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The Legal Status of a College Fraternity Chapter*

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THE number of college fraternity chapters has become so large, and the value of the property owned by them has increased so rapidly of recent years, that it is not surprising to find that they have begun to appear as litigants, or as the source of litigation, in various reported cases. While college fraternities remained merely secret literary societies, they succeeded generally in avoiding litigation, so far at least as appears from the reported decisions of the higher courts; but since fraternity chapters have become the owners of property worth, in frequent instances, many thousand dollars, occasional litigation has become almost inevitable.

The legal questions affecting college fraternities rest usually on familiar principles, but some of them relate to branches of the law in which precedents are few. This article deals principally with the status of the fraternity

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chapter, and only incidentally with that of the fraternity at large. The subjects considered are:

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FRATERNITY CHAPTER.

RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP, AND EXPULSION.

TAXATION OF FRATERNITY PROPERTY.

GIFTS OR LEGACIES TO FRATERNITY CHAPTERS.

**Organization of a College Fraternity from a Legal
Point of View**

An intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity has a dual, sometimes a triple organization. The first unit of association is the chapter. This is an organization composed of two classes of members, the undergraduate students (with sometimes a few resident graduates) and the alumni. The alumni are partially or wholly exempt from the payment of dues. In most fraternities a graduate of the chapter does not cease to be one of its members; he remains, legally as well as sentimentally, a member of the chapter organization.

The chapters in turn are associated in a general college fraternity, which in most cases is probably to be viewed, not as an organization of chapters but as an organization of their graduate and undergraduate members. Membership in the fraternity does not terminate if the chapter goes out of existence. The control of the affairs of the fraternity may be vested by its constitution in the undergraduates or the graduates, or the fraternity management may be placed under some system of joint control. The fraternity at its annual convention, attended by delegates chosen by graduates or undergraduates, or both, elects its general officers who in most fraternities are now required to be graduates. The admission of new chapters is sometimes determined by vote of the undergraduate chapters; sometimes by vote of the annual convention; sometimes by officers or committees of the general fraternity; and in

some instances by vote of the nearest geographical section or subdivision of the fraternity as a whole.

Both these organizations, the chapter and the fraternity, are ordinarily unincorporated. They are what are known as "voluntary associations." A voluntary association in most States is not a legal entity. It is not a person who can sue or be sued in the courts. It is simply a collection of individuals. In the case of the undergraduates of a fraternity chapter, these individuals are residents of different States; most of them are minors, and nearly all of them remain resident at the college or university for a period of only four years or less, and then are scattered far and wide throughout the country. A contract with such an organization, in most States, does not bind the successors or predecessors of the persons who make it, but binds only the makers themselves; and unless the contract is for necessities with which the student is not supplied by his parents, it binds only those who are twenty-one years old at the time it is made.

Since for these reasons a contract with the undergraduate members of a fraternity chapter is often difficult to enforce, a chapter which has become a property-owner and wants to make contracts with persons outside the fraternity for purchasing real estate, building or repairing a house, or borrowing money, is likely to find that the person with whom it proposes to deal is reluctant to enter into business relations with it. Such situations have led to a third kind of organization, the creation of property-holding bodies.

Among the older fraternity chapters the method earliest adopted to obtain an organization that could own property and make contracts was to elect a board of trustees, usually of alumni, but sometimes of undergraduates, with power in the trustees and their successors to hold the real and personal estate belonging to the chapter. Such a board of trustees can in most States be organized by the

trustees signing a written declaration of trust setting forth the trusts upon which the property received or to be received by them is to be held, and providing in more or less detail for its management. This declaration of trust is recorded in the registry of deeds before any conveyance of real estate is made to the trustees.

Such a board of trustees remains still an association of individuals, like any other board of trustees, appointed by will or deed. The college itself, however, has very likely been organized by the creation of a board of trustees incorporated by special Act of the Legislature. In such a case the board of trustees becomes a corporation, a legal entity, as happens when any other association of incorporators is chartered by the State. In one New England college it became a common practice for fraternity chapters likewise to hold their property through boards of trustees, usually chosen from the alumni, and generally incorporated by special Act of the Legislature.

In other institutions the plan was adopted of incorporating certain individuals named "and their associates and successors" as a corporation bearing the name of the chapter itself. One possible way to do this would be to incorporate the undergraduate members of the chapter at the date of incorporation and let them and their successors, the subsequent initiates, constitute the corporation.

This seems at first sight the obvious and natural method. But it raises questions of some difficulty as to whether persons can be made members of a corporation without their knowledge or consent, the validity of votes passed chiefly by minors, the possible necessity of calling formal corporate meetings to elect undergraduate members, and other points which will suggest themselves. Hence the corporation has usually been made to consist of a small board of graduates, or in some instances of graduates and adult undergraduates, and the successors whom they shall elect. Corporations of this kind were formed in Vermont

as early as 1855, and became fairly common in New England in the early seventies.

This plan of forming a corporation with the name of the chapter itself has certain disadvantages. It is an awkward thing at best to have two organizations known as the Omega chapter of A B Γ , one a voluntary association of all members initiated into that fraternity at Seekonk University, and the other a corporate board of a dozen graduates, who elect their own successors, but have no voice in selecting the membership of the larger organization. It is unfortunate to have two organizations of the same name, one of which is subject to the control of the general fraternity, the other an independent property-holding body. Under these circumstances the corporation is not identical with the chapter; it is really an incorporated board of trustees standing in much the same relation to the chapter that the college corporation bears to the students and alumni. But the theory of Greek-letter fraternity organization is, not that the chapter is something distinct from its members—an educational institution furnishing knowledge, culture or good-fellowship to those who attend its meetings and pay its dues—but rather that it is an organization of the undergraduates and alumni who have become members of the fraternity at that institution. That is to say, the chapter is an organization of its members, not a thing apart; and the chapter name should therefore not be given to an organization legally distinct from the membership of the chapter.

For this reason, in part, the present tendency is to incorporate, not the chapter itself, but an alumni association. An association of graduates may properly, without confusion of legal persons, stand in the position of a corporation legally independent of the chapter, holding real estate or funds contributed by its graduates, and furnishing to members of the chapter rooms, the use of books, or an income for current expenses. So, instead of applying for a charter for the Omega chapter of A B Γ , we are more

likely to find its members trying to incorporate the Omega Corporation, or the Seekonk Association of A B Γ, or the A B Γ Alumni Association of Seekonk University, or the Omega fund, or some other organization which in name as well as in identity will be distinct from the chapter itself. The corporation ordinarily does not have capital stock, and until it acquires property it is an even less desirable person to make contracts with than its undergraduate members; but it can own real estate and open a bank account, and when it has done this it is in a position to make contracts for building, or to mortgage its property to secure an issue of bonds, and thus on subscribed or borrowed money to undertake the erection of a house.

Besides this tendency to incorporate graduate associations rather than the chapters themselves, there is another change in recent years in the method of corporate organization. In most States it is not now necessary to apply to the Legislature for a special charter. The laws relating to the incorporation of charitable and benevolent societies are usually broad enough to include college fraternity chapters and alumni associations. The suspicion of such corporations which in the old special charters limits very strictly the amount of property the corporation may hold has died out, so that in most States such a corporation organized under general laws has power to hold considerably more property than it is likely ever to get.

The general organization of a college fraternity may also be incorporated; the thing incorporated being either the fraternity as a whole, the board of fraternity officers (like the incorporated grand lodges and supreme councils of Masonic societies), or some association of alumni. For the reasons above suggested, this last method is probably the best. The subject, however, is outside the scope of this article.

Rights of Membership

Among the inherent rights of a social organization of

any kind are the right to choose its own members; the right to expel by fair procedure any member guilty of misconduct; and the right to withdraw on proper grounds the charter of any of its subordinate bodies.

So far as the writer of this article knows, there is only one instance in which the action of a college fraternity affecting its members has come before the courts. Apart from this instance, rights of membership must be determined by the analogous cases relating to membership in clubs, stock and produce exchanges and fraternal beneficiary associations. Cases of expulsion of members of such organizations have frequently arisen. The general principles established may be summarized as follows:

A social organization of any kind has the right to prescribe rules for the termination of membership. It may expel a member for cause, if the procedure required by its rules is complied with, and the member is given notice of the charges against him and an opportunity for a fair hearing. If the organization after such a hearing expels a member, its action will not be revised by the courts; at least, not if there is any evidence whatever to support the charges. If the organization is one in which the member has property rights of value (and in some jurisdictions even if not), and it expels a member in bad faith or on purely arbitrary grounds, or without reasonable notice to him, or without following the procedure prescribed by its rules (or, in some jurisdictions at least, if the requirement sought to be enforced or the procedure provided for in its rules is clearly unfair), the courts will enjoin the proceeding to expel him, or will declare them void, and under some circumstances will compel his reinstatement or sustain a suit for damages. But he is ordinarily bound to exhaust the remedies provided by the rules of the order before applying to the courts, and a rule expressly requiring him to do this is valid.

The instance above mentioned in which rights of membership in a college fraternity were involved in litigation

is the case of the Beta chapter of K K Γ , a women's fraternity, at St. Lawrence University.

In 1898 the fraternity authorities took measures to discontinue the existence of this chapter, claiming that the university was not of sufficiently high standing and did not afford proper material for membership. The chapter was ordered to initiate no more members, the status of the persons who were then its undergraduate and alumnae members, however, remaining unchanged. This action was taken without notice to the chapter. Members of the chapter at once brought a suit in Massachusetts, in which, on the ground of want of notice and lack of opportunity for a hearing, a temporary injunction was issued restraining certain of the fraternity officials from refusing to recognize the chapter. The proceedings of the fraternity officers were then discontinued, and the chapter was notified to appear before the grand council at the biennial convention of the fraternity and be heard on the question whether the charter should be withdrawn. It appeared, but declined to be heard, claiming that no sufficient notice had been given, and that the council had no power to act. It was, however, decided to discontinue the chapter, partly on the ground that the chapter had violated the rules of the fraternity by showing the constitution to its counsel, and the charter was withdrawn by the grand council of the fraternity. Various members of the chapter then joined in bringing suit in New York and later in Massachusetts to restrain the fraternity officers from carrying into effect this action.

The general fraternity had a fund of about seven hundred dollars in its treasury, and owned some other property.

In New York the case was heard by a Justice of the Supreme Court at trial term who decided that, in the absence of authority for withdrawal of charters in the rules of the fraternity, the withdrawal of the charter in this case was unwarranted, and that proper opportunity for a fair

hearing had not been given. He ruled that the withdrawal of the charter of the chapter was an invasion of the rights of the members, and directed the issue of a permanent injunction.

This decision was affirmed the following year by the appellate division. The court held that want of proper material in the college was not sufficient ground for discontinuing a chapter, unless its charter or the fraternity constitution and by-laws so provided, and that the disclosure of the constitution and certain secrets of the fraternity was not a sufficient ground, because it had been made necessary by the wrongful action of the fraternity officers. It also held that although no property rights were violated, the suit could be maintained.

No member is sought to be expelled from the fraternity. No property rights are appropriated. What is sought is to restrain the chapter from taking new members. This means an extinction of the chapter after the present members of the fraternity in the college have been graduated. The material loss of the plaintiffs is the loss by the alumnae of a home chapter of their fraternity. . . . The loss of this club home is not merely sentimental; it is a substantial loss which will have always been markedly felt whenever a chapter of a fraternity has been withdrawn from a college. If there be aught of substance in the right of one to membership in a social club, apart from his property right by parity of reasoning there is equal substance in the right of a fraternity man to the maintenance of his club home. It is the same wrong to extinguish one's club as to expel him from his club.

Two of the five judges dissented without written opinion. The case was not taken to the Court of Appeals, the highest court of New York.

In Massachusetts the case was heard later in the same year before a single Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. Without passing upon the other questions involved, he ordered the plaintiff's bill of complaint dismissed, on the ground that it did not appear that any substantial property rights were violated by the defendant's action. The case was not appealed to the full court.

Rules Requisite for Withdrawal of Charters and Expulsions

The moral to be drawn from these decisions appears to be that a college fraternity should establish definite conditions and rules for the withdrawal of charters and the expulsion of members by chapters or conventions, or by the fraternity officers, and should follow them strictly; and that it is advisable to have an organization other than the chapter itself incorporated as a property-holding body.

Taxation of Fraternity Property

Whether any property is taxable or not depends, generally speaking, solely upon the statutes of the State. In most States the property of educational institutions and institutions of purely public charity is exempt, and in some States the property of charitable, literary and benevolent societies. Under the latter provision it might well be contended that the property of a fraternity chapter holding regular meetings for literary exercises in a hall or lodge-room would not be subject to taxation. But it seems clear that in most States a chapter house where members room or take their meals is taxable.

Under statutes of this general character the courts have been disposed to hold that the property of Masonic lodges is not exempt, as their benefits are limited to their own members, and they can not therefore be regarded as charitable institutions in the legal sense. There are, however, cases under other statutes holding their property exempt. The same is true of fraternal benefit associations, under statutes exempting the property of "institutions of purely public charity." Exempting can not be claimed as a "literary, benevolent, charitable or scientific institution" unless the organization is definitely devoted to the pursuit of science or of educational or literary aims, or to specific purposes of general benevolence. The exemption does not include an incorporated theosophical society, nor a corporation which is partly a temperance society and partly

a mutual aid and relief society, caring for sick members and paying death benefits. As to a Young Men's Christian Association, holding religious services, and also furnishing club privileges to members only, but for nominal dues, the question is a difficult one, and the decisions are in conflict.

In 1901 a local fraternity at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology bought a house in Boston, on which it was assessed for taxes. It paid the taxes under protest, and brought suit to recover back the money on the ground that its house was property of a literary and scientific corporation used for educational purposes as expressed in its charter being "to encourage and pursue literary and scientific work, and to provide for its members a place for holding literary and scientific meetings, and to provide for its members, while they shall be students, a place for study." The court held that whether the corporation was a literary or scientific institution or not, a house that was used as a dormitory and boarding-place for students was not used for educational purposes, and was not exempt from taxation.

A similar decision was made in New York in the case of the chapter of $\Delta K E$ at Hamilton College. It was held that the fraternity house was not exempt from taxation under an act providing that "the real property of a corporation or association organized exclusively for the moral or mental improvement of men or women, or for . . . educational, scientific or library . . . purposes, . . . and used exclusively for carrying out thereupon one or more of such purposes, and the personal property of any such corporation, shall be exempt from taxation," because it was not real estate used exclusively for the purposes specified in the statute.

Gifts or Legacies to Fraternity Chapters

During the fifty years that followed the founding of the first true college Greek-letter fraternity, from 1825 to 1875, fraternity chapters owned practically no houses and

little valuable property of any kind. But during the past thirty years the purchasing and building of fraternity houses has gone on at a rapid pace, until now in many Northern colleges practically every fraternity chapter either owns or rents a house, and in at least two fraternities every chapter owns one. This stage of evolution will doubtless continue for some time. Many chapters have yet to acquire permanent houses, and many others will eventually replace the first chapter house with a larger and more costly one; some have already done so. In spite of some attempts at repressive regulation by college faculties, there seems to be no doubt that the building of chapter houses will become more and more general.

On the whole, this is a distinct advantage. The ownership of chapter houses in which the men board and part of them have their rooms adds very greatly to the fraternity life of the college; and the objections of this policy rarely come from men who have enjoyed undergraduate life in a fraternity chapter occupying a house.

True, there are dangers to be avoided. The possession of a fraternity house affording rooms for half the men and a boarding place for all leads easily to a sort of exclusiveness, to second-rate politics in class elections, and to other manifestations of the snob, as well as to a narrowness of social interests which sometimes shows itself among the best-intentioned men. But these dangers can be avoided if the chapter keeps its membership large, aims at right standards in choosing men and does not pledge them too hastily, limits to upperclassmen the privilege of rooming in the house, takes pains to have other students come there freely, and makes a definite effort to have its men play a broad-minded and influential part in the life of the college or university.

After Chapter Houses, What?

But the building of chapter houses must sometime come to an end. After a fraternity chapter has built its house

(and in most instances paid off its mortgage), what is going to be the next stage of its development?

Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie and others have expressed the belief that the fraternity chapter will in time grow into something like a college in an English university, with a separate dining hall and common-room of its own, and, at least to some extent, a separate teaching or tutorial staff. There are few instances where steps have been taken that seem to lead this way. Some fraternity chapters have made arrangements for occasional talks or lectures at the house, or for one or more graduates remaining in residence. But these instances are few; and it is hard to conceive of the average fraternity chapter as becoming in any formal sense primarily an educational institution.

The writer believes that after the building of fraternity houses the next step will be the foundation of chapter endowment funds. This has been done already in some instances. Certain of the older chapters have established "scholarship funds," the income of which is to be used to pay the initiation fees or membership dues of desirable men. A few, in the hope of keeping some of the best men in residence at the house for a year or two after graduation, are establishing funds for graduate scholarships or fellowships in the college. Other funds for libraries, for the giving of annual dinners, for keeping up close relations with the alumni, or for reducing the cost of undergraduate membership, may perhaps already exist, or may be established in the future.

Some years ago the writer of this article was consulted by a woman who wished to leave a legacy for the benefit of her college society chapter. A legacy of this sort to one of the older chapters of K A was referred to in a recent number of *"The Shield"* of $\Theta \Delta X$. The subject raises certain questions which are of interest from a legal point of view, and discloses some pitfalls which a person making such a gift, either by will or by deed, should be careful to avoid.

Bequests Made in Good Faith, Sometimes Illegal

If a fraternity chapter or an alumni organization has been incorporated and the corporation is to be given the absolute control of spending the money, the gift may be made directly to the corporation. But where there is only an unincorporated or voluntary association a difficulty arises. The association, not being a legal person, has in most States no power to hold the money, and a direct bequest to it might perhaps be held invalid, or possibly be held to become the property of the immediate members.

Suppose the fund is left to trustees, to be expended for the benefit of the chapter as an incorporated association; is this gift valid? The objection may be made that the chapter, not being a legal person, can not compel the performance of the trust; and it has sometimes been argued that a trust which is not for the benefit of a legal person is therefore void against the claims of the testator's next of kin. As the court said in a famous English case: "Every other trust (except for a public charity) must have a definite object. There must be somebody in whose favor the court can decree performance."

But in a number of cases it has been held that where a trust is created in favor of an object which has no power to enforce it the trustee may perform the trust if he is willing, and the trust is valid against the next of kin of the testator or donor. Instances are cited of gifts for the payment of funeral expenses, the erection and repair of monuments, the saying of masses, the keeping of animals belonging to the testator, and the support or emancipation of slaves. And while eminent authorities have differed upon this question, it is believed that such a trust, though for the benefit of future as well as immediate members of a voluntary association, would be held enforceable, if the trustees were willing to undertake and perform it even against objections on the part of the next of kin.

So far as the question of validity is raised by the want

of a beneficiary legally capable of bringing suit to enforce the trust, any doubt upon the point may be avoided, where the chapter or a graduate association has been incorporated, either by giving the property directly to the corporation, as above suggested, or by leaving it to the trustees in trust to expend it for the benefit of the corporation in the way desired. The corporation is a legal person which undoubtedly has capacity to bring suit to enforce the trust, and the purposes declared in its charter would ordinarily be such that it would have power to expend the income or use the property it received each year from the trustees for the benefit of the undergraduate chapter. Any property purchased or received by the corporation out of the income would of course remain the corporation's property, not the chapter's.

The other questions arising are raised by the rule of law known as the rule against perpetuities, and the rules limiting restraint on alienation.

If the property is given outright to an incorporated association, the corporation takes it, if real estate, in fee simple, or, in case the property is personal estate, becomes the owner of the absolute interest in it, and has the indisputable right to hold it forever. But suppose, instead of giving it outright, the testator wishes to create a trust fund, the income of which shall be paid to the corporation, or to the unincorporated chapter itself, forever, for a certain specified purpose. In such a case, if the beneficiary is the unincorporated chapter itself, a question may arise, as above shown, whether the gift is legal, for want of a legal person to enforce it as beneficiary. But if the beneficiary is the corporation, this question does not arise; and the next question is whether the gift is valid because of the rule against perpetuities, by which both legal and equitable, or beneficial future interests are void unless the interest must vest at a time not later than twenty-one years after some life in being at the creation of the interest.

This question arises in case a person by deed or will

gives property—either money or stocks or bonds or land—in trust to pay the income each year forever to an incorporated alumni association or an incorporated fraternity chapter, or for that matter to any other kind of non-charitable corporation. Is the gift invalid because forbidden by this rule?

It seems clear that this gift is not void under the rule against perpetuities, because it vests immediately. The legal interest vests at once in the trustee and his successors, while the entire beneficial or equitable interest vests at once in the corporation.

But there are certain incidental results that follow from giving the absolute beneficial interest in the income perpetually to the corporation. The corporation, being the sole owner of the equitable estate or interest in the fund, has power at any time to assign or mortgage to any person its perpetual right to receive the annual income. Furthermore, being the only person interested in the income of the fund, it has the right at any time it chooses to call upon the trustee to hand over to it the principal. And the right to receive the income or demand the principal may be attached by any of the corporation's creditors. But as long as the corporation does not call for the principal or assign away its right to receive the income, and its creditors do not attach the corporation's interest in the fund, the trustee and his successors may keep on paying the income over to the corporation till the end of time. Or, if the trust is to spend the income in some manner for the benefit of the corporation, the income may be spent in this way forever.

A gift thus made in trust for such a corporation would ordinarily be carried out in accordance with the donor's wishes. It is unlikely that the corporation would demand a conveyance of the principal from the trustee, and not very likely that its interest should be taken by creditors. But possibly the graduate wishing to make a bequest in favor of his chapter may be dissatisfied with this sort of arrangement. Perhaps he will feel that the corporation

may sometime in the future demand the principal, and may then use it in a way contrary to his wishes. Perhaps he may say: "Can not you tie this fund up so that it can never be used otherwise than as I provide in my will?"

In such a case the lawyer must advise his client that, except where statutes have changed the rule, the law forbids perpetual restraints on the alienation of property. In many States the corporation laws permitting the formation of corporations for social and fraternal purposes expressly give them power to hold in trust funds received by gifts or bequest to be devoted to the purposes set forth in their charters. Quite probably such a corporation has power to hold funds upon special trusts in perpetuity, and the common law objection that this creates a perpetual restraint on alienation does not apply. In a few States restraints on alienation to a greater or less extent are expressly permitted by statute.

Apart from these statutory provisions, a temporary restriction may be imposed by giving the property to a trustee in trust to pay the income to the corporation (or expend the income for its benefit) for a period not greater than that permitted by the rule against perpetuities, and then to terminate the trust by paying over to the principal of the college or to some incorporated organization of the general fraternity, or to some person or charitable object, or possibly to the corporation itself.

Under such a trust as this, the corporation can not call for an immediate conveyance of the principal, because it is not the only person beneficially interested. This meets one of the objections above suggested. As to the others, the objections that the corporation can part with its right to receive the income during the period specified, and that its right to the income during this period is liable to be taken by its creditors, the difficulty may perhaps be removed by expressly providing that the right to the income of the fund shall not be subject to alienation by the corporation, and shall not be liable for its debts. It may be

advisable to add a provision giving the trustee power in his discretion to withhold from the corporation all or part of the income in any year and apply it to other purposes.

Such a provision, forbidding assignment of the income by the corporation, and preventing the income from being subject to its debts, might perhaps be valid in some States in case the period during which the income is to be paid to the corporation does not exceed the duration of an existing human life. It would not be valid where the income is to be paid to the corporation forever or for a period exceeding that which is stated in the rule against perpetuities. Whether an express restriction of this kind would be valid where the income was to be paid to the corporation for a period exceeding the duration of a human life in being and not exceeding the time stated in the rule against perpetuities is an interesting and difficult question. But there is no doubt that the final distribution of the fund could be assuredly postponed to the end of a period not greater than that stated in the rule.

In determining the period stated in the rule against perpetuities there are certain points to be borne in mind. The rule is: at a time not more remote than a life or lives in being and the period of twenty-one years thereafter. This additional period of twenty-one years, though originally intended to provide for the minority of an unborn child, is not necessarily fixed in this way; it may be an arbitrary period of twenty-one years or less. The "life or lives in being" at the time when the gift takes effect by deed or by the testator's death are not limited to the lives of any particular number of persons, nor of persons beneficially interested in the trust. The question has been sometimes discussed whether the lives could be those of a large number of persons who never heard of the testator nor had any interest in the trust: for example, till the death of the last surviving member of the State Legislature sitting at the time of the testator's death. Such a gift would probably be valid. The only restriction is the practical one that the

number of lives must not be so great and the persons so hard to find that it will be impracticable to discover the date of the last survivor's death; and this is a practical question depending on actual conditions, and not on supposition as to possibilities contrary to fact.

Sometimes a donor desires to have a fund accumulated by adding the income to the principal for a number of years, or until the time for paying over the principal arrives. Long accumulations for private trusts are forbidden by statute in some States, and are regulated or tacitly recognized by statute in others. In the absence of statute, the period within which accumulation may be continued is the same as that prescribed by the rule against perpetuities for the vesting of future interests.

To sum up the conclusions previously stated in regard to this highly technical branch of the subject:

I. In most States there is serious reason for doubt whether a gift made by deed or will directly to an unincorporated non-charitable association, such as a fraternity chapter, would be valid. If the gift is made to trustees in trust to pay the income to, or expend the income for, the chapter, and the trustees are willing to perform the trusts, the gift is probably valid, though a possible question may be raised on the ground that there is no legal person capable of enforcing the trust as beneficiary.

II. If the chapter or a chapter house association has been incorporated, the donor may adopt one of several courses. He may (1) give the money or property to the corporation outright; (2) give it to the corporation in trust to apply the income annually for certain specific purposes forever; (3) give the property to the corporation as trustee in trust to pay the income to, or expend it as directed for, the unincorporated chapter; (4) give it to trustees in trust to pay the income to the corporation annually forever; or (5) give it to trustees in trust to pay the income to or expend it for the corporation for a stated period of time, and

then pay over the principal to some person or corporation to become its unrestricted property.

Of the above gifts, there is no doubt that (1) is valid. The corporation has the unrestricted use of the principal. Whether (2) is valid depends on whether the purpose is within the purpose stated in the corporation's charter, and if so whether it has power under its charter and the statutes of the State to hold funds in perpetual trust for the purposes of its incorporation. As to (3), this gift raises the same question as would be raised by a gift to individual trustees in trust for the unincorporated chapter. The gift is (4) valid; and this would ordinarily be a satisfactory way to make such a gift, as the corporation and trustee could pretty certainly be depended upon to carry out the donor's wishes. The corporation, however, has the right at any time to call upon the trustees for the principal, which it may then use in any way it sees fit. Its right to the income is assignable, and is subject to the claims of its creditors; in most States, at least, it can not be made otherwise. The validity of the gift in (5) depends on the time at which the principal is to be paid over. The trust in this case can not safely be made to exceed the period stated in the rule against perpetuities. The corporation can not call for the principal. Whether, if the income is payable to the corporation, it can be prevented from assigning its right to the income, and whether creditors can be prevented from reaching its equitable interest, by a declaration by the donor that the right to the income shall not be subject to voluntary or involuntary alienation, or by conditions providing for forfeiture, is a somewhat difficult question.

College fraternity chapters, as has been suggested above, have figured but rarely in litigation up to the present time. Their legal status is likely to be more fully adjudicated in future, as their property interests increase in complexity and importance. The aim of this article has been to call

attention to certain kinds of questions likely to arise, and the principles that must govern their solution.



The Southwest for Pi Kappa Alpha

THE steadily growing interest in the subject of internal strengthening, that is everywhere manifesting itself, is certainly very gratifying to every loyal Pi. Nothing is more vital for the future welfare of the fraternity than that each chapter should be in the most healthy condition possible. Still it is necessary, as some think, that in order to have internal strengthening we must call a halt on expansion—"to catch our breath," as the writer from Phi put it? The article referred to is a good one and contains many valuable suggestions. But Pi Kappa Alpha is a young, vigorous fraternity, not at all inclined to be short-winded, so there is no reason apparent why she should call "time out" in the great race for Greek-letter supremacy.

Why do not internal strengthening and expansion go hand in hand? The best means of building up internally is to secure a strong representative body of men for each chapter. Nothing can aid us in doing this more than by showing the new man a list of good chapters in the best institutions that we claim to represent.

We call ourselves a Southern fraternity. Still, west of the Mississippi we can boast only two chapters, while we have far from covered the field east of that river. Then is this a time to call a halt on expansion? Most emphatically it is not, when we have such a vast field in the Southwest. Indeed, there never has been a time when it was more urgent that we should broaden out. We all feel justly proud of the great growth of the past two decades. But we should not be content with past achievements. They should only act as an impetus to the greater work of the future.

The Southwest is a remarkably wealthy empire, just now dawning into its greatest possibilities. At no time in the history of the country has Western progress and development been more marked than in the past few years. The immense ranches of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico have been, or are being, rapidly parceled out to settlers. The cow-boy has been forced to seek a new occupation, or else retreat to the more arid uplands. Each year sees new railway lines completed, and new cities spring into existence. An Eastern man who has given it little thought can hardly conceive of the growth that is going on in the West. And it is a remarkable eye-opener to visit Texas and Oklahoma, and find such thoroughly up-to-date cities as Amarillo, El Paso, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and a host of others, all located in regions which only a few years ago were known only to the cow-boy and a few other adventurous spirits.

Turning to New Mexico and Arizona, we find them but slightly behind that of their neighbor States. I have recently been on a trip that took me across the territory of New Mexico. It is truly wonderful to see the growth this territory is making. The great stretches of plains that once were considered arid land, are being rapidly turned into a farming region, while the artesian district around Roswell and Carlsbad has been changed into a veritable garden spot by the magic power of water. In Arizona there is much the same story as that of New Mexico. The irrigation schemes now on foot promise great things for these two territories. At the same time, the rich deposits of copper, gold, coal and other minerals are an almost inexhaustible source of wealth to these territories. The census enumeration of 1910 will secure some startling figures for this Western country. For instance, near where I am located, in southeastern Arizona, is the smelter city of Douglas, with a population of 8,000 to 10,000, which in 1900 was not on the map.

The one thing of particular interest to a college frater-

nity are the schools. And it is certainly gratifying to note with what excellent systems of public schools the Southwest is supplied, while the colleges and State universities are rapidly forging to the front. The institutions of Texas and Oklahoma have furnished homes for a great number of chapters of the best fraternities. Arizona and New Mexico have some rapidly growing schools, and with Statehood a certainty within a few months, it is safe to predict that they will soon be ready to properly receive chapters of fraternities. Now, as was said in the beginning, the thing for Pi Kappa Alpha to do is to get in on the ground floor with these new schools. The famous advice of Horace Greeley, "Young man, go West and grow up with the country," seems as appropriate as when uttered years ago, and may apply to a college fraternity as well as to the individual.

C. L. WILLIAMS,
Alumnus of Alpha Lambda.



The College Home Life as a Means for Securing a Right Moral Atmosphere for Students

ON the above subject, Mr. Clarence F. Birdseye delivered a most interesting address before the Fifth Convention of the Religious Education Association at Washington, D. C. We take great pleasure in reproducing herewith that portion of his address bearing directly on the Greek-letter societies, and regret that lack of space will not permit us to publish the address in toto:

At first the Greek-letter fraternities were merely college secret societies. In their second stage they became social bodies, with a secret lodge-room and lodge-night, but with few other cohesive factors within the chapter itself or between the various chapters. In their present and third period they have developed into home-building agencies, wherein many rich and influential alumni and earnest and energetic undergraduates are laboring together to erect college homes and thereby solve to a limited extent the modern problems in the college family life arising out of increas-

ing numbers and changed dormitory and social conditions. . . . It is chiefly through improving the atmosphere of these homes—not because they are fraternity houses, but because they are the homes for four years of many of our most influential students—that we can hope for better moral and religious results among our undergraduates.

It needs no prophetic eye to see that the fraternities will soon fully enter their fourth or endowment period in which—their home-building substantially finished—the wealth and energies of each college home, or series of homes, will be turned to establishing endowments for improving and conserving the higher home-making and educational functions of the fraternity. Already this movement is under way. Each home built and paid for is in the nature of an endowment. The properties of the eleven fraternities at Amherst are worth more than twenty times the amount of Yale's available funds in 1830; and the properties of ten fraternities at Columbia equal in value the total productive funds of all the colleges at the beginning of the last century.

One old and influential fraternity is annually spending thousands of dollars to secure the wise direction and constant personal touch—in its lodges and among its alumni of a permanent and uniquely equipped field secretary, who seeks to insure that only the best fitted freshmen are admitted, and that throughout their course these students shall be in constant touch A thoughtful student of modern undergraduate conditions must realize that our fraternities furnish the only—I repeat it, the sole and only—broad and effective means so far developed for permanently reaching the college family lives of any considerable number of students in any considerable number of institutions. I challenge you to name any other home-building force now at work among our American colleges in a large way, and along well-defined and philosophically correct lines. Consider also the non-fraternity colleges, and show me any agency therein whereby you can systematically put the alumni in touch with the family lives of the undergraduates. It is not a question of the fraternity or non-fraternity home, as we superficially think. It is ever and always the question of the college family life for every undergraduate, whether a fraternity member or not. It is the question of whether we have failed to give due thought to one of the great departments of our college.

The fraternities, in their present shape, have grown out of the need for a new form of college family life; they have in part supplied such need and thereby have directed attention to it; but they have not created the need, and because they are homes they are largely limited, in supplying that need to the good they can do within their own doors and to the example which they can set to those without. It is unfortunate, at this time, when we need to think clearly on the true meaning of the college home, that the question should be complicated by the high school fraternities, which are merely one of the pseudo-growths that accompany all important social or religious movements, and which bear about the same relation to the college fraternities that Mormonism does to Christianity.

The college family life, like that of any other home, is con-

cealed from the public view and fully known only to members of the family. Otherwise it is not a true family life. Its seclusiveness is now rather that of a well-bred home than that of a secret society, and shows that any reforms that may be needed must come from within the home itself. College sentiment has always delighted to thwart the efforts of the faculty to interfere in the students' family life. This was so in our own days and will always be so.

To be ideal and to give it permanence the college home should embrace the upper and lower class men, the graduate and undergraduate, for all these can be educated and developed therein. Our children educate us almost as much as we educate them. The older brother is trained and developed through the responsibility of setting an example to and protecting the younger children, who look up to him as the "big brother." An only child is likely to be spoiled because he lives only to himself. Hence there are true educative conditions in the fraternity home where members of all classes are intimately gathered together.

President Wilson, in his memorandum concerning the proposed residential Quads at Princeton, our chief non-fraternity college, voices this thought in the following significant words:

"It is clear to every one that the life of the university can be best regulated and developed only when the underclassmen are in constant association with upperclassmen, upon such terms as to be formed and guided by them." He states one of the objects of the Quads to be "to give to the university the kind of common consciousness which apparently comes from closer sorts of social contact, to be had only outside the classroom, and most easily to be got about a common table and in the contacts of a common life."

But President Wilson is mistaken in thinking that this can be done in groups of one hundred or more students arbitrarily gathered together. His Princeton clubs might have taught him that. A college home, to be successful and permanent, must be small and congenial, because it selects and trains its own members.

But the fraternities have their own great problems to solve. They must thoroughly realize that they are no longer college secret societies, but important home-making agencies, about to enter upon their endowment period and must brush away their earlier foolishness and frailties and rise to the height of the responsibilities which they have now assumed and to their place in one of the great departments of the college. . . .

I am not here to plead the cause of the Greek-letter fraternities or to excuse their shortcomings, which, from careful study in many colleges and with the best inside opportunities, I know as well as any of you. But these faults and failures are partly inherent in any college education, and in any home with many members, and always have been, and are largely chargeable to the college authorities and alumni, who have regarded chiefly the financial, pedagogical and administrative departments and have neglected and misunderstood the college home life.

I urge you most earnestly to give attention to the student life, and especially to that portion of it which we have called the col-

lege family life, and to look upon the fraternities as logical growths—not as inherent evils, but as the line of least resistance and of the most immediate promise. But whether or not you agree with me as to the fraternities, I beg you to give immediate heed to the family life of our students. We shall be nearest the truth when we realize that at present the college family life is more nearly related to the parent's home than it is to the pedagogy of the college, and should be studied and treated accordingly.



"Lest We Forget"

IN a spirit of caution—though such may not be necessary, it is apropos at all times—we are wont to touch on and discuss the emblem that has grown so near and dear to us and our efforts to preserve its meaning and increase its sentiment.

When we leave our college circle and step out into life, perhaps some of us grow forgetful of the sacred obligations taken on our admission to a fraternity so emblematic of all there is good in mankind; and the badge of which during our college life we were so proud, is sometimes discarded, and outwardly, apparently, we are forgetful, but beneath it all is that old spirit of brotherhood that awakens our sense of loyalty and love for our order and its purports.

Our badge, the *Shield and Diamond*, should ever be dear to our hearts and there are none among us who would intentionally desecrate that emblem—there is no member who would not employ every effort to restore to the fraternity one of our little pins, found on the person of a disreputable character, or on one of a race not congenial with our own. We have a right to question every wearer, and it is needless to say that no male, other than a member, is permitted to have such in his possession. Our jewelry is not found in loan shops, nor is it for sale by other than official or authorized jewelers, nor is any outside person permitted to purchase it. In guarding this badge we increase the deference due our order. But does it end there? No, there are instances in which we turn

over the keeping of the badge to members of the fair sex, entrust it to them with the faith that they, too, will prove as loyal and true. The chapter correspondent of "Alpha" struck the keynote when he wrote "Is every girl worthy to wear the *Shield and Diamond*? This point was touched on in our recent convention in Richmond and a word of caution went out from that august assembly that there should be no promiscuous badging—that it was contrary to the principles of the fraternity for a member to place a *Shield and Diamond* on a girl and admit her as a sister unless she were deserving of the honor. In this respect the Π κ Λ fraternity is very fortunate. The writer can recall no instance where one of us has made such a grave mistake, but it is known that such has occurred. It is not honest for any girl to wear it as a mere ornament, nor strive for a collection, and they are not her possessions. There are instances where girls have been known to lend them to chums who have not the interest and welfare of the fraternity at heart. In carelessness sometimes they are lost—if a brother or sister lose a badge, such may be deplored and efforts should be made to recover it, but such will happen to the most careful.

There is no sweeter food for thought than that old Pi Kappa Alpha has a band of sisters, the best product of our Southland, that are as true and lovable as maids can be. We pause and think of her—the one who has accepted the badge with all its sentiments—who appreciates its real meaning, who realizes that it symbolizes a compact and stands for more than do all the solitaires mined in Kimberly. It is inspiration to purer and higher things, it awakens all the tenderness in our hard natures when we are able, in morose moments, to think with silent assurance of the alliance with the one, above all others; that she is apart from the shadows of our life, but is the sunshine and smiles, and that to-morrow will find her as to-day. Almost every fellow has a sweetheart, and he wants her to wear his badge—the question of worthiness may not

arise but the question "does she realize the significance?" has equal import. It's the "tie that binds" and it is said that "the maid shall wear the emblem over the heart." It is the duty of every brother to respect and protect the rights of another in this respect as in any other, as we well know.

Badge but one, and she must be all the world to you, and you must be first with her. You have no more right to badge two maids than she has to wear two different pins.

Preserve every sentiment the *Shield and Diamond* stands for—it's our flag and with loyalty we rally to its protection, even though it is not endangered "lest we forget."

GRANVILLE S. P. HOLLAND, JR.,
Alumnus of Tau.



Wear The Badge

WHEN a man becomes a member of Pi Kappa Alpha he at the same time becomes entitled to certain benefits or privileges which are his to enjoy, and assumes certain duties which he must discharge. What these privileges and these duties are we know quite well and the line between them is more or less sharply drawn. We know that to pay all dues promptly is a duty incumbent upon each one of us, as well as we know that the enjoyment of the firm friendship within the circle is a pleasure that we can not appreciate too highly.

There is one duty, however, which is in itself a privilege, or rather it is a privilege which embodies in itself a duty, to such an extent does it partake of the nature of both. We refer to the constant wearing of the badge of our fraternity by all of its members, whether they be active or graduate.

First, let us view the matter in the light of a privilege. Surely there is not one of us who does not feel that it is

an honor to wear the badge, in consideration of the high principles for which it stands. Again, it is an honor to wear it, in consideration of the body of men, taken as a body, who do wear it. The writer has had the pleasure of meeting Pi Kappa Alpha men from all parts of the South, and with each new hand-clasp his feeling of pride in the personnel of the order has grown more strong. These men are practically all from the Southland, the most American part of America left to-day, and thus our rank and file possess a homogeneity to which the national fraternities can scarcely hope to attain. It is a privilege to wear it, in consideration of the pleasures resulting from the making of new acquaintances, both in the fraternity and out of it, which would not be made did neither of the parties wear a badge. Some of the writer's most pleasant experiences with respect to fraternity life, during the six years of his membership, have been brought about by the making of such acquaintances, some of which have ripened into lasting friendships. The recital of these experiences, numerous and pleasant as they have been, could doubtless be duplicated by scores of loyal Pi's who now find the recollection of them a source of continual pleasure. Indeed, who of us can say that the little story entitled "The Beginning," recently published in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, was not founded upon fact? Certainly such a happy result of wearing the badge is not improbable. And the friends it will bring need not always be members of our own fraternity. Every true Greek is possessed of a certain degree of Pan-Hellenic spirit, and the sight of a young gentleman wearing the badge of a fraternity not one's own, but in which one may have warm friends, is a sufficient guarantee of a common interest to justify at least a traveling acquaintance.

So much, in brief, for the benefits accruing to the individual member who constantly wears the badge. Just a word further as to the duties in this respect. A man should wear the badge because he thereby lets it be known

that he is a Pi Kappa Alpha man, and so reflects honor on the fraternity by his conduct. He should wear it always because he thereby keeps near him a constant reminder of what our order stands for. And he should wear it as a charm the sight of which, in the years to come, will serve to call out of the past the days that have gone and cause the wearer to live again in memory the happy life of an "active" member of Pi Kappa Alpha and to hear again the merry song and laughter and see the bright young faces of those other wearers of the *Shield and Diamond* who have passed out into the world, and perhaps beyond.

Now, just a word in closing as to how the emblem should be worn; we use the word emblem because it is not of necessity a badge but may be a scarf-pin, a watch-fob, or a ring. In this, as in most things, good taste must be taken into consideration. The emblem must be worn without ostentation, yet worn where it can be seen. The sight of a fraternity man wearing his badge on the lapel of his coat, thus ostentatiously flaunting his membership in the face of the world in general and the "non-fraternity man" in particular, is enough to give one the shivers. Not only is it in gross violation of good taste, but it is most likely to subject the wearer to more than one annoyance by zealous members of "The Hod Fellows," "The Improved Order of Dead Men," or something else just as bad, who will examine his badge, with fingers perhaps none too clean, inquiring the while the rate of insurance in his order and the proper channels through which to submit an application for membership. If a badge is worn, let it be of modest size and worn either on the vest, or, in warm weather, on the negligee shirt. A scarf-pin is at once useful and ornamental, as any brother who knows "Long John" Tyler of Omicron can attest. A watch-fob, too, is desirable.

But far be it from the writer to attempt to dictate in any matter of good taste to those who shall read these pages. The purpose of this article is simply to emphasize the im-

portance of the actual wearing of the emblem; we feel assured that it will be properly worn.

This matter is not so important, we well know, as some others that will be discussed in these pages, but it is nevertheless deserving of some attention. Pi Kappa Alpha has permitted no man to wear the badge, to the writer's knowledge, of whom the order need be ashamed; surely no man is, or need be, ashamed or afraid to be known as a Pi Kappa Alpha man. Yet we all know that there are many alumni and some few active members who fail in this duty. Such laxity can be attributed to either one of only two causes—indifference to the duty, or ignorance of the pleasures to be derived from the performance of it.

OSCAR L. SHEWMAKE, Alpha.



The Kind of Girl To Wear The Pin

WHEN we stop to think of how many different kinds of girls there are, it looks very easy to decide as to what kind should wear the badge, but when we stop and try to decide it is a great deal harder than it seems.

As one of our brothers has said in a previous issue, do not give a girl your pin simply because she is a friend of yours and wants to wear it along with several others just to see how many she can get, but be as careful of the girl as the boy.

You should look upon the girl who wears your pin as a sister, not merely a friend, and one with whom you would be glad for your sister and mother to associate, and one whom you could introduce to your brothers with a great deal of pleasure. Be sure you know the girl very well and like her, or I may say love her, but always *know*, don't *think*, that she is worthy of the *Shield and Diamond*.

Young brothers, do not, when you are out of college for the vacations, run up to some girl and give her your pin

before you know her very well. There are always plenty who will wear the pin and be only too glad to do so, but get the one you are sure of and if she is undecided keep persuading her until she does.

The kind of girl to wear the pin is the one who works with you for the fraternity, and when she knows of a good man going off to college she would say to him, "the only fraternity for you to join is the Pi Kappa Alpha, they are the best anywhere," the girl who helps you entertain any of your brothers who may be passing through your city, the one who would not only wear the pin, but would work and say something for the benefit of the fraternity.

In getting the girl always remember to get the one who will do the most good and the one that the fraternity will be benefited by her wearing a *Shield and Diamond*, the one that praises the "Garnet and Old Gold."

WILLIAM AKERS, Psi.



Histories of Our Colleges

IT has been said that every man can write one interesting history, the history of his own life. If this be true it is likewise certain that every college man could write another interesting history, the history of his own college; for after all "an institution is but the lengthened shadow of one man," and there is not a single institution in which a chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha is located that does not have a history worth preserving and worth giving to the world, and some of these institutions, founded in faith and nourished in sacrifice, have records that are thrillingly heroic.

The recital of these records will be rewarded by genuine interest on the part both of the active and of the alumni membership of the fraternity. An active member likes to hear of the achievements made by the college of a fellow Pi and the alumnus, cut off largely from news of the

colleges, will find in these histories things that will call up his own college days. And the magazine, as the depository of these histories, would add to its value from issue to issue.

Let us have such histories, illustrated with cuts, beginning with Alpha and going down the line. To do this let each chapter appoint a man to write the history of its college. I may say for Iota that its part of the work is ready right now for the printers and engravers.

J. GRAY McALLISTER, Grand Chaplain.



The Inactivity of Recent Pi Kappa Alpha Alumni

BROTHERS mine, is our fraternity only an organization with privileges for the few undergraduates whose names make up the rolls of the active chapters? Or does it exist for these and a few others—the men who constitute the alumni chapters? In short, is there in existence to-day a Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity exercising a definite interest in that wearer of the *Shield and Diamond* who after graduation finds himself located far from another Pi and thus debarred the pleasure of affiliation with active or alumni chapters? If there be such, and no true member of Pi Kappa Alpha can doubt its reality; then brothers (those of you who are such in spirit as well as name), let us join hands and resolve that the good news will be spread until not a single alumnus, however far he may be removed from his Alma Mater, shall be uninformed of this fact.

But some one may ask why do we have to tell them a thing that everybody knows? In reply we ask, "Does every Π know this?" Remember the old maxim, "Actions speak louder than words," and when we come down to judge recent Π K A alumni by their actions, what active member does not know the result before we investi-

gate. What then is to be done? We know our fraternity is interested in her scattered boys, and the principles for which she stands, they did know. We are supporters of the "Garnet and Old Gold," they were.

Whence then this change, and how can it be accounted for? There can be but one solution—they must have forgotten. And some may advance as a reason for such a state of affairs the fact that when a man has become entangled in business meshes he has little time to think of his Alma Mater and things connected with that institution. Attribute to this what weight you may desire, but what excuse would anyone dare make for the young alumni—that class which this article is intended primarily to deal—surely within the first six months of their absence from college they can not have become so engrossed in the problems of life as to force all else into seclusion. No, kind reader, these ideas have no bearing on the case, for the tendency among Π κ Λ alumni seems to indicate the reverse, that is our older members seem far more interested than do those of more recent years. The apathy is among the recent members of the chapter who have been classed as alumni for a time incredibly short, when we consider how vast an amount they have "forgotten."

Then there is a hitch somewhere, and I predict that when we come on down the chain examining each link, we'll find the trouble with ourselves, men. And by that "ourselves" is meant those of us who go to make up the active membership of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. We don't conduct our chapters from the initiation to graduation of its members as such should be done. The members, upon their introduction to our noble order, are not made to feel immediately as Π 's should feel. The sacredness of the trust imposed on them is not so impressed as it should be at the very outset of their fraternity existence, for the impressions then formed are by far the most lasting. Furthermore, is there any direct manifestation of interest, on the part of the chapters, in their recent alum-

ni? Do they receive from the chapters any communications after their departure from their Alma Mater except formal letters, seeking information of some kind, or worse still, seeking funds? I dare say that 'tis a very small per cent. who are the recipients of aught else from that of all branches of the fraternity with which they should be most intimately connected.

Then, Pi's, let us have a reconstruction, and adopt a more aggressive policy. Banish our pell-mell existence and arise to the situation and render to our dear old fraternity that assistance of which she now stands in so much need—that of reanimating our old alumni and arousing from their morbid state the more recent ones. Let us see which chapter can get from its alumni the greatest number of subscriptions to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, for there is no better means for bringing about the desired end than by bringing before their minds the true Pi status of affairs and this can best be done through the pages of our magazine. The list of subscribers is ridiculously small as all will remember who heard our managing editor's report in Richmond.

The alumni thus dealt with, let us turn our attention to the source whence such proceed—the active chapters—for 'twill not be long ere the active men will have joined the "forgotten throng" and in their turn be leading a similar existence. Enough has previously been said on the subject of "horse play" to clearly indicate that a Pi Kappa Alpha hall during the initiation of a candidate is no place for such action. Wouldn't a substitution of due gravity achieve far richer results? No one can doubt it. Then why not make the change? In addition, by memorizing a portion of the ritual the initiation may be made far more impressive. An insertion into the chapter by-laws of a clause to the effect that within a very short time after initiation the "goats" must commit same to memory would tend to interest them early in fraternal affairs. The result of such would be the arousing of greater inter-

est among the active members, which interest would not flag as is perceptibly the case with our alumni to-day. They would want to keep in touch with their mother chapter after withdrawal from college, to which end a mode of communication would be kept up between the outgoing brother and those remaining in the chapter. Then by means of such, he would be kept posted as to the status of affairs in the chapter, thus being able to render both aid and counsel at critical times. Nor is the latter by any means a matter of small importance, for if with his years of experience in such matters an alumnus is not better fitted to counsel his chapter than any man on its roll, then either he is very little alive to the situation or his chapter is composed of remarkably precocious men.

Brothers, this goes out not as the production (if such you may see fit to term this poor attempt) of a "knocker," for be such far from me, but it is simply intended to cause some men to think seriously concerning the welfare of their fraternity, which to-day, as truly as was ever the case, needs their co-operation and counsel.

P. TULANE ATKINSON, Iota.



An Alumnus's Duty to the Fraternity

BROTHER Alumnus, are you doing your duty toward your fraternity since leaving your chapter hall? Are you keeping those vows, made while seeking admittance to the shrine of Pi Kappa Alpha? Have you still the interest of your fraternity at heart, are you doing your duty toward furthering the interest and upbuilding of dear old Π K A? No, brother alumnus, some of you are asleep, some of you have forgotten your vows of fidelity and since leaving your chapter hall, you have allowed your interest in your fraternity to die. Does not the future of your fraternity, its upbuilding and advancement, still depend upon you; are you not as much a Π K A to-day as you

were in college days; is it not your duty to support her, and further her interest, to-day, as it was then? Some of our alumni know not what this fraternity has done, and is doing, some never see a SHIELD AND DIAMOND. Some think because they are out of college, that their fraternity life is over. Now, brothers, this is where you make a mistake. When you leave your college walls your duty to dear old $\Pi K A$ has just begun. Her interest rests more upon you now, than upon the active members, for she is judged by the men representing her in the outside world. And your deeds and actions should cast credit upon her. In your business world, do not forget your fraternity, keep her interest at heart, as you did while active members.

If you know of a good man, a man who would do $\Pi K A$ honor that intends going to college, persuade him to attend some college where $\Pi K A$ is represented, and notify the members of the chapter. In this way she would gain many good men. When your fraternity calls upon you for aid in a financial way, respond promptly and liberally. Oftentimes we deny ourselves to give to the church, because we know it is our duty; should we not give our fraternity some consideration also? Is it not our duty?

Let me beg you, brother, to subscribe to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND; in this way you not only keep up with your fraternity but you help build up the magazine, and you encourage those who are working for $\Pi K A$'s interest, remember a fraternity is largely judged by her magazine. We now have a good magazine, and of which any fraternity would feel proud but we want a better one, and we can have it if you do your duty. An alumnus can do lots for his fraternity; he can aid her in many ways, and as an alumnus your duty to your fraternity has just begun. So don't let the business world blot her from your mind; don't let worldly affairs lessen your interest; keep her interest ever before you, and always strive toward the

upbuilding and advancement of your fraternity, and then you will be doing your duty as an alumnus.

W. W. TAYLOR, JR., Nu and Zeta.



Correspondents of Alumni Chapters

IT is conceded by all that alumni chapters are a material benefit to any fraternity, therefore we should do all we can to establish and maintain alumni chapters.

There are many ways in which this can be done, which need not be mentioned here. It is the purpose, however, of this article to discuss one of them; that is the correspondence of alumni chapters.

We see in each issue of our magazine some slight mention of these chapters, but it generally comes indirectly and not from any member of the chapters.

Why should not each alumni chapter have a regular correspondent, as the active chapters have? There is of course not as much to tell of an alumni chapter as there is of an active one, because the former naturally does less than the latter. However, there are many interesting things, and much helpful advice that could come from an alumni chapter. The members have all been at college and seen many phases of college life and fraternity life, and could doubtless render many valuable suggestions that would naturally help the active chapters. Then, too, reports from the various alumni chapters of how they are run, the work they do, and other views of the men who only now see this side of fraternity life.

Would not such a system of alumni correspondents tend to stimulate new interest in these chapters which would in turn lead to the planting of new chapters, thus adding strength to the whole order of which we are all so proud?

D. H. HILL, JR., Alpha-Epsilon.

Fraternatism vs. Caste

THOUGH this is a subject that has received much attention from all quarters, still there seems to be many chapters which are totally indifferent to its import. While fraternities may not be "all things to all men" they are evidently far different things to different men, which is to say that the world entertains a vast variety of conceptions of a fraternity.

This brings us down to the bed rock of the subject, "What is the purpose of a fraternity?" We hesitate to surmise what some educators or some non-fraternity students would answer to this question. We shudder to think what must be the opinions of some parents on the subject, when they receive their remodelled son home after the first year at college. And yet, the saddest feature of the whole thing is that all these have honest grievances against chapters of fraternities, and do not lack the living evidence of the wrongs. The writer is no seer. One need have no uncommon discernment to tell him that fraternity life is often attended with serious evils. We who are fraternity men can too easily condone these evils, but let us not be surprised when they receive sharp criticism from without. It is little wonder that in some colleges the faculty embarks on a tirade against fraternities. It is little wonder that we have trouble in getting new men whose parents are unwilling that they should take this step. And least of all is it to be marvelled at that non-fraternity men oftentimes entertain such a hostile attitude toward fraternities? Let us not shut our eyes to facts, but let us manfully acknowledge that in large measure, fraternities themselves are to blame. By fraternities we do not mean the entire system of fraternities, but rather individual chapters of the different fraternities.

There are chapters that deserve to be fired out of college. There are chapters that are unsafe things for a boy

fresh from home. There are chapters whose attitude toward non-fraternity men is intolerance, and intolerable!

As a matter of policy, if nothing else, "it's just as cheap" to be decent to the non-fraternity man in your college, and in the long run a great deal cheaper. More than one chapter has been extinguished as the result of showing intolerance to non-fraternity men. Non-fraternity men are, many of them at least, just as good as fraternity men, and at any rate, they have feeling, and may, like the snake of 1775, resent the tread of disdain. That chapter that is founded on principles of social "exclusiveness" is like the house that was builded upon the sand, and is destined, sooner or later, to fall victim to the raging winds of well merited adversity, and the overwhelming billows of public indignation.

Ought a chapter be a narrow and exclusive caste, or should it rather be the embodiment of those broad views and broad sympathies that were first taught man by Him who came to bring this old world back to heaven? Has our chapter done its duty by us if it only teaches us to love our chapter-mates by contrast, or ought it teach us to lend a helping hand, a friendly ear, a sympathizing heart, to all who need us, whether fraternity or non-fraternity?

"The rank is but the guinea stamp;

The man's the gold, for a' that."

HUBERT BUNYEA, Alpha-Lambda.



Fraternity Houses at Small Colleges

ONE of the many considerations which confront every fraternity man at a small college who is working to increase the standing and strength of his chapter in every possible way is the question of the fraternity house. To all who have ever lived in a fraternity house comes the thoughts of how pleasant such life must be; and those who have spent the whole or a part of their college days

in a fraternity house, while appreciating and enjoying the close touch with their fraternity brothers which such life affords, must feel at the same time that they have drifted away, to a greater or less extent, from the rest of the student-body.

In the beginning let it be understood that we are here considering only the small college, and not large colleges and universities, where one would naturally suppose every advantage to be on the side of houses, since at such institutions a man's list of acquaintances must be limited, and naturally he wishes to be in as close contact as possible with the other members of his chapter. But the college with an enrollment of two hundred or three hundred students is our theme; and while we can speak only from the standpoint of not quite four years' experience at one small college, we see no practical reason why the same conditions should not apply to almost every other college of this class.

We have said that the existence of chapter houses at these institutions tends to isolate the occupants of such houses from the non-fraternity element in the student body. Should fraternity men regard this as a fault? Most certainly; for while we can not feel as near and friendly to these men as to our fraternity mates, where is the man or set of men who does not enjoy the contact with such whole-souled, sincere, earnest, hard-working men as are found in this class?

Moreover, fraternity men need the confidence and friendship of such fellows, and when they put the slightest barrier in the way, this confidence and friendship are likely to be considerably diminished.

Another undesirable condition of affairs which may be brought about by this cause is lack of co-operation among the members of chapters of different fraternities. The need of this quality need not be expressed to any who have attended a small college. It is practically indispensable to the prosperity of fraternities.

Far be it from us to suggest a move that would hamper our fraternity in the least; but, while we realize that in bringing up this question we are advocating a step which none of us, perhaps, could take at present, we believe that in time the opportunity will come to many of us to have a voice in arriving at an agreement between the chapters of fraternities represented at our respective colleges. When this time comes we believe that it will mark the beginning of a period of increased prominence of fraternity men in college affairs, although we know that they are everywhere already prominent, greater zeal for our fraternity and our college, and a richer enjoyment of college days.

E. F. SHEWMAKE, JR., Gamma.



A Correction

TO correct an error made by our Brother of Alpha-Mu, I would like to say in the beginning that he is mistaken in his idea that the University of Georgia is the oldest university in the United States.

The University of Pennsylvania, so far as we can judge, is the oldest, established in 1740. Very shortly afterward, 1789, the second, the University of North Carolina, was established, and its doors were opened 1795, for the great work which it has done. The writer is no doubt correct when he gives us a summary of the great works his university has done and the men of renown it has turned out to the world, but he is incorrect in his statement that it was the first university established in the United States.

JNO. R. MERCER, Tau.

In Memoriam

HARRY S. HEYSER, Zeta

ZETA CHAPTER,

University of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God Almighty, in His infinite wisdom to take from our midst our beloved brother, Harry S. Heyser, to serve in the higher and better service of Him who doeth all things well; and,

WHEREAS, We, the active members of Zeta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha, having recognized in him the obvious qualities of young manhood, ambition, intelligence, loyalty, integrity, sobriety, honor, and pleasant companionship, and feeling overwhelmed at his loss, we do hereby adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we individually and as a chapter, do zealously mourn the loss of an energetic, loyal member and a dear friend.

Resolved, That we do hereby extend to the father, and mother, of our deceased brother, our deepest sympathy in this their great loss.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, our feeble tributes of a great respect, be sent to the bereaved family, entered upon the records of our chapter, and that they be published in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

L. T. BELLMONT, Chairman,

G. L. COX,

W. C. JOHNSON.

Chapter Letters



Alpha

University of Virginia

We wish to extend to our new chapter, Alpha-Mu, our best wishes and it is with a feeling of pleasure that we welcome her into our mystic circle, for we know that in each and every one of her members we have a true and loyal brother, and we feel sure that Alpha-Mu will prove a valuable chapter in extending our fraternity over that section of the sunny South.

We are indeed glad to see that our alumni are taking such an interest in the fraternity, for it is gratifying to know that those who have been out of college for some time still remain as loyal and true as they were in the days they met regularly and answered to their names in the various chapter halls. With such loyalty as this we can but predict a brilliant future for the "Garnet and Gold."

Just at the present time baseball is the all-absorbing topic of conversation and the dominating element of university life. We have quite a number of old men back and some excellent new material to choose from, and in spite of the continued bad weather our team is showing up unusually well and the outlook is indeed bright for a very successful season. Brother Jordon is manager and he has completed a splendid schedule of games, many of which are with the most representative college teams in America. Our first game will be here March 23rd, and the season will close on the second of May with a week's Northern trip. Alpha will be represented on the team

by Brother Fulton as pitcher, who bids fair to surpass his brilliant record of last season.

Since our last letter we have lost Brother N. C. Waller, who was unexpectedly called home a few days ago, and his absence is greatly felt, for he was a true and loyal brother, always ready and willing to do anything in the interest of Pi Kappa Alpha.

We have been favored recently with visits by several of the brothers. Brother White of Gamma, came as a member of the William and Mary basket-ball team, and we are glad to know that he expects to be an active member of Alpha next session, as he will enter the law school here. Brother Taylor, an alumnus of Omicron, paid us a short visit last week, and he was indeed a welcome visitor, for it always encourages us to see "Heinie's" bright face and beaming smile. Brother Howerton of Iota, now a professor of Moral Philosophy in Washington and Lee University, spent Sunday here some time ago and favored us with a visit.

We are always glad to welcome a brother in our midst, as it draws us closer together, and should any of the brothers visit Charlottesville at any time, let us know and we will do our best to make them feel at home at Alpha.

With best wishes to all the Pi's.

JAMES N. HUBBARD.



Beta

Davidson College

The interest of Davidson now centers on her baseball team, which has played its first game successfully last Wednesday. Our prospects are good, and we hope to send out a team even better than we did last year. We expect to make a record which will compare favorably with that of our late football team on which Brother Morton starred at full-back, winning for himself the honor of being the

"best full-back for his size in the South," while Brother Sadler was prominent at left-end.

Among the visitors to Davidson, Beta was fortunate in having Eskeridge and Stearns of Beta, and Reynald of Theta. Stearns was our delightful visitor for two weeks. Burton Smith also spent one day with us.

On February twenty-seventh to twenty-ninth, the Junior Oratorical Exercises were held. Beta's guests were given a reception on the last evening of the occasion. Light refreshments were served and the evening was very much enjoyed.

The opening of the year was marked by brilliant prospects for Beta. The half-year rule ended in January, after which the goat came into prominent play. As a result of his efficient work, we take pleasure in introducing our new brothers: Samuel L. Morris, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; H. Russell Deal, Greenville, S. C.; James A. McCoy, Columbia, S. C.; Clyde S. Mattison, Anderson, S. C.

These new additions will probably complete Beta's roll for the ensuing year.

Beta wishes for Pi Kappa Alpha a very successful year, which will witness growth inwardly and externally.

O. E. BUCHHOLZ.



Zeta

University of Tennessee

The songs of the birds and green buds is a covenant that their will not be very much more wintry weather. With spring's appearance baseball has opened up in full force. Seven of the old men are back and new material which promises to be the equal if not the superior of the absent men. Mr. Moffett has been secured as coach and has selected the Varsity team. Zeta is taking quite an interest in baseball this spring since Brother Bellmont is our mana-

ger. It is due to his excellent management that Tennessee has the best schedule she has ever had.

Tennessee's athletics in general are on a move for betterment. The directors have granted a site for an athletic field and money with which to equip it. Next fall's football program is all about arranged and Coach Leven has again been employed. An athletic corporation has been organized, thus enabling athletics to be conducted on a business basis.

We welcome into our ranks Brother Vogt from Alpha-Kappa chapter of Missouri School of Mines. Brother Vogt has proven himself to be very agreeable and as willing to promote Zeta's interest as if she were his own mother chapter.

We regret the withdrawal from Zeta of Brother McColum very much. While in our ranks he always stood for the highest betterment of the "Garnet and Gold." Last fall he won honor for himself and his chapter on the football team. Whatever employment he has entered we know that he must succeed if he but only put himself to the task with the same zeal that he worked for his fraternity.

The hand of death can not be stayed. It with silent step steals into our midst and takes our loved ones ere we are aware. On Sunday, March 8th, Brother Heyser, after several weeks of affliction with fever, was removed from pain and suffering into joy and peace. He was a young man of twenty odd years, noble, true, buxom, and blythe whose prospects in life were, indeed, promising. He was in the chapter during 1906-07. Loved, honored and respected by everyone with whom he came in contact. Every active member of the chapter loved him and did all things possible to make his end happy. His body was escorted to the station by the active members and they assisted the bereaved family in whatsoever way they were able. Appropriate resolutions were adopted and elsewhere in this issue they will be found.

The event that is looked to with the greatest pleasure

by every member of Zeta is the annual banquet. Plans have already been instigated and the prospect bids fair to be the most successful banquet in the chapter's history.

The new Agricultural Building which was begun last fall is nearing completion. It is a five-story brick structure equipped with all the modern conveniences. The farmers can now boast of one of the finest buildings on "the hill."

Our new electrolier designed especially by Brother Cox, adds quite a cozy and cheerful appearance to our chapter parlor.

It is with regret that the chapter gives up Brother Johnson. He was called home to attend the burial of his sister and because of conditions at home was compelled to remain. He hopes to again be with us next fall. His absence will be very much missed.

Our mid-term examinations have just come to a close. If complaints and busts can be taken as any indication, the examinations this term were much more difficult than last. It is a pleasure as well as an honor to Zeta to state that Brother Willfred, who is a senior law student, is wearing the honors in his class and will carry away all the honors at graduation.

We extend to all our sister chapters our very best wishes and good luck.

C. E. LOWRY.



Eta

Tulane University

How are all the brothers by this time? We are glad to greet you after having been silent so long. We are not dead yet though perhaps some of us are in a deep slumber.

Nothing of any particular note, either in college or fraternity affairs, has taken place since last we greeted you. We are now on what you might call the home stretch so far as the college work is concerned. That is, all the holi-

days and important events are now over until the final examinations and graduation ceremonies. We have nothing left now to look forward to until then, but the pleasure of seeing our baseball team win the majority of the games of the season. Though our regular schedule of games has not begun, yet we have had some hotly contested games with the local teams of the city. In these our team showed up fine and we think we have a winning team. Eta has only one representative on the team, but he is one of the star players and we feel that we are well represented in quality if not in quantity. This representative (who is also the president of the Tulane Athletic Association), is Brother Menefee, of whose athletic achievements you may have read something in these columns before.

Eta has taken one more initiate, J. Delbert, of this city, and we present him to you with great pleasure. He is already a very loyal Pi man and is becoming more so all the time, and we expect great things of him within his college career of the next four years.

We had the pleasure of having with us at one of our meetings recently Brother Ralph Patton, of the class of 1907. He came down from Schenectady, N. Y., where he is working with the General Electric Co., and spent a couple of weeks with his family and friends. We enjoyed his visit very much and were benefited by some of his suggestions.

With the very best of wishes for all Pi's and all connected with them.

H. C. MAXWELL.



Theta

Southwestern Presbyterian University

Theta is prospering as usual, though there has been no addition to our number since December. At present we are fourteen in number and a more congenial lot of fellows are not to be found in college. On the evening of Febru-

ary 22nd there was a gathering in the chapter hall and a most pleasant evening spent by all present. We had the pleasure of having with us on that occasion Brothers Currie and Webb of Vanderbilt University, and alumni of this chapter.

In regard to athletics, Theta has been well represented. The basket-ball team of the season just past was one of the best ever turned out at S. P. U., and it was made up, for the most part, of Pi's: W. H. Rothrock, forward; J. T. Rothrock, guard; G. F. McLeod, guard and also manager of the team. Among the games in which the team came off victorious was the one with Vanderbilt University. The game was exciting and hard fought, but the home team proved their superiority and won with the score of 20 to 9.

The ordeal of examinations are now past and a great deal of interest is being shown in baseball. There are good prospects for a winning team and a schedule of games has been arranged with some of the best teams in the South, about the first of which will be with Vanderbilt University on April 2, 3 and 4. Three Pi's of last year's team are pretty sure of positions and a fourth will very probably make good. These are: J. T. Rothrock, catcher; W. H. Rothrock and Armistead, field, and Stokes, 1st base. In the next issue we hope to report many victories on the diamond.

Not only in athletics do those of our number stand well, but in all departments of college life; and we hope that all the sister chapters will continue to line up to the high standard set by those who have gone before and thereby add honor to the name of Pi Kappa Alpha.

W. H. ARMISTEAD.



Kappa

Kentucky University

Although located in the heart of the "Blue Grass Re-

gion" where everything is full of life Kappa unfortunately was struck by a spell similar to the one that caused old "Rip" to retire from business for a few days, but good fortune, distressed at such a sight, sent at lightning speed a messenger named Smythe, whose powerful arm struck us so hard that we instantly awoke and have been unable to sleep a moment since.

The thing that concerns us most now is the fact that this will be the last year of Kentucky University's existence as K. U. for, having lived so long without changing her name, has at this old age decided to be known as Transylvania University. This change of course makes no difference but we who have loved old K. U. so long regret to welcome the new name.

The last "K" to be awarded was given to the football team, and Kappa delights to announce that three of her five members received the much coveted letter.

The annual dance, which was given on February 7th, was a success. The grand march started promptly at nine o'clock and was gracefully led by one of Omega's most popular men (Billy Goodwin) and his very attractive friend (Miss Embry). After a program of twenty-four dances had been enjoyed, the crowd so full of life and anxious to dance longer forced poor old Saxton to play three encores to the last waltz. The success of this dance placed Kappa and Omega upon such a high plane in social life that they can not be surpassed by any fraternity.

Our basket-ball team seemed to have played under difficulties this season, only winning one game; but we place all of our hope in the very fine baseball team-to-be. Our motto since State College won the football game has been "State College must be defeated." I am unable at this date to say how many men Kappa will give to the team, though we sincerely hope that all five of her members may win this great position.

Kappa was delighted to learn that the attractive Miss Bushnell of Salem, Va., and a worthy $\Pi K A$ sister, is

now a student at Sayre Institute in Lexington. Several of us have met Miss Bushnell and we wish to congratulate the young gentleman from Roanoke upon his success.

With best wishes to all.

W. H. WHITLEY.



Mu

Presbyterian College of South Carolina

Invitations have been issued for the inauguration of our president, Dr. Robert Adams, on March 27th. Dr. Adams has been acting president since September, but has not been formally inaugurated. Representatives from all the colleges in the State are expected to be present. Dr. S. C. Byrd, an alumnus of Mu, will preside and Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Davidson, will deliver the principal address, besides the inaugural address by Dr. Adams.

Rev. Richard Orme Flinn, an alumnus of Theta, held a very interesting series of evangelistic services in the First Presbyterian Church of Clinton in January, in which we feel that a great deal of good was accomplished.

Since our last letter, we have moved into a very convenient room fixed up by the faculty for us on the third floor of our Administration Building. This not only gives all of us great pleasure, but is much more satisfactory. During the past six months we have been compelled to move our quarters three times. The Laurens Hall and the Judd Memorial Refectory have both been completed and are now being used by the boys. These are very beautiful buildings and are fitted up with all the modern conveniences.

The baseball candidates are working very hard to place a good team in the field. Brother Power is Mu's only representative on the diamond.

On February 24th an Inter-Society Debate was held in the college auditorium. Mu was represented on the affir-

mative by Bro. Power and on the negative by Bro. Neville. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

We have just passed through the ordeal of examinations and hope all of Mu's men got through. Vice-President Spencer announced that there was a marked improvement over the first term examinations.

Mu's men are looking forward with great pleasure to the meeting of the South Carolina Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association which will be held in Greenwood, S. C. on April 24th. This association is composed of the nine leading male colleges of the State. Our college has the honor of having the president of this association this year, and II K A is honored, as Brother Neville holds that office.

Brother Wesley Boyd, of Nu, has moved to the city and holds the position of paymaster in the Clinton Cotton Mills one of the largest in the South.

With best wishes to all our brothers.

W. S. BEAN, JR.



Omicron

Richmond College

At last, what seemed to be a decade in the passing, the week of the fifteenth to twenty-first of March, being the term of the spring examinations, has come and gone and the men of Omicron with one accord heaved a sigh of relief as they realized that no more such ordeals would have to be undergone before the finals in June.

Having not as yet been told that some fell by the wayside, we all feel confident that our examinations were passed successfully, and with a light heart we turn as a reaction from hard study to athletics. In this branch of college activity, Omicron, as usual, is well represented.

The outlook for a winning baseball team is brighter than it has been for years. Brother Denny Wright, who pitched such star ball for the college last year, will be

found again in the box. Brother Wright, who was elected captain of next year's football team, will fill the position of shortstop on the baseball team, which position he played with credit last year. Brother Atkins bids fair to find a place at the initial base, and Brothers Chambers and Duval are making a good showing in the outfield.

Our track team has met with signal success this spring. Our team has attended the three meets held in Washington, D. C., and in relay races with the University of Maryland, Maryland Agricultural College, and Georgetown University; they won with ease. In the indoors meet held here on the twenty-first we won second in number of points to the University of Virginia. In the 440 yd. dash, Lonthan, the captain of our team, ran away from Rectors, who holds the world's record for indoor one hundred yards, (as the paper put it) "as if he were hitched." Lonthan also won the half mile from a field of star half-milers. Omicron is represented on the track team by Brother Robertson in the weights, and Brothers Anderson and Woodfin are making a good showing in the high jump and pole vault.

At several meetings past Omicron voted to abolish all "horse play" at initiations and the first "goats" under the new regime are Brothers Chambers, of Richmond, Anderson, of Texas, Mac and Jack Duval, of Orange, Va., whom we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large.

A. W. ROBERTSON.



Rho

Cumberland University

After a long and uneventful absence from these pages, we greet all the Pi's with the hearty wish that "spring fever" may not get its deadening grip on their systems. This is the time of year when it is too late to worry over the last examinations and too early to think about the next

one, so that baseball is the undisputed monarch of our interest and affections. Just to show how Pi's stand in this part of the world, we take pleasure in being able to claim as our brothers the manager of the team, N. T. Lowry, and three players, Crump, Vancleave and Frye. We have a fast team this year and expect to beat practically everything in the university class.

The next and last annual fraternity event for this year will be the "fish fry" which is pulled off about the first of May, when the finny tribe are supposed to be most tractable. The Pi's have been accused of buying fish for these occasions, but of course that is merely an absurd rumor.

Nothing else worthy of mention occurs to us just now.

Rho wishes all her sister chapters the best year in their history.

J. W. HOLMES.



Tau

University of North Carolina

The dull season is now over and the good weather is very favorable for athletics. The baseball team is hard at work and our coach reports very good material for a winning team, and we have never had a better schedule. The track team is showing up well and from all indications will be a victorious one.

The students are earnestly awaiting the many attractions which are in view. Two dances will be given Easter; one by the Order of the Gorgeous Head and the other by the German Club. There will be several track meets and baseball games here, and soon the musical association will give a recital. All these and various other amusements are fondly awaited.

The festivities of Junior week are now things of the past. The college as a whole looks back with fond recollections to this new event in college society, and longs for the time when it shall again be celebrated. Perhaps this

was enjoyed more than any other feature during the year, for it was not merely a fraternity affair but one in which both fraternities and non-fraternities participated. The fraternity dance given in honor of the two higher classes was quite a success and is a most appropriate tie to bind the two elements in friendship.

Recently a Pan-Hellenic Council has been established in the university to bring about mutual friendship between the fraternities and to bring them nearer together in their work. It was decided by this council that no professional student or student entering the upper class should be pledged within thirty days after registration. This, it seems, is a very good rule and one that has been needed for some time. It not only gives the fraternities an opportunity to know the men who are to be taken, but it also gives the newcomer an opportunity to learn something of the different fraternities.

We were much gratified to have with us a few weeks ago Brother Paul Dunn, who stopped by on his way to Washington and Lee, after having a delightful visit to his home. It was quite a pleasant surprise to have him with us. Wyche and Gannt, of Alpha-Alpha, also paid us a short but delightful visit some time ago. What can be more pleasant than to see our old friends?

It is with sincerity that we welcome J. H. Bonshall back to the "hill." Bonshall has been sick at his home for quite a while, but now is as well as ever.

JNO. R. MERCER.



Upsilon

Alabama Polytechnic Institute

It is spring time in Alabama and though our inclinations run more to outdoor sports, we are holding our own in class work, having just finished the regular second term examinations with creditable results.

The basket-ball season is about over for the Varsity team, the class games being scheduled for early dates; Brothers Hall and Currie will both play in the class games.

Brother Hall will represent Upsilon on the baseball team this year, our team, though not as strong as last year is showing up well and we look for a successful season; the season opens with Dahlonga on our campus March 26.

Since our last letter a deep gloom has been cast upon the chapter by the death of Brother W. C. Oliver's father, which occurred at Houston, Texas, January 27th. Bro. Oliver's father was a prominent lawyer of Texas, loved and esteemed by all with whom he came in contact. At what is conceded to have been one of the largest gatherings of members of the Houston Bar ever assembled, earnest and grateful tribute was paid to his memory, the quiet and dignity of the proceedings being in keeping with the character of the man in whose memory they were held. The following resolutions were passed:

Again the bar of Houston is called upon to mourn the passing of a brother.

Again is the membership assembled to pay tribute of respect to one who for a third of a century has walked with scrupulous uprightness in the ranks of the legal brotherhood of the city and State.

William C. Oliver, as a lawyer, as a citizen and as a public servant, holding a high and important trust, commanded and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Fidelity to his clients and skill and ability in representing their interests, whether before the court, before the jury or in the no less important role of counsellor and advisor, characterized always the professional services of our departed brother.

He knew the law so accurately that he was able to present in legal and logical form his course of action or his ground for defense and to support his pleadings with the skill and force of a trained lawyer and an accomplished advocate.

He practiced his profession according to the highest standard of propriety and honor, and left behind him a stainless record as a lawyer.

As a citizen he observed the loftiest ideal of social obligation and duty, and as an official he held high trust with clean hands, and in loving memory of his fidelity and worth we lay this tribute of our sorrow and esteem upon his bier.

We request that a copy of this report be presented to all the courts of this county and those of Galveston by committees to

be appointed by the chairman of this meeting, and that a copy duly engrossed be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

We further recommend that the bar attend the funeral in a body.

J. G. HANLIN.



Phi

Roanoke College

It was with a great deal of pleasure that the members of Phi read the first letter from Alpha-Mu in the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. We take this means of extending our congratulations to the new brothers and our best wishes for the success of their chapter.

Since our last letter we had a visit from R. C. Bowman, an alumnus, who was called to Salem on account of the death of his uncle. We were glad to have Brother Bowman with us although we deeply regretted the circumstances under which he came.

As may be expected at this season, baseball is the center of attention at Roanoke just now. Our first game will be played here on the thirtieth of March. Phi will be represented this year by Stras, first-baseman, who was generally considered the best man on the team last year. Our baseball prospects at present are bright, and we expect our team to make a creditable showing.

R. H. Logan is here at his home at present, having left the V. P. I. on account of illness.

This year our chapter is represented on the college annual staff by Brother B. C. Buck.

We have taken in no new men since our last letter and it is not probable that we will be able to increase our small chapter roll before next year.

With best wishes to all.

R. M. KILLEY.

Chi

University of the South

Chi Chapter has once more assembled, with all members present except James Whitfield, at present located in Columbus, Miss., who will probably be with us next September. We have begun straightening up our house and grounds and we hope to make our location one of the most attractive on the campus.

Baseball is the all-absorbing topic now, and unless fair prospects are deceptive, we will do more than talk on the college diamond during the ensuing season. We have several of our old men back and we hope to fill the vacancies. Chi remembers with pleasure the meeting of several brothers on their baseball trips to Sewanee during the last year and we wish to extend to all brothers a cordial invitation.

There are a good many new students in the university this spring, and the total number of students is said to compare favorably with that of any preceding year. A much larger number is expected at the regular opening next September, and Chi hopes to land some good men at that time.

WALTER L. BERRY.



Psi

North Georgia Agricultural College

We are glad to welcome both of the new chapters which we learned of in the last issue of our magazine into the ranks of Π K A. Psi is especially interested in our sister alumnus chapter at Gainesville, Ga., for the reason that most of the members of that chapter are initiates of Psi chapter.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity E. T. Denham, Eatonton, Ga., and J. A. Barnes, Atlanta, Ga.

Our prospects on the baseball field are very good indeed. We played the "Atlanta Special" team on our grounds and defeated them by a score of eleven to nothing. The team left this morning for Auburn where they will play a series of three games. We ought to take two out of the three.

At present all of our energies are turned towards preparing for the U. S. Inspector who is expected to be here about the fourth of April. We are sure to make a good showing at that time.

The student body is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to an encampment which we expect to have in Rome, Ga.

With best wishes to all of the Pi's.

E. D. WILLINGHAM.



Omega

Kentucky State College

Baseball practice will soon commence. Only four of last year's team are back and prospects for a championship nine are not very promising. However, a good schedule has been arranged and there are several new men who may make stars; among the most promising is Brother Walter Hillemeier, who will probably play third base.

The Lexington Chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha have had their two annual events, one a banquet last fall, the other a dance this spring; we only trust that our dance this year was as much enjoyed by our guests as they were kind enough to say it was.

Kentucky State College has been changed to "State University, Lexington, Ky.;" Kentucky University has taken its original name, "Transylvania" again. State University has received two hundred thousand dollars from the State this winter in addition to her regular income; aside from this half a dozen handsome buildings have been

erected within the past two years. The new name has added dignity to our school, the growth of which is doubly assured, and the future is indeed bright.

One of the most up-to-date college periodicals we have ever had the pleasure of seeing is "*The Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Record*," which is published by the Engineering Department of State University. It is cast on a high plane, and is largely devoted to technical matter, the principal contributors being successful State College alumni, as well as other men who have made names for themselves in the engineering world.

We noted with pleasure the new cover and excellent quality of paper on which the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND appeared. The magazine is a very important item in the estimation in which a fraternity is held by those outside the bonds.

We take this opportunity of saying that the latch-string is always on the outside in Lexington to any "travelling" Pi Kaps, and if any brother who happens to be in town will only ask about town until he finds some of us, we will try to show him a bit of Kentucky hospitality.

HARRY T. LETTON.



Alpha-Alpha

Trinity College

Our chapter has been very much strengthened by the initiation of M. C. Ross and T. C. Whitley, of Bonnerton, N. C., whom we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity.

In the past Trinity has always taken on new life with the opening of baseball season, and thus it has happened again this year. So far we have played only two games, and won both of them. The whole college community and especially Alpha-Alpha regret the loss of Brother Webb,

who pitched such excellent ball for us last year. He is now practicing law at Washington, N. C., and we congratulate him upon the success he has met with there. We were all glad to have him with us for a short visit a few days ago. Although Bro. Webb is not in the box for us this year, we feel just as safe as ever when Brother Gantt "turns loose" with his powerful "steam."

The faculty and student body were sorely grieved by the death of Mr. W. B. Lilly, on the eighteenth of February. We extend our sympathy to his brothers of the N. C. Xi Chapter of the A T Ω Fraternity. Mr. Lilly was captain and manager of our basket-ball team, and was one of our most popular students.

We have already begun to plan for our commencement banquet, and expect to wind up the year in great style.

F. H. LEE.



Alpha-Delta

Georgia School of Technology

At Tech, like at all other colleges, our thoughts are now centered on baseball and baseball prospects. Practice began several weeks ago, but we are not yet able to form a definite idea as to what our strength will be. Our pitching staff has been greatly weakened by our losing Ed Lafitte. Baseball, however, is not the only athletics of interest among us. This year an unusually large track team is training. Alpha-Delta is ably represented on this team by Brothers Tommins and McGary. A new track is being constructed which will be ready by our annual field day. Tennis, too, has claimed more interest at Tech than in the past. A tennis club has been organized and two new courts made. Our prospects in this sport are indeed bright.

But while all these improvements in our athletic world have been progressing, the academic departments have also

been busy. A night school has been started, and has proven to be a great success. Already there are about one hundred and fifty students. Enrolled among them are college graduates and also leading business men of Atlanta. The object of this school is to give training to those men who work during the day.

Since our last letter Brothers Walton Flythe and Adams have withdrawn from school.

Alpha-Delta has several men under consideration and we hope to introduce to the fraternity some of these in the near future.

N. E. ADAMSON, JR.



Alpha-Epsilon

North Carolina A. & M. College

The second term examinations are just over and we have started work on the final term that will close the present year.

The baseball season has opened and we expect to have a team that will uphold the high standard of excellence set by our football team, who carried off the championship honors of the South. Our squad is fortunate in having the competent instruction of Dr. Morris Whitehurst, who coached our team of the past football season. We are expecting Brother Kline, who, although young at the game, to develop into a pitcher that will reflect great credit on himself and the college, and make a great reputation for himself.

It is the custom here for the various fraternities to give a dance complimentary to the other fraternities. These dances are held commencement week of each year and consequently all come together. To avoid having so many at one time we have decided to have ours Easter Monday night, as we did last year, and are looking forward to it as one of the most enjoyable social functions of the year.

For the second time this year we have to report the death of a father of a member of Alpha-Epsilon. A short while ago Mr. T. K. Bruner, father of Brother Bruner, of this chapter, passed from this life. He was one of the best known men in this State and it was with great grief that the chapter learned of his death.

We have recently had the pleasure of visits from various brothers of the different chapters located in this and other States. We have enjoyed having these men with us very much and only regret that they could not stay with us longer.

The military department of this college has gotten into splendid condition for the annual inspection by the government inspector who will visit us early in April. We consider this department, under the able supervision of Lieutenant J. S. E. Young, is in better condition than ever before and will make a splendid showing on this occasion and will reflect much credit upon the college.

As this is the dullest season along fraternity lines, there is little to write. With best wishes to the sister chapters.

D. H. HILL, JR.



Alpha-Zeta

University of Arkansas

The terrible ordeal of examinations have passed among many of our sister chapters. A few headaches and perhaps some broken hearts can be found in the wake of this stern god; if so, then Alpha-Zeta deeply sympathizes with those who fought and lost.

The absence of a third term examination here leaves plenty of time that can be devoted to athletics. Baseball is, of course, the absorbing theme here and considering the abundance of excellent material running loose on the diamond, a great success is expected of the team. The trip will be a southern one this spring and we hope to be repre-

sented on this journey by Brother A. P. Boles, who is striving earnestly for the initial sack.

In connection here we might mention that the basketball girls now hold with ease the State championship—a prize that all the contesting teams look upon with hungry envy.

The gymnasium question that has been discussed for so long is now assuming something definite. Already the membership of the track team has increased far beyond the expectation of any student and a wonderful reorganization of the old field day sports is rapidly making progress. When the building is completed we may expect the numerous field day exercises to be placed on a permanent foundation.

Aside from these open air amusements the different chapters have been busy with scenes beneath chandeliers and streaming colors. Among the numerous receptions and dances that have been given we will only mention the dance carried out successfully by the Chi Omega sorority. The ladies were in colonial costume that reminded one of some rare painting of an early New England dame, bobbing here and there were powdered wigs that called to the memory of those present a fancied banquet and dance during the palmy days of Washington. The above is what was told us by Brother A. P. Boles, W. E. Thompson, Martin and Shipley.

Brother Burns, who is traveling manager for a firm in Fort Smith is a frequent visitor to his old chapter. We always look forward with pleasure to the coming of this ever-interesting and helpful brother.

It is with thankful hearts that we announce the recovery of Brother C. B. Boles, who has been seriously afflicted with appendicitis.

Brother H. R. Smith was called to the Capital City last week in answer to the summons of his brother. On returning he paid a visit to the alumni chapter at Fort Smith

and reported the chapter at that place in a flourishing condition.

The Junior and Senior Class Day and subsequent conflict that passed away yesterday has been written indelibly on the minds of those who participated. The banquet, too, was a magnificent affair that will never be forgotten by those upperclassmen.

We might add that a vigorous movement is on foot to secure a chapter house for next year. Several offers have been received but nothing suitable has yet been found. Plans are being made for a great year when the fall term opens and we are pushing for our chapter house.

Alpha-Zeta wishes the Pi's a successful spring and our latch-string hangs on the outside for you all.

IVOR GOUGH.



Alpha-Eta

University of Florida

To begin with, I wish to introduce to the fraternity at large Charles Warren Bartleson, Jacksonville, Fla., who is very popular, and we consider ourselves very fortunate in getting him. Though small in number, we are well represented in every phase of college life. The football team saw fit to elect one of our number for next year's manager. The president of the Freshman class, editor of the college publication, and other honors, have been taken by II's.

We have had visiting us for some time, Brother Jarrell, an old member of Alpha-Eta.

On February the twenty-ninth we had a "smoker" in our new rooms, which are very cozy indeed.

There is very little doing at the university now, except baseball. We already played three games, and were not very successful, but with the practice we are now getting we will be able to have better luck next time. We were

represented on the team by Banis and Bartleson, the latter having resigned from school on account of sickness, will probably not be back until next year.

Best wishes to our new chapter at the University of Georgia, and all others.

A. W. ALBERTSON.



Alpha-Theta

West Virginia University

We introduce to Pi Kappa Alpha two new initiates: B. E. Leech, Greenville, Pa., and J. A. Peters, Montgomery, W. Va. C. H. Craig has been pledged to the chapter recently.

Alpha-Theta has enjoyed a very pleasant year up to the present, and the prospects are excellent for the coming term. The chapter on April first will move from its present quarters to a very desirable residence in the main part of town. The chapter has long desired this move and is very glad to get this opportunity.

H. L. White has been elected to fill the place on the faculty vacated by D. D. Johnson. Brother White is an excellent student and we are glad of his success.

With best wishes to all Pi's.

B. M. SMITH.



Alpha-Iota

Millsaps College

Since our last letter the members of Alpha-Iota have been working faithfully and consistently for the further advancement of Pi Kappa Alpha and as a result of our labor we have added to our chapter roll the names of four of the finest young fellows in college whom I beg leave to introduce to the other chapters: Richard Baxter Alexander, Montrose, Miss.; John Wesley Crisler, Crystal Springs, Miss.; Thomas Wiley Lewis, Jackson, Miss.; and

Lucien Wickliffe Reed, Jackson, Miss. The first two are Sophomores, while Lewis and Reed are members of the Freshman class.

One of the most important events of the session took place several weeks ago when the faculty selected the speakers who are to represent our college at the State Oratorical Contest and at the two summer chautauquas. As usual, Alpha-Iota was there with the goods. Brother C. Hascal Kirkland will be our representative at the State contest and at the more important of the two chautauquas Brother J. Cude Rousseaux will strive to win additional honors for Millsaps and Pi Kappa Alpha. Naturally we were almost given the "Big Head" when the faculty appointments were made known.

The basket-ball season has come and gone. Our college team played only two games and, sorry to say, we lost both those. The Mississippi College team beat us sixteen to three and fourteen to nine. Alpha-Iota was represented in the first game by Mullins and Stennis as forwards and in the second by Kirkland and Stennis as forwards and Collins as guard. The team showed that it needed much practice and we think that we will begin work next session as soon as college opens.

We are looking forward with much pleasure to an Inter-Collegiate debate with Southern University which is to be held here on the evening of April the tenth. Brother Collins is to be one of our debaters and we understand that a member of Delta chapter is to be one of the representatives of the Greensboro college. We can safely say that the debate will be a good one and that the winners will have to hustle.

Our baseball squad is practicing every day now and judging from present indications, we are going to have a comparatively good team. The regular line-up has not been made public as yet but in the class series which has just been finished several of our boys showed up well and

will probably be given positions. This season will be our first one in Inter-Collegiate baseball, so it is probable that the end of the session will not find very many victories to our credit; however, we have a good coach, and will do our best even if we should be so unfortunate as to lose every game. Am sorry to say that arrangements have not been made for games with any colleges where we have chapters. Hope that this will not be the case next season.

We were certainly glad to see in the last SHIELD AND DIAMOND a letter which showed us that a chapter has been put in at the University of Georgia. That is the kind of news we like to have and hope we may hear more of the same kind soon.

There are only three fraternities at our college and a local sorority which was organized recently. The membership of the fraternities is: Kappa Alpha, 18; Kappa Sigma, 20; Pi Kappa Alpha, 18. The sorority has a membership of five.

If any Pi's happen to be in Jackson during the spring be sure to come out to see us.

TOM A. STENNIS.



Alpha-Kappa

Missouri School of Mines

Alpha-Kappa's members have just emerged from the deluge of second term examinations and we are now well started on the third term's work.

Although everything has been pretty quiet around Rolla lately we have initiated one of the best men in the Freshman class and introduce to the fraternity Oscar Allan Randolph, Kansas City, Mo.

Baseball practice is in full swing now and everything looks toward a first-class team. Peeso is captain and catcher, and Owen and Goldman stand a good show for places on the team.

With the starting of the varsity practice the fraternity

teams have turned out and present prospects are that this spring will see some exceptionally good games in the Pan-Hellenic League for the silver loving cup.

This year Rolla Tech took up the custom inaugurated by the University of Missouri of honoring St. Patrick as the Patron Saint of Engineers and celebrated St. Patrick's Day with fitting exercises.

T. S. DUNN.



Alpha-Lambda

Georgetown University

Our basket-ball season closed March 11th, with the Haskell Indians. Although we did not win the inter-collegiate championship of Kentucky, as we hoped, we came out in second place with the knowledge of having made a strong fight notwithstanding many difficulties. Ernest Kellner represented Alpha-Lambda in this branch of athletics. Lester Kellner would have done good work at forward if he had not been laid off by sickness.

With our new athletics field and four men back from last year's team, our baseball prospects are exceedingly bright for this spring.

To our great misfortune we have recently lost Brothers Fogle and Riherd. Our present roll and their home addresses is as follows: Hubert Bunyea, 407 D St., S. E., Washington, D. C.; Harold Howard, Mt. Vernon, Ill.; Lester Kellner, Greenville, Miss.; Owen Moreland, Georgetown, Ky.; Ernest Kellner, Greenville, Miss.

With best wishes to all sister chapters.

ERNEST KELLNER.



Alpha-Mu

University of Georgia

At present there is not much that we can say that will

be of material interest to our sister chapters. At this season of the year it is usually the custom to talk "baseball." We regret that we have no representation on the team this season, but perhaps this is largely due to our infancy and limited number.

We are glad to say that though we are numerically identical to what we were when we wrote our last chapter letter, we believe that we are in truth much stronger as a chapter. We believe that we have made a stride in the eyes of our many friends here.

In the past week we have had one honor conferred on us that is our greatest source of pleasure. One of our number, Brother De La Prerrie, was initiated into the Sphynx club. This club is strictly honorary and adds prestige to any fraternity represented in it.

Alpha-Mu expresses best wishes to all her sister chapters.
G. W. GLAUSIER.



Alumnus Eta

New Orleans, La.

A preliminary meeting for the revival of this chapter was held on March 23, 1908, but for many reasons was only attended by the alumni of Eta, since its revival. At this meeting, conditions were discussed and a general mode of procedure was agreed upon and another meeting was ordered for April 1st. This meeting was successful and there were eight present. Rev. Dr. Geo. Summey was the only one of the older alumni present, but the others assigned good reasons for not being able to attend and expressed great interest in the work and asked to be considered as agreeing to anything that was done.

It was decided to effect a temporary organization and Dr. Summey was elected chairman and Orloff Henry, secretary. After some discussion, a committee of two was

constituted to investigate what had been done when the previous chapter was organized so that this chapter might be a continuation of it. This committee will study the minutes of the former chapter which are in our possession, and will report what modifications are necessary in order to effect a lasting organization.

It was agreed to have another meeting Friday, April 10th, at which time this committee will report. Another committee of two was formed to consider the necessary arrangements to be made for the convention to report "ways and means." It was the general idea that Alumnus Eta should not attempt to meet often, possibly not more than four or five times a year, as most of the members are very busy and can not give up much of their time. We hope however, to keep in close touch with all the men, both active and alumni, and to have it understood that the former will be welcomed at the meetings of the alumnus chapter.

We will have an annual banquet at which all the men will meet. The active work of Alumnus Eta will be carried out by committees composed of those men who can and will give their time and energies to the work.

I feel now that we are going to accomplish something and that Alumnus Eta will not long be only a name.

ORLOFF HENRY, Secretary.

The Pi's



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In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to the Editor or Assistant Editor, *any item of news concerning a brother member which may come under his notice.*



—C. L. Williams, Alpha-Lambda, '07, writes us from Bernardina, Ariz. where he is now located, "I congratulate the editors on the excellent magazine they are getting out each month for the fraternity. I always look forward with pleasure to its appearance and can not but catch some of the enthusiasm that infests its every page."

—Robert Beverly Dade, M. A., Gamma, is professor of English in Baylor's University School, Chattanooga, Tenn.

—James M. Graham, Iota, is farming and stock raising in Wythe County, Va. His address is R. F. D. No. 2, Max Meadows, Va.

—Thomas J. Williams, Alpha, is practicing law in Lynchburg, Va.

—Claude Vernon Spratley, Gamma and Alpha, is practicing law in Hampton, Va. He is a member of the Board of Aldermen of Hampton, and recently during the absence of Mayor Jones, he acted as Mayor, acquitting himself most creditably in that capacity.

—George Everett Nance, Omicron, is taking medicine

at the University College of Medicine. His address is 413 East Clay Street, Richmond, Va.

—Granville S. P. Holland, Jr., Tau, of the law department of the University of North Carolina, is now in business in his home city of Suffolk, Va., a member of his father's firm of wholesale and retail booksellers and stationers. Brother Holland was called home from the study of his profession on account of the ill health of his father.

—A. S. Dalton, Alpha-Epsilon, is travelling representative of the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company with headquarters at the Piedmont Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.

—Charles Nash Williams, Gamma, is pastor of the Christian Church near Hampton, Va.

—Henry C. Taylor, Omicron, has a position with the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, Richmond, Va.

—James Gordon Bohannon, Gamma and Alpha, is Commonwealth's Attorney of Surrey County, Va. He is also chairman of the Democratic party of the county, and is a member of the State Board of Asylums and Hospitals. Brother Bohannon has been practicing his profession but three years, and the indications are that he will make a record of which the fraternity may be justly proud.

—J. H. Bryan, Alpha, is practicing medicine in Washington, D. C. His address is 818 Seventeenth Street.

—S. B. Alexander, Mu, and later a transfer at Pi Chapter, represented this chapter at the Atlanta Convention, is now located in Atlanta as circulation manager of *The Southern Dog Fancier*, an illustrated monthly devoted to dogs. This magazine is profusely illustrated with half-tone cuts and will prove one of the leading magazines of its kind.

—Rev. Wm. M. Anderson, D. D., Theta, and ex-pastor

of the First Church of Nashville, Tenn., has been granted an indefinite leave of absence to recover his health. He has been in Florida for some time and we are glad to advise, is much improved.

—E. L. Bemiss, Alpha, is a banker and is a member of the firm of John L. Williams & Sons, Richmond, Va.

—Rev. Robert C. Gilmore, Iota, Bessemer, Ala., has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Portsmouth, Va., to take effect May 1st. He is a graduate of the Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Va.

—Dr. J. Gray McAllister, Iota, president of Hampden-Sidney, Va., has been elected first president of the new Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of Virginia. The first annual meeting of the association will be held at the University of Virginia, June 19th and 20th, 1908. Dr. McAllister has also just prepared a biographical and critical sketch of Dr. Robert Lewis Dabney, the distinguished theologian and man of literature, for the Library of Southern Literature, of which President E. A. Alderman of the University of Virginia and Joel Chandler Harris are editors-in-chief.

—During the holidays, Rev. Dr. J. S. Foster, Theta, pastor of Tabb Street Church, received from his congregation a most substantial expression of their high appreciation. A valuable purse of gold was presented, accompanied by generous and appropriate words. This is not the first nor the second act of this kind, but for several years this loyal and vigorous church has, at the Christmas season, honored its pastor and itself by similar tokens of affectionate regard.

—On Sunday, January 5, 1908, a congregational meeting was held in the Westminster Church, Lynchburg, Va., and a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. Wallace T. Palmer, Theta, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church

of New Orleans, which he has accepted. Dr. Palmer is the son of the late Dr. E. P. Palmer, of Harrisonburg, Va., and a nephew of Dr. B. M. Palmer, whom he succeeded in the pulpit made so distinguished by his uncle. Dr. Palmer is a graduate of the Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, and of Union Theological Seminary, Va. He has held pastorates in Georgia and at Trenton and Dyersburg, Tenn.

—Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Palmer were the recipients of a chest of silver from the Ladies' Societies and friends of the First Church, presented at an informal gathering in the lecture room before their departure for their new home in Lynchburg, Va.

—In the Virginia Legislature during the noon recess several presentations took place, the House Committee on General Laws presenting to its chairman, Mr. E. P. Cox, Alpha, a handsome gold-headed cane, inscribed "E. P. Cox, General Laws Committee, 1908." Judge Martin Williams, of the Committee, made the presentation address. Mr. Cox responded feelingly. He exhibited throughout the afternoon the handsome present he had received.

—T. H. Matson, formerly with the Southern Railway, is now doing some special mine work for the United States Steel Corporation in the Birmingham, Alabama, district.

—Robert Randolph Jones, Iota, is assistant superintendent of schools at Petersburg, Va.

—Lloyd R. Byrne, Alpha-Zeta, is with the Fort Smith Wholesale Grocery Co., and lives at 900 N. 13th St., Fort Smith, Ark. Bro. Byrne is an enthusiastic Pi and is working on a manual of the fraternity, which will no doubt prove of great value to the fraternity's literature.

—A. S. Maddox, Rho, and F. E. Maddox, Theta, are

conducting Maddox Seminary, a popular female school of Little Rock, Ark.

—Rev. W. J. King, Rho, is pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Oxford, Miss.

—James Peter Williams, Alpha, is engineer for the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Co., at Pocahontas, Va.

—Edward F. Swinney, Epsilon, is president of the First National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., the strongest financial institution of that city. It was this bank in which a bomb was thrown by what was supposed to be a disgruntled depositor in January, and which resulted in injuring nine people and doing considerable damage to the bank's new \$1,000,000 marble building.

—S. G. Davies, Alpha-Zeta, is chief engineer of the Little Valley Railroad at Horatio, Ark.

—Among the chairmen of the more important committees of the Virginia delegates, we find Edwin Piper Cox, Alpha, chairman of the Committee on General Laws, and James John Owen, Epsilon, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Mining. The *Richmond Times-Dispatch* recently published good pictures of these two prominent brothers.

—H. R. Carter, Alpha-Zeta, is assistant city engineer for the city of Little Rock, Ark.

—S. M. Graham, Alpha-Iota, whom all at the Chattanooga Convention will remember pleasantly as "Millsaps," is a member of the Mississippi Legislature.

—James H. Richmond, Zeta, is now professor and commandant at Lakeside Institute, San Antonio, Texas.

—George Walton, Zeta, is a civil engineer for the L. & N. Railway, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky.

—C. L. Neill, Alpha-Iota, is principal of the high school at Hattiesburg, Miss.

—L. K. Carlton, Alpha-Iota, is deputy circuit clerk of Panola County, Miss.

—Sam McAllister, Zeta, a delegate to the Chattanooga Convention, is teaching in the high school at Chattanooga, Tenn.

—Irving Vincent, Zeta, and Frank C. Carden, Rho, are among the most prominent of the young lawyers at Chattanooga, Tenn. The latter is a member of the Tennessee Legislature.

—On the roles of our fraternity, there are many prominent ministers of the Gospel, among the most prominent is Dr. Wallace Thornwell Palmer, Theta and Iota, ex-Grand Chaplain of the fraternity, who has accepted a call to Westminster Presbyterian Church at Lynchburg, Va. Dr. Palmer for years has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at New Orleans. That church and the New Orleans people did all they could to keep him there; the ladies of the church presented him with a handsome silver service when he left and the various papers of New Orleans were full of his praises. In speaking of his work there amongst the poor, the New Orleans *Times-Democrat* said the following:

And there will be many others who will shed tears where no human eyes will see them, for Dr. Palmer has been truly loved by his congregation, and especially loved by the poor and distressed, among whom he moved to the detriment of his health, and to the end of forcing him to leave what was thought to be his home for life.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, a large and influential body of men and women, is scattered all over the city, and Dr. Palmer, like a true shepherd, has endeavored to keep in touch with each one of them. No one has been too humble for him to notice; no call upon him has ever been ignored. The church has several missions, to which Dr. Palmer has given his personal attention, and he has been particularly devoted to the old and poor, who were timid about coming to a church that is regarded as wealthy. In the yellow fever epidemic of a few

years ago, though his session telegraphed him to remain away from the city, for none of his people were sick, he returned for fear that he might be needed.

Many and many a beautiful story can be told of Dr. Palmer which will account for the tears and sobs at his going away, but they are not necessary. His face shines with the radiance that comes from the spiritual communion with heaven, for which he pleaded so earnestly in his sermon, and his daily life since coming to this community will recall him long after the man himself has gone away. He has added fresh laurels to his name and well may the elders of the Westminster Church of Lynchburg, Va., say over his coming, "Our people are rejoicing."

—Harry Heyser, Zeta, was associated with his father in the marble quarrying business at Concord, Tenn.

—F. F. Flynt, Alpha-Iota, is with the office department of the Frisco at Memphis, Tenn.

—R. G. Tillery, Alpha-Gamma, is with the Louisiana Crop Pest Commission and is stationed at Ruston, La.

—Samuel W. Lacy, Omicron, one of the favorites at the Richmond Convention, is connected with the Liability Insurance Department of the Traveller's Insurance Co. His headquarters are in Richmond, but his duties take him all over the Virginias and the Carolinas, and he is a most welcome visitor to all I's wherever he goes.

—Among the most prominent Pi's is Randolph Harrison, Epsilon and Alpha, a lawyer of Lynchburg, Va. Bro. Harrison has done much towards helping the State of Virginia in her suit against the State of West Virginia, which is now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States and which involves about thirty millions of dollars.

—Dr. John Janney Lloyd, Jr., Phi and Alpha, has settled in Lynchburg, Va., to practice his profession.

—"Governor" J. Gordon Hughes, Xi, our popular Grand Chancellor, was one of the leaders of the Gary forces in the recent election of U. S. Senator from South Carolina—of course his man won.

—The general office acknowledges with thanks the following invitation from our Brother of Beta, and extends congratulations and best wishes for long life and happiness:

Dr. and Mrs. Newton Robinson request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter, Celeste Bizzelle, to Mr. Ralph Carroll Deal, Wednesday evening, April the eighth, at six o'clock, at their home, Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

—*The Times-Despatch* has the following to say regarding our popular Brother of Alpha, who is now being boomed for the next speaker of the House. Brother Cox has been one of the most popular and hard-working representatives that has ever been in the legislature, and elsewhere in these pages is published the account of the presentation gift made Brother Cox by his fellow members:

There was some interest near the closing hours of the House session by the revival of an old rumor that Mr. E. P. Cox, of Richmond, would be made Speaker of the next House. Mr. Cox was regarded by many as the closest competitor of Speaker Byrd, who, according to reports, is now looking for something higher. Delegate Spessard, of Craig County, took occasion before leaving for home to remind several delegates of the fitness of the Richmond delegate for the position. During the dull morning session more than one delegate assured Mr. Cox of his support should he be in the race.

—President J. Gray McAllister, D. D., Hampden-Sidney College, and one of the most beloved members and officers of our fraternity, has accepted the invitation to deliver the commencement address of the University College of Medicine, Richmond. The exercises will take place in the Academy of Music on the evening of May 19th.

—Rev. Dr. Wm. M. Anderson, Theta, pastor of the First Church, Memphis, Tenn., who has been spending several weeks in Florida, is expected in his pulpit on the 22nd inst., fully restored to health.

—The following newspaper notice will be read with interest by all of our members regarding one of our most prominent and well known alumni of Gamma:

Robert M. Hughes, one of the city's leading attorneys, has been honored with the appointment by Circuit Judge Pritchard of special master for the Seaboard Air Line Railway, to take account of all claims against the Seaboard and to report upon the properties of the company, the priorities of the claims and also to ascertain and make report upon the assets of the property in its entirety.

Mr. Hughes will begin the special hearings after the first of April, as claimants have until that date to file their claims, which will be considered at the first hearing.

Mr. Hughes will take testimony here, at Richmond and Baltimore.

—Dr. J. M. Minter, assistant surgeon of the United States Navy, writes us from Guam, March 3rd:

I have been cruising in Japanese and Chinese waters for about eight months and received your letters just a few days ago. There is nothing I miss getting and enjoy reading more than the SHIELD AND DIAMOND so if I am sometimes a little late in sending my cheque just remember that it is on the way. Enclosed find cheque for \$2.00 which I am only too glad to send with my best wishes for yourself and the fraternity.

—The following from *The Atlanta Journal* regarding our Brother E. L. Bemiss, Alpha, will be read with interest:

Douglas, Ga., April 8.—Messrs. John Skelton Williams and E. L. Bemiss, president and vice-president, respectively, of the Georgia and Florida Railway, arrived here Monday night in the private car of the president, on a tour of inspection of the road.

Fraternity World and Exchanges



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Much activity is being displayed by fraternities in securing chapter houses.

Kappa Sigma *Caduceus*, February: "The University of Virginia Chapter of Kappa Sigma has plans on foot for the building of a chapter house, which is to be in the nature of a 'parental home' for Kappa Sigs, that chapter being, to quote *The Caduceus*, 'the initial American chapter of Kappa Sigma.' Since 1905 nearly \$5,000 has been raised for this purpose. The University of Virginia, in order to encourage the building of fraternity houses, has set aside a certain sum of money, and will loan chapters two-thirds of the amount necessary to build, the chapter itself furnishing one-third; the university further furnishes free of charge a site for the building, retaining, of course, the title to the land. Carr's Hill, which is the location of the gymnasium and the president's house, has been laid off in lots to be used for the fraternity houses. Each member of the Virginia Chapter, on leaving the university, signs a note for fifty dollars or more, to be used toward the building fund."

The Kappa Sigma Club of New York has leased a four-story building to be used as a clubhouse. Arrangements have been made whereby non-resident Kappa Sigmas, upon payment of a moderate sum, can secure club affiliations in New York City.

Delta Upsilon has several new chapter houses; the Harvard house has eleven rooms; Toronto seventeen rooms, the house being valued at \$14,000; Colby has a new house; Ohio State and Pennsylvania both have spacious new houses.

The Stevens Chapter of Delta Tau Delta, after more than ten years of hard work, has secured a magnificent new three-story chapter house. The chapter at Stanford University has also completed a new home which, "perched on the northerly end of one of the outlying spurs of the Coast Range," overlooks the valley and bay.

The University of Minnesota Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi has completed a three-story house, containing accommodations for eighteen men, said to have cost over \$17,000. The alumni of the Minnesota Chapter and other chapters contributed largely to the fund for the building of the house.

It is to be wondered at whether the chairman of a meeting realizes his responsibility. He has it in his power to give the meeting its tone and to influence the attitudes of mind and the spirit of every person present; to make or mar the pleasure of the occasion. Have you ever noticed this in your chapter meetings? Let the presiding officer speak in a dejected, bored, or wearied tone—you have seen something like this, maybe—and immediately a solemn melancholy settles upon every one present, and when the meeting is over all have a solid case of blues.—*Eleusis* of Chi Omega.

The wind bloweth, the farmer soweth,
 The subscriber oweth, and the Lord knoweth
 That we are in need of our dues.
 So come a-runnin' ere we go gunnin'
 We're not funnin', this thing of dunnin',
 Gives us the everlastin' blues.

—*Shield* of Theta Delta Chi.

Phi Kappa Psi has 1,400 alumni subscribers to *The Shield*. Sigma Nu claims 1,100 alumni subscribers for *The Delta*. Kappa Alpha is asking for 13 more to add to her 987 alumni subscribers to make an even thousand. Delta Upsilon has 926 alumni subscribers to the *Quarterly*.—*Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta.

Of all useless people, the useless fraternity man is the "most useless." The following, copied from the *Delta* of Sigma Nu, is respectfully recommended with no apologies to whom it may concern:

THE USELESS FRAT MAN.

Once there was a frat man—we needn't specify,
 He might have been an Alpha Delt, a Deke or Zeta Psi,
 An S. A. E., a Sigma Chi or maybe A. T. O.,
 (Most any name would do as well and be as apropos);
 But the moral of the tale
 Is that this exclusive male
 Never seemed to be the kind of chap the fellows liked about;
 For a stupid lot was his,
 And the explanation is,
 He put nothing in, so he got nothing out.
 Once in a while he'd pay his dues and come around a bit
 And let himself be bored (which he most frankly would admit);
 He said he rather thought the thing was out of date—antique,
 And, after graduation, he forgot it in a week;
 And when he went away
 You could hear the fellows say
 They really thought the chapter worse off with him than without;
 And to every neophyte
 That they took in they'd recite:
 "If you put nothing in, why, you'll get nothing out."
 Once there was a frat man—will you swear it, now,
 Never was there such a man as this in Delta Tau?
 Positively certain were we talking entre nous.
 Nothing in this useless man at all resembles you?

Oh, there may be few things worse
Than this hesitating verse,
But it served a bully purpose if it clears away a doubt;
You may take this as the truth,
And swear by it, pretty youth—
If you put nothing in, then you'll get nothing out!
—S. M., in *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta.

For the careful consideration of all active chapters:

Let it be remembered that the man who has not the sense of responsibility which will impel him to carry his college work creditably, can not fulfill the obligations of his fraternity. A man dropped from college on account of poor work is a black eye to his chapter, and the chapter that allows such a thing to happen is not doing what it is supposed to do.—*Quarterly* of Sigma Chi.

Delta Upsilon has started an endowment fund for the purpose of helping to meet *Quarterly* expenses. It is suggested that dollar donations be made, and only the interest from the fund so raised be used.

It is most interesting to note the attitude the majority of the fraternities are taking in regard to horseplay at initiations. And it is especially significant that the articles that appear in our exchanges, and the almost universal disapproval voiced in their chapter letters, are meant to carry weight within the circle of their own brotherhood. It is not a pose, exacted by the severe criticism on this score that the college fraternity in general has met with, but an earnest conviction, apparently growing out of much experience, that horseplay lessens the dignity and impressiveness of any ritual worth the name, and by so much weakens the influence the older men should have over the unformed and untried character of the initiate.—*Eleusis* of Chi Omega.

The editor of the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta makes the statement that "initiations have exceeded all previous records and, with possibly two exceptions, no chapter is numerically weak to any serious extent." Commenting

upon the possibilities brought about by the accession of new men, he makes the following significant statement, which we urge upon the consideration of all active Pis: "The better a new brother comes to know his fraternity the more satisfied will he become with his choice and the stronger will grow his love and loyalty for his fraternity. In proportionate ratio to the strength of this loyalty will be his value to chapter and fraternity." He further urges "personal inter-fraternity friendship" as being of more value to both fraternities and the college world than any other form of Pan-Hellenism.

We note with approval the increasing number of chapters that have a standing committee on scholarships. This is as it should be. Nearly every fraternity claims to stand for higher scholarship. To maintain this claim requires systematic effort in strengthening the weak spot. Probably the best method found has been the investigation, twice in the semester, of the scholarship of each member of the chapter, by a standing committee of seniors and alumnae.

—*Kappa Alpha Theta.*

Regarding the selection of fraternity material, Miss Mary Granger, in the February *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha, has the following to say:

Every chapter should have the fact well in mind that externals change but characters remain. If new students were polished diamonds there would be no need for them to enter college. We must look beneath the surface. If we find strength of character, an earnest effort for hard work, high ideals of thought and action, although these may be in embryo, yet we may feel sure that we have also found good fraternity material, and that our training will not fall upon barren ground.

Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi has been presented by some of her alumnae with a silver loving cup, which cup is to be given at the end of each year "to the freshman having the highest average scholarship for the year." Her name and class will be engraved on the cup, provided she has had no unsatisfactory marks, and she will keep the cup

until the end of her sophomore year, at which time she will present it to the honor freshman.

Miss Sue Burney, in the February *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha, speaking of the benefits to be derived from chapter house life, gives among others, the following: "Such a life draws the members closer together; they see each other under all conditions, and come to know each other; foolish whims are promptly 'squashed;' chapter life gives confidence and a sense of responsibility; and the chapter house is a home for the alumnae when they return on visits."

Phi Delta Theta has seventy-eight alumni clubs.

The following, quoted from the February number of *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, might fully as well appear in any fraternity magazine, and is very likely true of all fraternities:

This period of the year forcibly calls attention to the need of chapter supervision over the scholastic work of its members. Aside from other considerations, the law of self preservation would suggest the advisability of active chapters giving close attention to the work of the individual members. We trust that not many of our chapters will have to report the names of brothers who have "left college to go into business" or have been "obliged to drop out of school on account of ill health," etc.

Kappa Sigma expects to publish a song book before the end of the present scholastic year.

Sigma Nu is to be highly complimented on the February issue of the *Delta*, which contains some three hundred pages, copiously illustrated, and the articles are of a high character, practically all relating to fraternities. We cheerfully extend congratulations to Editor Clarence E. Woods and his efficient corps of assistants.

Anent the fraternity situation at the University of Virginia, a writer in the *Delta Chi Quarterly* for February, says:

The fraternity situation at the University of Virginia is very complex. There are chapters of twenty general fraternities, a local society (Lambda Pi) that competes with Theta Nu Epsilon in the Academic and Engineering schools; two medical fraternities and two legal fraternities, to wit: Phi Delta Phi and Delta Chi. Added to these there are the two ribbon societies, Eli Banana and T. I. L. K. A., that wield great influence in college life, and the ultra ribbon society, Zeta. Almost half of the students belong to some fraternity, and some men hold these fraternities so lightly that they use them as stepping stones to ribbon societies.

The following paragraph, quoted from the *Delta Chi Quarterly* for February, will be of general interest. Delta Chi is a legal fraternity:

The alumni of any fraternity mean its main army—the active members merely its outlying or preliminary forces. The active members are well organized and are sent on campaigns against the Barbarians. All is well if they succeed—no organization of the alumni is necessary, so far as conquering the enemy is concerned. But let the active members be hard pressed and then a well organized alumni is a necessity. And in addition to the assistance that an organized alumni can render to the Fraternity by supporting the active members, there is an increased benefit accruing to each alumnus personally through the strength resulting from organization. We have heard opposition to the existence of Alumni Chapters in cities where active Chapters are located, on the ground that the two conflict, but how or why they conflict has never been satisfactorily explained. Each has a well defined duty—the Alumni Chapter to counsel the active Chapter, the active Chapter to fight actively for the Fraternity, and since the end of each is the same, we see no room for conflict. Experience surely does not bear out the opposition. In cities where no active Chapter exists there is a crying need for an organized alumni, since by no other means can the Fraternity hope to be officially recognized there.

The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for March publishes a very interesting article entitled "Congressional Fraternity Men," showing that "over seventy per cent. of the members of the Fifty-Ninth Congress were college men and a majority of these were fraternity men." We wish to correct one mistake in the article: Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama is placed among the non-fraternity men. He joined the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at the University of Virginia.

Two recent Province Conventions of Sigma Alpha Epsilon discussed "horseplay" during initiations. Alpha

Province voted "that each chapter should send to the Province President for his approval a general report of the form of initiation (other than the ritual) used by it, before any horseplay should be adopted in the initiation." Zeta Province decided "to abolish horseplay during the coming year in initiations." We are glad to note an increasing tendency among the fraternities against "horseplay." It may be some little fun for the younger members of a fraternity to indulge in this form of exercising their ingenuity, but we are firmly of the opinion that it lessens the dignity of an initiation.

The College World



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The University of Chicago has received another large gift from John D. Rockefeller. This time it is the magnificent sum of \$2,191,000. This brings the gifts of Mr. Rockefeller to this one institution to the wonderful sum of \$23,000,000, the largest sum ever given by one man to education in the history of the world. No wonder the name "Rockefeller" figures so largely in the yells of the students of Chicago University.



We need not be surprised to find larger donations given to our institutions of the South by the successful men of this generation who have grown up with the prosperity of the South. Such men as Geo. Watts of Durham, N. C., S. M. Inman, of Atlanta, Thomas Nelson Page, of Virginia, will stand out as worthy examples of what men with moderate fortunes can do for education. With the increase of individual fortunes will come the increase of gifts and the consequent growth, development and equipment of our colleges and universities. The time is past when we shall be compelled to look to the wealth of the North for the enrichment of our institutions, which have in many instances been hampered and handicapped by the lack of necessary running expenses.

In looking over the enrollment of the colleges and universities for the past year one is impressed with the disparity shown between the enrollment of Northern institutions and the enrollment of Southern institutions. Three universities in the North show more than 5,000 students each. These institutions in order are Harvard, Columbia and Michigan. In the South only three show an enrollment of over 500, the University of Virginia, the University of West Virginia, and the Johns Hopkins University. Certainly in character of work done and in the ability of men that stand at the heads of departments the Johns Hopkins University and the University of Virginia will rank high among the universities of our country. The only explanation for the small numbers must lie in the deficit in the "sinews of war." These institutions have not the money to provide for any great increase in numbers and it will take increase in their equipment to attract larger numbers of students. It may be well to state that technical and agricultural schools have not been considered in this comparison, nor have purely technical students in many of the Southern universities been counted. There has been a most gratifying growth of technical and agricultural education in the South, but even in this line the South is still far behind the North and West.

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The name of the Southwestern Baptist University at Jackson, Tenn., has been changed to Union University.

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Three colleges have the honor of being the birthplace of three fraternities, viz., Union, Miami, and Washington and Lee. These groups of fraternities are known in the Greek world as the Triads. The Union Triad consists of K A (n) , $\Sigma \Phi$, and $\text{A } \Phi$; the Miami Triad, $\text{B } \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and ΣX ; Washington and Lee Triad, K A (s) , $\text{A T } \Omega$, and ΣN .

There has been considerable discussion during the year about the Honor System. This seems to be the only sane system of regulating the relations between students and between faculties and students and the value of the system has been long ago vindicated at such institutions as the University of Virginia and Princeton, where it has reached its finest development, but it seems unfortunate that faculties must stoop to particularize in regard to the things that must be regulated by the honor system. For instance, the University of Mississippi emphasizes cheating, stealing, drunkenness and gambling as matters to be adjusted through the honor system. Of course, but when you come to specifying these things, will you not tempt students to think that they will stand the "honor" test if they are guiltless of these flagrant vices? This is certainly drawing dangerous lines in conduct. The honor system would not only wipe out these blemishes of character, but would strive for that standard that calls for integrity, uprightness and cleanness in all the relations of life in the college.

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At the last meeting of the Southern College Association, the secretary, Chancellor J. H. Kirkland, of Vanderbilt, read a paper setting forth the facts concerning the standing of the different colleges of the South. He recommends the raising of the standards of our colleges to the level of the Carnegie foundation, which is fourteen units, and shows that the time has come when the institutions of the South are ready to make the advances necessary to reach this standard. At present not many of the universities and colleges of the South show by their catalogues that fourteen units are required for entrance. The institutions listed in this paper that have this standard at present, are as follows: Vanderbilt University, Trinity College, Baltimore Woman's College, Tulane University, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Randolph-Macon College, Uni-

versity of West Virginia, University of Missouri, Central University, and the University of the South.

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Davidson College shows the largest enrollment in its history, Hampden-Sidney has almost doubled its enrollment in three years, Washington and Lee has more than doubled its enrollment in the same period, William and Mary has shown a marked growth, and the University of Tennessee has made remarkable strides in recent years. It is good to see these old and worthy institutions forging ahead. On the other hand, Washington College, Emory and Henry College, and King College seem to be fighting against heavy odds. Such institutions have traditions that are splendid and they have taken a part in character building that can never be lost in the growth and development of the nation, for they number among their alumni many of the leaders in civic and political affairs in these States of the South. We must with regret see them pushed to the wall while the great procession passes on and the question must arise, "Why?" The law of the "Survival of the Fittest" must prevail in this sphere as well as in the realm of living things, but we would often like to inquire if the "fittest" here are really the most fit when all the things that go to make up the usefulness of a college be considered, it seems unfortunate that finances should enter so largely into the problem.

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The Technological School, Atlanta, Ga., has taken possession of its new Chemical Laboratory and already it is crowded with students. The new Carnegie Library has also been completed. The two buildings made a great addition to the campus, but the crowded condition of the buildings shows how Trustees often miss it in launching an institution. It is hard to tell what the future holds in

store for a worthy college. It would be so much better if ample grounds were provided in the beginning, for a forced removal is a most costly procedure. It seems easy to see the necessity of a removal of this growing institution to more suitable grounds in the future. We have another striking instance in the case of the Johns Hopkins University. Already the Trustees are planning its removal from the heart of the city to the fine suburban site now selected, but the enormous cost of this undertaking is delaying the project and in the meantime the institution is greatly suffering.

Editorial



THE article reprinted in this issue giving the legal status of college fraternities is recommended to the careful attention of all of our members. It is one of the strongest statements that has ever been published on this subject and has been copied in practically all of the fraternity magazines of the day.

The various references substantiating the statements made in this article have been omitted, but can be furnished on application.

Mr. Birdseye is an able champion of the chapter house and his defense of "College Home Life" should be read by each individual member of the fraternity and the chapters should endeavor to shape their lives and conduct so that they might be exponents of that "right moral atmosphere for students" which is so ably set forth in this article.



THE wearing of the fraternity badge or symbols by those who do not reflect credit upon the Order seems to be disturbing not only our fraternity, but a majority of the other fraternities and is of course of utmost importance in the influence and standing of a fraternity.

In these pages appear several articles on the subject of our badge; first, as to the importance of its being worn by the members of the fraternity and also, as to its being loaned to others, and our members will do well to read these articles carefully.

The editors will also be glad to have a further discussion of this subject and any answers to these articles which

the chapters wish to have published in the next issue will be gladly received.

Apropos of this subject the General Assembly of Virginia has recently made it a misdemeanor for any person to wear any emblem, badge or insignia of any secret order, society, association or fraternity unless such wearer is a member of the order. The penalty is a fine and jail sentence. This law was passed primarily to put an end to the many impostors and frauds who begged and obtained assistance through possession of the Confederate Cross of Honor, or badge of some fraternal organization. The various secret orders supported this measure and our fraternity will heartily approve of its spirit.

However, if construed literally, no lady could wear a **II K A** pin even if the same belonged to her husband, father, brother or one who believed that he would some day be the first mentioned.

II K A does not, of course, believe in, or approve of the literal enforcement of this law and judging by those of the **II** sisters in the Old Dominion whose acquaintance was made at the various conventions in that State, we have no idea that any prosecutor would be heartless enough to attempt to enforce this law as applying to **II** sisters, and it would be foolish to attempt to do so. No judge, justice, or jury would dare fine a pretty **II** girl—and they are all pretty—for wearing a badge. She does not misrepresent, though she always keeps us guessing; she does not beg—she commands and is obeyed; she smiles and as a result she captures and ever holds the hearts of her fraternity brothers. A legislature can not take this away from her!



OUR beloved Grand Chaplain makes an interesting suggestion for the publication and preservation of the histories of the colleges at which our chapters are located and the management of the magazine desire here to voice

their hearty approval of this plan and to urge its adoption by the chapters.

We would suggest that some brother or brothers be appointed from each chapter at the next meeting to prepare a complete and authentic history of their college and see what arrangements can be made to secure the loan of plates illustrative of its main buildings. Dr. McAllister suggests that these be published in the order of our chapters, commencing with our mother chapter and our mother college.

As soon as the committees are appointed by the different chapters they will please communicate at once with the General Office as to the probable date that this copy and illustrations will be available.



THE inactivity of $\Pi K A$ alumni has been a subject of discussion for years but gradually, it seems, we are arriving at the root of this trouble—the levity in the initiatory ceremony and the insufficiency of instructions of initiates. Recently our Grand Historiographer in his able article on this subject gave his impressions of two orders that he had joined. One in which the ceremony in the chapter rooms was conducted with the utmost solemnity and dignity, and the other, the reverse, and showed plainly which one had made the lasting impression upon him.

One of our earliest members to whose constant devotion the fraternity owes so much, Hon. Robert M. Hughes, at the Atlanta Convention of July, 1898, was surprised to learn that anything was allowed to take place in the chapter rooms, that was not provided by the initiatory ceremony. In revising our Ritual a strong appeal signed by himself and the committee was incorporated, urging that this be forever prohibited.

The alumni's duty to the fraternity is made the subject of several articles herewith and particularly the fact em-

phasized that the inattention and lack of interest seems to be more pronounced in the recent graduates than in those of some years standing. This is hard to understand as it would naturally seem that those who have just passed from out of the chapter would be the most interested in the fraternity. At the last convention, as a means of stimulating and keeping alive the graduate's interest, it was provided that the chapter would be held responsible for one year's subscription for each graduate or member withdrawing from the chapter (see Section 13, By-Laws). The convention believed that if the magazine was received for one year it would not only keep up the interest but it would insure a continuous subscription.

Another means of interesting the alumni is the formation of alumni chapters and to this work the active chapters should devote themselves assiduously. In many localities there are sufficient alumni for a chapter, but no one cares to take the initiative. If an active member, during his vacation, would draw up an application for a charter and take it to these alumni there is not one of them who would not sign it and keep the chapter up afterward. We advise that this be considered and acted upon by our various chapters and feel sure that the result will be most encouraging.



A FEW chapter letters are missing in this issue through the inattention of the correspondents and attention is again called to the importance of mailing letters not later than the 25th of the month preceding date of issue as otherwise they can not appear and the chapter will be subject to the fine.

Official Communications



ANNOUNCEMENT No. 3.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRATERNITY,

March 10, 1908.

WHEREAS, Certain charges have been preferred against Andrew C. Querbes, of Shreveport, La., a former member of Eta Chapter, by the members of the said chapter, which charges have been fully substantiated by evidence introduced before the chapter; and

WHEREAS, The said Eta Chapter has expelled from membership in the fraternity, in accordance with Article X, Section 59 of the Constitution, the said Andrew C. Querbes:

NOW, THEREFORE, The Supreme Council does hereby confirm the action of the said chapter in the expulsion of the said Andrew C. Querbes, and does order that he be no longer recognized as a member of the fraternity.

A true copy of the minutes of the Supreme Council, given under my hand and the great seal of the fraternity, this tenth day of March, A. D., 1908.

J. PIKE POWERS, JR.,

Grand Princeps.

Correct Attest: C. W. UNDERWOOD,

Grand Secretary.



ANNOUNCEMENT No. 4.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRATERNITY,

March 10, 1908.

WHEREAS, Certain charges have been preferred against

Frank Wesley Perkins, a former member of Alpha-Gamma Chapter, by the members of the said chapter, which charges have been fully substantiated by evidence introduced before the chapter; and

WHEREAS, The said Alpha-Gamma Chapter has expelled from membership in the fraternity, in accordance with Article X, Section 59 of the Constitution, the said Frank Wesley Perkins;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Supreme Council does hereby confirm the action of the said chapter in the expulsion of the said Frank Wesley Perkins, and does order that he be no longer recognized as a member of the fraternity.

A true copy of the minutes of the Supreme Council, given under my hand and the great seal of the fraternity, this tenth day of March, A. D., 1908.

J. PIKE POWERS, JR.,

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Correct Attest: C. W. UNDERWOOD,

Grand Secretary.

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° Davenport, R. C.	Greenwood, S. C.	Druggist	30
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Ferguson, Frank Cline	1006 S. Sharp St., Baltimore, Md.	Physician	22
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°Jacobs, John Dillard.....	Louisville, Ky.	Physician	1
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°McCreary, Frank	Clinton, S. C.	U. S. Navy	43	
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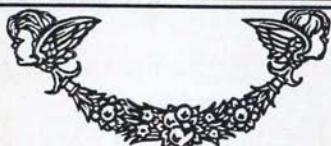
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