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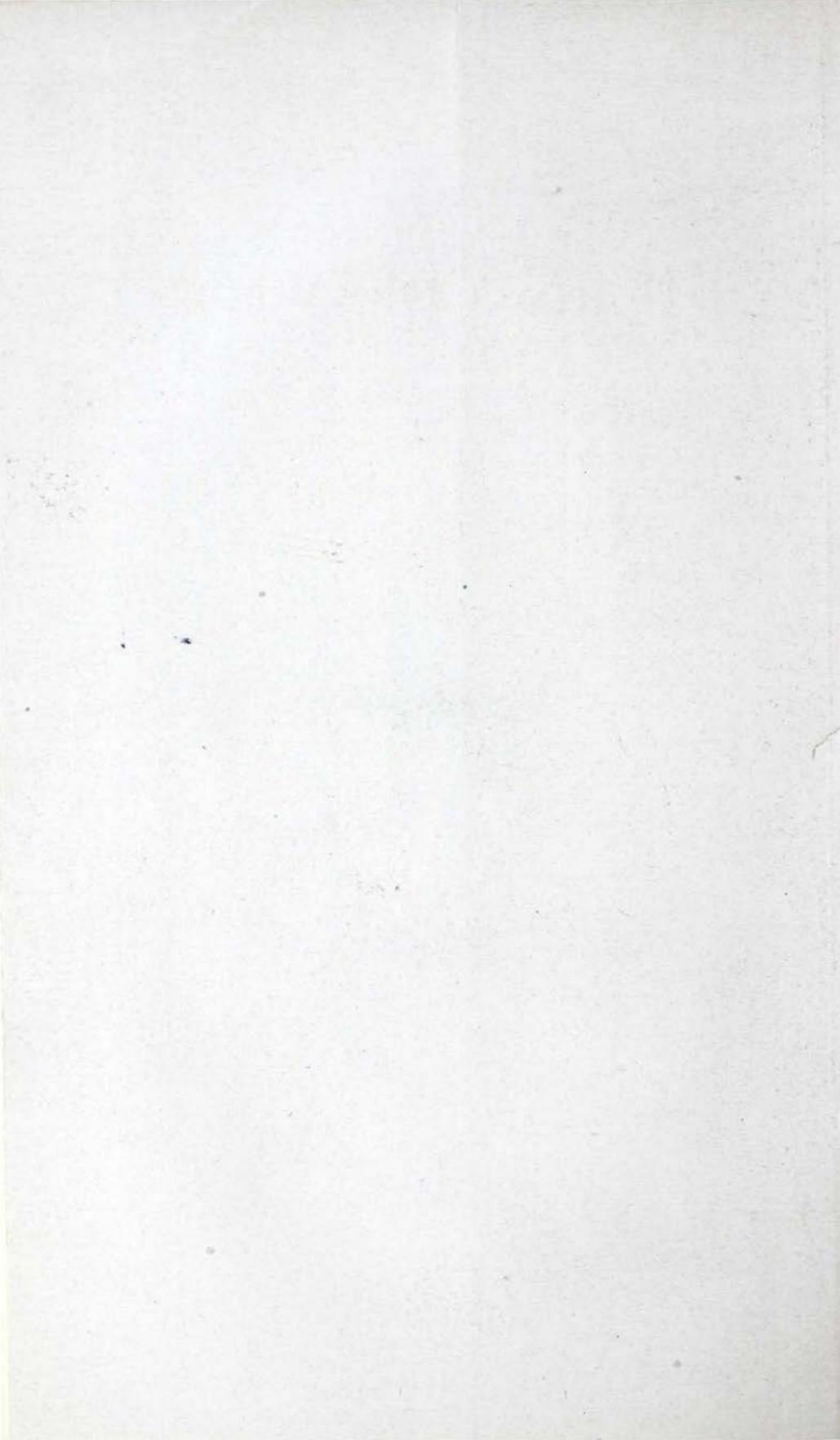


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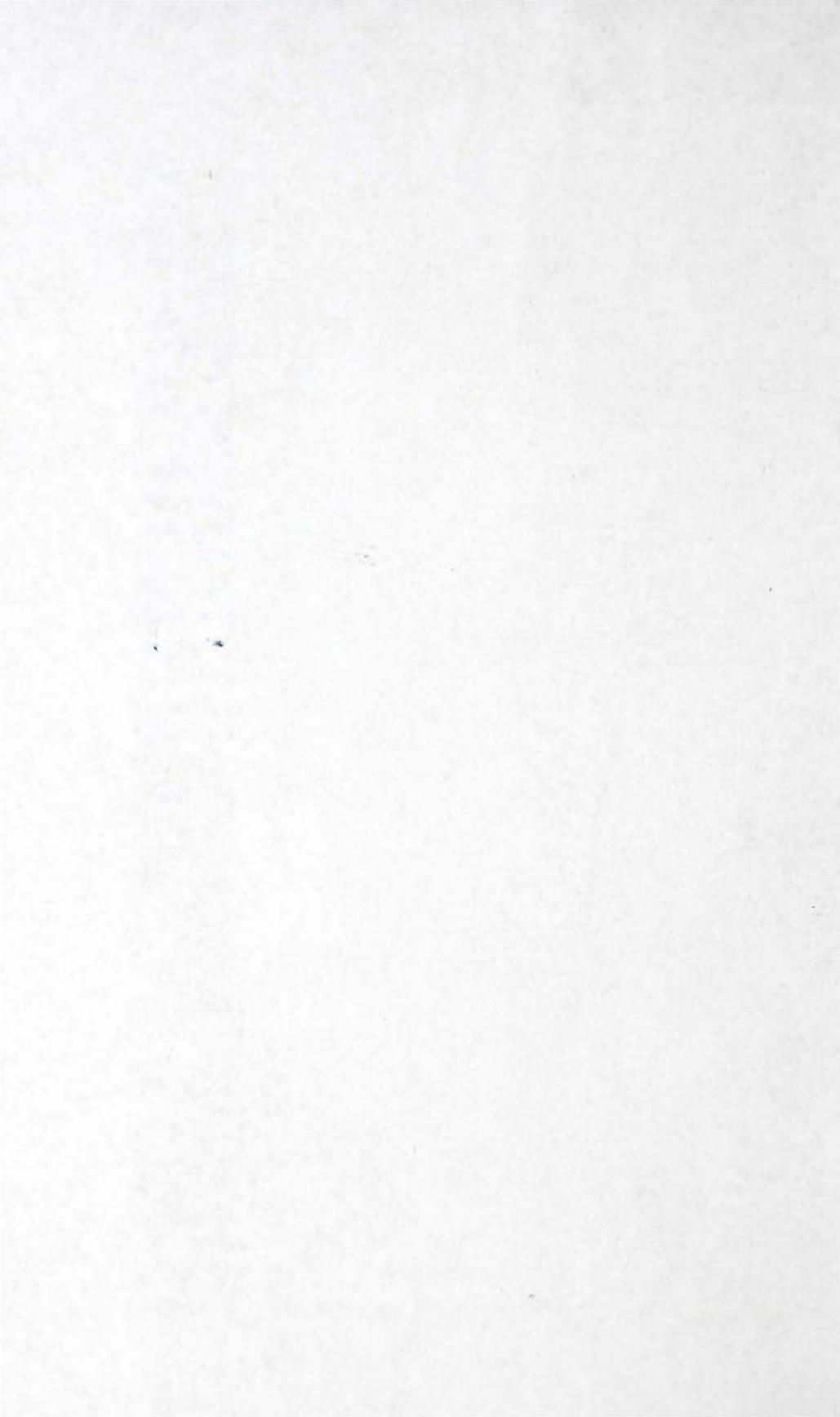
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A GROUP FROM THE SECOND BI-ENNIAL CONVENTION, NEW ORLEANS, LA., APRIL 13th to 16th, 1909.



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The St. Charles Hotel certainly extended to the Convention every courtesy possible, during the four or five days we were there. It is a beautiful and most commodious building and the Π 's were given the best rooms and best attention and everything was done by the management to make their stay there comfortable and enjoyable. A very pretty picture of this hotel appears in these pages. Its near location to the "Stag Saloon," the home of the Gin Fizz is also a strong point in its favor as a place for conventions.

At this Convention, many new names were created for some of the Π s. Of course, the "Governor" was there wearing with due dignity the title he so well earned at the Richmond Convention. "Papa" Powers, "Gee Whiz" Hulme, "Telephone Operator" Underwood and "Red Ribbon" Smythe are now duly enrolled upon the Fraternity's Official Title Book and will hereafter appear accordingly, by order of the Convention. The Supreme Council was ex-

ceedingly busy at this Convention working hard at every session. They never missed a single session during the Convention.

Sale, when not busy insisting on changing the Constitution in spite of all that could be done to restrain him, was occupied in collecting the delegates in groups and advising matrimony, though he lost his voice at the dance trying to prove to the girls that he was single.

The Grand Treasurer when not reporting delinquents and trying to collect money with "red ribbon" letters was very kind in freely giving to all the name of the treatment which has had such a wonderful effect in completely restoring his lost hair.

Did you notice Power's new gestures? Whenever on his feet, both hands were extended as if he was walking the floor all night with a burden in each one! As usual, he made an excellent presiding officer and really was without exception the hardest worked officer there. Unquestionably, presiding over an active convention, such as this was, is very exacting and tiresome work.

And Underwood! When he was helped up on a chair, he could be seen above the table and his remarks were always listened to with great interest. Of course, he made a big impression on the Convention and this was the first time he had appeared as a Grand Officer. He was very diligent in his work of taking down the minutes when not occupied with the telephone booth. It is estimated that his expenses for "telephoning" were many dollars a day.

Governor Hughes, when he could be awakened in the morning, was a dignified and august participant in the discussions of the Convention. His work in bringing in changes of the Constitution, as the Chairman of that Committee, was most valuable and few appreciated the amount of work he gave in arranging this report. All of the officers left Saturday night with the exception of the Grand Chancellor, "Governor" Hughes, who as the official lawyer of the Fraternity, rumor, has it, was compelled to

stay over a day in order to *nol. pros.* a suit for trifling with affections which it was reported had been instituted against "Telephone Operator" Underwood.

Much important work was accomplished by this Convention and many changes made in the Constitution which will be of great and lasting benefit to the Fraternity.

Probably the change from which the Fraternity will derive the greatest benefit is creating the special office of Editor-in-chief, to have entire charge of the editing and publishing of the Fraternity's magazines commencing October, 1909. This action was strongly recommended in the report of the Grand Princes realizing that the General Office had too much on it and that the Grand Treasurer's time would be thoroughly occupied with the finances. The SHIELD AND DIAMOND will thus have the attention of an editor whose time can be devoted entirely to it which of course will result in its improvement in every way. The business management of the magazine will still be vested in the Grand Treasurer but all of the literary department will be in charge of this new officer.

The Supreme Council has been very fortunate in securing for this office Brother W. G. Riddick of Little Rock, Ark., an enthusiastic and loyal II and under his able management the magazine will be more worthy than ever of the Fraternity.

Dividing the Fraternity territory into districts, each in charge of an Inspector will produce most beneficial results. The chapters are to be advised regularly by these Inspectors and their condition as well as that of the College reported to the Supreme Council. The Inspector will be able to advise and help the chapters in many of their troubles and will enthuse and keep them up to the mark.

The Ritual is to be placed in charge of a special committee during the interim between the conventions, to report at Knoxville in 1911 any changes or additions they think will improve it.

The territorial limitation was removed from the Consti-

tution and the chartering of the chapters was left to the discretion of the Supreme Council. It was indeed delightful to witness the fine spirit of brotherly love which permeated the Convention even during the warmest points in the argument on this subject. When it was decided, the minority leader made a ringing speech that now the whole Fraternity would work along these lines and called for nine RaHS for extension, which were given with a vim. The majority leader then called for nine RaHS for the minority, which made the building ring.

The many other changes in the Constitution were mostly of a minor nature though of great value and this document is being now printed for distribution to the chapters and members.

The Convention confirmed the action of the Supreme Council in suspending the charter of Rho Chapter and withdrew the charter permanently. For this first time in the history of the Fraternity the Convention, on recommendation of the Supreme Council, withdrew charters of two other chapters—Phi at Roanoke College, and Alpha-Theta at West Virginia University.

The Supreme Council after careful investigation for months previous to the Convention decided that these chapters were not being maintained according to the standard of Π K A. The decline in Roanoke College made it impossible for Phi to continue successfully and Alpha-Theta was not prospering. Henceforth, Π K A will not permit a chapter to exist unless it is being successful and maintaining the standard she wishes for her chapters.

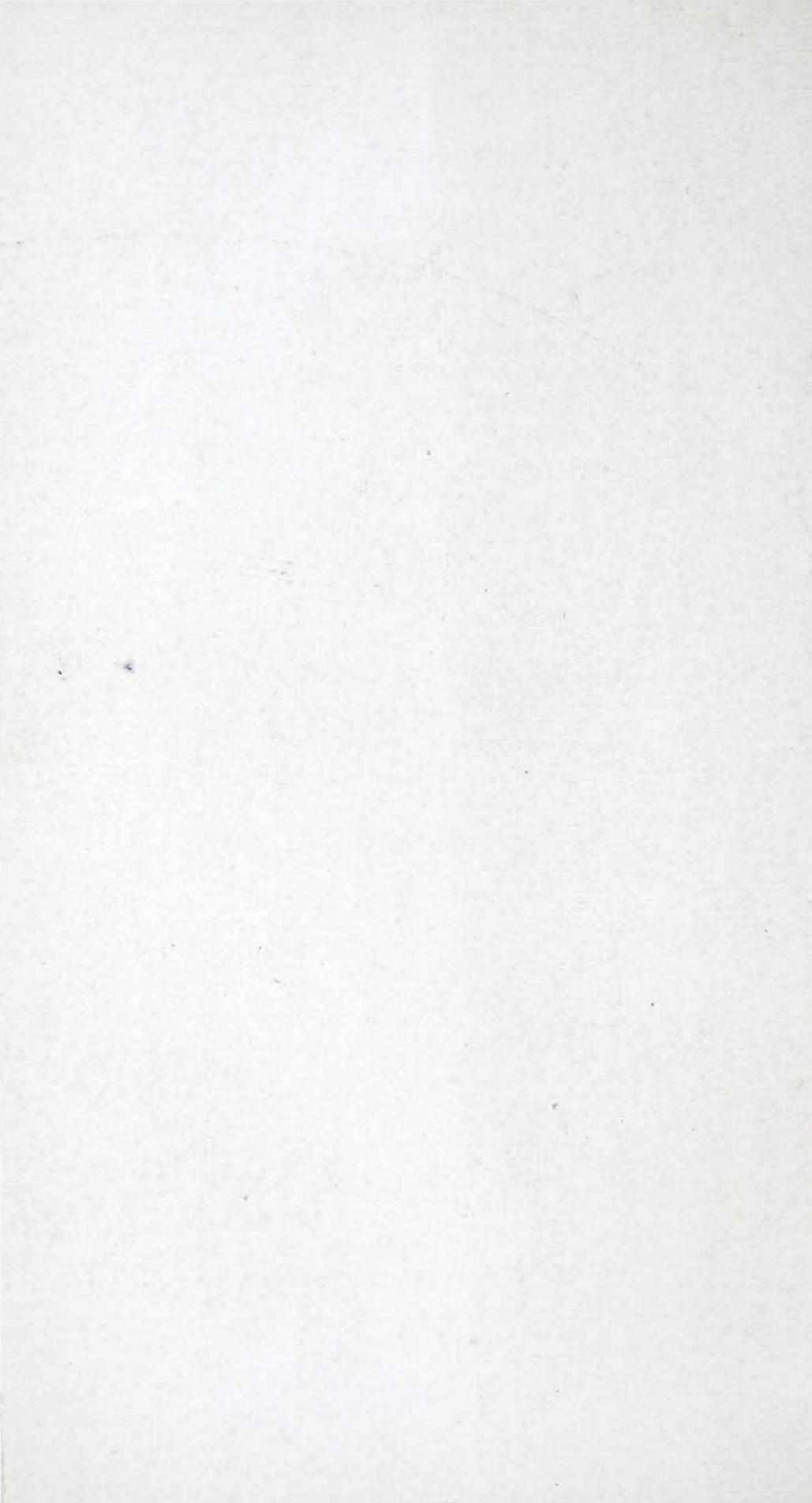
A very interesting feature of the Convention was the reports of the Grand Officers which were carefully prepared and showed the amount of work these officers do for the Fraternity. They will be published in full in the "*Dagger and Key*."

An entire session of the Convention was devoted to the reports of the Chapter delegates and the exchange of ideas through the questions asked each delegate by the officers



NEW ST. CHARLES HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS. LA.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE SECOND BIENNIAL CONVENTION, APRIL 14TH, 15TH, 16TH and 17TH, 1909.



and the other delegates developed many interesting ideas which should benefit all of the chapters and greatly assist them in the work. These reports were written and read by the delegates, and if any special feature was noted in them, questions were asked by the Convention and many delegates themselves sought advice of the Convention on certain points in the situation surrounding their Chapter.

It is very unfortunate that sufficient "certificate-receipts" were not secured to enable the obtaining of the reduced rate returning. Through a short-sighted policy on the part of many delegates, mileage books were purchased which in the individual cases made a slight saving but prevented the many from obtaining the reduced rates. At the Atlanta Convention of some years back, we lacked only one receipt of having a sufficient number which shows how important it is for every delegate to pay his full fare going, obtaining these receipts, as they mean the saving of many hundred dollars.

When the election of officers was reached on the program in compliance with Brother Power's repeated statement, his name was not placed in nomination for re-election and soon Brother Hughes was elected.

Upon motion of Brother Smythe, Grand Treasurer, Brother Sale took the chair, whereupon Brother Smythe offered the following resolutions which were adopted by acclamation and a standing vote.

"The Supreme Council desire to voice here, individually and as a body, their sincere and heartfelt regrets at the resignation of J. Pike Powers, Jr., the Grand Princeps of the Fraternity. For over ten years he has been an active, zealous and hard working member of the governing board of II K A.

At great personal sacrifice, he has for the past few conventions accepted re-election against his wishes and requests until now the duties of his profession and his many positions make it impossible to longer serve II K A.

Only those who have been in close touch with him know the amount of detail work and the constant thought and over-sight he has given to the best interests of the Fraternity during his terms of office.

The Fraternity will miss his guiding hand and his earnest and thoughtful advice.

Brother Powers carries with him the "well done" of his associates and their best wishes for his continued success."

Brother L. C. Witten, Pi, then read the following resolutions which were also unanimously adopted.

"WHEREAS, It has been deemed best by our esteemed Grand Princes, Brother John Pike Powers, Jr., of Knoxville, Tenn., in consideration of the lack of the necessary time to devote to the interests of the Fraternity to tender his resignation as Grand Princes and to refuse absolutely to consider or accept a reelection to the office; be it

Resolved, That the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity in meeting assembled at its Second Bi-ennial Convention do hereby convey from each Chapter and member to Brother Powers an expression of its sincere thanks for his valued services and its deep regret at his resignation."

Upon motion of Brother Smythe, he was authorized to have both of these resolutions suitably engrossed and presented to Brother Powers.

Brother Powers responded feelingly to these resolutions which had taken him quite by surprise. His remarks were received with much applause by the Convention.

The following officers were elected to serve until the next Convention:

SUPREME COUNCIL.

Grand Princes, J. Gordon Hughes, Xi, Union, S. C.
Grand Treasurer, Robert A. Smythe, Lambda, Atlanta, Georgia.

Grand Secretary, Chas. W. Underwood, Chi, Atlanta, Georgia.

Grand Historiographer, Graham Sale, Pi, Welch, W. Virginia.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Grand Chancellor, Floyd Hughes, Gamma and Alpha, Norfolk, Va.

Grand Chancellor, W. G. Riddick, Pi, Little Rock, Ark.

Grand Chaplain, Rev. Geo. Summey, D.D., LL.D., Beta, New Orleans, La.

During the second morning's session on motion of Brother Smythe the following telegram was sent:

NEW ORLEANS, LA., April 15, 1909.

HON. FLOYD HUGHES,
176 York Street, Norfolk, Va.

Convention one hundred strong greets you and regrets your absence.
(Signed) C. W. UNDERWOOD,
Grand Secretary.

At the afternoon session same day the following reply was read to the Convention and greeted with applause:

NORFOLK, VA., April 15, 1909.

C. W. UNDERWOOD, Grand Secretary,
St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, La.

Sickness since Saturday has prevented my attendance to my very great regret. Cordial greeting to the Convention and to the Brothers individually.
(Signed) FLOYD HUGHES.

Other telegrams were read during the various sessions of the Convention, as follows:

KNOXVILLE, TENN., April 14, 1909.

PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY,
St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, La.

Bring next Convention to Knoxville. Success to you.
McCALLUM, HUNTER, CURTIS, COMFORT AND BRISCOE.

DAHLONEGA, GA., April 14, 1909.

MR. ROBERT A. SMYTHE,
Care of Pi Kappa Alpha,
St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, La.
Psi greets you. Make it the best ever.

PSI CHAPTER.

TIMMONSVILLE, S. C., April 15, 1909.

THE PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED,
St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, La.

Greetings; may the standard of the garnet and gold be raised higher than ever.
JOHN MCSWEEN, JR.

Just before adjournment, Brother Smythe secured the floor and offered the following resolutions which were adopted with many shouts of approval and nine RaHS for New Orleans!

"Be it Resolved, By the II K A Fraternity in Convention assembled, that our most sincere and hearty thanks be extended to Eta and Alumnus Eta Chapters, the Committee of Arrangements, and each and every one of our hosts who have made our stay here so enjoyable and memorable.

The spaghetti supper and the reception and dance will live long in the memories of those who were present.

The privilege of meeting the lady IIs of New Orleans was one of the most pleasant, enjoyable and appreciated features of the social side of the Convention.

It has also been such a pleasure to know and be with our Western Alumni.

The Second Bi-ennial Convention is indeed THE Convention of our conventions due to the hospitality of our hosts.

Be it further Resolved, That a duly attested copy of these resolutions, a poor expression of our real feelings, be sent by the Grand Secretary to both Eta and Alumnus Eta Chapters."

The business sessions of the Convention were then finished but the Convention did not adjourn as following our custom the officers were to be sworn in at the banquet.

And now the writer hesitates to enter upon the balance of this story for he has no vocabulary at his command in which to express to you even in the slightest degree the pleasures and enjoyment of the social side of the Convention which graced each evening of our stay in New Orleans. The amount of preparations and arrangements made by our hosts was not appreciated until we entered upon these crowning features of this delightful gathering.

First came that most unique and enjoyable spaghetti supper on Wednesday evening, April 14th at Portuguese Hall way down in the Italian quarter of old New Orleans. This feast was served in true Dago style with all of the Dago's accompaniments (this does not refer to the band), the long tables were set on both sides and the upper end of the hall and around them gathered the IIs and their guests over 100. What a scene it was!

The Dago band bursting forth at frequent intervals into weird music (?) and the Dago-Creole quartette lustily giving forth their volume of songs (?) amid a din of applause, making as noisy a feast probably as the old hall had ever witnessed. A photograph of the menu which was printed on heavy white paper by the Dago press appears elsewhere in these pages and was in keeping with the other features. At each plate a corncob pipe was placed bearing on its "old gold" bowl the mystic letters II K A in "garnet."



PI KAPPA ALPHA



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PORTUGUESE HALL, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1909

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SHRIMP SAUCE

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DAGO ICE CREAM

DAGO CAKES

Coffee

Drinkables

River Water

White Water

ICE WATER

EXTRA WET WATER

SMOKABLES

PIPES.

CIGARS

TOBACCO

THAT SPAGHETTI SUPPER MENU.
SECOND BI-ENNIAL CONVENTION, 1909.

The palm garden of the St. Charles Hotel never looked lovelier than on the night of April 15th when the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity was tendered a reception and dance given in honor of the Convention. The large hall, circular in shape was filled with decorations of "old gold and garnet." From every part of the hall wide streamers of old gold and garnet were festooned to the cupelo in the center of the ceiling and from each of these hung a myriad of small banners of every college where $\Pi K A$ has chapters and also hundreds of small $\Pi K A$ banners. The thousands of electric lights shining through these decorations filled the room with a glow of Fraternity colors.

The dance program as will be seen from the cover page of this issue was most unique. When opened wide it was a "Diamond" in shape being surmounted by a "Shield" bearing the Fraternity letters and all in our colors. The inside sheets with the list of dances were bound to it with ribbons of garnet with old gold tassels. Twenty delightful dances were enjoyed.

To a more abler pen than this you must look for some adequate description of the exquisite beauty and gracefulness, the charming and entrancing fascinations of the Sister Π s in New Orleans who added their presence to make this occasion the most enjoyable ever attended by Π s, and who won the hearts of all the visiting Brothers as was very evident they had done before, of the local members. A more beautiful bevy of girls can not be imagined than the Sister Π s of New Orleans. Here's to them, God bless them!

It is greatly to be regretted that this most beautiful gathering, viewed from every standpoint, was the only one which we failed to record through the photographer's flash light. This was a source of great regret to all present.

All during the evening, punch was served as well as delicious refreshments.

The business sessions ended at midday on Friday giv-

ing the delegates an opportunity to spend that afternoon in sight-seeing. A number of automobiles were secured and loaded with IIs and many hours of the afternoon were spent in riding over the city. A visit was paid to Tulane University and to many of the beautiful driving parks which abound throughout the city. Many of the buildings were visited and the delegates obtained a good idea of the city.

At 8:30 p. m., we assembled in one of the beautiful private dining rooms of the St. Charles Hotel for our Convention Banquet. The Hotel management had excelled themselves in the decorations of this hall and everywhere the old gold and garnet, in flowers, in banners and streamers greeted the eyes. As will be seen from the photograph elsewhere in these pages, the Supreme Council were seated at the long table at the head of the hall while the others were grouped by fours and fives around small tables throughout the room, making a most attractive sight.

The following was the delicious menu which was so perfectly and silently served by the many score of waiters.

MENU

		<i>Martini Cocktail</i>
	Canape Caviar	
Celery	Olives	Radishes
	Gumbo, Nouvelle Orleans	
	Bouillabaisse	
	Potatoes Natural	
	Casburgot Chambord	
		<i>Sauternes</i>
Lamb Chop		Petit Pois
	Punch Curacao	
	Poulet Saute a la Creole	
	Shrimp Salad Mayonnaise	
		<i>Pontet Canet</i>
Biscuit Glace	Fancy Assorted Cake	
	Toasted Crackers	
Fruit	Fromage Roquefort	
	Cafe Noir.	
	Apollinaris Water	

The Rev. Dr. George Summey, Grand Chaplain, invoked the divine blessing and all were soon busy with the delicious viands. After the curacao punch was served, Brother Smythe, the toastmaster announced that as was the custom we would all rise and in silence drink a toast to those of our Brothers who have crossed into the great beyond. Brother Smythe then announced the first regular toast and between each course introduced the other toasts according to the following list:

Toastmaster	ROBERT A. SMYTHE, Grand Treas., Lambda
"Pi Kappa Alpha, The Southern Fraternity" ..	ORLOFF HENRY, Eta
"Our Pi Sisters"	JOS. F. WARD, Eta
"Ideal Chapter Life"	J. H. BRENT, Gamma
"Pi's of the Ministry"	REV. DR. GEO. SUMMEY
"The Banner Chapter"	V. M. SHAMBURGER, Delta
"Pi's of the Law"	J. W. HUDSON, Zeta
"The Benedict Pi's"	J. GRAHAM SALE, Pi
"The Pi's of Medicine"	DR. J. MARCUS KOELLE, Theta
"Our Bachelor Pi's"	"Gov." J. GORDON HUGHES, Xi
"The Papa Pi"	J. PIKE POWERS, JR., Alpha and Zeta
"Louisiana"	DR. H. DICKSON BRUNS, Alpha and Eta

The responses were most interesting and aroused much enthusiasm. Sale's response was truly a *splendid effort* of oratory but it was "*the sound of a voice that is still,*" the reasons for his loss of voice being as before stated his efforts at the dance to prove that he was a single man. "Papa" Powers made quite a hit but stated that Brother Hudson was only recently the happy father of a daughter, therefore, he was not the only one to be congratulated. Unfortunately *the telephone wires* did not extend to the upper end of the banquet room so our "Official Operator" and erstwhile Grand Secretary was unable to completely enjoy himself.

With many songs and the giving of the yells of the different colleges as well as that of old $\Pi K A$ the evening ended, or more properly speaking the early hours of the morning, and brought to a close the Second Biennial Convention.

It was with sadness that the delegates bade each other good-bye as a large number left on the early trains of that morning.

At 11 o'clock Saturday morning the Supreme Council enjoyed one of the famous French breakfasts at Begues on the corner of Madison and Decatur Streets, down by the old French market. Brothers Sale, Powers, Underwood, Hughes and Smythe accompanied by Brother Hudson formed the happy party. This was one of the most delightful experiences of the quaint old life of New Orleans and it was 1:30 p. m. before breakfast was over.

A singular coincident at this breakfast was the discovery in a young lady seated at the table of a sister of three Π 's and a cousin of another.

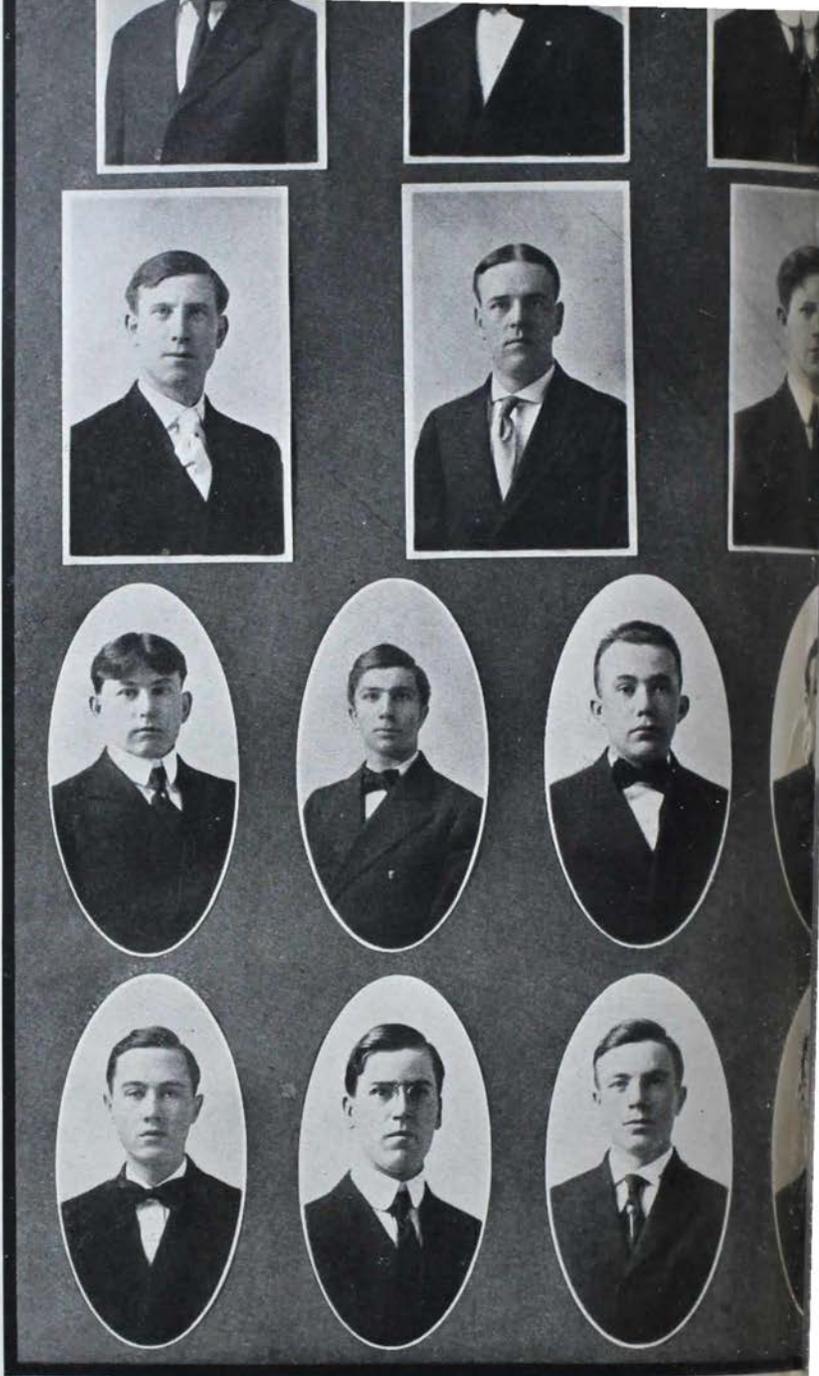
This story would not be complete, did we not express the pleasure at meeting the splendid set of Π s—our hosts. Who can think of New Orleans without remembering Orloff Henry, that splendid specimen of Southern manhood. He was always present, and ready with his beautiful courtesy and charming hospitality to do anything to add to the pleasure of the visit.

And Joseph F. Ward and Dr. Koelle and Ferdinand and Dr. Strong,—who can forget all they did for us, or their strong personalities with which we were all impressed.

And Dr. Summey, that bulwark of hospitality and our other ministerial brothers especially Brother Caldwell and that royal Π and entertainer, that courtly gentleman, Henry Dickson Bruns.

Space prevents our mentioning more for to each one of our hosts would we gladly give a special paragraph for each one of them made a special impression upon us, but already this story has drawn itself out too long.

Here's to the Second Biennial Convention and here's to New Orleans and our hosts!! Hip! Hip! Hoorah!!



ALPHA-KAPPA CHAPTER, 1908-1909.

Impressions of the Convention

SHORT SKETCHES OF THE SECOND BIENNIAL CONVENTION FROM OFFICERS AND DELEGATES.

EVERY member of the Fraternity who was not in New Orleans at the Convention in April should regret his absence. Those who did attend can certainly sympathize with the absent ones in their misfortune.

It was a splendid gathering of the clan in a great and hospitable city. The loyalty and enthusiasm of those assembled was admirable. Every member present was "true blue" and constituted of the stuff that makes a fraternity strong and enduring. Each man seemed to be there with a purpose—to carry the standard of Pi Kappa Alpha forward. True, different members had their ideas as to the policy and future of the Fraternity, but there was not one who was unwilling to yield his personal preferences or desires to the will of the majority and to what the majority thought best for Pi Kappa Alpha. In no assembly has there ever been a stronger fight in better feeling than the contest on the question of expansion in the recent Convention in New Orleans. When the matter was finally settled, I have never seen victors exhibit more magnanimity nor vanquished bow more gracefully in the result. When the spokesman for those delegates opposed to expansion announced that they had without bitterness, made the best fight they could and lost, but were then ready to lend every effort toward making Pi Kappa Alpha as great a national fraternity as it had been a Southern fraternity, that was the spirit of true manliness and brotherhood that counts in the accomplishment of great things. In fact, that was the true Pi Kappa Alpha spirit, and it will mean much in the effort to carry the Fraternity successfully forward in the new territory now open to us. As long as the Fraternity is made up of such men as attended the New Orleans Convention, there need be no fear for the future.

Another phase of Pi Kappa Alpha spirit manifested itself in the part played by Eta Alumnus and Eta Active Chapters in the excellent arrangements for the Convention and in the beautiful manner in which the delegates and visitors were entertained. Though the conventions heretofore have been most profitable and pleasant, yet it is safe to say that the last one eclipsed all others in the intense interest in all that concerned the welfare of the Fraternity and in the splendid attention and magnificent entertainment on the part of the local Chapter and Alumni. It seems that each convention of the Fraternity surpasses the preceding one, but the standard set by the last will be hard to excel.

The evenings of the Convention were one continual gay and pleasant social whirl. The first evening we all were "Dagos" and manipulated sphagetti down in old Portuguese Hall. The next evening came a beautiful dance in the palm gardens of the St. Charles Hotel, when Smythe and Sale forgot that they were not single and Powers heard not even the gentle breathing of the twins in peaceful sleep. And Underwood offered to add to the weight of cares that already bears down on his broad and manly shoulders, the responsibility of supporting a New Orleans belle. Probably the dance was responsible for the bold invitation to all, at the excellent banquet on the following evening, to come to Knoxville in 1911 and meet the "Grand Princess." However, some things are yet *in futuro*, but meeting the queenly daughters of old New Orleans certainly has the effect of reviving hopes and renewing ambitions. In view of such impressions being made upon the staid old officers of the Fraternity, it may be easily imagined what were the effects upon those of a younger generation present and participating in the festivities.

Pi Kappa Alpha is yet in the morning of its life and still faces the rising sun. The New Orleans Convention ushers in a new era in the history of the Fraternity.

Our territory has been widened and new problems are before us. We are not lords of all we survey, but what we desire can be attained through toil and effort. The "Garnett and Old Gold" is to be carried further from the spot of nativity at old Alpha Chapter, but in each movement care must be exercised and the banner must be planted only on solid rock. A poor chapter is worse than no chapter at all, and, though we should grow and are going to grow rapidly, it may be relied upon that the present administration will never place a chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha where it has not a good opportunity of going to the front and reaching and maintaining superiority. With the earnest and unwavering support of the Chapters and Alumni, the convention in Knoxville in 1911 will hear a story of permanent growth and real progress that will make the heart of every Pi Kappa Alpha swell with pride. Here's to the best Southern Fraternity, soon to be the best National Fraternity!

J. GORDON HUGHES, Grand Princeps.

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The New Orleans Convention was indeed one of the greatest pleasures I have ever experienced. From the time I was initiated into the Π K A Fraternity I have always been glad at any time to meet a brother Π and soon after that time I resolved to accept the first opportunity I should have to attend a Π K A convention. It was impossible for me to go to Richmond but I went to New Orleans and such a good time as we all did have.

There were men and boys there from all over this Southland of ours and a better bunch I never saw together. They would fight their hardest for what they thought was for the betterment of Π K A but if the majority thought different the minority would promptly congratulate the winning side. In short, they all had the spirit of true and loyal Π s.

The officers were also great fellows and impressed me as having wisdom far beyond their years. They are

certainly far from selfish for the time they devote to fraternity affairs they almost have to steal from their own work. By their own self-sacrifice, they showed that no better men could be found in any place to see to the affairs of our Fraternity.

The work of the Convention was carried on always in a business-like way, which showed that we were there for work as well as play.

On the whole, I was thankful indeed that I was a Π K A. I was proud to have such men as were at that Convention to call me brother. I was glad to see that we stood for quality before quantity.

The social functions were, to say the least, most enjoyable. Eta and Alumnus Eta did entertain us royally. The sphagetti supper was surely very unique, the dance was all a Southern dance possibly could be, and that banquet was the best ever.

Brothers, you who were unfortunate enough not to be able to attend the Convention at New Orleans, go to Knoxville. You can't appreciate a fraternity convention until you attend one.

HARRY T. LETTON, Alumnus of Omega.

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From reading the accounts of conventions of Pi Kappa Alpha in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and from accounts of them from our delegates, I was prepared for something fine; but my ideas fell far short of the reality. In order to thoroughly appreciate a convention of our Fraternity one must be there. There is a mysterious and compelling force about them, an all-pervading spirit that defies description, and of which no idea can be given in mere words.

I have always been proud of my Fraternity, and justly so, but when I clasped the hands of the brothers at the past Convention, and looked into their straightforward and manly faces, I felt that not until then had I fully realized how great is Pi Kappa Alpha. Never have I

seen a finer set of young men than assembled at this Second Bi-ennial Convention; men, every one of them, of strong character and high ideals, whom I was proud and glad to claim before all the world as brothers in the highest sense of the word.

And our Grand Officers are simply "It." Having once met them, we can have no fear for the welfare of the Fraternity under their guidance. Nor are they the stern and austere dignitaries some of us have pictured them from our correspondence, but the jolliest, and altogether the most lovable "Bunch" it has ever been my pleasure to meet. I would like to speak of each and every one of them; of the quiet dignity of Brother Powers who has laid aside the cares of office for the responsibilities of a family; of the good fellowship of "Gov." Hughes, the bachelor Pi, who has promised to introduce us to Mrs. Hughes at the Knoxville Convention; of the spirit of Brother Smythe, the "Grand Old Man" of Pi Kappa Alpha; of jolly, whole-souled Brother Sale, who can make a speech even without his voice; of energetic Brother Underwood and the Gin Fizz and of the loyalty of Brother Summey who has done so much for the Alumnus Chapter at New Orleans; but space will not permit me to go more into detail. Every Π was truly sorry that we could not meet Brothers Floyd Hughes, and J. Gray McAllister, but we hope to see them at Knoxville.

The work of the Convention certainly marks an epoch in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha; it will be printed in detail elsewhere, and will not, therefore, be taken up here. The manner in which the delegates "went at" the work is certainly worth mentioning. There was an earnestness of purpose, and a spirit of fairness about the work of the Convention that showed well Pi Kappa Alpha's influence upon her sons, and their loyalty to her. Especially was this shown in the question of expansion. Many of the delegates came here prepared to fight this issue to the bitter end, but the end was not bitter. They

fought a good fight, and when the result was known, they told the Convention that since expansion was the will of the majority they were for it to a man, and would fight for it as manfully now as they had against it while under discussion. This was the true Pi Kappa Alpha spirit, and shows better than anything else how closely her sons are bound together.

Of the social side of the Convention I will say little. As every member of Pi Kappa Alpha is a gentleman of the "Old School" it is not surprising that their presence should make any social gathering an unquestionable success; and the impression made by the Convention upon the beauty of New Orleans is, I believe firmly, both deep and lasting.

In conclusion, I will say that if it were possible, this Convention has made me a little more proud of my Fraternity than ever before; and while this was my first convention, I do not mean that it shall be my last, and it will be something serious indeed that will make me miss another.

ORLOFF HENRY, Eta.

Alumnus Eta, New Orleans.

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To write, in the limited time I have and space that would be allowed, of the New Orleans Convention would be impossible. There were so many interesting things worthy of mention and so many important steps taken by the delegates, and the brothers of the Alumni, I could not and will not mention "my impressions" of them all.

We had a good time. This is not news to any one who was there, of course; but those who were absent will be glad to know it.

I said, in an article before the Convention, we could count on that; and now I can say, with gratitude to the two Eta's—"I told you so." The entertainment given us will always be cherished among the pleasant memories of days gone by.

The representation was as large as could be expected at that place, which is on the edge of our boundary; in fact, it was better than our Council anticipated and the men present were a manly, dignified crowd of students, reflecting, among the citizens of New Orleans, honor upon the organization.

The place was more interesting, to me, than any which could have been selected. Many and varied items of interest make that old city delightful to visitors.

The hotel was well selected and its management accommodating. The numerous halls, dining rooms, palm garden, and spacious lobbies, all added to our pleasure.

The presence of Dr. Bruns and Dr. Summey, in frequent attendance upon the Convention sessions, and at the dinners delighted every young man.

The acquaintance made, the friendships renewed, the old ties made stronger—they are the chief good of every convention.

The aggressive Smythe, the enthusiastic Sale and obliging Underwood altogether, rebutted the dignity of the Governor.

Ardent Alumni permeated the assemblies, with sound advice and cheerful interest adding greatly to the work accomplished.

The Fraternity met and spoke and in speaking let the world know that it feels its ability to compete with others. No longer does it feel bound to keep a chapter; but it has come to the place where it uses the prerogative of selecting in its wise discretion, its chapters, thus adding to its internal strength.

The future holds in store great things for it, under the wise management of its chosen officers.

The many courtesies shown me by every man will always be cherished. Because of Brother Floyd Hughes' absence it became my honor to preside, and the co-operation given unanimously was greatly appreciated. It is no small task to sit through all those sessions as presiding

officer; but I rejoice to say the chair had the support of the delegates and there was harmony throughout, as well as life, interest, and discussion.

Many, many times I have already told different brothers of the happy session; often, I hope, I shall tell it again.

We are under a big debt of gratitude to the Tulane Chapter and all those beloved alumni in, and about New Orleans, for the hospitality bestowed upon us.

Come to Knoxville in 1911 and I will do my part towards paying the debt, as will all the other Π 's in this East Tennessee valley.

J. PIKE POWERS, JR.

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You* ask me for my "Impressions of the Convention." Had I the time and space at my disposal, I might write a volume on this subject alone, for it seems to me that every minute of my three days at New Orleans, gave me a new impression of old Pi Kappa Alpha, and her men, but of this medley, I believe there were at least three which impressed me more than any of the others.

The first of these was the personnel of the Convention. It is utterly impossible to describe to the absent Π 's just the class of men that made up that meeting. Every member of the Fraternity has had a more or less intimate association with our Grand Officers, through correspondence, and even in that way, have we gained a good impression of these men, as tried and true sons of the Garnet and Gold. But my brothers, to know these men, is to love your Fraternity better. To see them, to meet them face to face, to speak with them, and know the grand work they are doing for Pi Kappa Alpha, is a privilege of which I am proud. Every one of them are leaders in their respective callings, and to see them sacrificing their time and attention to the Fraternity's welfare, causes me to know that Greek life is worth while. Powers, Sale, Smythe, Underwood, and not forgetting our new Grand

Princes "Gov." Hughes, are a bunch of men, whose leadership would be an honor to any organization, and Pi Kappa Alpha is proud of them.

It has been my privilege to be more or less associated with college men in several of our Southern institutions, and I can say positively that never have I seen so many college men together before, where you could not put your finger on a bad one. From Virginia to Louisiana, from Missouri to Florida, if these delegates are a true criterion of their chapters, Pi Kappa Alpha has every reason to be proud of her roll. Not a man there, but I would be glad to entertain in my home, not one but that I would trust implicitly. My sentiments were expressed by a brother, who at the close of the Convention said "There is not a man here who could not make my chapter, and we consider ourselves very conservative." I only wish I had the space at my disposal to deal with each and every one of the brothers who so greatly endeared themselves to me, but I can almost see an ominous shake of the head from Atlanta, so I shall desist. But as long as memory lasts I shall never forget "Bill" Johnson, Menefee, Atkinson, Witten, Dunn and Kellner.

Then I was glad indeed to find out that this high standard of Pi Kappa Alpha, is not a thing of late years only, as was proved by the loyal Alumni present. Dr. Summey, an initiate of forty years standing; Dr. Bruns, initiated in 1876, Hudson, an alumnus of ten years, who came all the way from Knoxville to attend the meetings, and took just as much interest in the proceedings as the Chapter delegates, Brother Downman, all of them enthusiastic workers for the good of Pi Kappa Alpha, and men of whom any Pi has just reason to be proud, occupying as they do foremost positions in their chosen vocations.

Next to this evident high standing of its men, I think the fraternal spirit of the men composing this Convention impressed me most. At many times, during discussions on the floor, the arguments would grow very heated espe-

cially so on the subject of expansion. But every man there was conscientiously working to the one end the good of Pi Kappa Alpha, and though their opinions as to how to reach this end, were oftentimes diametrically opposite, yet the relationship of brotherhood was never once lost sight of, and at the test, when one side triumphed, the minority would loyally come over and standing with them, pledge their support to a measure which they had fought to the last ditch. I shall never forget how when the Convention had spoken and expansion triumphed, how Witten and his loyal little band of anti-expansionists (how they did fight) gave cheers for expansion, or how they were answered by Hudson and Johnson's men with three times three for the "minority." I tell you if that didn't betoken fraternal and fraternity spirit, I've missed my guess.

Another, and lasting impression that I gained was the congeniality of the men. The chasm of years was spanned, and from the Freshman to the gray headed Alumnus, from the plantation owners of Virginia to the miners of Missouri, a well spring of congenial friendship seemed to burst forth, and engulf all in its mighty rush of Π K A. Of all the men that I met, and I believe I met and knew every one on the floor, I did not discover an uncongenial spirit. On the other hand, one would rather have taken the meeting for one large chapter gathering, rather than a convention comprised of men from thirteen States. This one thing more than anything else impressed me with the truth of the fact that Pi Kappa Alpha, does stamp her men with the stamp of Π K A.

New Orleans is noted for her hospitality, and nobly did she uphold her name on the present occasion. I was unavoidably absent from the dance, and thus failed to meet those New Orleans Π girls, of which all of us have heard so much, and this absence has been my one cause for regret in connection with the Convention, but I was very much there, both at the spaghetti supper, and ban-

quet, and my impressions there gained can be borne witness by my digestive apparatus. It was a novel experience, this thing of eating from eight o'clock until midnight, and two evenings of the same week, but nevertheless, a most enjoyable one, and one that I shall ever have cause to remember especially the champagne.

Any comments on the Convention would be incomplete if they did not contain some mention of the real work accomplished on the floor. Of course time is the only test to be applied to any change, and I believe that it will show that the legislation accomplished in New Orleans will do more for the advancement of Pi Kappa Alpha, than has ever been done before. Expansion, Constitutional Amendments, Districting the Fraternity, the policy of eliminating chapters in weak and second rate colleges, Chapter House legislation, are all, in my estimation steps upward and I honestly believe that Pi Kappa Alpha's era of great prosperity will have its inception in the wise work of the New Orleans Convention of 1909.

And so I might go on and on, giving my impressions, each one of which as I received it, seems equally as important as the other, but time and space forbid. But despite truth of these factors, I believe it will be in order in my conclusion to give my very last impressions of the Convention. When Killner and I left on Sunday afternoon, I believe, aside from the local men, there were only three of the delegates remaining. Little Whittet of Richmond College was flirting outrageously with the telephone girl, while Hulme of Georgia and "Gov." Hughes, our distinguished Grand Princeps, were trying their very best to get a Gin Fizz (ask your delegate what a New Orleans Gin Fizz is).

To have been at New Orleans and seen the class of men comprising the active membership of Pi Kappa Alpha, I count as one of the greatest privileges of my life. It was a revelation, for though I know Pi Kappa Alpha to be a great Fraternity, I had no idea how great

until I went to New Orleans. Judging from this Convention and its men, I believe that old $\Pi K A$ is the peer of any fraternity in the South, and I am prouder than ever to be a wearer of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. I went to New Orleans, loving Pi Kappa Alpha, I came away loving her a thousandfold more, and now ready and willing more than ever before to work for her advancement and upbuilding.

So here's to New Orleans and nineteen nine,
 May God's greatest blessing ever be thine
 And to Knoxville too, with her Π s true blue
 When nineteen 'leven comes marching through.

LLOYD R. BYRNE,
 Alpha Zeta and Alumnus Mu.

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It was a great success. The members were strong, thoughtful, loyal, cordial fellows. The officers showed devotion to their work and intelligent grasp of it. The work of the Convention was conducted ably and systematically, with the keenest interest pervading every part of it. The Fraternity showed in every way, through its Convention, that it is here to stay, that it is a force in its special line, and that it contributes largely to the social and fellowship life of all its members. Having been one of the hosts, I shall not speak of the social functions, except to say that the New Orleans Π 's did everything they could with the greatest delight, and that they relished the evident appreciation of all the visiting Π 's.

GEORGE SUMMEY, Beta and Alumnus Eta.

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How in the world could one even tell of all of the impressions which he received at New Orleans, much less write them. Every day I think of some new impression which the Convention and its members made upon me, and the last one is, as a rule, more pleasant than its preceding one, despite the fact they were all pleas-

ant impressions. I can not write any better than I could speak the last few days I was in New Orleans, and those who were there will probably remember how I could do that. Nevertheless that diligent editor of our magazine has written me about half a dozen letters commanding me to send him my impressions at once (he has written me about half a dozen thousand letters about other matters), and of late he has brought his red ribbon into use about these impressions, so here goes a feeble effort to tell you what I thought of the Convention.

First, I can not begin to describe my feelings when I first reached the very beautiful and still more interesting city of New Orleans. It was cold and chilly up in these "coal diggings" of West Virginia when I left, and you know what a contrast the weather was in New Orleans. I had always wanted to go to that city and had expected a great deal of it and I was not disappointed. It far reached beyond my expectations. It is decidedly the most interesting and the most genuinely enjoyable city in which I have ever been, and I have seen quite a good deal of most of the larger ones in this country. But there is something in New Orleans which the others have not. It seemed foreign, yet it is homelike, and for one I am of the opinion that we certainly made no mistake by having our Convention there.

As to the New Orleans Hs, there could be but one common impression among all the visitors at the Convention, and that was that of all hospitable people, they come first. Nothing seemed too great for them to do for their visiting brothers, and they did great things and entertained the Convention in what I dare say was the most elaborate way it had ever been entertained. Will you ever forget that spaghetti supper; and that banquet; and above all that dance and reception? Those H sisters—did they make an impression on me? I am not going to say—for certain reasons I am afraid to—but those girls at that dance that night would certainly prove a

delight to any man, and that alone compensated every man there for the trip.

I have been to three conventions and almost without exception the appearance, the behavior and the manner of the various delegates have always impressed me with the fact that Pi Kappa Alpha must have the cream of the college men. But no convention ever impressed me with that fact more forcibly than did this New Orleans one. The delegates there were good—every one of them—and Pi Kappa Alpha is certainly to be congratulated in having such a set of men present at this law-making meeting. They were there expecting a good time and if appearances indicated anything each and every one of them had it, but they were also there for work. They each had a trust imposed upon him and each fully performed that trust. The attendance at each session was large and the interest taken by each man there was great. Some of them differed with each other, but they were all honestly working for the interests of the Garnet and Old Gold. One could not imagine more generous victors than the Expansionists, and one can not think of a better manner or a braver stand than the Anti-Expansionists took over their defeat. It is just such spirit as that which makes Pi Kappa Alpha what it is, and it is just such unselfish devotion which will always keep Pi Kappa Alpha amongst the first of Greekdom.

Did the devotion, the interest and the work of my associate officers in New Orleans impress me? Well I guess it did. I know there can never be a better, a more efficient and a more interested executive head of our fraternity than Pike Powers, and there never was a finer fellow. As an officer who has been intimately connected with him in the fraternity work for a number of years, I am in a position to appreciate what he has done for the fraternity, and I know what a loss the fraternity has suffered by his inability to continue in that office. That loss would be almost unbearable to think about were

it not for the fact that I believe there was one man in New Orleans who will make as good a Grand Princeps as Powers was, and that is that genial and lovable fellow "The Governor." The delegates knew that also, and while we lost a great executive officer, we nevertheless have a worthy successor. Everybody knows that no fraternity or no organization of any kind could have a better officer than our Grand Treasurer. He simply made more permanent the impression I have always had of him to the effect that he is absolutely necessary to Pi Kappa Alpha, and in fact composes the greater part of his fraternity. What Underwood lacks in size he makes up in zeal, in ability and in his devotion to his fraternity—for the fraternity's sake I hope he may for a long time be its Grand Secretary.

As a whole I think New Orleans the best city to which I have ever been. I think our hosts were the most hospitable I have ever seen. I think the delegates were the best ever and gin fizzes suit my palate better than any of the few other things, with which it has ever come in contact. The convention was one glorious success and I will never forget it.

GRAHAM SALE, Grand Historiographer.

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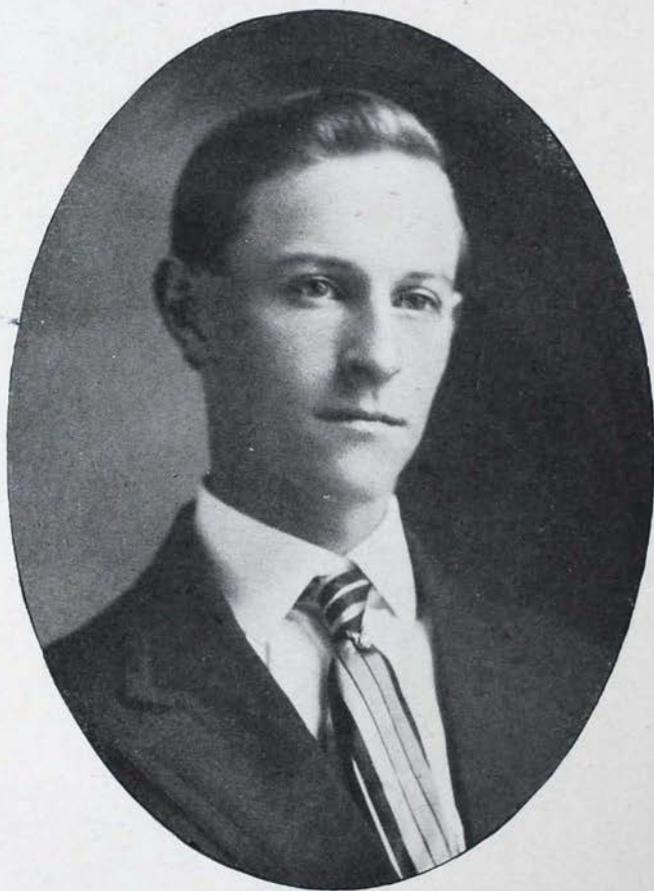
Boys, when it comes to putting my impressions of the Second Bi-ennial Convention on paper I assure you that, if I had literary ability in proportion to the enthusiasm I have had since attending it, I would write a masterpiece that would go down in history. However, I can not refrain from grasping this opportunity to tell the Pi Kappa Alpha world what I think of it and how proud I am to be the small part of it that I am.

At the convention in New Orleans I held the rather unique position of being both a host and a guest and I therefore feel at liberty to speak from both positions. As a host I believe that I have never had a greater pleasure than welcoming and entertaining the officers and

members of Pi Kappa Alpha. Not entirely because they were fraternity brothers of mine and because I was glad to meet them face to face, but because each and every man from Powers, the Grand Princeps down to "Gee Whiz" Hulme, the "baby" from Georgia, impressed me as being the best of good fellows.

I can not too highly praise the work of the officers whose untiring efforts since the last convention has shown results that has surpassed all records heretofore. I had the honor to be the Chairman of the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports and therefore know the strides that the Fraternity has made and the work that was necessary for this advancement. It was generally regretted that Brothers Powers was unable to lead us for another term but we realize that he has done more than his share of the hard work and are willing to look back on his term of office as the most successful era the Fraternity has had. Now there's Smythe; boys, I believe anything I would say in praise of Smythe after all that has been said would be so inadequate that it would sound like a joke. I was like all of you who had not met him, well, I did at New Orleans and I assure you it was one of my greatest pleasures at the convention. I will always remember the warm hand shake and the amiable smile of "Guv'nor" Hughes whom we all welcome as our new Chief Executive. Sale was as fat and amiable as the "Guv'nor" and the manner in which he was elected plainly shows what the members think of him. How although Smythe persists in saying he is "knee high to an ink bottle" I like Underwood and I was delighted to see him re-elected to the position he has so capably filled. The individual members were up to what I expected them to be and it was indeed a pleasure to meet so many IIs together.

Among the numerous important questions that were so systematically and completely settled, I believe the most important work of the convention was the ultimate disposal of the famous question of "Expansion." This ques-



CHARLES W. UNDERWOOD, Chi,
Grand Secretary.

tion which has been debated for so many years and which was so carefully discussed at the sessions in New Orleans has now been completely settled to the satisfaction of both sides. This was unquestionably the best work done at the sessions and had it been the only thing done it would have been well worth while convening for. I believe it will be the commencement of the greatest era that Pi Kappa Alpha has ever seen and it will place her on a basis equal to any fraternity in the Pan-Hellenic World, within a very few years. Before closing on this subject I must say something about the way the brothers who opposed "Expansion" gracefully bowed to the will of the majority. I have never seen any faction put such a manly and clean fight. They were true to their chapters and put up a strong fight but when they were defeated they showed the true Pi Kappa Alpha spirit and when their spokesman made his speech stating that they intended to fight as hard for the advancement of the Fraternity as they fought against expansion, I was truly proud to call them "Brother."

At the social functions I enjoyed myself better than I ever have at any similar affairs and it was the greatest disappointment I have ever experienced to have to leave the city before the banquet.

Most of you may remember that in my chapter letters for the past year I predicted, when I was begging you all to come, that the New Orleans Convention was going to be the greatest in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha, well, I now want to ask you; was it?

ROBERT A. STRONG, M. D., Alumnus of Eta.
Christian, Miss., May the seventeenth.

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Having just received Brother Smythe's letter asking for my impressions of the Convention, I will try, which will be a very hard thing to do, to give a few of the many impressions of the Second Bi-ennial Convention made on me. First, I think there is no comparison in the last two

Conventions. I do not mean to say the Richmond Convention was not a great one, but that the last one at New Orleans was still greater. It is worth any one's times to visit a convention to meet the Grand Officers and find how much these men have at heart the fraternity. I believe it would make you feel like going back to your chapter resolved to do more than you have ever done in the past. The alumni and delegates were a grand bunch of fellows. They all came there willing to do what was best for the fraternity, ready to abide by whatever decision the majority made and all went back to their respective homes and colleges with a stronger impression of their fraternity.

The most forcible impression to my mind was something like this: The chapters do not want to initiate a single man that does not represent the true type of a Π . Though your chapter may be small at times you will have the best chapter in your college. When every chapter in $\Pi K A$ make this their standard we will be recognized as one of the best and our foundation will be firm.

We do not want to take any chances, so do not let your chapter hinder the progress of the whole Fraternity. It certainly does not take the largest chapter enrollment to rank with the best.

Let's all meet at Knoxville two years hence, three hundred or more strong, to make that a still better convention. If the Knoxville Π s come up to the New Orleans Π s they sure will have to go some! Do not know how they did it and think I can truthfully say that their hospitality has never yet been excelled. What they did for us was appreciated to the fullest extent and will not soon be forgotten.

JOHN U. FIELD, Alumnus of Kappa.

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Here I am as usual, late. I did not date this letter for I didn't know the date, and hardly know the place.

If you remember the second day of the Convention I had to go back to the office and shortly after you heard from me the last time, I was sent up here in the woods.

Am a compass man for timber people and while in the woods hardly get an opportunity or a place to write. In fact, we only get mail maybe every two, three or four weeks; and send mail at the same intervals.

At present all I can say of the Convention is:

The members impressed me as being the best set of men on earth wearing badges of the same design and having in their hearts the same true and noble spirit.

The officers impressed me as being the most capable men and deserving to lead the wearers of the *Shield and Diamond* through all difficulties to success.

The work of the Convention, I am sorry to say I can not pass my opinion on as I was able only to attend the business sessions occasionally. The Fraternity impressed me as the leading Fraternity in the South and one that bids fair to rival any in America in the near future. In fact, it impressed me so favorably that I wonder that there is any other Greek letter Society in existence.

And how I enjoyed the social functions. Well, I hope I'll be as happy when I get married, for the presence of beautiful women make the saddest man happy!

Of course, I know you will just throw this in the waste basket, first because its written on both sides of the paper and second and third and so on just "because." But I am sorry indeed that I can not write better for I am proud of Pi Kappa Alpha and want everybody to know it. Yet these woods and the life I am compelled to live while in them prevents me from enjoying any phase of civilization.

Though savage as I may be at present $\Pi K A$ is never forgotten.

The woods of North Louisiana and Southern Arkansas are enough to drive any man crazy, and if they succeed in driving me there, I believe I'll still remember $\Pi K A$, the Convention and the men who attended it for they impressed me so favorably that nothing connected with the Fraternity can ever be forgotten.

JOSEPH F. WARD, Alumnus of Eta.

I have been told that I was expected to write my impressions of the Convention for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and any of you who have ever been to a Convention know by whom I have been told, and know further that it is worse than useless to endeavor to disregard or side-step, as it were, instructions from our "Red-Ribbon" brother. It is necessary, therefore, that I endeavor, as best I can, to give in a few words, the impressions the New Orleans Convention has left upon my mind.

First, perhaps, I should say something about the personnel of the Convention. And let me state right here that anything I could say would not adequately express the great pleasure I had in meeting and knowing so many enthusiastic brothers. As a body they were simply great, and as individuals I shall never forget them, and shall always bear in my heart a loving memory of those noble Knights of the Garnet and Gold. Coming from all over our Southland, and representing as they did our foremost institutions of learning, they bore convincing testimony to the wisdom of our chapters in the selection of men to uphold the principles and aims of Pi Kappa Alpha. The delegates individually and collectively were a body of men of which any fraternity could well feel proud. The alumni brothers in their every act emphasized the fact that they had the interests of Pi Kappa Alpha at heart; and the Fraternity, I am sure, appreciates their loyalty and devotion.

The New Orleans brothers and those from around that great old city, as hosts of the Convention, out-did themselves in the matter of entertainment. Who can forget that Spaghetti Supper in Portuguese Hall, over which J. M. Koelle presided with so much grace and tact? And who does not remember the comparison presented between the laborious efforts of some of the brothers to dispose of the spaghetti and the ability in that direction displayed by "Governor" Hughes and Ferdinand? And who did not notice that "Red Ribbon" ate hardly at all? Nor can we

forget Ward's tale of the package which was never opened; nor the fact that Smythe consumed his speech on the way to New Orleans; nor Hughes' glowing tribute to woman, which was entirely founded in fact. Nor can we forget the weird music dispensed by the Portuguese band, nor the coon songs furnished by the "committee of three."

Greatest of all, however, was the reception and dance tendered by the New Orleans chapters. This was, to my mind, the most interesting feature of the Convention. It was a great pleasure to meet the Pi sisters and the other lovely girls of New Orleans who graced the entertainment, and whose charming smile and attractive personality lent color to a brilliant and happy occasion.

It was great to see our (old) married brothers trying to pass as unsuspecting heart-free youths. It was greater still to see our "Governor" trying to prove that he was unmarried; and his wonderful success is evidenced by the fact that, upon good authority, he is to be married before the next Convention. And what of Powers? The prattle of his tongue, as he lightly floated o'er the floor, must have well nigh drowned the distant patter of little feet. And Sale, oh, my! he was not satisfied with one girl, as was the "Governor," but must needs make love to a dozen or more; and right well did he keep his secret until he tried the "Governor's" girl. Then it was all up with him, for it seems that the "Governor" had provided against interference from that quarter, and had imparted certain information that effectively disposed of Sale's chances. I hesitate to speak of "Red Ribbon" Smythe, fearing, indeed, that he will take advantage of the difference in size and wreak personal vengeance upon me. However that may be, I feel that I should say that instead of chaperoning the Grand Secretary (which he frequently stated he was doing), and thereby carrying out most imperative instructions, the Grand Secretary had all he could do to keep the Grand Treasurer out of serious matrimonial difficulties; which latter fact explains why it was that the

Grand Secretary came away from the dance "heart whole and fancy free." Altogether, the dance was a most successful one, and no feature of the Convention was more enjoyed.

The banquet was a fitting climax to a delightful three days stay in New Orleans. After all the speeches had been made, and all the toasts drunk, and with the dawn but a few hours off, the Convention ended in a blaze of glory and a burst (bust) of song.

It was a great pleasure to meet those present at the Convention, and to be so charmingly entertained by the brothers in New Orleans, and especially are our thanks due to Orloff Henry—one of nature's noblemen—who was always ready to minister to the comfort and convenience of all. And there were the two Koelles, and Dr. Strong, and Ward, and Jones, and Atkinson, and Hudson, and a host of others whom lack of space forbids me mentioning. I can not refrain from saying how sorry I was that Floyd Hughes, and Sam Lacy and McSween and a number of others were absent, but it is to be hoped that all of them will be at Knoxville in 1911.

A great deal of work was accomplished by the Convention, and the delegates are to be congratulated upon the knowledge displayed by them of the matters that came up for consideration.

Northern extension is now an assured fact, and it is hoped that the near future will see Pi Kappa Alpha installed in a number of our colleges and universities north of the Mason and Dixon line. However, the policy of the Supreme Council in this respect is going to be very conservative, and petitioners must stand high in the college life to be assured of success. If Pi Kappa Alpha can't go in on the ground floor, then Pi Kappa Alpha doesn't intend to go in at all. A weak chapter in a Northern university, surrounded as it would be by stronger and wealthier chapters, would be worse than useless, and those delegates who fought expansion so nobly and well, need have

no fear that the Supreme Council will permit the standard of Pi Kappa Alpha to be lowered by the acquisition of a chapter unworthy of the name. The Supreme Council intends to be guided solely by quality and not by quantity.

The division of the fraternity into districts, and the appointment of Inspectors, should have a wholesome effect upon the fraternity in general, and should do much towards eradicating the somewhat loose system of reports that heretofore existed. The districting of the fraternity makes possible District Conventions, which should enable whole chapters to meet each other, and thus by the interchange of ideas great mutual benefit should result.

Altogether, the New Orleans Convention of 1909 should be the beginning of a new era of prosperity and success for Pi Kappa Alpha. Questions that have been discussed pro and con almost since the foundation of the fraternity have now been settled, and Pi Kappa Alpha should and will go forward faster than ever.

CHARLES W. UNDERWOOD, Grand Secretary.

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Just how I was impressed, just exactly how much pleasure I experienced just how much I learned of the fraternity and its workings at the convention held in New Orleans would be difficult to state. Yet, I can reduce the difficulty of the problem somewhat by summing it all up under the head of pleasure derived—for it was one continual round of pleasure for me from the time I began to meet brothers from our chapters in North Carolina on through the work of the Convention and the social features to the time when I bade the last farewell to the brothers from Alpha and Pi in Danville, Va.,—and say, not that it was one of the most pleasant, but the most pleasant trip I ever had.

From the very first, I could not help being strongly impressed with the personality of the men who were giving around freely our prized grip. I felt proud of them and of the fact that I belong to the same fraternity as they.

Naturally, I expected great things of them, nor was I disappointed in this, for the strong brotherly spirit exhibited throughout the convention, even during the heat of and after the fight was over for extension, betokened a fraternal spirit and broad-mindedness that I could scarcely have believed possible in mere human beings had I not witnessed it with my own eyes.

As to the members of the fraternity, the delegates, were the first that I came in contact with, naturally, I formed my opinion of them first. Next, however, I began to study the officers of our fraternity. Here again, I was expecting big things. Our officers collectively, are known as the Supreme Council. Now, the word 'supreme,' taken in connection with 'council,' carries immense weight, and it was but natural that I should expect great things of such a body of men. Again, I was not disappointed. The conservatism with which they viewed the "burning questions" of the convention, questions in which they were quite as much interested, if not more so, as the delegates, and the manner in which they refrained from taking an active part in the fights, could but impress the delegates most favorably. Add to this a strong fraternity spirit and unlimited enthusiasm over the Convention, and I ask, is it any wonder that we left the Convention with such an enthusiastic opinion and warm regard for the Supreme Council of Pi Kappa Alpha?

The work of the convention, and there was plenty of it, was conducted in such a business like way as to make it one of the pleasures of the convention. Order and method characterized each day's proceedings throughout, and the writer ventures to state his belief that if any men were present who had never taken any active part in the work of our fraternity, he did not leave without having gained an added respect and love for old Pi Kappa Alpha.

In writing of impressions of the convention, no paper would be complete that did not mention the social functions, for it was this phase of the convention that broke

the monotony of and gave zest to the work. The writer will never forget the joviality of the "Spaghetti Supper," the merriness of the reception and dance, nor the eloquence and general good time of the banquet. Memories of these will ever be treasured in his bosom as the fondest of a life-time.

Judging by all the various features of the convention, the writer was more convinced than ever of the belief that he already entertained that ours is the strongest of all the fraternities in true fraternal spirit, has higher ideals than others, and that, under the present system of management, must continue to go ahead in its progressive march toward what is the summit of the writer's ambition for his fraternity, the strongest fraternity in the South.

J. H. BRENT, Gamma.

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Every once in a long while there comes to every man, in the embryo stage, the solemn conviction that he has at last attained the supreme moment of his young life,—notwithstanding the many previous convictions of like nature. Undoubtedly some one of these moments is the "very supremest" of all the other moments, and so I know that Convention in old New Orleans was the moment of my life—that "the" is in small capitals only because I know it would give one of our well-known brothers a deal of trouble to transfer his red ribbon to his printing press.

But that's another story,—and one of which we are often very forcibly reminded,—while the theme that interests me just now is that of all the good fellows I learned to know at the Convention. There they were, from Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri, Alabama, the Carolinas, Georgia, Virginia, Mississippi, Tennessee, West Virginia, Florida, and scores of them from good old Louisiana.

How many more states could they hail from next time? But they can come from the four corners of the earth, so far as I am concerned, if they are all of the same quality as those Π 's at the Convention. I remember at one of the

meetings as I looked around on them all, the thought came over me of what a cracking good chapter that bunch would make,—a trifle large, maybe, but they would be a banner chapter that never would give Brother Smythe any trouble, and, of course, harmony would prevail since the extension question has been settled! And a still finer crowd they would make with some of our officers for S. M. Cs.

And speaking of those officers, it was certainly good to know them in the flesh. After leaving Atlanta, on the journey down, one of the Π 's discovered a very young looking man on the train whom he took to be none other than the Grand Treasurer. After the news was spread, and we had shaken his hand, we breathed easier and some of our awe left us when he referred to the rather diminutive individual beside him, thus—"That's Underwood," well, everybody will have long forgotten how little Brother Underwood is, before the memory of his big heart, his enthusiasm, his good fellowship and his great worth, ever fades. It was worth a trip to New Orleans to have the pleasure of taking part of it with Robert Adger Smythe and Charles Walton Underwood. One of the first persons to hail me at the St. Charles was big Graham Sale, Π 's stellar alumnus in the fraternity firmanent. Glad as I was to see him, I was even prouder of him all through the Convention. A great pleasure awaited me when we first assembled—that of meeting our beloved Grand Princeps and the jovial, staunch "Governor" Hughes. Every one was impressed with the dignity with which Brother Power presided over those meetings, and yet he had the rare power of combining with his dignity and abundance of good humor, which endeared him to us all the more. And upon his resignation the election of the Hon. J. Gordon Hughes to that high seat is but an attestation of the esteem in which both are held. Who was there but grew to love that genial, kindly man we elected as our Grand Chaplain,—Dr. Summey. He is indeed a noble Π , and added much to our visit. Yes, those officers are great,

and I never want to meet a finer, more cultured group of gentlemen than they. We have done well to put them, together with Brother Floyd Hughes and Brother Riddick, at the helm. Every one of them has done his duty nobly, and while they are in their respective offices, there is no fear that Pi Kappa Alpha will be lacking in a wise, just and honorable administration.

With the officers we have and with such a body of men working with them, there is little wonder that the last was the Convention. The work was thoroughly done and the whole Convention was perfectly organized. Every one was deeply interested and however divergent the views of individual members may have been, it was quite obvious that each man had an eye single to the advancement and strengthening of Pi Kappa Alpha. Hence, the work, though necessarily rapidly done, was of inestimable value to the fraternity, the men who were so fortunate as to be there, and, through them to the chapters.

All of these things served better than all of the fraternity publications and the talks of those who have attended former conventions to give me an idea of what the Fraternity really is and of what it means or should mean to every Π . With such a convention, with such spirit and such men, we have a Fraternity of which we must feel justly proud. They are the type of men who make one really feel that he is a member of a fraternity which stands for the cleanest, the strongest and the best, not only in college life, but also out in the University of the World. The work of that convention and the excellent chapter reports all show great progress, unbounded enthusiasm and a development which is almost marvelous. The whole idea of the Fraternity, there conveyed and given definite form, made the desire stronger within me than ever before to be of some real value to the organization which is of such unmeasurable value to me.

No recount of those glad days is in any sense complete without an attempt to express in some terms my enjoy-

ment of the delightful social functions tendered us. There was, first, that unique spaghetti supper, the memories of which we will laugh over for many more such gatherings. There formality was thrown to the winds and every man seemed so imbued with the abundant good fellowship, that I know of nothing which could have been more appropriate to the time, place and event. I think the delights of that beautifully arranged dance on the following night are best described in the words of one, who occupies a high seat among the mighty,—now a busy citizen of Atlanta, but who knew so long the delights of Charleston's exclusive society,—when he declared, "That was the prettiest and most enjoyable affair I ever attended." He ought to have had his red ribbon machine there!

And then the banquet! What a finale to one round of pleasure, coupled with hard work, was that elegantly appointed and delightfully served banquet! I wish I could remember all the toasts, but their whole-souled, enthusiastic spirit best conveys an idea of the pleasure of that night. I don't think a man there would have missed it for worlds, and if those who did could get half an idea of its pleasures they would never cease to regret absenting themselves.

But I could ramble on in this reminiscent strain until our editor, instead of issuing red, white and blue commands for "more copy," would demand my expulsion for attempting a "corner" on the magazine. However, I can not stop without trying to give some expression of my thanks for and appreciation of the hospitality and attentions so warmly bestowed by the members of Eta and Alumnus Eta—thank Heaven, another Virginian even more than a century ago knew a good thing when he saw it, made that Louisiana purchase! Those fellows down there have made it hard to forget their city long enough to think of going to Knoxville, but I earnestly hope that

by the Spring of 1911 every Pi who was at New Orleans will be ready to report to the third Bi-ennial. Best wishes to all of them.

LAWRENCE CLAIBORNE WITTEN, Pi.

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It was a welcome surprise to the writer to have had the honor of representing Omicron Chapter, at the New Orleans Convention of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity in April last.

As the train was boarded, that was to take me so far from my native city, I felt that I was beginning a trip through new scenes, new cities, new states, but still our Southland, and it was a revelation to me to see in reality what had never been fully realized,—the new South.

It was with a feeling of pride that I stepped off at New Orleans, and met with a reception that was whole souled and cordial, and to be within the circle of my new made friends and brothers was the crowning pleasure of the week. Seldom, if ever, has it been my good fortune to have met such a splendid body of men. Young, enthusiastic and with healthy ambitions that will conquer every obstacle to their ultimate success. Gifted in speech, broad in their views, and big in their ideals, Pi Kappa Alpha need well be proud of her representatives.

This is an age of young men, and it was good to see the positions of trust and responsibility of the Fraternity presided over by young men. In these they "quitted themselves like men," with credit to themselves, and honor to the Fraternity.

The men of Eta Chapter left nothing undone that would contribute in any way to the pleasure of every visiting Π , and their untiring efforts in our behalf will ever be a pleasant memory.

The three days of the convention passed all too quickly, and the leave-taking time came all too soon. There can

be no doubt of the success of the Convention, and every one turned his face homeward prouder than ever to wear the *Shield and Diamond*.

Long live Eta,—Forever live Pi Kappa Alpha.

R. McLEAN WHITTET, Omicron.

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No one ever gets a true conception of the spirit and workings of a Fraternity until he has attended a Convention. I wish it were possible that every member of the Fraternity could attend at least one convention. But since that can not be, I think it is the duty of every delegate to bring back to his chapter the spirit, enthusiasm, and renewal of interest that he has gained by the associations and hand-shakes of his brothers at the Convention.

One of the most impressive things was the spirit and harmony of the delegates in all their workings. While there were opposition to some of the questions at issue, the defeated side always joined in heart and hand with the victorious side. The most striking example of this was when the vote on Northern Expansion was announced. No sooner was it was announced than the defeated side, who had worked so earnestly and conscientiously, rose and gave three cheers for Expansion.

Another impressive thing was the spirit and interest of the alumni present. The strength of a Fraternity depends a great deal upon the strength and interest of the alumni.

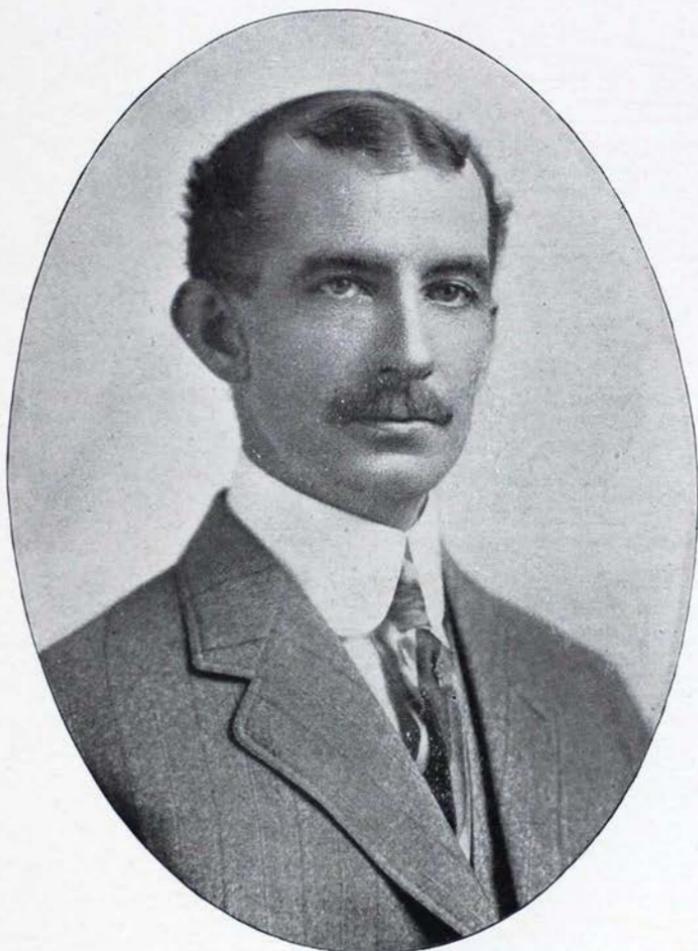
I am sure the impressions made by the hospitality that was shown us will ever be a pleasant memory to every member present. No stronger evidence could have been given to show us that the Fraternity is made up of the true Southern Spirit.

TOM O. GALLOWAY, Psi.

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Of course my impressions were all pleasant, they could not be otherwise.

The biggest impression was made by the members of the Fraternity. It sure made a fellow feel good to meet a



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Grand Treasurer and Business Manager II K A Publications.

bunch of men such as they were and to know that they belong to the same fraternity.

The officers impressed me as being able men with a great love for the fraternity and full of a desire to fulfil their duties in a way that would best promote her interests.

I thought there was one thing that could be improved in the work of the convention. There were too many delegates present who were content to sit still and let others do the talking. While no doubt they were just as interested as the speakers and as keenly alive as to what they thought were the best interests of the fraternity, they should have done a little talking themselves. They may claim and justly, I reckon, that we fellows with the expansion bee buzzing so loudly in our heads didn't give anybody else a chance to talk. But that was just the time they ought to have had their little say.

All in all I certainly was favorably impressed with my Fraternity and I want to say right here that if there is any Π K A anywhere, and I hope there isn't, who is at times a little doubtful as to his doing the best thing by joining the fraternity, let him go to the next convention. He will come away with the conviction that he is a member of the best of them all and with a love for the old fraternity that will never waver.

And those New Orleans fellows sure do know how to entertain, as I write I am looking at that work of art the menu of the Spaghetti Supper and the memory of that Dago cheese even yet causes a queer feeling in my "innerds."

The reception and dance and the final banquet were all great and too great credit can not be given to Alumnus Eta and Eta for the fine time they gave us.

Of course I came home happy. I have only had one thought since I became a Π and that was Northern Expansion and I am mighty glad that I was present as a delegate to the convention which made Pi Kappa Alpha a truly national fraternity.

New Orleans, the II's and II sisters I met, and the "Geo Whizzes" will always remain a pleasant memory with me and if there is any way for me to be in Knoxville in 1911 I surely will be there and any other II who can, but does not go will miss the time of his life.

T. S. DUNN, Alpha-Kappa.

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The most delectable of all good times, I think was had by the members of the II K A Fraternity, who were fortunate enough to be at our last convention; and to bestow upon ourselves the pleasure of meeting our brothers who came from all over the Sunny South. These brothers were the most eager and zealous lot that could have assembled, they far surpassing my conception of the men who wore II K A badges.

Having chimerically obtained the information that the Supreme Council and Grand Officers were grandeurous men exceedingly jealous for want of a crop of hair; it was quite surprising to become aware of the fact that our officers were boys and one practically a baby (in size) but like the rest has the knowledge and power of doing great things, these young fellows who are at the head of our beloved Fraternity are as congenial and friendly as any body of boys could be. Notwithstanding the fact that some of them are daddies, their spirit of childhood still clings to them, this being accentuated after our first evening's entertainment.

We had a fine time and when our business meetings were in session we were ever anxious to do something that would be for the best of the Fraternity and this is what we attempted to do. The meetings were carried on in a quiet business like manner having good attendance at all times. Being unaware of what the changes we made in the Constitution or what we added may cause, all were done for what we thought to be to our advantage.

Our Fraternity taken all in all has been the most progressing and prosperous one in our land, having predomi-

nated the South, and now as we have decided to put forth our utmost efforts and go into the North, the time will come when we will be looked up to throughout our country; instead of as it is now, when a Northerner sees a Π K A badge he naturally thinks it's a local club for he never saw one of our badges or ever heard of the Fraternity before. Being informed that we are over forty years old, he is astonished and says that he is far behind the time. Our Fraternity which is the growing Fraternity of our country and with the best men of the South as leaders, how can it help from doing as it has in the past?

Of the hospitality of our hosts nothing but praise of the highest sort can be said, the first evening's entertainment was a Spaghetti Supper which was the most unique yet more enjoyable than any supper that I ever attended. Among the many drinks to be had were river water, white water, ice water, and extra wet water, of which the last was most refreshing after eating a few yards of spaghetti, while it was quite amusing to see the boys as well as myself trying to wind it around a fork so as to get a mouthful of the delicious food. The kindness of our hosts was again shown on Thursday evening in the form of a dance given in the beautiful hall known as the Palm Garden and with the most beautiful and attractive damsels of the city present it is useless to say as to what kind of a time we had, but in the least it was and will be remembered as one of the most highly pleasing entertainments of the Convention. At the banquet the following evening every one was filled with the most palatable edibles of the season while apollinaris Water took up a small portion of the space. While eating the room was filled with the sounds of appropriate toasts given by the different members of the Fraternity. This last convention should and will be recorded as one of the most successful meetings of our Fraternity.

G. E. GOODWIN, Omega.

No member of the II K A Fraternity can realize what that brotherhood means to him until he get the opportunity to attend one of its conventions. Meeting with some of the best men of the South on April the 14th, meant a great deal to me and to my chapter. They impressed me as being men that will become the leading citizens of America in the near future. Moreover they made a deep impression upon me as to their character. They were men who knew how to conduct themselves gentlemanly; they were very sociable at all times; they were men who were firm to their decision in life.

The officers were about the best class of men that we could have for the place. The faithful service which they rendered us, made a very deep impression upon me. I think they well deserve the honor and praise from all the Fraternity. They were men who could fill with ease the positions which they held.

The Convention was very interesting. All took active part in the meetings. I was greatly impressed with the discussions on various subjects in which each chapter took part. The work of the convention put new vigor in me. It helped me to understand the workings of the whole Fraternity. The work of the convention enrolled each chapter to know what the other chapters were doing. I don't think the working of the convention could be carried on in any other way.

Although I feel that our Fraternity has some noble men in it and know that we join heart and hand in everything which is calculated to bring honor upon the whole Fraternity, yet there are some thing which were lacking which we mean to try to improve in our chapter so we can say that Theta is among the best.

The Spaghetti Supper brought me back to the time when I dwelt in the Crescent City. It brought to me pleasant memories of the happy days which I spent in that city eating spaghetti.

Although I could not take part in the dance, I spent several hours admiring the couples that adorned the floor of the Palm Garden, while the music poured forth its sweet refrains. I can well say that New Orleans should praise her fair maidens for we all admire the queenly woman of the South. The banquet could not be surpassed. I had a very pleasant time and enjoyed the appropriate toasts. I don't know that I ever in my life had a more enjoyable time during the three days spent in the Crescent City of the South. It was with deep regret that we bade each other good-bye to return to our several colleges, but one could look to the future when the Π 's will meet once again at Knoxville to meet together for one specific purpose.

J. C. McQUEEN, Theta.

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The night of April 13th was spent in meeting and greeting one another, which was by no means the least pleasure of the Convention.

The members representing the Chapters from Alpha Mu inclusive, were indeed true Π s. It is also true that the Alumni were equally as good a body of true young Π s as the Chapter representatives; each upheld the standard which they represented in every respect. Their personality was all that is attractive, their efforts showed only the real good to be accomplished, while friendship, true and tried existed throughout the several meetings.

The convention was called together by Grand Princeps J. Pike Powers, Jr., who, although he is experienced in the trust, yet he deserves especial credit for his unusual capacity for executive ability shown in such an exceedingly pleasing way on this occasion.

The roll was called by Grand Secretary C. W. Underwood whose height might be considered under the average, yet his ability and wit always brings him above mediocrity.

When the report of the Grand Treasurer was called and responded to by Robert A. Smythe of Georgia, how could we expect other than an acceptable report from such a clever head, "although his head is shy of hair" on outward appearance, but is rather "gray" on the inside.

Brother Sale's hearty cheers to Eta Chapter after the ball was over left him unable to respond to duty next day among the Supreme Council.

The work of our Fraternity of two years was reviewed and all the ground covered; plans were made for the two following years, all of which was arranged very satisfactorily in three days. This proves that no more capable a Supreme Council could be selected to carry on this trustworthy and important work.

We have been a National fraternity nearly one month now, and are the weakest among many Nationals. We all know that we were the strongest among the Southern fraternity, and with our good standard of brotherhood that has been upheld throughout the South and has brought us to the front with these same standards throughout the Nation, together with the aid of us all, Π κ Λ will have Old Gold and Garnett above them all.

Alumnus and active Eta deserve nine RAHS from Π κ Λ for their royal social functions given in their honor at the Convention; above all we must not forget the spaghetti supper, although it was just the beginning of the pleasant social occurrences in the Crescent City.

The following evening they again made us her debtors with a very enjoyable dance with our many sisters of the city.

Last came the banquet, where were assembled many hard-boiled shirts and frock-tailed coats, covering as many true hearted Π s as were ever before gathered together; all the toasts were responded to with much gusto.

The only sad occurrence was when the many departing trains were clanging, reminding us that we must say

good-bye and take our departure from scenes of so much pleasure.

Impressions were made with each and all of us throughout the South which will continue fresh in our minds until the next Convention in Knoxville.

LESTER W. KELLNER, Alpha-Lambda.

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To give anything like a correct impression of the Second Bi-ennial Convention, held in New Orleans, in all its richness of pleasure and benefit, would be a most difficult task were we given unlimited space, but to attempt to include it all within the compass of an article of a few hundred words is enough to tax the condensing powers of an examination paper specialist. Suffice it to say that I am still full of everything that happened there, even the spaghetti supper. I am also glad to say that Delta Chapter has been able to imbibe such an inspiration from this convention that she is planning to carry *en masse* her alumni and her active members to the next one in Knoxville in 1911. At least there will be one of that bunch there, and I hope especially to meet again all the brothers whom I met in New Orleans with their *wives*, their *children*, and their *twins*.

In regard to my impressions of the members who composed the Convention of 1909, I desire to say in all candor that I could not have hoped for a finer, more cultured, loyal, enthusiastic bunch of fraternity men. Besides these qualities, they seemed to be representative men from all departments of collegiate education, a thing in which $\Pi K A$ should feel a just pride. Among these men there existed a warm fraternal spirit, which made you feel the same toward the men from Arkansas, or West Virginia, as toward your own chapter brother—a spirit in which I now believe no fraternity in the United States excels the youngest national fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha. But above all else, there seemed to be in these members a persistent determination for the upbuilding

of Π κ Λ , which is to work most mightily in an effort to make her the foremost college fraternity of America. In conclusion from the representatives of the chapters present at New Orleans, we would say, that Pi Kappa Alpha only needs more men and not better men, for I have never seen a body of fraternity men more nearly embodying the highest ideals of fraternalism.

As to the officers, using a current expression, I will say that they were "simply great" from the imposing height of our handsome Grand Historiographer to the much reduced stature of our smiling Grand Secretary. From them I caught the greatest inspiration of the Convention, for to see these busy men of affairs toiling as Smythe, Sale, Powers, Underwood, and the inimitable "Governor" are doing for the Fraternity, is enough to arouse in one a broader conception of the reality of fraternity life, not only during college days, but during the conflicts of after-life as well. As I looked on these men and realized that to the Supreme Council is due most of the credit for Pi Kappa Alpha's progress, I could but think of what she might be if every one of her sons were as loyal and enthusiastic in her service as these men who use "red letter" type, ply you with letters relative to deceased alumni and administer duns. But seriously, there could not be found a Supreme Council who could strive more zealously to promote and guard Pi Kappa Alpha's interest than our present Grand Officers. All honor to them! May their marked devotion and service arouse a like spirit in us. Then will Pi Kappa Alpha have realized its possibility and become truly great.

The work of the Convention was thorough, systematic, and deliberate in its scope. It showed in its results that there had been work done beforehand in thought and practice. Guided and directed by the Supreme Council, the Convention accomplished much of lasting value. Over the whole assembly there seemed to rest a genuine atmosphere of conservative advancement. There prevailed ab-

solite harmony throughout the sessions. The results I believe of the Convention will be of lasting good, of course, Northern Expansion was the accomplishment of supreme importance, but I also believe that the chapter-house plans, and the general changes in the Constitution will be productive of much benefit. Withall, the Convention was characterized by a sagacious judgment a spirit of conservative advancement and an unbroken harmony which reflects credit on Pi Kappa Alpha, and made the Convention a distinct step forward in her life.

As to the entertainment of the Convention at the hands of the Alumnus Chapter of New Orleans and the active chapter at Tulane, we can not express ourselves in terms commensurate with the need. However, it was superb from the time of arrival in the Crescent City to the time of our departure. A spirit of more intense generosity, and untiring service could not have been found in any host than in these brother IIs of New Orleans. I join with the Convention in saying that no assembly of IIs ever before had met with a more elaborate series of social functions than the spaghetti supper, the Reception and Dance, and the Banquet. No more elaborae program could have been prepared. Of course, on the night of the Spaghetti Supper, as Dr. Summey said, there were many of us who did not know whether what we ate was good for the insides or the outside. We put it in the inside though and have never yet had occasion to deery our choice. But on Thursday night a still more elaborate affair awaited us. In the Palm Garden of the St. Charles, we enjoyed a reception and dance which in point of elegance was the most enjoyable function of the Convention, for here we met the wives, the sweethearts, and the friends of our Louisiana brothers, than which a choicer collection of beauty and wit could not have been found in that great State. On Friday night came the Banquet which completed the round of entertainment afforded us by our royal hosts. One who has ever attended one of these banquets knows it charms. Surrounded by delicious

viands (for which New Orleans I think is justly famed), amid the flow of eloquence and wit we spent that last evening—an evening of royal fraternity spirit, after which we said good-bye and pledged ourselves to meet at Knoxville. Thus closed the Convention entertainments, which left in our hearts a deep sense of appreciation for those men who had most generously proven themselves true Pi Kappa Alpha's in every sense.

Finally the Convention as a whole was such as to make one proud of the fact that he was a Pi Kappa Alpha. I found in New Orleans that broader spirit of the general fraternity, and learned that in many respects our Fraternity was more nearly realizing the higher ideals of fraternalism than many of her sister organizations of like chapters. And above all, caught the breath of the noble determination for Pi Kappa Alpha's greater future as manifested in the Convention in the Crescent City. But as with nothing else was I impressed with the importance of having our alumni and active members attend the Conventions. If this can be done, I believe it will not be long until our Fraternity will be second to none. Therefore let us move a campaign for this result at Knoxville. Let each individual member, each chapter, and the Supreme Council take this matter up, conscious of the fact that they are most surely advancing Pi Kappa Alpha. Finally to me, the Convention represented the climax of my fraternity life.

V. M. SHAMBURGER, Delta.

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It was my good fortune to visit the old historic city of New Orleans as a delegate from Alpha-Alpha Chapter to the Second Bi-ennial Convention of Pi Kappa Alpha, and it is impossible for me to tell half of what I saw, or how I felt when I reached the convention hall and met hands with the brothers from all over the Sunny South.

There were many acquaintances made there that I will cherish for many years to come, and of all the trips

I may and hope to take in the future I never expect to enjoy any of them quite so much as the trip to New Orleans.

Several features of the Convention impressed me very deeply, and when I saw the interest and working of our officers displayed there, I understood and realized why Π K A has made such great progress in the last fifteen or twenty years.

Then the matter of expansion was the greatest move Π K A could have made, and I want to say here that the spirit shown by the anti-expansionists towards their expansionists after the vote was something great to see, and with such spirit as that Π K A will soon be "The" National Fraternity.

But among the most enjoyable features of this Convention were the social functions. The Spaghetti Supper on the first night was a novelty and that dance on the second night was the swellest ever. Then the farewell banquet was most thoroughly enjoyed. And I want to express my appreciation for the great reception which active and alumni Eta gave us, and I hope to meet a great number of Pi's in Knoxville in 1911.

W. S. STEWART, Alpha-Alpha.

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I am glad to give a few impressions of the Convention. No one's impressions could be otherwise than flattering in the extreme. I feel that it is no exaggeration to say that a body of men, more select, or more closely knit together, could not be found, than were those who met in New Orleans in April.

The zeal, earnestness, and enthusiasm, which ever manifested itself in the men in general and the Supreme Council in particular, was the most conclusive proof possible that Pi Kappa Alpha is made up of the very best material. One of the most characteristic features of the Convention was the utmost good humor and perfect fidelity displayed at all times toward each and every member, even

when there was under discussion questions which called forth opinions most diverse.

Any comment on the success of the Convention without mention of our New Orleans hosts would be incomplete. Recollections of the Spaghetti Supper, so unique in its conception, and of the reception and dance, so splendidly set off with the Π "sisters," will be memories which we shall long cherish, and which will serve to bind us all closer to the family circle of Pi Kappa Alpha. Here's hoping we may all meet two years hence and renew in the sparkling waters of the Tennessee mountains, the friendships pledged in the "gin fizzes" of New Orleans!

C. L. WILLIAMS, Alpha-Lambda.

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It was after not a little hesitation that I decided to leave college, and lose a whole week from work, but after seeing what I did at New Orleans, there was nothing left to regret. In fact, a man who has been a frat man in college, where he knows possibly only the few members of his own chapter, and has never attended one of its Conventions, can not understand the workings of the fraternity as a whole.

It was one of the greatest pleasures to me to meet so many fellow Π 's and especially to see the officers who have for so long guided Π K A, and by their unselfish devotion made its existence possible. I shall never forget the hospitality which was shown us, and the alumni who were "thoroughly alive," and remembered with pleasure their college and fraternity days some years ago.

The spirit shown by both officers and members could not have been better than it was, and for busy men to leave their work for some time to attend the Convention was evidence of their loyalty to Π K A.

The work of the Convention was carried on well, and though at times debate became warm and promised to

become unpleasant, true loyalty asserted itself when the question had been decided.

The hospitality of Active and Alumnus Eta in the preparations which were made in honor of our coming were greatly enjoyed and appreciated, and I am sure I voice the sentiments of every Π who attended, when saying so.

If every member of Pi Kappa Alpha should attend one Convention, it is safe to say there would not be one missing at the roll call of the next, for a fellow can not understand of what he has the honor of being a member until he has watched its minor workings, and seen the feeling shown on such occasions.

And finally, a word to those fellows who were not with us at New Orleans—you certainly missed the time of your life, so begin now in time, make your arrangements, and meet me in Knoxville. With best wishes to all Π 's.

C. D. HARRALL.

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During my nine years in college, and having been intimately connected with students in two colleges and three universities, I feel that I am, at least, a fair judge of character; I say it from the depths of my heart, that the Π s I met in the New Orleans Convention were the best behaved, the most manly in looks, and seemingly as strong in mind as any bunch of like size, I have ever met.

The fact that I was never present at a convention forbids me to criticise or praise our officers—only this—if any convention ever had any better, the honor is theirs, if we never have any worse, I have no fear for Π K A's future.

The passing of "The Extension Resolution" was of enough importance, to me, to say the work of the Convention was the best that the Fraternity has ever seen. I have never regretted joining Π K A, and will never regret it. We are working as a unit, and are bound to make more rapid strides than any of our sister fraterni-

ties. Ours is the strongest not in numbers, but in character and quality.

As I was one of the honored ones, who had the pleasure of helping to pay the expenses of entertaining our brothers. I will not be so bold as to say that the social functions were the best ever. For my part I enjoyed them and feel that most of the fellows enjoyed them—including the music at Portuguese Hall.

I hope to see many of the same brothers at the Knoxville Convention.

EARL H. HUNT, Eta.

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The Convention of 1909 is now a thing of the past, but the recollections of the men we met there and of the hospitality received from the hands of Eta and Alumnus Eta will ever be cherished as a precious memory. The Spaghetti Supper for its novelty, the dance for its queenly girls and the banquet for its congeniality and fraternal spirit will long be remembered.

The work of the Convention was conducted in a business manner, each man striving to accomplish some good for the Fraternity. For hours there were heated debates but at no time did the discussion get so warm that the opposing brother forgot the fraternal feeling and binding ties. But as soon as the question was dropped, all were again united in a common cause. Not once did I hear an ungentlemanly remark. I believe as a result of the work done there, the Fraternity will grow stronger and stronger and will be better able in the future to uphold and carry forward the standard of $\Pi K A$.

I believe there has never been a better set of Grand Officers, and too much praise can not be bestowed upon them. They have toiled as no other set of men would have done; they have accomplished something in placing $\Pi K A$ on an everlasting foundation. So, active members, let us keep in line and help make the new National Fraternity the star of the Grecian World.

New Orleans was very far from some of us and many could not be there. But let us all meet at Knoxville in 1911, and have a grand old time once more.

JNO. R. MERCER, Tau.

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It is in my estimation beyond the power of words, to express my exact feeling, gratitude and impressions, our grand and successful Convention of 1909 has had on me. I feel it not only a pleasure but a duty, to extend my appreciations to those loyal chapters, Eta and Alumnus Eta.

Brothers, during my short but sweet stay with New Orleans' loyal chapters I can truthfully state I never shall forget their kind hospitality towards me and the good time I had while there. The impression I received was entirely brotherly love and I am confident all who were present found it the same.

In my estimation we could not find from the North to South from East to West a nicer set of men to hold the honor of our Grand Officers. They are men of character, intellect, and true, is not the word for their interest in our beloved order **Π Κ Α**.

The working of the Convention from beginning to end passed off beautifully I had several outsiders ask me in the hotel, "How did we accomplish so much in the time we had" I replied "Our system." There was an interesting spirit at every meeting which acted as one in such a way you could not help but devote your entire attention to what was being said, and I never found during my entire stay a dry and dreary meeting. In fact, I enjoyed them as much as the social functions.

I want to also say a few words in regard to how I was impressed by the Fraternity judging by it all. There was not a man present whom I would not cherish for a brother. I never saw one who I ever thought I could dislike, I never saw one who I thought was not loyal to wear the **SHIELD AND DIAMOND**. I am convinced we

have as fine a set of men in our Fraternity as could be found and let us hope we will grow stronger every year.

Too much praise can not be given our hosts. The first night we marched down several old quaint streets in the old French section to Portuguese Hall where the most unique supper was served to us. We also enjoyed several speeches and the short talks rendered from some of the delegates. The next night we had the pleasure of dancing the light fantastic with the charming and graceful New Orleans belles. This dance certainly was enjoyed by all and when the sweet notes of "Home, Sweet Home" filled the air a sadness swept over all for those few moments to think we would soon all be separated. The last night came our farewell banquet. This proved to be a success to all who attended. The talks and responses were excellent and our toastmaster proved himself to be an ideal one, Robert A. Smythe (known at the Convention as "Red Ribbon" Smythe.)

It is the wish and present intention of the writer to be present at Knoxville. Now with expansion let us all pull together and by that time have many new chapters. We should all feel proud of our grand and able order and now with this feeling let's place it in the hearts of others.

LEWIS K. RILEY, JR., Alpha Eta.

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The Second Bi-ennial Convention has been recorded, and in a sense is passed, but by no means is she forgotten. The enjoyable impressions made upon all, so fortunate as to be present, will long hold cherished spots in our memories. For who can forget the days so delightfully spent in that glorious old city of New Orleans, or cease to remember the hearty handshakes and brotherly intercourse so sweet to all of us. But isn't it tame when reproduced in this manner, as compared with the real thing?



GRAHAM SALE, Pi,
Grand Historiographer.

Absent brother, resolve now that these tastes of the Conventions that you get through the SHIELD AND DIAMOND are insufficient to satisfy your desires; that the pleasures of knowing representatives from each branch of our great and growing family must be yours; that Pi Kappa Alpha can't continue to have her peerless officers (with jokes on each) and you alike ignorant of both the former's acquaintance, and the latter's significance. In short, make up your mind to check the inestimable loss accruing to you from your absence from such gatherings as the two Bi-cennial conventions of our beloved order. To meet representatives of such a type as those we were so recently proud to call brothers serves to cement a fellow more closely to his fraternity, to give him an interest in every chapter through his acquaintance with each delegate, and to make him prouder than ever that he is a wearer of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. Furthermore, he is brought into class touch with the very essence of his frat through its Grand Officers of whom every loyal Π is so justly proud. And it is worth the trip just to see the zeal and patience which they put into their labors for the welfare of Pi Kappa Alpha. Busy men as they all are they can find the time to leave their respective duties to counsel and deliberate with the delegates of less mature years. However, of all the impressions that I received in New Orleans few were more striking than the purposeful bent of each delegate to the betterment of the Fraternity. They showed that pleasure alone was not their aim in making the trip, but instead they had come with the determination to effect every possible change that would improve the order and advance her interests.

And now I have indulged in these pleasing reveries too long, but the end is not yet. To bring this to a close without an acknowledgement of the bountiful expressions of genuine hospitality showed by the Eta chapters (both active and alumnus) would be indeed barbaric. Absent brother, it is impossible to portray to your mind success-

fully the delightfully ludicrous experiences of the unique Spaghetti Supper or to give you a glimpse of the matchless ball which we enjoyed to such a late hour the second night, not to attempt a description of the memorable banquet with its heartfelt toasts. Brothers, each function planned and executed reflected honor and glory upon each and every member of the local chapters who labored so assiduously and successfully for our pleasure while within their borders. Brothers, one and all we know not how to express adequately our appreciation so we anxiously await the time when we can show you by other than empty words all that our hearts feel. May 1911 witness a reclasping of all the hands which a few days ago joined for the first time in New Orleans.

P. TULANE ATKINSON, Iota.

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Was there ever a finer body of young men assembled anywhere than at the New Orleans Convention? Ask this question of any one who was present and it is safe to say that the answer will be in the negative. Each member present seemed to be imbued with the principles on which our fraternity was founded. The spirit of loyalty to $\Pi K A$ and to each other seemed to be uppermost in all, their common aim seemed centered on one thought, the betterment of $\Pi K A$, and their efforts in this direction can only be fully appreciated by those who were there. As to their conduct, it is not necessary to touch upon that. They're Π s.

Too much can not be said in praise of our officers. It was alone worth the trip to New Orleans to become personally acquainted with the men who are at the head of our order and who so faithfully uphold the standard of $\Pi K A$. An inspiration for more and better work for the fraternity was gotten from personal acquaintance with the members of the Supreme Council who have done so much to make the fraternity what it now is.

A great deal of work was done to say the least, while the convention was in session. Many questions and important ones were disposed of in a satisfactory and logical way. Each delegate gave the impression that he was striving to do his duty as it appeared to him. On some questions quite a good deal of rivalry was shown, but in a friendly fair-minded way and no one can say that any motion was "railroaded" through by any unfair advantage. The work of the various committees, so satisfactorily performed, is to be highly commended.

Probably no one is in better position to answer the question "What is Pi Kappa Alpha doing?," than the delegates to the New Orleans Convention. Each heard the record of the Fraternity for the past two years and to say it was pleasing would be expressing it mildly indeed. The internal strength of the Fraternity can not be doubted. The various reports heard by the Convention all tended to show that never was $\Pi K A$ in better condition. She has held her own in the Greek letter world, more than that, she has made great strides toward the goal which we all expect to see her reach, the greatest of American fraternities.

All who were so fortunate as to attend the Convention will ever have in their hearts an unflinching esteem and love to Eta and Alumnus Eta chapters. The royal way in which they entertained the Convention can never be forgotten. The members of both these chapters seem to have caught the true spirit of Southern hospitality. Nothing was too good for the visiting brothers and they received only the best. The Sphaghetti Supper, the dance and the banquet will always linger in the memories as three of the most enjoyable social functions at which they were ever present.

In conclusion, let every Π adopt as a motto for the next two years the words, "Meet me at the Knoxville Convention in 1911."

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

Never before in my life have I seen such a fine collection of men, as I met at our recent Convention. As for the officers, nothing too good can be said about them. They are the very best.

Undoubtedly the greatest thing accomplished by the Convention, was the blotting out of the so-called "Mason and Dixon's line" in the Fraternity. However, this was not the only thing accomplished. Other business was carried on, and I think that those three days accomplished many things which will make this Convention one of the greatest in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha.

For the benefit of those who have never attended a Convention I would like to say that you do not fully appreciate what your Fraternity means to you until you have attended a Convention. If you have never been to one, be sure to be present when the roll is called at Knoxville in 1911 and I promise you that you will never regret or forget it.

New Orleans is the ideal place to have a convention. It has as its citizens the most hospitable people in the country, and I know that every one who was present at this Convention, will never forget the reception given them by the members of Eta and Alumnus Eta chapters.

HENRY J. WHITFIELD, Chi.

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Recollections of the Convention will always be a pleasure to me. I was most favorably impressed with the members; the officers I consider the "best ever;" was also most favorably impressed with the work of the convention; my Fraternity, I am convinced, is among the best. Will always recall the Convention as one of the most enjoyable occasions in my life.

"Strawberries may come, strawberries may go
But Gin-Fizzes stay with us forever."

(New Orleans revision)

“Strawberries may come, strawberries may go
But ‘Gee-whizzes’ stay with us forever.”

· GEORGE H. HULME, Alpha-Mu.

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I have been a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity for nearly three years, and never in all my Fraternity life, have I felt such a love for my Frat, as I have since I had the pleasant opportunity of being at the Convention in New Orleans. To be thrown in the very atmosphere, as it were, of Π K A spirit was a great opportunity for any man, and that is exactly what we had down there. The fellows, all bound together by the same ties of brotherhood and love, were as congenial as if we had known each other always. They all were ready and willing to put forth their hearts and souls into the meetings.

The officers were just as zealous for the welfare of the Fraternity as any active member, and we are to congratulate ourselves on having such worthy men to preside over us and direct the progress of our beloved Fraternity.

To hear the fine reports and learn the standing of the different chapters in their respective schools, was a great privilege, and I am sure the fine reports we heard made every one of us feel proud of our high standing in all the South. Our love for our Fraternity, and our ambition for its advancement were increased and each of us could but make a silent promise to put our shoulders to the wheel and move on toward our goal of success.

The fellows were sometimes divided on the questions that came up for discussion, but at no time did any but brotherly feeling exist between us.

I have always been proud of my Fraternity, but after coming in contact with the real Pi Kappa Alpha spirit that existed in such a marked degree at New Orleans, I know not what words can now express my genuine love and pride for our great and grand Fraternity.

The social functions were all that could be desired. Every man that was present will ever have a warm spot in his heart for Eta and Alumnus Eta Chapters, for their unlimited and tireless efforts in preparing so many enjoyable social features.

I sincerely hope every Π will begin now to make preparation to go to Knoxville in 1911, and have the best time with the best fellows, in the world.

FRANK S. WILLIAMS, Alpha Iota.

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The New Orleans Convention was the first of our Conventions I have ever attended but I shall never forget the good times we had in the Crescent City.

It is always a pleasure to meet a crowd of nice fellows, but to meet such a delegation as there was in New Orleans, and to be able to call them brother is a pleasure indeed.

I think the part of the Convention which impressed me most, was the interest which our Grand Officers took in the work. The fact that, although they were business men, yet they could lay aside business for a few days and help push $\Pi K A$'s cause forward. No fraternity on earth could have a finer set of men at its head than we have at ours.

The brothers from Eta and Alumnus Eta certainly endeared themselves to all of us by the entertainment which they gave us. What a great time we had those three nights in the city.

Brothers, you can never know what $\Pi K A$ is and what she is doing until you attend a Convention. I have always loved the Fraternity and was always proud of it, but I never realized what it was until I went to New Orleans. Now that she has become national she will soon attain her rightful position, the greatest of them all.

I hope to be present in Knoxville in 1911 and to meet all the brothers there.

W. S. BEAN, JR., Mu.

The New Orleans Convention is the first that I have ever had the pleasure of attending and from what I can gather I am sure that it was the best Convention $\Pi \text{ K } \Lambda$ has ever had. I have never run across a finer set of boys anywhere than were assembled in the Convention, and every one seemed that it was his special duty to make the other fellow have as good a time as possible. The officers were not lacking in the spirit for "Gov." Hughes, Brother Smythe and in fact all the Grand Officers were boys again and after the business session devoted themselves to having a good time and doing their utmost to make every one enjoy themselves. I think we would have to search a long time before we could get a Supreme Council to come up to the present one.

From what I have said some might think that we devoted all our time to pleasure but when the reports come out they will see that, notwithstanding the pleasures, the business was carried out in an orderly way and a great deal of good hard work was done by every one.

When I went to New Orleans I was an enthusiastic Π form an enthusiastic and rapidly growing chapter, but when I got there and saw how many fine fellows we had and what an interest the men of the Supreme Council took in us boys, my enthusiasm was raised to the bursting point and ever since I got back I have been trying to impress on the boys what a grand fraternity $\Pi \text{ K } \Lambda$ is, and trying to instill some of the spirit into them.

I can not close this without saying that Eta and Alumnus Eta treated us royally. They seemed to think that it was their duty to make every one have a good time and I think all will agree that they more than succeeded in their task. Now fellows, we have had a good time and let's settle down to business and make $\Pi \text{ K } \Lambda$ the best National Fraternity in the world, and all meet again in Knoxville in 1911.

J. GIVHAN GILLIAM, Alpha-Delta.

I feel that I was one of the most fortunate of humans when I was chosen to represent Alpha-Lambda at the New Orleans Convention. I had heard our delegate to Richmond tell about the fine time they had there, what a fine bunch of fellows and officers we had and other things about it but the 1909 Convention more than equaled my highest expectations.

As for the fellows we all met and had such a good time with, I don't believe they can be beaten. It seems that every chapter has become filled with the idea that nothing but the best is up to Π K A standard.

The officers, one and all, impressed me as being not only fine fellows but efficient, capable officers on whose judgment we can always rely.

The Convention did a lot of excellent work, I think, especially in voting for extension. I came to New Orleans undecided and uninstructed but after I had heard the arguments for and against it there seemed to me to be but one way to vote and that was "Yes." The order was very good too for such a crowd of young fellows.

We were certainly royally entertained and I certainly enjoyed everything. The Spaghetti Supper was great and the cutest ever. The reception and dance was fine, too, and the banquet just topped things off right.

I have often been asked why I came to Georgetown to school, my home being in Illinois. I have decided that it must have been luck or Providence or something that I came here so as to give me a chance to become a Π . Here's to old Pi Kappa Alpha the youngest and destined to be the best of National Fraternities.

HAROLD J. HOWARD, Alpha-Lambda.

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No doubt the June issue will have a whole lot to say about the Second Bi-ennial Convention, but I must ask the editor to allow me enough space to give some of my impressions.

First, I want to congratulate all the chapters upon the choice of their delegates. Every one of them were great fellows. What impressed me most about the delegates was, the earnestness with which they did things. Whether in business session, at the Spaghetti Supper, or the dance their interest was always apparent, and all seemed to enter fully into the spirit of each and every occasion. They seemed to have come to the Convention with a purpose, and the object of their coming seemed to have been business of the Fraternity first, and after that, fun and good fellowship. Let me add the delegates were the kind of men that one likes to have as guests.

The officers, but what's the use, every Pi Kappa Alpha knows who and what they are, suffice it to say then, they were in their most charming vein and every man present felt the lifting influence of their presence. Great men they are, mighty alike in business *and in the ball room*.

The work done during the Convention was most satisfactory and encouraging. Some big steps forward were made, steps which we believe, at the next Convention, will show growth in the Fraternity. Every man present at the Second Bi-ennial Convention is a better and a stronger fraternity man now than he was before. He knows much better just what the fraternity stands for and what is expected of every member. He knows that he is a member of a great and growing fraternity.

The Convention helped the members of Eta Chapter individually and as a chapter and we sincerely hope that within a very few years the Fraternity will see fit to hold another Convention in New Orleans.

J. C. MENEFFEE, Eta.

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It is with pleasure that I give my impressions of the New Orleans Convention, and I hope we all may be able to attend the 1911 Convention at Knoxville.

The members of old Pi Kappa Alpha, as delegates for their respective chapters impressed me favorably. I

was delighted to find such a fine bunch of congenial, good fellows, and know that Pi Kappa Alpha has held her standard so high in the selection of its members, and I feel that she will ever continue to do so, as she has done in the past.

The officers impressed me greatly, and I am glad we have such congenial gentlemen at the head of our most beautiful and beloved Fraternity. I feel that they will ever strive for its upbuilding and general welfare.

The work of the Convention was one of the most impressive of all the things. A true spirit of brotherhood and congeniality prevailed in every meeting, and everything seemed to be done more for pleasure than for duty.

The Fraternity, judging from it all, impressed me very much, and I am gratified to know that we have a bunch of zealous workers, who will ever strive and work for old Π κ A 's glory harder than ever, and since we have gone North make her the greatest National Fraternity.

Last, but by no means the least, were the various social functions. These were among the most delightful things of the Convention. The Spaghetti Supper, reception and dance, and the Banquet, were all enjoyed, to the utmost. It was indeed a pleasure to meet the charming " Π sisters" and belles of old New Orleans, and I'm sure our visit was enjoyed much more by their excellent entertaining. Some of the Π brothers made such "hits" that I think they will have to visit the "Metropolis of the South" again.

The final banquet was the most enjoyable of all. The tempting menu appealed to us all and brought us all closer together in the ties of friendship and brotherhood.

I must express my appreciation for the charming hospitality of the New Orleans Π s, and they will ever be held in remembrance by us all.

Let us all meet at Knoxville in 1911.

RAY R. CHAMBERLAIN, Alpha Zeta.

I shall always remember the week I spent in New Orleans as a delegate to the Convention as one of my most pleasant memories. It was the first Convention, I had attended, but it will not be the last.

Never before did I truly realize what our Fraternity stands for and how high her standard is set, until I gathered with the brothers from all over the land in the St. Charles Hotel at New Orleans, last April.

We, being on the frontier of the Fraternity, so to speak, do not have the privilege of meeting or entertaining many of our brothers, and so the Convention was the first opportunity I had ever had to really see what the Π K A's as a whole were like.

Never have I met a finer bunch of men, and by men, I mean men in the noblest and highest sense. Men of honor and character. Men whom it does a fellow good to know and associate with. Men whom I deem it an honor and a privilege to be affiliated with in the bonds of Π K A.

I was greatly impressed with the amount of work transacted by the Convention and the business-like way in which the sessions of the Convention were conducted. But what will the next Convention do without having the topic of "Expansion" to discuss pro and con?

Great credit is due the Grand Officers for their untiring efforts in behalf of the Fraternity as shown by their reports submitted to the Convention. They (the Grand Officers) are a fine lot of men and certainly are working and working hard to further the interests of Π, K, A.

One of my most pleasant memories of the Convention is the recollection of the various forms of entertainment showed us by our brothers of Eta Chapter assisted by the sister Πs of New Orleans. I had always heard that the New Orleans' girls were "Queens," and I sure found that to be the truth.

I came away from the Convention full of enthusiasm for Pi Kappa Alpha. And I hope to keep that enthusiasm with me until I get a fresh supply at Knoxville in 1911.

Pi Kappa Alpha has justly been called *The Southern Fraternity*. Now let us make it *The National Fraternity*.
HARVEY E. SMITH, Alpha Kappa.

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To say that the Convention was a success would be putting it mildly. It was more than a success and it shall always be remembered by every one that was fortunate enough to attend. Much credit is due the loyal Π 's of New Orleans for the royal manner in which we were entertained. Nothing whatever was wanted that was not furnished. Many of us had to travel a long way to reach the Crescent City but I am sure no one regretted it for an instant.

There should be no fear whatever as to the success of our noble order with such a strong set of real, genuine men at its head. At the opening of the Convention I sat in awe of the stern and serious presiders and hesitated to appear on the floor to be scrutinized by them but it was a very short time before they made me and every one else feel entirely at ease and I shall never forget my association with them.

Brother J. Graham Sale (I am not familiar with his *full name* as he never signs it without the initial J. and am sure we would all be interested in knowing what it is) is due a great deal of credit for the fine manner in which he has conducted his work and I am heartily glad he is to continue as a member of our most worthy Supreme Council.

I believe Brother Robert A. Smythe is one of the hardest working men in our whole Fraternity and to him we owe a debt of gratitude that we shall not be able to pay any time soon. We will have to keep him in office until he is paid.

We feel much regret at the loss of Brother J. Pike Powers as our Grand Princeps for there has never been a more conscientious worker anywhere. We hope for him as much success in his profession as he has attained in the fraternity world.

No better successor could have been chosen for this all-important office of Grand Princeps than our most esteemed Brother Hughes. With his previous experience and interest in the Fraternity we are assured of a successful leader.

The type of men represented by Π K A is indeed of the highest. I was very much delighted in the individual men and I know we have an excellent set of men in our Fraternity. I never quite realized the broadness of my Fraternity until I reached the Convention.

Every Π should make every sacrifice to attend the next convention which is to be held in Knoxville. I am sure you will have a good time. We do not hope to surpass the New Orleans Convention but we will do our best.

Hoping to meet many of you at the next convention,
W. C. JOHNSON, Zeta.



Our Ex-Grand Princeps.

OUR officers can not remain with us always, and in the past the Fraternity has had officers of whom it has always been proud and with their retirement they have left a heritage to their successors of deeds well done. None, however, have done that better than has John Pike Powers, Jr., a valued member of our Fraternity who, until the New Orleans Convention was Grand Princeps of our Fraternity and who would still be in that position were it not for the fact that his own personal business affairs were so engrossing that it was absolutely necessary for him to retire.

John Pike Powers, Jr., the son of Rev. John Pike Powers, an eminent Baptist minister, and Fannie Viola Gwin Powers, was born on October 24, 1875, at Mount Sterling, Kentucky. His parents however, were both native Virginians and descendants from among the most prominent and aristocratic families of the Old Dominion.

Brother Powers received his early education under his mother's tutorage and in September 1890, he entered the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and graduated with the degree of B.A. from the academic department of that institution in 1894, entering the law department of it in 1895, and graduating with the degree of B.L. from that department the next year. He then entered the law department of the University of Virginia and graduated with the degree of B. L. from that institution in 1897. Since that time he has been practicing his profession of a lawyer in Knoxville, Tennessee and is now the senior member of the law firm of Powers & Thornburgh which enjoys a large and lucrative practice.

In addition to this he is City Attorney of the City of Knoxville, Election Commissioner of the State of Tennessee and has held various important political and social offices in various organizations of his adopted city.

He was initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha by Zeta Chapter at the University of Tennessee in 1895 and was a leader in that chapter until he went to the University of Virginia, at which time he became a leader and stronghold of Alpha Chapter.

The New Orleans Convention was the tenth consecutive Convention which he had attended, having been at every Convention of the Fraternity for fourteen years, and having taken a prominent part in each.

In 1899 he was elected Grand Secretary of the Fraternity in which office he served until the Chattanooga Convention of 1905, when he was elected Grand Chancellor of the Fraternity and served as that officer until a

vacancy occurred as Grand Princeps, when he was chosen to fill that office by the Supreme Council and was unanimously elected to the same office at the Richmond Convention.

During his service as an officer of the Fraternity which covered a period of over ten years, he has always attended to the duties of his office in a manner satisfactory to all the chapters and his associate officers, even though at times it required great personal sacrifice to do so. His loss as an officer is great but he will always remain an enthusiastic and active alumnus, ever willing to aid those in the management of the Fraternity with his advice and counsel, which for so many years has played such an important part in the progress and growth of Pi Kappa Alpha.

In addition to belonging to Pi Kappa Alpha, Brother Powers is a member of Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity, having been initiated into it while he was a student at the University of Virginia. He is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi, an honorary fraternity, into which he was initiated at the University of Tennessee and is a high standing and bright Mason being prominent in Masonic circles of his locality. In fact Brother Powers is a member of almost every secret order of which one knows, and stands high in the counsels of each.

Brother Powers was married in the early fall of 1906 to Miss Lucile Borden of Knoxville, Tennessee and is now the proud father of lively and vigorous boy twins, over the initiation of which into Pi Kappa Alpha there will no doubt be great rivalry some day between the various chapters.

Brother Powers' office is in the Dederick building and his residence is on the corner of Kenyon and Dewey Avenues and we will all look forward with pleasure to seeing him at the Knoxville Convention in 1911.

Our Grand Princes

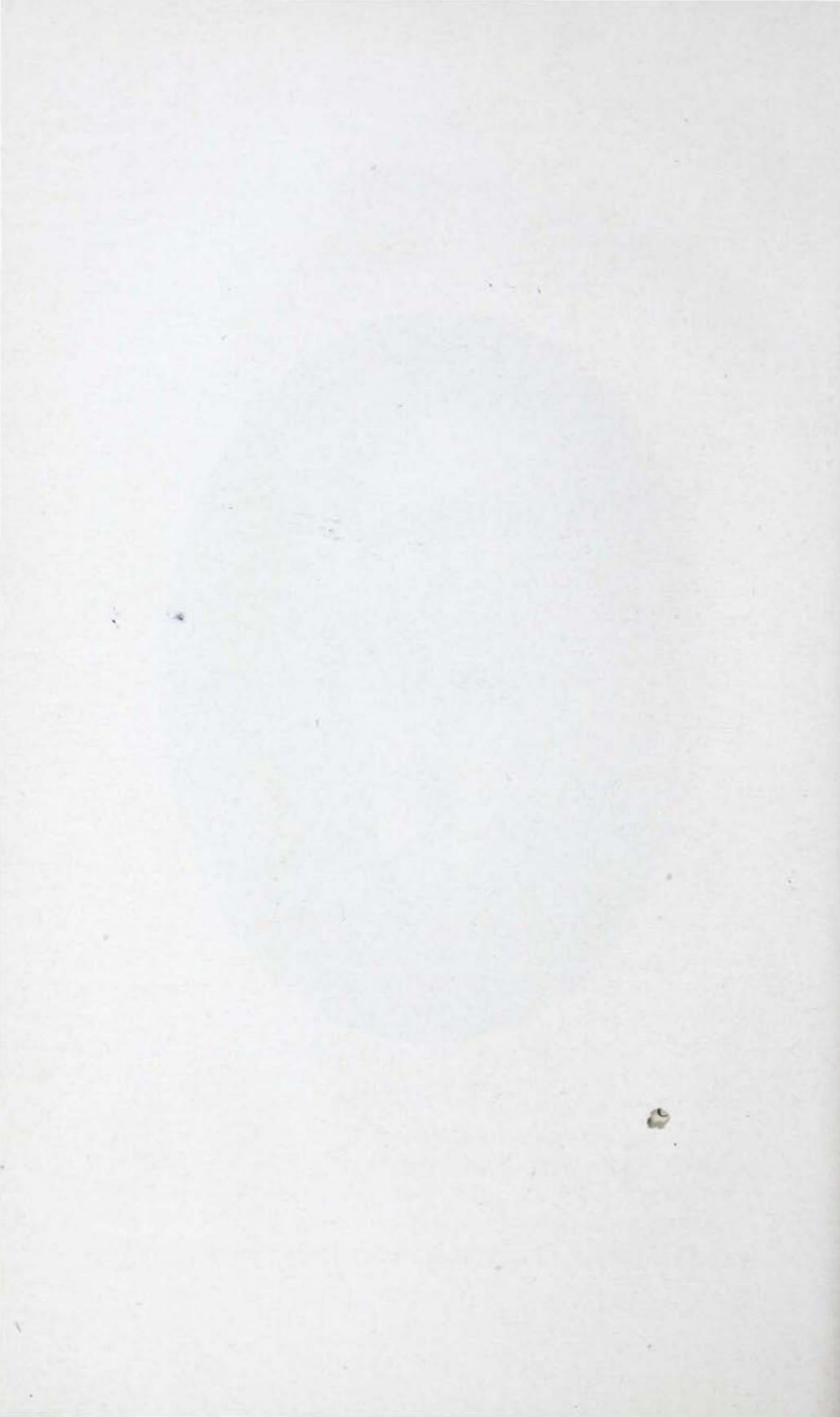
ALL who were at Richmond and all those at New Orleans, may forget some of their brothers whom they met there, but none who were at either Convention will ever forget "Governor" Hughes. We have had him as an officer in the Fraternity since 1905, he having been appointed Grand Chancellor by the Supreme Council in November, 1905, and was unanimously elected to succeed himself at the Richmond Convention, and at the New Orleans Convention he was unanimously elected Grand Princeps of the Fraternity. No promotion was ever more deserved than this one. His ability and impartiality in construing the laws of the Fraternity, determining their application and advising the other officers regarding it, has been for the past four years one of the mainstays of the Fraternity. As the executive head of the Fraternity and as a member of the Supreme Council we will get even more good out of him and more of his valuable services.

John Gordon Hughes, the son of Stephen Tillman Hughes and Elizabeth Meachum Wise Hughes, was born near Trenton, South Carolina on December 11, 1877. He spent his childhood at his native home and when quite a small boy entered the Trenton High School, and after completing his preparatory course there in 1893 he entered the academic department of the University of South Carolina, and graduated in 1897 with the degree of B.A. Continuing his course in the academic department there, he received his M.A. degree in 1898, and the next year he entered the law department of that University and graduated with the degree of LL.B. in 1900. He was immediately admitted to practice law in South Carolina and began the practice of his profession in Union in September, 1900, and has continued practicing there ever since. At the present time he is one of the most prominent members of his bar.

Brother Hughes was a leader almost from childhood, has always been prominent in social and political organ-



J. GORDAN HUGHES, Xi,
Grand Princeps.



izations. While at college he held at various times almost every honor at the college. He was a great athlete and member of the base-ball and foot-ball teams for several years and was captain and quarter-back of the championship foot-ball team of 1900; he was president of his class; chief marshal of commencement; president of his literary society; president of the Law Class Association; vice-president of the Pan-Hellenic League, and at various times was editor-in-chief of the weekly paper, monthly magazine and of the Annual of his college. In fact Brother Hughes' honors at college are too numerous to mention. His leadership has extended since his graduation from college. He is a member of the Democratic Executive Committee of his county, and for two terms has served as a member of the House of Representatives of South Carolina. He is president of the Clover Club of Union, a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the South Carolina State Bar Association and of most every other organization, fraternal and otherwise in that locality.

He was initiated into the Fraternity on September 28, 1893 by Xi Chapter, at the University of South Carolina, which chapter was for seven years one of the strongest in the Fraternity, but it was finally killed in 1897 on account of adverse legislation.

Brother Hughes is admired and respected by all who know him on account of his brilliant mind and great ability as demonstrated by the important position in life which he has held ever since a young boy, but he is loved by all who know him on account of himself alone. His genial disposition, his ever present courtesy and generosity and his altogether lovable nature, would make him admired and popular, if he had no other attributes, and the Fraternity does not understand why it is that he now holds the title of "Bachelor Pi." However he has promised us that he will be in position to confer that on another at the Knoxville Convention, and all who have

ever met him will look forward with much pleasure to renewing that acquaintanceship at Knoxville, and in the meantime the Fraternity will receive great good from him who has already helped her more than can be known.

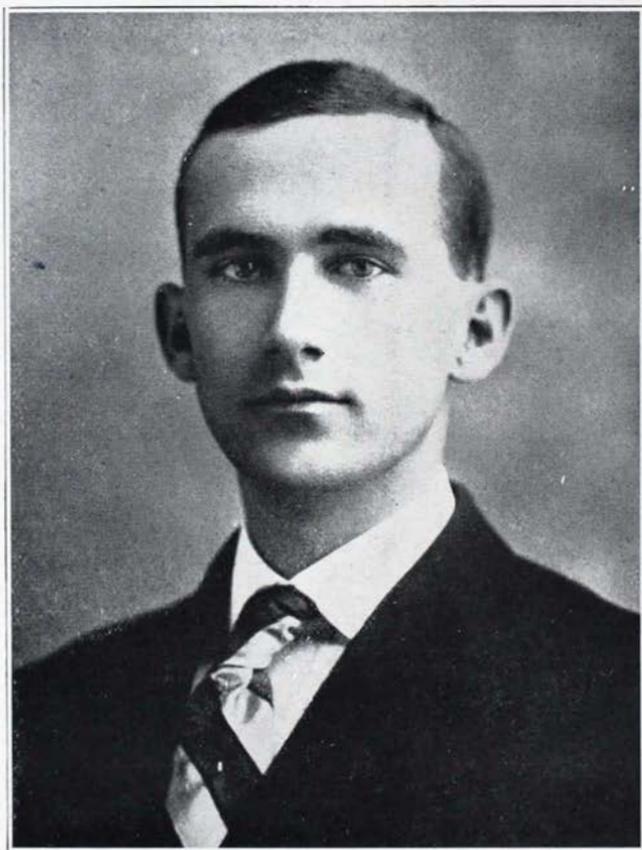


Our Grand Chancellor

WALTER GARRETT RIDDICK was born on September 13th, 1883, at Gainesville, Arkansas, the second child and eldest son of James Edward Riddick and Emma Wayde Mack Riddick, and spent the early part of his childhood at Gainesville, his father being judge of the Circuit Court of that district. Later, however, his father was elected a Judge of the Supreme Court of Arkansas which necessitated his moving to Little Rock, and it was in Little Rock that Brother Riddick spent the last years of his childhood and received his preparatory education, he having graduated with high honors from the Peabody High School of that city.

In September, 1901, he entered Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia, and in the early fall of that year he was initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha by Pi Chapter, the first initiate of that chapter since its revival which occurred early in the same year. After spending two or three years at Washington and Lee in the academic department, during which time he led many of his classes and was considered one of the most brilliant students at that institution, he had a dispute with some members of the faculty and left the institution returning to his home in Little Rock, Arkansas, and never returned to the University, though he still maintains a great love for his Alma Mater and is an enthusiastic alumnus and one of which the faculty of that famous institution is justly proud.

Upon his return to Arkansas he taught for a year or more and after that time entered the employ of the Sandefur & Waters Real Estate Company as cashier, holding at the same time a similar position with the Little Rock office



WALTER G. RIDDICK, Pi,
Grand Chancellor and Editor-in-Chief II K A Publications.

of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, and while he spent his entire time in the day with these important positions he nevertheless took a thorough business course at night at a business college and finally, in 1906, entered the law department of Arkansas University at Little Rock and completed a course of law, being admitted to practice law in 1908.

About this time, when he had just completed a brilliant course of the study of law and was prepared to take up the practice of it with his father, who was one of the most distinguished lawyers of the South, he was taken ill with a desperate case of typhoid fever and was at death's door for four or five months during which time his father was also taken ill and died; thus he recovered from his sickness the head of a large family and with the world fronting him and its battles for him to fight alone. He took up the fight, however, with a spirit with which he always did things and formed a law partnership with a Mr. Clifford in Little Rock under the firm name of Riddick & Clifford, which continued until a few months ago, when that partnership was dissolved and he is now practising alone in the City of Little Rock, and though one of the youngest lawyers at that bar he is fast gaining a good practice and holds the highest admiration and respect of all his associate lawyers and is destined to soon become one of the leading members of his bar.

As a fraternity man Brother Riddick has always been very enthusiastic and is an ideal man. The members of our strong Pi Chapter are prone to say that they think the very life and success of that chapter is largely due to the conservativeness and hard work of Riddick who was the main strength during the battles of its early life. If anything, he loves his fraternity more now than he ever did. He instituted Alpha-Kappa Chapter and was present at the Richmond Convention, taking an active part in the business of that Convention, and his election as Grand Chancellor is indeed a fortunate choice and it is believed

that he will be one of the strongest and most active officers of the Fraternity.

He has had the utmost confidence and admiration of the Supreme Council for so many years, and possesses such literary ability, that that body has chosen him as Editor-in-Chief of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and it is believed that our magazine will be greatly improved under his editorship which will begin with the October issue, 1909.

Brother Riddick is unmarried. His office is in the Southern Trust Building and he lives with his mother at 2416 Wolfe Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

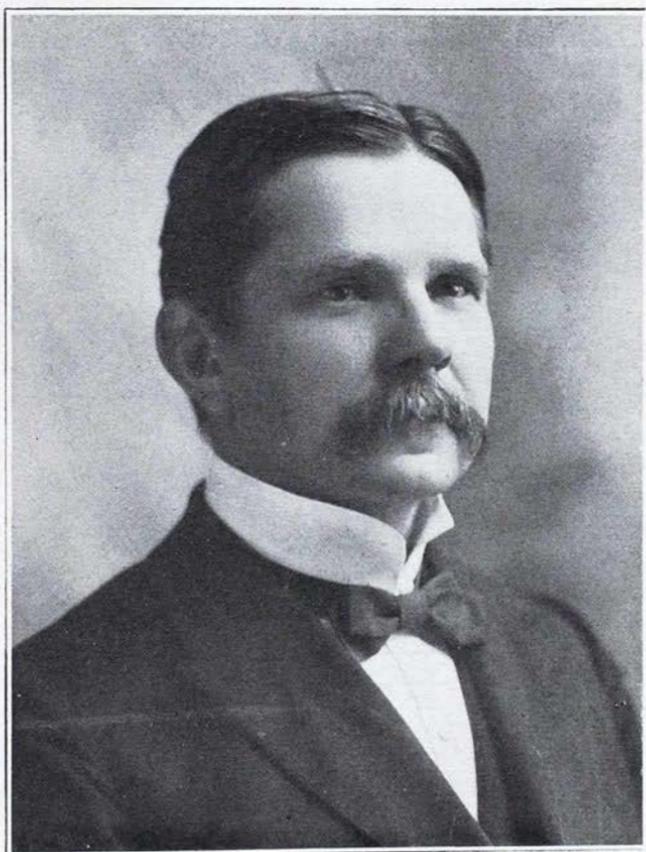


Our Grand Chaplain

MANY of the most distinguished members of our Fraternity are ministers, and the position of Grand Chaplain has always been held by some unusually distinguished member of that profession.

The recent election of Rev. Dr. George Summey at the New Orleans Convention to the office of Grand Chaplain, is but a continuation of our former policy, for there are few, if any, more distinguished alumni in our entire Fraternity than he, and all who were at New Orleans will testify that there is no more gracious host nor no more courteous gentleman anywhere. The part he took in our entertainment endeared him to all delegates present, and the part he will take in the future in our fraternity will endear him to all of its members.

Brother George Summey is the son of Albert Theodore Summey and Sarah Morrison Summey, and was born at Asheville, North Carolina, on June 3rd, 1853. He acquired his preparatory education at Col. Stephen Lee's Classical School at Asheville, and in the Fall of 1867 he entered the Academic Department of the University of Georgia, and after remaining there for one year he entered Davidson college at Davidson, North Carolina, and graduated in 1870 with the degree of A.B.



REV. GEORGE SUMMEY, D.D., LL.D., Beta,
Grand Chaplain.

In 1873 he received his A.M. degree and since his graduation from college he has had conferred on him the honorary degrees of D.D. and LL.D. He was a first honor man in his class when he graduated at Davidson.

After his graduation and the completion of a course in the Seminary, he entered the Presbyterian ministry and has held the pastorate at a number of the most important churches in the South, though a large part of his work has been confined to the educational and religious writing departments of his church. For a long time he was Chancellor of the Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tennessee. For thirteen years he was editor of "*The Presbyterian Quarterly Review*" of Richmond, Virginia, and for a number of years after that was Managing Editor of "*The Presbyterian and Reformers Review*" of New York and Philadelphia, and since 1903 he has been Editor of "*The Southwestern Presbyterian*" an important church publication published in New Orleans, and in addition to his present duties as Editor of that paper he is Pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church of that city.

Dr. Summey has held so many prominent offices in his church that it would take too much space to mention all of them. He has been President of the School Board of his Church; a Trustee on its various colleges and seminaries for many years. He is a bright and high standing Mason and has served as Eminent Commander of his Commandery of Knights Templar.

On December 15th, 1875, Brother Summey was married to Miss Elizabeth Rebekah Worth, and has four children, two boys and two girls. He lives at 204 Camp Street, New Orleans.

He was initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha on April 9th, 1869, by Beta Chapter at Davidson College, was a member of the original chapter at that institution and in point of time was the seventh initiate at that chapter. Therefore there are few living men who have belonged to the Fraternity longer than Dr. Summey, and there are few in

the entire fraternity who are to-day more enthusiastic and have greater love for it than he, and there are none who have held up to its ideals and standards and realizes the good there is in it better than this distinguished member.

He is at the head of the alumnus Eta Chapter at New Orleans and was to a large extent responsible for the unparalleled entertainment of the Convention which was given it at New Orleans, and are indeed proud to have him serve for the next two years as our Grand Chaplain, and hope that we may see him at the next Convention in Knoxville.



"Pi Kappa Alpha, the Southern Fraternity"

TOAST RESPONDED TO BY ORLOFF HENRY, ETA, AT THE
BANQUET APRIL 16, 1909.

Brother Toastmaster, and Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha:

I KNOW of no subject concerning which I would rather speak to you to-night than that which has been assigned to me: "Pi Kappa Alpha, The Southern Fraternity," and I say it with the accent on the "The." In view of the action of this Convention relative to expansion, it may seem incongruous to longer speak of our Fraternity as "The Southern Fraternity;" but to me it seems as fitting as before our boundaries were extended to include the North and East, and I hope to make this clear.

Let me carry your thoughts back to-night to that great crisis in the history of our Country, known as the Civil War; when our beloved Southland, torn with the agonies of a death struggle, overpowered but never conquered,—was just emerging from the greatest struggle in the history of man. For four long years the spirit of Southern chivalry had maintained this unequal struggle against mighty odds: for four long years had the blood of Southern heroes flowed like water for the cause of right;—and when at last, face to face with the final agonies of defeat, they were called

upon to face the still greater task of beginning life anew,—with the indomitable spirit of Southern manhood they forged the broken sword into a plow-share, and upon the ashes of their sunny homes began the building of a fairer Southland.

Forty-one years ago, my brothers, there assembled at the University of Virginia five of that immortal band, there to uphold the "Lost Cause" in the gentler realms of peace. Banded together by the ties of Friendship and Brotherhood, tried by all the trials that rend the heart and rack the spirit, and but the closer drawn together, these five founded the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity on March the first, 1868.

Born in the darkest period of our history, Pi Kappa Alpha stands for the unconquerable spirit of the South finding its expression in the arts of peace. In "Pi Kappa Alpha, The Southern Fraternity" is embodied the matchless Southern Chivalry. All that is good and noble and true is embodied in the ideals of our order.

Forty-one years have passed, and in that time "Pi Kappa Alpha, The Southern Fraternity" has grown and spread and become a power in the South. Instead of one Chapter we now have thirty active chapters and twenty-two alumnus chapters. Our members have grown to thousands, and to-day there is a Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha in nearly every College of note throughout our fair Southland, and we are in truth "Pi Kappa Alpha, The Southern Fraternity." The South has recovered from the effects of the Civil War; she has thrown off the iron heel of oppression, and resumed her rightful place; and the time is ripe for the conquest of the North by the South,—not by the force of arms but by the power of intellect, not by the ravages of fire and sword but by the might of Southern courtesy and the old fashioned Southern Chivalry and high ideals. We have brushed aside our barriers, and have invaded the North, yet are we none the less "The Southern Fraternity;" for wherever our Chapters may be, yet will

they be centers of Southern culture and refinement, teaching the same lessons, and striving for the same lofty and noble ideals. And as, in the South, Pi Kappa Alpha has ever numbered among her sons the flower of Southern manhood at the various Colleges where she has Chapters, so in the North will she have only the flower of Northern manhood, and under her loving guidance their ideals shall be our ideals, and all that is noblest and greatest and best in what our fathers fought and bled and died for shall be loved and revered in the North even as in the South. My brothers, let us drink to "Pi Kappa Alpha, The Southern Fraternity."



Our Pi Sisters

TOAST AT THE BANQUET RESPONDED TO BY JOS. F. WARD,

ETA.

IF society had no ruler the university would not exist. Man may conquer the world, but woman rules it—she rules the conqueror.

Down through the annals of history it is ever evident, not always on the surface, but behind the motives and ambitions of the conqueror and ambitious.

I do not speak such dark pages as that in Pagan History where Anthony forgot his country, his gods, his people and his Emperor Ruler for the Dark Queen of the Nile;—no, nor do I speak of such animal-like degradation of the human race as Cleopatra. I speak of woman of another sphere—a sphere elevated far above the women of worldly powers—a sphere wherein dwell only the true and pure, for I speak of women like our mothers; women whom we love and trust, yes, worship. For women of truth and purity are surpassed by God alone. And next to Him, above all things else on earth or in Heaven, should they be placed and worshipped at their shrine.

Such are our sisters, every one. And every wearer of the Garnet and Gold should remember this, for every such woman deserves to be respected, honored, loved, worshipped—and protected.

The fair women whom we decorate with the "*Shield and Diamond*," and call our 'frat sisters,' are the personification of all that is true and pure, and deserve all honors and rights. But we should not only honor and respect them, we should endeavor to model ourselves after them.

Man's nature is often a weak one when alone and without a guide,—or ruler. A bad woman is worse than the worst man that ever sinned, but a good woman is better than the best man God ever blessed.

So brothers, our sisters are better than we; they are as pure as the heavens above, as true and noble as the angels who guard us, and as kind and sincere as our mothers who love us.

Then let them be to us as the tiny star is to the lonely mariner on the Sea of Danger—a guide and a comfort.

Our Fraternity is founded on $\Pi K A$, but where are those noble qualities, the holy virtues, strongest but in our sisters. It matters not whether they are far or near, gloriously beautiful or homely. We have them from dear old Virginia to Texas, the Land of the Golden West. Some are beautiful, maybe some are not; yet we love them all, for it is their hearts and not their faces that make them worthy.

We have sisters with eyes of brown
 Whose spirit proud you can not down,
 We have sisters with eyes of gray
 Whose sunny smiles drive all sorrow away;
 We have sisters with eyes of blue
 Whose hearts are both kind and true.
 But whatever hues their eyes may be
 I offer this toast, Pi Sisters, to ye.

So brothers drink a toast to our Pi sisters; God bless them, we can't do without them.

Chapter Roll of Pi Kappa Alpha

IN order that those interested in keeping up with the number of Pi Kappa Alpha initiates, may have a foundation upon which to calculate, the following table is given. In this table, first is given the number of initiates on March 1, 1908, or at the end of the Fraternity's fourteenth year, and next is given the number of initiates through June, 1908. Thus by keeping in touch with the number of initiates from September, 1908, a correct membership of Pi Kappa Alpha may be had at all times, by those taking the trouble to read the Chapter letters in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Chapter.	Mch. '08.	June, '08.
Alpha	172.....	172
Beta	78.....	81
Gamma	81.....	82
Delta	34.....	35
Epsilon	69.....	69
Zeta	111.....	112
Eta	33.....	33
Theta	139.....	139
Iota	97.....	97
Kappa	59.....	59
Lamda	13.....	13
Mu	71.....	72
Nu	82.....	82
Xi	28.....	28
Omricon	40.....	41
Pi	49.....	49
Rho	157.....	157
Sigma	44.....	44
Tau	49.....	49
Upsilon	107.....	107
Phi	54.....	54
Chi	51.....	51
Psi	86.....	87
Omega	46.....	46
Alpha Alpha	36.....	37
Alpha Beta	17.....	17
Alpha Gamma	21.....	21
Alpha Delta	26.....	27
Alpha Epsilon	29.....	29
Alpha Zeta	30.....	36

Chapter	March '08	June '08
Alpha Eta	30.....	32
Alpha Theta	39.....	41
Alpha Iota	42.....	43
Alpha Kappa	28.....	28
Alpha Lambda	22.....	23
Alpha Mu	5.....	5
Total	<u>2,075</u>	<u>2,098</u>

The figures given in this table include only those men, whose initiation into Pi Kappa Alpha is an assured fact. There are several names, whose uncertainty has caused them to be eliminated from these figures. Then, too, we feel sure that several of the older chapters have initiated men of whom our records say nothing, and of course these are not included. So that in giving our membership at the figures above, we feel that they are conservative, and if anything, a little less than our actual enrollment may possibly be.

LLOYD R. BYRNE, Alpha-Zeta.



From the Editor-in-Chief

SINCE I was not fortunate enough to be able to attend the Convention at New Orleans, I must avail myself of this method of expressing my thanks for the honors that the Convention and the Supreme Council have conferred upon me. In accepting the offices of Grand Chancellor of the Fraternity and Editor-in-chief of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, I am deeply sensible of the high honors and heavy responsibilities that they bring with them. And while returning my thanks to the Supreme Council, the Convention, and the Fraternity at large, I believe it not inappropriate to issue a call for help to all interested in the continued efficient performance of the duties of both offices.

The labors of the Grand Chancellor do not attract the public eye, but the efforts of the Editor of the magazine are entirely before it. In the former capacity I shall ask

and appreciate the advice and assistance of my fellow officers; in the latter, I must have the aid of every active member of the Fraternity, and I ask for it now. And I want the help of every alumnus, and I ask for that now.

We have had good cause in the past to be proud of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and it is the earnest desire of the present Editor to maintain the magazine on the same standard. The retiring editor has done work perhaps impossible for me to equal, but to do so is my ambition in this work. If I succeed, *it must be through the support of the active men. Bear this in mind when you return to Chapter Halls next Fall.*

WALTER G. RIDDICK,
Editor-in-Chief H. K. A. Publications and Grand
Chancellor.

Chapter Letters



Alpha

University of Virginia

Alpha's scribe sets himself to the task of writing this the last chapter letter of the year with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret. The feeling of pleasure is due to the fact that our Fraternity is continuing in such prosperity along the paths it has so long followed, while our regrets are caused by our knowledge that the passing of this college year marks the termination of the active membership of so many of us, a membership which we know has caused us no feeling save those of just pride and pleasure.

Nothing of particular interest has happened in the life of Alpha since our last letter, but this must not be taken as a sign of inactivity or of indifference. "Happy is the nation whose annals are brief" is a saying fully applicable to us, for our fraternal life has indeed been happy, with abundant congeniality and good-fellowship, and with no discord to destroy the harmony of our chapter life.

Brother Hubbard, who represented us at New Orleans, brought us a full report of the Convention, to which we listened with interest and the various acts of the Convention were discussed. We hope they will all react for the general good of the order.

Most of our members being in the various professional schools this year we have been kept quite busy the entire session and have not had the time necessary to a full enjoyment of college life or to a great service to the Fraternity, but we hope that a regard for our diligence will be forthcoming in due time.

We began the college year last September with nine old men back, took in four new members, and received two

transfers. One of our initiates, Bro. Barr, was compelled to leave on account of ill health, so we have completed the year with an active membership of fourteen—the smallest number Alpha has had for several years.

We have been well represented in the various phases of University life, however, and hope that we have reflected some credit on our Fraternity by our conduct.

Of the men now on our roll Bowman, Fulton, Hubbard, Mason, Willcox and Shewmake are in the Senior Law Class and all hope to receive the much-coveted degree of LL.D., in June. All of these men will begin the practice of law in June and none of them will return next year.

George and Irving Shepherd will not return next year. Irving Shepherd will go to work, while George Shepherd will take up the study of art in New York City. He has already quite a reputation as an artist and we predict a bright future for him.

While Alpha's membership at the beginning of the coming session will be small, the men who will return are all good workers and we do not doubt that they will do their duty by the Fraternity. In this connection we would ask that all members of the Fraternity who know of men worthy to wear our badge, and who are coming to "Virginia" next year, will please notify us by writing to Bro. John Neff, Jr., Harrisonburg, Va., or to Bro. L. A. Anderson, Lynchburg, Va.

The baseball season has just closed, and it was a very successful one for us. Out of twenty-six games played with various colleges and universities we won eighteen, numbering among the defeated teams those of Princeton, Fordham, Holy Cross, Amherst, Pennsylvania, Colgate, Georgetown and Carolina.

The inter-fraternity baseball series is now being played. At this date we have played only one game. We defeated the team of Sigma Phi Epsilon by a score of fourteen to seven, the features of the game being the home run of John

Neff, and the pitching of White who struck out fourteen men and allowed our opponents only one hit.

We give below the names and summer addresses of our members:

Laurence Alexander Anderson, Lynchburg, Va.

Capres Gamewell Barr, Georgetown, S. C.

Alpheus Michael Bowman, Salem, Va.

William Huston Fulton, Bardstown, Ky.

Charles Edwin Garner, Jacksonville, Fla.

James Nimmo Hubard, Willcox Wharf, Va.

John Lobban Kable, Staunton, Va.

Charles Edward Mason, Jett, Ky.

Mitchell Tabb Neff, Harrisonburg, Va.

Irving Jones Shepherd, Petersburg, Va.

George Benjamin Shepherd, Petersburg, Va.

Oscar Lane Shewmake, Newport News, Va.

Joseph Stuart White, Warrenton, Va.

Thomas Hamlin Willcox, Jr., Norfolk, Va.

We would remind as many members of our Fraternity as may read this letter that the summer vacation, even though the active life of the Fraternity is suspended, affords many opportunities to advance the interests of Pi Kappa Alpha, and we hope that none of these opportunities will be allowed to pass unheeded. With best wishes to every loyal Pi for a happy vacation we close.

OSCAR L. SHEWMAKE.



Beta

Davidson College

The session of 1908-09 is fast drawing to a close. At present we are in the midst of examinations, and all the worries and trouble attendant upon them. But commencement, with its long list of pleasurable events will soon be upon us. Though the thought of home is a very welcome one to us still it is with a feeling of profound regret that

we think of leaving our circle of brothers and friends here at old Davidson College some of us for the last time.

The past year has proven a very successful one for Beta, and all are well satisfied with the record we have made. As a fitting close to our year's work we take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Harold Wright Whitlock, of Cleveland, Ohio. Bro. Whitlock is a member of the Sophomore Class.

It is with a feeling of pride that we enumerate some of the honors taken by Beta this year.

In athletics Beta was represented on both the football and baseball teams. Thomas playing end on the former, and Boswell at third on the latter.

In the literary department, Dodge, R. D. and S. W. are honor men. Thomas was associate editor on the Annual Staff, while R. D. Dodge was exchange editor on "*Davidson College Magazine*."

In the Y. M. C. A. Buckhaltz as president, and R. D. and D. W. Dodge as members of the cabinet.

Whitlock is leader of the Orchestra, in which Deal is also a member. Mattison has recently been elected 1st vice-president of the student body and also captain of the "scrub" baseball team.

Beta loses five men by graduation this year. They are: Buchaltz, D. W. Dodge, R. D. Dodge, J. W. Todd, Jr., and R. C. Walker.

"*Quips and Cranks*," the college annual has just come from the press, and is pronounced by many the best ever gotten out at Davidson.

The summer addresses of our Chapter roll are as follows:

- O. E. Buckhaltz, Dalton, Ga.
- D. W. Dodge, Ocala, Fla.
- R. D. Dodge, Ocala, Fla.
- J. W. Todd, Jr., Laurens, S. C.
- R. C. Walker, Waycross, Ga.
- F. D. Thomas, Brunswick, Ga.



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- H. R. Deal, Greenville, S. C.
 C. S. Mattison, Anderson, S. C.
 J. A. McCay, 1408 Senate St., Columbia, S. C.
 S. L. Morris, Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga.
 J. A. Scott, Statesville, N. C.
 H. W. Whitlock, Cleveland, Ohio.
 W. L. Bentz, Greenville, S. C.
 H. R. Boswell, Penfield, Ga.
 I. S. McElray, Columbus, Ga.
 D. D. Williford, Sumter, S. C.
 N. C. Waller, Mt. Sidney, Va.

Beta wishes to express her sincere regrets to the sister chapters that she was unable to send a delegate to the Convention. We realize that we missed a great deal, but Senior speaking and other College duties prevented our leaving "the hill" at that time. We feel sure that all who attended got much good from the Convention and we expect to see great reports from the Convention in the June issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

J. W. TODD.



Gamma

WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE

Since our last Chapter letter, Gamma has had two initiations, and takes this opportunity to introduce to the Fraternity at large Brothers William Robert Jennings, of Camp, Va., and Samuel Cole White, of Ivy Depot, Va. Both are men of good standing in college, popular among the students, and have shown good athletic possibilities. In securing them, Gamma has strengthened her already strong position.

Everything is quiet in college now. The gaiety attending the Easter festivities has yielded place to a quietness that hangs like a gloom over the entire student body; all, alike, are looking forward to the final exercises of the year. Ere this goes to press, examinations will be upon us, and then, blasted hopes will be mingled with joyful victories,

the usual compound that goes to make college finals such pathetic events.

Gamma is much better represented in scholarship this year than has been the case for the past two years, and it is with a bright hope that we look forward to the final awarding of degrees, diplomas, distinctions, and medals, for we fully expect to see many II's in the group that will surround the president of our college on the last day to claim the reward of year's faithful work. In the graduating class, we are represented this year by Brant, and in the junior class by Newton.

In looking forward to next year, we view the coming struggles with complacency. The work of brothers in the past has made Gamma's high position an assured one at William and Mary, and during the coming session, we will start with a full chapter of seven members, and excellent prospects of gaining several new men who are now well known to us.

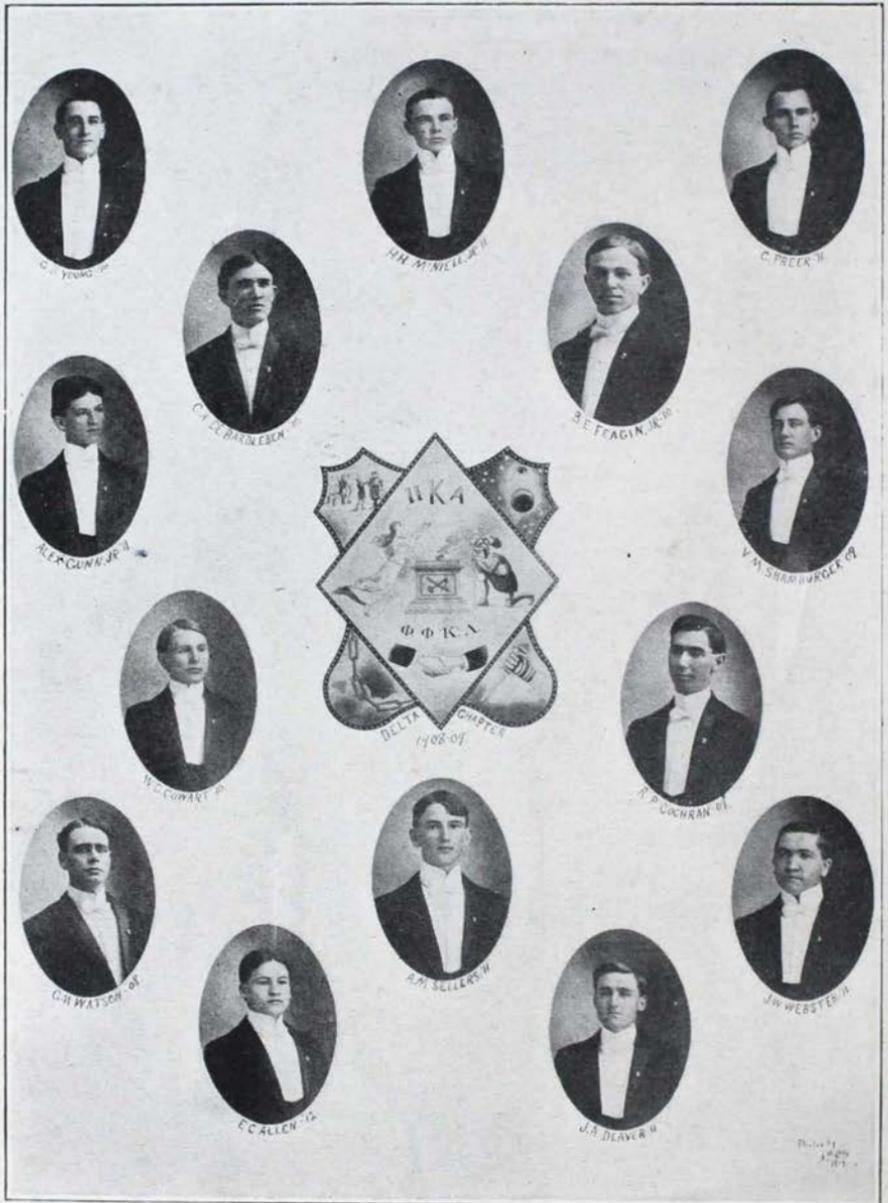
Those of us who will return next year are Blake Tyler, Newton, Hague, Va., James Fendal Garth, Ivy Depot, Va., Edward Carey Jones, Urbana, Va., Walter Emmerson Miller, 421 Fairfax Ave., Norfolk, Va., William Robert Jennings, Camp, Smith County, Va., Bernard Allen Garth, Ivy Depot, Va., Brothers Samuel Cole White, Chiles Manley Barnes, and John Harper Brent will not return. White will enter the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. His home address is Ivy Depot, Va. Barnes has accepted a position in Roanoke, Va. His home address is Williamsburg, Va., Brent expects to graduate. His home address is Heathsville, Va. In this farewell letter of the session of 1908-09, Gamma extends a hearty wish for a pleasant vacation to every II. J. H. BRENT.



Delta

Southern University

We will close our college activities June 5th, and the following II's will return to their respective homes, filled



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with a gladness mingled with sorrow, for we have learned that it is sad to say good-bye to those whom we have learned to love.

Alexander Gunn, Thomasville, Ala.

Robert P. Cochran, New Market, Ala.

Victor Marsh, Shamburger, Cuba, Ala.

Carl Preer, Tuskegee, Ala.

Chas. Albert deBardleben, Greensboro, Ala.

Walter Cleveland Cowart, Josie, Ala.

Benjamin E. Feagin, Jr., Pine Apple, Ala.

John Alexander Deaver, Cleveland, Ala.

Hannibal Hamilcar McNeill, Jr., Mobile, Ala.

Angus M. Sellers, Luverne, Ala.

John Waster Webster, LaPine, Ala.

Eric Chesley Allen, Ashland, Ala.

We are indeed proud of our Chapter's standing and the honors that have been conferred on our men from time to time. R. P. Cochran, who served as historian of the Senior class and who will take part in the commencement exercises will graduate in June. He has been very ardent in his efforts toward promoting the welfare of $\Pi K A$, and we regret very deeply to see him leave us. He expects to enter Vanderbilt University as theological student next fall. V. M. Shamburger has served acceptably as editor-in-chief of the "*Review and Bulletin*" this session. During his course here in college he has served his fraternity and literary society in almost every possible capacity and he will be sorely missed by both. He will graduate in June and expects to take up the study of law next fall.

Among the honors allotted by the college and societies to the members are as follows: C. A. deBardleben, Anniversarian for his literary society, contestant in the Junior Oratorical contest of Commencement. W. C. Stewart has served as President of the Y. M. C. A., and "Challenge Debater" J. A. Deaver served as Anniversarian for his literary society, also as "Ladies Debater," and has been chosen to enter the Sophomore Oratorical Contest at Com-

mencement; H. H. McNeill served as "Ladies Debater" and will enter the Sophomore Oratorical Contest; J. W. Webster served as "Ladies Debator" and will enter the Sophomore contest for orators medal. While the writer served as "Joint Debater," "Orator on Ladies Debate" and was chosen as contestant for sophomore medal for oratory.

Delta's delegate to the Convention reports a great time and we are indeed glad that the bounds of Π κ Λ will be no longer confined exclusively to the South.

We expect to have our annual reception June 4th. Preparations have been in progress for some time and we feel sure of its success.

Last week our chapter enjoyed a visit from R. J. Mullins, of Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., who delivered an excellent speech in the contest between his college and the Southern University. Other visiting Π s were McEniry, an alumnus of Epsilon and Harry E. Yockey an alumnus of Kappa. The personal stamp of both was indicative of men of sterling qualities.

Final examinations have been posted so that when this comes to print we will be in the midst of the toil and turmoil, which examinations always bring.

With best wishes for a joyful vacation for all Π 's, a successful career to all graduates and others who will not be permitted to return to college, and for others a happy reunion next fall.

CARL PREER.

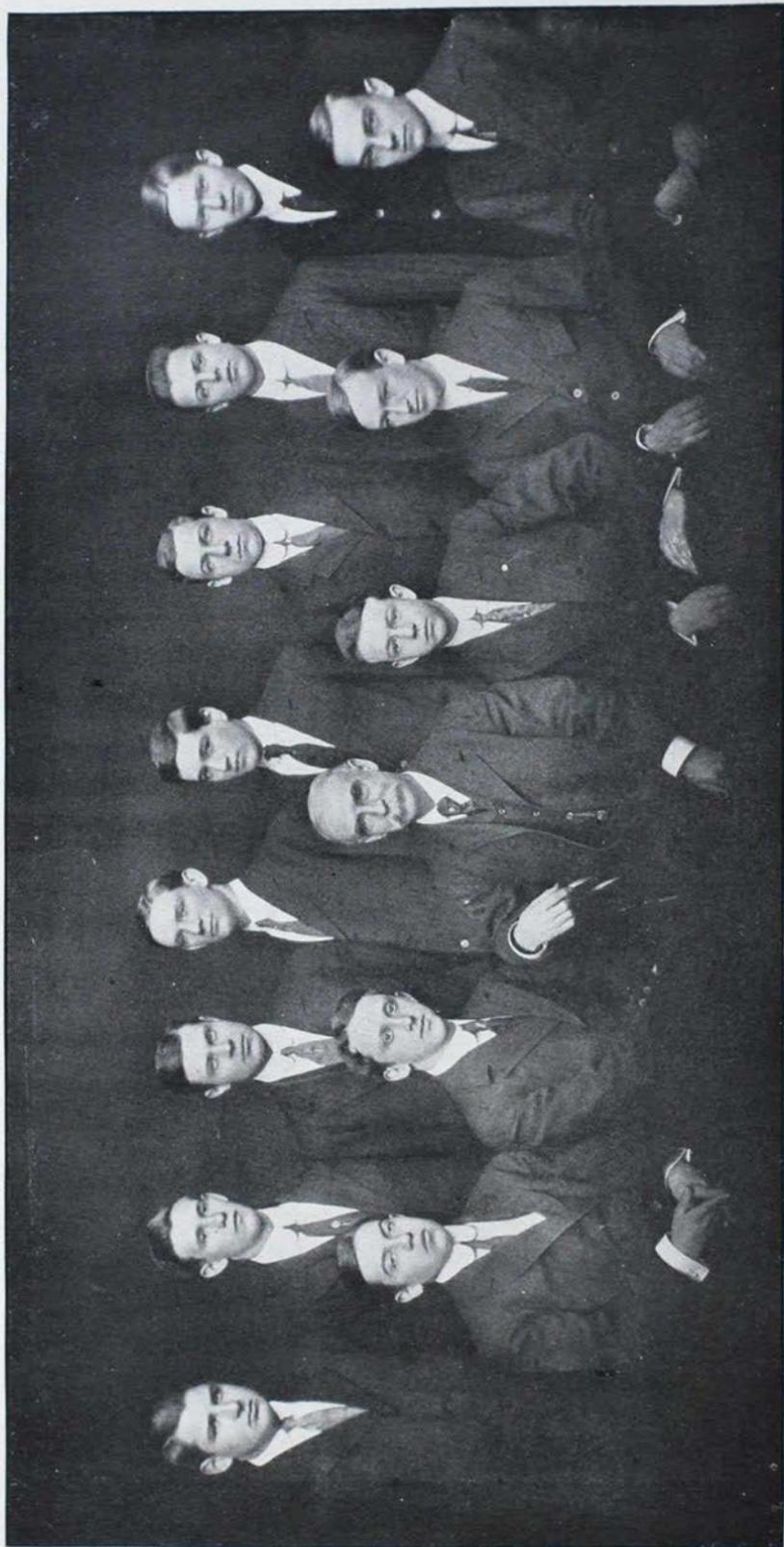


Zeta

University of Tennessee

We wish to introduce to the Fraternity Harry Leathers Baird of Jellico, Tennessee, an excellent man whom we recently initiated. He is a man of sterling qualities having been asked to join several other fraternities. He is playing star ball in center field on the "Varsity."

Brother Johnson reports great things of the Fraternity from his impressions at the Convention. There is cer-



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tainly great possibilities for us since we have decided to expand. We hope that many new chapters will soon be installed.

On the twenty-eighth of May Zeta and loyal alumnus Iota are going to have a Fraternity dance at the Country Club. One hundred and fifty invitations have been issued and a most enjoyable evening is being looked forward to.

At the last meeting of the Glee Club Brother Johnson was elected president for the ensuing year and Brother Wade secretary and treasurer. Zeta has six members in this club.

Zeta expects to return fourteen men next fall. Under a recent ruling by the faculty no fraternity can take in or pledge a man until after the first term which closes in the middle of February. This is an experiment here and we hope it will do the good for which it is intended. Zeta will not be materially affected on account of the members she is to return.

We wish for our sister chapters the greatest success for the coming year. We hope to meet many of you at our next convention which is to be held here in Knoxville.

We only graduate one man this year, Jack Carlye Witherington of Newford, Tennessee. He expects to take up the study of medicine at some other institution. He was voted the best natured student in the University and we hope that his good nature will carry him through life to the greatest success.

The following is the list of summer addresses and honors taken by those who expect to return:

W. C. Johnson, Memphis, Tennessee, 1066 Seventh Ave., "Varsity" football team; forward Junior class basket-ball team; president of University German Club; President Glee Club; Vice-president of Agricultural Club; Tennessee Cotillion Club; Tennis Club; Bill Bryan Club; Board of Directors Y. M. C. A. 1907-08.

Frank L. Phipps, Bristol, Tennessee, President of Sophomore class; First Sergeant of "A" Co.

Clyde E. Lowry, Cumberland City, Tennessee; Track manager of Sophomore team.

Floyd B. Porter, Clarksville, Tennessee, Manager of Sophomore Magazine, Office of Y. M. C. A. 1908-09.

Karl C. Morgan, Laurie, Miss., Glee Club; Manager German Club; Tennessee Cotillion Club.

Rufus C. Branch, Millington Tennessee, sub pitcher on 'Varsity baseball team. Manager and captain baseball team.

T. C. Ervin, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, glee club.

W. E. Wade, Kinton, Tennessee, University German Club, glee club, McKinney Club.

Earl M. Armstrong, Lewesburg, Tennessee, short-stop on scrub baseball team.

Harry Leathers Baird, Jellico, Tennessee, center field on 'Varsity baseball team.

William Luck McAllester of Chattanooga, Tennessee, glee club, captain of Freshman basket-ball team, secretary and treasurer of Freshman class, catcher on 'Varsity baseball team.

Those who have failed to come back are as follows:

Clarence Hood McCallum, Chattanooga, Tennessee, full-back on 'Varsity foot-ball team (mentioned for All-Southern) care Y. M. C. A.

John Gerhard Vogt, Jr., Trenton, Ill., University German Club, glee club, Tennessee Cotillion Club.

Henry Clifford Kirk, Atilla, Alabama.

Harry Barfield, No. 1 Main street, Memphis, Tennessee.

R. C. BRANCH.



Eta

Tulane University

Eta now looks back over the pass school term with great satisfaction. She has striven hard to uphold the good name of Pi Kappa Alpha and has succeeded admirably, for at present we are one of the best chapters

down here. We have, in all, a total of twelve active men, and are represented in the three departments of the University, the Academic, the Law, and the Medical.

Commencement, which took place on the nineteenth of May was one of the much-talked of events around college. The graduating class was one of the largest that has left "Old Tulane" in many years. By this commencement Eta has lost five of its men, two academics, one law, and last but not least, two medicals. Studying for exams is the chief pastime around the campus, some enjoy it so much that they are known to indulge until the small hours of the morning. The undergraduate class is now hard at work with examinations.

The "Summer Normal School" will be held at Tulane again this year and from present indications promises to be a big success. Eta is again represented on this board by Brother Menefee, who is putting forward all his efforts to try and make its attendance as large as possible. Already teachers from all the neighboring country towns have arrived in the city where they expect to remain during the summer to take up extra courses in special subjects. The "Summer Normal" begins June the fourteenth and closes August the fourteenth.

The regular students are looking forward with great anxiety to the closing of college on June the third but hate to have to pass through that last week of examinations that separates them from their three or four months of lazy life—"vacation." Eta bids all members of Pi Kappa Alpha good-bye and hopes to see on the "list of students returned" next October all of her men and to add to this list some new members. Boys keep your eyes open this summer. If you know of a good man who is going to college next fall, find out to what college he is going and send word to the chapter of that college to look out for him. We will close hoping every one will have a swell time during their vacation and return next fall ready to work off one more year of college life.

SUMMER ADDRESSES OF STUDENTS.

J. C. Menefee, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

H. C. Maxwell, Brookhaven, Miss.

S. B. Storm, Brookhaven, Miss.

J. H. Smith, Slidel, La.

C. L. Smith, Slidel, La.

Chas. Karst, 941 Royal Street, New Orleans, La.

J. N. Wilson, 1213 Carondelet St., New Orleans, La.

Ashley Calongne, 936 Webster St., New Orleans, La.

E. H. Hunt, Clarksville, Ark.

A. C. Parker, Malvern, Ark.

J. W. Butts, 815 Poplar Street, Helena, Ark.

P. J. Delbert, Pass Christian, Miss.

P. J. DELBERT.



Theta

Southwestern Presbyterian University

After so long a time, Theta's goat was again let loose and, as a result, we wish to introduce to the chapters at large, Robert Alexander Webb, Jr. This new brother is a member of the Junior Class, and in him we have a good man.

On the evening of April 7th, there assembled in our chapter room a bevy of pretty girls and a host of handsome young men chaperoned by our popular Vice-Chancellor Dinwiddie and his wife. It is not necessary for me to say anything else when I tell you that it was the best of its kind we have had, at least, in my time.

Brother McQueen returned from the Convention overflowing with good news. His report was gratifying to us and Theta extends her heartfelt thanks to the two Etas, whose untiring zeal to make the Convention a great success was so evident. We feel that the inspiration received from this gathering will carry us through the coming year, braced to meet each difficulty.



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Rothrock leaves us this year for good. We are indeed sorry that he can not be with us longer. He receives his M.A. degree, and his honors are as follows for this year: president of Robb Hall, president of Senior Class, 'Varsity football, basket-ball, and baseball teams, and laboratory assistant in sciences.

McLeod is another who leaves us not to return. Our only consolation is that we can't keep a man with us always, as we would like. His honors are: 'Varsity football team, captain of basket-ball team, and second baseball team.

Miller receives his B.A. degree, but expects to return next session to get a M.A. He is a commencement orator and has been elected business manager for the "Journal" next year.

Taffe receives his B.A. this year, but expects to return to enter the seminary next fall. Since he only needs one study to receive a M.A., he intends to work that in connection with his seminary studies. He was president of Washington Irving Literary Society, tenor of S. P. U. quartet, and commencement orator.

Armistead receives his B.A., and he too will enter the seminary next fall. He was a member of 'Varsity baseball team.

Stokes was secretary of Robb Hall, and member of 'Varsity foot-ball and baseball teams.

Bolling is president of Junior Class, business manager of "Annual," vice-president Robb Hall, and has been elected local editor of "Journal," and treasurer of Y. M. C. A. for next session.

It is with sorrow that we separate from our brother J. D. Crosby. He came to us this year in hopes that his health would hold out, but he was compelled to resign from school and does not expect to be with us next year. He has already lost one year on this account and Theta takes this means of expressing to Brother Crosby our

deep and heartfelt sympathy and the earnest hope that he will soon be restored to perfect health.

The summer addresses of Theta's men are as follows:

W. H. Armistead, Madison, Tenn.

R. A. Bolling, Clarksville, Tenn.

J. D. Crosby, Stockton, Ala.

S. E. McFadden, Warren Tenn.

G. F. McLeod, Moss Point, Miss.

J. C. McQueen, 3315 Constance St., New Orleans, La.

W. G. Miller, Woodford, Tenn.

W. H. Rothrock, Somerville, Tenn.

E. C. Scott, Jr., Columbus, Miss.

A. Stokes, Gloster, Miss.

C. K. Taffe, 628 Davis Avenue, Louisville, Ky.

P. H. Wade, Tillman, Miss.

R. A. Webb, Jr., Hickory Lodge, Montreat, N. C.

May the holidays result profitably to all Π 's is the wish of Theta.

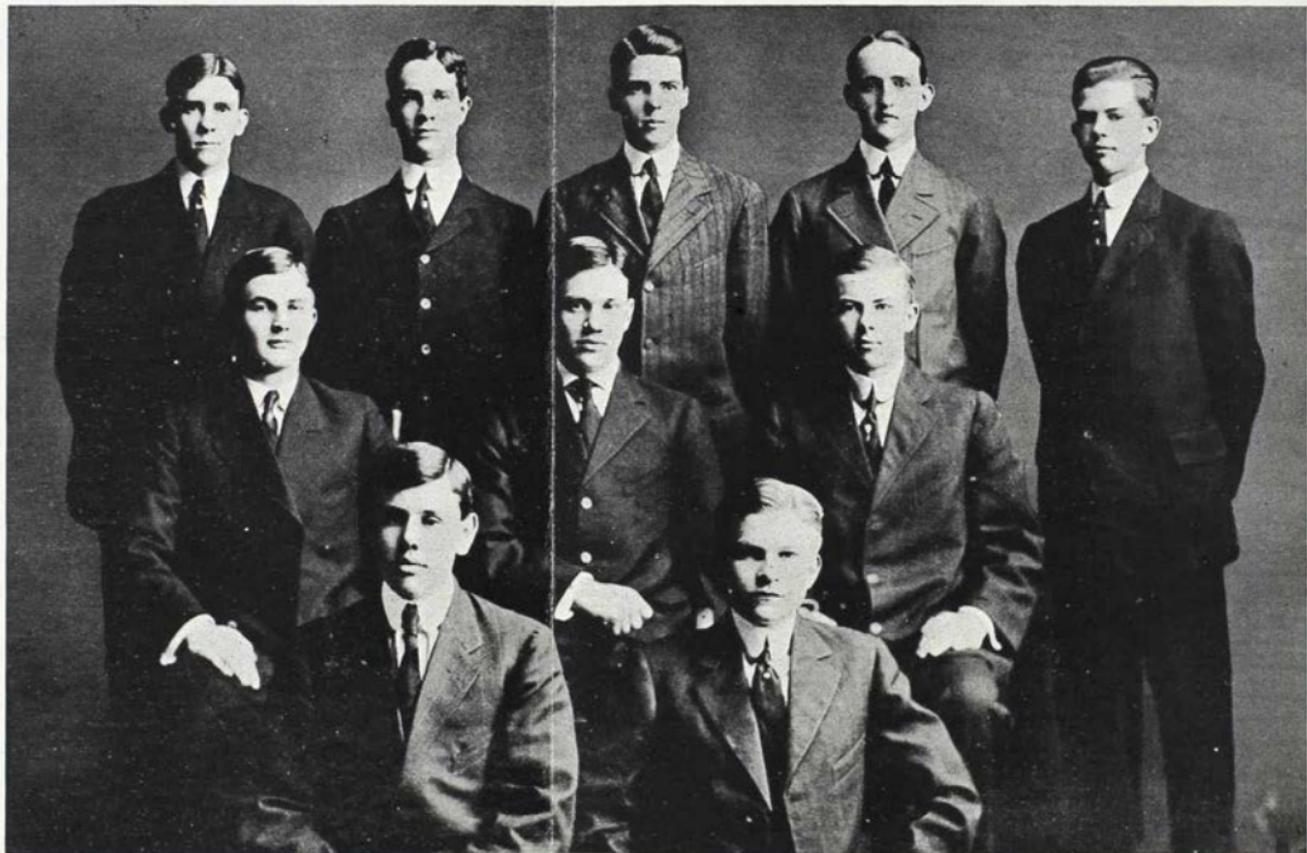
E. C. SCOTT.



Iota

Hampden-Sidney College

Through this medium Iota sends her last communication for another year. And it is with pleasure that her correspondent makes this report. Throughout the session so rapidly nearing its close her life has been marked by vigor and prosperity. Seldom indeed have her members taken better stands in the college and never before has she been as well represented in the various walks of student life. By way of illustration it might be well to cite some of the positions filled by Π 's during this session. On the foot-ball team she had two representatives with one on the baseball team, four of the twelve editors of the "Annual" are from her ranks, while the exchange editor of the magazine and four members of the dramatic club are also Π 's. These with two men on the glee club,



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secretary and treasurer of the athletic association, president of the Freshman Class (second term) two representatives on the inter-society debate and one on the inter-collegiate debate, secretary and treasurer of the Senior Class, three of the six orators at intermediates, two for the approaching finals and finally the Valedictorian of the Senior Class—all serve to show how the chapter has fared at the hands of the student body.

In the graduation of Mann, Martin, Gilmer and Brown the chapter will necessarily be weakened and they will be sorely missed but with the spirit that has pervaded things during the past nine months we look to the future with confidence and the determination to make Iota keep pace with the general fraternity in her strides onward.

The college also seems to be entering upon a bright era in her history. A year ago the air was thick with plots and intrigues to move her from the sacred spot where she has so long flourished. That was a dismal failure. And to-day in the place of a president who thought she must move or die there stands one who just as firmly believes that she can not only live in her time-honored locality, but, in addition, that in so doing prosperity will attend her. Friends on every hand are rallying to her calls for help, and their interests are being manifested in such substantial ways as increased endowment, improved bath-room accommodations, and granolithic walks. The good resulting from such changes will, it is thought, be soon manifested and will be of long duration.

At the approaching commencement, Rev. H. Tucker Graham, last fall elected to the presidency, will be inaugurated. This event together with the usual circumstances attendant upon such an occasion as the final celebrations of a college tends to make the approaching gaities of unusual moment. Mr. Graham, in addition to his marked executive ability, has a deep and abiding interest in this school, his *alma mater*, and already is making prepara-

tions for vast improvements which he hopes to effect on the campus during the summer months.

Besides all this Hampden-Sidney is being pushed into the lime-light by another agency—her baseball team. With it the past season has proved to be one of the most successful in the history of the college. Among her victories may be mentioned such places as the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, the Virginia Military Institute, William & Mary's College, and Richmond College. While only twice did she taste of defeat. One of which came from Randolph-Macon whom we play again to-morrow to decide the championship of this division. The victor wins the cup as both teams have won two victories each out of three possible ones. The issue is awaited with much interest as this is the second time the two institutions have tied for athletic honors this session. The other tie coming as it did late in the foot-ball season was never played off.

The summer addresses of the graduates will be as follows:

Frank Chilton Brown, Lewisburg, W. Va.

Graham Gilmer, Draper, Virginia.

William Hodges Mann, Jr., Nottaway, Virginia.

William Watkins Martin, 315 W. Grace St., Richmond, Virginia.

Those who expect to return next fall may be found at the following addresses:

Thomas Thweatt Atkinson, Champ, Virginia.

Paul Tulane Atkinson, Hampden-Sidney, Virginia.

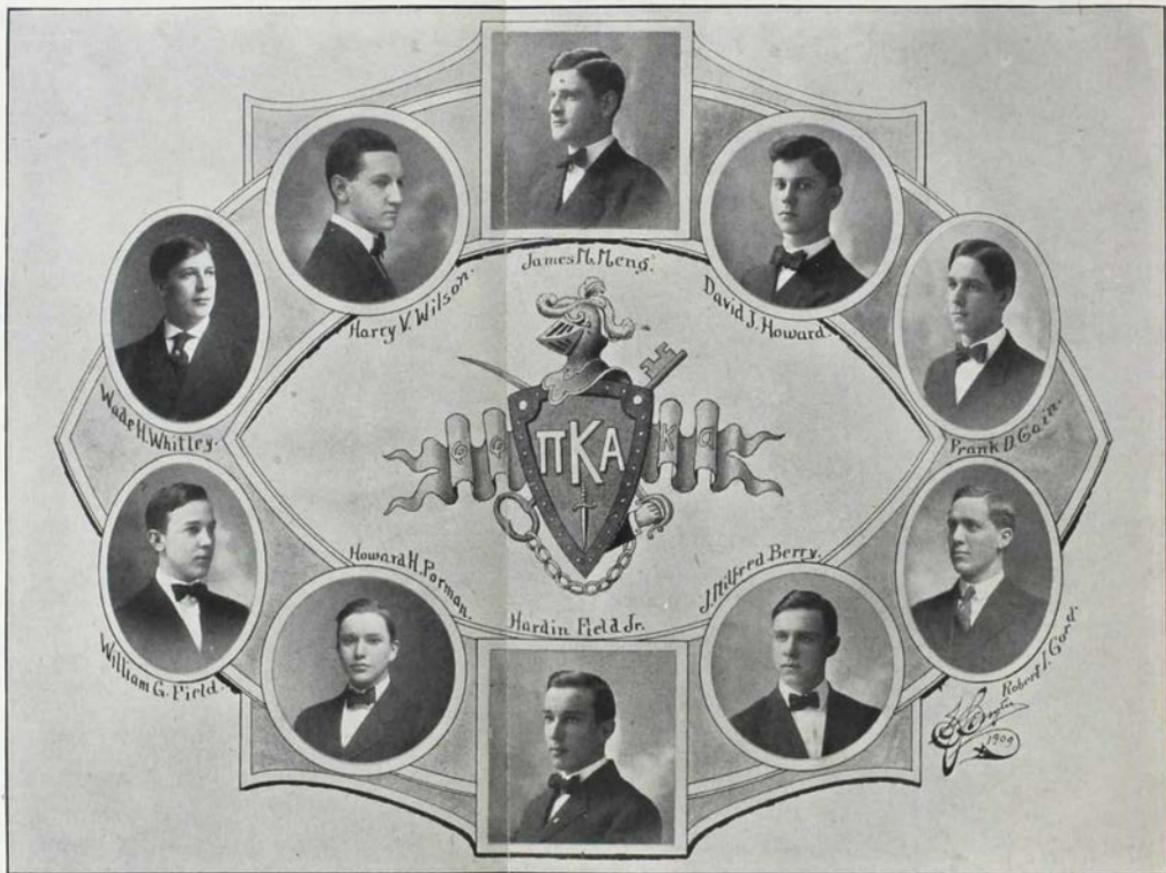
Wyndham Bolling Blanton, 300 W. Grace St., Richmond, Virginia.

Howard Wallace Blanton, 300 W. Grace St., Richmond, Virginia.

Archie Chapman Buchanan, Tazewell, Virginia.

Thomas Adair Painter, Pulaski, Virginia.

George Luther Walker, Blacksburg, Virginia.



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Wishing every wearer of the "Garnett and Old Gold" a happy issue from the bug-bear of examinations and a pleasant summer, we lower the curtain on another act.

P. TULANE ATKINSON.



Kappa

Transylvania University

Kappa is on the verge of closing one of the most prosperous and most successful years in the history of the chapter. The year has been one of the best for Kappa in almost every point of view. Considering her slight prospects and smallness of numbers at the beginning of the present year when only three of last year's chapter returned, and her increased strength in numbers at the present time with a roll of nine, it can well be said that Kappa has been hard and diligently at work. And again, considering the class of men she has secured in the six that have been added to the roll during the year, Kappa's comparative work and strength for the year is far above par. All of the men secured by Kappa this year are, and have proven themselves to be, made of the right stuff,—those qualities of a real fraternity man which make a chapter and which chapter shares its proportion in making the fraternity at large. In the securing of men Kappa has been fortunate in getting of the best at the University. All of the men stand high in the University and are making good in every line and field.

At this time of the year all thoughts are turned towards the last two weeks of the college year,—the final examinations and the Commencement Week. The final exams. begin on the 28th of this month (May) and the Commencement begins on the third of June continuing through the following Thursday night.

At the last two or three weekly meetings of Kappa the main discussions have been on the work and prospects

of Kappa for the coming year. From the present indications, the prospects for next year are exceedingly bright. Six of the nine men will probably return. Quite a number of the prospective students who are known to be likely to enter the University next year have been discussed by the chapter and Kappa stands a fair chance of securing several new men at the beginning of the year who will make the kind of men Kappa wants. The members of Kappa are going to work during the summer vacation and be on hand several days at the University before the fall term opens. It will be the main effort of Kappa together with the Omega chapter for the remainder of this year and during the summer to secure a chapter house for next year. Indications are that the chapter house will be secured and ready for the opening of the fall term.

Kappa extends to the members of Pi Kappa Alpha the best wishes for a pleasant summer vacation and the greatest success for the opening of the various chapters in the coming fall of '09.

The summer addresses of the active members of Kappa are as follows:

- J. Milfred Berry, R. F. D. No. 2, Carlisle, Ky.
- David J. Howard, P. O. Box 295, Versailles, Ky.
- James M. Meng, North Middletown, Ky.
- Robert I. Cord, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
- Wade H. Whitley, Paris, Ky.
- Harry V. Wilson, Tullahoma, Tenn.
- Hardin Field, P. O. Box 295, Versailles, Ky.
- William Field, P. O. Box 295, Versailles, Ky.
- Frank Cain, Morton's Gap, Ky.

Two of Kappa's members will graduate this year (June). Whitley graduates from the Law College of Transylvania University, while Cord receives his A.B. degree in the College of Arts.

Five or probably six members of the present chapter of Kappa will return next year to the University. Those

who will not return next year are Howard, Meng and Whitley. Cord is likely to return for special work.

The honors taken by the Π 's of Kappa in college, social and athletic lines have been numerous. These may be stated as follows: Whitley, 'Varsity foot-ball team three years; Meng, 'Varsity foot-ball team two years, member of H. A. S. I. Club; Berry, 'Varsity foot-ball and base-ball teams one year manager of basket-ball team for '09-'10, H. A. S. I. Club; Howard, 'Varsity foot-ball and base-ball teams two years, H. A. S. I. Club; Cord, 'Varsity baseball team two years, H. A. S. I. Club, business manager of "Transylvanian" '08-'09, February 22nd Orator '09.

All members of Kappa are members of the Periclean Literary Society and the Transylvania University Social Club.

ROBERT I. CORD.



Mu

Presbyterian College of South Carolina

Final examinations are upon us and a dejected look may be seen on many faces. We feel sure that this sad look will not be on the faces of Mu's men long because they always take a large share of the college honors. In the past year the following men have received medals; Harrall, Greek medal; Bean, Science medal; Neville won the orators medal and also second medal at the South Carolina Inter-collegiate Oratorical Contest.

At a banquet given by the Juniors to the Seniors, Bean had the honor of acting as toastmaster, Neville also responded to one of the toasts.

Only one of Mu's men has taken an active part in athletics this year.

We are looking forward to our nineteenth annual banquet which will be given on the night of June 10th. We expect to make this one of the best banquets Mu has ever

had and to help us out in this, Brother John Gordon Hughes, Grand Princeps, has promised to be with us and act as toastmaster.

We will lose four men by graduation this year—McDonald, Bean, Neville and Harrall. Mu will be very much weakened by the loss of these men, but we hope to find some good material to work on next September.

Summer addresses are as follows:

G. C. McDonald, Sumter, Ga.

D. W. A. Neville, Clinton, S. C.

W. S. Bean, Jr., Clinton, S. C.

C. D. Harrall, Bennettsville, S. C.

D. B. Smith, Reidville, S. C.

H. K. Sligh, R. F. D. No. 1, Clemson, S. C.

G. W. Taylor, Jr., Greenville, S. C.

May the summer vacation bring happiness and contentment to every II.

GEO. C. McDONALD.



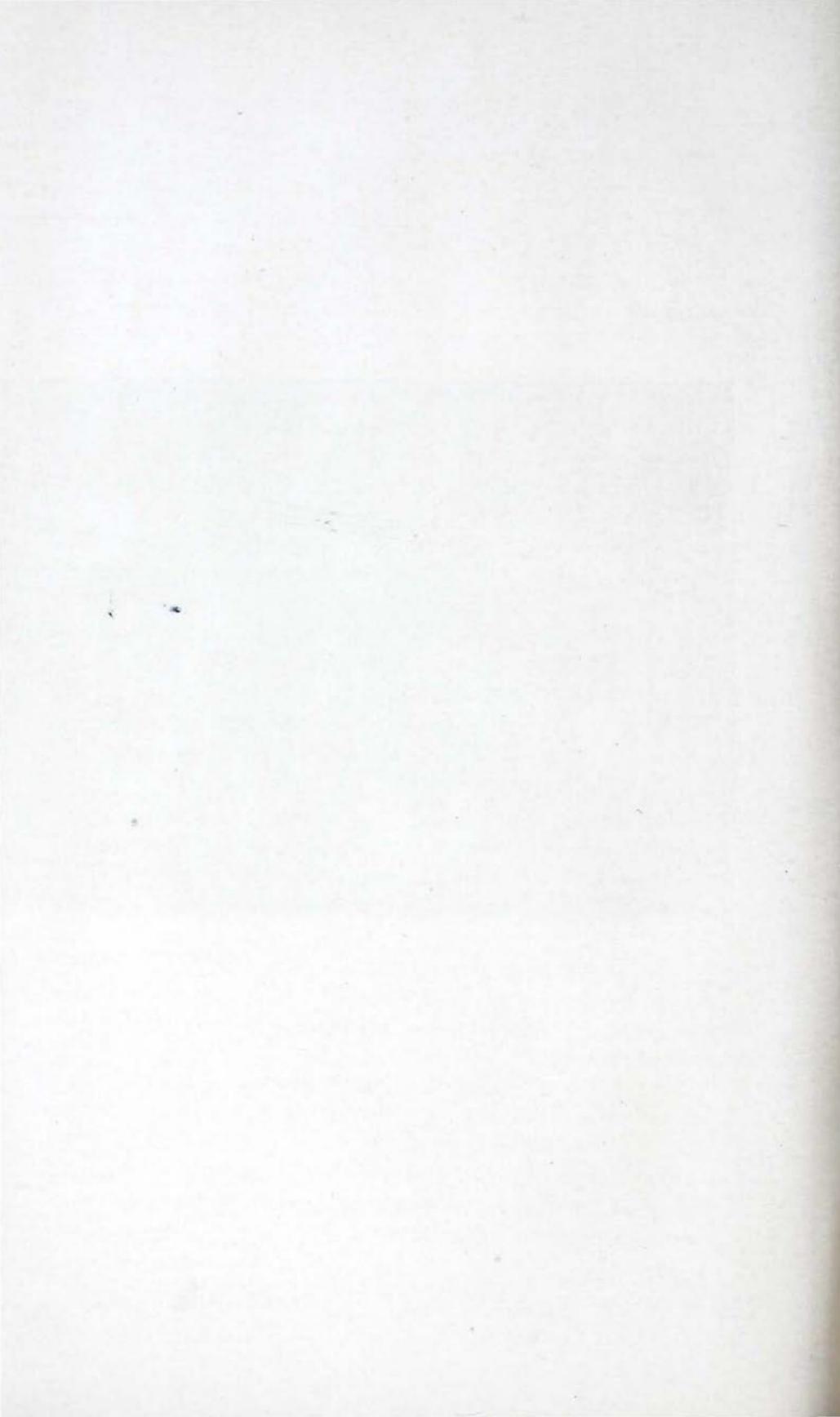
Omicron

Richmond College

In less than a month college will be closed and Omicron chapter feels justified in saying that it has been the best year in her history. Heretofore we have had very few local men on our roll. This year we have gotten five of the best men who entered college from the schools in Richmond. This fact in conjunction with the renewed activity of the local alumni has given our chapter most desirable strength which has been conspicuously absent during the past, and which gives us reason to believe that next year will be another splendid one for Omicron. And all the fellows have taken more interest in the Fraternity this year than previous, with the result that every member of the chapter feels, it seems, more personal interest in its welfare.



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Since the last letter we have initiated Robert Alonzo Brock, Jr., 517 west Marshall Street, Richmond, Va., and we take pleasure in introducing him to the Fraternity. He is of the calibre that brings credit to the Fraternity in the eyes of the faculty and the student body at large, a splendid standard for any chapter to work by.

Our annual dance was given at the Hermitage Club, April 30, and was enjoyed by about sixty II's and their friends. Other than the members of our chapter Brothers Morris Langhorne, Spencer Ellis, Henry Taylor, Sam Lacy, of Richmond, B. E. Steel, of Tazewell and M. G. Willis, Jr., of Fredericksburg, were present to help us make the occasion happy. We regret that it was not possible to invite some of our brothers in the neighboring chapters but limited quarters made it impossible.

Baseball is over and we have the same hard tale to tell. The other fellow got the championship cup. But we hope to do better next time. James R. Sheppard, Jr. looked after things at third base and led the team in hitting, average .297. M. A. Chambers, Jr. made his letter on the track team during the spring season.

The chapter suffered a loss during the spring term when Jo Payne Snead was compelled to withdraw from college on account of sickness. The chapter wishes him a speedy return to health, that he might be with us next year.

During the past two months we have had visits from R. C. Duval and J. B. Duval, Jr., who were in college last year and who expect to return to continue their studies next year.

Of the present chapter, two will graduate in law, Presley Thornton Atkins, of Lexington, Ky., and Walter Manly Nance, of Roxbury, Va.

The remaining members of the chapter all of whom expect to return to college in September and their summer addresses follow.

Spencer Glass Gill, Petersburg, Va.

Merritt Allen Chambers, Jr., 208 W. Main St. Richmond, Va.

Jas. R. Sheppard, Jr., 1614 W. Grace St., Richmond, Virginia.

William Valentine Lapew, Floyd Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

Richard Willson Taylor, 2718 E. Grace St., Richmond, Virginia.

Robt. McLain Whittet, Beach St., Richmond, Va.

Robt. Alonzo Brock, Jr., 517 W. Marshall St., Richmond, Va.

With best wishes to every Π .

P. T. ATKINS.



Pi

Washington and Lee University

A few weeks and the session of '08 and '09 at W. and L. will be at a close and it will be with mingled sorrow and happiness that we will leave our dear old college to go to our respective homes. The leaving will be one of sorrow because of parting from our many friends and clubmates, and it will be joyful because of the thought that we will soon greet our loved ones at home.

Our exams. begin on June the first and are over June the thirteenth. The finals are over on the seventeenth.

We feel that this session has been a very successful one for Pi Chapter. We have taken our share of honors in nearly every feature of college activity.

Witten was elected editor-in-chief of the "*Ringtun Phi.*" our college weekly, and served ably in that capacity until the beginning of the winter term when he was forced to resign the editorship on account of a heavy course of study. Witten also served the student body as cheer leader. During the foot-ball, basket-ball and base-ball seasons he has kept the spirit and enthusiasm on the

athletic field at a high pitch and the yelling and rooting under his leadership has been the best ever had at W. and L.

Boxley and Beard both take their degree from the Law School this year and Lyle takes his degree in the academic department. We regret very much that we will not have these men with us next year and their loss will be greatly felt.

On the baseball team we were represented by Stras, who played a good game at first base. Hall and Ryan were on the track team. At our field day held here in April Ryan won the high jump medal and Hall won the medal for the broad jump. Earwood was on the foot-ball team last fall.

Socially we have been represented in every club and ribbon society in college. In the "Sigma," "S. B. C.," and "Phi Delta Phi" we have had one man in each and in the "P. A. N." Society we have two.

Since our last letter we have had the pleasure of visits from the following brothers: L. A. Anderson, Alpha; Garner, Alpha; Shepherd, Omicron; Painter, Iota; Boswell, Beta; Simms, Alpha-Theta; Wilson, Iota and Robertson, alumnus of Omicron. We are always glad to have the brothers of other chapters with us and hope they will always come around when in or near Lexington.

At the Virginia Military Institute are brothers Gilbert White, alumnus of Gamma and Rufus Bowman, alumnus of Phi. We see them both often and are proud to say that they are two staunch IIs. White is first sergeant of his company and stands well for his captaincy next year.

The names and addresses of those who graduate and will not return next year are:

John Hary Lyle, Lexington, Virginia.

Littleberry James Boxley, 324 Washington Ave. Sw., Roanoke, Virginia.

Stanley Alphonse Beard, 2819 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas.

Those returning are:

A. W. Albertson, 33 West 4th St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Frank L. Wysor, Clifton Forge, Virginia.

L. C. Witten, Martinsville, Virginia.

J. H. Tabb, Zanoni Post Office, Virginia.

Clayton E. Williams, Woodstock, Virginia.

W. Troy Hall, Gainesville, Georgia.

A. L. Stras, Roanoke, Virginia.

T. P. Trigg, Abingdon, Virginia.

W. W. Trigg, Abingdon, Virginia.

Ernest V. Kellner, 207 N. Walnut St., Greenville, Miss.

John L. Ryan, Rincon Antonio, Oaxaco, Mexico.

John D. Ankrom, New Martinsville, W. Virginia.

James B. Whitfield, Demopolis, Alabama.

J. L. Sumrall, 911 American Bank building, Seattle, Washington.

A. L. Wolfe, Jr., 323 Church St., Roanoke, Virginia.

Don B. Earwood, Beckley, West Virginia.

We wish every Π a pleasant summer vacation on behalf of Pi Chapter and hoping that next year will be a banner year for Pi Kappa Alpha.

DON B. EARWOOD.



Tau

University of North Carolina

It is a great pleasure to introduce to the Fraternity Tau's latest initiate, George Folger Meares, of Wilmington, N. C. Brother Meares is a student in the law department of the university.

In a recent debate with the University of Virginia the team defending this university had as one of its members Brother J. C. M. Vann. The debate was a close one, but, in spite of Brother Vann's excellent speech and rejoinder, the judges decided in favor of Virginia. In

debating this spring Carolina won from Tulane in New Orleans and lost to Virginia here in Chapel Hill and to Georgia in Athens.

Our baseball team has had a very successful season. It has won a decided majority of the games played both on the home diamond and "in foreign fields."

In the list of commencement officials Brother Boushall appears as an assistant marshal.

Brother Mercer holds an important position on the editorial staff of our annual, the "Yackety Yack." This year's product is said to be the finest ever sent out by this institution and one which will stand high in regard to annuals of other universities.

The summer addresses of the members of this chapter are as follows:

John H. Boushall, Raleigh, N. C.
B. Grimes Cowper, Jr., Raleigh, N. C.
Charles S. Flagler, Stroudsburg, Pa.
George F. Meares, Wilmington, N. C.
Richard R. Smith, Rock Hill, S. C.
W. Marvin Snider, Salisbury, N. C.
John R. Mercer, Elm City, N. C.
J. Dickson Phillips, Meredith, Florida.
John C. M. Vann, Wilmington, N. C.

Tau wishes all her sister chapters a very pleasant summer.

Tau has had quite a number of honors in college this year. Flagler was elected an assistant in the medical department. He was also elected to the medical society to be a member of which requires a high grade of class work and it is quite an honor to be on its roll. Mercer holds an important position as an associate editor of the "Yackety-Yack," the college annual. Vann represented the university in a debate with Virginia. This is one of the greatest honors in college. Cowper has developed into quite a pitcher and holds this position on the Sophomore Class team. Boushall was elected vice-president

of the Young Men's Christian Association and an assistant marshal for commencement.

Flagler is a member of the second year medical class and as this is as far as this department goes at this place he will not return. The chapter regrets his leaving very much indeed.

JOHN H. BOUSHALL.

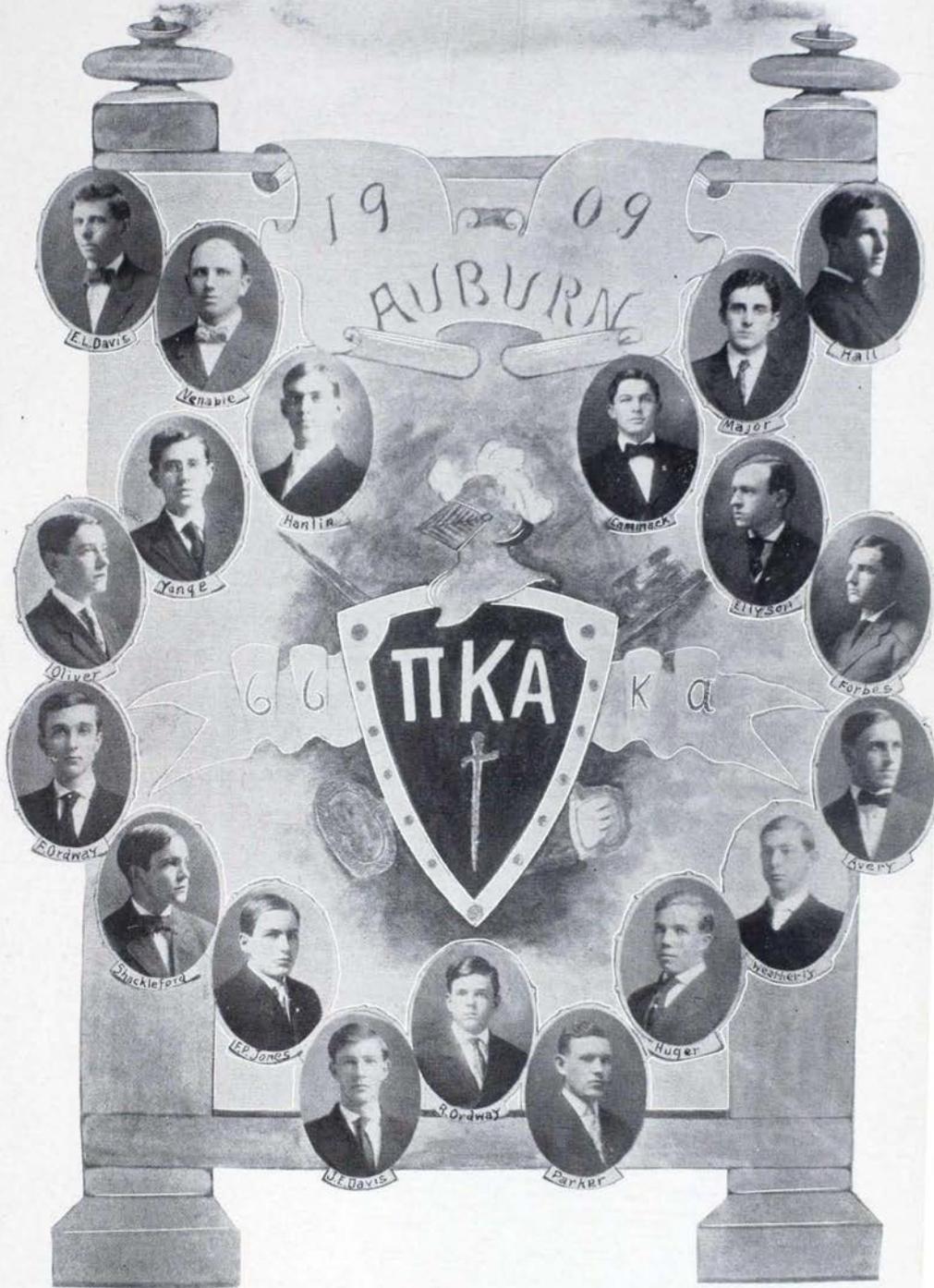


Upsilon

Alabama Polytechnic Institute

This is our last chapter letter which, as I understand, is to be a review of the year. The success of any chapter depends on two items; namely, the success of its members in the college departments, the success of the inside fraternity work. As will be presently shown, Upsilon has taken her share of college honors. Now, as to the next item, it can most frankly be said that there has been a great deal of interest shown in all fraternity work during the year, there has been a good attendance at every meeting and as a consequence our chapter has done some good work. After a deliberate consideration of all facts, Upsilon's 1908-09 record declared itself a vast improvement over that of previous years and is in harmony with Auburn's brilliant foot-ball record of this year.

By graduation, we lose this commencement, three of Upsilon's best men. They have all been in active service a long time and each has played an important part in putting our chapter on its present solid foundation. We regret to see them go but nevertheless, we can assure the Fraternity of three loyal alumni. These graduates are Hall, Ellyson and Hanlin. It has not been announced but (on the side) Auburn's little catcher, Hall, will easily make "All-Southern." During the past year Ellyson has distinguished himself as a 1st lieutenant of Company B. Hanlin, editor-in-chief of the "Glomerata," has



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just completed this work and, when last seen, was wearing a smile and smoking a good cigar.

In the list of honors given we omit the "distinctions" in class work for this year. Commack, who came to us last September from Delta Chapter, is classed as a Senior but, on account of one or two Junior studies, will be with us next year. What have our Juniors done? Sergeants Davis, E. L. and Yonge are drilling in crack Company A and by their stern demeanor, have made marked impressions on the Colonel and the ladies. Shackelford loves a life of ease. He has been honored with the position of assistant floor manager of the Phoenix German Club. Forbes is a crack Company A man and a baseball player of world-wide reputation, having made a brilliant record on the "Varsity squad" and was a shining star on the class team. F. P. Jones, though not a wearer of the stripes, by his excellent military bearing, knowledge and conduct, has the honor of drilling a sergeant in crack Company C. Venable, a 'Varsity foot-ball man '03-'04 returned last September and this "old war horse" has again taken a leading part in all college affairs. Last of the Juniors, though not least, comes Ordway. Ordway is a crack Company F man and is a born civil engineer.

Next comes the Sophs. J. E. Davis, 1st corporal, vice-president of his class, 'Varsity man in both foot-ball and track, a member of his class basket-ball team, must head the list. This record speaks for itself. I. P. Huger, a proud, smiling corporal, is drilling hard in crack Company B. E. S. Allen is a baseball man. He was on the 'Varsity squad and took several trips with the team. Since the class baseball games, Allen has been known as Captain Allen for he was elected captain of the class team. We are down to the Freshman. T. F. Parker is a 'Varsity basket-ball man, he holds the trustworthy office of treasurer of his class and was made captain of his class baseball team. E. A. Major is another 'Varsity

basket-ball man and was made manager of the class basket-ball team. P. S. Avery is a crack company man and a basket-ball player of note, distinguishing himself on the Freshman basket-ball team.

The addresses of our men are:

Seymour Hall, (He does not know himself).

R. B. Ellyson, Citronelle, Ala.

J. G. Hanlin, Sheffield, Ala.

N. G. Cammack, Jr., 1717 West Ala. St., Selma, Ala.

Willis Venable, East Lake, Ala.

E. L. Davis, Oak Grove, Ala.

L. B. Forbes, Schenectady, N. Y.

C. C. Yonge, 316 Guillemarde St., Pensacola, Fla.

Yonge Shackelford, 28 Virginia Ave., Montgomery, Ala.

F. P. Jones, 2231 Arlington Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

W. C. Oliver, 1118 San Jacinto St. Houston, Texas.

Frank Ordway, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

L. B. Ordway, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

J. P. Hoger, Anniston, Ala.

E. S. Allen, 1323 Tuscaloosa Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

T. F. Parker 1128 N. 29 St., Birmingham, Ala.

P. S. Avery, 27 E. Gregory St., Pensacola, Fla.

E. A. Major, Birmingham, Alabama.

Upsilon wishes every brother a pleasant, cool summer.

W. C. OLVER.



Chi

University of the South

Since our last letter, the greatest convention in the annals of Pi Kappa Alpha has passed into history, and we all feel sure that what was accomplished by it will prove for the best interests of the Fraternity.

All of the Commencement honors have not, as yet, been announced. The faculty has elected Berry, Valedictorian of the Senior class, and Watts, Salutatorian and we are sure that Chi will get her share of the other honors. Berry



J.F. Cloud



C. Ems



W.S. Claiborne



K. Whitfield



J.B. Whitfield



E.H. Coffin



W.L. Berry



G. Watts

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represented the University in the annual debate with Vanderbilt. Coffin, Ellis, and Whitfield have entered the tennis tournament and are expected to hold their own.

The members of the chapter with their summer addresses are:

F. J. H. Coffin, Sewanee, Tenn.

G. O. Watts, Covington, Tenn.

W. L. Perry, Franklin, Tenn.

C. J. Ellis, Jr., Rayville, La.

B. N. McCraven, Jr., 1203 McKinney Ave., Houston, Texas.

H. J. Whitfield, 613 South 2nd St., Columbus, Miss.

Of this number three, Watts, Berry and Ellis, graduate. Coffin, Watts, Berry and Whitfield expect to return next year.

During the baseball season, Chi had the pleasure of visits from Brothers Hall of Upsilon and Hillenmeyer of Omega, both of whom starred for their respective teams. Chi is always glad to welcome any visiting Π to the mountain.

HENRY J. WHITFIELD.



Psi

North Georgia Agricultural College

As the end of the college year draws near, Psi Chapter looks back with pride to the unstained record of this year. It has been her banner year, and we feel safe in predicting greater success for next year.

And now we have come to the happy ending of the year, commencement. But mingled with joys is a sadness at the thought of the men who will not return. At this time nearly all the chapters lose men, and Psi is more unfortunate than most of them. She loses four men by graduation and two men find it impossible to return for business reasons. Although so many of us are leaving, we feel sure that we leave behind a body of men amply capable of caring for the Chapter's affairs. Those graduating are Galloway, Willingham, Akers, and Power.

Henderson and Roberts are the undergraduates not returning, leaving eight men to start the new year.

Psi's men this year have won many honors in every department of college life. Below is a roll containing the most important honors:

T. O. Galloway, Elberton, Ga., Cadet Captain; Captain Football Team, Prophet of Senior class; Champion Debater; Editor of "*North Georgia*," 06-07-08; Business Manager of "*Cyclops*," 08; President of Athletic Association.

E. D. Willingham, 74 East Merritts Ave., Atlanta, Ga., Cadet 1st Lieutenant and Battalion Adjutant; Historian of Senior class.

William Akers, 29 Spence St., Atlanta, Ga., 'Varsity Baseball Team, 07-08-09; Poet of Senior class.

Fred H. Henderson, Chicamauga, Ga., 'Varsity Football Team, 06-07-08; Class Athletic Director.

Felder H. Harley, Valdosta, Ga., Cadet Sergeant; Treasurer of Freshman class.

Julian Ellison, Waynesboro, Ga., Cadet Sergeant; Assistant Business Manager of "*Cyclops*."

Lee B. Mathews, Hawkinsville, Ga.

J. Arthur Hollingsworth, Tifton, Ga.

Ray W. Harris, Dalton, Ga.

Cecil Neal, Gainesville, Ga., 'Varsity Baseball Team.

W. T. Johnstone, 106 Lamar St., Macon, Ga.

W. A. Roberts, 19 West 21st St., White Stone, Long Island, New York, Cadet 1st Sergeant.

Chas. E. Power, Vienna, Ga., 1st Lieutenant Artillery; Manager Football Team; Business Manager of "*Cyclops*."

Psi gave her annual picnic at Porter Springs, about 10 miles from town, on Monday, May 10th. A more thoroughly enjoyable picnic has never been given.

We have been entertained most delightfully by our sisters in town.

We have recently received an invitation to Alpha-Delta's dance, to be given on June 4th, and take this occasion to



E. D. WILLINGHAM



F. H. HENDERSON



E. W. McELROY



WILLIAM AKERS



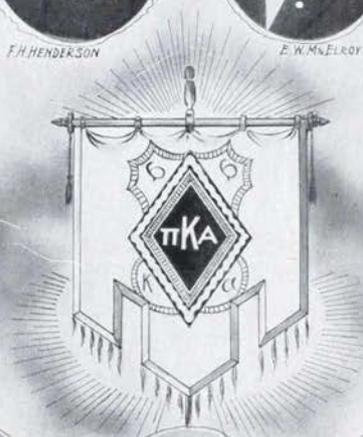
CHASE POWER



J. A. BARNES



RAY HARRIS



LEE B. MATTHEWS



F. H. HARLEY



J. A. HOLLINGSWORTH



CECIL NEAL



JULIAN ELLISON



T. O. GALLOWAY

thank them again for their courtesy. Some of us will doubtless attend.

This letter marks the last milestone of a most successful year, not only for Psi Chapter, but for the Fraternity. Each one has contributed to this success, perhaps not as much as could have been wished, but may all of us be able to say conscientiously, "Our best." And as we part from the dearest friends that man can ever have, may our consolation be that the loss by graduation to the active chapters, is a gain for the Fraternity in the form of earnest and hard working alumni.

Best wishes to all for a pleasant vacation, and a most successful year to follow.

CHAS. E. POWER.



Omega

State University

We are indeed gratified at the reports from the Convention and only regret that another is not to be held next year. Every one reported the best kind of a time which certainly speaks well for the chapters at New Orleans. Expansion was received with quite a bit of enthusiasm here by both the members and alumni. We have a great field before us and there is no reason why we should not soon become strong in the North as well as the South.

Our baseball team has not been as successful as it might have been yet we are satisfied with the showing under the conditions. We will finish second in the championship race the first honors going to Central College at Danville. Our team takes a southern trip playing several games there which we hope to make a creditable showing.

In the Gym tournament here Hedges won his letter and also the second honors in the exhibition. He will likely be elected Captain of next year's team.

Orr is our only graduate this year. He is one of the best men in the Mechanical Department and Omega will miss him very much. He will likely be engaged in overseeing contracts for a well-known local contractor. He has held a position in his department for the last several years and possibly he may be with us next year as an Instructor. He is a member of the "Annual Staff" and from all reports the publication will be a credit to the class and institution.

The college fraternities and societies have been the hosts from time to time of very enjoyable dances. There has not been a week since the holidays that some kind of entertainment has not been given. These dances in the main have been elaborate and the college folk have been well entertained this year. These dances continue to the close of college ending with the famous "Farewell Hop."

State won the inter-collegiate track meet from six competitors. It was an easy victory as we doubled the points of our nearest competitor. Collins is a member of the track team and holds the record mile for the institution.

Omega has shared well the honors of the institution this year. Orr is a member of the Tau Beta Pi (an honorary engineering Fraternity) besides holding a position in the institution, Dance Committee, "Annual Staff," Mystic Thirteen, Lamp and Cross, and an all round good fellow. Goodwin upholds Omega in the social world, Wilhoit is one of the most popular men in school besides being a good student. Collins is a member of the track team and an all round athlete. He is a key and member of the Band and quite a student despite the fact he is an Agricultural student. Kelly is another of our social "stars" closely pushed by Hedges who is a member of the Gym team, Glee Club, College Band, Class Foot-ball team, Key, Thirteen, Foot-ball Squad and a Sophomore Engineer. Hillenmeyer is a Lamp and Cross, Mystic Thirteen, President of Agricultural Society, Junior Foot-ball team, and member of the 'Varsity nine. The Lamp



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W. B. Brown
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and Cross (a Senior society) is one of the most important organizations in the institutions and it is quite an honor to be asked. The Mystic Thirteen is a Junior society and thirteen most popular men in college are chosen. The Keys is a Sophomore organization consisting of ten members.

The addresses for the summer of Omega's men will likely be:

T. James Orr, Lexington, Ky., with Anderson & Frankel.

H. Berkly Hedges, Lexington, Ky., 118 Barr St.

Geo. Early Goodwin, Lexington, Ky., 432 S. Broadway.

W. W. Hillenmeyer, Lexington, Ky., Box 386.

William Collins, North Middletown, Ky.

Clement Kelly, Crafton, Penn.

Jno. Wilhoit, Versailles, Ky.

We were unfortunate enough to lose two members this year both leaving college. We hope to see them back next year.

Commencement exercises start on May 31st and continue about a week. The College closes on the 7th of June. It will resume next September. The date is not set but will be about the middle of the month.

Omega regrets that this is to be the last letter from the chapter for several months. All the members will miss the magazine and the Π news that it contains. We wish each and every Π the best kind of a time during the vacation and extend to any wandering Π a most cordial welcome to Lexington where we will see that he is well entertained. If you are about look any of us up as you will not regret it. With best wishes.

W. W. HILLENMEYER.



Alpha-Alpha **Trinity College**

As our final examinations begin on May 24th every member of Alpha-Alpha is deeply concerned as to whether

he will be so fortunate as to make his work successfully, and already hard work is the order of the day. But "every cloud has a silver lining," and there is great consolation felt that after examinations, commencement—the jolliest time of the whole year—comes, and then the vacation.

The college year just closing has been a very successful one for Alpha-Alpha. The following honors have been taken:

R. M. Gantt, Pitcher on 'Varsity baseball team; Contestant for "Wiley Gray" medal.

W. S. Stewart, Captain of Junior class baseball team; member of the 'Varsity basket-ball team; on Junior class tennis team; member of the "Tombs," a secret organization of the Junior class.

B. S. Hurley, Member of the Glee Club; Marshal of Columbian Literary Society.

T. B. Harris, Treasurer of Sophomore class.

G. D. Gantt, Commenceent Marshal.

J. M. Howard, Jr., Member of the Glee Club.

The following is our chapter roll and the summer addresses of each member:

R. M. Gantt, Bellwood, N. C.

W. S. Stewart, Box 213, Charlotte, N. C.

T. C. Whitley, Blounts' Creek, N. C.

B. S. Hurley, Troy, N. C.

T. B. Harris, 160 N. Union St., Concord, N. C.

G. S. Lee, Jr., Monroe, N. C.

J. M. Howard, Jr., Newbern, N. C.

G. D. Gantt, Shelby, N. C.

R. M. Gantt will graduate with this year's class, but expects to return next year, and become a student in the Department of Law. We expect every member of the chapter to return next year, except Whitley, who is going to drop out of school for a year.

Our baseball team has just closed another successful season. R. M. Gantt has pitched almost all of the hard

games and has sustained the great reputation he made last year. Out of twenty-one college games played this year, Trinity has won sixteen.

But in debates Trinity can not boast of so good a record as she has made in athletics. On the night of April 17, we lost to Sewanee. This was the first of a series of debates between these two colleges.

Invitations to the Trinity commencement exercises have been issued, and the speaking attractions are among the best that this institution has ever booked. The commencement address will be delivered by Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver, of Iowa, on June 9, at which time commencement closes.

It is customary at this college, for the Fraternities to give banquets at commencement. Alpha-Alpha is making great preparations for her's, which affair comes off on the night of June 8, at Hotel Corcoran.

Wishing every II a pleasant vacation.

T. B. HARRIS.



Alpha-Gamma

Louisiana State University

It is with a feeling of sadness that Alpha-Gamma's scribe takes up his quill to pen the farewell letter for the session of '08-'09, which is so rapidly drawing to a close. But mingled with the sadness and longing there is, at the same time, something—call it what you may—that makes one feel that sadness should not alone reign supreme, for during the past session, the Goddess of Fortune has, indeed, graciously smiled upon this band of brothers.

Alpha-Gamma has taken the following honors during the past session:

G. P. Lessley, President of Senior Law Class.

T. M. Wade, Jr., Treasurer of Senior Academic.

S. E. Mary, Captain of 'Varsity Baseball Team; 1st Vice-president of Cotillion Club; Sergeant of Cadet Band.

W. H. Thompson, Pitcher on 'Varsity Baseball Team; Member of Cotillion Club.

H. V. Moseley, Humorous Editor of "Gumbo"; Assistant Editor of "Reveille"; Member of Cotillion Club.

P. J. Miller, Cadet Corporal and Assistant Surgeon of Hospital; Member of Cotillion Club.

J. R. Perez, Member of Cotillion Club.

The summer addresses of the members are as follows:

Wood Harmon Thompson, Harrisonburg, La.

George Peets Lessley, Carencro, La.

George Alexander Dutton, Winnfield, La.

Thomas Buffington Beale, Baton Rouge, La.

Sebastin Etienne Mary, Brusly, La.

Thomas Magruder Wade, Jr., Newellton, La.

Henry Clay Walker, Jr., Homer, La.

John Rene Perez, Jesuit Bend, La.

Preston Joseph Miller, Carencro, La.

John Taylor Laycock, Baton Rouge, La.

Henry Vincent Moseley, Alexandria, La.

Lamont Seals, Homer, La.

Earnest Denis Viguerie, Baldwin, La.

The following men expect to graduate:

W. H. Thompson, Law; G. P. Lessley, Law; G. A. Dutton, Law; J. R. Perez, Law; T. B. Beale, Academic; J. T. Laycock, Academic; T. M. Wade, Academic.

Our prospects for the next session are fine; our chapter house will be completed ere the summer is over, and as to new members, we have several pledges.

Let me close wishing every Π a pleasant vacation and hoping that each and every chapter will return a goodly number to carry the old "Gold and Garnet" banner to victory another year.

H. C. WALKER, JR.



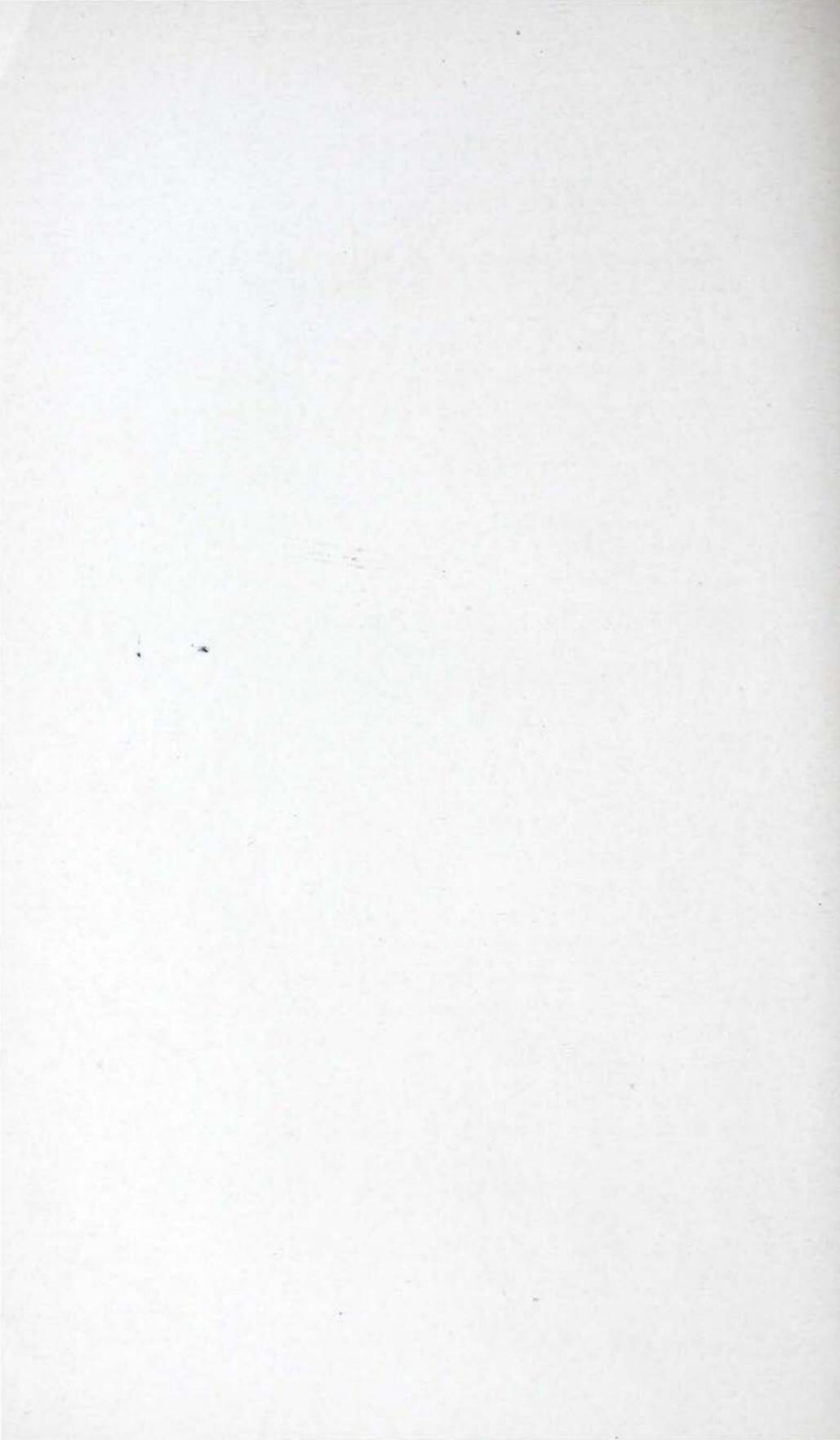
Alpha-Delta

Georgia School of Technology

The baseball season of Tech is now over and every one seems very well satisfied with the record our team has



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made. Most of our team will return next year so we expect a still better record in the future.

Examinations will start on June 3rd, and school closes on the 17th. The "promenade" will be on the evening of the 16th.

We are now closing the banner year of Alpha-Delta. Last September we returned seven men. During the year six men were initiated and one alumnus after being away from Tech for two years, returned. The chapter now consists of the following. The summer addresses are also given:

Bonner Bruce Adams, Pavo, Ga.

Nathaniel Edward Adamson, Jr., 203 Sixth Ave., Rome, Ga.

Duncan Hancock Brown, Hawkinsville, Ga.

John Givhan Gilliam, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Harry McIntire Houser, Perry, Ga.

Sam Norwood Hodges, Perry, Ga.

Clifford James Matthews, Fort Valley, Ga.

Joe Watts McKenzie, Montezuma, Ga.

Charles Harden Peacock, 137 Magnolia St., Macon, Ga.

Mac Trotter Robertson, Dalton, Ga.

Frank Arthur Stivers, Chattanooga, Tenn.

James Alman Tommins, 500 Spring St., Atlanta, Ga.

William Heber Thames, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Reuben Howell Williams, 220 High St., Macon, Ga.

Stivers took second honor in Freshman class during the first term. Hodges played star football as tackle on the Junior team. Adamson is an editor on the Annual staff.

Since our last letter one of our sisters, Miss Estelle Nantz, has committed matrimony. Our chapter attended the wedding which occurred on April 28th at the bride's home. Mr. F. H. Houser, her husband, is the brother of our Harry Houser.

We have been greatly encouraged this year by the interest shown by the alumni in Atlanta. Among those who

have attended our meetings are N. I. Adams and R. M. Gann, alumni of Alpha-Delta, Blodgett, Cooledge and Stephens of Alpha Mu, and McElroy, Barnes and Johnson of Psi. Brother Underwood, our Grand Secretary, has made several inspiring talks during the year. On the evening of May 15th, Brother Hall of Upsilon, met with us. He told us, in a most entertaining way, of Upsilon's work. To them we extend our heartiest congratulations for their magnificent record.

We will lose Houser on the first of June. He goes to accept a responsible position at the Piedmont Hotel. While not an active member, yet he will still attend our meetings and be "one of us."

We will also lose Adamson by graduation, he may, however, return for a post-graduate course.

Alpha Delta wishes all IIs a most pleasant summer.

N. E. ADAMSON, JR.



Alpha-Epsilon

North Carolina A. & M. College

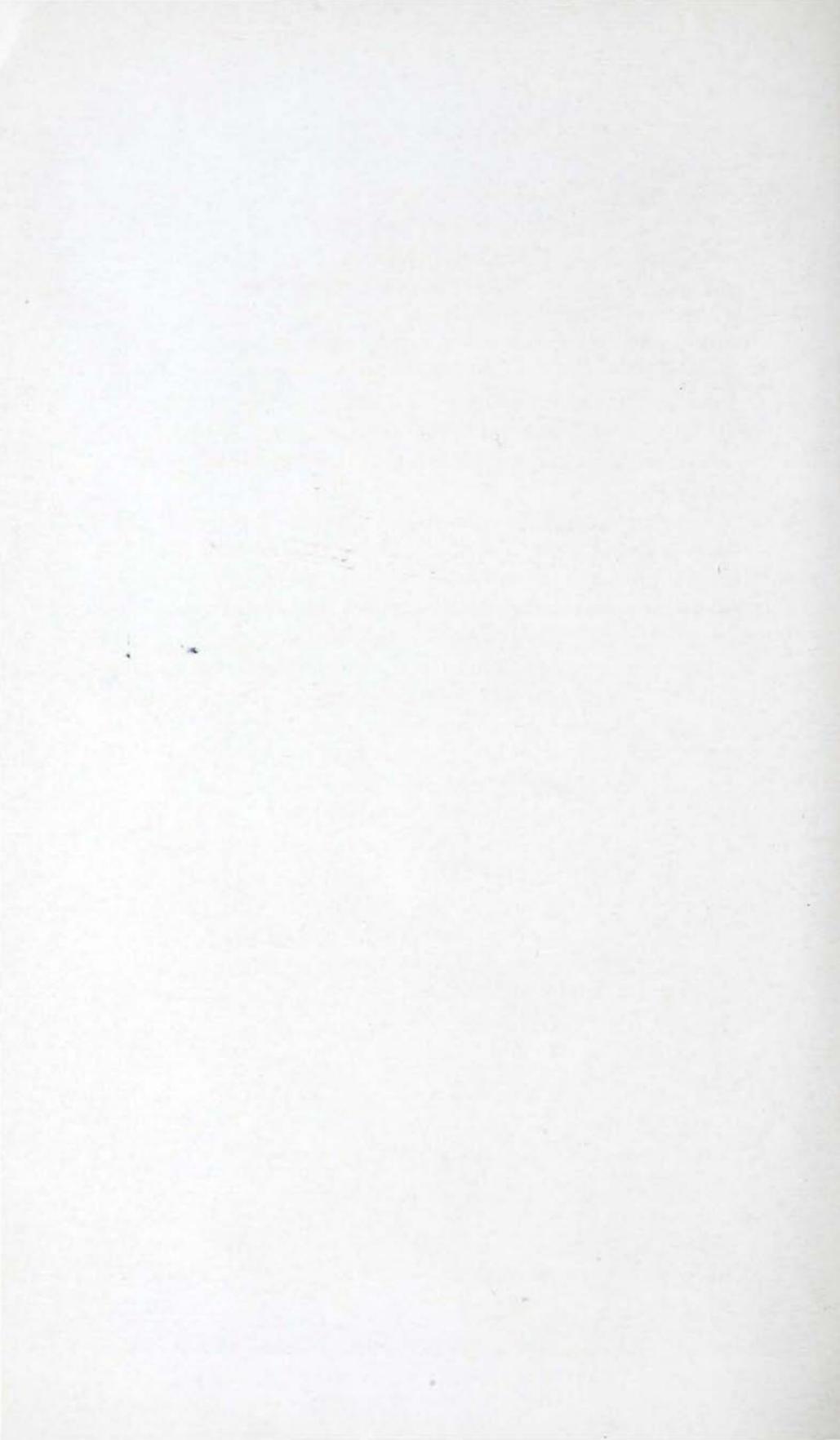
Since our last writing Alpha-Epsilon has added one more man to her chapter roll and to the ranks of the IIs. We take great pleasure in introducing, as a brother, J. E. Beaman of Clinton, N. C. On Easter Monday night this chapter gave its annual dance complimentary to the other fraternities in college. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by the large crowd present and proved to be one of the most brilliant social events of the year.

Our baseball team has made a splendid record this year. The long list of victories to their credit include those over teams recognized as the best throughout the South. Springs, at a recent meeting of the athletic association, was elected manager of the baseball team for next season.

Commencement exercises at this college will begin May 23rd, quite an elaborate program has been arranged and is being looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure.



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One of the features of commencement week will be the dances given by the several fraternities in college. The dances are always largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

On hearing the report of its delegate the chapter expressed itself as greatly pleased with work of the convention. All of the members think that extension into the Northern territory, under the plan adopted by the convention, will greatly add to the strength of the Fraternity.

The appointments of cadet officers for next year were recently made. Springs received an appointment as a lieutenant.

The following are the honors taken by the members of Alpha-Epsilon during this year: 1st Lieutenant of the Band; Sergeant Company "B"; sub. on 'Varsity Football team; men on class baseball and football teams; 7 men in German Club; Membership in literary societies; editor of College Annual; one man on track team, Delegate to Y. M. C. A. Convention; Membership in Mechanical, Textile and Biological Societies.

Summer addresses of the members:

W. R. Marshall, Rocky Mount, N. C.

St. J. L. Springs, Georgetown, S. C.

J. M. Bradfield, Charlotte, N. C.

C. A. Stedman, Greensboro, N. C.

R. E. Bencini, High Point, N. C.

W. E. Bair, Jr., 457 Auburn Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Willis Holding, Raleigh, N. C.

John Knox, Raleigh, N. C.

J. E. Beaman, Clinton, N. C.

D. H. Hill, Jr., West Raleigh, N. C.

D. H. HILL, JR.



Alpha-Zeta

University of Arkansas

Another year with its sunshine and shadows rapidly draws to a close. Between us and our much needed vaca-

tions blocking the way is the last examination week. Let us hope we all will mother it safely.

If it were not for the fact that this letter must go in rather early probably we could add to the names of our three initiates of this year four or five others, but we shall bide our time and tell you more about them next fall. However, allow us to introduce Brother Willis Elfin Lephiem of Dermott, Arkansas, our fourth initiate of the year.

We were very sorry to lose Brother Koser just one month before commencement. He is highly admired by us all and a bigger-hearted and more sincere boy never wore the badge. Let us hope that a diploma will be an inducement for his return next fall.

Several months ago the dormitory division of the Π family here entertained some of their "out-town" ladies and gentlemen with a royal dormitory dinner. On a grander scale and with more success was the sumptuous spring chicken dinner so highly appreciated by others a month later. In fact so charming and entertaining have these "country Π 's" become that as Brother Alphin has expressed it "A Dormitory Π " would be a fitting epitaph for any brother here.

Alpha-Zeta will not be on the list of those who will have chapter houses next year but we shall make up this deficiency by endeavoring to follow out the suggestion of Nelson and Bailey to do some "spreading out." Under this suggestion we hope to have the cooperation of our older friends and relatives who are scattered over the state in assisting us in locating material before the fall term opens.

It is interesting to note the progress made by our Chapter in the baseballistic line. On the eve of examination week the Sigma Nu boys accepted our challenge for a game. We met on one Friday afternoon and came out victors by a score of 4 to 1. Special mention should be made of Smith's fielding and Miles' work on the initial pad. Woodson and Cooper were our no hit battery.

Bailey made an error in left but this was overlooked when he dropped a drive behind center and came sailing in home. Martin, our heavy Junior center, assures us that we will have a splendid eleven when fall comes.

We are proud of the record made by our baseball team. Eighteen hard games have been played so far with a loss of but five. We have three more to play—one with the Missouri State Normals and two with the Oklahoma University. A heavy course necessitated Yocum vacating the pitching staff early in the season leaving Sample to be our only representative on the team.

The university in general holds its own fairly well. A strong movement has been on foot during the year having for its aim the removal of this institution to the Capital City. The question with many seems to be, why we haven't been moved long time ago.

It has been conceded by many that our university has never before witnessed such a social year as this one has been. Dances, receptions and banquets have followed each other in rapid succession throughout the whole year. It was this year that the Freshmen came out from the grass and gave their "first annual dance." It was at this gayly festooned affair that Brothers Yocum and Miles whirled to their hearts content and came limping homeward in the wee small hours the heroes of the night.

Below is a list of addresses good until fall:

Roy Robert Chamberlain, Malvern, Ark.

Ed Francis Woodson, Huntington, Ark.

Iver Gough, McCurtain, Okla.

Herbert Martin, Warren, Ark.

Pat Bailey, Warren, Ark.

Ray Purcell, Warren, Ark.

Chas. Sample, Eldorado, Ark.

Lynne Goodwin, Eldorado, Ark.

Hendrick Alphin, Eldorado, Ark.

Walter Miles, Eldorado, Ark.

Chambers Boles, Fayetteville, Ark.

Thomas Barnett, Eureka Springs, Ark.

Henry Yocum, Eldorado, Ark.

Earl Shipley, Booneville, Ark.

Willis Elfin Lephien, Dermont, Ark.

J. Pruett Melson, Moskogee, Okla.

Roy Goodwin, Eldorado, Ark.

ROY GOODWIN.



Alpha-Eta

University of Florida

The university closes on May 25th and we are looking forward to the good old "summer time."

On the 14th we had our annual ball at the Elks home. All the dancing members of the other fraternities were present. The hall was very artistically decorated with pennants, evergreens and "garnet and gold." In the center hung the coat of arms. A bevy of girls came over from Jacksonville and McIntosh to honor the occasion. Mrs. S. G. Bouis, mother of Brother Bouis, chaperoned the girls. Refreshments were served and all expressed themselves as having had a very pleasant time.

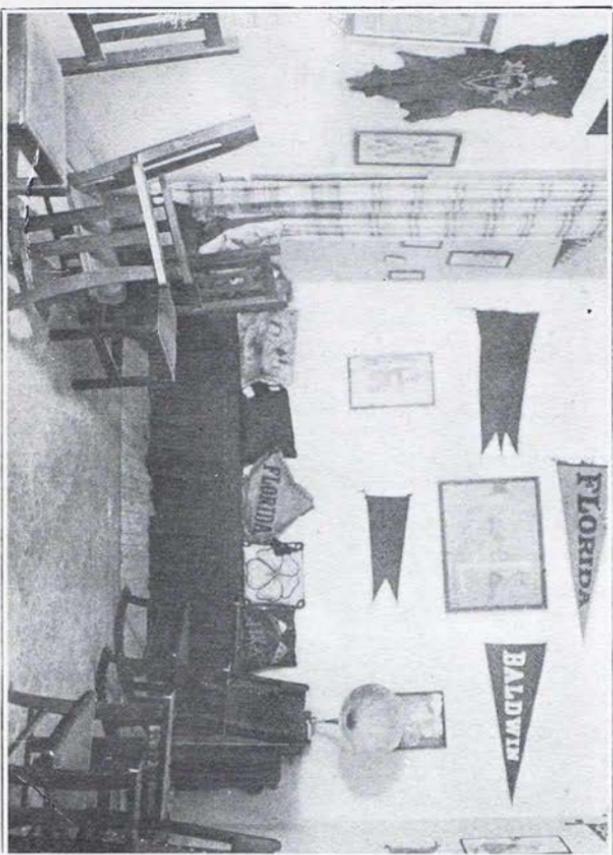
Our President, Dr. Andrew Sledd, will not be with us next year. Dr. A. A. Murphree, President of the Florida Female College at Tallahassee, will succeed him. Dr. Murphree is a very able man and the University will certainly prosper by the change.

Our delegate to the convention gave a very interesting report of the "doings" at New Orleans. All the members were very glad to learn that expansion was carried.

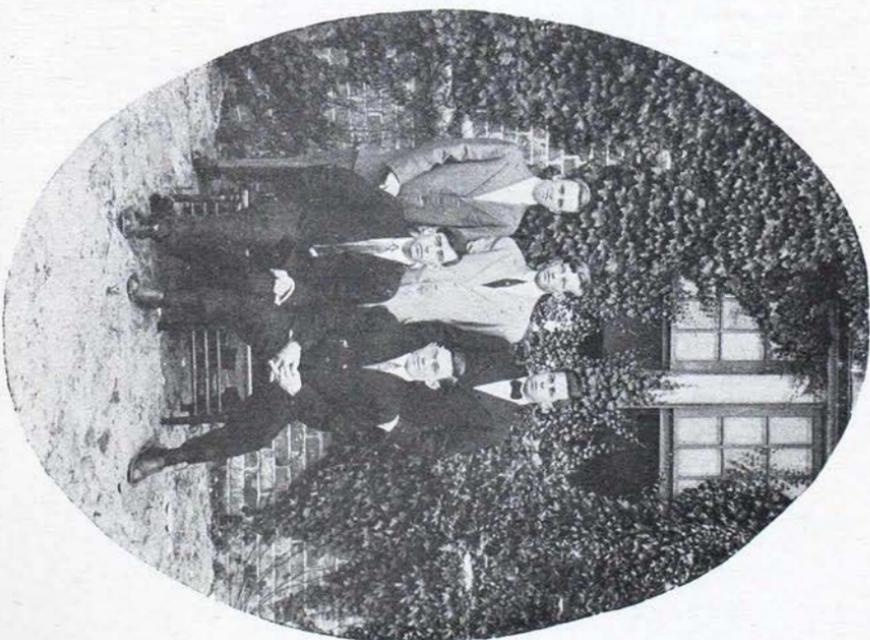
Sometime during the summer two new buildings, Science Hall and Experiment Station, will be erected on the campus.

Last week Dr. Benton, our Physic professor, gave a lecture to the student body on "optical illusion." He has given several like lectures during the year.

A tennis tournament was played during last week.



ALPHA-ETA CHAPTER ROOM.



ALPHA-ETA CHAPTER, 1908-1909.

Brother Olsen of Theta was also recently here taking the state medical examinations.

Brother Mullins is much elated over his recent visit to Delta. He brought back a very glowing report of the character of the men composing the chapter, their stand in college and especially their hospitality to a visiting Pi.

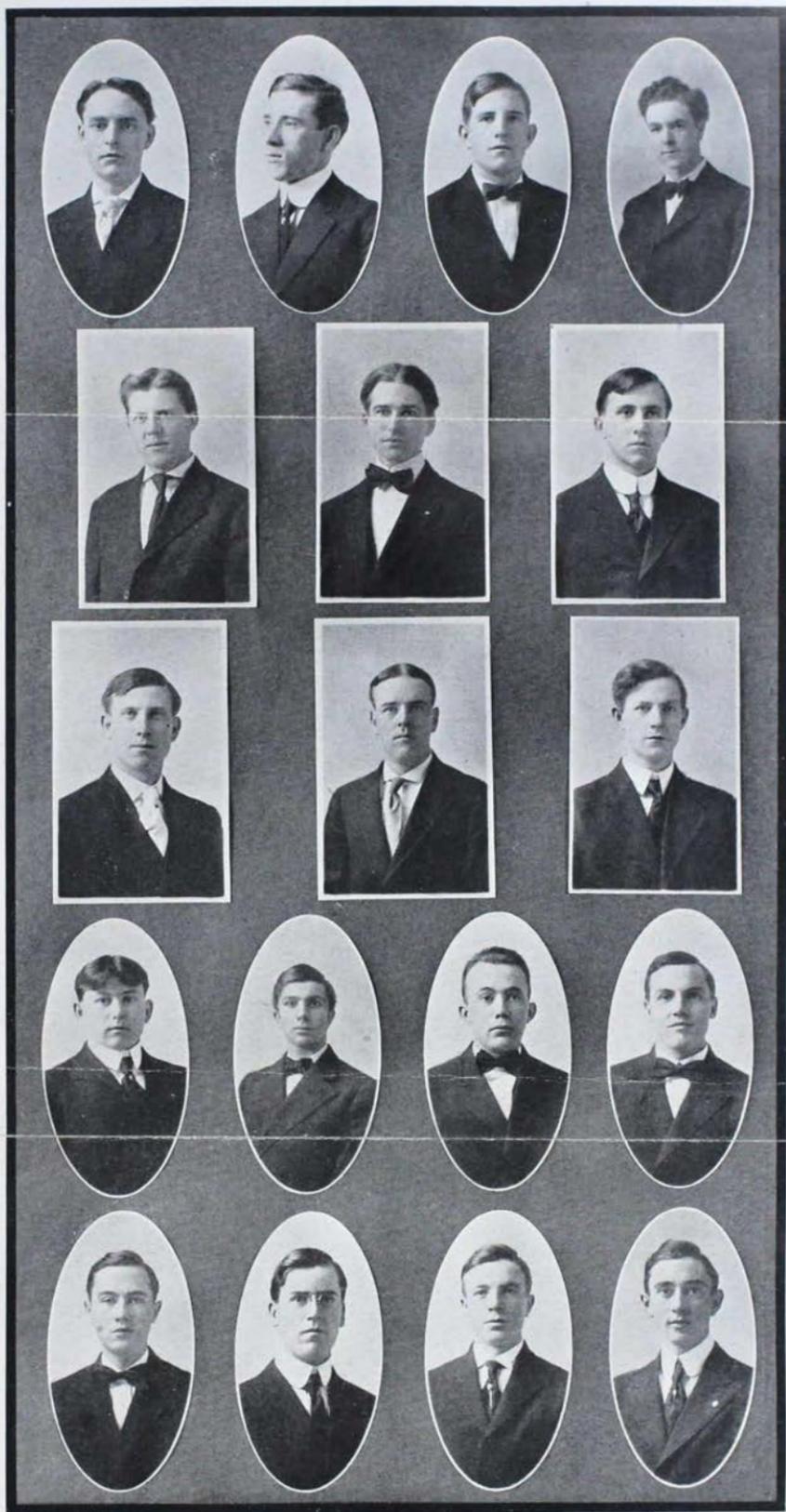
Fate seems to have been a little cruel to Millsaps this year as we lost both in the debate with Southern and State oratorical contest. However we are in no wise discouraged as we still claim the majority of victories from both contests.

Since our last letter we initiated into our ranks Frank Ray Price, Carpenter, Miss., and we take great pleasure in introducing him to the Fraternity. He is of the class of '12 and bids fair to bring honor and credit to $\Pi K A$.

We lose by graduation this year Stennis and Mullins. Williams intends at present to go to Vanderbilt next year and we are all sorry to lose him, for he is one of our strongest men. Wright, Dorman, and Carlisle will also probably not return. The latter three are "yearlings" and two of them could return if they so desired. We would like to see this sort of thing discouraged because it takes more than a mere few months for a man to know $\Pi K A$ and be true to her standards.

On the commencement program this year as usual Alpha-Iota is well represented and no doubt our share of the honors will be taken. In the inter-society debate we are represented by Crisler and Williams, in the Senior Oratorical contest by Mullins, and in the Sophomore contest by Glass and Jumper. Crisler represents the college at the State Chautauqua contest to be held at Crystal Springs in July.

On Monday evening, June the seventh, we are to have our annual reception given in honor of the faculty and Senior class. This is to be the culminating event of our social affairs, and we are looking forward with much pleasure to it.



ALPHA-KAPPA CHAPTER, 1908-1909.

we can get out of it is that we played the Kappa-Sigmas, the winner of the cup, the closest game of the year, they winning 5 to 4.

The 'Varsity team is having its share of ups and downs losing just as many games as they have won. Owen is playing right field on the team.

"*The Rollamo*" our year book, is out at last and scored a great success. The writer prides himself on being on the Board of Editors.

The chapter has had a prosperous year and those who return next fall will come back full of good Π K A spirit.

Only twelve men answer to the roll call now, six of our members having dropped out during the year. They are: Edwin Phelps Murray, Fosterville, Wis.

Donald Hewson Radcliff, Tuxedo Park, Mo.

Coral T. Heydecker, 150 Park Ave., Waukegan, Ill.

Walter Finney Slegmond, 3225 S Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Andre Joseph Kerr, 2138 S. Compton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Robert Croftis Purcell, 4239 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Of our present membership only one will not return, he will graduate this year.

Harry Clay Kibe, 911 Vine St., Davenport, Iowa.

The summer addresses of those who will return are:

Horace Tharp Mann, Rolla, Mo.

Harvey Edson Smith, Rolla, Mo.

Theodore Saunders Dunn, 801 N. County St., Waukegan, Ill.

Harmon Edwin Minor, 611 Macon St., Canon City, Colo.

Harvey Skidmore Owen, 1206 Morrison Place, St. Louis, Mo.

James Keller Beach, Dallas, Texas.

Arthur Gustav Pudewa, Rolla, Mo.

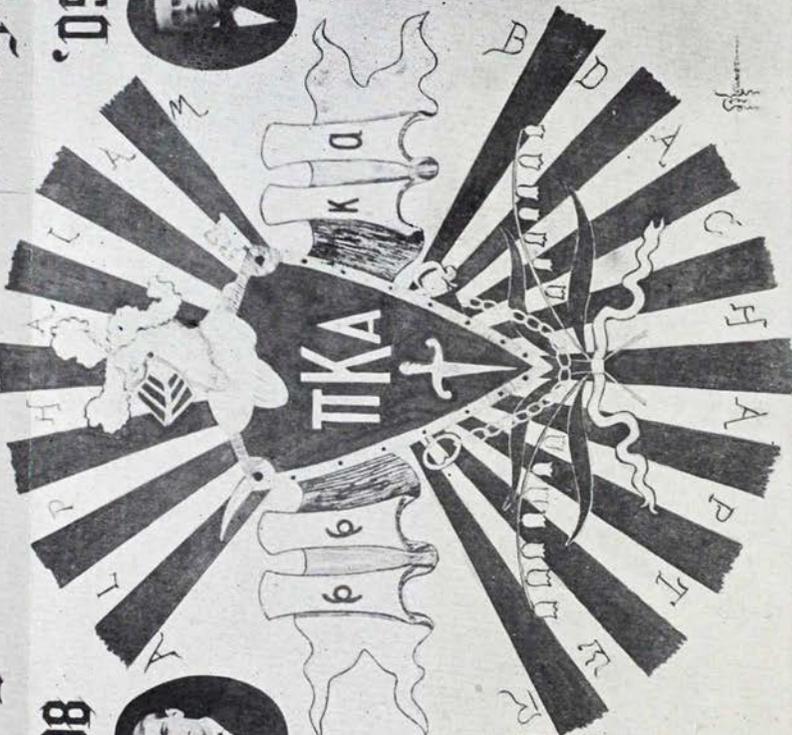
Georgetown

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Oscar Alan Randolph, 1928 Harrison St., Kansas City, Mo.

Harold Dennis McKibben, 2847 E. 7th St., Kansas City, Mo.

Alexander Scott Bilderback, 2003 E. 7th St., Kansas City, Mo.

Eugene Harding Broughton, 220 W. McCarty St., Jefferson City, Mo.

There are no scholastic honors to be taken at Rolla, but in other lines of student activities Alpha-Kappa was well represented.

McKibben and Kerr were on the football team. Owen is on the baseball team. Dunn was on this year's "Rollamo" Board and Smith is a member of next year's Board. Smith and Owen were also members of the famous School of Mines' Minstrel Troupe.

There aren't very many things outside of the school work to do here but Alpha-Kappa has been well represented in what even there has been.

Wishing all the IIs a happy vacation.

T. S. DUNN.



Alpha-Lambda

Georgetown University

The school year of 1908-09 is almost at an end and we have but little left of it but examinations and commencement. This has been a most enjoyable year in spite of the fact that Georgetown has had unwelcome visitors in the shape of typhoid fever, small-pox and other such misfortunes.

Alpha-Lambda returned but three men last fall and has taken in but two since that time but we have succeeded in carrying off our full share of honors in all lines. In athletics we had four men on the 'Varsity foot-ball team, one of them being captain and an "all Kentucky" man. In basket-ball we had the manager and two men on the

team, Bradford has been elected captain of next year's team. He was one of the fastest forwards in the State. We also had one man on the gym team, two on the baseball team and three on the track team. The captain of the track team was furnished by Alpha-Lambda.

Kenney who is one of our new men has a brilliant record for this year having succeeded in making every team that represented us. He is also making an enviable record in his studies and society.

Other honors that we have taken this year are:

President Y. M. C. A., Associate Editor "*Georgetownian*," Vice-president Junior class.

Our baseball team began the season with an almost entirely new line-up but they have rounded into form and are playing a great game now.

None of our men graduate this year and we expect to have the following roster next fall at the beginning of school:

W. G. Bradford, Brooksville, Ky.

O. M. Moreland, Georgetown, Ky.

C. B. Robinson, Georgetown, Ky.

B. S. Kenney, Frankfort, Ky.

H. J. Howard, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Jesse H. Wells of Georgetown College won the State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest this year, putting quite a feather in our cap.

The annual Junior reception was given May 19th at Rucker Hall and is said to have been the swellest affair of the kind that has ever been given here.

We hope all of you may have a prosperous and happy vacation and come back next fall with renewed strength for Pi Kappa Alpha.

O. M. MORELAND.



Alpha-Mu

University of Georgia

The "Georgia" baseball team didn't do as well as was expected, but considering the many disadvantages and

the "hard luck" under which it has been playing, has done remarkably well and still has bright chances of capturing the State championship. The return of Hammond Johnson, coach of last year's famous "champions" has strengthened these chances to a great degree.

Examinations, next to baseball, are now the all-absorbing topics and Alpha-Mu expects to come through these "unhappy incidents in college life" with flying colors.

We had the pleasure of recently meeting brothers McCallister and Band, who came down as members of the Tennessee baseball team. Alpha-Mu was exceedingly favorably impressed with them, but regrets that on account of the small size of the chapter, she couldn't show them the "good time" that she wished to.

Brother Hulme has returned from the convention with many glowing accounts and "you just ought to have been there."

Honors taken this year:

H. P. DeLaPerriere, Sophomore Declaimer, Junior Orator, Captain Football team '08, Sphinx, T. N. E.
Our summer addresses:

G. H. Hulme, Jr., Athens, Ga.

J. S. McClelland, 544 Washington St., Atlanta, Ga.

C. C. Small, 140 Georgia Ave., Macon, Ga.

S. J. Smith, Commerce, Ga.

W. T. Townsend, Jasper, Ga.

We expect all to return with the exception of Bro. Hulme, and we have no graduates this year.

List of men who withdrew Christmas:

Jno. F. Blodgett, 240 Ivy St., Atlanta, Ga.

R. L. Stevens, 304 E. Linden Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

Cecil Neal, Gainesville, Ga.

H. C. Smith, Winder, Ga.

H. P. DeLaPerriere, Hoschton, Ga.

Brothers Stevens and Neal expect to return next year.

C. C. SMALL.

The Pi's



GRAHAM SALE, Welch, W. Va. Editor
JAMES N. HUBBARD, Alpha Chapter Assistant Editor



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.*



—As a pleasant aftermath of the Convention, all who had the pleasure of meeting Brother Jas. Robert will read with interest the account of his wedding which took place April 25th. A great many names of IIs will be noted among the attendance as well as many of the Pi sisters whom we met at the delightful dance.

In the presence of a large gathering of friends the wedding of Miss Gladys Roberta Kearny and Prof. James Marshall Robert was solemnized by the Rev. John T. Foster at the Free Church of the Annunciation last Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. The wedding was one of the prettiest of the season, and unique in many ways. Because of Professor Robert's prominence at Tulane University, where he has charge of the class in engineering, the faculty and student body of that institution were very much interested. The olive and blue of the university predominated in the pretty decorative scheme employed in the church. Palms, ferns and other greenery were also displayed in an attractive array. Added to this very pretty setting were the lovely gowns of the young women in the bridal party, which gave the ceremony the name "rainbow wedding." The sashes and girdles of various colors and the long ribbons which held together the shower bouquets of sweet peas, which the bridesmaids carried, added much to the effect.

The bride was attended by her younger sister, Miss Catherine Courtenay Kearney, who acted as maid of honor, and Misses Cora Spearing, Alice Robert, Frances Hart, Elma Follet, Gladys Hart and Myra Pond as bridesmaids. She looked lovely in an exquisite gown of white electra silk, made empire style, and trimmed in soft creamy lace. She carried a shower bouquet of bride roses. Professor Robert was attended by his brother, George Robert, who acted as best man. The ushers were: J. A. Oisonach, Marc Lejeunne, Orloff Henry, Sam Olliphant Keife,

Charles Syme, Hardy and Adam Lorch, Jr. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Inskeep Kearny.

Following the ceremony a reception to the bridal party was held at the home of the bride's parents. Professor and Mrs. Robert left that evening for a short honeymoon trip. They will return to the city in about ten days. They were the recipients of many beautiful presents, one of the prettiest being an attractive little booklet "Our Marriage Vows," containing the Episcopal marriage ceremony and a full record of this particular event, which was the gift of Rev. Mr. Foster.

Mrs. Robert is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Inskeep Kearny and a particular favorite in her circle of friends.

—Omicron Chapter gave a beautiful dance at Hermitage Golf Club, April 13. The dance card was very tasty, containing on the back the badge embossed in old gold and garnet and the inside sheets were bound to it with cords of old gold and garnet to which the pencil was attached.

—The following from the *New York Herald*, April 22, leads us to ask if any Alpha-Kappa's men have been busy in this particular?

Authorities of Rolla, Mo., have voted to fine or imprison boys of a local college who flirt with girls passing through the town on railroad trains. Rather crude. Much simpler thing would be to require the girls to look the other way or, still more simple, direct them to leave the trains at the boundary and walk around the town.

—J. Pike Powers, Ex-Grand Princeps, writes under date of May 6 "When I was in Asheville I had the pleasure of meeting Hon. Frank S. Carden, Rho, of Chattanooga, who for the second time was in the house of representatives. I also met Wm. Gallagher, an alumnus of Zeta Chapter who is the owner of a large farm in Roane County near Kingston, Tenn., and Capt. Chas. B. Rogan, who is connected with the Adjutant-general's office, Nashville, as a retired United States Army officer. All of these men promised to come to the convention in Knoxville, two years hence. The local boys have already commenced to raise subscriptions towards an entertainment fund. They are going to collect in the money promptly and put it in the savings bank."

—The general office had the pleasure of a call on May 8 from Seymour Hall, Upsilon's delegate at the Convention. He was here at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute baseball team to play the Tech team. Hall is catcher and made some fine plays. He is still enthusiastic over the New Orleans Convention and predicts that all of his chapter will be at the next if they listen to him.

—Jno. M. Arnold, Pi who passed State Bar examination in November is practicing law in Virginia and has just been elected a member of the city democratic executive committee.

—W. R. McMurrin, Pi, occupies a position with the Remington Standard Typewriter Company at 91 Plume Street, Norfolk, Virginia.

—The general office has received the following invitation through the courtesy of Brother Lewis K. Riley, Jr.

Alpha Eta Chapter
of
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
at
The University of Florida
requests your presence at their Annual Ball
May fourteenth
Nineteen hundred and nine
nine o'clock
Armory

—Twelve men are spoken of as candidates for seats in the next house of representatives from Richmond. Among the names, we note that of Edwin P. Cox, Alpha. The *Richmond Times Dispatch* has the following to say in this connection.

“Even before the last Legislature adjourned, Mr. Cox was prominently spoken of as a logical candidate for the next speakership, and there is little doubt but that his name will be brought before the body.”

—*The News and Observer*, North Carolina, publishes the following and we congratulate Brother Winborne, Tau on his victory.

Murfreesboro, N. C., May 7.—The town election held here last Tuesday was the conclusion of a hard fight, and the end was in a hot contest at the polls over the office of mayor. For this position the successful candidate was Mr. Stanley Winborne, who defeated Mr. D. C. Barnes.

Our new mayor is a popular and able young attorney of this city, the son of former Judge B. B. Winborne, and his administration is expected to be an excellent one.

—Rev. George Summey, D.D., LL.D., Beta is managing editor of the *South Western Presbyterian and Record* which is published on Wednesdays from New Orleans, La.

—*Presbyterian of the South* has the following to say regarding Rev. J. S. Foster, D.D., Theta, Petersburg, Va.

Coincident with Dr. Foster's decision to decline the attractive call to the First Church, Sherman, Texas, is the organization of a Brotherhood in the Tabb Street church, of forty-two charter members, and a large men's Bible Class, taught by Dr. Foster and the Superintendent of Education in the city schools. We may expect good things from this historic church.

—Many members, of Iota particularly, will be grieved to learn of the death in Ithica, N. Y., Jan. 31, of Mrs. Burr, wife of one of the professors of Cornell University and formerly Miss Mattie Martin of Dublin, Va., a loyal Pi sister and a splendid friend.

—In the *New York Herald* of May 17, there appears the pictures of five or six of the leading congressional representatives and their remarks urging the disposal of the 'Tariff Bill. Among these is our Brother Oscar W. Underwood, Alpha, and the following are his remarks.

Representative Underwood, of Alabama, second democratic member of the Ways and Means Committee and whose district contains the great iron and steel industry of the South, said:

"I have not been home since the House passed the tariff bill, but am in close touch with the sentiment of my constituency. I think it very important that we should enact the tariff bill into law at the very earliest opportunity with due consideration of the important questions which we have to consider. Early passage of the tariff would undoubtedly aid the country in a return to prosperous times, but I do not think that the tariff bill alone is the cause of present business conditions.

"The panic of 1907 knocked down the pyramid of prosperity. We must rebuild it gradually. The removal of tariff agitation from the business outlook will be of great benefit in hastening the return to good times. While the readjustment of tariff rates is not very great importance to Alabama, where the conditions are most advantageous for the production of iron and steel be-

cause of the proximity of ore and coal to the mills, yet their settlement is of the most vital importance to the country as a whole, and if we are to prosper the whole country must prosper. I should say that throughout the business community generally there is a keen desire that Congress should pass the tariff bill, adjourn and go home."

—A very pleasing compliment as well as a very substantial one has just been paid to Brother J. Pike Powers, the city attorney for Knoxville, Tenn. His salary was raised at a recent meeting available from last January. He is the only city official so treated and we congratulate Brother Powers.

—The General Office have received the following invitation and extends congratulations and good wishes to our Brother of Kappa Chapter. The happy couple will be at home after the first of July at 531 Vine Street, Paris, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Talbott
invite you to be present
at the marriage of their daughter
Edna Cecil
to
Mr. Wade Hampton Whitley
Thursday evening, June tenth
Nineteen hundred and nine
at six o'clock
151 Duncan Avenue
Paris, Kentucky

—Alpha-Delta Chapter has issued beautiful invitations to their annual dance. The card is headed with an embossed design of the badge in colors and the invitation which is beautifully engraved reads as follows:

Alpha-Delta Chapter
of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
requests the honor of your presence
on Friday evening, June the fourth,
at nine o'clock.

Dancing.

Segadlos.

—Robert H. Adams, Beta 1904 is editor of the *Southern Highlander* published by the Berry School, Rome, Ga., in which he is a professor.

Fraternity World and Exchanges



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Our Exchanges please note.

Kindly correct your mailing list so as to send one copy to each of the following:

P. Tulane Atkinson, Hampden-Sidney, Virginia.

Dr. H. B. Arbuckle, Decatur, Georgia.

W. G. Riddick, 709 Southern Trust building, Little Rock, Arkansas.



With this issue the present editor of this department turns over his pen to P. Tulane Atkinson (Iota), of Hampden-Sidney College, Hampden-Sidney, Virginia, who is here introduced to the Greek World. No introduction of Atkinson to any Pi is needed, for every one remembers that genial and jolly fellow who has attended a number of conventions in the last few years, and who has always brought to the discussion of problems confronting Pi Kappa Alpha a depth of thought and a sincerity of purpose that has won for him the admiration of every Pi. We predict for him unlimited success in his department.

Owing to the fact that this is the Convention number, the Exchange Department is of necessity crowded out.

Editorial



With this issue your Editor lays down his pen, taken up in 1891, and extends his best wishes to his successor who assumes the duties of the office with the new volume in October.

On November 27, 1890, a circular was issued from Charleston, S. C., "We are about to edit a magazine in the interests of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity" and asking for "promise to pay 25c for same on receipt."

From that issue until November, 1896, "THE PI KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL" appeared at more or less regular intervals. With the issue of January, 1896, it assumed its more, distinctive name which it has borne ever since.

And now after eighteen volumes have been completed and the magazine has, with the growth and strength of Π K A, become a large and influential one, it demands that more time and work be given it than one man can afford. It was, therefore a very wise step of the Convention, and one that will be fraught with much good results, to separate the literary and the business departments and to elect an Editor-in-Chief, whose sole attention can be given to the literary upbuilding of the magazine.



The Fraternity is very fortunate in securing for the office of Editor-in-Chief one of such marked ability and such well-known devotion and loyalty as Walter G. Riddick of Little Rock, Ark. Under his management great improvement will result in the magazine and the whole Fraternity will feel the benefits.

We bespeak for this officer the same courteous treatment and loyal support which has been given to the present management.

In the resignation of J. Pike Powers, Jr., as Grand Princeps, the Fraternity has lost an able, conscientious, and devoted officer. By his quiet dignity, his ever courteous treatment, and his absolute impartiality, he won the heart of every Π who attended the conventions over which he has so ably presided.

By his strong personality, he won the esteem of the other members of the Supreme Council who have been thrown on intimate terms with him for the past ten years. They learned first to admire the strong and forceful man, and then to love the splendid, jovial, noble fellow.

Wherever he goes Brother Powers will always carry with him the good wishes of every member of the Fraternity and the hearty "well done" of his fellow officers.



The Convention made a wise step in selecting J. Gordon Hughes as the successor of Brother Powers. For some years past, he has served as one of the Grand Officers and will make a good executive head of the Supreme Council, with his splendid judgment and his unbounded energy.

Walter G. Riddick, the newly elected Grand Chancellor, brings to his office the enthusiasm and devotion of a loyal Π and will serve the Fraternity as zealously as an officer as he has always done as a member.

And so the new officers will fit into their several places and take up with their associates their share of the work of directing Π K A and enabling her to continue her growth.

Official Communications

ANNOUNCEMENT No. 4.

Headquarters of the Fraternity.

May 18, 1909.

Whereas, Certain charges have been preferred against Frank Leslie Pringle, a former member of Delta Chapter, by the members of the said chapter, which charges have been fully substantiated by evidence introduced before the chapter; and

Whereas, the said Delta Chapter has expelled from membership in the Fraternity, in accordance with Article X, Section 59 of the Constitution, the said Frank Leslie Pringle:

Now, Therefore, The Supreme Council does hereby confirm the action of the said chapter in the expulsion of the said Frank Leslie Pringle, 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 eighteenth day of May, A.D., 1909.

J. GORDON HUGHES,
Grand Princeps.

Correct Attest:

C. W. UNDERWOOD,
Grand Secretary.

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ANNOUNCEMENT No. 5.

Headquarters of the Fraternity.

MAY 1st, 1909.

In accordance with the article adopted at the Convention that the Fraternity be divided into districts, we, the Supreme Council, do hereby announce the following Districts, and the names of the Chiefs whom we have elected. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

District No. 1, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina.
Chief—Samuel W. Lacy, Shafer Building, Richmond, Virginia.

District No. 2, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.
Chief—(to be elected later).

District No. 3, Louisiana and Texas.

Chief—Orloff Henry, 1217 Peniston Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

District No. 4, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Chief—Jno. U. Field, Box 295, Versailles, Ky.

District No. 5, Alabama and Mississippi.

Chief—Dr. Jno. A. Langford, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

District No. 6, Arkansas, Oklahoma and the West.

Chief—Lloyd R. Byrne, Luna Landing, Ark.

District No. 7, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana.

Chief—(to be elected later).

(Signed) J. GORDON HUGHES, Grand Princeps,
ROBERT A. SMYTHE, Grand Treasurer.
GRAHAM SALE, Grand Historiographer.
CHAS. W. UNDERWOOD, Grand Secretary.

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ANNOUNCEMENT No. 6.

Headquarters of the Fraternity.

May 1, 1909.

I. The Supreme Council announce the election of the following editorial staff for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND commencing with issue of October, 1909.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF—W. G. Riddick, 709 Southern Trust Building, Little Rock, Ark.

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