enthusiasm with which they all worked for the advancement of the General Fraternity. The H. K. A. spirit was “abroad in the land,” and its influence governed all the debates, no matter how heated they might be, and when a question was lost it was impossible to tell a few minutes after who had been for or against it.

The war cry now is for two hundred in New Orleans in 1909, and I think that every one who attended this Convention will certainly be present at that time.

I wish I could give you a truer insight into this Convention, and I wish that you had been there, for you would be prouder to-day of your Fraternity than you have ever been before.

The following is the list of those who signed the official register in the Convention hall:

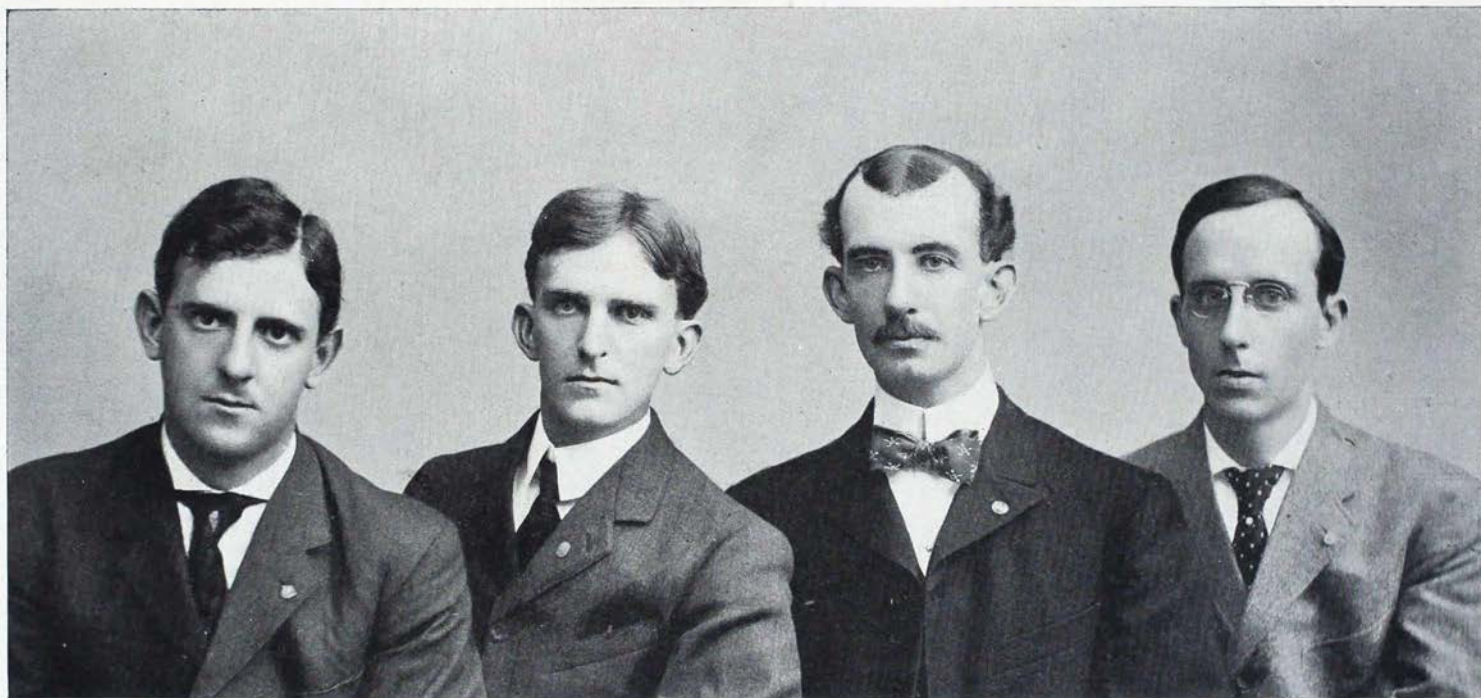
VISITING ALUMNI.

Edwin P. Cox, Richmond, Va., Alpha.
Maurice B. Langhorn, Richmond, Va., Iota.
Wm. Read Martin, Richmond, Va., Iota.
S. C. Blackiston, Richmond, Va., Gamma.
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Thos. W. Hooper, Jr., Richmond, Va., Iota.
J. A. Carson, Saluda, S. C., Gamma.

G. H. Reese, Richmond, Va., Phi.
W. R. Wallace, Richmond, Va., Mu.
W. W. Hargrave, West Point, Va., Pi.
T. M. Lewis, Gloucester, Va., Omicron.
Edw. S. Cowles, Richmond, Va., Gamma.
Ben F. Steed, Richmond, Va., Sigma.
Jas. Alston Cabell, Richmond, Va., Alpha.
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Oscar Swineford, Richmond, Va., Iota.
Ira J. Partlow, Keystone, W. Va., Rho.
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J. Hoge Smith, Danville, Va., Mu.
C. Frank Flood, St. Louis, Mo., Zeta.
C. W. Underwood, Atlanta, Ga., Chi.
Thornton Stearns, Asheville, N. C., Beta.
Jno. Martin, Richmond, Va., Iota.
S. E. Scarborough, Linden, Ala., Delta.
W. G. Willis, Jr., Fredericksburg, Va., Omicron.
Deane Hundley, Dunnsville, Va., Omicron.
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R. H. Willis, Buena Vista, Va., Omicron.
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J. Gray McAllister, Grand Chaplain, Hampden-Sidney, Va.,
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J. N. Hubbard, Wilcox Wharf, Va., Omicron.
Paul Woodfin, Waynesboro, Va., Omicron.
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W. M. Nance, Roxbury, Va., Omicron.
E. W. Herring, Richmond, Va., Omicron.
S. G. Gill, Petersburg, Va., Omicron.
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W. A. McTighe, Memphis, Tenn., Alpha-Kappa.
Hubert Bunyea, Georgetown, Ky., Alpha-Lambda.

ROBERT A. SMYTHE.

PRAYER.

*Offered at the Opening of the Convention by Rev. J. Gray
McAllister, D. D., Grand Chaplain of the Fraternity.*

O Lord, we worship Thee as God over all and blessed forever more, as king of kings and as Lord of lords, unto whose light no one can approach, and yet as our loving and gracious heavenly Father.

We praise Thee for all the influences for good that have been thrown around our lives from our first days until now, for the circumstances of mercy under which we meet to-day; for the bonds of brotherhood, and for the helpful fellowship of this hour. We praise Thee for the founding of this Fraternity, which has meant so much to us, and means so much to-day; for its establishment in the principles of righteousness and truth; for its guidance by those principles to this time; for its progress in the things that make for right; for the lives of men whose lives have blessed our own, and for that other member, whom now we tenderly remember, who, having helped us here, have been gathered into the rest eternal. We pray that through all the future these principles may prevail, and that before us each one we may place as our Saviour and as our model and as our Master the ideal man, Christ Jesus. Whatsoever things are true and righteous and lovely and of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, let us think on these things.

Let wisdom guide all the deliberations of our conference, and let all our conclusions contribute to Thy glory.

We pray for our loved ones from whom we are separated, and ask that they with us may be in Thy holy keeping.

Hear us in these our petitions for the sake of Him who taught us when we pray to say:

"Our Father, which are in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO THE CONVENTION.

BY HON. JAMES ALSTON CABELL.

Brother Cabell, in behalf of the Alumni, welcomed the Convention to the city of Richmond and extended to all of its members a very hearty greeting. He spoke of the warm affection that had always existed in this fraternity, and the strong ties by which they were bound together, and incidently referred to the wonderful growth of the Order, and attributed it to the high standard that had been kept up for its membership, and true manner in which the brethren had always stood shoulder to shoulder upon every occasion. He spoke of the old days at the University of Virginia, when he was a student there, and how the fraternity had grown and flourished, and how much it was respected by all the students, because it was known that any act of injustice or any indignity offered to one of its members was resented by the entire chapter; that to touch one was to touch all; that they believed and knew they had a body of young men who were incapable of doing anything that was discreditable, and they were to one another, in the truest sense of the word, brothers. After paying a tribute to the noble work done by the Fraternity, and reminding the delegates that they were the "flower of the land," and were destined to take a prominent part in life, and possibly dictate the policy of the States, and maybe of the nation, he impressed upon them that it was their duty to keep up the high standard that had been attained by the Order.

"Its foundation," he said, "is laid so deep and broad and strong in sincere friendship, in brotherly love, and in unshaken truth that upon it has been reared a fraternal edifice built so



J. GORDON HUGHES



FLOYD HUGHES



J. GRAY McALLISTER, D.D.

Grand Officers, *Xi Kappa Alpha* Fraternity

faithful and true, and so filled with the best, the highest, the noblest principles, that no storm of adversity, no voice of jealous clamor, no wave of discord, no clash of selfish ambition has ever yet displaced a single stone or caused a tremor in our noble structure."

"But we must remember that everyone of us have to a greater or less degree in his keeping the welfare of this splendid edifice, and the good name and reputation of our fraternity.

"This is a trust that has come down to us, and we must see to it that we take no step backward—always and forever forward, onward, upward."

"Make your chapters centers of influence for good. Set your faces unflinchingly against every form of evil and wrong. Set up your standards on the highest hills, and let the world know that it means something to be a Pi Kappa Alpha—that it means a man faithful to every trust and true to every duty, and upon whose breast blooms the 'white flower of a blameless life.'"

THE most striking and pleasing feature of the Convention held in Richmond on the 1st, 2d and 3d of May was the fact that every chapter on the roll was represented by a delegate, and that every Grand Officer of the Fraternity was present.

Such a condition has never been manifest in any previous Convention. It has been my pleasure to attend seven Conventions prior to this one, but it did not happen in any of these.

Another striking feature was that there was a larger attendance on this Convention than ever before. There were about one hundred and twenty names on the register, and some fifteen or twenty Alumni, who did not sign it. I do not believe there have ever been gathered together in one place a larger number of members of this Fraternity.

Still another fact which should be mentioned is that each session of the Convention transacted important business, and consumed the entire time set apart for it. Business was transacted with despatch, and very little time was lost, and yet the entire time set apart on the programme was consumed. The enthusiasm of the delegates and officers was manifest throughout the entire Convention.

Another thing which was proven by this meeting was that it is manifestly to the interest of the Fraternity that its Conventions be held in an up-to-date, commodious hotel, where every convenience can be readily obtained. Much of the success of this Convention was due to the fact that it was held in the Jefferson Hotel. Another thing which was especially impressed upon my mind was the excellent fraternal spirit existing among the brothers. No matter how exciting the discussion might be, when the vote was taken the next item of business was taken up with unanimity and zeal on the part of all. If any chapter's wishes were defeated, it immediately joined hands for the proper disposal of the succeeding subject with unshaken zeal.

The presence of older alumni added dignity and strength to the meeting. The continued interest of such men as Brother Brockenbrough, Dr. McAllister, James Alston Cabell, Floyd Hughes, and Oscar Sweinford is a source of inspiration to the active members present. No matter where we meet we find such brothers as these, who have been out of college for thirty or forty years and still maintain their love for the Fraternity.

The many courtesies shown by the Richmond Alumni and Omicron Chapter will never be forgotten. Chief among these, of course, is the beautiful banquet given on Friday night, May 3d, at the Westmoreland Club. Between eighty-five and one hundred brothers gathered about the tables. The music furnished by Pi Chapter's delegates and the delegates from Kentucky, and the solos so beautifully rendered by Brother Darnall added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. If the Fraternity has no special songs of its own, its delegates know how to sing, and the music furnished on this occasion was highly enjoyable. I hope that Darnall and his friends will furnish us with some Pi Kappa Alpha songs during the next two years, so that we can use these at our next banquet.

I have not time to write fully in regard to all the impressions I have of the Convention, but I am sure that every one present was amply repaid, and that the Fraternity will be greatly benefited by reason of this gathering.

J. PIKE POWERS, JR.,
Grand Princeps.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION.

RICHMOND, VA., May 11, 1907.

MY DEAR BROTHER SMYTHE,—I cannot refrain from writing you a few lines in connection with our wonderful Convention held here last week. As I am satisfied there was no one in the Convention hall at the Jefferson Hotel, or the banquet room of the Westmoreland Club, who were in a position to appreciate the advancement that had been made in the Pi movement more than myself, for in 1889 I was appointed a delegate from Iota Chapter to represent the Fraternity Convention, to be held at the Galt House, in Louisville, Ky. There was only one other delegate at this meeting, and consequently nothing was done.

On my way home I stopped at the University of Virginia to talk over the situation, and found a total lack of interest in the fraternity movement. I have been, as you know, in the insurance business and accustomed to attend some of the largest and most enthusiastic conventions of life insurance men held in the United States for some years past, and I know that there was never a more earnest and enthusiastic body in which the personal of young gentlemen reached a higher degree than that represented by the one hundred delegates from the universities and colleges throughout our great Southern country. And it made one feel proud of the privilege of being a member of such a fraternity, which is being surrounded at every point with safeguards that will prevent any except the best material being taken in as new members.

The frequent comments made on your letter writing during the different sessions proved the headway that your untiring efforts had made, and the great good you were doing, and I see no reason why the Convention in 1909 should not have at least two hundred delegates instead of one hundred. The body of men in the Richmond Convention can accomplish anything.

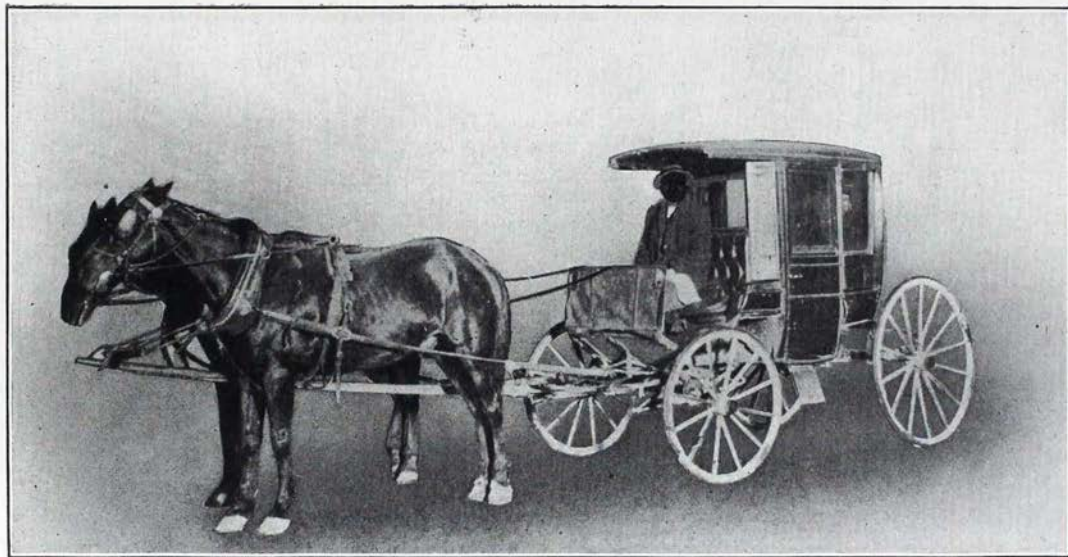
OSCAR SWINEFORD,
Alumnus of Iota.

THE editor of this magazine requests me to write at once my impressions of the Convention, and I have learned from past experiences that when that gentleman requests you to do a thing the best way to get out of it is to do it at once, or at least make a desperate effort. I am not going to attempt to write of all my impressions, for I understand there is something else to go in this magazine, and if I wrote of all my impressions of the Richmond Convention there would not be enough room even for the goat's picture in the next issue.

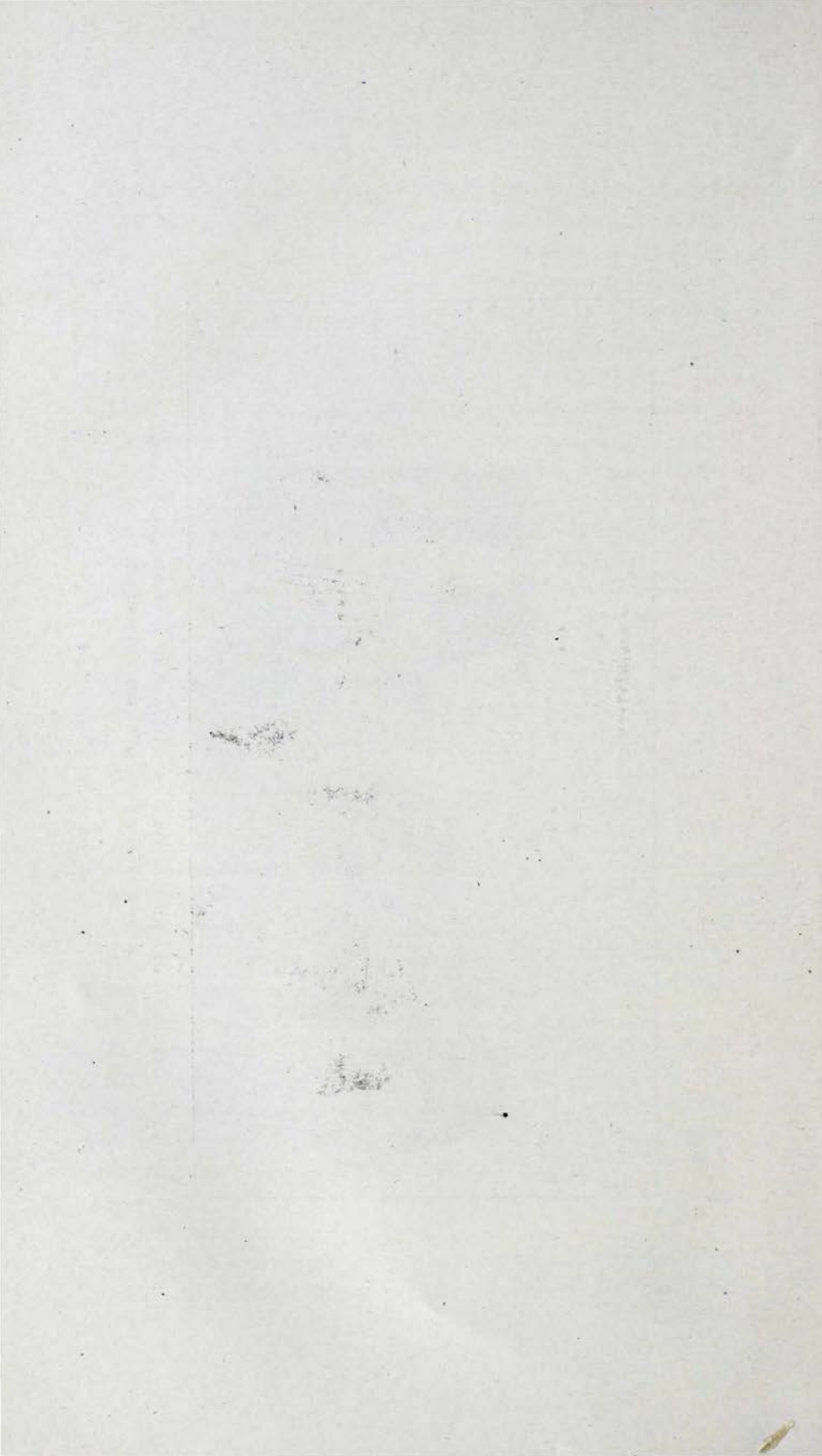
To every one who was so fortunate as to be in Richmond there was one impression in common, and that was the fact that the Convention of 1907 was the greatest the Fraternity has ever held. For the unparalleled success of that Convention we are indebted to the Alumni of Richmond and to Omicron Chapter. Could anyone have seen those prominent and busy men, distinguished in business and professional lives, give up their valuable time for our benefit and pleasure, and for that of the Fraternity, and not be impressed with the truth that Pi Kappa Alphaism at least lasts after graduation from college? Some of those men had not been actively connected with the Fraternity for a generation, yet they all gathered around the banner of the Garnet and Old Gold when she was unfurled in Richmond, and by their untiring and unselfish efforts caused her to wave there with greater pride and glory than ever before. And Omicron Chapter—isn't she a cracker-jack?—has certainly endeared herself to me and, I believe, to every visitor in Richmond. We were indeed fortunate in being the guests of such generous and hospitable hosts.

A Convention, with reports showing a full treasury, without a cent of debt, and with not a single chapter due unpaid, with every chapter represented by one or more of its active members, with every officer present, and a host of alumni, would necessarily impress anyone with the healthy condition of our Fraternity, and with the progress she is making, which can no longer be impeded.

I had other impressions, too. I was impressed with the great distance the Jefferson Hotel is from everywhere else, but I am



OFFICIAL CHARIOT WHILE IN RICHMOND OF "THE GOVERNOR"
AND HIS ASSISTANT, "THE BACHELOR."



told by our enthusiastic alumnus of Rho, who hails from Keystone, W. Va., that after *taking in the town* Saturday evening (I don't know what he was doing in Richmond at that time), he returned to find that the hotel had been moved to an entirely different section of the city. I was favorably impressed with the politeness of the Richmond policemen, though the cab system of that city is bad, and I do not understand why our brother from Pi, whose name indicates truthfully that he possesses wisdom to the comparative degree, should have been coming up Main street at 3 A. M. in search of the "cops," whom he might devour, armed as he was with a pleasant smile and clothed in a dress suit. I think he had been to the banquet, however. The scene in which our Beta brother, who was chairman of the "Conference Committee," christened our loyal little Chi man from Atlanta was indeed impressive, but it did seem a pity to waste it, though I was told there was plenty more. The way the demijohn committee performed their duties was admirable, and I think that that was done mostly for the benefit of our Grand Chaplain and myself. At any rate, we were the only ones I noticed who seemed to drink water, and only water.

I was impressed with the beauty of the Jefferson Hotel, the "*new lobby*" in particular, but I want to explain that I happened to see that particular part of the hotel in an effort to locate our Grand Chancellor, who seemed greatly pleased with that section of the hotel and with its appurtenances thereunto belonging. I understand the "Governor" intends having that style of architecture in his executive mansion, but I was told by a cabman in Richmond that our distinguished brother was undecided as yet whether he would have the said mansion in his native State of South Carolina or in Virginia, and that he was very much impressed with that of the latter State. And I want to say that I was impressed very forcibly indeed with the necessity of a wife, particularly to a man's comforts and ease of mind at a Convention, and, judging by the behavior of our Grand Princes at this Convention, as compared with that at Chattanooga, I might also say to one's good behavior.

The dignity with which that proud and haughty benedict presided over the Convention proved beyond all doubt that he was used to it, and I expect he has been presiding over temperance meetings in and about Knoxville. The masterful way in which our efficient Grand Secretary wrote up the minutes shows beyond all doubt that he is a literary genius, and we should all look forward to the article which he is going to write on the great resources and beauties of Allegheny county, Va., for the Jamestown Exposition Company. Our Grand Treasurer—now he is a wonderous wonder. He can write more letters, do more work, make more speeches, talk to more people, crack more jokes, and follow more closely the perscription of his physician to drink Scotch than any other human could possibly do. As a toast-master, however, he is in his zenith. Did you ever hear anything like him at the banquet; and I was with him for some time before that memorable occasion, and can say, with more or less truth, that he did not follow his doctor's perscription more than a dozen times?

That banquet—words completely fail me when I attempt to describe it—sufficient to say that none who attended it will ever forget it, and our hosts were certainly wise when they calculated that none of us were dispeptics.

I believe, however, that the impression which will last longer than any other one is one that is received by all those who attend any Pi Kappa Alpha Convention, but one that was unusually marked at this Convention, the character of the men who composed it. Just the very kind for Pi Kaps, and the fraternal spirit which prevailed made everyone present feel that his Fraternity was the best in existence. *And it is.*

J. GRAHAM SALE,
Grand Historiographer.

I TAKE great pleasure in saying that I was very much enthused by the Convention, and I feel safe in predicting a great future for the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. I have had some experience in meeting with bodies of men, and I do not think that I have ever seen together a more promising set of young

men than those who were in attendance upon this Convention.

With the sincerest wishes for the Fraternity,

JAMES ALSTON CABELL,
Alumnus of Alpha.

MUCH had we heard of the hospitality of old Virginia, and yet I think we were hardly prepared for the great reception that was tendered us at our first biennial Convention. From the first address of welcome to the last of the banquet toasts, we were made to feel perfectly at home, and to know, as Brother Cabell so eloquently assured us, that "the latch strings were hanging on the outside." We cannot too heartily thank the brothers of Omicron Chapter and Alumni of Alpha for the courtesies extended us during our all-too-short stay in the delightful capitol city of the Old Dominion.

From all standpoints the Richmond Convention was perhaps the most successful Convention in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha. The spirit of brotherly love was manifest on all occasions. The great issues coming up in the meetings provoked much discussion on all sides, and many and eloquent were the speeches made, but the elevating influence of Pi Kappa Alpha, engraved upon the minds and hearts of those present, drove away all bitterness. The gathering was representative of Pi Kappa Alpha, and not a brother was present but that he was a worthy wearer of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

In a large measure, the success of the Convention is due to our Grand Officers, and too much praise cannot be given them for their earnest and efficient work. The confidence imposed in them has been most zealously guarded.

And the banquet! It was a love feast; a feast of oratory, and a feast of wit; nor was it in any measure lacking in those other things which some people would say were more substantial.

It was, indeed, a delightful time we had in Richmond, and one that will not soon be forgotten.

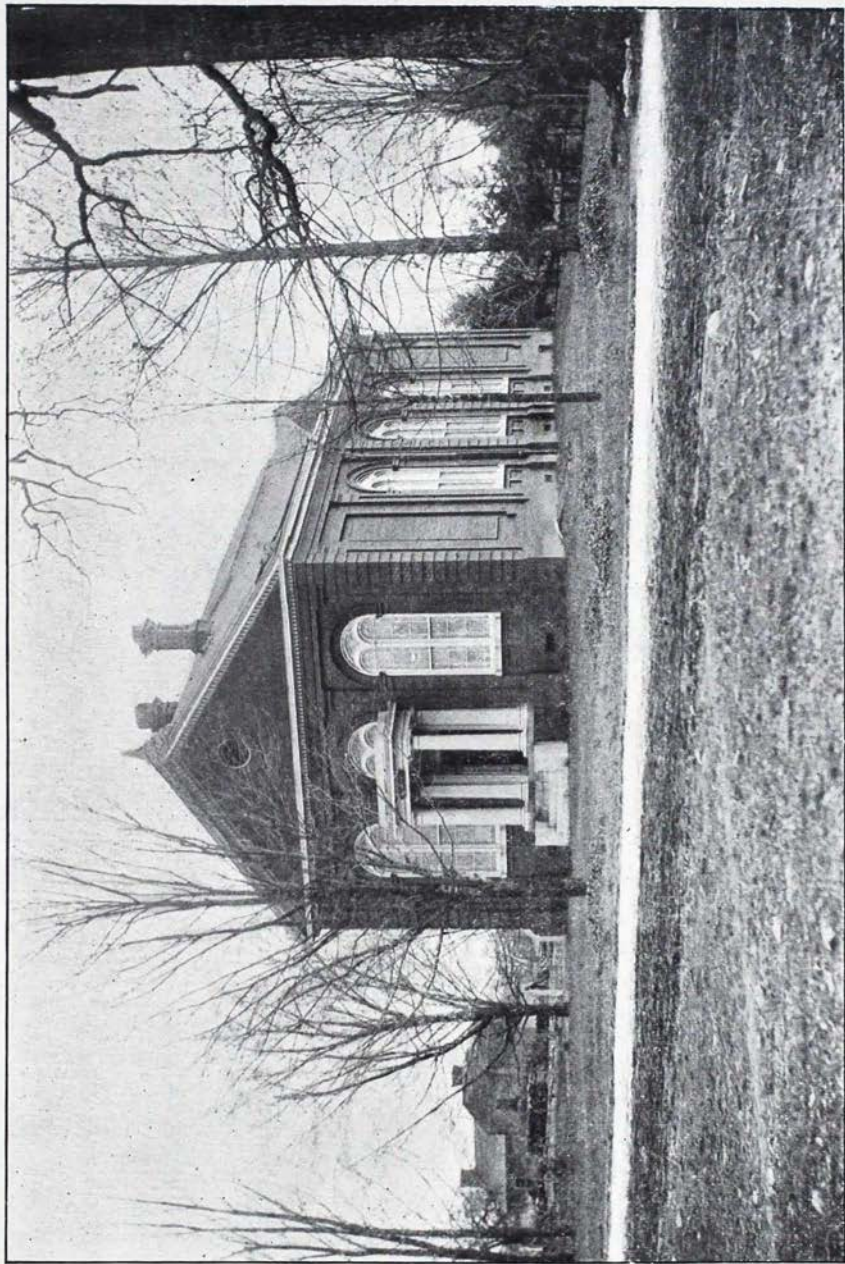
CHARLES W. UNDERWOOD,
Alumnus of Chi.

It was great. I was impressed by the fine appearance of the delegates, splendid-looking fellows from all over the Southland, by the gain in numbers as compared with those of the last Convention I attended, by the intelligence of the discussions, the genial give and take, the fraternal spirit even when a favorite measure, hard fought for, had been defeated; the buoyant hopefulness that pervaded everyone, from the Grand Treasurer down to the tall, young delegate who asked "if a sub. would be allowed to speak," and then launched forth into a witty speech on expansion. It was worth a trip to the Convention to hear the rounds of applause given whenever Smythe's name was mentioned, and to note the easy grace with which Powers presided over the sessions of the body. And then the banquet, with the incomparable Smythe as toast-master, and the toasts breathing a steadfast loyalty, and the college songs that made the welkin' ring—from every standpoint the Convention was a magnificent success.

J. GRAY McALLISTER,
Grand Chaplain.

THE Grand Treasurer has requested me to write my impressions of our last Convention, and I approach the task with almost reverence. As I think of those Conventions days in Richmond a flood of memories rush over me that bring with them pictures I can ne'er forget. To say that I enjoyed myself would be true, but to say that I had the best time of my life would be just. I can almost see them now, mingling together as if they had been friends for years, and with a glad hand and a ready smile for the man who wore the diamond. They were congenial, absolutely so, and as they met together in business or in pleasure 'twas in friendship always. There was no discordant note in the whole grand Convention, and instead "there was music in the air; you could hear it everywhere."

The Grand Council of our Fraternity is a body that is business-like from start to finish, and I learnt much that should be of service to any brother. But there come to me now the faces of the brothers I met there, and I see them as they were in the



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Convention days. Which one first? Why, the tallest, of course—that gem from Davidson College, whose name is McSween. He smashed all of our hearts, and then when he had no more to smash, he smashed our derbies. Whatever else he did will go down in history as the act of a “jolly good fellow,” and may his tribe increase. And Underwood, “the Georgia Cracker, adopted child of McSween, and “whom to know was to admire.” May he keep as good watch over the (water) glass in Georgia as in Virginia. Willis, the silver-tongued orator, and Tyler, that genius called “Long John,” brought back to me memories that were sweet and fragrant with old school days of Omicron. And did I forget Penn, whose love for II. K. A. was expressed in no uncertain terms? He is one of the select, and is the pride of Pi Chapter, I understand, as well as of II. K. A. at large. There is another, too, before I pass on who is truly typical of what II. K. A. has within her ranks, and his name is Floyd Hughes, Jr. He loves II. K. A. with a love that makes it supreme—makes it what she is, the greatest fraternity in the world. May he be to II K. A. what his father has been. These are just a few of the great band of brothers that make up II K. A., and who swear by the stars above there is no other fraternity half so fine. I can never forget Patton, Flood, the brothers from Kentucky, and those others who did so much to aid in the work of the Convention of '07.

The volume of work done by the Convention was very creditable. The resolution covering chapter houses was the cardinal feature, and second to that was the move looking towards the awakening of interest in the alumni. The writer is identified with that work himself, as it happens, and hopes to see a great deal of good done along that line. I think it is our weakest point, and one that needs our most careful and earnest attention.

In the last few years we have grown from a small Southern fraternity to be a powerful organization in the affairs of our leading colleges. And too much praise cannot be given our Grand Treasurer, Robert A. Smythe, for his untiring efforts in behalf of II K. A. He is a man like all the rest of us and

with him as our model, and following in the way he leads, we can rise to higher things for the "Garnet and Old Gold." He wants co-operation, and should he get it, he will place II K. A. where she belongs—at the head of all fraternities. We had gathered in Richmond as fine a set of men as I have ever seen, and men, all of whom II K. A. could point to with pardonable pride.

To hear the annual reports read and to learn that II K. A. is taking a stand in college life that is second to none was indeed gratifying. That we have a grand old frat.; that we have noble brothers in the bonds, no man that saw or met the members of the 1907 Convention of II K. A. can in truth deny. I love them all, and in the days to come I will recall the hours spent with my brothers of the Garnet and Old Gold with a fondness that is almost akin to reverence. I will recall the scene with pride, knowing that II K. A. has within its folds men whose ideals are high and whose hearts are true.

And as those brothers gathered 'round that festal board, each one with a heart filled with love for his brother and with pride for his fraternity, I felt as I never felt before. Brothers from all over the Sunny Southland were assembled together under one roof and 'round one board, and they made a picture that is imprinted upon my memory in letters of gold. And I saw, as it were, our grand old Fraternity, not as she is to-day, but as she will be in the near future—supreme in all our Sunny Southland, with handsome chapter houses and with a loyal alumni that will stand shoulder to shoulder with the active organizations of our colleges. Every member of II K. A. can be a factor in this grand work, if he will.

But, yet, let us not forget the parting hours of the Convention, when, with song and oratory intermingling, this event was brought to a conclusion. And when the body assembled, rose *en masse* and sang in one accord the strains of Auld Lang Syne there were tears in my eyes, but the beauty and the grandeur of the scene will linger when all else has faded away.

So, amid the strains of college songs, was drawn the curtain

over the last scene of the Convention of II K. A. in Richmond, May 3, 1907—a Convention that was successful.

SAMUEL W. LACY,
Alumnus of Omicron.

May 16, 1907.

IT is only natural that the Fraternity should warmly congratulate itself upon the Convention just held in Richmond, for, viewed in every light, it was a successful meeting, the attendance and enthusiasm being all that could be desired.

A genuine Pi feeling of brotherhood pervaded and characterized the Convention, and must have impressed all those who value the true fraternal spirit. It is seldom that in so large a gathering, drawn from institutions of widely varying interests, will one find men who have an interest so strong, and the true Pi-ism certainly prevailed at the Richmond meeting.

As one of the men remarked, it could not but be a source of gratification that, while there were differences of opinion among the delegates on the questions considered, there, nevertheless, reigned supreme that fraternal feeling which signifies that the men were animated by the same purpose, to do what would issue in the best results for the Fraternity.

No one who was thrown in intimate contact with the delegates could fail to observe the fine character of the men and their exalted sense of honor and duty. Truly, the body was representative of the best that there is in Pi Kappa Alpha.

The deliberations of the Convention were careful, and conservatism marked the actions of all the men. The discussions on the questions to be settled were general and thorough, and it is confidently believed that lasting and beneficial results will follow the conference, and that to the Richmond meeting future Pi's will attribute a widespread interest among the members, active and alumni, which will make for the strengthening of Pi Kappa Alpha.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to be present at such an en-

thusiastic Convention, and to see the phenomenal growth which has attended the Fraternity since the last Convention.

HUGH M. McALLISTER,
Grand Secretary.

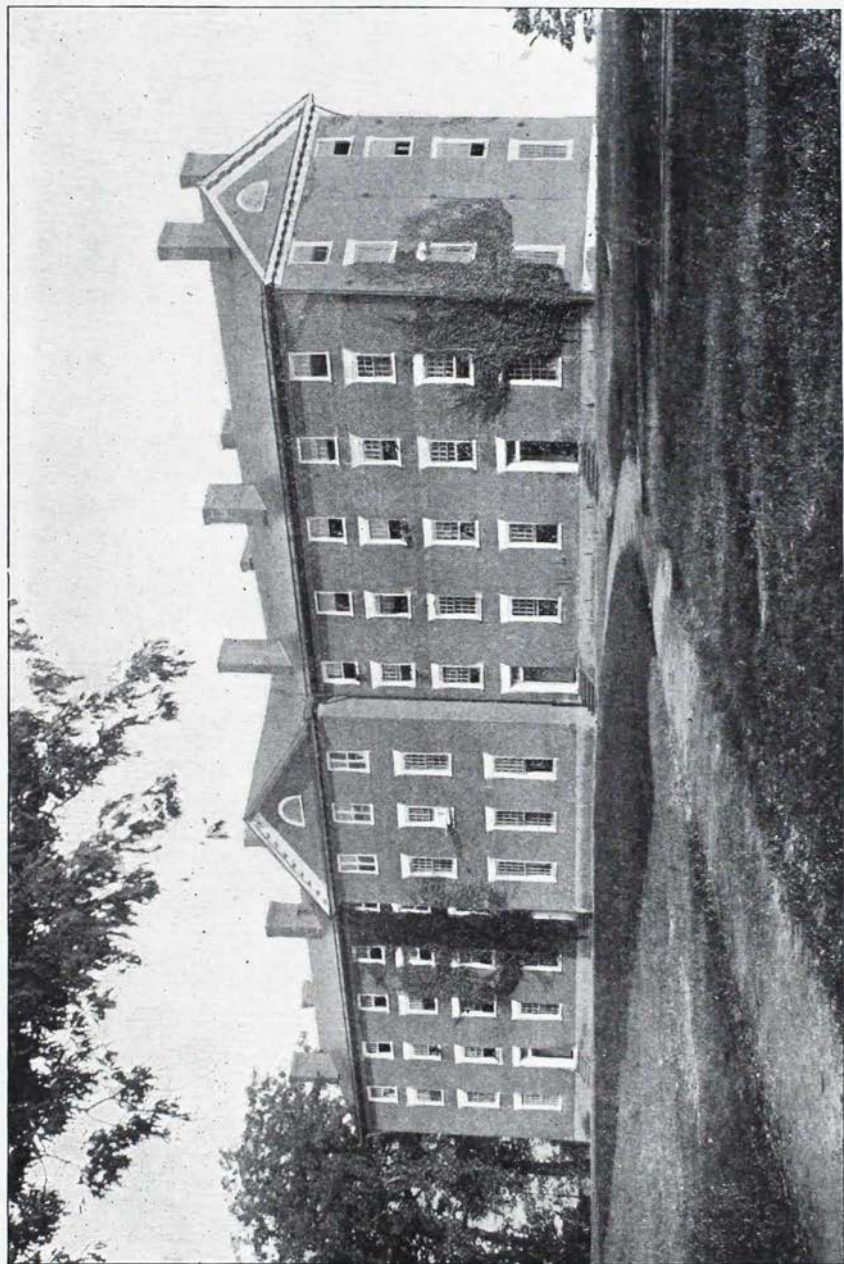
Impressions (Department head) by hand.

WHILE attending our Convention, held in Richmond, I heard our brother, Robert A. Smythe, request the delegates to send him an article giving their impressions of the Convention. As I am not a delegate, I paid no attention to the request. This morning, to my surprise, a letter came, signed by Brother Smythe, in which he begs to renew his request for an article, and that said article be sent *by return mail*. Guess I'll have to obey, or be fined.

What impressed me most at the Convention was the delightful spirit of harmony which prevailed over all of the sessions, guided its deliberations, and clothed its conclusions.

I have seen Conventions of greater numbers, and perhaps richer, but it has never been my pleasure to meet a better-looking nor more intelligent set of young men. They bear testimony to the worth of our Fraternity, and they are an evidence of its present prosperity and its future success.

Much work was accomplished, and, in my opinion, there was not one thing done which will in any way or degree retard the progress of the Fraternity, but will greatly advance and improve our Order; and while the next Convention is two years hence, yet I am persuaded by the present condition of the Fraternity and the rapid improvements that are being made to declare that it will be the greatest Convention we have ever held. Our Convention was indeed a splendid success. And while I enjoyed all the meetings, I also enjoyed my stay in Richmond; and allow me in closing to thank all in attendance for the friendly hand extended; for, constituted as I am, friendship is an essential element of my life's food. And whether in Convention or on the streets, or in the homes of my friends, I found a bountiful supply in Richmond. Go where I may, I shall carry



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with me in my heart an affectionate recollection of the friends and brothers I met. Wherever I meet any member of that body in the future, I shall feel that I meet a true "Pi" and an honored man, and I know that he will meet a friend.

DEANE HUNDLEY,
Alumnus of Omicron.

ANY Pi Kappa Alpha who once attends a Convention of his Fraternity will always desire to attend every other one. It was a great Convention we had in Richmond—great in numbers, great in pleasure and enthusiasm, and great in accomplishments. No one present will ever forget it. Pi Kappa Alpha is always at home in Richmond, the capital city of the State of its birth. It was like going home to visit Richmond, with her scores of big-hearted and open-armed Pi Kappa Alphas—from the handsome and enthusiastic youths to men whose faces are furrowed and hair silver-streaked from years of honorable labor and patriotic service; from the college boy in his teens to the alumnus of the '70's, and even the next Governor of Virginia.

It has now been ten years since my active fraternity life closed with the death of Xi, cut down in full bloom by adverse legislation, and I did not fully realize the wonderful growth of Pi Kappa Alpha during those intervening years until the recent Convention in Richmond. With a mere handful of chapters in the '90's, Pi Kappa Alpha now has her banner on almost every Southern College wall where the men to practice her teachings and precepts can be found. What impressed me most of all at the Convention was the unmistakable evidence from the personnel of the representatives of the various chapters and their excellent detailed reports that the growth of the Fraternity has been steady, stable, and along the line of the best conservatism. I never saw a finer set of college men than we had in the Convention hall, and from the reports we find that the chapters are all in excellent shape. Numerically none of the chapters are too large for the enrollment of their institutions, but are all strong and enthusiastic and making records of which the Fraternity should be proud. From the college honors reported for

the chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha it is very evident that what is left will make long division among the other fraternities and the non-frats.

I never attended a Convention of our Fraternity before, but in days gone by I have been an enthusiastic reader of the proceedings. I do not believe that we ever had a larger and better Convention in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha. It was most remarkable in many respects. Just think of a Fraternity Convention with every Grand Officer present and every chapter represented! Did it ever happen before? Then, to make the cup of joy overflow, our Grand Treasurer, a veritable Napoleon of finance, reported that not a single chapter owed a cent, the Fraternity owed absolutely nothing, and there was a large amount in the treasury.

The work of the Convention was routine, of course, to a great extent, but at the same time interesting to all of us. It was truly gratifying to note the encouraging reports of the accomplishments and progress of the various chapters. Some changes were made in the Constitution and By-Laws as to territorial limits, etc., but the fundamental principles of Pi Kappa Alpha are still the same, and all of us still have the same precepts before us and the same stars to guide us in our lives and conduct. While there were differences of opinion on matters in the Convention, while some wanted expansion, and some did not, yet strong as were the contentions of the advocates on the two sides of this and other matters, the utmost harmony prevailed throughout. There was in all things that magnanimity that characterizes the true Pi Kappa Alpha wherever you find him.

To Omicron Chapter and the Alumni of Richmond we are indebted for the handsome banquet in the beautiful hall of the Westmoreland Club. This was a fitting finale to a most successful Convention. The pleasant task of toast-master fell upon our Grand Treasurer, Robert A. Smythe, whose loyalty to Pi Kappa Alpha through times of adversity has to a great extent made the Fraternity what it is to-day. Brother Smythe presided with the ease and grace of the true Charlestonian that he

is, and proposed numerous and appropriate toasts. The responses were well and happily made, fraternity spirit ran high, and before we left we drank a double health to Pi Kappa Alpha. Those present will never forget the occasion.

There is not one who attended the Convention who does not now think more of his Fraternity than he did before, and who does not see for it a future even more glorious than the present.

J. GORDON HUGHES,
Grand Chancellor.

REGARDING my impression of the Convention, I did not have the pleasure of attending but one meeting, but that one meeting and the splendid banquet on Friday night made me prouder of being a Pi than I had ever been before. I was very much impressed by the *personnel* of the men from the various chapters. Almost all of them struck me as being *solid* men—men whose lives and characters evidently counted for something in their respective college communities.

I can hardly express my great pleasure in meeting the members of the Grand Council. A finer set of men it has not been my pleasure to meet for a long time, and I feel confident that the grand old Fraternity will go on "from strength to strength" under their well and able leadership.

I intend to get in line and subscribe to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, for I do not care to lose sight of old "Pi" in the future as I have during the past few years.

T. C. DARST,
Alumnus of Phi.

THE one thing which marked the Convention, to my mind, was the harmonious, brotherly spirit which prevailed. When there would be a division on a question each side would do its best to make the Convention see things their way, and at times the feeling would seem bitter, but after the vote all would be over. It was a band of brothers working to one object—the betterment of II. K. A.—even if they sometimes went at it from different points.

The men impressed me as being an extraordinary fine body. It was a Convention of Southern gentlemen. The chapter reports were very encouraging, showing that II. K. A. is well up in the front in the matter of college honors. And a thing which impressed me in these reports was that with one or two exceptions the chapters have a bright future before them. It was pleasing to note that a great many are looking to the establishing of chapter houses—an item which is becoming more and more important in the life of a chapter. The move towards the establishing of a chapter house fund was a good one. A great number of the chapters will in time require houses for their very existence, and it is none too soon for us to make preparations for that time.

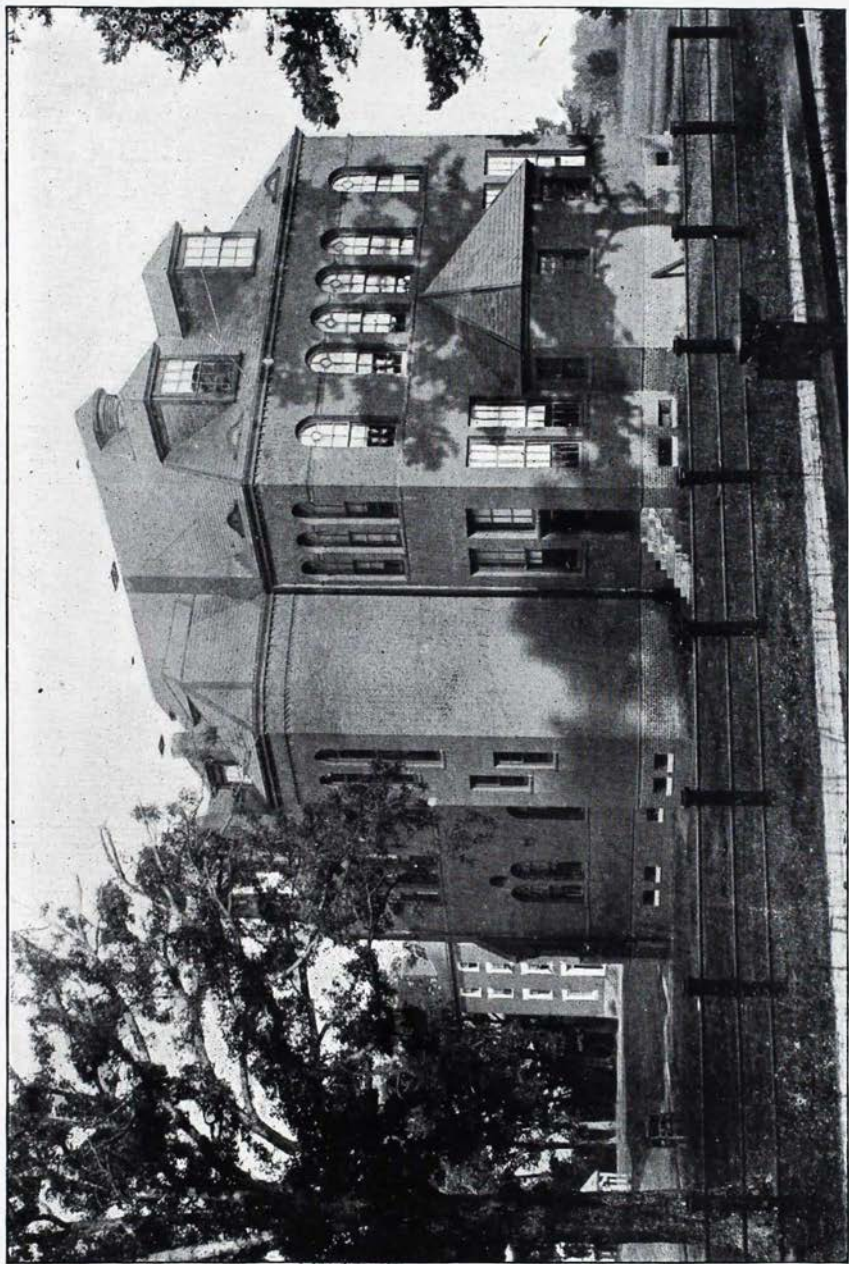
The steps taken towards improving the SHIELD AND DIAMOND were timely. We need to keep in touch with the movements of other frats., and the exchange department will be a good move. We should also know what our older brothers are doing, and I think the Alumni department will be an interesting feature.

The social side of the Convention was a great feature. Goodwill was everywhere, and friendships formed there will long be remembered. The hospitality shown us could hardly have been surpassed, and we are certainly indebted to the local Pi for their royal manner of entertaining.

I could not close without reference to our Grand Officers. It was a great pleasure to meet and know them personally. Too much praise cannot be given these men for the interest they have taken and are taking in the Fraternity, and the good work they are doing. We are fortunate indeed in having such men at the helm.

This was my first experience at a Convention, but I earnestly hope 'twill not be the last. Let me say to all Pi's: If you want to be inspired to a greater love and better efforts for your Fraternity; if you want to meet a fine body of men; if you want to have a good time, go to a II. K. A. Convention.

MARION G. WILLIS, JR.,
Alumnus of Omicron.



MEMORIAL HALL, Hampden-Sidney College, Virginia

J. GRAY MCALLISTER, PRESIDENT (IOTA)

BEING so near at hand, I availed myself of the opportunity of attending the Convention held in Richmond on May 1. Those who had the pleasure of being there know too well the brilliant success that crowned our meeting as a whole, and I feel sure the impressions thereby made upon them will forever remain fresh in their minds, and often recall fond memories of that glorious occasion where so much fraternity spirit, as only Pi Kaps can show, was so noticeable.

You no doubt have heard through your delegates a complete account of the business proceedings and successful outcome of the Convention, so it is needless for me to go into detail, but cannot restrain from expressing my sentiments, which were so thoroughly aroused by the unlimited display of enthusiasm in Richmond, which bids fair to a bright future for Pi Kappa Alpha.

Wishing every one of you a happy summer, and hoping to see you at the next Convention, I am,

Faithfully yours in the bonds,

W. W. HARGRAVE,
Alumnus of Pi.

THE unity of the Fraternity was the most prominent feature of the Convention. The good-fellowship and spirit among the delegates and alumni, though they represented colleges which are most widely differentiated, and of a most heterogenous class, was unsurpassable. The advocates of expansion, even when it was killed, accepted it with the best of spirit and were as zealous as ever for the Fraternity.

The fact that this was the first Convention at which every chapter was represented, and every Grand Officer present with good reports from all, shows that II. K. A. is in a better condition than ever before.

The one bad feature of the Fraternity, as shown by the Convention, is its lack of information about its alumni and their lack of interest in the Fraternity. Even now the former condition is being very greatly remedied by the work of our Grand Historiographer.

A. M. HENRY,
Alumnus of Alpha-Eta.

THERE are few indeed, if any, that have not during their lives attended a family re-union, and it would be a useless waste of time and printer's ink for the writer to attempt comment upon the many and varied pleasures that one has upon such an occasion, but he will chance this statement, viz., there is not one who attended the recent Convention of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity (Pi family re-union) at the Jefferson Hotel in that Historical City on the James, Richmond, Va., who will not testify that it was a gathering which has never been surpassed, if it has ever been equaled. It furnished everything that a family re-union would, and "then some."

Among the things which struck the writer as being of great interest to the Alumni was the class of men who are yearly being added to the Fraternity roll-call. They are indeed the pick of the various colleges which they attend, and will in future years add strength to the Fraternity. Every one a Pi, not because he wore the "*Shield and Diamond*," but because he understood the principals upon which our beloved Fraternity is founded, and realized that he must not lack any of the qualities that his brothers possessed.

The writer had the pleasure of attending several of the sessions, and was impressed at the spirit exhibited by the delegates. Pi spirit seemed to crop out, whether they were listening to the reports of committees or the eloquence of some delegate or Alumni, or they themselves were advocating some move in language well chosen and breathing the interest of II. K. A.

It was also very gratifying to those who are not active to note the hearty co-operation of the Grand Officers with plans and suggestions of the delegates, and *vice versa*. This method of "doing things" means that much will be accomplished for the benefit of the Fraternity.

The Grand Officers are entitled to the heartiest thanks of the Fraternity for the way they handled the work, and the firm foundation upon which they have placed II. K. A. No delegate in attendance showed more enthusiasm than did those Grand Officers. One would have thought that it was the report of their own chapters that was being given. We have no

fears for Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity as long as such a body of Pis are behind it.

The delegation from Pi proved that they were very distinguished Pis, being Pis twice over. They also proved that they knew a thing or two about entertaining. They made us feel the need of Pi songs and Pi yells.

In conclusion, the writer wishes to say that if any doubt the success of the Convention, or that peace and harmony did not prevail from Alpha to Omega, ask any man who attended the Convention, or sat down to that delightful Pi repast at the Westmoreland Club, and if he does not tell you the same thing, and then enlarge upon it, he don't deserve to be one of those who wear the *Shield and Diamond*.

BEN F. STEED,
Alumnus of Sigma.

The Convention cannot be fitly described. The fortunate ones who attended it came away with many profound impressions far beyond expression. But perhaps the alumni there were most impressed with the strength of the Fraternity, with its vigor and exultant life. We expected to meet the finest body of college men that ever met in the South, but we were hardly prepared to find their organization the perfect working, forceful body that it is. We recalled the days when the all-important question at the Convention was the question of the very existence of the Fraternity itself; when many chapters were not represented, and when most of the reports were doleful tales of woe. And we found the Fraternity, supreme in the land of its nativity, seeking new lands to conquer. Every chapter represented, and every report a report of progress and prosperity!

We met the men from our old struggling chapters and found them the resourceful representatives of strength and success. We met the same kind of men from new chapters. We learned how efficiently the Fraternity was officered; how well it had been led and governed. Our pride was immeasurable!

The good times we had there are over, but we will never forget them, the unfortunate man who stayed at home will never

know what he missed. We cannot successfully tell him what we saw and did. But we can tell him, with all the force that we can muster, and with all the sincerity with which one brother may speak to another, that it behooves him to get to the next Convention. No matter what sacrifice he makes to get there it is nothing when compared to the one he makes when he stays at home. Let those who have never attended a Convention go to New Orleans for the next one, and they will leave it as much alive in fraternal spirit as they were on that memorable night when Billy brought them across the border. We who attended this one will never miss another.

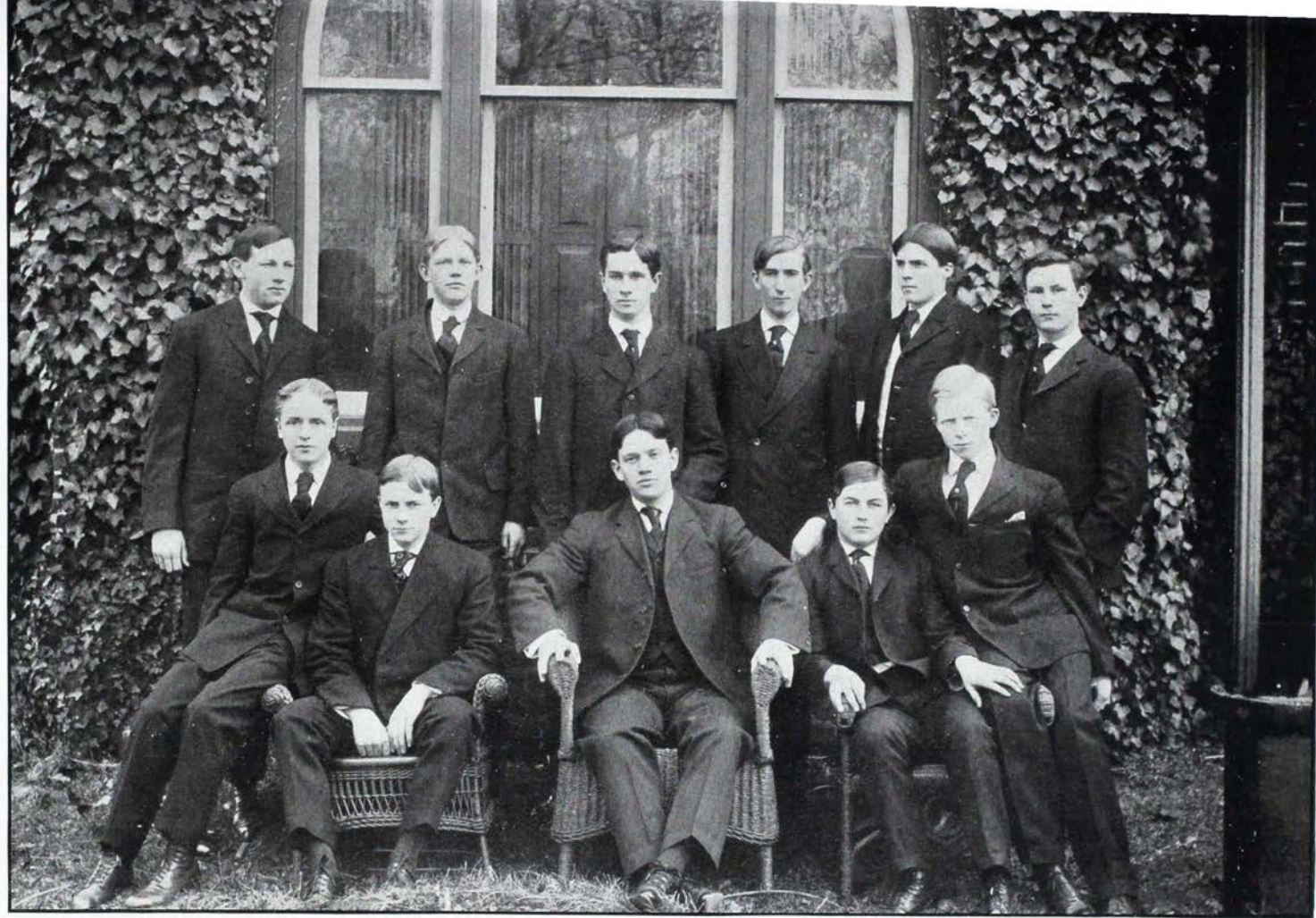
W. G. RIDDICK,
Alumnus of Pi.

DEAR BROTHER SMYTHE,—If I had been asked for an article for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND a month ago, I should probably have passed the letter over to the long end of the firm and asked him if he didn't know of something to write.

Since going to the Convention, however, I turn to my check book and write a check for two dollars, my subscription to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, which I enclose herewith, and then proceed to say to every Alumnus that he can get a bigger piece of pure enjoyment at one of our Conventions for his money than anywhere else in the United States.

I wish to talk directly to my fellow-sinners, the majority of the Alumni Pis. And to begin with I will make my own confession. I had come to regard my fraternity as just one of the golden memories of my student days, but concerning me very little, now that I was out in the matter-of-fact world, where the half Bohemian and half school boy life of the college man was a thing of the past. I was content to have one copy of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND come to the firm. But the Convention has changed all this. I found there that there was no need for a fellow to leave his college life so far behind, nor to get so old and dignified in a few years.

But I was asked to write of my impressions of the Convention. I have neither the time, nor the space to write of more than



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one, and that shall be the one which pleased me most, *i. e.*, the beautiful spirit in which delegates accepted their defeat in the different contests for the matters they believed most necessary of adoption. They bowed as gracefully to what was only a constitutional majority as if they had been vastly out-voted. Though they failed, by reason of the two-thirds vote required for a change of the Constitution in some of the matters discussed, they showed themselves men, and I wish to congratulate them.

In conclusion, I again say to the Alumni men, come to the Convention next time and bring some of the fellows who went to college with you. If you really enjoyed college life when you were at college, you will find that this trip will be more than worth your while.

R. HOLMAN WILLIS.

Alumnus of Omicron.

MY impressions of the Richmond Convention must necessarily be very briefly expressed, for I was unable to attend more than two of the sessions. What I regretted most of all was my inability to attend even the banquet, for impressions made around that festive board are deep and lasting. I shall never forget the one in Nashville in 1903.

The strongest impression received from the Richmond Convention is this: We are growing; progress is the watch-word. If progress is the watch-word, then let us put our shoulders to the wheel, determined to make it turn. But one word of caution. Let us, with all our getting, get the very best. Some fraternities seem to have the idea that numbers are everything. If we must sacrifice quality or quantity—if we can't have both—let us keep quality.

J. HOGE SMITH,

Alumnus of Mu.

THE Convention of 1907 is over and a thing of the past, but the recollections of the men we met there and of the hospitality

shown us by the Richmond Alumni and Omicron Chapter will always live with us.

We may well be proud of this Convention—the largest in the history of the Fraternity. The *personnel* of the Convention could not but impress us all most favorably. A more representative looking body of men I have seldom seen gathered together anywhere. Particularly pleasing was the II. K. A. spirit of good-fellowship, which prevailed throughout the whole Convention.

I believe that as a result of the work accomplished there the Fraternity will, soon grow stronger, both internally and externally, and will be better equipped than ever before to uphold and maintain the standards of II. K. A.

In conclusion, too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the officers of our Supreme Council, who have so faithfully and zealously guarded our interests in the past, and in whom we have put our trust for the next two years. It was a genuine pleasure to meet and know these men, of whom we had heard so much, and I think that all will join me in saying that to their untiring efforts and zeal we may ascribe much of the success of the Convention of 1907.

THOS. J. WILLIAMS, *Alpha*.

AMONG the many and varied things which were seen and heard at the Convention it would be difficult indeed to say which was the most impressive. But, taking all things into consideration, I think that the general feeling of good-fellowship which characterized the discussions was, more than anything else, calculated to inculcate a sincere pride in our Fraternity; for this was indicative of union, and in union there is strength. Indeed, this is one of the fundamental principles of our Order, by virtue of which we hold our exalted position in the Greek world.

We have attained this position, and may hope to hold it, on account of the calibre of our members. For of all young men college men are the best; of these Fraternity men in general are

the cream, and of these II. K. A. are the *creme de la creme*.

Our recent Convention is the only one ever held in which each chapter was represented by one or more delegates, and at which the entire Supreme Council was present. Too much cannot be said in commendation of the interest in Fraternity affairs which this plainly shows.

With a full representation much better work can be done for the good of the Order, and this is considered by many as our most successful Convention.

New Orleans is a long distance for many of us, and 1909 is equally far in future for us all. But this gives ample time for making preparations. So let every II. K. A. make up his mind now that he will attend the next Convention, and let him be assured of the most profitable, as well as the most enjoyable time of his life.

A. R. MUSTIN, *Beta*.

It was my privilege to attend the first biennial Convention of Pi Kappa Alpha held in the historic Capital of old Virginia on May 1st, 2d and 3d, and it was truly a privilege.

My first impression of the Convention, and one that grew upon me as the Convention progressed, was the universal feeling of good-fellowship among the delegates and the evident aim of all—which was the advancing of the interests of our noble Order in the bonds of which we are united in a band of brothers.

Probably that which impressed me most at the Convention was the *personnel* of our Supreme Council, and the way in which they organized the Convention, started the business and kept up interest in the work that we were gathered there to do. Too much praise cannot be given to these men who have devoted their time and talents to their Fraternity, and as long as we have men such as these to lead us and direct our efforts Pi Kappa Alpha and her interests is bound to advance.

As a representative body of men the recent Convention cannot be surpassed, and we certainly have in our ranks the pick of the South. This fact was commented upon by outsiders as

well as being a matter of great pride to the delegates assembled.

The most important business transacted, to my mind, was the plan to further interest among the Alumni in the active work of the Fraternity, and the improvement of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. These will greatly strengthen our Fraternity internally, for with the Alumni keeping in touch with the active work of the Order and more good articles being written for our official organ, and a more attractive cover design for it, the active members will be roused to greater activity. To attend a Convention of this kind is indeed a pleasure and a privilege, and one which cannot be enjoyed from a distance, so let every II. K. A. that possibly can be at New Orleans in 1909. In the meantime let us all work together for the upbuilding and strengthening of ours, the best fraternity in the South, internally and externally, so that the next Convention may be the best yet.

JOHN MCSWEEN, JR., *Beta*.

At the Convention in Richmond a number of important things occurred, but in reviewing them not any appealed to us so strongly as did the manifestation of fraternal love. This seems to us a true test of strength, for men to be so zealous in their pleadings for a principle and have their efforts fail and yet show no feeling. I say if men are so tied together as this, then we must all join the chorus that sings, "Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in love." Of course, this experience was old to those who were fortunate enough to have been at previous Conventions, but we had never before realized the definition of love, and we congratulate ourselves again and again upon the fact that we were participants in such a glorious experience.

We believe the *personnel* was all that could be asked; we never saw a cleaner bunch of men together. In regard to the work done, there were so many happenings of importance that we are almost lost in attempting to enumerate them; however, the compromise on expansion, together with the improvements outlined for magazine, seems to be of inestimable value. The



chapter house fund was a great step toward the establishment of houses. The increase in attendance and general improvements in the Fraternity can be told better by those who have had a richer experience, like the Grand Officers, notwithstanding, we "subs" (by permission) are convinced that this was the greatest Convention Pi Kappa Alpha ever had, and some valuable and lasting points were gained by us. Gamma says II. K. A. forever.

R. B. DADE, *Gamma*.

ALTHOUGH the Convention is still ringing in our ears, we realize with regret that "now 'tis ended, like an old wife's story." 'Tis ended, but not forgotten, nor will the participants soon forget the glorious time when the II.'s of Richmond rejoiced to welcome their brethren to the Old Dominion. No Convention could have been more perfect, if you will allow me to compare perfection. Every detail seemed to have been thoroughly looked into, and no stone left unturned which would have increased our numerous pleasures, or added to our enjoyment. Truly did Omicron and the Alumni of the Capital City exert themselves in characterizing the hospitality always conspicuous in Virginia. Let us pay due tribute to these energetic, enthusiastic, and loyal II.'s for the accomplishment of their commendable work in our behalf.

The most impressive feature of the whole Convention appealed to me as being the friendship and congeniality springing spontaneously, as it were, from the clasp of hands, extended, in the majority of cases, for the first time. Expecting chapter Fraternity spirit to be greatly modified, due to hesitancy, the natural attribute of strangers, it was a most agreeable surprise to see Arkansas and Florida, Louisiana and Virginia harmoniously working for the upbuilding of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Fraternal spirit is our Gibraltar! Upon this rock our beloved Order was founded, and upon it we realize the superstructure must be built. The tide of years may roll on, but as long as the spiritual precedent manifested in Richmond continues un-

shaken we are safe; just so long as the rock remains firm our success is assured.

Speaking in regard to the achievements of the Convention, we almost marvel at the early and successful completion of such a gigantic task. Realizing, primarily, the predominating spirit of "ever onward, upward striving," and working in unison shoulder to shoulder, we understand how this laudable consummation was brought about.

I am afraid, however, I abuse the privilege of saying a few words about those memorable days, so will be brief in expressing my thoughts as to the growth and size of the Fraternity and the improvements. The picture of the Norfolk Convention, held five or six years ago, shows about thirty men assembled. In Richmond there were in the neighborhood of one hundred and fifty. At the time of the Norfolk Convention there were about fifteen chapters. We now have nearly twice that number, and the beauty of it is that in every chapter, additional to the fifteen existing as stated, we have aided ourselves materially. In every instance we have strengthened our reputation and reflected honor, especially on Grand Officers, as well as the whole Fraternity. We will think now of the Convention as the stepping stone to a new era for Pi Kappa Alpha, an era in which we will not only cherish our prestige of the past, but also one in which we will throb with resolute ambition and energy for the betterment of ourselves, our chapters, and our Fraternity.

Our Grand Officers—in closing I want to compliment them—

"The dearest friends * * * *

The best condition'd and unwearied spirits,
In doing courtesies."

FLOYD HUGHES, JR., *Gamma*.

THE first biennial Convention has passed to the records of the Fraternity. To all who attended it was an enjoyable occasion, and we feel sure that the improvements proposed will tell greatly for the success of the Fraternity for the next two years.

So well did the local chapter and Alumni anticipate our wants and wishes that we hope many years will not elapse before we will again behold "On to Richmond" in our magazine. Virginia hospitality is unsurpassable.

With respect to whom respect is due, the most impressive feature of the Convention was the enthusiasm which was evinced by the Supreme Council. How sedulously they guarded the Fraternity's ideals and standard, and strive to promote its happiness and extend its influence and worthy aims into all reputable institutions. Their integrity of purpose and sympathy evidenced in the workings of II. K. A., wherever conscientious attempts are made, is striking. It was an inspiration to be thrown with men of such noble ideals and sterling qualities. Their enthusiasm and efforts to promote every phase of II. K. A. was an admonition to any delinquent, and I am sure proved as an incentive to a more persistent effort. I hope some delegate who is adept at personal description will give us a graphic picture of this noble body of men. I am convinced that it would be worth while.

The next most impressive feature was the oneness of purpose of the entire body. There were differences of opinion, it is true, but when a vote was taken the minority were just as loyal supporters of the decision as were those of the majority. No mad dissensions entered to mar the harmony. All decisions made by vote were final, and both sides vied in supporting them. As long as such a spirit characterizes the Fraternity we have high hopes of its success.

I am sure there has never been a body of young men of its size superior to it. Every delegate and visitor would measure up to II. K. A.'s ideal. All were filled with a desire to promote the Fraternity's interests, and we anticipate a flattering result.

Many improvements were proposed and adopted, and will tell materially for the advancement of the Fraternity.

We hope to see our present chapters strengthened, the inactive ones revived in such instances as is compatible with our

best interests, and a few strong chapters established in our new territory.

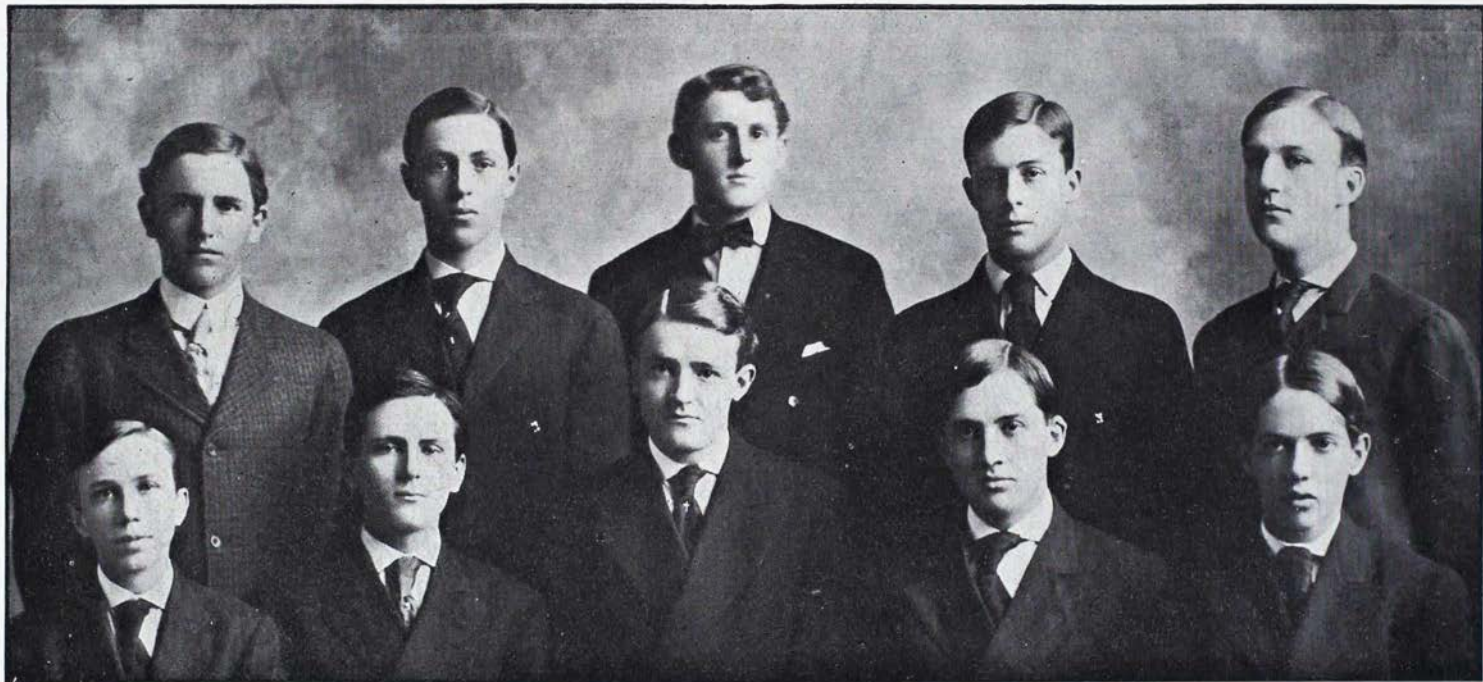
It is our opinion that more time should have been devoted to "chapter workings." Some 'round-table discussion would have proven beneficial to the younger chapters. The workings of the individual chapters is the place to begin work of improving the general Fraternity. Every one of them is a link in the chain of success, and it is pertinent to rectify them individually. Some time might well be devoted to this subject at our next Convention.

Now, in conclusion, every member should attend at least one Convention. There one gets a clearer conception of the true conditions of his Fraternity, and obtains a more definite idea of his personal duty and obligation. When he has attended once he will endeavor to attend the subsequent ones. The Richmond Convention was a great success, and let every II. begin now to plan, that the Convention at New Orleans in 1909 may be a phenomenal one.

Long live II Kappa Alpha!

GEO. M. WATSON, *Delta*.

I CONSIDERED it one of the happiest moments of my life when I was chosen by my chapter as a delegate to the Convention at Richmand. But I hadn't gone, and so a happier one came. There can be nothing more pleasing imagined than the association (even though it be only for a few days) with the bunch of fellows that assembled in the Jefferson on the first day of May. All of mamma's sizes were there, from the six-feet-ten giant (McSween) down to the three-feet-four midget (Underwood). There was Sale, the boy with the curly locks, and Smythe, with none at all; Powers, who was always trying to crack a joke, and once in a while succeeding, and Hugh M. McAllister, the man with the "solemn mien," and Gordon Hughes, the maker and "spouter" of Fraternal jurisprudence, and Hon. Floyd Hughes, the best-looking man on any council of any fraternity, and last and least, too, our distinguished



ALPHA-EPSILON CHAPTER

AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE, WEST RALEIGH, N. C.

Left to right. Top row—Springs, Carpenter, Marshall, Bruner, Beall.

Bottom row—Powell, Bason, Park, Stewart, Hill.

brother, Rev. J. Gray McAllister, the only normal man on the council, the others all being freaks—of the right kind.

The thing that surprised and pleased me most all was the apparent size of the Fraternity. Never having been to a Convention, I had an idea that the Fraternity was a “one-horse” affair in size, but there are twenty-nine of them, all thoroughbreds, too. I was—again I say agreeably surprised.

Above everything else, the work and self-sacrifice of the members of the Supreme Council impressed me. For three days these busy men were in Richmond, away from their business (all but Sale), working day and night (the latter especially Sale) for a bunch of school boys. And not only this, but think of the hours and days they had spent during the last two years—yes, nineteen years—writing letters and begging the boys to do their duty all time, and never a “cuss” word in a letter yet that I ever saw. (I guess the stenographer cut ’em out.) In all sincerity, the Fraternity owes to these men a debt it can only pay by becoming what they so much desire it to become; and I am sure when this is done they will call it square.

Next to this the fraternal spirit of the brothers impressed me most forcibly. Day after day there were debates, sometimes heated ones, too, but as soon as the question was disposed of all with unity and zeal turned to the next item of business. And never did a discussion get so heated that the opposing brothers forgot for onemoment their fraternal feeling. Not in all the three days in convention room, on the street, or elsewhere, did I hear one unkind word or one word that showed anything but the very best spirit. In fact, the feeling was so good that one brother actually was so brotherly or motherly as to give another a shampoo which the other got free of charge.

To sum up, I think there is no other college fraternity on the face of this green earth in which there is better feeling, and none I am sure which has better officers, and no chapter in the Fraternity more hospitable than Omicron.

I. A. VINCENT, *Zeta*.

THOSE of us who could attend that epoch-making event in the history of our Fraternity, our recent and greatest Convention, were fortunate indeed. Of course, we expected it to be up to Pi Kappa Alpha's usual standard of excellence, but the writer never imagined for a moment that such a Convention could be put through the various phases of business meetings and social functions without a single hitch. He probably did not know the Supreme Council and the Virginia people as he does now.

Without any exception, the most gratifying feature of the gathering was its matchless *personnel*. It made one's heart bound with joy to look about and everywhere to meet the gaze of manly, polished, cultured men, the very best that our America produces, and all brothers. What a wonderful mission old Pi has performed in uniting such a body of men.

In this same vein, far too little has been said of our Supreme Council and Grand Officers. We do sometimes hear of their untiring efforts and unselfish sacrifices in devoting so much time and energy to our cause. But something should be told to our brothers who have not met them—of the calibre of these men. They are not only devoted and energetic, but are men of remarkable intellect, the highest culture, and the most practical methods, a rare combination indeed.

To discuss the work accomplished by the Convention would be rather presumptuous on the part of those who took part in the business sessions. It is rather for the Fraternity at large to commend or condemn our actions. Whatever the prevailing sentiment, we would like to tell our brothers that nothing was done hastily or without due consideration; the best interest of the Fraternity was the only end sought; selfishness was singularly absent, and we did the very best we could.

The size of the Convention was particularly pleasing. Never before has such a number of Pis been present in Convention to transact the business and promote the good-fellowship of our frat. This remarkable increase in numbers was due to a great extent to the ever-increasing enthusiasm of the various chapters, but also to our loyal Virginia, Tennessee, and Carolina Alumni,

who left their businesses to swell the ranks of the Convention. Thanks to them for their excellent and mature advice.

The most vital part (the very life) of a Fraternity is true brotherly spirit. It makes possible the very existence of our noble Order. No grander specimen of this spirit was ever shown than in Richmond on May 2, 1907. Men argued the most vital issue of our future life with a fervor that made their voices ring with emotion; their whole soul was in the issue. To hear the tense arguments and inspired oratory, it seemed that whichever way the issue went the opposing side would be crestfallen and disheartened; but not so. The vote was cast; some had carried their point, others had not; but, no matter, all were brothers as hearty and cherry as before. Not one atom of hard-feeling existed; the champions of one side locked arms with those of the other, and remembered only that they were brothers.

RALPH CLIFTON PATTON, *Eta*.

I SHALL never forget my attendance at the Convention in Richmond. I am sure I shall never enjoy any trip more, and the Convention was its chiefest feature. I was especially pleased to see so much mutual understanding and such accurate harmony among all the members. In the most heated arguments and closest contents I do not remember the slightest bitterness. The welfare of the Fraternity seemed to be the paramount consideration in every session.

Nor do I believe that any previous Convention has surpassed this one in strength of manhood and excellence of character. I believe every delegate is highly worthy to possess the "*Shield and Diamond*." I think, too, that the work accomplished in Richmond will greatly benefit our beloved Order. The contemplated enlargement of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, the prospected chapter house fund, the happy solution of the expansion problem—these measures will prove of invaluable help to our Fraternity.

In so short an article I find difficulty in compassing my recollections of the Convention. It was my first, but I am sure it

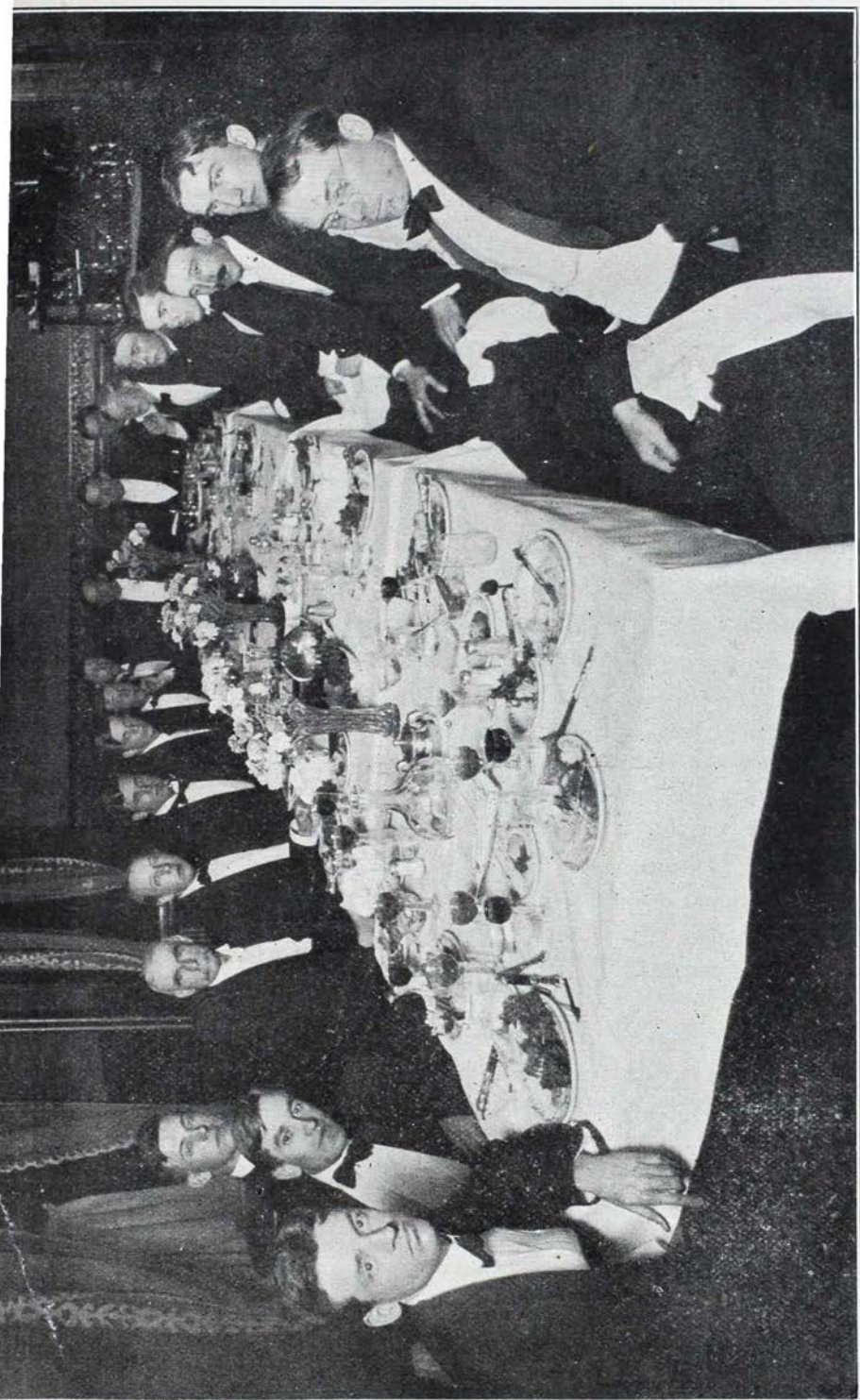
shall not be my last. The attendance, the genial spirit, the working efficiency, were far beyond my expectation.

I hope to meet every member of the Richmond Convention in New Orleans in 1909.

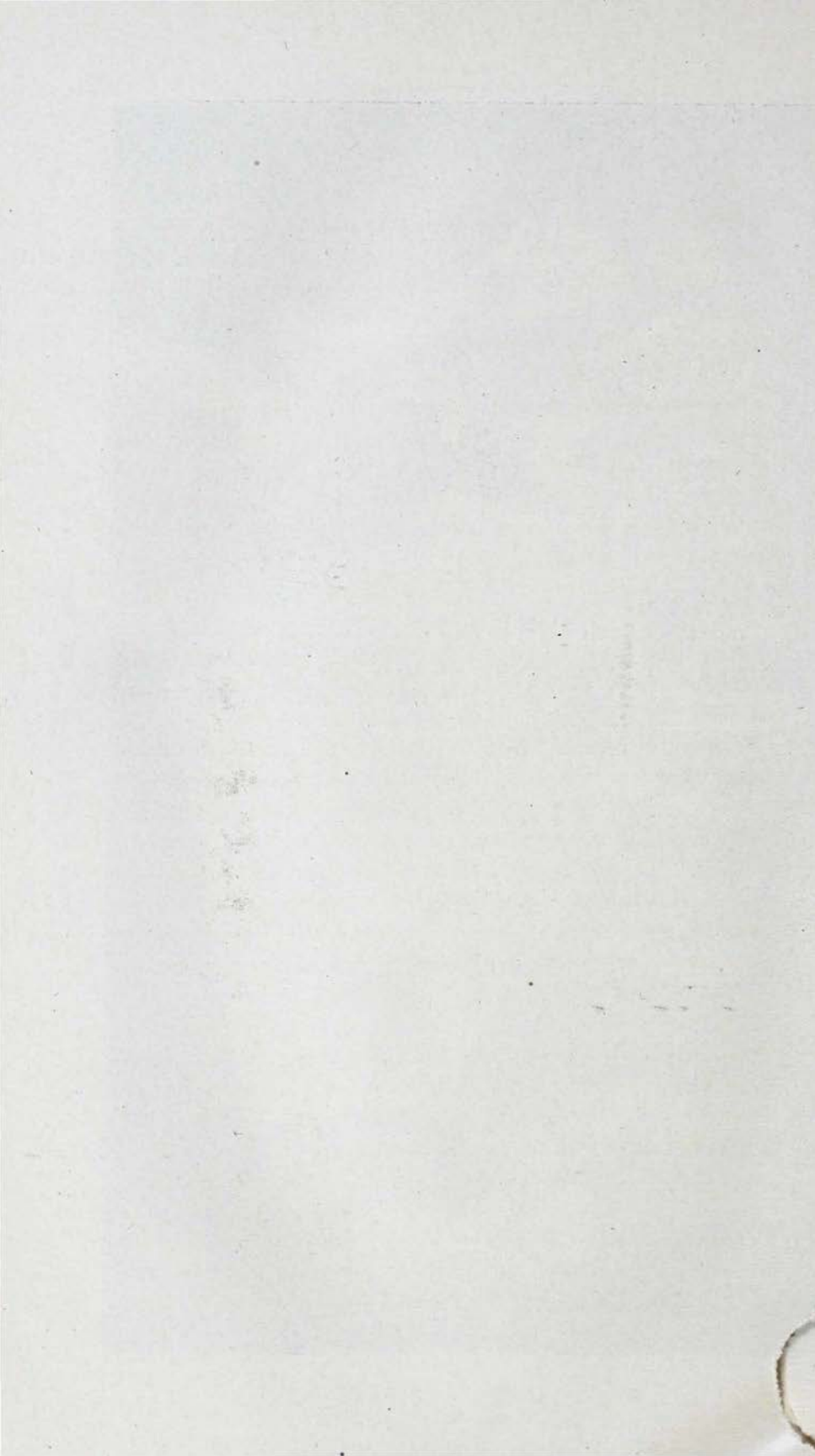
GEO. W. CURRIE, *Theta*.

IN old age we will delight to revel in sweet memories of by-gone days; and to those of us fortunate enough to be present at the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of Pi Kappa Alpha's existence the impressions there made will be fresh in our minds long after our heads have whitened. And if we (some of whom had never before attended one of these delightful meetings) were agreeably surprised at our proportions as exemplified by the large number of delegates present, how very gratifying must it have been to those who had viewed her progress from infancy. Never, perhaps, in the history of our beloved Order has her future looked brighter—a fact clearly manifested by the spirit exhibited at the recent Convention convened in behalf of her welfare. There were assembled in that upper room men bound together by the strongest ties of friendship and brotherly love. They had come—some of them, at least—from distant realms of our Sunny Southland; and why had they journeyed so far? Was there no purpose in it all? Ah! yes; 'twas simply because of their deep interest in and loyal affinity to the doctrines of II. K. A. that they had come to the Capital of the Confederacy to deliberate upon methods for the advancement of that Fraternity whose secrets lay hidden in the inmost recesses of their hearts. And they fulfilled their purpose, for no step was taken without due deliberation. They were indeed a band of brothers, all striving towards the same goal—the onward and upward advancement of Pi Kappa Alpha. Their interests were not personal, for had such been the case, after some hard-fought motion was lost, there would probably have existed a certain amount of rebellious spirit; but this was never the case for a moment.

To the members of the new chapters the advancement of our



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beloved Order may not have been very evident, but to those of us who have had access to the first *Dagger and Key*, and there read of the mere handful of men who composed our first Convention, and of the limited work which they accomplished, it comes home with all its potency.

That dear old II. K. A. is speeding joyfully on her way is a fact that no man in attendance upon the recent meetings can doubt. Nor is that all. So long as every member, active and alumni as well, remembers his duty to his chapter and the chapter its duty to the Fraternity at large, just so long will the garnet and old gold continue to float on high—an incentive to nobler efforts and higher ideals.

P. TULANE ATKINSON, *Iota*.

THE first biennial Convention of Pi Kappa Alpha is the only Convention of the Fraternity that I have had the pleasure of attending, and am sure it will not be my last one.

I would like to say to those who did not come to the Richmond Convention, come to the next one, and you will find there a bunch of fellows and a Supreme Council that have the interest of Pi Kappa Alpha at heart.

What impressed me most at the Convention was the general make-up of the fellows and the excellent reports that came from each chapter. Wherever there is a chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha they stand for something. A more congenial lot of fraternity men I don't believe you could find anywhere.

I was also convinced at the Convention that there is a great future for II. K. A., and that there is something for each and every II. to do in the way of advancing the interests of his Fraternity. So let's be up and doing, that we may be able to put our Fraternity where she rightly belongs.

JOHN U. FIELD, *Kappa*.

THE Convention at Richmond will be ever in the minds of those who were present as one of the most enjoyable events of his life. Not because the old city of Richmond was so beautiful

and stood in the past, and is now standing, as the proud mistress of the South; not because all things necessary for comfort and pleasure was at our command; not because a delightful trip to the great Exposition was anticipated; not because the crowd of men was the largest since the Fraternity has been in existence; not because we found so much Southern hospitality waiting to give us a cordial welcome, such as only a Southerner can fully appreciate, but because of the fact that from every act, every move made by every man in the Convention—yes, from every eye one could read the heart of every man and know that he was a Fraternity man every inch of him, and that he believed, or, in other words, knew that he was attending a Convention second to none that has been called by any Fraternity in any country. From those very acts, moves, looks, and all things which so clearly defined the heart we could easily understand that every man present had the interest of his Fraternity at heart and was working for the same great cause—to be a true Fraternity man and a Southern gentleman. But the greatest thing of all that impressed me was the determination, which stood so plain upon the countenance of every man, to be every inch not only a Fraternity man and a gentleman, but a true II. K. A., and to stand by her in every way known to the human mind, and to strive always to keep her banner as spotless as it now stands.

W. H. WHITLEY, *Kappa*.

THAT which impressed me most at the Convention was the great work which our Grand Officers are doing. While I had always thought that these loyal II. K. A.'s were doing a great work, I had not realized that they were so full of enthusiasm, so eager to work, and were giving so much of their time, not, as it seems to me, for a salary, not for the mere fact that it is a great honor to be a grand officer, but for the love and interest they have for dear old II. K. A. Who can wonder that this Fraternity has grown so fast and strong, when they see the untiring efforts of such men as our Supreme Council is composed of? I think this should be an incentive to every II. to redouble his

efforts in II. K. A.'s interest and let her glory ring throughout the "Sunny South," her beautiful home.

Then, again, the way the representatives worked *collectively* for the Fraternity shows that their efforts are for the welfare of II. K. A. as a whole, and not in their own individual chapters.

The plan for the chapter house fund, I think, is an ideal one, for this is plainly one of the most insistent needs of the Fraternity; and, although it may be several years before the mature benefit of this plan can be derived, yet when it is complete we can look back then, as now, with great pride at the growth of our Fraternity.

As to the size of the Convention, it was much larger than I expected, and it greatly enlarged my views of Fraternal life. I only hope that every other Convention which is held will be so near perfect.

E. L. POWER, *Mu*.

OF all the impressive features of the Convention the one that I think deserves first place, or should be expressed in the superlative degree, is the earnest and fervent feeling displayed by our Grand (using both meanings) Officers and by other alumni, and especially by those who have not been connected for a long time with an active chapter. Such enthusiasm is the strongest stimulant possible. The knowledge that men who are busy, and upon whom many calls are made, are anxious to stop work and take such vital interest in us college boys animated me, and made me realize that the Fraternity is much more than a local club. This is conclusive proof of the fact that the true principles of II. K. A. never fail to operate within us.

The work which was accomplished was surprising. Though on some subjects we had entirely different views, there was not a cross or ugly word said. Everything worked to one end, and the work was done almost without friction. Even the most momentous questions of the Convention were settled to the satisfaction of all.

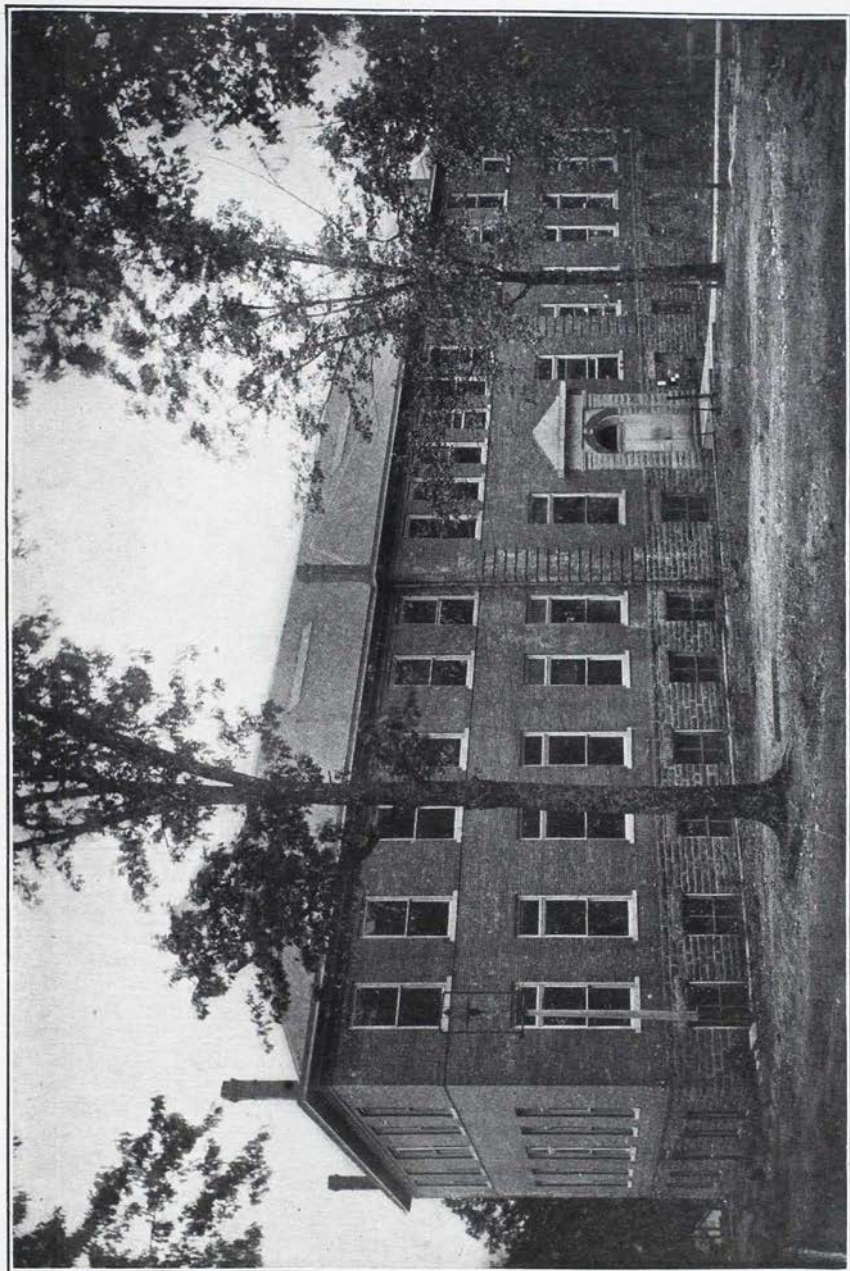
D. W. A. NEVILLE, *Mu*.

I HAD the pleasure of attending the Convention at Richmond, May 1st, 2d and 3d. It was the most pleasant and profitable opportunity of my life, and I pride myself of having the honor of being a delegate to a Convention of dear old Pi Kappa Alpha. This was the first time I had ever attended a Convention, and I am sure that I shall never regret it. I think the city of Richmond an ideal place for our Convention. I was very much impressed with the city and its people. I have never met a crowd of more refined and congenial fellows than the one hundred and fifty members and delegates that were at the Convention. This was the best Convention in the history of old Pi Kappa Alpha, and I think it speaks remarkably well for us when we note the fact that every Grand Officer and a representative from every chapter was present.

I have only been a member of II. K. A. since last June, and I hardly knew what Fraternity life was, and what it meant to a man until I went to the Convention. I think I now more fully realize what it will do for a man, and especially if it falls to his lot to be a *Pi Kappa Alpha*. Making no exceptions whatever, I believe it has done more for me than anything else. I hope to be present at the next Convention in New Orleans in 1909.

J. F. PATE, *Nu.*

It was my pleasure to be present at the first biennial Convention of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity held at the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Va., May 1st, 2d, and 3d, 1907. This Convention was one of the grandest and most illustrious meetings ever known to our Fraternity. Never before has the spirit of fraternalism reigned more supreme than at this Convention, men coming from the South and West, all with the same purposes and views, striving to do or say something that would be for the upbuilding and extension of so grand an organization, one that only Fraternity men can attend and appreciate the privileges therein enjoyed, where fellowship exists and abounds in lasting ardor. How delightful it is to go among a vast multi-



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tude of men! I can think of nothing more pleasant than to spend your college days surrounded by men who are just as anxious for your success as the members of your family. Then, too, when the little every-day occurrences arise to mar some cherished thought, you cannot go to the outside world for solace, but how comforting to know that your society brothers are always awaiting you with sympathy and encouragement.

This is not only true in college life, but upon leaving school and facing the problems of life your success is looked forward to with as much pride and interest as it was in college. Why? Because with how much more pleasure they point to you and say, "he is a proud wearer of the II. K. A. badge," therefore are we not inspired to do great things? Would a man leave his Alma mater wearing such a sacred badge and not have this thought foremost in his mind, to show the world that the material that constitutes the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity is rivaled by none?

These are a few of the things and thoughts that impressed me most at our last Convention. So the II. K. A.'s will go down in the annals of time marked by the illustrious and successful men of the land, and with such an inspiring past and splendid present, the members, heirs of thirty years' fraternalism, marvelously rich in all which adds to the glory and greatness of this life, with an abiding trust in the stability and elasticity of our Constitution and abounding faith in ourselves, hail the coming years with hope and joy.

EDMUND WALLER HENING, *Omicron*.

It was indeed an encouraging sight to see so many and such loyal Pis gathered in Richmond the first of May. This Convention, I believe, marks an epoch in our history. It was a revelation to me to see so much important business transacted in a gathering of that size with such lack of formality and stiffness. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the business sessions.

There were so many impressive features that it is hard to know what was most so. The enthusiasm and spirit of

fraternalism was perhaps what made the deepest impression on me. It was indeed a treat to meet the Grand Officers and to mix with the brothers from distant chapters. And that banquet—when shall we ever forget it? The toasts, the songs, and the parting—I only wish we had it all to do over again.

The Convention of 1907 will always be a most pleasant memory to me, and if those fellows from Omicron Chapter ever do come within our reach we are going to see that they have a good time, or “go broke” in the attempt.

Let's all get together again in New Orleans next time.

W. R. McMURRAN, *Pi*.

It was with much anxiety that I awaited the decision of our chapter as to who should represent it at Richmond. Upon being elected the Convention delegate, I anticipated with keen delight the meeting and conferring with brothers from other chapters. The reality far exceeded my expectations. The Convention, in its *personnel* and workings, impressed me so favorably that I shall not be able to express all that I feel. I had not expected to find other than men true and tried in a Pi Kappa Alpha Convention, and was delighted to feel the strength of almost every man in attendance. They were strong mentally, for who but scholarly men can be true Pis. They were morally strong, for morality is an essential requirement for membership; they were strong in character, each able to think for himself and courageous enough to act for himself. If there was a disappointment to any in the entire Convention, it must have been because there was lacking on the part of some the courage to follow their own convictions. No Pi is expected to do anything because his brother does it; but every man must be strong enough to do what he thinks is proper and right, regardless of the actions of other men or other brothers. This we expected of every attendant upon the Convention, and this we found in almost every man. The thought that impressed us most was that only such men can feel at ease in our circles. The enthusiasm of the delegates for the highest

standard of manhood bespeaks a noble future for our Fraternity. Our one regret was that every man in all our great Fraternity could not be present and feel the responsibility that rests upon him as an individual. A fewness of men, if necessary, but men, men of whom we shall be proud anywhere, everywhere and at all times! This may well be called the key-note of the entire Convention.

JAS. C. ORR, *Rho*.

THIS is the first time I have attended a Convention of the Fraternity. I was most anxious to find out what kind of officers we had. I had, of course, supposed that they would be all right, but I must admit that I was surprised. They were all right—all right in every sense of the word. The esteem and love for our officers is the deepest impression that I brought away from the Convention.

The general *personnel* of the Convention struck me as being fine. All the fellows were of the very best type of college men.

I am so well pleased with everything connected with the Convention that I will not say more of it for fear someone will say that I am bragging, and that would never do. You can look for me at the next Convention.

WM. C. COUGHENOUR, JR., *Tau*.

To begin with, I can hardly convey to you the pleasure that I felt at meeting so many fine brothers in Richmond, and the all-round good time that I had in that town. I never intend to miss another Convention if I am anywhere within a distance of 500 or 1,000 miles. I am certainly looking forward to the New Orleans Convention.

The one thing that struck me most was the congeniality of the Grand Officers and the great interest that they took in fraternity affairs. Their ready wit, quick sympathy, and the broad-mindnesses which they tried to regard everyone's views was a feature seen at but few gatherings. The word fraternity, and the organization itself, means more to me now

than ever before. An acquaintance with our Grand Officers is enough to inspire any fraternity man with greater fraternity spirit and it certainly has me.

The *personnel* of our Fraternity is one that I've never seen equalled at any assembly, and I've heard many compliments of it from all sides. I've never enjoyed myself so much as I did when I was mixed up with that lot of good fellows.

Of the work accomplished I can only say that it looks for the best. It has opened a new way for us, and one that we should make count for a great deal. It is certainly in our power to make ourselves felt more than ever before.

The size of the Convention astonished me, when we take into consideration that it represented only twenty-nine chapters. It shows more than anything else can the interest which our fellows take in II. K. A.

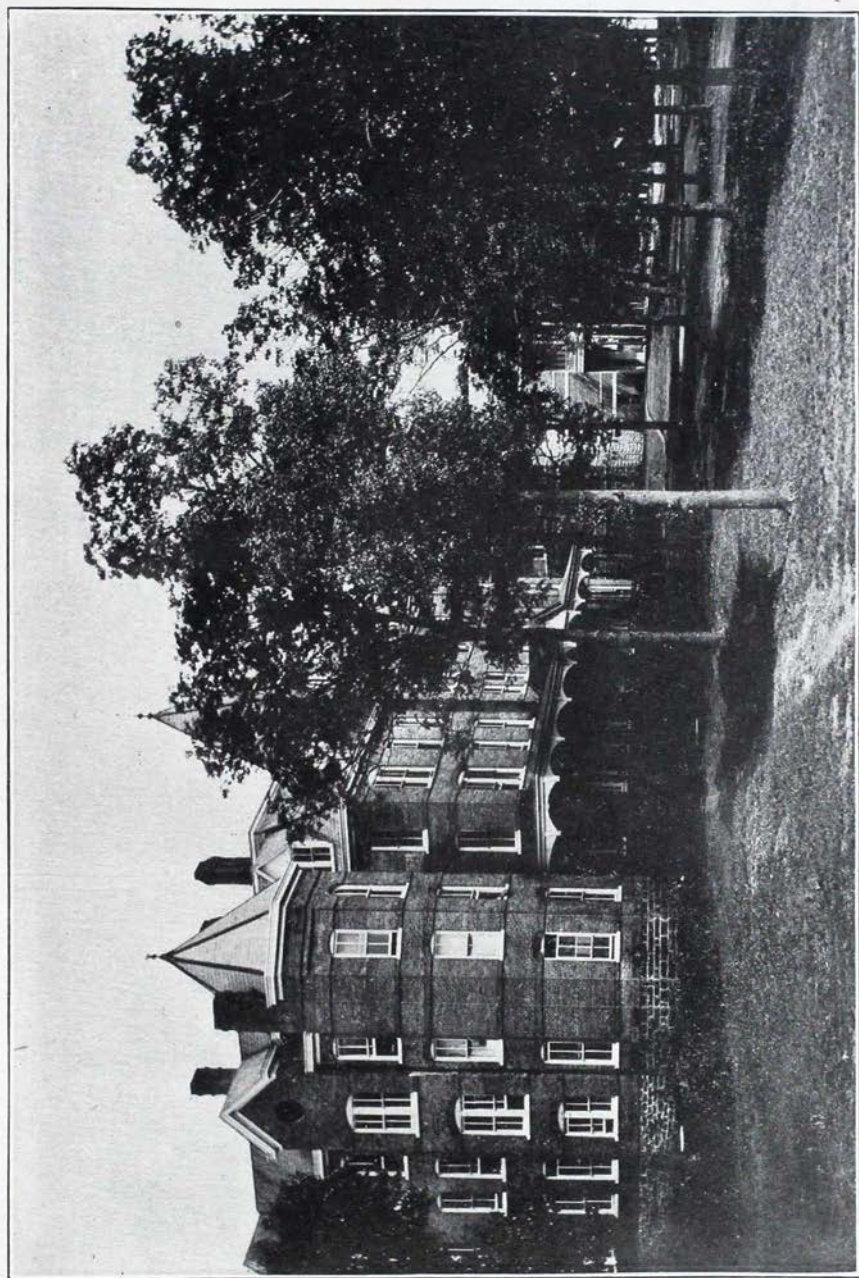
CARROLL WIGGINS, *Tau*.

LIKE all new things, the May Convention was an "eye opener" to most of us. Not until we can silently reflect or eagerly relate to a brother the happenings of the past Convention can we fully realize its full significance. The "first biennial Convention," the greatest and largest Convention of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Perhaps of all the new experiences of my first Convention, the thing that first impressed me and lasted longest was the congeniality, the "Fraternity spirit," that existed, and that welcomed all who wore the *Shield and Diamond*. Not only did we find "common ground" in that we were all college men, but in the bonds of II. K. A.

T. Z. CASON, *Alpha-Eta*.

AFTER having attended the Convention in Chattanooga in 1905, I returned to my chapter filled with renewed interest and enthusiasm for my Fraternity; but I did not foresee the unexpected pleasures and unlooked-for inspiration which I was to partake of at the Convention just held in Richmond in May,



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1907. My conception of Pi Kappa Alpha's true proportions was far too inadequate before I realized that she had added fifteen new chapters to her list within the past seven years, and that these chapters had been established in the strongest colleges and universities in the South. And, again, I was more thoroughly convinced of the growth of our Fraternity and the interest in her general welfare when I found over a hundred Pis at the Convention in comparison with thirty or forty at the Convention in Chattanooga. For the first time in the history of the Fraternity every chapter had a representative present at the Convention.

But do not let us look to outward appearances for an estimate of our true worth. The Grand Officers' reports, read at the Convention, will give us more accurate testimony as regards the present status of II. K. A. Judging from these reports, the Fraternity is in excellent condition in every department. But more particularly does the Grand Treasurer's report bear witness of our flourishing condition, as attested by the finances of the Fraternity. When we realize that the general office does not owe a cent; when we realize that no chapter owes the general office a cent, we should be proud of the officers and members, who have spared no effort in bringing about this state of affairs. I dare say, no previous year has been marked by such promptness in meeting our Fraternity obligations. This improvement in the financial condition of the chapters as a whole is quite gratifying to those who have heard unheeded calls for money in years that are past. It is evidence that the wealth of Pi Kappa Alpha is decidedly on the increase, and that the foundation is now laid for future years of prosperity in the Fraternity.

Further proof of our internal strength was brought forth in the chapter reports. Almost without exception each delegate was in a position to report a successful period of activity since the last Convention. Each report showed that Pis were prominent among the students of the respective colleges, and that they were also active in every department of college life.

I was also very deeply impressed with the delegates' sense of duty to their chapters and to the Fraternity which seemed to prevail among them, and the different chapters should be congratulated on their selection of representatives. The men were there, indeed, looking to the interests of the Fraternity. So enthusiastic were the Pis attending the Convention that no session was held without a large attendance. Even from the Alumni came heated arguments and impassioned speeches in favor of this measure or in opposition to some other's motion. But withal that feeling of good fellowship which characterized the Convention from beginning to end could always be found ready to burst forth from beneath the exultation of victory or from under the disappointment of defeat.

And, again, a fact with which most of us who had attended former Convention were impressed was the vast improvement in the *personnel* of the Convention as compared with the general make-up of the men of previous Conventions. Almost without exception the men who composed the Convention at Richmond would be worthy of membership in any chapter. They were men who would do credit to Pi Kappa Alpha throughout the South or wherever they may be. They were characterized by general good sense and manliness, and by that spirit of love which draws the bonds of true brotherhood closer around the heart. In other words, they are worthy to wear the Shield and Diamond and the little Lily of the Valley, which are emblematial of the bonds of love and the ties of friendship upon which the structure of our Fraternity has been erected.

Finally, the work accomplished at the Convention was perhaps of a more important nature than usual. The very important question of extension was discussed from many different standpoints. The chapter-house problem occupied the time of the Convention for some time, and it is a matter that cannot be taken into consideration too seriously by any chapter. There were many other questions of minor importance, though deserving of attention, and I recommend that each member of the

Fraternity should review the work of the Convention, which will be given in *The Dagger and Key*, which will be published in June.

The Richmond Convention will go down in our history as the most memorable as well as the most successful Convention in forty years of our existence, and the results of that Convention should put us on a footing which would insure many more years of successful work.

A. M. BOWMAN, JR., *Phi.*

THE Convention of Pi Kappa Alpha will always remain a most delightful recollection for me. I came away with both my knowledge of and enthusiasm for the Fraternity increased.

Regarding the *personnel* of the Convention, I can truthfully say that I have never seen an assembly so large of such perfect gentlemen, and so well qualified to take an eminent stand at college. Each delegate showed that his chapter selected men with regard to merit, not to those qualities which are consulted in taking a men by unconservative Fraternities.

I believe that the work accomplished by the Fraternity will be for its benefit, and that sound sense was shown in all the measures undertaken, especially in those regarding chapter houses. The generosity of the Convention in assisting one of our chapters was admirable.

Though many questions considered by the Convention were decided in a way contrary to the wishes of many chapters, I saw on the part of no one the least expression of bitterness. In spite of the eagerness and zeal of the debates, there was nothing said that could hurt the feelings of anyone. The uniform spirit of $\Phi \Phi K. A.$ shown among the delegates was extraordinary, and indicated great unity in each chapter; for if the delegates show great consideration for, and sympathy with, the members of other chapters, much more will they towards those in their own chapter.

It was brought out at the Convention that the most pressing need of a Fraternity is a body of enthusiastic Alumni ready

with both financial and moral support. I believe that the active members that were at Richmond will be such alumni as will benefit II. K. A.

In conclusion, I will state that, if possible, I shall attend the next Convention in New Orleans; and only hope that I will meet as many Alumni there as I did at Richmond.

B. N. McCRAVEN, JR., *Chi.*

FIRST, I was impressed with the interest that was manifested in all questions—that is, the interest that every one felt for the advancement of the Fraternity, whether they were for or against the motion.

Second, I was impressed with the presence of our Alumni brothers and their interest in the work.

Third, I was impressed with the arguments both “pro.” and “con.” with the carefullness in dealing with points.

Fourth, the thing that impressed me most, and a thing I will never forget, is the way in which the defeated party always took their defeat.

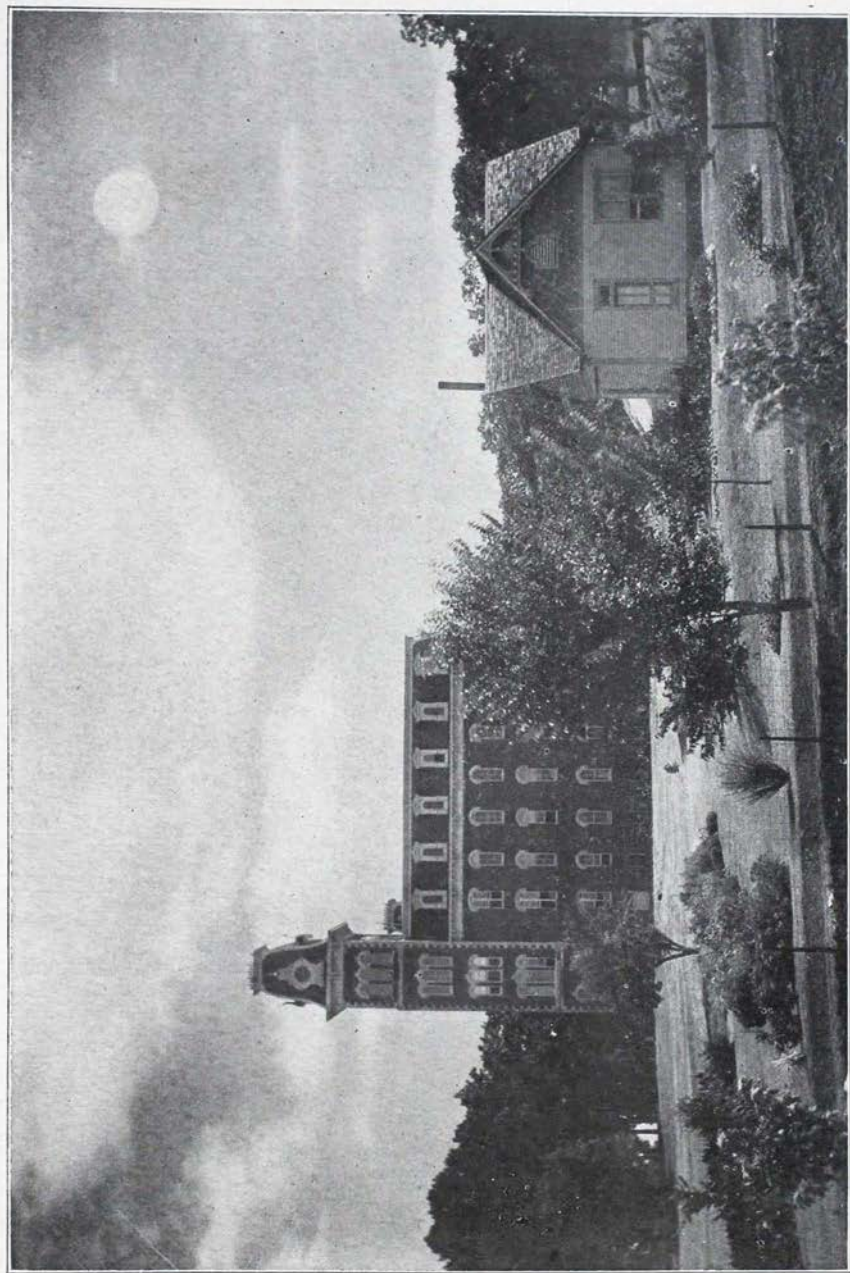
During the whole Convention not one unpleasant word was spoken, everyone believing that what was done was done with the convictions of the delegate or his chapter, and for the best interests of the Fraternity.

JULIUS ELKAN, *Psi.*

To those Pis who have never attended a Convention of our Fraternity one of the happiest experiences of their life awaits them. Our first biennial Convention, held at Richmond last month, was a grand success.

First, because it brought together some of the best college men from all over the South; and second, because the work accomplished will do much to strengthen II. K. A.

The true expression which was written on the face of every man, and the spirit which prevailed during the entire period of assemblage, will forever remain in the minds of those who had this pleasure.



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To the officers of our Fraternity we are under many obligations. The great amount of work which some of them are doing is only brought out at these Conventions. I am positive that I voice the sentiment of every delegate when I say that in this body of gentlemen we have the "best among the best—their unanimous re-election is sufficient proof.

On to New Orleans in 1909 should be our battle-cry. May this Convention surpass the successful one of 1907.

L. E. HILLENMEYER, *Omega*.

FROM the history of previous Conventions, I judge that our first biennial Convention was our most successful one. The Grand Officers impressed me as being thoroughly in touch with every phase of the Fraternity; and their zeal and energy adds new life to our work.

I have never seen a more representative body of men. Everyone seemed eager to gain something to take to their respective chapters that would be of benefit. The work accomplished seems to be all that could be wished. We have adopted measures which mean internal strengthening. What is there before us but continued success, a success marked by gradual and steady growth, for that is the kind that counts.

It is the wish and present intention of the writer to attend the next Convention at New Orleans, and if the advance two years hence will be as great in proportion as it was at Richmond this year, we all will have sufficient reason to be proud.

W. M. WELLS, *Alpha-Alpha*.

To tell of my impressions of the Richmond Convention is a task wholly beyond me, and I don't know where to begin. The usual way to begin, though, is at the beginning, and I'll try not to depart from an established rule. Here they are—some of them—for I have thousands of good, happy impressions that are too deep to express on paper, so I'll confine myself to just a few.

First of all, the men who composed the Convention were

representative men—men whom you and I and all Pi Kappa Alphas are proud to call brothers. They were all clean-limbed, well-behaved and well-dressed fellows, who bore the distinguishing mark of true-blooded manhood. They were all this, and more. They were fellows who had come there for the purpose of working, and working well, for the Fraternity.

I was struck very forcibly with the personality of our Grand Officers. Their spirit, their energy, their fidelity impressed me very, very much; and as one who loves his Fraternity, I want to thank them for what they are doing. The beautiful self-sacrificing spirit of the Grand Officers is enough to inspire any member to want to do something and be something for Pi Kappa Alpha. Here's to them with the sincerest wish that they may live long and continue to stay at the helm and steer us aright!

The harmony that always prevailed and the congeniality of the men impressed me no little bit. After the most bitter fight everything settled down calmly and peacefully and congenially, and there remained not one iota of rancor or ill-feeling in the heart of a single delegate. The feeling that this man is my brother, and we are both banded together in one common enterprise and have one common ideal, seemed to be dominant in the hearts of the men who made up the Richmond Convention.

I can say unhesitatingly that I am more proud than ever that I am a wearer of the "*Shield and Diamond*" since I attended the Convention, and I am filled with a dogged desire to do more work in the years that are to come for my Fraternity, and if living I hope to meet at least two hundred and fifty men at New Orleans in 1909.

PAUL WEBB, *Alpha-Alpha*.

THE thing at our Convention that impressed me most was the harmony with which everybody worked and everything was carried out. Everyone was working for the general good of the Fraternity, and though some had different ideas about sub-

jects discussed, as soon as one saw that the other man was right cheerfully yielded his point.

I think we had the finest lot of fellows at the Convention that I have ever seen in one body. Everybody was as sociable and as pleasant as it was possible to be.

The work accomplished was quite satisfactory, and I am sure that it will be for the greatest possible good of the Fraternity. The improvements were certainly the very best that could have been made. With these improvements II. K. A. will certainly grow faster than ever, and now we must all work so that in the future years II. K. A. may continue to grow and strengthen.

J. ALMAN TOMMINS, *Alpha-Delta*.

I HAVE only been a member of the Fraternity about four months, and it certainly was a great pleasure for me to attend the Convention. Our grand Order is steadily climbing to the top, and I think the last Convention was all that could be desired. Chapter houses impressed me more than any other subject, for I think that if we secure these houses it will be the greatest benefit obtainable. I am proud to say that I have never before met a *personnel* which impressed me so much as gentlemen as at our Convention.

The work accomplished in the last five years is remarkable, and in the coming two years before we meet again I am sure we will keep up our steady pace.

It was certainly gratifying to see so many of the brothers respond to the call of the Convention.

Hoping to see you at New Orleans in 1909, I am,

W. G. FERGUSON, *Alpha-Epsilon*.

OWING to the place of the Convention and the good old Southern hospitality of Omicron's men, together with the whole-heartedness of all the members of the Convention, one could not help being favorably impressed. While there were several things which impressed me during the Convention, I would like to call attention to two in particular. One was the

fraternal spirit which prevailed throughout the entire meeting.

The last, but not least, in my mind, was the grand old banquet, and whenever the memory of it grows dim in my mind I need only to produce the shirt I wore and look on the dark red stain thereupon. So with these two impressions upon my mind I will endeavor to drink to-night, not only to the Convention in Richmond, but also to the next one to come, which is to be held in New Orleans. So here is to Richmond and New Orleans.

H. RUSH SMITH, *Alpha-Zeta*.

THE fact that make the greatest impression on me at the Richmond Convention was the spirit of harmony and good-fellowship that existed among the members gathered from all parts of the South and West.

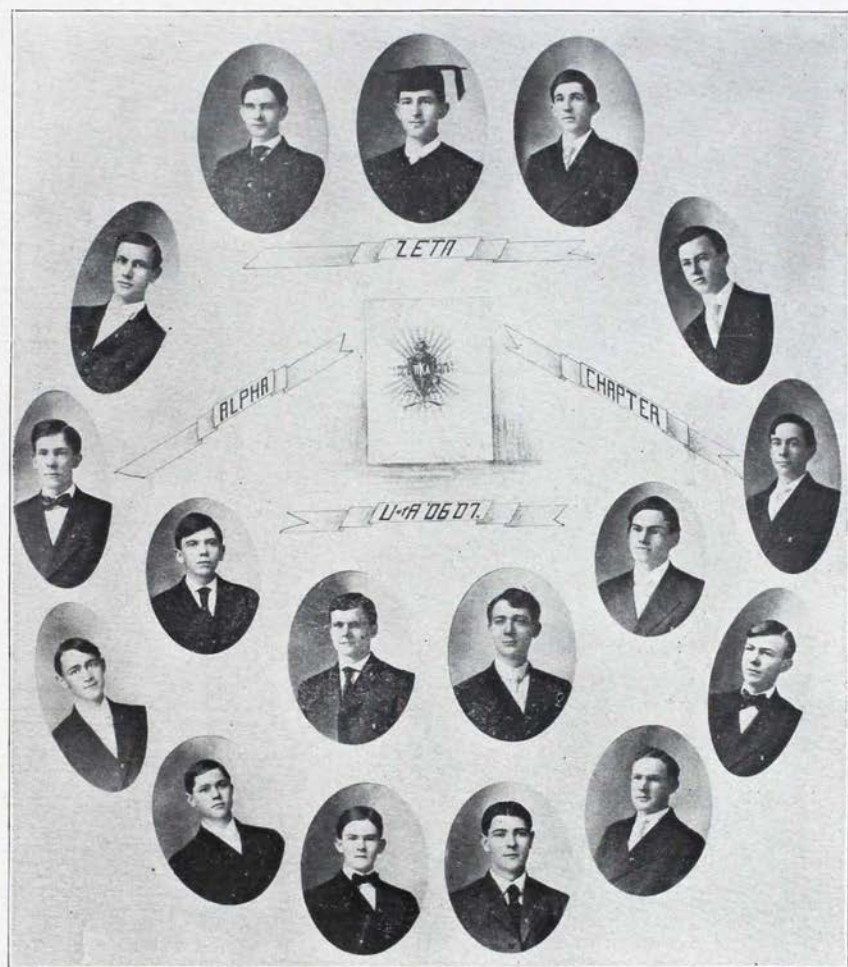
Each delegate had come to Richmond to represent his chapter and do what he thought was best for the Fraternity. Many questions were strongly and ably argued by the supporters of each side, but when the vote was taken it left them all members of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity brothers in every sense of the word, and ready to do anything to further the interest of each other.

Our Supreme Council was also in perfect harmony with the delegates of the Convention, and each and every one of them threw aside their business cares and again became students of the colleges they had attended, and members of the Fraternity which they have nursed and carried forward to its present state of success.

A Fraternity that contains such a representative class of men as those who assembled at the Richmond Convention will continue to confer an honor on any man who is permitted to wear the "*Shield and Diamond*."

C. M. HANNA, *Alpha-Theta*.

SUCH a group of college men are seldom found as were assembled at the Pi Kappa Alpha Convention held at Richmond,



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Va. Of all the members present, I know of no one unworthy of the "*Shield and Diamond*." Every man seemed to be strong and vigorous, full of life and activity, and filled to overflowing with good-will and brotherly kindness. The conduct of the delegates showed that they had something in common, and that the lofty ideals of Pi Kappa Alpha had been operating in the life of each one.

The sessions were conducted in a straight-forward, business-like way, the rulings of the Grand Princes always being conservative, but firm. The delegates' appreciation of this was shown by the hearty way in which they responded to every call. The more mature counsel of the Grand Officers was well taken, and invariably complied with, which shows that the Convention had implicit confidence in its leaders, and was ever ready to co-operate with them in furthering every good work. The opinions and interests of different members often clashed, and the contests were enthusiastic and exciting, but there was not the slightest indication of the thwarted selfish interest or blasted personal opinion of any member even straining the strong bonds of love which bind us together.

The verdict has been given that a greater body of II.'s were never assembled before, but I believe that plans were formed and foundations were laid for greater Conventions in the future. Each succeeding Convention should be better than the one before. So let us hope that the grand principle and high ideals of our Fraternity may be more active in the future and produce greater numbers for the Convention in 1909. We will have the same sound judgment on the part of our Grand Officers at New Orleans, and may the delegates be actuated by the same lofty ideals and unselfish motives, and inspired with the same brotherly spirit of love as were the delegates at Richmond.

C. H. KIRKLAND, *Alpha-Iota*.

As a delegate from a new chapter I came to the Convention expecting to learn many things and prepared to be impressed, and I was not disappointed. Alpha-Kappa is a frontier chapter.

Few Pi Kaps ever strayed our way; but when one did visit us we were told to go to the next Convention and find out what the Fraternity really was. I think I understand now why we were told this. Our Fraternity means more to us than words can convey. For nights after my return from the Convention I did nothing but try to tell the brothers about it. And, like the stray alumnus, I had to give it up with the words, "Go to the next Convention and find out for yourselves."

One of the most vivid of my impressions is that of the perfect organization of the Fraternity. The Convention went to work with ease and accomplished results. The officers *were* officers, and the men they assigned to the various tasks took them up with eagerness and zeal. It was a business-like Convention, yet every one had the time of his life. The spirit of good-fellowship was rampant. It showed itself in all the relations. In the discussion of the most difficult questions with which we dealt it manifested itself.

I left the Convention delighted with everything. I had met the finest bunch of men in the world. I had taken a glimpse of the real Fraternity, and I had found it nothing short of what my highest ideals of a Fraternity had been.

W. A. MCTIGHE, *Alpha-Kappa*.

THE delegate from your baby chapter wishes here to voice just a few of his many impressions of the great Convention. To begin with, it was both strenuous and delightful—strenuous because of the close confinement and constant mental strain of the long and busy sessions; delightful for more reasons than we can enumerate.

There was our Grand Princeps, calm and serene, with his pipe in his mouth and enveloped in a halo of smoke; then there was Smythe, our Grand Treasurer, with a merry twinkle in his eye, scratching his nether hirsute crop when about to give us some quick and witty answer or joke. Then McAllister, ever scribbling, and his brother, our beloved Grand Chaplain, and "Governor" Hughes, stroking his imaginary beard and looking

just as wise as a "treeful of owls." And last, but not least, Brother Sale, with his chair tipped comfortably back, and, sticking beneath his lapel, a souvenir "*safety-pin*," for which he has no evident use.

Then all the boys—worthy, every one, to wear the "*Shield and Diamond*"—the cream of the Sunny Southland! Though we feel many times repaid for our trip, we will not be satisfied unless we succeed in inspiring Alpha-Lambda with some small measure of the spirit of the Richmond Convention.

Long live Pi Kappa Alpha!

HUBERT BUNYEA, *Alpha-Lambda*.

Contributions.

THE CONVENTION GROUP.

It is very gratifying that the photographer was so successful with the Convention photograph of the officers, delegates and chapter members which was taken in front of the Jefferson Hotel, May 3, 1907, and appears as a frontispiece in this issue.

It will be very hard for the general Fraternity to realize that in this group, with the exception of one man, Brother Oscar Swineford, there are nothing but delegates and chapter members who attended the Convention, there being ninety in this photograph. The Grand Officers are grouped in the center on the back row, and it is a pleasure to be able to also present Mrs. Powers and Mrs. J. Gray McAllister.

The invitation was extended to the Alumni who were visiting the Convention to be present for this photograph, but for various reasons they failed to appear, which was much regretted.

Members desiring copies of this photograph or of that of the Grand Officers can obtain same by addressing Brother B. E. Steele, Richmond College, Richmond, Va.

"THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND."

THERE is much of mysticism about Fraternities, and the fact that the outside world is denied the privilege of knowing all about their internal workings often causes such activity of the imagination on the part of some as to leave them with the impression that Fraternities have no bright side, but that all is darkness and mystery. I am far from saying that we are responsible for these foolish visions, but I do say that we should show the world that we are doing something, and that we are



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standing for something higher than the mere maintenance of a proverbial goat that is never seen in public places, and the doing of things behind closed doors.

No organization should exist unless it stands for purity of life and is adding to the sum total of human happiness. Like an individual, a fraternity cannot live unto itself. When it sinks to such a state, its life is gone, and it is no longer worthy of the name fraternity. Fraternities were founded to make men better and happier, and whether or not they fulfil this purpose, should determine their right to exist. No fraternity can do its most effective work, its greatest good, unless it is in touch with the outside world. The fraternity is calculated not only to effect its own men, but through them it rightly expects to make the world a witness of its usefulness. But how is the fraternity to manifest itself to the world, and what is the most effective and available medium of expression? There is no one thing by which a fraternity is judged more than by the character of its magazine. Its public journal is considered and ought to be a fair representation of the fraternity. Therefore it should be a perfect reflection of the life and activity of the fraternity.

It makes no difference how much power the dynamo may generate, if the wires be broken we get no light. Just so; it matters not how strong and pure the life of a fraternity may be, it will never be manifested to the world at large if the medium of expression be defective. When we examine the SHIELD AND DIAMOND we have a right to be proud of it, for it represents a great victory; yet, in my opinion, it does not do us justice. Our principles and real life are such as to demand a better magazine. If this demand is not met we must fall behind—in the public eye at least, those whom we ought easily and do in truth excel.

In this article I need not call attention to the need; it is too evident. The reader may only pause to realize that the binding and different departments need something to render their attractiveness in a measure commensurate with the real worth of the articles they contain. It is really a great feat for our very worthy brother, the resourceful, big-hearted and energetic Robert A. Smythe to have done so much with so little help from

us. Despite his great accomplishments and sacrifices, the need is still calling for our attention .

After all of his efforts, we are slow even to send in our subscription when it is long past due. When an article is needed he has to write, and write and write, sometimes being forced to delay the issue because he has nothing to publish. It has rarely happened, if ever, that the entire number of chapter letters have been received at the home office in time. Since none of these matters can be seen after in person, there must be a great volume of correspondence in order to get out a publication worthy of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Some chapters frankly admit that they often get the third or fourth letter before making a reply. There is no explanation of such a state of affairs, except that the chapter is not interested enough to give prompt attention to these things, which are vital. All of these letters are written by one man, and I'm told that no one gets more than twenty-four hours a day in any place; so, with the same time at our disposal, it is foolish for us to say that one man of us can write more letters than all the other 350.

Brothers, these things ought not to be. With twenty-nine chapters, representing a membership of over 350, we ought to be able to do a little for a cause so dear when another is doing so much. Especially should we be up and doing, when money or effort expended is only putting our corn in the mill to be ground into bread. With 350 keen minds and active pens we should have no trouble in furnishing pure, fresh articles for the few numbers that are gotten out each year. Above all, *there is no explanation* of chapter letters not being submitted in time.

Brothers, let us rally to the cause that so closely concerns us, and add our mite to swell the common funds, and each give a little time and talent to see that material for publication is furnished. Let each one sacrifice at least one-fiftieth as much as Brother Smythe, and give the SHIELD AND DIAMOND an artistic cover, an appropriate heading for each department, sufficient articles, and adequate funds to make it a "Shield" indeed to

our reputation, and in truth the peerless "Diamond" among fraternity publications.

C. H. KIRKLAND, *Alpha-Iota*.

COURTESY.

Perhaps no one knew better what the term courtesy meant than did an old-time Southerner. For his gentleness of manners and his kindness of heart has long characterized him. And it is not the thought that the young man of the South has lost those very traits which helped to make famous his father, but we do fear that the changed conditions have a tendency in that direction. Indeed, we are becoming too careless in cultivation of the finer qualities of nature. I fear we are not as truly courteous as were our fathers.

While college is usually a place of refinement, still it often happens that the college-bred man is all the ruder for his training. This may not be true absolutely, but there is a sense in which the truthfulness cannot be questioned.

For a practical example, take the college ethics on jeering, "ragging," a visiting team. Is it not true that disrespectful expressions are often used, and all kinds of methods employed to confuse and "rattle" the opponents? Will common courtesy sanction such procedure? In this respect especially is it not time that we who love honor and cherish the name of courtesy begin to create another code of ethics? All honor to the college or the university that stands by its team as they strive for victory, but let the rooting be loud cheers for the team, and not a taunt for the opponents. The very spirit of our college life needs often to be changed, and not until brave leaders take the front will these evils disappear.

For the sake of our fair name; for the sake of the deference for women and regard for man that has made famous our fair Southland, let us not allow the beautiful flower of courtesy to degenerate from the garden of our hearts.

F. L. HUDSON, *Rho*.

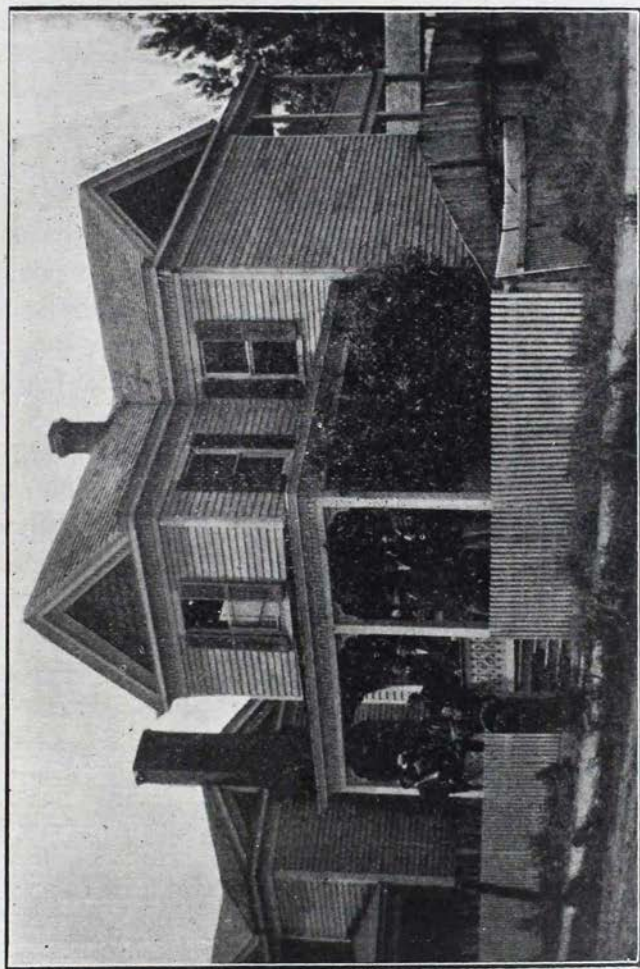
HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE—THE HOME OF IOTA CHAPTER.

This college, the second oldest in the South, was organized as an academy in 1775; opened for students January 1, 1776, with Samuel Stanhope Smith, afterwards President of Princeton, as Rector; named with striking appropriateness for the two English patriots, John Hampden and Algernon Sidney; and chartered as a college in 1783, Patrick Henry and James Madison being among its incorporators and staunch friends. Except for the cenotaph of Hampden on Chalgrove field and his statue in heroic size in the lobby of the House of Commons, this college is the one public memorial of this great man and patriot. And of Sidney also.

Hampden-Sidney's work in education has been and is astonishingly great. It has furnished one President of the United States (Wm. Henry Harrison), at least nine governors of States, a number of judges, members of Cabinets and of Congresses, and a distinguished roll of officers for the five wars in which the country has been engaged since 1775. Through its graduates it has founded two theological seminaries, two medical colleges, two literary colleges, and, in addition, through Joseph Carrington Cabell, Jefferson's invaluable co-laborer, it helped to found the University of Virginia. To-day its Alumni fill three of the seven State offices for Virginia and teach in twenty-six colleges and in more than thirty academies in the South. Drawing its students from the staunchest stock of the two Virginias, it is sending them back as leaders in every line of work.

The present endowment of the college is \$170,000, and the present enrollment, 118, is significant for including the largest number of new students ever entering the college.

Our brother, J. Gray McAllister, has been President of the college since August, 1905.



GAMMA CHAPTER HOUSE.

II. K. A. SONGS.

The banquet at the last Convention showed more conclusively than ever how much we need songs and music for our Fraternity. How delightful it was to hear the sweet-voiced singers from Pi and Beta, and it made us realize how delightful it would be if, like other Fraternities, we had our own songs and music.

The following committee has been appointed to collect songs for the Fraternity and to induce our many talented brothers to write them: Harry H. Darnall, Pi Chapter, chairman; A. W. Robertson, Omicron Chapter; John McSween, Jr., Beta Chapter; W. A. McTighe, Alpha-Kappa Chapter; Ben F. Steed, No. 804 E. Leigh street, Richmond, Va.

It is hoped that all members who have any songs or know of any will see that copies of them are furnished to this committee at the earliest possible date.

Some years ago Herman Belstedt, of Cincinnati, one of the leading band masters in the United States, composed and dedicated to Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity a beautiful march (two step). This march he gave to Sigma Chapter upon the condition that they publish it, and always hold the title in its name; but unless we can keep it in circulation it must die. This must never be. We cannot pick up a march every day, and while we have one of which we can be proud, let us keep it before the public. Each chapter should have copies.

This march can be had by addressing Ben F. Steed, 804 E. Leigh street, Richmond, Va., who has been requested by the firm who now has it in their possession to act as distributing agent.

The price is 35 cents, or three copies for \$1.00.

LIVE A CLEAN LIFE.

The demand for honest, straight-forward, clean, industrious young men was never so great as at the present time. Men of

capacity and industry are indeed numerous, but the man with a good moral stamina, seeking and giving a square deal, is at a premium. In our life at home most of father and mother's attention is given to our moral development, upon truth-telling, and honesty is laid great stress. Do we forget all this when we leave home; has all the care and instruction given by our parents been in vain? Is it not a mistake that position and pleasure acquired by petty deceits practised are in the end of any value?

The present-day boy entering college seems too often to forget the manner in which he was trained at home, and early seems to acquire a taste for the society of boys with loose morals, and the effect of associating with them does not soon lose its prominence. He has reached the age at which things count. Just entering manhood, he is marking out his life's career, and he cannot be too careful in the choice of courses. He should be the man that his mother thinks he is. How many of us would like for mother to know our every act? How many of us can stand the test? Why cannot we live a life of purity? We admire all who live such lives, and know it is by far the most satisfactory to ourselves and others. Then let us lay aside the little faults which are holding us down, and which, if allowed to continue, will do us great harm.

In every branch and profession of life the call is going out for clean manhood. A missionary from this country to China writes the Home Board: "Send us not more men, but more MAN." To-day in the great business world the need of men, industrious and possessing good characters, is the greatest in our history. The great wave of industrial prosperity now sweeping over our country necessitates a supply of stable men—men on whose actions depend the fate of posterity. Are we going to supply this demand?

The college men of to-day must shoulder to-morrow's responsibilities. Will we stand the test? Let us get together on this subject; decry all that is evil, organize against it, form ourselves into a movement for pure living and square dealing, give

to our fellow-man the helping hand and lead lives which will benefit mankind and be a pleasure unto ourselves.

J. G. HANLIN, *Upsilon*.

In Memoriam.

JAMES CABELL BROCKENBROUGH.

As a very sad aftermath of the Convention comes the distressing news of the sudden death of Brother James Cabell Brockenbrough, Alpha 1871, who was found dead in his bed on the morning of May 21, 1907.

Those who were fortunate to meet him at the Convention can never forget the genial-hearted, whole-souled, courteous gentleman of the old school; the enthusiastic, devoted Pi whose interest in his Fraternity was so apparent. How much he added to the pleasure of the banquet and how kind and pleasant he was to all. His death is indeed a loss to the Fraternity and a personal loss to all who knew him. The following newspaper account gives further information of this sad event:

Mr. J. Cabell Brockenbrough died yesterday at "Ravenswood," in Henrico county, in the 57th year of his age. He was the son of the late Thomas W. Brockenbrough, and leaves a number of relatives and a wide connection throughout Virginia. Mr. Brockenbrough had not been engaged in active business in some time, and had traveled extensively.

The arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

Mr. James Cabell Brockenbrough was a native and resident of Richmond, having at one time been engaged here in mercantile pursuits. A number of years ago he gave up his business and passed his time traveling in Europe, returning home every year or two to keep in touch with his large circle of warm and devoted friends, who were sincerely attached to him, on account of his lovable nature.

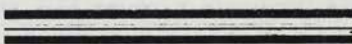
Mr. Brockenbrough came of a family which has long been prominent in this State. His father was Thomas W. Brockenbrough, an estimable citizen of Richmond, and his grandfather was Arthur S. Brockenbrough, an architect and engineer, the first proctor of the

University of Virginia and a warm personal friend of Thomas Jefferson. One of Mr. Brockenbrough's uncles, Dr. John Brockenbrough, built and resided in what was afterwards known as the Jefferson Davis Mansion, of this city.

Mr. Brockenbrough was a man of refined and cultivated tastes, which had been developed by extensive travel and close observation. His warm and affectionate nature endeared him to every one who knew him. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia and a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Mr. Brockenbrough is survived by his widow, who was Miss Jennie Bayley Higginbotham, and one sister, Mrs. James J. Sutton, of Richmond, and two brothers, Ben. W. Brockenbrough, of Richmond, and George H. Brockenbrough, of Charlotte, N. C.

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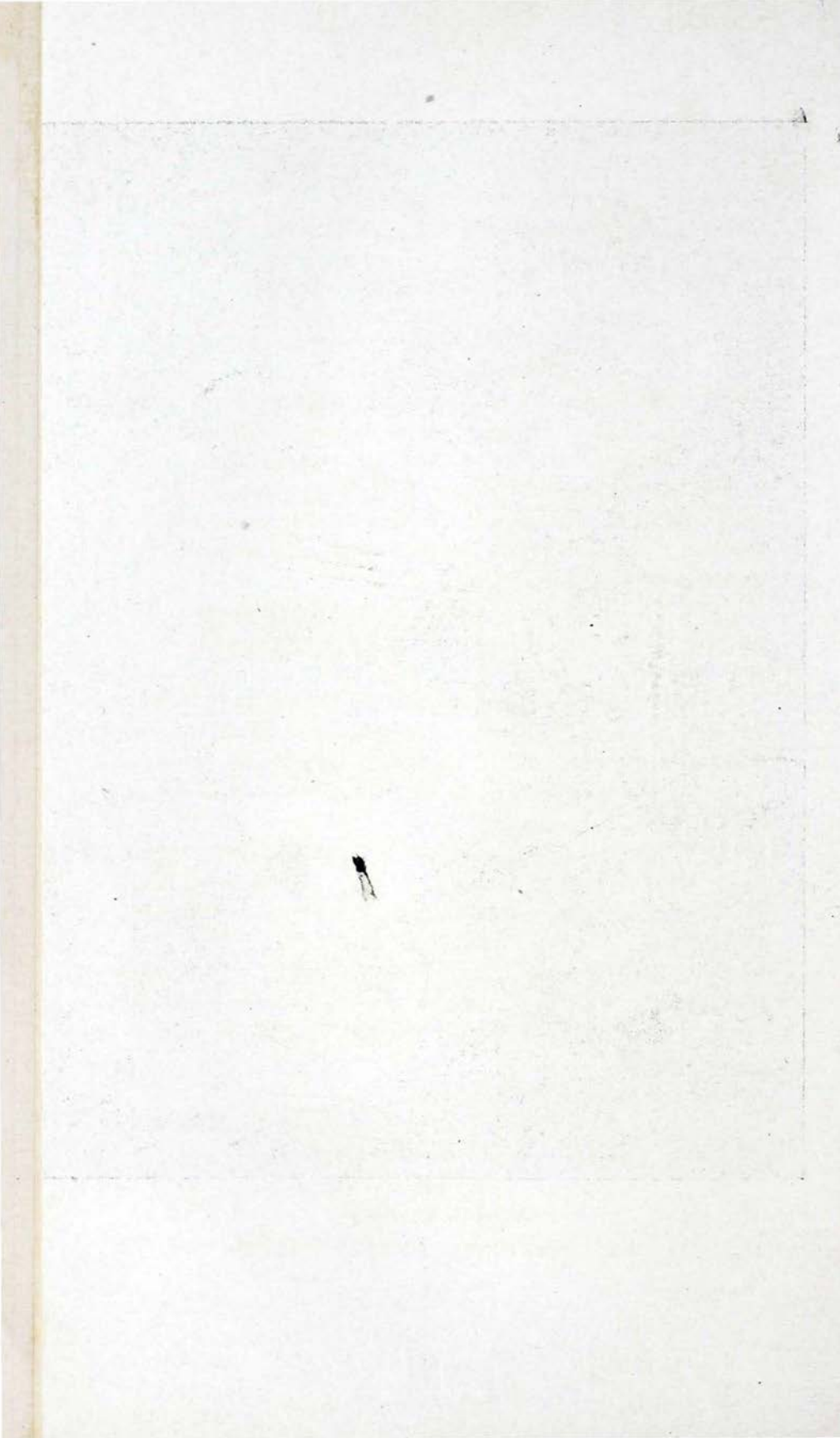
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Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

University of Virginia.

Final examinations are upon us and all members are down to hard work. Several are applying for degrees. The following will probably graduate: J. H. Neff and Duncan Curry, with A. B. Degree; Jasper Williams, J. F. Terry, and H. B. G. Galt, with L. L. B.; while E. H. Venable will secure a C. E. Neff and Curry will return, however, to pursue courses in the Medical and Law departments.

At the annual election of officers in the General Athletic Association J. H. Neff was elected to the vice-presidency by a large majority.

The following are the addresses for the summer of those who will not return: E. H. Venable, Charleston, W. Va.; T. Jasper Williams Lynchburg; H. B. G. Galt, Charlotte, C. H., Va.; J. F. Terry, Norfolk, Va.; R. M. Cust, Mt. Olive, Miss.; S. S. Hughes, Norfolk, Va.

The following are the addresses of those who will return: R. H. Allen, Memphis, Tenn.; J. H. Neff, Harrisonburg, Va.; M. T. Neff, Harrisonburg, Va.; W. H. Fulton, Bardstown, Ky.; W. H. Jourdan, Lynchburg, Va.; J. Loyd Newcomb, Sassafras, Va.; Duncan Curry, Staunton, Va.; L. H. Lewis, Harrisonburg, Va.; C. E. Mason, Jett, Ky.; John L. Kable, Staunton, Va.; Thomas Wilcox, Norfolk, Va.; W. R. Waller, Georgetown, Ky.

With best wishes to all chapters,

C. E. MASON.

BETA.

Davidson College.

On Wednesday last Davidson closed her base-ball season by

defeating Guilford College in a game which decided the championship of the State. This gives us a percentage in games won of .776, and our list included three of the most important colleges in Virginia. Finals are now being held. Brother Wilcox, who graduates this year, has been chosen as one of the commencement speakers in the oratorical contest, and his prospects for winning the medal are very good indeed.

The work on our hall will be completed before commencement, and will be second to none in college. Several sisters will be on hand for the occasion, and we are preparing to crown the year with a royal good time.

To more than touch upon the Convention in a chapter letter would be out of place. Those who were there know what it was. The unfortunate ones who were not there will never know what they missed. Let each delegate impress this upon the members of his chapter that we may meet in New Orleans in 1909 in a Convention, if possible, even greater and grander than the one which we have just had in the Queen City of the Old Dominion State.

Our addresses for the summer are: E. Wilcox, 921 Green street, Augusta, Ga.; W. B. Gillespie, Rock Hill, S. C.; H. F. Morton, Rock Mount, N. C.; R. C. Sadler, R. F. D. No. 5, Charlotte, N. C.; L. R. Scott, Statesville, N. C.; John McSween, Jr., Timmons ville, S. C.; A. R. Mustin, Asheville, N. C.; L. A. Kirkland, Camden, S. C.; F. W. Cooper, 32 George street, Charleston, S. C.; R. C. Walker, Waycross, Ga.; O. E. Buchholz, Dalton, Ga. All of these men will return to college next year probably with the exception of E. Wilcox, whose address for next year will be as given above.

A. R. MUSTIN.

GAMMA.

William and Mary College.

The session of 1906-'07 is nearing its close, and we are all putting forth our best efforts in order to make the most of these few days which remain.

Examinations will soon begin, and they will claim a large share of our time and attention. Then, too, we are beginning to realize that we as a whole chapter of fifteen men will soon separate, and some of our number will not return when college re-opens; so the closing days will be especially important and dear to us.

Gamma has two candidates for degrees—A. L. Blackwell, who will receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and R. B. Dade, who will receive his master's degree. Both of these graduates will not return to college, and will probably teach next session, though their plans are as yet uncertain. G. G. Hankins will also leave us, and is thinking of taking up his work as a student of medicine. The remaining twelve of us hope to be back next year to look after the interests of the Fraternity at William and Mary.

Following are our addresses for the summer: C. M. Barnes, Williamsburg, Va.; J. H. Brent, Heathsville, Va.; A. L. Blackwell, Reedville, Va.; R. B. Dade, Round Hill, Va.; G. G. Hankins, Toano, Va.; C. Hankins, Williamsburg, Va.; Floyd Hughes, Jr., 176 York street, Norfolk, Va.; T. G. Jones, Jr., Urbanna, Va.; E. M. McCandlish, Saluda, Va.; B. T. Newton, Hague, Va.; A. M. Sneed, Stafford, Va.; E. F. Shewmake, Jr., 2506 Orcutt avenue, Newport News, Va. T. P. Trigg, Abingdon, Va.; W. W. Trigg, Abingdon, Va.; J. S. White, Warrenton, Va.

On the evening of May 17th Brother C. M. Barnes entertained the members and many of the friends of Gamma at his beautiful home on Francis street. The decorations were very beautiful and appropriate, the colors of the Fraternity being conspicuous in bunting and pennants. Refreshments were served by our Pi sisters, and the whole affair was a most enjoyable one. We are indebted to Brother Barnes for an evening long to be remembered for the pleasant way in which it was spent.

We are rejoiced at the great success of the Convention. Gamma feels stronger for having received the benefit of the

work done, and the encouraging reports made at this happy gathering.

We wish all Pi Kappa Alphas a vacation full of enjoyment.

E. F. SHEWMAKE, JR.

DELTA.

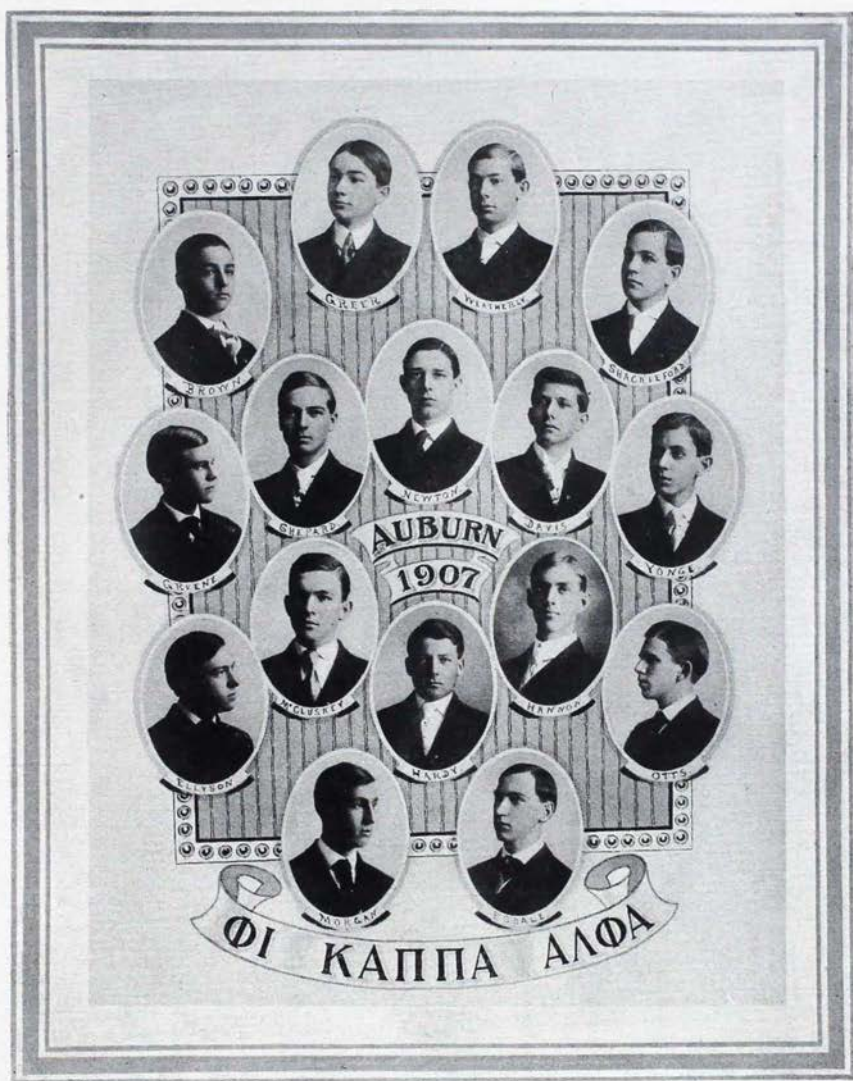
Southern University.

We take pleasure in presenting our new brother, Benjamin R. Shamburger.

Our athletic season closes with a series of three games of base-ball during commencement week. The showing of our teams in all respects, everything considered, has been very creditable this year, and we are looking forward to telling records next year, as all the old players are expected to return. Besides, there seems to be developing a more amicable feeling on the part of the trustees, who heretofore have been hostile toward a more liberal system of inter-collegiate sports. This we hope will aid materially in an increased attendance for the college.

This commencement, beginning June 1st and extending through the 6th, closes one of the most successful years in the history of the Southern University. She has behind her a record of which she may be justly proud, and though not so strong in point of number as some institutions of the State, she is inferior to none in scholarship and thorough training, as the number of her prominent sons throughout the State will show. Her equipment is excellent. She has an aggressive and wide-awake faculty, who are ever looking forward to her improvement whenever changing conditions demand.

Our chapter is in a most flourishing condition. Our chapter room is now handsomely furnished; however, there are a number of additions which we intend to make in its further appointment. We take pride in saying that though we have achieved this creditable success, at this time there is no indebtedness whatever hanging over us. All the brothers are taking an active stand not only in Fraternity interests, but also in all phases of college life. Our men in their class work are among



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the first—in fact, in the previous examinations they have formed a larger percentage of the honor-rolls than the men of any other Fraternity here. Also in college positions they are felt. Brothers Cammack and Shamberger hold positions on the editorial staff of the *Review and Bulletin*, our college publication for the ensuing year under the leadership of Brother Watson as editor-in-chief. Likewise, the respective societies have frequently chosen our fellows to positions of trust and honor, which they have fulfilled creditably.

Delta's enthusiasm and zeal for extending the outward sweep of the influence of our noble Order was electrified and vitalized by the inspiration which Brother Watson brought us from Richmond, where was assembled Pi Kappa Alpha's greatest Convention. As a young chapter we anticipated much from the personal contact which we, through our delegate, would have with the Fraternity at large. In this respect she has not been mistaken. Highly was our delegate, and highly are we elated over the prospects for the forward strides of our Fraternity outlined in the deliberations at Richmond, and we, with every other true knight of the "garnet and gold," pledge our united support to the realization of her most sanguine expectations.

Highly is the "Convention" to be commended for its recent work of wisdom.

As in the session of '07-'08, we are looking forward to the most successful year of the Southern University's history; so are we determined, as I feel every chapter in the Fraternity is, to make this year the best in our history. Certainly our prospects are bright. All our men intend returning, and besides, we are expecting two of '04-'05 students back with us next session—Brother King, who is at South Kentucky College this year, and Brother Wilcoxon, of the class '05, who returned to get his A. M. Probably we may induce Brother Scarborough, of same year, to return also. With these, in addition to our twelve strong men, we cannot fail to have a chapter as strong as any in school. With nothing less will we be content, if with that.

The summer addresses of Delta's members will be as follows: J. A. Bullock, Jr., Shorters, Ala.; R. P. Cochran, New Market, Ala.; C. A. De Bardeleben, Greensboro, Ala.; N. G. Cammack, Jr., Eleanor, Ala.; B. E. Feagin, Pineapple, Ala.; J. H. Gunn, Thomasville, Ala.; H. C. Flournoy, Clayton, Ala.; Frank L. Pringle, Whistler, Ala.; Carl A. Grote, Greensboro, Ala.; Benj. R. Shamburger, Cuba, Ala.; Victor M. Shamburger, Cuba, Ala.; Geo. M. Watson, Shorters, Ala.

Delta wishes each of her sister chapters all the success which that direful period of "exams." may hold, and at the same time as a happy sequel all the pleasure which vacation and its joyous consequences may bring to each member.

VICTOR M. SHAMBURGER.

ZETA.

University of Tennessee.

As the session draws near the end we naturally begin to look forward to the next year. Of the eight active men in the chapter at the present time seven will return for the session of 1907-'08. The only man the chapter will loose is Brother Vincent, who graduates in the Law Department. Of the men to return next year three will be Seniors, two Juniors, and two Sophomores. The chapter already has in view three or four men who will enter next year who have been very strongly recommended by alumni, and it is hoped these men will prove to be the proper kind of "stuff." It is sincerely hoped that if any Pi knows of a good man who will enter Tennessee University next session, he will write to one of the men whose addresses are given below and give them all the possible information concerning him.

On Wednesday the 22d occurs the annual banquet of Zeta at the Stratford Hotel. A lively time is expected.

Brother Powers, our Grand Princeps, and an alumnus of Zeta, will be the toast-masters. Brother Waite, the head of the Chemical and Mining Engineering Departments of the University, and an alumnus of Alpha, will respond to the toast, "The Fraternity in the Early Days." Brother White, another

alumnus of Alpha, will also be present to lend size and dignity (?) to the gathering. There will also be present about twenty alumni living in town, and besides these several out-of-town brothers are expected. The one thing to be regretted is that there probably won't be a Brother Darnell to sing a solo between responses, and a Brother McSween to refuse to respond because the brother urging him to is "false in the premises."

The following is the list of the members and their summer addresses: L. Theo. Belmont, University avenue, Rochester, N. Y.; Gordo L. Cox, Oliver Springs, Tenn.; J. H. Richmond, 211 Keats avenue, Louisville, Ky.; W. C. Johnson, Floyds, Memphis, Tenn.; Henry L. Williford, Memphis, Tenn.; R. E. Nolan, Birmingham, Ala.; Howard McCulley, Knoxville, Tenn.; I. A. Vincent, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Glee Club gives a minstrel show, or farce, entitled "The Land of Slush," in Jefferson Hotel, Friday evening, May 17th.

Commencement comes June 5th this year, and senior examinations begin next week. Everything is now in a whirl, trying to crowd theses, class sports, exams., dances, and all winding-up festivities in two short weeks.

With best wishes for the welfare of the sister chapters and a pleasant vacation for every brother, we bid you all "*bon voyage*."

I. A. VINCENT.

ETA.

Tulane University.

At Tulane this is the busiest time of the year. Final exams. seem to be up to their usual formidable standard and cramming is as necessary as ever. Then, too, we are rushed getting chapter affairs in good shape for the coming session.

The university at present has a total enrollment of 1,850 students in the following departments: Academic, Engineering, Law, Newcomb (female), Pharmacy, and the Graduate Medical College. Last year the number of students was 1,350. This shows an increase of about 40 per cent. in the last year, by far the most rapid growth recorded in any Southern university.

Tulane suffers a great loss in her athletics in Brother Joubert's graduation. He is now captain of the base-ball team, and has caught for four years without a rival for his position. Brother Menafee is expected back next year. Everyone remembers his remarkable records in track, base-ball and foot-ball. Without any exception, he is the best athlete Tulane ever had, and the most universally popular man.

We lose this year by graduation Brothers Ralph Clifton Patton, B. E.; Charles E. Joubert, B. E.; Wilfred F. Calongue, B. E.

Brother Patton will take a position with the General Electric Company, in Schenectady, N. Y. Brothers Joubert and Calongue are still uncertain of their movements. The other men will be located for the summer as follows: Geo. Pragst, 1472 Camp street, New Orleans, La.; Houston C. Maxwell, Brookhaven, Miss.; J. H. Smith, Slidell, La.; C. H. Smith, Slidell, La.

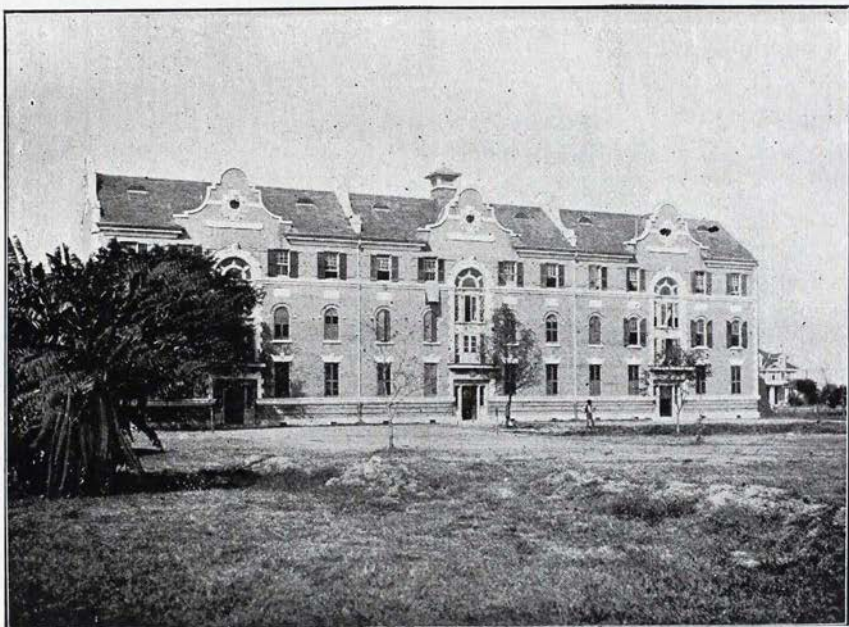
Alumnus Eta Chapter is being organized on a firm and active basis, and will soon be in a position to give moral and substantial aid to the Fraternity.

GEO. PRAGST.

THETA.

Southern Presbyterian University.

Final examinations are staring us in the face. By the time of the June issue most of us will be at home, and S. P. U. will have closed one of the most successful years of its history. We look forward with pleasure to Commencement day, but there is also a tinge of regret for the ties which will be severed. From the Theological department we lose J. W. Marshall and R. L. Walkup, who have accepted flattering calls to Tuskegee, Ala., and Gloster, Miss., respectively. In the Academic Department Currie will receive his degree, but we are glad to announce that he has decided to return next year and pursue higher branches of learning. Brother Currie is a faculty orator, and has been recently elected editor-in-chief of *The Journal*. The



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MEN'S DORMITORIES
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interests of school have been centered on base-ball. We have one of the best teams in our history, and although we have not won all the games, we have won the majority, and from the best teams in the South. Theta is represented on the team by Brothers Armistead, in the outfield; J. T. Rothrock, behind the bat, and Stokes at first base. Needless to say these brothers have their places cinched, and have been an honor to the school and to the Fraternity.

We listened with pleasure to the report of the Convention by Brother Currie, and were glad to hear so much about the Fraternity's flourishing condition. We feel sure that it is in wise hands, and that all is well.

The following is the list of our members with their summer addresses: W. H. Armistead, Madison, Tenn.; W. S. Barr, 2839, Magazine street, New Orleans, La.; R. A. Bolling, Jr., Centerville, Miss.; J. W. Clotfelter, Bessemer, Ala.; W. F. Creson, Crystal Springs, Miss.; G. W. Currie, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Dr. R. E. Fulton, Clarksville, Tenn.; R. N. Marion, Honeka, Miss.; J. W. Marshall, Tuskegee, Ala.; S. E. McFadden, Oakland, Tenn.; G. F. McLeod, Moss Point, Miss.; W. G. Miller, Woodford, Tenn.; J. T. Rothrock, Jr., Somerville, Tenn.; W. H. Rothrock, Somerville, Tenn.; A. Stokes, Gloster, Miss.; C. Taffe, Louisville, Ky.; R. L. Walkup, Gloster, Miss.

The literary honors for the year will not be made known until Commencement, but we can truthfully say that Theta will get its share, with a few to spare.

Wishing each and every Pi a happy and prosperous summer, I remain, yours in the bonds,

J. W. MARSHALL.

IOTA.

Hampden-Sidney College.

The most glowing accounts of the Convention were brought back by Iota's delegates, and all of us who did not go have been regretting our mistake ever since they came back.

Field day came off last Saturday, and the records made show that there are many good athletes left at Hampden-Sidney. Our base-ball team has been singularly unfortunate in the games played, and it seems that a "Jonah" is always present when it comes to run getting.

Brother McAllister reports that he has enrolled a great number of new students for next year, and we expect to see a large increase in the student body by that time.

Our final examinations have just been posted, and everyone is making a rush to the bulletin board to see how theirs come.

Professor Thornton, our math. professor, has been seriously considering a call to the University of West Virginia. We hope that he will decide not to accept.

One of the few members of our senior class was suddenly attacked with appendicitis a few days since, and it is feared that he will lose his well-deserved degree on account of his sickness.

Iota was recently favored with short visits by "Sugar" and "Denny" Wright, both of Omicron, and both base-ball "artists." Also by Brother McCandlish, of Gamma. It is always a delightful pleasure to have such men visit us, and we hope they will come again, and that very soon.

Only one of our number will graduate this year, and as he is thinking of returning for an M. A. degree next year, we will not be weakened by loss of him. Those who will probably return, with their respective addresses, are as follows: P. Tulane Atkinson, '07, Champe, Va.; R. Lee Chambliss, '08, Rawling, Va.; D. Alex. Haller, '08, Pocahontas, Va.; W. Goggin Crockett, '09, Tazewell, Va.; F. C. Brown, '09, Lewisburg, W. Va.; Graham Gilmer, '09, Draper, Va.; R. R. St. Clair, '10, Tazewell, Va.; A. P. Hopkins, '10, Tazewell, Va.; G. L. Walker, '10, Blacksburg, Va.

Those who will not return are: Jas. M. Stratton, '09, Lewisburg, W. Va.; A. J. Gillespie, '10, Tazewell, Va.

We wish a vacation of pleasure and profit for every member of II. K. A. May each chapter be stronger next year, and may many new ones be added to our list.

D. ALEX. HALLER.

KAPPA.*Kentucky University.*

The days of June are here, and with them come the partings which all college men dislike. As we look back on the year's work, however, we see the time has been well spent, and the sadness of parting is alleviated by the pleasant recollections of enjoyable times spent together, and by the hope of more such meetings in the future.

It is always a pleasure to run across a Pi during the summer, and if you are in our neighborhood let us know. Our addresses will be: A. B. Coble, Union City, Tenn.; Whitney Dunlap, Versailles, Ky.; J. V. Field, Versailles, Ky.; D. J. Howard, Versailles, Ky.; Jas Meng, N. Middletown, Ky.; H. L. Merryday, Palatka, Fla.; Archer Wheatley, Du Quoin, Ill.; W. H. Whitley, Lexington, Ky.; J. F. Hart, Flemingsburg, Ky.

Brother Merryday expects to attend Jefferson Medical School, Philadelphia, Pa., next year, and Brother Wheatley expects to work in St. Louis. Brothers Whitley and Wheatley graduated in law this year, but the former will probably be in Lexington for some time.

Owing to Kentucky University having abolished inter-collegiate athletics, the *personnel* of the student body has not been as favorable this year for fraternities as might be. We feel, however, that in view of the disadvantages under which we have been compelled to labor our year has been successful. And since athletics have been re-instated we look forward with much hope to the opening of school next fall.

Our delegates report a grand time at the Convention, and have returned full of enthusiasm and ready to work hard for dear old II. K. A.

We have had the pleasure of having with us recently Brother Orris White, of the 1904-'05 chapter. Brother White is principal of the Carruthersville, Ind., high school, and is very successful in his work.

With very best wishes for a pleasant vacation and future success for every Pi, we say *aufwiedersehen*.

A. WHEATLEY.

MU.

Presbyterian College.

Mu takes great pleasure in introducing a new member to the Fraternity—Daniel Baker Smith, Reidville, S. C. This makes five initiates for Mu this year.

Examinations are drawing near, and we are all hard at work to try to rise over the brink of failure.

Brothers Power and Neville gave us a flourishing and full report of the Convention at Richmond. We feel sure this was the most successful in the history of II. K. A., and it makes the heart of every true II. glad to see the great strides towards success which our Fraternity is taking.

Our faculty are expecting to make the dedication of our new administration building at commencement the greatest event in the history of the college. We have a very pretty edifice indeed, and expect our college to grow very fast.

The home addresses of our members are: D. W. Neville, Clinton, S. C.; G. C. McDonald, Sumter, Ga.; E. L. Power, Abbeville, S. C.; C. D. Harrall, Bennettsville, S. C.; R. R. Smith, Rock Hill, S. C.; D. B. Smith, Reidville, S. C.; W. S. Bean, Jr., Clinton, S. C.; J. B. Bell, Jr., Gaffney, S. C.

Brothers R. R. Smith and Bell do not expect to return next year. All the others expect to return.

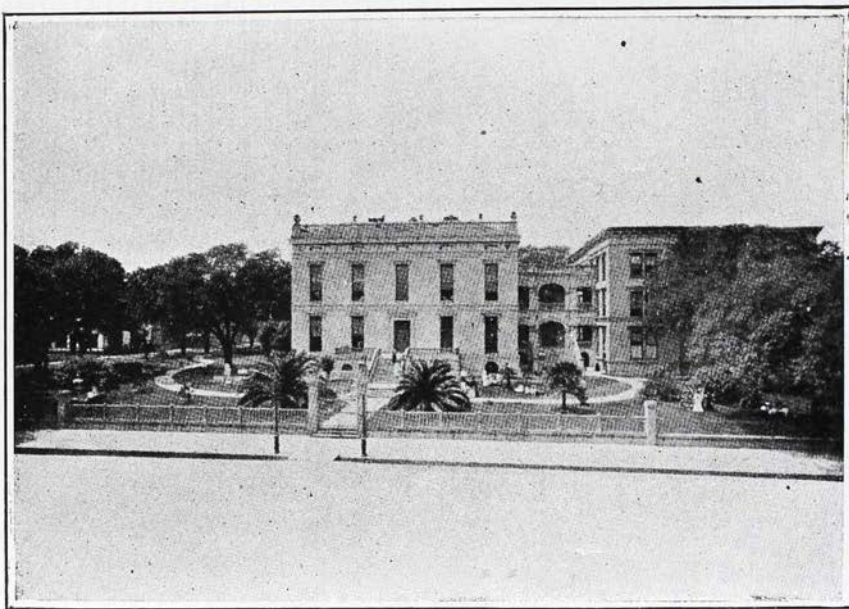
Mu wishes every II. a most pleasant vacation.

C. D. HARRALL.

OMICRON.

Richmond College.

Omicron is just finishing a year that has been one of the most prosperous and successful years in the history of our chapter, and we are proud indeed of our many victories in both the athletic and intellectual field.



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H. SOPHIE NEWCOMB COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
Tulane University of Louisiana

J. S. Wright was captain and played left end on the foot-ball team, and we are represented on the base-ball team by D. D. and G. B. Wright, while Robertson still holds up his reputation as an all-round athlete.

We have three members who will get their degrees this year—Elsom and Robertson in the Academic course, and J. S. Wright in Law. Wright is Historian of the Senior Law class, and is an exceptionally brilliant man.

We need must make our letter short, as examinations are in our midst, and we must be "up and doing."

Prospects are indeed bright for a strong chapter next year, as Omicron expects to return at least twelve men, Hubbard, J. S. Wright and Elsom being the only members who do not expect to return.

Our summer addresses will be as follows: E. W. Henning, 1516 West avenue, Richmond, Va.; S. G. Gill, 109 Franklin street, Petersburg, Va.; D. D. Wright, Tappahannock, Va.; John Martin, 315 W. Grace street, Richmond, Va.; G. E. Nance, Roxbury, Va.; W. M. Nance, Roxbury, Va.; J. N. Hubbard, Wilcox Wharf, Va.; H. L. Taylor, 2717 E. Grace street, Richmond, Va.; B. E. Steele, Tazewell, Va.; L. L. Chamberlin, Philomont, Va.; C. H. Elsom, Danville, Va.; G. B. Wright, Evergreen, La.; J. S. Wright, Evergreen, La.; A. W. Robertson, Salem, Va.; Paul Woodfin, Waynesboro, Va.

With best wishes to all the Pis,

JAS. N. HUBBARD.

PI.

Washington and Lee University.

Swiftly the days seem to fly past. Final day is even now discernible on the horizon of Time, and as we measure its course we are filled with dread lest some unforeseen obstacle impede its rapid approach.

I can say, without fear of contradiction, that this has been the most successful year in the history of Pi Chapter. Pi has been represented in every department of college life. In athletics

she has had representatives on the various teams. Brother Moomaw was captain of the foot-ball team, and until compelled by his studies to resign his position a member of the base-ball squad. while your humble scribe had the fortune to represent Pi on the track team, and to be elected captain of next year's team.

There are several other organizations at the university other than those classified as regular fraternities. Sigma and S. B. C. are the two ribbon societies, Theta Nu Epsilon being the only Fraternity. Brothers Moomaw, Watkins, and S. A. Anderson are members of Theta Nu Epsilon; Brothers Hall and Hodges are members of S. B. C.; and Brothers Moomaw, Herbert, Anderson, Fleming, and Penn are Sigmas.

It is with pleasure I introduce to the Fraternity at large our newly initiated brother, Thos. E. Sebrell, of Norfolk, Va.

The summer addresses of our members will be as follows: J. L. Woysor, Pulaski, Va.; W. E. Jones, Champe, Va.; H. M. Moomaw, Roanoke, Va.; L. A. McMurren, Newport News, Va.; H. Anderson, Franklin, W. Va.; H. H. Darnall, Roanoke, Va.; L. A. Anderson, Lynchburg, Va.; J. H. Lyle, Brownsburg, Va.; S. Fleming, Lynchburg, Va.; Thos. E. Sebrell, Norfolk, Va.; R. W. Arnold, Jr., Waverley, Va.; W. R. McMurren, Norfolk, Va.; J. M. Nelson, Roanoke, Va.; S. A. Beard, Houston, Texas; T. J. Watkins, Charlotte Courthouse, Va.; W. T. Hall, Ocala, Fla.; G. E. Penn, Jr., Abingdon, Va.; Leroy Hodges, Norfolk, Va. The last eight expect to return next session.

LEREY HODGES.

RHO.

Cumberland University.

With regrets akin to sorrow do we take leave of our brothers in the sister chapters for the school year. The farewell is made more tolerable by the hope that we shall greet the greater number of them next autumn.

The year for us has passed happily and prosperously. Our standard has been kept high, and thereby our name has kept its wonted honor.

Our base-ball season has just closed, and a splendid season it has been. We have won a claim to the S. I. A. A. championship. This is made reasonable by the fact that out of a hard season of twenty-five games only one series was lost.

Among those who are to participate in the class day exercises of their own department are: Brothers Summers and Miller, Law Department; Brother Hudson, College Department.

The chapter roll, with summer addresses, is: J. Lacy Reynolds, Dover, Tenn.; Carl C. Wimberly, Stevenson, Ala.; John W. Bone, Madison, Ky.; Lou W. Mitchell, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Wallace W. Grisson, Bliss, Ky.; Marmaduke J. Harrison, Clarksdale, Miss.; G. M. Miller, Louisburg, Tenn.; E. L. Orr, Fayetteville, Tenn.; J. C. Orr, Winchester, Tenn.; Joe F. Orr, Louisburg, Tenn.; C. A. Summers, Glasgow, Ky.; L. E. Brubaker, Maxwell, Ill.; F. L. Hudson, Salem, Ill.

Those who will not return next year are: G. M. Miller, Louisburg, Tenn.; J. L. Reynolds, Dover, Tenn.; E. L. Orr, Fayetteville, Tenn.; C. A. Summers, Glasgow, Ky.

FRED. L. HUDSON.

TAU.

University of North Carolina.

The Carnegie Library and Infirmary which are under construction will be finished before the fall term opens. "Carolina" is very proud of these, as they fill a place long needed here.

The student body is very proud of this season's track team, of which Stanley Winborne was captain. The team has just returned from a trip to Clemson College, where they won their meet. Brother Winborne made his "Carolina" sweater this season. More interest is being taken in this form of athletics and next year for the first time we will have a track coach.

Although Tau has had many hardships to overcome, the work done in the past year is very gratifying. We expect next year to be even more successful.

Brother Stuart Noble has been chosen one of the commence-

ment speakers. We congratulate Brother Noble on winning this place, and hope that he will win the medal offered.

Brother Arthur Jackson will not return next year. He has completed his medical course here, and expects to take up this course in Tulane next fall. We regret very much to lose Brother Jackson.

Brothers Stanley Winborne, Carroll Wiggins, and Stuart Noble graduate this spring. Brother Winborne will return to take law, while Brother Wiggins will return to take up his studies in medicine. Brother Noble has accepted a position at Horner's School.

Our summer addresses are: Wm. C. Coughenour, Salisbury, N. C.; Paul Dunn, Raleigh, N. C.; J. R. Mercer, Elm City, N. C.; Stanley Winborne, Murfreesboro, N. C.; A. F. Jackson, West Point, Ga.; S. G. Noble, Bushnell, Fla.; J. C. Wiggins, Suffolk, Va.; J. M. Wiggins, Suffolk, Va.

With best wishes,

PAUL DUNN.

UPSILON.

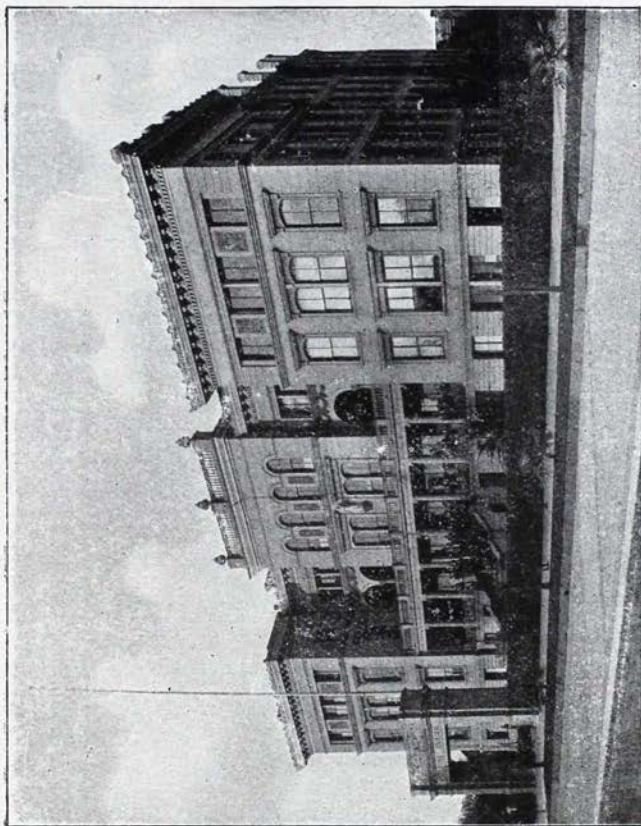
Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Since our last letter Upsilon has been prospering, and is probably now in better condition than she has been in several years. We have just completed furnishing our hall with a new suite of furniture, and we now have one of the prettiest halls here.

I now take pleasure in introducing A. J. Roddy, of Pratt City, Ala. He is one of the best students in the Sophomore class, and will make a worthy Pi.

We are all well pleased with the report which our delegate, Brother Otts, brought back from our last Convention. We were indeed glad to hear of the fine condition of the Fraternity; also of the new department which are to be added to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Auburn was represented this year by a good base-ball team, and, although having lost two series, we have about as much



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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
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chance of winning the S. I. A. A. championship as any other college. We ended the season by winning a series from Georgia Tech., our old enemies in athletics.

The new engineering building has been completed, and plans have been made for the erection of several new buildings during the summer. With the present appropriation it will be only a few years before the Alabama Polytechnic Institute will be one of the best equipped technical colleges in the South.

During this year Upsilon has not failed to take her usual share of honors. The following are the honors taken: Wm. Hardie, Captain Co. "C," Assistant Business Manager *Orange and Blue*, substitute 'Varsity base-ball; J. G. Hanlin, Distinction, Assistant Floor Manager Sophomore German Club, Hop Committee; A. J. Roddy, Distinction, Sophomore Declaimer; L. E. Otts, member Athletic Advisory Board; J. R. McCleskey, Freshman base-ball team; Y. Shackelford, Assistant Floor Manager Freshman German Club.

Besides these, the following made their respective "crack companies": Company "B"—Yonge; Company "C"—Brown, Ellyson, Greene, Weatherly; Company "E"—Newton, McCleskey.

We lose by graduation this year Brothers Esdale, Hardie, and Morgan, E. C. Although we will suffer from the loss of these good men, still we expect to have a strong chapter at the beginning of next year.

The list of the members of this year's chapter is as follows, with their summer addresses: Jas. Esdale, '07, avenue F and Golden, Birmingham, Ala.; Wm. Hardie, Jr., '07, 2220 Sycamore street, Birmingham, Ala.; E. C. Morgan, '07, 2111 avenue H, South, Birmingham, Ala.; S. L. Greene, '08, Citronelle, Ala.; Roe R. Greer, '08, Marion, Ala.; Frank Morgan, '08, 717 S. Twenty-first street, Birmingham, Ala.; Frank M. Shepard, '08, Mt. Vernon, Ala.; John J. Weatherly, '08, 1200 Leighton avenue, Anniston, Ala.; R. B. Ellyson, '09, Citronelle, Ala.; L. B. Forbes, '09, Bowie, Texas; J. G. Hanlin, '09, Sheffield, Ala.; W. P. Newton, '09, 1231 Twenty-fourth street, N., Birmingham, Ala.; L. E. Otts, '09, Greensboro, Ala.; A. J.

Roddy, '09, Pratt City, Ala.; W. Thomas Brown, '10, 1801 Eleventh avenue, South, Birmingham, Ala.; George Bremer, '10, Knoxville, Tenn.; E. Lane Davis, '10, Oak Grove, Ala.; Jerry L. Echols, '10, 316 S. Fourth street, Gadsden, Ala.; Joe R. McCleskey, '10, Boaz, Ala.; Frank T. Moragne, '10, 247 S. Fourth street, Gadsden, Ala.; Y. Shackelford, '10, 28 Virginia avenue, Montgomery, Ala.; C. C. Yonge, '10, 316 Guillemarde street, Pensacola, Fla.

With best wishes from Upsilon to every Pi for a happy vacation.

R. BROOKE ELLYSON.

PHI.

Roanoke College.

The close of the present college year is drawing near, and already the approaching storms of final examinations have cast their gloomy shadows among the students of Roanoke College. With the earnest hope that each succeeding year will be as prosperous to II. K. A. as this has been Phi once more greets her sister chapters and wishes each and every II. a most pleasant vacation.

From all we can hear the Convention of 1907 was a success in every respect, each action taken by it being most gratifying to our chapter. Especially are we pleased with the plan adopted for the institution of chapter houses.

Roanoke made a good showing in base-ball this spring—particularly on the North Carolina trip. The games with A. and M. and Wake Forest were lost by close margins. Phi was represented on the team by Brothers Cline, Stras and A. M. Bowman. Cline did excellent work in the "box," while Stras played a "star" game at first base, and Bowman held his own in right field. These brothers, as well as your humble scribe, who was with the team, wish to express their appreciation of the attention paid them by the members of Alpha-Epsilon and Beta chapters.

Roentgen Rays, the college annual, will soon be out, and is expected to be a very creditable one. A large part of the

credit is due Brother Killey, the Business Manager, who has "lost oil and labor" (*oleum et operam perdidit*) in his untiring efforts. Killey was also elected President of the Athletic Association for next year.

Officers were recently elected by the student body to organize a Glee Club for the coming session, and judging from the material already at hand, the prospects for its success are exceedingly bright.

Roanoke had the honor of having the State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest held here on May 2d. I feel certain in saying that a better class of speakers and a finer quality of speeches could hardly be found anywhere, every delegate doing credit to his institution. The honors of the evening were carried off by the Richmond College representative, while William and Mary came second. The affair, from beginning to end, was as close and exciting as could possibly have been.

A short time ago we had the pleasure of a visit from S. W. Lacy, an alumnus of Omicron, who is traveling for a firm in Richmond, Va. Brother Reese, formerly of Phi, is now with us, having finished his second year at the Richmond Medical College. He intends spending the summer in Salem.

It seems that a rather large gathering of Phi's old men will take place during the near-at-hand commencement, and it is with many pleasant thoughts that we look forward to this happy occasion.

Alongside with such high anticipations of happiness in giving the good old grip and being with such cared-for ones, there is quite a sadness felt in the circles of Phi Chapter. As commencement always, as a rule, casts a dark shadow in some way, it seems, or rather happened this time, that it falls unusually heavy upon us. For it is, by the closing exercises of this session, that we lose some of the most worthy and faithful men that Phi has ever had. Although we deeply regret it, we are trying to hope for the best. Connor and Gibboney acquire their A. B. degrees, while A. M. Bowman and Cline become Masters of Art. Connor, Bowman, and perhaps Gibboney, will likely at-

tend some of the large universities next year, and Cline will go into business in North Carolina. We extend these our best wishes for their future success, and may they do as well wherever they chance to go as they have done here.

The following is a list of members and their addresses: A. M. Bowman, Jr., Salem, Va.; R. C. Bowman, Salem, Va.; A. C. Cline, Concord, North Carolina; F. A. Connor, 15 Blossom street, Bradford, Mass.; J. H. Gibboney, Wytheville, Va.; F. H. Hansbarger, Peterstown, W. Va.; R. M. Killey, Vivian, W. Va.; R. H. Logan, Salem, Va.; A. L. Stras, Roanoke, Va.

The last five of this list expect to return to begin work next fall, and, together with one pledge, Phi should get a good start.

Again wishing all of you a pleasant vacation,

R. C. BOWMAN.

CHI.

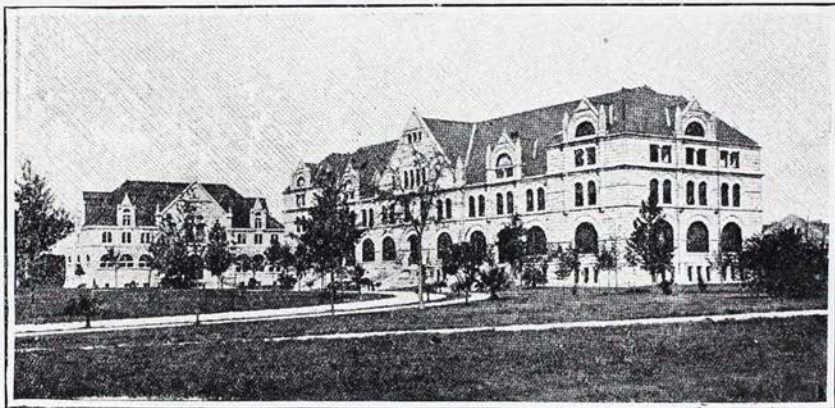
The University of the South.

Sewanee is now busily preparing for the celebration of her semi-centennial which is to be held during the two weeks, beginning with June 15th. Chi will hold a re-union of her alumni, and we wish to extend a cordial invitation to any brothers who may find time to visit us.

Luckily we will lose no men this year, and as it is expected that the largest freshman class that the university has yet seen will enter in July, we hope to greatly increase our number. The men that we now have, though not large in number, are men of high standing, and we will endeavor to keep up the tone as we increase the number. We are busily working on the chapter house and grounds, and will have them in splendid condition for commencement.

Already the summer girls are beginning to arrive in large numbers, and we would like to call the attention of the bachelor Pi Alumni to the fact that Sewanee is an excellent place in which to "meet your match." One summer term makes us competent judges in this matter.

Our tennis-court will be one of the best on the mountain,



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GIBSON HALL AND TILTON LIBRARY
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and with our billiard table rejuvenated and converted into a pool, our chapter house will be very attractive.

On April 17th Chi received a very pleasant, though necessarily short, visit from R. H. Alexander, an 1898 alumnus of Zeta.

We hope to take an active part in the social life of the mountain this summer, and we can guarantee a good time to any brothers who visit us.

With best wishes to our sister chapters,

F. J. H. COFFIN.

PSI.

North Georgia Agricultural College.

This has been a very successful year as a whole. Starting out with five, we succeeded in doubling our numbers. However, we do not judge our success by the number of men. As the enrollment in this college is comparatively small, we rarely have a large crowd.

Brother Frank Henderson left the 1st of May to stand a competitive examination for an appointment to West Point. We feel sure of his success.

On account of not having a complete schedule, our baseball team has disbanded. Considering everything, this has been a successful season. Brother Akers played third base on "Varsity." We lose two men this year by graduation—Brothers Elkan and Stephens—both of whom will graduate with first honor in their respective courses. Psi will also take away her share of honors in the other departments.

The following are the names and addresses of those who graduate: Julius Elkan, Box 96, Bellingham, Wash.; Minor Lee Stephens, Franklin, Ga.

The summer addresses, all of whom will probably return: Eugene Dupont Willingham, 542 Whitehall street, Atlanta, Ga.; Tom Oran Gallaway, Elberton, Ga.; William Akers, 62 Spruce street, Atlanta, Ga.; Albert Sydney Johnson, Gainesville, Ga.; Joseph Edward Creel, College Park, Ga.; James

Payne Baker, Antioch, Ga.; Jefferson William Findley, Dahlo-nega, Ga.

Psi Chapter wishes all the brothers a pleasant vacation.

T. O. GALLAWAY.

OMEGA.

Kentucky State College.

The long-looked for vacation has arrived at last, and we close our books with the feeling that the past year has not been spent in vain.

We lose L. E. Hillenmeyer and J. H. Letton by graduation this year. Brother Hillenmeyer will assist his father in managing a large nursery near Lexington, Ky.; J. H. Letton will go in the insurance business with headquarters at Paris, Ky.

Brother Alcorn left school about the 1st of May to accept a position with an engineering corps. His future address will be in care of G. H. Hailey, Assistant Engineer of C. and A. R. R., Springfield, Ill.

The following are the summer addresses of the active members: Marion Kimbrough, Lexington, Ky.; G. K. McCorkle, Eminence, Ky.; T. J. Orr, Princeton, Ky.; R. L. Sims, Lexington, Ky.; M. K. Snyder, Lexington, Ky.; Harry Letton, Carsile, Ky.; Harry Stevenson, Lexington, Ky.; John Wilhoit, Versailles, Ky.; J. E. Guyn, Lexington, Ky.; W. C. Lee, Campbellsburg, Ky.

Although laboring under great disadvantages, our base-ball team has made a splendid showing, and is more than likely to win the collegiate championship of Kentucky. The captain of the team having left college, Brother Hillenmeyer was elected captain of the team.

The Pan-Hellenic Council, which has recently been formed by the fraternities at State College, has been doing much for the benefit of the "frats." at State.

In class societies we have three new representatives—T. J. Orr is a "Lamp and Cross" man, J. G. C. Alcorn and W. C. Lee are members of the "Mystic 13."

After hearing Brother Hillenmeyer's report of the Convention, we were impressed by the progress of the Fraternity since the last Convention and the bright prospects which the future years hold in store for us. It will, indeed, be a memorable Convention.

Omega wishes all her sister chapters continued prosperity for the coming year.

W. C. LEE.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

Trinity College.

The base-ball season is over, and there is nothing further to break the dull monotony of final examinations till commencement. Our commencement will be on from the 2d to the 5th of June, inclusive, and it is expected that this will be one of the largest commencements in the history of the college. The annual reception, which is by far the most important social event of commencement week, will be held on the night of June 5th, and with its close the vacation proper will begin.

Our ball team has had a most successful season throughout, having lost only eight games out of a total of twenty-nine played. Brother Webb has represented Alpha-Alpha as pitcher and has made quite an enviable reputation.

Brothers Webb and Wells represented us at the Convention, and came back enthusiastic over its results from start to finish.

Owing to the fact that the Carolina Hotel, of this city, was recently destroyed by fire our arrangements for the annual banquet were completely broken up. There is just one other banquet hall in town suitable for the occasion, and this has already been engaged for everything during commencement week. It is quite probable that we will be unable to have the banquet as heretofore, but possibly an arrangement of some sort will yet enable us to do so.

Alpha-Alpha loses three men this year by graduation from the Academic Department, these being W. M. Wells, W. J. Whitley, and L. G. Daniels. Paul Webb, of the Law Department, will also graduate and not be in college next year. This

leaves only three old men who will return, these being Frasier, Wyche, and Lee. This leaves us comparatively weak, but some of the old men who dropped out this year are expected to return at the fall opening, and with some new material we will again be on a smooth running basis.

The names of our members as they stand on our chapter roll, and their summer addresses, are as follows: Paul Webb, Morehead City, N. C.; W. M. Wells, Elem City, N. C.; W. J. Whitley, Bonnerston, N. C.; A. L. Lee, Monroe, N. C.; Pierce Hog Wyche, Laurinburg, N. C.; J. G. Frasier, Durham, N. C.; L. G. Daniels, Wanchese, N. C.

With best wishes for the chapters, and wishing a most pleasant vacation for each individual member,

L. G. DANIELS.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

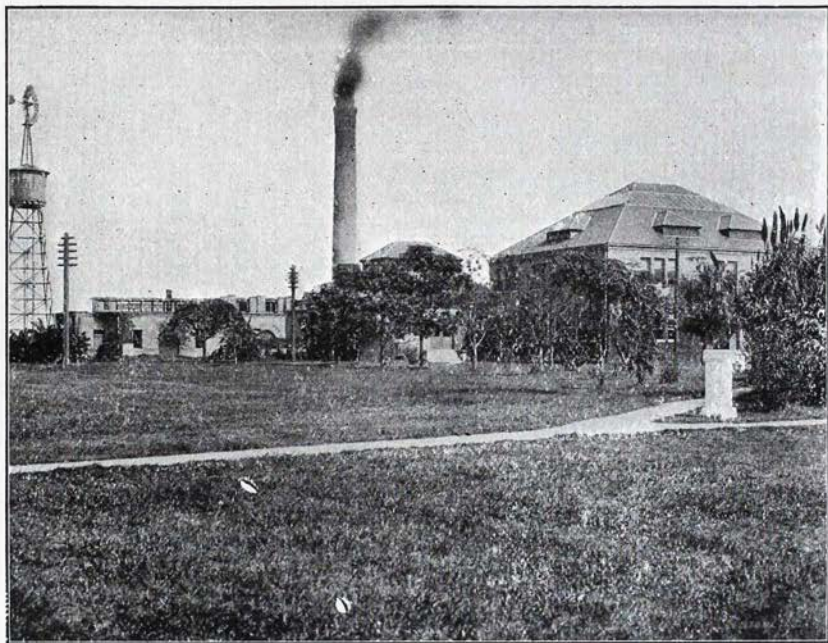
Louisiana State University.

I take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large S. E. Mary, Brush, La. Brother Mary has made an enviable record as 'Varsity catcher for the last two seasons, despite the fact that he is the lightest man on the team. We hope to have the pleasure of seeing his smiling face "caged" for the next two seasons.

Two short weeks and all will be over. How joyfully do we anticipate that moment when the beautiful and appropriate strains of "Home, Sweet Home," artistically rendered by the L. S. U. orchestra, will announce to us that the time of parting is upon us. But joy will not reign supreme, for a feeling of sadness will creep into our hearts when we realize that we must say good-bye to old friends whose companionship has been such a source of pleasure during the past months. But, then, if there were no sorrow at parting, there would be no joy at re-union.

Brother Ferguson returned from the Convention filled with enthusiasm, and his sojourn in the "Old Dominion" has yielded a goodly harvest of helpful hints and valuable suggestions. We certainly envy him his experience.

We regret very much the fact that we will lose at the end of



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ENGINEERING BUILDINGS
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this session one of our most worthy brothers, W. D. Morgan, has always been "an ever present help in the time of trouble." On the 28th of this month he will receive the reward of four years of faithful labor, and then he will go out from among us to take up arms in the battle of life. A glance into the past assures one of his future success. Brother Morgan carries from these walls the love and good wishes of all who know him, and leaves behind a permanently abiding influence, whose strength will not be diminished by the passage of time.

We have been very fortunate during the past year in having with us two of our alumni—Brother Buckner, '05, and Brother Tillery, '06. These two worthy brothers, owing to their experience in such matters and to their natural ability, have been very instrumental in furthering the welfare of the chapter.

Brother Golsan, of St. Francisville, was with us last week.

All except one of our men will return next year. We hope to have with us also Brother Herbert Sanders, who was forced to leave school earlier in the session. Below are the names and summer addresses of those who will be on hand in September: George S. Miller, Norwood, La.; T. B. Beale, Baton Rouge, La.; T. W. Wade, Newellton, La.; W. G. Munding, Baton Rouge, La.; L. P. Ferguson, Leesville, La.; W. A. Heard, 1205 State street, New Orleans; Herbert Sanders, Amite City, La.; Alex. Smith, Norwood, La. Not returning: W. D. Morgan, Tangipahoa, La.

Best wishes to sister chapters and a pleasant vacation to each Pi individually.

ALEX. SMITH.

ALPHA-DELTA.

Georgia School of Technology.

Tech. closes on June 20th, and we are beginning to look forward with much interest to the holidays. Exams. begin the second week in June, and we therefore have a pleasant time in prospect.

Base-ball is creating a good deal of interest at present. We play Georgia on Friday and Saturday, the 17th and 18th of May. We are very anxious to win these games, for if we do,

Tech. will have the State championship cinched.

A new library building is being constructed at Tech. We already have a fine library, but this building will add greatly to the convenience of the faculty and students.

Our delegate came back from the Convention inspired with a new determination to work for the Fraternity, and the chapter has been very much enthused. We all feel that the next year must see us in the field with as large a chapter as any other Fraternity at Tech., and we are industriously working toward that end. The Conventions certainly helps the Fraternity in arousing the proper spirit.

The summer addresses of our members are: N. E. Adamson, Rome, Ga.; E. A. King, Cave Springs, Ga.; S. N. Hodges, Perry, Ga.; J. A. Tommins, 500 Spring street, Atlanta, Ga.; M. T. Robertson, 141 Spring street, Atlanta, Ga.; G. C. Thompson, Jackson, Ga.

Brother J. L. Neill, from Millsaps, who has been Y. M. C. A. Secretary at Tech. this year, has left for Pass Christian, Miss., where he will have charge of a Methodist Church. All of our men will probably return next year. We have two pledges and some others in prospect.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity has lately organized a chapter at Tech. with seven charter members.

At the present time we cannot tell what our foot-ball prospects for next year will be. The chances are that a majority of this year's 'Varsity will return.

Wishing all Pis much pleasure during the holidays,

G. C. THOMPSON.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

North Carolina A. and M. College.

As we look back over the school year which is just closing we feel that Alpha-Epsilon has made a record of which she may be justly proud. When school opened in September we had only five men back, but by timely rushing we landed five new men, who have proven invaluable to us.

In the student body we have been well represented by members of Glee Club and orchestra class, base-ball and foot-ball teams, base-ball and foot-ball squad, Director of Cadet Band and College Orchestra, men in literary societies. In the military department we were represented by the Drum Major and First Sergeant of the band, and two privates in the band.

There is a movement on foot to erect a handsome Y. M. C. A. building. A banquet was given for the purpose of discussing this plan, at which every organization of the college was represented. An appeal was made to those present to help in this work by the Governor of the State. The invited guests included some of the most prominent men of the State and town, and the members of the faculty. If this building is erected the different fraternities of the college will be enabled to have halls, which is certainly to be desired. We were ably represented at this banquet by Brother Beall.

The college 'Varsity base-ball team has had a very successful season, and we have a very strong claim to the State championship, which we think rightfully belongs to us.

Alpha-Epsilon has been saddened by the death of Captain George F. Bason, father of Brother Bason, which occurred while the latter was attending the Convention. Captain Bason served his State bravely during the war, and since then has been successfully practicing law. He left two sons and a daughter.

The class base-ball team are contending for the silver cup given by the faculty. Brother Marshall and the writer are members of the Sophomore team, and Brothers Spings and Beall represent us on the Freshman club, Brother Beall being the manager.

Our first annual dance was given on Easter Monday, and was one of the social functions of the college year. It was given complimentary to the fraternities, and was enjoyed by about forty-five couples.

Our delegates were greatly pleased with the Convention and returned enthused with a new spirit of loyalty to Pi Kappa Alpha which they saw manifested on every side at Richmond.

The summer addresses of the members of Alpha-Epsilon will be: G. F. Bason, Birmingham, Ala.; J. A. Park, Raleigh, N. C.; W. G. Ferguson, Southern Pines; F. K. Bruner, Jr., Jones street, Raleigh, N. C.; J. A. Powell, 502 Hillsboro street, Raleigh, N. C.; W. R. Marshall, Rocky Mount, N. C.; A. T. Beall, Jr., 313 S. Church street, Charlotte, N. C.; E. J. Carpenter, Gaffney, S. C.; St. J. L. Springs, Georgetown, S. C.; D. H. Hill, Jr., West Raleigh, N. C.

We hope that every Pi will have a pleasant summer.

D. H. HILL, JR.

ALPHA-ZETA.

University of Arkansas.

It is with great pleasure that Alpha-Zeta reports this month. True, no sensational developments have occurred. But Alpha-Zeta is progressing, not in spurts and wavering bounds, but in a cool, collected manner as irresistible as the flying wedge.

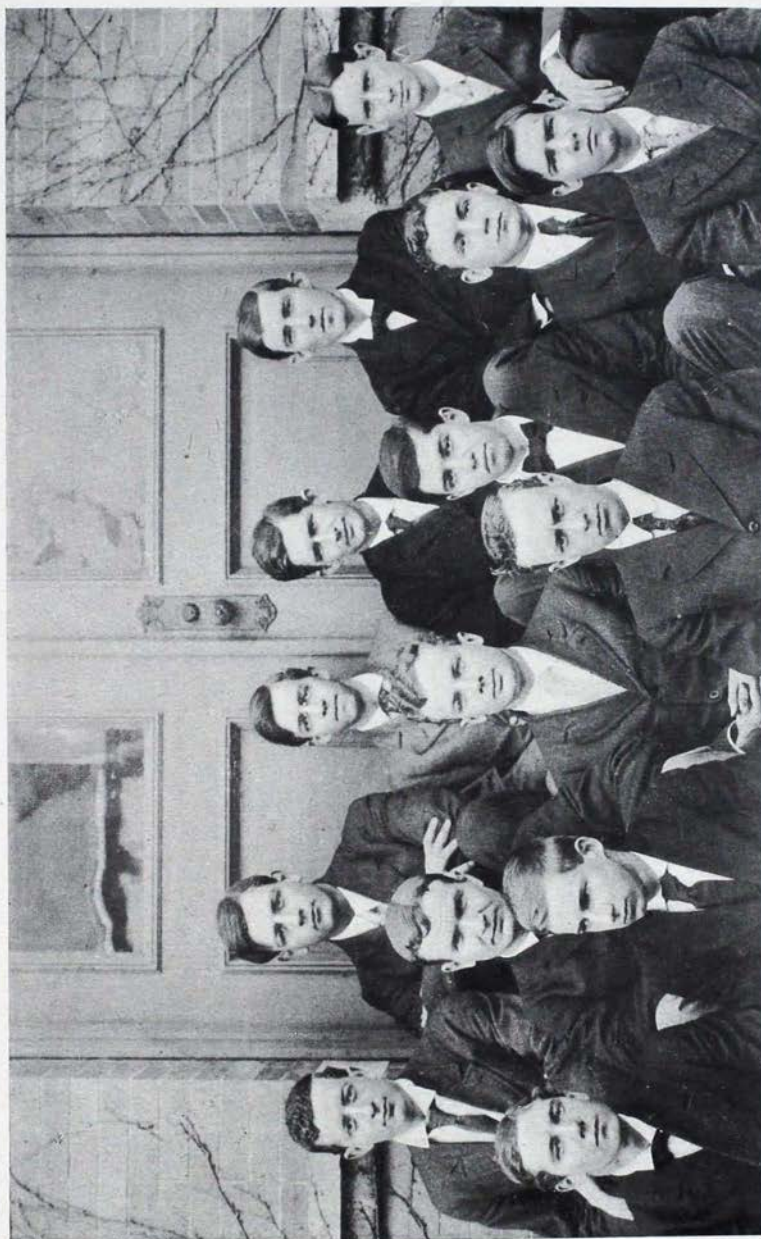
Saturday evening, April 6th, an informal dance and fudge party was given in the chapter rooms. About thirty guests were present in addition to the chapter members.

On the evening of May 4th President and Mrs. Tillman received at their home the members of the junior and senior classes. Three Pi seniors and five Pi juniors attest that it was a most enjoyable occasion.

The Varsity ball team has shown up strong this season. With Drury, 1 to 0 and 5 to 0 games were played; with Kansas, 1 to 0 and 0 to 1; and 5 to 1; 0 to 1 games were played with Texas.

Brother W. A. Koser spent a week visiting the chapter on his return from the Richmond Convention.

Summer addresses of active members are as follows: P. W. Bailey, Warren, Ark.; A. P. Boles, St. Louis, Mo.; C. B. Boles, Fayetteville, Ark.; H. R. Carter, Memphis, Tenn.; R. R. Chamberlin, Malvern, Ark.; S. G. Davies, Hoboken, N. Y.; J. K. Ellis, Eureka Springs, Ark.; Ivor Gough, Huntington, Ark.; W. A. Koser, Marion, Ark.; H. B. Martin, Warren, Ark.; A. C. Parker, Paris, Ark.; Z. L. Reagan, Fayetteville,



Eta Chapter, 1906-07

Ark.; R. E. Shipley, Boonville, Ark.; H. R. Smith, Malvern, Ark.; M. F. Thompson, Fayetteville, Ark.; W. E. Thompson, Warren, Ark.; E. F. Woodson, Huntington, Ark.

All the men will return next year but three—H. R. Carter, Memphis, Tenn.; S. G. Davies, Hoboken, N. Y.; A. C. Parker, Little Rock, Ark.

Lo! the palmy days of early June will soon be here, the season when whole armies of ravenous faculties fare forth seeking whom they may flunk. Verily, it behooves us to lay down our airy pen with its tripping phrases, and to gird our loins with the ponderous works of Newton and Blackstone—yea, even then the battle will be exceedingly strenuous and long drawn out.

So farewell, sister chapters, till next September.

M. F. THOMPSON.

ALPHA-ETA.

University of the State of Florida.

Alpha-Eta again looks forward to the rapidly approaching commencement with mingled joy and regret. Together with the work for exams. the turmoil and excitement of the social life of the university causes us to hesitate in saying just where we are "at."

We loose by graduation only one—your humble scribe, T. Z. Cason, Island Grove, Fla.

Those who will return next fall are as follows: Earnest D. McRae, Gainesville, Fla.; Thomas G. Hancock, Tallahassee, Fla.; Arthur W. Albertson, 33 W. Fourth street, Jacksonville, Fla.; A. Earle Bonis, 1718 Main street, Jacksonville, Fla.

We cannot say what honors we will take, as no medals are awarded until commencement. We will compete for two of the four offered.

Alpha-Eta has taken active steps toward establishing a chapter house fund. When it becomes necessary for us to build a house we hope to be "ready with the goods."

Our chapter was well pleased with the actions of the Convention as reported by the delegate. A written report was made

before the members, giving a general account of the proceedings.

The Legislature Committee which inspected the university has made quite a favorable report to the Legislature, which is now in session. Just before beginning this we learned from our President that a large appropriation had just passed both Houses, which assures the future of the University of the State of Florida and makes certain its permanent location in its new home.

In closing this letter I do so with a feeling of regret, for soon I will be numbered among the Alumni of Alpha-Eta and Pi Kappa Alpha. I count this as one of the honors of my life, yet I know that my active work in the chapter room is ended. I realize, however, that there is a large sphere of work among our Alumni, and hope that I may be able to do something for Pi Kappa Alpha's interest in this capacity. Now that we are growing, it is more important than ever that we should guard well Pi Kappa Alpha, and as we pass out from our respective colleges stand loyally by our beloved Fraternity.

TURNER Z. CASON.

ALPHA-THETA.

University of West University.

At the present writing Alpha-Theta's chapter house is a scene of unusual activity, as examination are only one week away. However, we feel safe in predicting that most of us will "make the raffle."

Our men are wearing happy expressions upon their faces in anticipation of the holidays, which are so near, and yet a few who leave for good have a feeling that they are leaving a home long dear to them which later will bring fond recollections of the happy days spent there.

Our list of graduating honors are few this year, as Brother Drane and your humble scribe are the only graduating Pis. We both finish the law course.

It is with much regret that we lose Brother Drane, as he is the last of our charter members, and by his zealous work for dear old II. K. A. he has won his way into the hearts of all Alpha-Theta men.

Base-ball has occupied lots of our time this term, and at present we have won about as many as we have lost. Most of our home games have resulted in victories, but on our Eastern trip all were lost by close scores, except Dickinson's warriors, who went down 5 to 4.

I introduce our new initiates: Ottis Marstilly, of Elkins, W. Va.; Horace Laban White, of West Union, W. Va., and Gordon Conrad Smith, of Walkersville, W. Va.

Our present active members and their summer addresses are: Arthur Clyde Knight, Weston, W. Va.; Boyd Milford Smith, Elkins, W. Va.; Ottis Grover Marstilly, Elkins, W. Va.; Lawrence Cook Yeardley, Morgantown, W. Va.; Claude Harrison Layman, Fairmont, W. Va.; Eugene Ramp Davis, Huntington, W. Va.; Ivan Stannard Davis, Huntington, W. Va.; Gordon Conrad Smith, Walkersville, W. Va.; Robert McVeigh Drane, Piedmont, W. Va.; Horace Laban White, West Union, W. Va.; Curtis Miller Hanna, Charleston, W. Va.; Louis Arnold Carr, Clarksburg, W. Va.

Of the above all are expected back except Dane and Carr, who graduate, and Knight and Layman, who will enter College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md.

Alpha-Theta extends best wishes to all brothers, and to those entering the business world may success always be with them.

LOUIS ARNOLD CARR.

ALPHA-IOTA.

Millsaps College.

Since our last letter we have initiated M. B. Jumper, of Jackson, Miss., a Freshman and one of the brightest members of his class. He is on the Freshman base-ball team, the champion team of the college, and has already proved himself a worthy II.

On May 27th we had our annual reception. We had with us the faculty, senior class, representatives from the other fraternities and many other friends, including our lady friends. The chapter hall and library hall adjoining were richly decorated

with garnet and gold. Refreshments were served, and all expressed themselves as having had a pleasant time.

We are lamenting very much just now our loss of the State oratorical medal at Columbus, May 10th. It went to Mississippi College. However, we kept up our record of winning first grade on manuscript, but Mississippi outclassed our representatives in delivery, so the judges said. We had the pleasure of spending the afternoon with the I. I. and C. girls, which almost compensated our loss.

There is not much doing on the campus now. Everyone seems to be preparing for the finals or a commencement oration. Our new Carnegie-Millsaps library is nearing completion, and will be ready for use by the time we return next session.

On the commencement program this year Alpha-Iota, as usual, will be well represented, and we expect to keep up our record of last session by winning a majority of the medals.

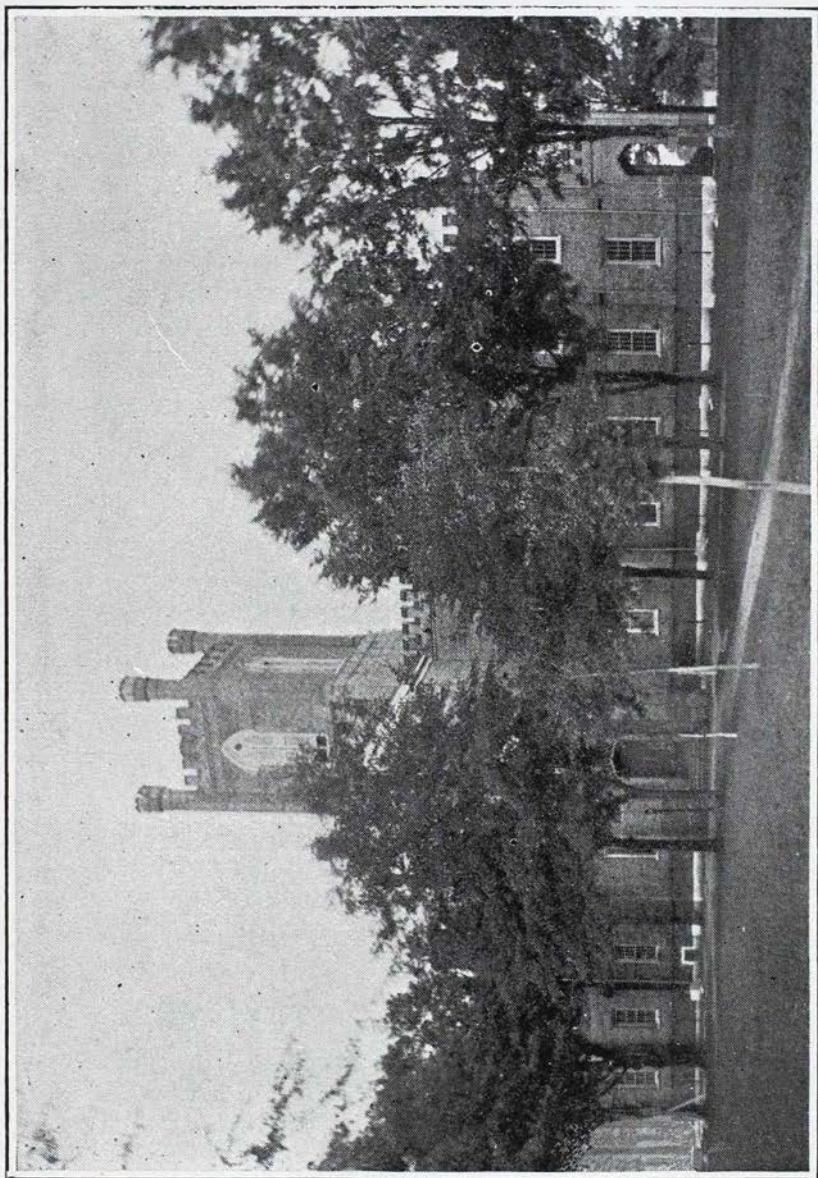
In the senior contest we will be represented by C. L. Neill and Miss Ridgeway, one of our "co-ed. sisters." In the sophomore contest we have Currie, Stennis, Williams and Mullins, and in the freshman Jumper, Mohler and M. L. Neill. Besides this, we are represented in every other minor contest.

We loose this year by graduation Bullock, Carlton and Neill, C. L.

The summer addresses of our members are as follows: H. H. Bullock, Monterey, Miss.; L. K. Carlton, Batesville, Miss.; Jeff Collins, Soso, Miss.; G. P. Cook, Crystal Springs, Miss.; F. F. Flynt, Hattiesburg, Miss.; E. A. Currie, Hattiesburg, Miss.; C. H. Kirkland, Ellisville, Miss.; M. B. Jumper, Jackson, Miss.; J. E. Mohler, Gulfport, Miss.; R. J. Mullins, Meadville, Miss.; C. L. Neill, Montrose, Miss.; M. L. Neill, Montrose, Miss.; J. C. Rousseaux, Kiln, Miss.; J. L. Sumrall, Laurel, Miss.; H. R. Townsend, Kilmichael, Miss.; F. S. Williams, Jackson, Miss.; Tom Stennis, De Kalb, Miss.

We extend best wishes to every Pi Kap., and hope that every one may have a pleasant and profitable vacation.

R. J. MULLINS.



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY—MAIN BUILDING

ALPHA-KAPPA.

Missouri School of Mines.

With school work almost at an end Alpha-Kappa can look backwards over a most successful year, which has filled us with plenty of confidence to face the future.

Since our last letter Brother Morgan has left us to accept a position with the Utah Copper Company, near Salt Lake City, leaving us with a membership of 13.

There are no special honors to be won here in school work, but Wright and Mann made Tau-Beta Pi, the honorary engineering Fraternity, and Wright, Seltzer and Mann were assistant instructors in the college.

Brother Seltzer was Vice-President of the Athletic Association. Goldman has just been elected manager of the foot-ball team for next year. He made a great reputation by his playing at right-end this year, and Drake made good at the opposite end.

Drake and Peeso were on this season's base-ball team, and Peeso is one of the most promising candidates for next year's captaincy. The election will take place the latter part of the week after the final games of the season with Illinois College. Drake and Peeso and our whole chapter greatly appreciate the way they were treated on the team's Tennessee trip by the members of Zeta, Chi and Rho.

The inter-fraternity games for the Silver Loving Cup have started, and Alpha Kappa mourns the loss of the first game. Kappa Sigma defeating us by a score of 2 to 0 after the game had gone eight innings without a run.

The new Metallurgical and Mining Building will be ready for us September 1st, and will give the school one of the best plants in the country.

The school annual, *The Rollamo*, has just been issued. It is the first attempt of the students to issue such a book, and we think it is a very creditable piece of work. Brother Seltzer was on the Board of Editors and Brothers Morgan and Dunn on the Staff of Artists.

The membership in the various Fraternities here this year has been as follows: Sigma Nu, 14 members and 1 pledge; Kappa Alpha, 16 members; Kappa Sigma, 14 members; Pi Kappa Alpha, 19 members and 1 pledge.

The following members of Alpha-Kappa have left school during the year. Their present addresses are given: J. A. Taggart, Leadville, Colo.; C. F. Flood, St. Louis, Mo.; B. N. Lay, Indianapolis, Ind.; A. J. Seltzer, Denver, Colo.; I. L. Wright, Joplin, Mo.; K. R. Morgan, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Of our present list of thirteen members eleven, and possibly twelve, will be back for next year, giving us a splendid start.

Those who will return, with their home addresses, are: F. G. Beckner, San Antonio, Texas; R. L. Drake, 3742 Genesee street, Kansas City, Mo.; T. S. Dunn, 801 N. County street, Waukegan, Ill.; J. M. Goldman, 4131 Maryland avenue, St. Louis, Mo.; R. T. Kendrick, 2919 Chouteau avenue, St. Louis, Mo.; H. T. Mann, 1005 S. Fourth street, Canon City, Colo.; H. E. Minor, 611 Macon avenue, Canon City, Colo.; E. P. Murray, Fosterville, Wis.; W. D. Peeso, 225 W. Second street, Junction City, Kansas; H. E. Smith, St. Louis, Mo.; J. G. Vogt, Jr., Trenton, Ill.

Those who will not return are: W. A. McTighe, 1083 Beech street, Memphis, Tenn.; H. S. Owen, 1206 Morrison avenue, St. Louis.

McTighe is undecided whether to return for special work or to go into practical work at once. Brother Owen intends to attend Cornell University next year.

Those who will return will spend their summers at various parts of the county. Beckner, Kendrick, Vogt, Smith and Peeso will be with the Utah Copper Company, near Salt Lake, Utah; Drake will be at Hollidaysburg, Pa.; Goldman will spend the summer in the East; Mann and Minor will be at Canon City, Colo.; Murray in Wisconsin, and the writer is still undecided as to what he will do.

We wish all Pis a pleasant summer.

T. S. DUNN.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.

Georgetown College.

We can scarcely realize here that June is at hand. We have been so busy all year getting settled that the present term has seemed remarkably short. As a result of our recent efforts we take pleasure in introducing D. McDowell Fogel, Hustonville, Ky.; Ernest Kellner, Greenville, Miss., and Clydus Riherd, Glasgow Junction, Ky.

Our annual banquet was held May 10th, on which occasion he had with us several of our last year's men—viz., Argabrite, Spragens, Wood and Crawley. At the same time Brother Bunyea gave us a full account of the Convention in such a way as to make each heart glow with pride at the splendid showing made by Pi Kappa Alpha.

Our first annual reception was held in the college gym. on the evening of May 11th. Garnet and gold predominated in the decorations, and ices were served. We were pleased to have with us several of the brethern from Kappa and Omega with a goodly number of Pi sisters.

In athletics our base-ball team is making a splendid showing. Riherd, who presides over third base, will in all probability be captain next year.

A. L. Crawley will represent the college in the Chatauqua oratorical meet in July.

As to class honors, we have our share. Creal is President, Crawley is Vice-President, Williams is Business Manager of *The Annual*, Johnston is one of *The Annual* editors, and the undersigned is Class Orator.

We lose by graduation this year Crawley, Creal, Williams, Johnston and Beckett. Crawley, Creal and Johnston will take up theology at the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., Williams will retire to his ranch near Floyd, New Mexico.

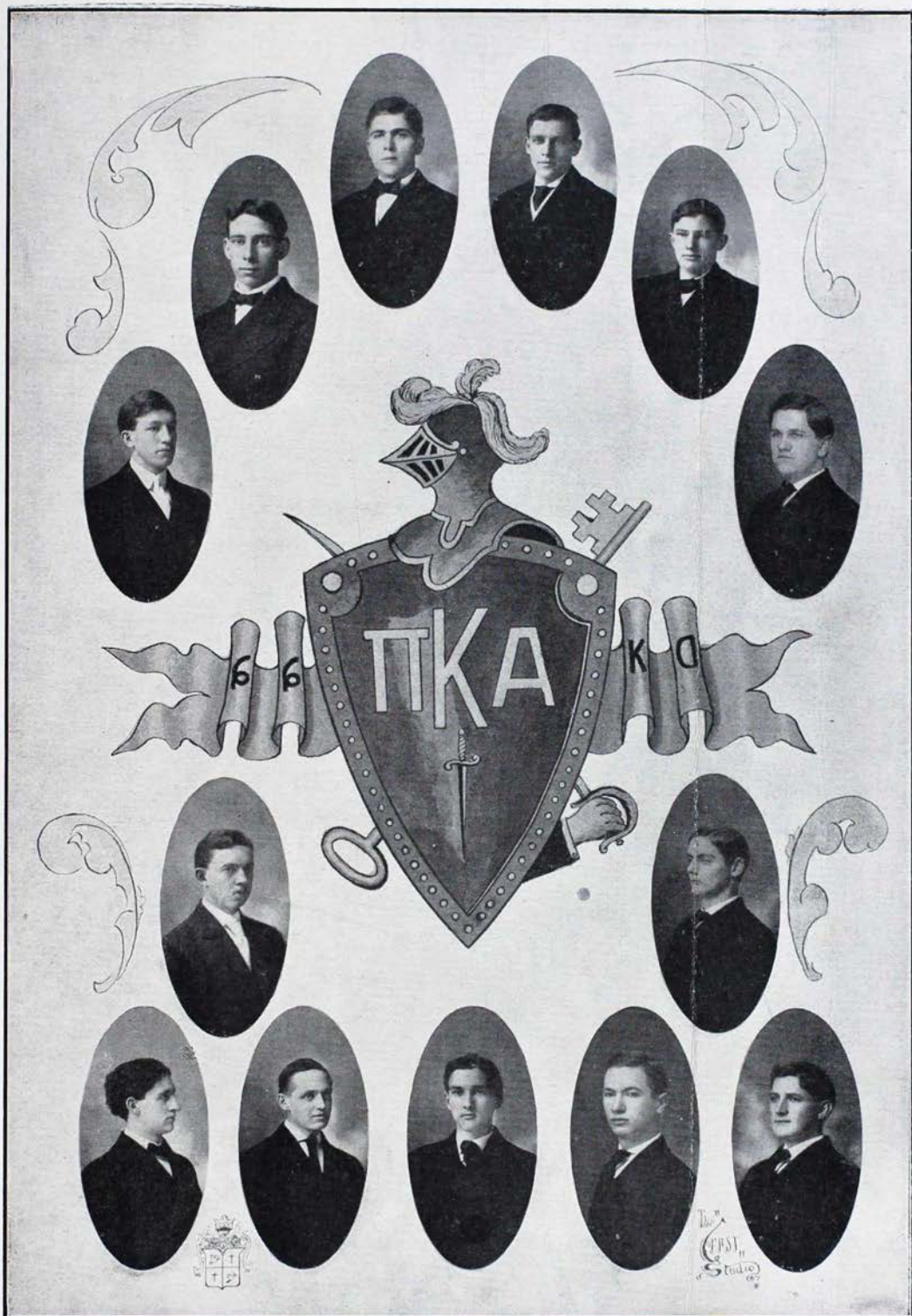
Letters addressed to 1036 Madison avenue, Covington, Ky., will catch the undersigned.

All the other brethern will return next year. Their addresses

during the summer will be: W. W. Dawson, Switzer, Ky.; D. D. Fogel, Yosemite, Ky.; V. E. Kellner, Greenville, Miss.; C. Riherd, Glasgow Junction, Ky.

May you all have a splendid vacation,

ROY BECKETT.



The Pi's.

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

—Rev. Thos. C. Darst, Pi, who is now pastor of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Richmond, Va., now one of the most enthusiastic members of the Convention. He lives at No. 516 W. Clay street, and is already preparing to reorganize Alumnus Alpha Chapter, that all its members may keep in touch with the Fraternity.

—On Sunday evening, March 17th, at 7:30, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. Fitzpatrick, T. Parrack Forbes, Pi, and Miss Annie George Tiffey were united in matrimony. Brother Forbes holds a responsible position with the Quinn-Marshall Co., of Lynchburg, Va., and is very popular in that city. The couple are at home, No. 311 Fifth street, Lynchburg, Va.

—The following interesting news comes from the university, telling of the election to a most important chair in that institution of one of our most loyal Pis. The dispatch is dated Charlottesville, March 15, 1907:

Dr. Robert Montgomery Bird, Iota, of the University of Missouri, was elected collegiate professor of chemistry and made director of the laboratory for undergraduate instruction in chemistry. Dr. Bird is a native of Petersburg, Va. His preliminary education was received at the Petersburg High School. After two years under private tutors he spent three years at Hampden-Sidney College, Va., and four years at Johns-Hopkins University, obtaining the B. A. and B. S. degrees at the former institution and the Ph. D. degree at the Hopkins.

—On his return home Brother J. Pike Powers, Jr., found a very hot political fight among the State Board of Election Commissioners for the election of delegates from Knox county. Some of the prominent Democrats of Knoxville were urging the appointment of Colonel Ledgerwood and J. Pike Powers, Jr., and the *Knoxville Sentinel* of May 8th is loud in its praise of Brother Powers.

—Arthur C. Jones, ex-Grand Princeps, is now located at Gastonia, N. C., a member of the firm of Garland & Jones, Attorneys and Counsellors. The good wishes of the entire Fraternity follow Brother Jones in his new field.

—The following regarding our brother of Chi afterward transferred to Mu will prove of interest to his many friends:

First Church, Houston.—The First Church, Rev. W. S. Jacobs, pastor, has organized a brotherhood. The movement was begun very enthusiastically at a banquet recently. The pastor has been with the church only one year, but in that time three hundred members have been added, and the Sunday-school has grown from 254 to 505, actual attendance.

—*The Norfolk-Ledger Dispatch* of May, 1907, contains the following editorial, and those Pis who had the pleasure of meeting Brother Cabell at the Convention appreciate how true all of this is about him:

The Virginia Masonic Journal has a new and accomplished editor in Richmond, who is thus welcomed into Fraternity by the *Times-Dispatch*:

"Hon. James Alston Cabell has mounted the tripod, and is now a full-fledged member of the editorial fraternity. He has become the editor-in-chief of the *Virginia Masonic Journal*, an attractive periodical published in this city and devoted to the interests of the mystic Order.

"Mr. Cabell is as brilliant as a writer as he is as a speaker, and withal is one of the 'brightest' Masons in the city or the State, being well up in all the unwritten work as well as the printed lore of the ancient Order.

"*The Virginia Masonic Journal* is a monthly publication, and under Editor Cabell's management it is sure to be a repository of Masonic law, news and literature."

Mr. Cabell has served with distinction in the State Legislature, and received a very highly flattering vote for Lieutenant-Governor

in the last State election. He is also prominently mentioned as a candidate for the governorship when the next campaign opens.

He has represented Virginia at several sessions of the American Bar Association, where his speeches have attracted national interest. He presided over the recent banquet of the Sons of the Cincinnati at the Jamestown Exposition with pleasure to the guests and members. His talents will have full play in his new work and the *Masonic Journal* will feel the inspiration of his accomplishments.

—*The Richmond Times-Dispatch* publishes the following regarding a talented brother of Alpha:

Hon. John W. Fishburne, of Charlottesville, is here and sat last night with the State Library Board, of which he is a member.

Mr. Fishburne, is one of the strong lawyers of the Piedmont section, and served one term in the House a few years ago. Mr. Fishburne thinks Dr. Dunn and Delegate Pitts will be returned to the House, but he declares that pretty race is on for Senator between three candidates.

He did not risk an opinion as to who will probably win, but said Mr. Early was making a very active canvass. All the aspirants for the seat, now held by Senator Chapman, are hustling for votes. Mr. Fishburne thinks all three of the candidates have strong support.

—B. H. Smith, who occupies a position with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y., writes the General Office under date of April 13th:

I know that it will be a surprise to some of our brothers to hear from some of their number so far away. If any of the brothers are thinking of coming here to work in the test, we would be glad to be of any assistance we can. In the early fall we had six II's here, but Brother L. B. Forbes, Upsilon, decided to leave us, but will return here this summer. The list of brothers are as follows: J. P. Palmer, Phi Chapter, No. 122 Brandywine avenue; J. Davidson, Jr., Eta Chapter, No. 615 Terrace Place; C. E. D. Egerton, Alpha-Alpha Chapter, No. 120 Jay street; B. H. Smith, Tau and Alpha-Delta, No. 114 Barrett street; L. B. Forbes, Upsilon, No. 1122 State street.

We hope that any of the brothers coming here will let us know, as we are always glad to find a new one. At present Brother Palmer has gone to "Maryland, My Maryland," and when he returns we will have a "sister" glad to add to our number. With best wishes for the welfare of all the chapters.

—Delegates to the Charlotte, N. C., Convention will remember with pleasure the talented brother who was then Grand

Chaplain, and will read with interest the following regarding him from a North Carolina paper:

It has been announced that Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., of Charlotte, N. C., and head of the Montreat Association, had resigned his position with that association, and had accepted the chair of philosophy at Washington and Lee University, of Lexington, Va., in succession to the Rev. Dr. James A. Quarles, who retires at the close of this year.

—The General Office has received the following invitation, which distance prevents, much to our regret, the acceptance:

Rho Chapter
P. K. A. Fraternity
Would be Pleased to Have
MR. ROBERT A. SMYTHE
Fry and Eat Fish with its Members
On the Cumberland
May Ninth,
Nineteen Hundred and Seven.
Two to Ten P. M. ..

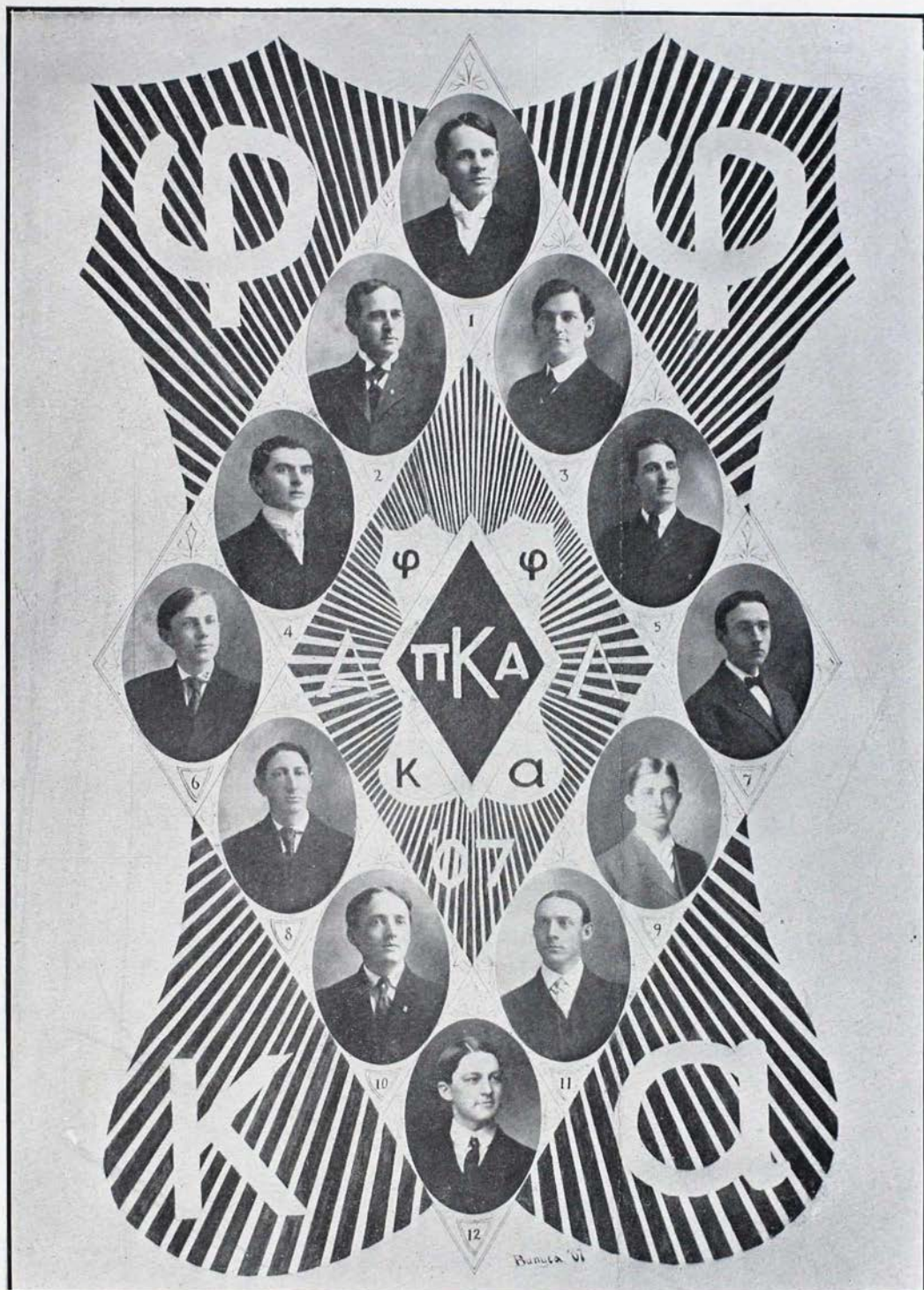
—Robert Henning Webb, Iota (B. A. and first honor 1901, sub-professor 1901-2 and M. A. 1902), after splendid work in the Department of Latin at the University, has entered Harvard University for Ph. D.

—Thomas W. Hooper, Iota (1900), is book editor of the *Union Seminary Magazine*, Richmond, Va.

—Professor Robert Randolph Jones, Iota (1892), is Principal of the High School at Newport News, Va., a position which gives him supervision of twenty teachers and about 750 pupils.

—The following engraved invitation, bearing on the first page our Coat-of-Arms, was addressed to the Supreme Council of the Fraternity through the General Office:

Alpha Lambda Chapter
of the
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
requests the honor of your presence
at their



1, A. L. Crawley; 2, R. L. Creal; 3, Hubert Bunyea; 4, Roy Beckett; 5, J. Ford Johnston; 6, W. W. Dawson; 7, W. H. Argabrite; 8, R. D. Mac D. Fogle; 9, A. Gordon Wood; 10, C. Lionel Williams; 11, M. W. Crawley; 12, J. Ruel Spragens.

ALPHA-LAMBDA, 1906-'07.

FIRST ANNUAL RECEPTION
Saturday Evening, May Eleventh,
Nineteen Hundred and Seven,
from Eight to Ten o'clock.
College Gymnasium.

—The General Office is grateful to Alpha-Epsilon Chapter for the following invitation:

The Pleasure of Your Company is Requested
at the
ANNUAL DANCE
given by
Alpha-Epsilon Chapter
of the
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
on the night of
Easter Monday, April 1st, 1907,
Olivia Raney Hall.

Hours: Ten till One.

Music by Third Regiment Band.

—Rev. William States Jacobs, Chi and Mu, is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas, residing at No. 1411 Walker avenue. This church is a most beautiful one, as shown by the illustrations in this issue.

—The General Office is appreciative of the following invitation from Upsilon Chapter. The name of each one of the chapter's member, with address, appears on the second page of this invitation:

Pi Kappa Alpha,
Upsilon Chapter sends Greetings
and invites you
to attend
Commencement Exercises
of
Alabama Polytechnic Institute,
June 2-5,
1907.

—James M. Graham, Iota, who graduated at Hampden-Sidney last June, is to be married in a few weeks to Miss Mary

Lou Campbell, a charming young lady of Pulaski City, Va. His home, and a beautiful one, is at Max Meadows, Va.

—Robert C. Graham, Iota, or "Bob," as he is familiarly called by a host of friends, has been pursuing a business course in Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

—Robert Henning Webb, Iota and Alpha, A. B., of Hampden-Sidney in 1901, A. M. in 1902, and A. M. of the University of Virginia (where for several years he was assistant professor of Latin) in 1904, has been awarded the Gorham Thomas Scholarship for next session.

—Zeta Chapter had a most delightful banquet at the Stratford Hotel, Knoxville, Tenn., on the night of May 22d. The following is the menu and list of toasts. This was beautifully bound in a garnet cover with old gold letters, and the last page was ruled for autographs:

MENU.

	Manhattan Cocktail	
	Cream of Tomatoe	
Pickles	Broiled Black Bass	Olives
	Julienne Potatoes	
	Claret	
	Spring Lamb—Mint Sauce	
	Green Peas	Roman Punch
Roast Capon—a la Stratford.		New Potatoes in Cream.
	New Asparagus	Champagne
	Frozen Tomatoes—Mayonnais	
Strawberries		<i>Tutti Fruti</i>
	Cheese	<i>Coffee</i>
	Cogna.	

TOASTS.

J. Pike Powers, Jr., Toastmaster.

The Ideal Fraternity Man,	Prof. Jas. D. Hoskins.
The Fraternity in the Early Days	Dr. Chas. E. Wait.
The Alumni	John Hudson.
The Spirit of Pi Kappa Alpha	Jas. H. Richmond.
The Goat	Robt. E. Nolan,

—Professor Hoskins, who responded to one of the toasts, delivered the baccalaureate address at Washington College, East Tennessee, last week. Also the similar address at Tusculum College. In one audience there were over 3,000 people. Dr. Wait joined the Fraternity soon after its organization. He was at the University of Virginia with James Alston Cabell, J. Cabell Brockenbrough and Theron H. Rice. His reminiscences of the old Fraternity were delightful. He stated that "Zeta stood better with the faculty than any Fraternity in the University." A flash-light was taken of this scene, which we reproduce in these pages.

—Whenever we hear of Princeton University getting a million or more, we think of one of the members of its corps of teachers—Professor J. W. Basore (Iota), preceptor in Latin in that institute, and wonder whether he is sharing in the increase of funds.

—At the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the South, held at Birmingham, Ala., Thursday morning, May 16th, Rev. John R. Howerton, Beta, ex-Grand Chaplain, was elected Moderator.

—Dr. J. Gray McAllister, Iota, President of Hampden-Sidney College, is to deliver commencement addresses before the Sunnyside High School, Champ, Va., on the 23d of May, and the Lewisburg Female Institute, of which Rev. Dr. R. L. Telford, Iota, is the efficient and successful President, on May 28th. He will also preach the baccalaureate sermon to the young ladies of the Southern Female College, Petersburg, Va., on June 2d.

—At Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond, Va., on May 10th, the Hon. James Alston Cabell was the orator of the occasion, and delivered a scholarly address, which was heard with great interest by all present.

—A very dainty announcement has been received by the General Office of the birth on May 24, 1907, at Tupelo, Miss., of Eleanor Rosalie Price, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alvin O. Price, Theta, 1904. Very hearty congratulations are ex-

tended to the happy parents and best wishes to this youngest Pi sister.

—The Fraternities at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., in a joint meeting with their Alumni, decided that instead of having their individual banquets to have one large Pan-Hellenic banquet on Friday evening, June 7th. Arrangements have been made for this, and a number of prominent speakers will be there, among them Jno. Temple Graves, of Atlanta, Ga., who will deliver the address of the evening. Nearly all of the Alumni in that city and in the State of South Carolina have signified their intention of being present. The Fraternities who still have members at Wofford are S. A. E., K. A., II. K. A., K. E. The following letter was sent out:

SPARTANBURG, S. C., May 20, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—The Fraternities here at Wofford, in a joint meeting with some of their Alumni, have decided that instead of having their individual banquets to have one large Pan-Hellenic banquet on Friday evening, June 7th.

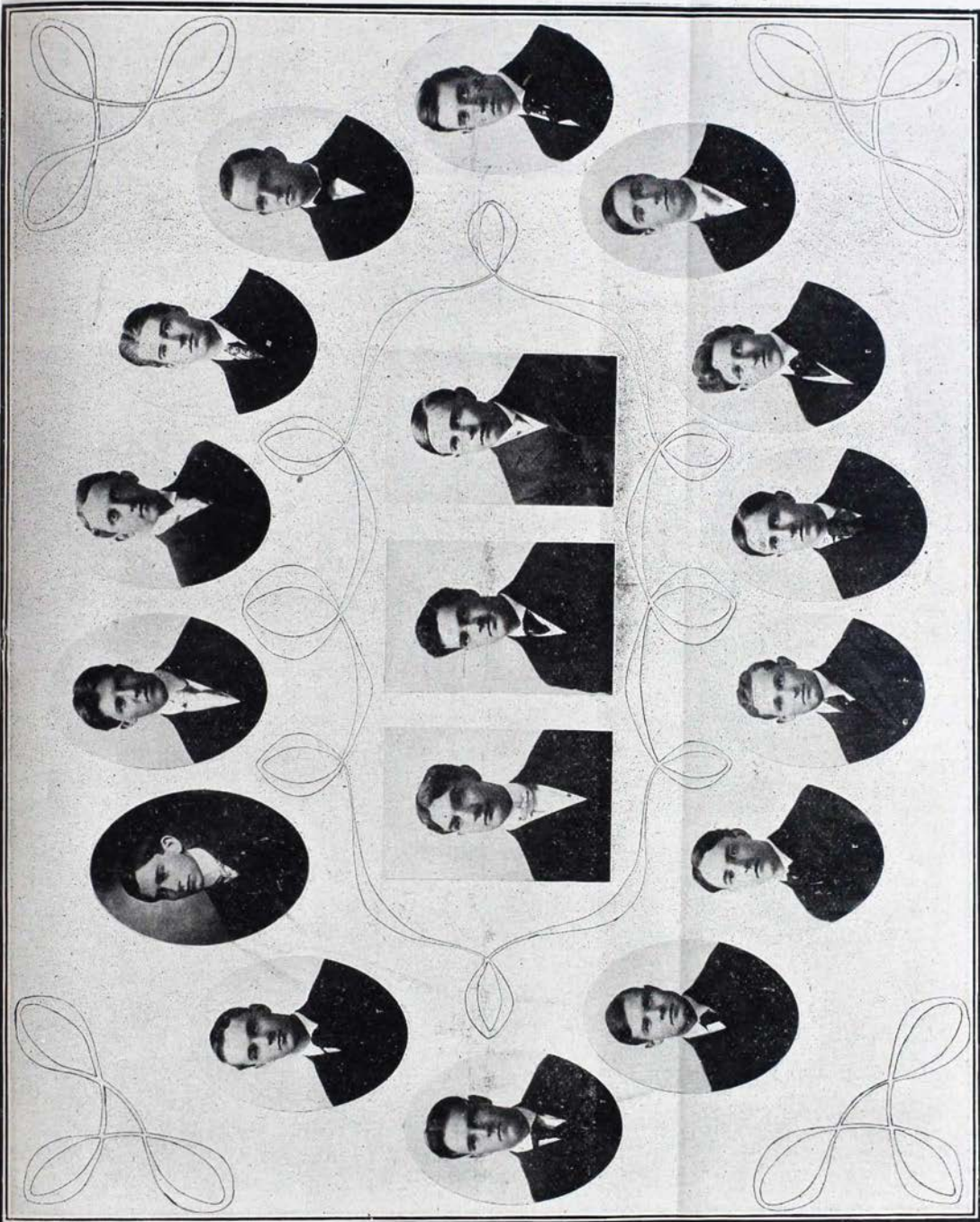
Dr. Snyder has kindly consented to act as toast-master, and John Temple Graves, of Atlanta, Ga., is expected to make the address of the evening. Besides these, John Gary Evans and two others, from whom we have not yet heard, will be on the toast list.

Practically all of the city Alumni have joined in with us to make it a success, and have offered every assistance that might be needed.

The banquet will be served at the Spartan Inn, and Mr. Humphreys, the proprietor of the hotel, has engaged a florist and decorator to carry out the Fraternity decorative scheme.

This is most likely the last time that the Fraternity men who have gone out of Wofford will have an opportunity to come together, and it is our sincere desire that you come and join in with us in joint worship at our respective shrines.

The plates will be worth \$2.50, and if you can and will be with us on June 7th, please remit \$2.50 at once to the member stated as representing your frat. upon the Banquet Committee.



ALPHA-KAPPA CHAPTER, 1906-'07

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—On Thursday evening, June 6th, Mu Chapter held her seventeenth annual banquet, and the following interesting account is taken from one of the leading papers of South Carolina:

Thursday evening the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity held its seventeenth annual banquet. For many years that has been the most brilliant event in the social life of the college. None of the sixteen which have preceded this one have surpassed it. The members of Mu Chapter, Pi Kappa Alpha in college this year are: E. L. Power, G. C. McDonald, R. R. Smith, C. D. Harrall, B. Bell, B. D. Smith, W. S. Bean, Jr. There are two brothers in town—L. McD. Kennedy and B. H. Boyd. In addition to these were three brothers from Beta Chapter, of Davidson College: Robert Adams, McDavid, and G. M. Wilcox, who was toast-master. All of the members of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity were guests. Besides these the Pi sisters and a number of other guests filled the table, the number seated being eighty. The tables were all joined to form the Greek letter Pi. Across the head of it were seated the Pi members and their chosen "Pi sisters." The other places of honor, the two ends, were allotted to Dr. and Mrs. Neville and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer. References were made by several of the speakers to the vacant seats caused by Dr. Neville's illness. This was the only feature to mar an otherwise perfect occasion.

The tables were decorated with flowers, plants, colors of the Fraternity, garnet and gold, and its emblem, the shield and diamond.

A most elaborate menu commanded the attention of the guests until past midnight. This was followed by a feast of reason and flow of soul.

The toast-master this year was an old boy, Mr. G. M. Wilcox. He presided with grace and wit over this part of the programme. Toasts

were drunk to the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity; the raw material which is made into "frat." men; the boys and girls of the college; the Alumni of the college; the greater P. C. of the immediate future; the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at large, and last of all the Pi sisters.

—The General Office is very appreciative of the following invitation to the marriage of one of our Iota brothers, and hearty congratulations and best wishes are extended the young couple:

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to

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at eight o'clock, in the
Presbyterian Church,

—Those who attended the last Convention will remember with pleasure the eloquent address of the ex-Grand Chaplain, Brother Jno. S. Foster, of Theta, and will not be surprised to learn that at the Confederate Re-union, in Richmond, he delivered an address, which the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* of May 31st pronounces the gem of the evening, with the following additional remarks:

Mr. Owen then presented Mr. Foster, who delivered the address of the occasion, leaving little for the following speaker to add in eulogy of Southern womanhood. "If the contribution of the South to this Union were withdrawn, the brightest glories of this republic would disappear," said the speaker. The brightest page in the volume of her achievements was that which recorded the deeds and the privations and sacrifices of her daughters.

The men who wore the gray would be less than human if they were not proud of that glorious record. The souls of Southern men enshrine a glorious womanhood, whose fidelity was their inspiration and solace. "When the flower forgets the sunshine and the mariner the star that guides him, then, and not till then, will the men of the South cease to honor you."

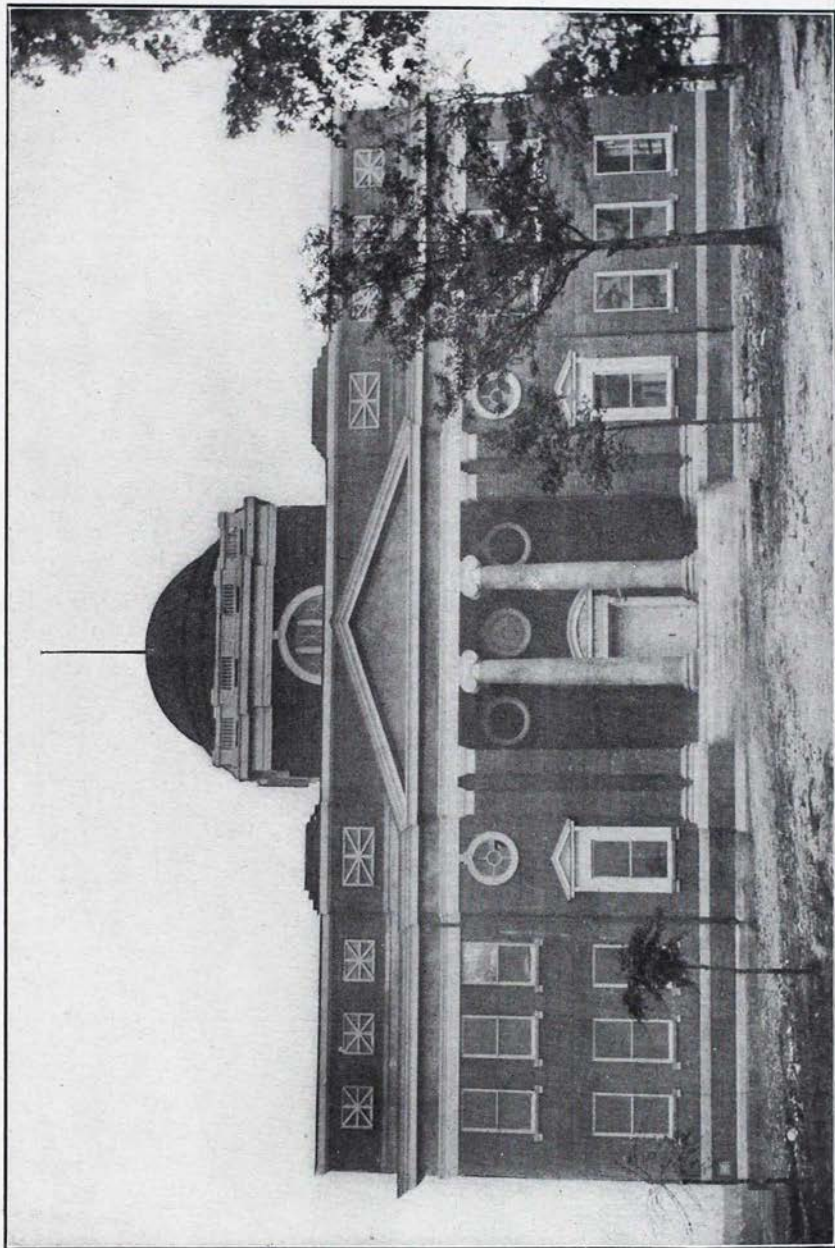
With this beginning the speaker reviewed the service of woman in the home, stripped of its men, in the school where the youth of the land were instructed and in the hospital where the wounded were nursed. He eulogized the sponsors and maids as worthy successors of such mothers, and declared that if the occasion arose they would render as heroic and unselfish service. The place of woman as sister, sweetheart, wife and mother would be filled by the women of to-day as it had been by the women of forty years ago.

Editorial.

II. K. A. IS NOW confronted by a serious condition which must be met at once, or many of its most valued and influential chapters will lose their prestige, if not their very existence itself.

This is a startling declaration, but those who heard the reports at the last Convention as to the chapter house situation know it to be only too true and without exaggeration, and therefore the most important matter now to be considered by the Fraternity. One of our chapters in our growing territory showed that unless they could get a chapter house this year they would be compelled to surrender their charter. Under the laws of their college no men can be solicited for membership until they had been in college some months, and every other Fraternity at that college had chapter halls in which to hold their meetings. Naturally the new men during this period of probation were entertained by the other Fraternities in these halls, and seeing our chapter the only one without a hall, were not inclined to join it.

Characteristic with II. K. A.'s zeal and ability to meet any situation, the Convention, by unanimous vote of the delegates, pledged this young chapter an amount equal to what they themselves had raised and then had in bank. Each delegate has promised to raise from his chapter a special contribution, and remit it to the General Office, to be held in trust until Alpha-Gamma has a contract signed for the building of their hall. This amount will then be paid over to them. The Alumni have also been solicited for assistance, and, as has always been the case, have promptly and liberally contributed.



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NOW, BROTHERS, this same situation is rapidly becoming acute with several of our other chapters, and it is necessary that the Alumni and the active members come together at once and raise a *permanent chapter house fund*. A number of other chapters gave notice at this Convention that they believed that before the next Convention they would be face to face with the alternative of losing the best men in the college or having either a chapter hall or house.

It is not too much to say that no Fraternity in our territory has *better chapters* than ours, and that none have accomplished more good or brought about more results than those who wear the old gold and garnet. Before the question of new territory, or new chapters, before any other question whatever, should come the preservation of these chapters which we now have, and which have done such good work; not only their preservation, but their strengthening and the enlargement of their powers; and their entrenchment so strong that nothing can destroy or weaken them in the years to come. To give each one of our present chapters a good chapter house free of debt and well equipped would place us in the most desirable position of strength and power.

Realizing this, the last Convention adopted a plan for a permanent chapter house fund, which has been fully set forth in the *Dagger and Key*.

In a few words, each chapter is taxed a special per capita amount, payable each November 1st, and on that date the Alumni will also be asked for a contribution; this fund to accumulate for two years, and even then only to be paid out upon the order of the Convention. No chapter can share in this fund unless they have themselves raised two-thirds of the amount needed and have a contract signed either to build or buy. Further, that no unnecessary extravagances should be indulged in, the Convention must be advised on the cost of each chapter house and decide if it is in keeping with the chapter's surround-

ings. Certainly no more safe and equitable plan for the desired end could be adopted.

ALREADY, in response to the circular to the Alumni, very liberal responses have been received; \$15, \$10 and \$5 checks have reached the General Office, and smaller amounts, in accordance with the means of the contributors. It is the purpose of this article to more forcibly bring before our Alumni the great opportunity that this plan gives them to aid their Fraternity, and in such a manner as will be lasting for all time and make her an object of more pride, even than she is now.

The report of the condition of the finances at the last Convention showed what the active men were doing for their Fraternity, and that the running expenses of the Order were being borne by them, and with a good credit balance at the end of the year.

The number of Alumni subscribers to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND were very small for the past two years, and it is possible that the Alumni may not feel called upon to support their Fraternity in this way, but surely no one who has been a member of an active chapter can fail to feel his heart stirred by this appeal for a permanent house of meeting. In hired halls no improvements made are felt to be the chapter's own or of lasting benefit to the chapter. So little interest is taken in these matters.

Future members cannot have the feeling for those meeting places which may be in different quarters from the ones their brothers and fathers occupied. Think of the pleasure and delight of a son or brother sitting in the same place which those related to him had previously used. What a prestige this gives to the chapters; what a feeling of personal ownership; what a delight in the old memories and tender thoughts which cluster around the chapter room where so many Pis have previously been initiated and there conducted the work of the chapter.

THE CHAPTER MEMBERS are now taxed a special per capita for expansion and another for this permanent chapter house fund separate and distinct from their regular dues.

The Alumni can only be approached in the form of an appeal for their contributions, and to this end you are asked to send now to the General Office whatever you can to help in this plan, which means the very life of the Fraternity itself.



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