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A GROUP FROM THE KNOXVILLE CONVENTION, 1911
(The Grand Secretary left before this was taken and a number of the delegates failed to appear in time.)

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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A GLIMPSE AT THE KNOXVILLE CONVENTION

Well I am certainly sorry for you fellows who stayed away! You were told not to and you missed THE time of your life!

Did we have a good time?—Well, ask Sale which is the best place on a piano to sit when a pretty girl is singing—ask the Governor—ask—well ask everybody who was there.

Oh you P. O. H. Briscoe and Doc White!—gems of hosts, and Old Col. Pike, the courteous, solicitous chairman of it all.

Did you ever see a better bunch of fellows? Shepherd of Alpha, with his mush-room hat pulled down over his head and his ability to charm lady singers; Kellner of Pi; "little wee wee" Trotter, Alpha Xi, with his golden locks; old Byrne with his eager interest in everything, II wise; Lacy, the Beau Brummel; Field and the other princely blue grass boys; "Father" Underwood, with his "ten pound" smile always on; "May-it-please-your-honor," Reynolds of loquacious fame; Sale with his usual "absent voice" after a few celebrations, and his fondness for piano tops under certain conditions and old Gov. Hughes, the old stand-by, with his solemn mien and pompous dignity—ask him about his "youngest;" Atkinson, Iota, Assistant Grand Secretary, who impressed every body so strongly as one of the coming educational men of the South; Robertson of Upsilon, the Convention's \$1000.00 beauty—; Montgomery, Alpha Omicron, the Texas steer, who had to be "tied outside" often on account of his obstreperousness; Williams, Alpha Pi, our baby; the splendid tar heel boys from

the old North State; Stewart, whom we met at New Orleans Convention and who for reasons best known to a certain "Father," was the only *telephone expert* this year; and Beall, who is ready to organize alumnus chapters everywhere, and all of the others.

Western, Southern, Northern—all IIs, all personalities one can never forget, one enjoys knowing, one is proud to call a II!

And our hosts! Were they ever surpassed? P. O. H. Briscoe with his merry laugh, his capacity for beer—and some more—buzzing around everywhere, never still a moment, making every body have a good time. Doc White, that great big, jolly, whole soul, enthusiastic, hospitable, lovable fellow. Always ready for a collection or increase of dues, or to join you in one more. What would it have been without him! And then the man behind the guns—Powers—ever watchful of the comforts of all and that every body was doing something or taking something, working silently but always to make it a success. And Harrison and McCully, who made the dance such a success!

Also Brother Cox, who was so attentive and kind with his automobile, and Borches and all the other fine fellows!

SOCIAL FEATURES

Owing to the inclement weather, the committee had to abandon the boat-trip on the river and instead, had a smoker—and what a smoker it was!

In order to keep things stirred up, the leading vaudeville actresses, in the city at that time, lent their best efforts and as a result it appeared at one time as if several, including some officers, would "leave their happy homes." Delegates to future conventions, where similar entertainments are proposed, are advised to take a thorough course in *foot-ball*; for when one of the girls sang her kissing song, many came near "being killed in the rush" to the piano! It is stated on good authority that one of the officers, very tall and with dark curly hair, was found on top of the piano when the smoke cleared away and our Brother, with the mush-room hat was a close second.

How can a mere mortal describe that Ball! It was certainly the most beautiful that has ever been given the Fraternity. It was held in the large auditorium on the second night of the convention and over one hundred and fifty couples took part.

The programmes were most artistic, being sheep skin covers stamped in gold with the coat-of-arms of the fraternity and the name and date. The pencil ribbons were of garnet. Twenty-five dances were enjoyed, each one being printed with the name of the music.

The ball was opened by a grand march led by Brother Smythe with Mrs. W. N. Briscoe. After marching around the hall, the line was formed in single file and led to form the letters Π K A in the middle of the hall.

A delightful supper was served and two large bowls of refreshing punch were kept filled during the dances, being presided over by some of Knoxville's charming matrons.

There is quite a question before the convention as to who was "Fonde(r)" of the dance, Sale or Smythe!

The banquet was a love feast, as ours always are and certainly no convention ever enjoyed one more. Menu cards were the most elaborate we have ever had, being printed on heavy sheep-skin. At the top were the banquet lamps on each side of a large platter containing a boar's head surrounded by apples, all in colors. At the bottom was a punch bowl with the glasses and pipes in colors. Both of these were embossed on the cover. In the middle was stamped in gold, the coat-of-arms of the fraternity and

THIRD BI-ENNIAL
CONVENTION
Π K A FRATERNITY
BANQUET
KNOXVILLE, TENN.
APRIL 21ST, 1911

The balance of the Menu was as follows:

ORCHESTRA

Kelly's Gone to Kingdom Come.....	Berger
Seven Days (Waltzes)	Bendix

The Chocolate Soldier (Selection)	Straus
Some of these Days	Brooks
Can't You See I Love You	From "The Newly Weds"
Boogie Boo	By Ayers
Susie Anna Sue	Newman
The Girl Question	Howard
Venus on Earth	Lincke
Red Pepper	Lodge
Every Little Movement	Hoschna
Oh! Wisconsin!	Purdy

MENU

	Grape Fruit Cocktail	Martini	
Celery		Olives	Radishes
	Green Sea Turtle	Au Maderia	
	Broiled Spanish Mackerel,	Lemon Butter	Sauternes
	Potatoes	Garniture	
	Milk Fed Chicken	on Toast	
	Duchess	Potatoes	
	Filet de Mignon	Aux Mushrooms	Champagnes
Asparagus Tips			Cream Macedoine
	Lettuce and Tomatoes	Mayonnaise	
	Neapolitan	Ice Cream	
	Assorted	Cakes	
	Cafe	Noir	
	Cigars		Cigarettes

TOASTS

"This night I hold an old accustomed feast,
 Whereto I have invited many a guest,
 Such as I love."

COL. ROBERT A. SMYTHE, LAMBDA TOASTMASTER

PI KAPPA ALPHA

J. GRAHAM SALE, ESQ., Pi

"Man's nature is a social one and its highest, as well as purest, enjoyments are gleaned from his intercourse with his fellow creatures."

OUR PI SISTERS,

MR. GEO. B. SHEPHERD, Alpha

"We can do nothing without them—we can do nothing with them. God bless them!"

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENN. PROF. JAS. D. HOSKINS, Zeta
 "She carves her noblest records in the lives of noble
 men."

PI'S ON THE OHIO MR. A. E. McNELLY, Alpha-Xi
 "The garnet and old gold waives over new citadels."

ALPHA IN THE OLDEN DAYS DR. CHARLES E. WAIT, Alpha
 "For sweet it is amid
 The modern world's heart-wearing roar
 To hold fraternal talk of days of yore."

OUR TEXAS STEERS, MR. C. M. MONTGOMERY, Alpha-Omicron
 "Corraled at last, you must bear your yokes nobly
 like the others."

OUR FUTURE MR. F. L. PHIPPS, Zeta
 "Great as has been our past, Our ideal lies further
 on."

OUR BACHELOR PI'S "Gov." J. GORDON HUGHES, Xi
 "Spectators of other men's fortunes and adversi-
 ties."

OUR BABY CHAPTER MR. J. O. WILLIAMS, Alpha-Pi
 "May it grow strong with the passing of the years."

THE YOUNGEST PI "FATHER" C. W. UNDERWOOD, Chi
 Chas. W. Underwood, Junior, March 23rd, 1911, ten
 pounds!
 "Talk of waking nights and soothing syrup."

OLD ZETA IN THE 80'S MR. D. L. CARMICHAEL, Zeta
 "With thought of College days
 In memory's chambers ringing."

OUR HOSTS: ZETA & ALUMNUS IOTA W. G. RIDDICK, ESQ., Pi
 "To know, to esteem, to love—and then to part."
 "Good Night! Good Night! Parting is such sweet sorrow
 That I shall say 'Good Night!'—till it be morrow."

COMMITTEE

- MR. WILLIAM N. BRISCOE, PI CHAIRMAN
 J. GORDON HUGHES, ESQ., XI
 J. PIKE POWERS, JR., ESQ., ZETA AND ALPHA
 W. G. RIDDICK, ESQ., PI
 DR. W. H. LANDON WHITE, ALPHA
 MR. C. R. BRANCH, ZETA

The last few pages were for autographs of the banqueters. The responses to the toasts were the best we have ever had, due to the fact that ample notice was given weeks in advance of the convention giving time to prepare the speeches.

Brother Smythe was called away the afternoon of the banquet on urgent business, so Brother J. Pike Powers, Jr., acted as toast master and carried off the honors in his usual happy manner.

Owing to the absence of Brother Riddick, due to his broken arm, his toast was responded to by Brother Lloyd R. Byrne, who made a splendid and interesting address.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Of course, Sale resigned; but anybody, who has kept in touch with the records of the convention during the *last thirty years* expected this of him, as his annual or bi-ennial stunt. "The Governor" had been tipped off as to his re-election, for he had a beautifully prepared speech of acceptance, glistening and glowing with beautiful passages of fiery eloquence. The Grand Treasurer was re-elected by a close margin, and even to the end, some questioned as to whether it had been an accurate (?) count!

The new members on the Supreme Council, Grand Secretary, P. Tulane Atkinson, will greatly increase the strength and working capacity of that body. He is a strong man, fellows, and you must keep him on the council hereafter. Father Underwood, on account of his well developed nursing ability was put in charge of the magazine with the hopes that his careful raising would build it up to one of the strongest of its kind.

Many expressions of approval were voiced concerning Riddick's fine work and expressions of regret that his rapidly increasing business prevented his continuing in this office.

The convention would not hear to his resigning as Grand Chancellor and he was unanimously re-elected with much enthusiasm.

Sale's re-election was a most important accomplishment. Few appreciate the amount of work he has accomplished with



J. GORDON HUGHES, XI
Grand Princeps

the records for a catalogue. He has collected more information than the fraternity has ever had before, and if he is only given the right support now, we should be able to get out a catalogue during the next year.

THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION

A great deal of interest was manifested in the gavel used for the first time at this convention. It was obtained through the Grand Treasurer's office and is made from wood taken from the room in West Law Range, University, Va., where the first meeting to organize the fraternity was held, March 1st, 1868. This wood was obtained by Irving J. Shepherd of Alpha and was turned on the lathe at Tech School, Atlanta, Ga., by F. A. Stivers of Alpha Delta.

On motion, Brother Doc White, *perpetual Surgeon-in-chief for life at all Π Κ Α Conventions*, without compensation, a collection was taken up to engrave a gold plate containing the above description of its origin and make. Brother White, daintily and gracefully passed through the isles receiving the contributions, the total sum being sufficient for the plate and a box in which to keep the gavel.

Very close attention was given to the reports of the Supreme Council, which were very complete and should be read carefully by all Πs. They are published in full in the *Dagger and Key*.

The need of a song book was brought forward by many delegates and a committee of three was ordered appointed to collect these songs and Geo. B. Shepherd of Alpha was elected official illustrator. Each chapter is to appoint one man to work in connection with the general committee.

Many valuable changes were made in the Constitution and By-Laws as fully set forth in our Secret Messenger and Brother Sale deserves the thanks of the fraternity for his careful thought in preparing these.

The matter of controlling affiliates produced probably more animated discussion than any other subject. Several hours was spent on this subject, but no definite decision was reached.

It is a hard proposition and requires careful thought and handling.

It was decided to re-district the fraternity making the districts more compact for inspections by the chiefs.

It was also decided to increase the various dues and fees of the fraternity and after discussion, unanimous vote was given to the adoption of a suitable scale of increase. It took the discussion of the chapter house fund to bring out the true Π spirit, which always pervades our gatherings.

Robertson of Upsilon secured the floor first when this subject was called. He stated in splendid manner what Upsilon had done; the owning of their lot, the amount of money they had raised, etc., that the chapter had intended to ask for the whole fund but understanding that another chapter was making application, they would only ask for half.

Shepherd of Alpha then stated his chapter's needs and Duval of Omicron called attention to their need of assistance owing to their previous rooms being destroyed by fire and their determination and plans to build a chapter house.

Delegates asked the opinion of the Supreme Council as to the amount to be divided and the Grand Treasurer stated that the fund contained \$1,500.00 but the Supreme Council advised only distribution of \$1,000.00 of this now.

After much discussion, it was seen that dividing this into three would give each chapter very little assistance so Alpha and Omicron magnanimously withdrew and moved that as Upsilon's plans were the farthest advanced, that they be given the entire \$1,000.00.

Several of the other chapters stated that they would very shortly be in position to start their house plans and it was determined to make a special effort to try and get contributions from the alumni to increase this fund so as to be able to help more of the chapters. This is one of the most urgent needs of the fraternity and it is hoped that the alumni will respond to this appeal.

This brought on discussion about the woeful need on the part of the fraternity of a catalogue and it was shown that Brother Sale could not do any more work without proper

books to record information and some clerical assistance.

By unanimous adoption the convention ordered a special per capita assessment levied on the chapters to be paid forthwith, to raise this fund and the alumni were also asked to contribute, as every II must appreciate how unpleasant it is not to know the names and residences of his fellow members.

Along this line the following amendment to the by-laws was adopted.

"Sec. ———. Each Chapter shall, on or before June 1st of each year, cause to be published a record, which shall include the names of all the alumni, and where known the address and occupation of each one. A copy of this record shall be sent to each officer in the Fraternity, each District Chief, and to each of the other Chapters. Failure to comply with this subjects the Chapter failing to a fine of \$25.00."

In order to assist the chapters in their work and if possible decrease the unnecessary correspondence of the General Office, it was ordered that a calendar be printed at the beginning of each session showing what reports, chapter letters and articles are to be written and when. Also dues and time of payment.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted:

"Whereas this Convention has been entertained more elaborately and more handsomely than any previous convention; and

"Whereas it is indebted to those loyal and hospital brothers of Zeta and Alumnus Iota for this entertainment; and

"Whereas this Convention believes that Pi Kappa Alpha is better and greater than ever on account of these Chapters:

"Therefore, be it resolved; That the most sincere thanks of this Convention be extended to Zeta and Alumnus Iota, and each member of each, for the most successful Convention, which is due almost entirely to them, and that as a small evidence of its appreciation this resolution be passed by a rising vote, and copies of it sent to the Corresponding Secretaries of each of those Chapters."

"Be it resolved by the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity in Convention assembled, That our most sincere thanks and appreciation be extended to the management of the Hotel Atkin for its many acts of kindness and consideration shown the Supreme Council, delegates and members of the Fraternity at this the Third Biennial Convention."

The absence of Brother Riddick caused much regret as well as sympathy on account of his accident in so badly breaking his arm and the following motion was adopted unanimously by rising vote:

"It is hereby moved that a rising vote of thanks be given Brother Riddick as a small token of our appreciation for his earnest and successful efforts to make the SHIELD AND DIAMOND the best Fraternity magazine published, with regrets that he is forced to tender his resignation."

The various standing committees on grand treasurer's books grand officers reports, Resolutions on deceased Brothers, Examination of chapter books, made their reports as will be fully published in the Secret Messenger.

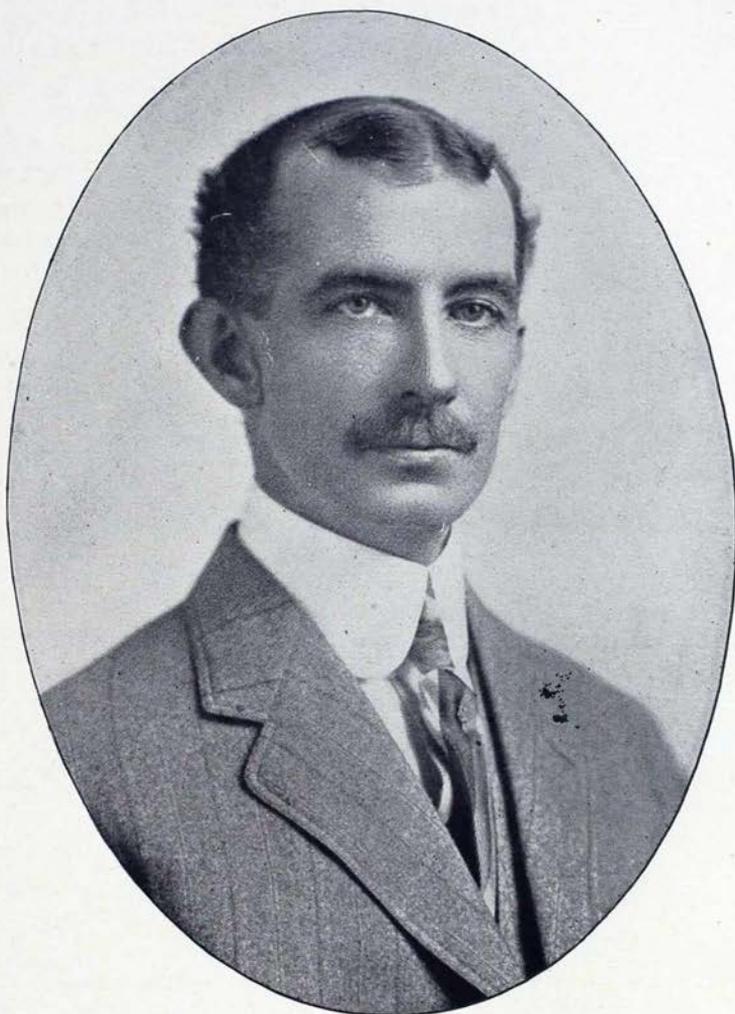
The roll of the convention was as follows :

SUPREME COUNCIL

J. Gordon Hughes, Xi, Grand Princeps.
 Robert A. Smythe, Lambda, Grand Treasurer.
 Charles W. Underwood, Chi, Grand Secretary.
 J. Graham Sale, Pi, Grand Historiographer.

DELEGATES ACTIVE CHAPTERS

Alpha—George B. Shepherd, I. T. Bitting.
 Beta—C. S. Mattison.
 Gamma—E. C. Jones.
 Delta—E. C. Allen.
 Zeta—F. L. Phipps, R. R. Haggard, H. C. Lowry, G. Howard McCalley, Frank Gibbs.
 Eta—C. J. Ellis, Jr.
 Theta—Wm. Gilbert Miller, Saml. Edgar McFadden.
 Iota—P. Tulane Atkinson.
 Kappa—D. J. Howard, A. K. Stone, H. V. Wilson.
 Omicron—J. B. Duval.
 Pi—Ernest Kellner.
 Tau—Jos. D. Boushall, Jr., Thos. S. Royston.
 Upsilon—M. T. Robertson, W. H. Thames.
 Psi, R. W. Harris.
 Omega—Wm. Collins, H. M. Walker, Frank D. Cain.
 Alpha-Alpha—J. Allen Pre, J. W. Howard, Jr.
 Alpha-Gamma—H. V. Moseley.
 Alpha-Delta—F. A. Stivers.
 Alpha-Epsilon—C. A. Stedman.
 Alpha-Zeta—J. E. Gaughan.
 Alpha-Eta—H. Earl Bouis.
 Alpha-Iota—Frank T. Scott.
 Alpha-Lambda—O. M. Moreland.
 Alpha-Kappa—W. A. Bogen.
 Alpha-Mu—A. V. Calloway.
 Alpha-Nu—Francis A. Benham, Newton Dale.



ROBERT A. SMYTHE, Lambda
Grand Treasurer, Business Manager Pi Kappa Alpha Publications

Alpha-Xi—A. E. McNelly, Frederick D. Lotter.

Alpha-Omicron—C. M. Montgomery.

Alpha-Pi—Jerome O. Williams.

DELEGATES ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Alumnus Alpha—Saml. W. Lacy.

Alumnus Iota—J. Pike Powers, Jr., C. Raleigh Harrison, H. W. Curtis, Jr.

Alumnus Iota—W. K. Hunter, W. N. Briscoe, W. Landon White, J. E. Houghes, Lyon McMullen, D. K. Lee, Geo. Brown, R. C. Brandle, F. W. Jarnagin, Williston M. Cox.

Alumnus Mu—Lloyd R. Byrne.

Alumnus Theta—T. Rothrock.

Alumnus Rho—Harry Letton, John U. Field, J. M. Berry.

Alumnus Upsilon—A. J. Beall, W. S. Stewart.

Alumnus Delta—N. G. Cammack, Jr.

VISITING ALUMNI

L. J. Boxley, Pi, Roanoke, Va.

Geo. S. Reynolds, Tau, Asheville, N. C.

Theodore B. Harris, Alpha-Alpha, Asheville, N. C.

Carroll Darner, Nu, Lenoir City, Tenn.

Clyde M. Brown, Alpha-Eta, Bristol, Va.-Tenn.

During the sessions of the convention many interesting letters were read, and many pleasant telegrams of good wishes received.

They are as follows:

LETTERS

NORFOLK, VA., March 26, 1911.

MR. W. N. BRISCOE, Secy.,
Knoxville, Tenn.

MY DEAR SIR:

I have received your very courteous invitation to be present at the 3rd Biennial Convention of the Fraternity.

Please convey to the Convention my high appreciation of their invitation and express my regrets at not being able to attend—also my best wishes for their health and happiness and fraternal greetings for all members of the Π κ Λ Fraternity.

With kindest regards for yourself, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

L. W. TAZEWELL.

NORFOLK, VA., April 4, 1911.

HON. J. PIKE POWERS, JR.,
Knoxville, Tenn.

MY DEAR POWERS:

I found on my desk not long since a note from Mr. Maynard, who is now living here, together with a copy of a set of Resolutions passed by the General Convention Committee with reference to insuring my presence and that of my brother at the Knoxville Convention.

I had made all my arrangements to be present, as I thought, having gone so far as to accept the very kind invitation of Landon White to stay at his house, when suddenly Judge Waddill, of the U. S. Court, came down on me and set some cases for trial at the April Term of his Court which binds me hand and foot. The third week of every month is the Admiralty week, and Judge Waddill comes down from Richmond to hold his Court that week each month.

I had hoped that everything was arranged to let me be clear this month, but while I was away a most important salvage case, in which the values run up to a quarter million dollars, and in which ten vessels and as many lawyers are involved, was set by Judge Waddill for April 20th. When I returned he had left town, having arranged the rest of his work for that week dependent upon that date for that case.

I found it absolutely impossible to arrange either a postponement or a change of date.

Unfortunately this precluded Bob from attending also, as he is one of the lawyers on the other side.

I cannot tell you how distressed both he and I are, as we had made all of our arrangements to attend the Knoxville Convention together, and spend a day at our old home in Abingdon on our way back, a trip which would have been most attractive to us in every respect.

I felt, too, particularly obligated to be at this Convention, as I missed the last one entirely and only got in for the banquet at the one before.

Please express to the members of your Committee my high appreciation of their kind thoughtfulness in adopting the Resolutions of January 29, and please explain to them that they have only been called to my attention in the last few days, since which time I have been hoping to be able to change the date of this unfortunate case.

Trusting that the Convention will be a grand success, and with renewed assurances of my high consideration, I am,

Yours in the bonds,

FLOYD HUGHES.

DECATUR, GA., April 13, 1911.

J. PIKE POWERS,
Knoxville, Tenn.

MY DEAR POWERS:

It feels good to write "J. Pike Powers" again. The name brings back many pleasant memories. We have had some good old days in Pi Kappa Alpha together. To have singled me out as a special guest at this Convention has touched my pride and does me a great honor. I have had letters now from three of you fellows at Knoxville and every one is making me chafe more under my burdens here, which are holding me away from the greatest convention of the Fraternity, I verily believe. Couldn't I stir the boys with the incidents of the first Convention at Knoxville, when we put the Chapter in? It is all so clear in memory now. I wish I could be there to tell the brothers about it. Briscoe was there. It was this loyal sort that was the product of those days.

I wish the Convention was at some other time. I am fixed this way. You can see at once how useless to plan for two days off. We are just completing our Science Hall and the furnishing of this building has been in my hands and the workmen move in on Monday. I must be right on the job every day right up to May 24th to get it through by Commencement, and I cannot commit it to anyone else because there are a thousand details that I have worked out and must be on hand to get through.

I want you to express to the others my heartfelt appreciation of their kind thought of me, and I want you to assure them that not a man in the whole Fraternity would more thoroughly enjoy this Convention and above all the hospitality which it has been my pleasure to put to the test twice.

I want to see your little chaps. I wish I could bring mine and Sale his and Hughes his and we would make Bob Smythe feel like selling out.

My, what a time you will have! Well, you won't forget a poor, lonesome, hard-working duck down here in Georgia, will you?

I was delighted to hear from you once more. Pass the greeting around among the fellows for me.

Yours in Phi, Phi Kappa Alpha,

H. B. ARBUCKLE.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., April 14, 1911.

ZETA AND ALUMNUS IOTA CHAPTERS,
Pi Kappa Alpha,
Knoxville, Tenn.

DEAR BRETHREN:

I regret very much that special business will prevent my being with you for the meeting and festivities in Knoxville next week. This is a disappointment to me, but it cannot be helped. Duties come before

pleasure. I had hoped to attend the Convention in Knoxville, and had looked forward to it for two years.

There is a peculiar interest to me attaching to the history of your chapter in the University of Tennessee. It may not be known to you, but the beginning of the chapter was away back in 1874, when, through my instrumentality, it was started, afterwards to fall into decay for some years. Two young men, named Jones, went from Bolivar, Tenn., to Knoxville. They were under me, preparing for college, for a few months. They were fine fellows, and when they went to Knoxville they kept in touch with me, and after awhile, through them and me a charter was obtained and your chapter began its career. This naturally interests me in your chapter and makes it particularly regrettable to me that I cannot be with you on this splendid occasion.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially and fraternally yours,

GEORGE SUMMEY, Grand Chaplain.

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., April 14, 1911.

MR. ROBERT A. SMYTHE,
Grand Treasurer,
Atlanta, Ga.

DEAR BROTHER:

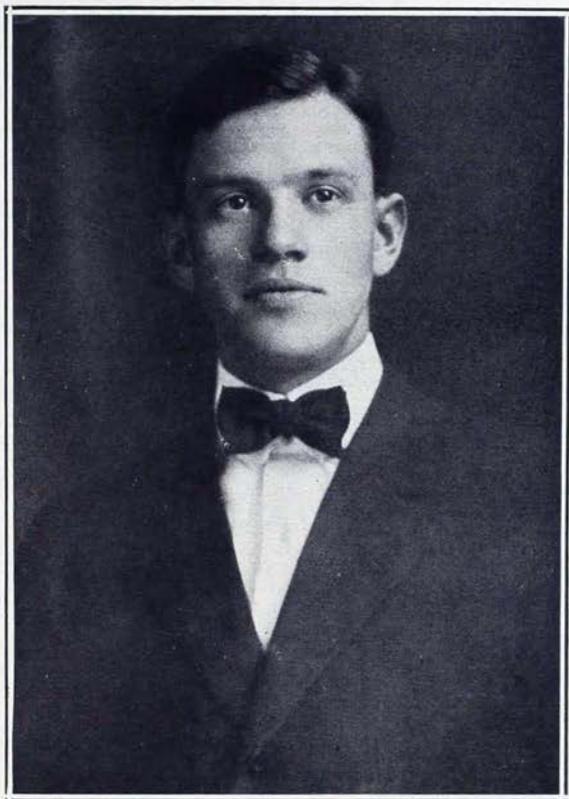
I have been hoping that it would be possible for me to attend the Convention next week but my business will prevent. In the last five months, I have done as much as I could to work up interest among our Alumni and to get some new chapters under way, but my business has taken so much of my time that I have had to do what little I could by letter writing alone. This method of doing things does not work very well in the West. Out here if you want anything, you have to go after it and that is what the other fellows are doing. All the brothers have been willing to help but like myself they have all been too busy to do anything but write.

At present it looks like I will have no more spare time in the future than I have been having heretofore and I must ask the Supreme Council to appoint some one else as Chief of the Western District. I am sure that there will be several good men at the Convention from our territory who could fill this position most acceptably and could devote more time to the work than I have been able to do.

Remember that I am always glad to do all in my power to advance the interest of the Fraternity and that you need not hesitate to call on me at any time.

Yours in the bond,

Z. L. REAGAN.



P, TULANE ATKINSON, Iota
Grand Secretary

TUSCALOOSA, ALA., April 14, 1911.

MR. ROBERT A. SMYTHE,
Atlanta, Ga.

DEAR BROTHER SMYTHE:

Yours of the 12th inst. received. In reply I will say that I cannot agree to serve as District Chief any longer. I wish I knew some one to suggest for the place, but with the exception of Brother Yockey, who is pretty well loaded with work, and Brother Denson of Opelika, I do not recall any one else whom I think would give the place the attention it deserves. I shall continue to work for the chapter house at Auburn which has reached a stage where it requires a great deal of attention.

With sincere good wishes, I am,

Yours fraternally,
JNO. A. LANFORD.

BRISTOL, TENN., April 19, 1911.

MR. H. W. CURTIS, JR.,
Knoxville, Tenn.

MY DEAR BRO. CURTIS:

Your cordial invitation to act as Chaplain at the Convention fills me with sincere gratitude. If it were possible I should be right there this morning. Thank the fellows a thousand times, and believe me when I say I have cast about to see if I really might not get off, but the way is blocked.

With a Π glad hand for everybody and two for Tompkins of Bristol,
Yours in Phi, Phi Kappa Alpha,

ASA D. WATKINS.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 20, 1911.

MR. ROBERT A. SMYTHE,
care of Hotel Atkin, Knoxville, Tenn.

DEAR BROTHER:

It was the one great disappointment of my life that I was unable to be at the Convention. I had thought of it for years and I, even six months ago, commenced to arrange matters, both in business and social affairs, so that I could be able to get out of Chicago and be in Knoxville at this time.

Yesterday I made a radical change in my business affairs. The firms that cater to the Hotel, Club and Institution trade in my line in the West, you can count on your fingers. A man who has been in the business for forty years wished to retire—while not the largest, was well established and liked. It was one of those opportunities that come to a business man once in a lifetime, and I bought a controlling interest in the new corporation and took charge of the reorganization of same. Under these prevailing conditions, you will see how

impossible it is for me to leave Chicago at the present time. I thought, up to this afternoon, that I would be able to get away, but I cannot possibly do so and but a few moments since I sent a telegram to Brother Powers notifying him of the fact.

I broke an engagement three days ago for a formal affair at the Town and Country because same occurred on the same evening as the Convention dance at Knoxville (and the girl was a young lady from Tennessee) so you see that I lose in more ways than one.

I will try and be with you two years from now—no matter where the Convention may be.

Wishing the greatest success for the Convention and prosperity to the Fraternity at large, believe me as ever,

Fraternally yours,

D. L. CARMICHAEL.

TELEGRAMS

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 13, 1911.

ROBERT A. SMYTHE,

Hotel Atkin, Knoxville, Tenn.

DEAR BRO. SMYTHE:

Very sorry not to be able to be with you this year, but here's wishing Pi Kappa Alpha the best Convention ever; let's boost the Alpha and help the Omicron Chapter house movements.

R. McBERAN WHITTET.

NORFOLK, VA., April 18, 1911.

JOHN GORDON HUGHES,

Grand Princeps, Pi Kappa Alpha,

Hotel Atkin, Knoxville, Tenn.

Please extend my greetings to the Third Biennial Convention and express my heartfelt disappointment in not being with you. Unavoidable engagements in court render it impossible. Present my deepest regrets and heartiest wishes for most successful meeting and bright future of fraternity. Best love to all the boys.

FLOYD HUGHES.

OPELIKA, ALA., April 18, 1911.

ROBERT A. SMYTHE:

Hotel Atkin, Knoxville, Tenn.

To the Convention assembled in Knoxville, Upsilon sends greetings. May this be the greatest Convention ever held, and may the measures passed be such that Pi Kappa Alpha will grow faster and stronger than ever before.

UPSILON CHAPTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19, 1911.

MR. CHARLES W. UNDERWOOD,
Grand Secretary of Pi Kappa Alpha Convention,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Please express to my brother members of our fraternity my sincere appreciation of their kindly greeting and good wishes for my success. I regret exceedingly that public business prevents my acceptance of your invitation to be present at the Convention. I wish you every success in your efforts to maintain Pi Kappa Alpha first in all things.

OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD.

GEORGETOWN, TEX., April 19, 1911.

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity in Convention Assembled,
Hotel Atkin, Knoxville, Tenn.

Alpha Omicron greets you wishing that the Convention may be crowned with the greatest success. If our Texas steer gets too frisky tie him outside.

ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER.

LEXINGTON, KY., April 19, 1911.

PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY,
Atkin Hotel, Knoxville, Tenn.

Bring next convention to Lexington. We wish you a successful meeting and a great time. Yours for Pi Kappa Alpha.

KAPPA CHAPTER.

COLUMBIA, Mo., April 20, 1911.

FRANCIS A. BENHAM,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Greeting to all Pi Kappa Alphas. Bedmond initiated last night.

ALPHA NU.

LEXINGTON, KY., April 20, 1911.

ROBT. A. SMYTHE,
Care Pi Kappa Alpha,
Hotel Atkin, Knoxville, Tenn.

The Lexington Commercial Club extends a hearty and cordial invitation to the members of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity to hold their Convention for 1913 in the City of Lexington, the queen city of the blue grass.

S. H. CLAY, Secretary.

HARRIMAN, TENN., April 20, 1911.

Pi Kappa Alpha Convention,
Hotel Atkin, Knoxville, Tenn.

Greetings from an old timer. May be with you Friday night. In any event, long life and success to the old Fraternity.

Fraternally,

W. D. MOONEY.

LEXINGTON, KY., April 21, 1911.

J. G. HUGHES,
 President Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity,
 Knoxville, Tenn.
 Message appreciated. Cordial wishes for success in fraternal life.
 KAPPA DELTA SORORITY.

LEXINGTON, KY., April 21, 1911.

ROBT. A. SMYTHE,
 Knoxville, Tenn.
 Kappa and Omega want next Convention in Lexington.
 KAPPA AND OMEGA CHAPTERS.

DURHAM, N. C., April 21, 1911.

ROBT. A. SMYTHE,
 Knoxville, Tenn.
 For results of Convention congratulations we are with you.
 ALPHA ALPHA, TRINITY.

ATLANTA, GA., April 21, 1911.

ROBT. A. SMYTHE,
 Knoxville, Tenn.
 With you, but not with you. Know its best yet.
 BOB GANTT, ARCHIE LEE, Alpha Alpha.

GATESVILLE, N. C., April 21, 1911.

PI KAPPA ALPHA CONVENTION,
 Knoxville, Tenn.
 Make it the greatest Convention of all. ROBT. R. TAYLOR.

AUBURN, ALA., April 21, 1911.

M. T. ROBERTSON,
 Knoxville, Tenn.
 Upsilon begs to thank the Convention most heartily for appropriation,
 and to express sincere thanks to Alpha Chapter.
 P. S. AVERY.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., April 19, 1911.

P. K. A. CONVENTION,
 Knoxville, Tenn.
 J. PIKE POWERS:
 It is with much regret that I am compelled to state that I cannot
 be with you boys, especially when you came to see us in our own town,
 but business compels me to stay away.



J. GRAHAM SALE, Pi
Grand Historiographer

Please do your darndest to make Bill Friscoe behave himself and leave a little of the wet goods for yourself and Harry Curtis.

If Senator Hudson has returned from his little runaway trip give him a sup for I am informed he is greatly in favor of liquor laws.

With my very best wishes and wishing for the Fraternity's continued success, I am,

Fraternally yours,

J. H. McCALLUM.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., April 19, 1911.

MR. J. O. WILLIAMS,

Hotel Atkin, Knoxville, Tenn.

DEAR BROTHER:

Enthusiastic meeting held in chapter hall tonight. Many expressions of solicitude for your enjoyment and benefit at the Convention were expressed. The baby chapter has cut his elks teeth and growing rapidly. Boost it.

Yours in Pi Pi K. A.,

JOE EMBRY.

It is a matter of great pleasure for any one who attended the Knoxville Convention to dwell upon the successful meeting of Pi Kappa Alpha in its first national assemblage. That was a splendid convention in a strong Pi Kappa Alpha city—the home of Zeta and Alumnus Iota—and well did those two chapters of loyal brothers meet the responsibility of entertaining the convention.

With the question of expansion disposed of, which was accomplished at the New Orleans meeting in 1909, there was no great or overshadowing proposition to contend for and against and give opportunity for bursts of eloquence, canned and hermetically sealed in advance to be opened only at the appointed time. However, there gathered in Knoxville the finest crowd of college men I ever saw—all of one faith and of one purpose—strong in the principles of Pi Kappa Alpha and zealously working for its betterment. With every active chapter represented from Alpha to Alpha Pi, the roll was complete, each chapter having one or more strong representatives present to aid in planning and working for the fraternity's future.

The social features of the convention were elaborately planned and beautifully carried out. The smoker of the first

evening was most enjoyable and left with us many incidents that will never be forgotten—Sale's proximity to the piano, the speech from "Texas," the "winning ways" of Shepherd and Reynolds, etc., *ad infinitum*. Smythe and Underwood took very little part in these festivities—the former on account of his age and the latter for the reason that he seemed to be expecting momentarily to be called upon to administer soothing syrup. All the others "were there with the goods."

The convention dance will forever linger in the memories of all who attended. Auditorium Hall, with numberless college, fraternity and sorority pennants and a tremendous Π K A flag in the center, hanging above nearly two hundred couples dancing to splendid music, was a scene of beauty never to be forgotten. It is but repeating "a twice told tale" to say that the Knoxville maids and matrons made an indelible impression on Pi Kappa Alpha.

The banquet was probably the best in the history of the fraternity, and was a brilliant close to a most enjoyable and successful convention. The responses to the toasts were the best that I have heard at any of the banquets. Pike Powers was a toast-master of much dignity and impressiveness, and all present will long remember such excellent talks as those of Professor James D. Hoskins, Dr. Charles E. Waite and Graham Sale. Every one in attendance will treasure the beautiful toast card as a souvenir of a great occasion.

The convention could never have been the success that it was without J. Pike Powers, Jr., long and faithful in the service of the fraternity; "Billie" Briscoe, of "Dan-de-line" trousers fame; Dr. Landon White, who once disposed of a book on "moral philosophy" while a member of Alpha; William K. Hunter; Harry Curtis and the numerous other loyal and devoted members of Zeta and Alumnus Iota chapters.

We can never forget Knoxville! But, here's to Lexington, Ky., in 1913! John Field won out over Spears Reynolds' eloquent invitation to Asheville, and when he gets his Kentuckians together two years hence, they will make good.

J. G. HUGHES,
Grand Princeps.

The old order giveth way to the new. In the place of our "red ribbon" brother to whose requests refusal was impossible there comes today a demand from "blue ribbon" Underwood who likewise defies all saying "no."

"Write your impressions of the convention" says the circular letter. Now if such an order went to each delegate and we all respond *in toto* soon it will become necessary to add another name to our list of "Deceased Brethren"—as well as to provide for a newer Editor. The deluge would swamp everything and everybody, so a selection of facts must be made, but it is not easy to choose between those things to be given for publication and those which Underwood would prefer not to print.

I wish first to write briefly of the personnel of the convention. In point of numbers we may be outstripped by the chapter rolls of other fraternities, but if the delegates at Knoxville are fair representatives of our chapters then can no one doubt the quality to be found in *II* timber. They were a lot of clean, manly fellows of the stripe that any man must be proud to call *brother*. They bore unmistakable proof of two facts, viz: the wisdom of our Supreme Council in granting charters and the ability of members to select the proper kind of initiates—the basic principals of every successful fraternal order.

And the Alumni gave evidence of being just like the delegates save for the addition of a few years. Well did they live up to the reputation of their predecessors at former conventions in the enthusiastic interest manifested, and for which we are always so thankful. Nothing short of a sketch of each one would convey our pleasure at meeting and knowing these true and loyal knights of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

But further attributes must be saved for a description of the *IIs* in and near Knoxville. Did they give us a good time? Memories of that smoker and hop together with anticipations of the banquet which I was forced to miss crowd upon my tongue in answer to that question. But if there be a doubter anywhere let someone propose that we go back next week to complete the *unfinished business*. Does anyone think there

would be a single failure to respond at the mention of his name? I say *no*. Those three days so delightfully spent in old Tennessee will long fill our minds with sweet food for reverie. Nothing was left undone that would have contributed to the pleasure and comfort of anyone present. To each and every member of Zeta and Alumnus Iota who thus so unselfishly gave us of their all we shall ever count ourselves deeply indebted. Nothing short of their presence in Lexington in 1913 will satisfy us, and that convention should not be considered formally opened until at least "Billy" Briscoe, Pike Powers and Dr. White shall have signed the register. *We just can't do without them* two years hence.

Of the officers who have governed us so admirably for so (?) many years—"Gov." Hughes, "Victoria" Sale, Smythe (of red ribbon fame) and Underwood, the present "*blue ribboner*," we have searched in vain for the proper attributes with which to describe them. Their virtues have so often been lauded that to give them a new write up would be impossible. Therefore suffice it to say that as they were two years ago so were they in Knoxville, except, as is the case with new wine, improved by age. Their presence bore evidence of their undying love and zeal for Pi Kappa Alpha and the debt of gratitude we owe these alert guardians of our interests grows day by day.

To any II who may feel that with the final settlement of the "Expansion Question" all matters of convention interest were ended I have only to say come to Lexington and get converted. Great questions came up for discussion at Knoxville and there were on these differences of opinion, but no one could doubt at the end of most heated debates that we were brothers all. Only IIs can discuss as did the convention that important question of chapter houses with the different aspects considered and then move to settle it as did the delegates from Alpha. Every act evinced that the delegates were imbued with the idea of laboring for II K A's interest and not the good of individual chapters alone. In the point of the number of delegates to take a free and enthusiastic part in the discussion at Knoxville I feel sure this meeting ranks above any former



FLOYD HUGHES, Gamma
Grand Councilor

convention. The continued manifestation of just that spirit will soon impress the outside world with that of which we have long been apprised—the genuine and inestimable worth of Pi Kappa Alpha.

May this contagion seize every wearer of our emblem and thus make us all pull together in an attempt to make Lexington in 1913 a worthy successor to the Knoxville of 1911 with which we are all so much in love.

P. TULANE ATKINSON,
Grand Secretary.

Of course we had a great convention and I wish more could have been there. Too many thanks cannot be given Zeta and the Alumni of Knoxville for they were a most hospitable lot of II K As. Nothing was left undone to make our stay most pleasant.—It is always most impressive and encouraging to see so many interested alumni,—all the business transacted was important.

The delegates and alumni all seemed to take active interest in everything that came up. May we have many other conventions like it.

I was very much impressed with all the delegates. All of the chapter are getting on a strong basis. Every chapter will have to work to keep up with the other chapters.

Come to Lexington, Ky., to the next convention. We are going to work two years on it and promise by that time to have something in store for you.

Let everybody come that was at Knoxville for I for one would like to come in contact with that bunch again.—It was also good to shake hands with the grand officers and supreme council once more.

It's up to us all to pull together for the next two years and I am sure a still better showing will be made by 1913.

JNO. W. FIELD.

I was made more happy by having had the honor of attending the second night's entertainment at the recent Knoxville convention, than from any other known cause since I tumbled

into old Zeta 1897. Never had a grander time nor met a more representative class, nor do I happen to know of any former occasion upon which more good was accomplished or promoted than this last general session.

D. K. LEE.

I shall never forget the Knoxville convention, which for me was an exceedingly pleasant one.

The delegates individually and as a whole impressed me as being worthy wearers of the Shield and Diamond.

Each step that was taken by the convention was thoroughly studied and each question which was discussed was carefully considered. Every man present had the good of the fraternity at heart. This fact impressed me most favorably.

To the Knoxville alumni and the members of the chapter at Tennessee is due great credit for the delightful time which they prepared for their visitors.

THEODORE B. HARRIS.

Not since the convention of 1900 which met in Spartanburg, S. C., had it been my privilege to meet with frat brothers in convention until I attended this last one held in Knoxville. I could not but contrast the personnel of the Spartanburg convention with that of the Knoxville convention 10 years later. This latter one was made up of a finer looking and more typical body of college men. I was immediately impressed with this upon entering the convention hall, and of course I felt a keen pride, "What a striking looking body of young men this is!" thought I; "how neat and intelligent looking, how typical of the American college of today!"

I was also favorably impressed with the force and acumen with which they stood on the floor and discussed the vital issues before the convention.

The second day of the convention was more like a gathering of older and more experienced men, and might have done credit to such.

I love our noble fraternity and hold every member of it as a brother-beloved.

I am very glad indeed that I had the privilege of attending the Knoxville convention.

REV. CARROLL VARNER.

I certainly enjoyed the Knoxville convention, as did every Pi Kappa Alpha there. To those of you who were not fortunate enough to be there I extend my sympathy, for you don't know what you missed.

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. The officers showed devotion to their work, and by their self-sacrifice proved that no better men could be found to see to the affairs of our fraternity.

The delegates were undoubtedly the best bunch of fellows that I have ever seen together. They were men of strong character and high ideals, whom I was indeed proud to call brothers.

By the true and noble spirit which was evident at all times, the Pi's proved that they were true gentlemen and loyal, ever striving for the betterment of Pi Kappa Alpha. This spirit impressed me most.

To you one and all I say come to Lexington in 1913.

HARRY T. LETLON,
Omega and Alumnus Rho.

Considering the fact that we sat in the convention hall from nine until three for three consecutive days, it may seem that not much work was accomplished. Not so at all. It must be remembered that it takes no short time to thrash out a single bill when it is put before a body of one hundred or more men. On the other hand, the convention did and did well all of the business that it could have. The greatest thing done, in my estimation, was the appropriation made to Brother Sale, by means of assessment, for the purpose of completing the Pi Kappa Alpha Record. This is at present our greatest need, and only by means of ample funds can it be compiled. One thing, which impressed me especially, is the general move-

ment being shown at present by the various chapters in regard to chapter houses. This is a matter of the most vital importance, and only by the unceasing efforts of the various chapters can it be accomplished. Upsilon chapter, in having secured her funds and in having completed her plans for building, deserves the most hearty congratulations of the fraternity at large. We, of Alpha, will stand witness to the fact that they have accomplished no small task.

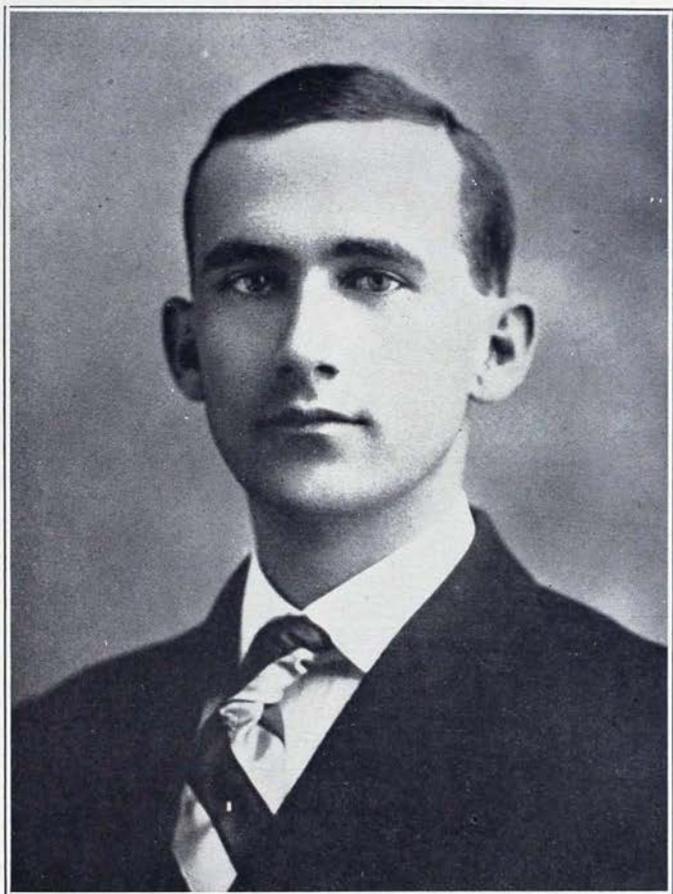
Of the one hundred Pi's that met in Knoxville, there was no one whom I would not place in the A-1 class of all round good men as well as good fellows. Any fraternity would be proud of such a body of men, and for the sororities—I think those in Knoxville liked the Pi's quite well. Ask "Gov." Hughes about the Kappa Delta's convention.

Perhaps the word "sororities" has gotten me off the track, but I think not. The entertainment that was given us in Knoxville should certainly not go unmentioned. With thanks to Zeta and Alumnus Iota, I think every man who was in Knoxville will say that he never had such a good time before. The convention dance could not have been better. The floor was good, the music was better, the decorations and refreshments were perfect, and of the one hundred and fifty girls dancing, there were just exactly one hundred and fifty one Queens. What more is necessary for the perfection of a dance? The dance was not the only thing, however. I know we shall never forget the banquet (though Underwood did talk for fifty six minutes), nor the smoker, nor the P. O. H., and last but not least—How could we forget Gay St., the Garden, and the girls?

Take a good look at the convention picture, fellows. Examine all the men, then indulge in a good close perusal of what makes the picture attractive. With this done, you will see for yourself that we had a big time, and will need no more of my "wealth of descriptive powers."

S. T. BITTING, *Alpha*.

I was more than delighted with the loyalty and enthusiasm of all present and with the zeal and judgment shown in plan-



WALTER GARRET RIDDICK, Pi
Grand Chancellor

ning for the best good of Π K A. The delegates from the various chapters were men after my own heart and I am proud to be numbered among them. I was most impressed, I believe, with the feeling of brotherhood that bound us together and the charming personalities of those present.

H. EARLE BOUIS,
Alpha Eta.

I was very much pleased indeed with the work done at the convention and I think each representative tried to do his best, to do the work assigned him. I think every question that was brought up was properly dispensed with.

I can truthfully say that I don't believe there was ever before such a fine bunch of fellows collected together at any frat. convention. They were a good bunch of fellows in every respect. And, if all of the members of the Π K A frat. were as amiable as these, they would be in a class by themselves.

The frat. spirit I don't believe we could have gotten together a more enthusiastic body, especially the delegates from the younger chapters. The frat. spirit that was shown here, predicted a winning future for the frat.

H. C. LOWRY, *Zeta.*

When I received Brother Underwood's letter asking me to give my impressions of the Knoxville convention, I was and am still somewhat at a loss to express my impressions. In fact I feel very keenly my inability to express fully and forcibly my impressions of this great convention.

Of the business carried on, suffice it to say that I was very much surprised as well as highly gratified at the amount of real, true business accomplished. Every one seemed to be working together, all responded to the crack of the whip and when the whip cracked the load moved. To one who has never attended a convention and who knows practically nothing of the inner workings of the fraternity, the word convention means just a good time, a gathering where many members of the fraternity get together to enjoy themselves, but let me say to you brothers that the word convention means

all of that and more, it is the place where the most vital business of the fraternity is carried on, and after the business well we had a good time.

After a convention or other gathering we always look back over the good times that we have had, think of the various phases of the meeting, of the different social functions, etc., but the thing that impresses us most and which leaves its indelible stamp upon our memory is the personnel of the convention. We love to think of the many manly men whom we met while there; we cherish very greatly the associations and friendships formed while there, and long for the time to come when we shall meet again these loyal standard bearers of Pi Kappa Alpha.

The men as a body impressed me as being the finest body of men that I ever saw together. Almost all of them were from the South, the country all the way from the Potomac to the Rio Grande was represented, all holding the same pure traditions, all laboring for the welfare and uplift of the fraternity which has always stood for purity and all that is good in man. It was a pleasure and privilege to meet this body of men, and I predict that with such men as the members of our Supreme Council at the helm and with such men as we had at Knoxville in the active chapters, that Pi Kappa Alpha is secure in her own southern territory and may well afford to carry her sacred banner into the hostile fields of the north.

Outside of the men who composed the convention, the thing which most forcibly impressed me was the question of chapter houses, the need of them and the manner in which Pi Kappa Alpha is meeting this need. Much has been said and written about the necessity of each chapter having its house, and personally, I think that this is the most vital question which confronts not only Pi Kappa Alpha, but all fraternities today, and I am glad that Π K A is coming to realize this need and is looking it so manfully and squarely in the face.

The next thing was the report of the various chapters. It must have brought joy and gladness to the heart of every Pi, to listen to the reports of the various chapters and to know of the flourishing condition in which they are.

I think I can say that the three days I spent in Knoxville were three of the most pleasant that I have ever spent, and I hope that more of us will have the pleasure of meeting at Lexington, Ky., in 1913.

E. C. JONES, *Gamma*.

I believe the delegates who attended the convention were sincere in their words and actions, and that everything was done for the good of Pi Kappa Alpha. The work of the convention shows that the fraternity is broadening out in its ideas and keeping abreast of the progress of the times in the Greek world.

The delegates as a body impressed me as being the most intellectual and gentlemanly bunch of fellows I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.

The thing that struck me most favorably was the fact that when business was in order everything else was forgotten and dropped until the work on hand was finished.

C. M. MONTGOMERY, *Alpha Omicron*.

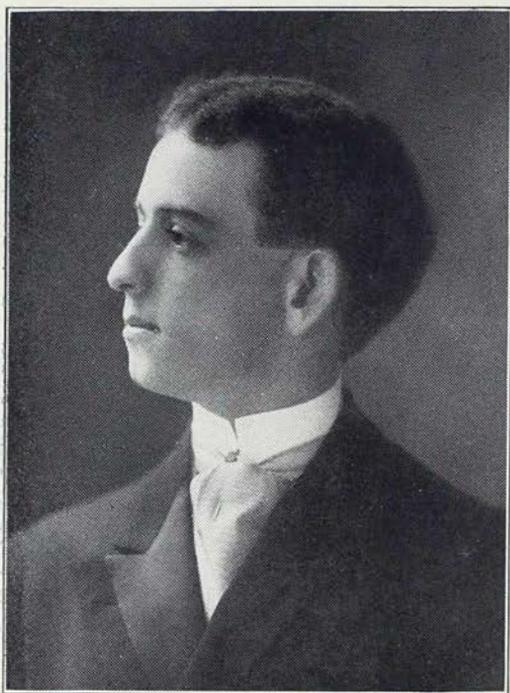
The work of the convention was very good, indeed, as we took a number of steps which will, if carried out, strengthen Pi Kappa Alpha nationally in many ways. First, we have now provided for money in order that our Supreme Council may be able to take up expansion—one of the most important issues, to me, that was discussed; second, we voted to accept the invitation of the National Pan-Hellenic Council which should mean a great deal to us. This will help out materially when a new chapter seeks admission to the local Pan-Hellenic. Then, too, when we attempt to establish a new chapter at some college or university, that fact may be material in gaining the consent of the fraternities already established. Third; then by increasing the dues of the chapters and raising the charter fee we have again strengthened ourselves. Fourth; the fact that we will only publish our magazine quarterly instead of every two months, I think, will give us a much better one. Fifth; the committee on song book do not realize how

much good they will or can do the national fraternity by getting out the book in the near future. Sixth; the further fact that all members are going to have to stand a satisfactory examination on the general history of the fraternity will make us all appreciate our membership very much more, for when one is ignorant of many of the sterling qualities and of the marked history of an organization, I contend that he cannot duly appreciate it. Seventh; another and one of the greatest moves made was the urging of chapter houses. There is nothing that tends to bring the boys so closely together as living in a chapter house. Let us hope that this ambition for houses will continue until *all* are comfortably located.

Let us all remember and strive to see that the measures taken up at the convention are properly carried out. I trust that there isn't a man on any committee who will "lay down" when it comes to fulfilling his duty. If we love our fraternity, then let us show it as our well beloved and ever-loyal Brother Robert A. Smythe has. When a man has held an office for so many years, it is most strikingly apparent that he really loves the bonds of his fraternity.

On the whole I was very well pleased with the delegates. There were too many of them, however, that were willing to vote on anything that came up without fully understanding just what it meant. A convention is a place to think over and discuss the issues that come up. I must say they used good judgment in the selection of their present Supreme Council and we hope that Brother Atkinson will find his work enjoyable. I believe that he will be another Smythe when it comes to loyalty. I also feel that Brother Underwood is going to give us one of the best fraternity publications that is to be found in the United States. We all know the worth of the other members of the Supreme Council and I hope that we may enjoy their services for years to come.

The thing that impressed me most at the convention was the good spirit existing at all times. I never saw such a good bunch of losers as some of the delegates were. That is what counts at a convention. The delegates were all alive to the fact that we want to make Pi Kappa Alpha the leading fra-



REV. HOMER W. CARPENTER, Kappa
Grand Chaplain

ternity in this country, and this was shown by the many important questions discussed and acted upon. If we will carry these out and make out motto "Ever Onward" we will accomplish great things in the next ten years. All it takes is a little "push" on the part of every member of the fraternity, for no set of officers, no matter how efficient and loyal they may be, can accomplish anything without the co-operation of the fraternity as a whole.

Another thing that impressed me very much was the "famed Tennessee beauties." The convention dance and banquet were also very good indeed.

The Pi's of Knoxville, both active and alumni, deserve a great deal of credit and appreciation for their good work and the boys at Lexington will have to go some to have anything over them.

FRANCIS A. BENHAM, *Alpha Nu.*

It affords me pleasure to employ this method of conveying to the members at large of our fraternity my impressions of the recent convention at Knoxville; and to merely say that those impressions were favorable falls utterly short of expressing my real feeling and sentiment in the matter.

I had not attended a convention before the one of April 19, 20, and 21, at Knoxville, and I confess that my ideas of just what the work of a meeting of this character would be were rather meagre. Hence, I was not only surprised, but even marvelled at the generous hospitality with which we were received by our hosts, and to see the great and glorious good possible to be accomplished by the united efforts of the representatives of the various chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha.

I expected great things, but the facts so far exceeded my anticipation as to cause me to leave the convention hall with a more lofty regard for Pi Kappa Alpha and a more sanguine hope for its ultimate welfare and success.

Nothing of the work done at Knoxville could in any degree be criticised and everything done is worthy of praise, but to me those features standing out most prominently and deserving especial notice and comment were the following: First,

the very high order of young manhood represented in the delegation from each chapter, and their capacity to "do things" and do them in a straightforward and business-like manner; second, the eminent capacity of each individual officer of the convention and fitness for his particular duties, and their added strength and the harmony displayed in their work when taken collectively; third, and by no means of inconsiderable importance, was the grand, good fellowship and real brotherly feeling manifested on the part of every one present and which seemed to permeate the very atmosphere.

Omega keenly feels the weight of her obligation to measure up to the standard set by Zeta, and we trust that in 1913 a record-breaking attendance may be had, and that we may demonstrate to you the truth that Kentucky hospitality is a fact and not a figure of speech.

FRANK D. CAIN, *Omega*.

My recollection of the convention is quite analogous to a eutectic, composed of indeterminable quantities of banquet scenes, dance music, auto rides and the sound of voices rising in debate. And so from the entanglement of events of those three memorable days, it is hard to separate those things that impressed me most forcibly.

One of the things that impressed me most was the relation of the Grand Council to the fraternity at large. I realize now what a great responsibility they have and how much we owe to them. They are the nucleus about which all the other workings of the fraternity center. Theirs is the guiding hand, the very strength and life of the fraternity. And I think that too much credit cannot be given to them for the energy and time that they are giving for the advancement of the fraternity.

Another thing that surprised me was the general activity of the various chapters in the way of providing for chapter houses. This is one of the most conclusive signs of life in a chapter and denotes a spirit of progress that is good to see.

Taken as a whole I think the work of the convention was excellent, and while the changes made could hardly be called radical, they are such as will make a noticeable change for

the better and put the fraternity on a much better footing in many respects than heretofore. The whole general tendency of the work done was toward the securing of a closer organization with stronger resources, a combination which will serve better than anything else to make us one of the strongest national fraternities.

In relating my impressions of the convention, it would certainly be a great injustice to say nothing about the unfailing hospitality of our hosts Alumnus Iota and Zeta chapters. The fellows from Lexington have taken a job upon their hands if they hope to put it on our past entertainers in this respect. For taking the members of Zeta chapter individually, they are all fine fellows, and the chapter as a whole is second to none in the whole fraternity.

In conclusion I want to say that I feel that I am better fitted to do something for my chapter and for the fraternity for having been present at the convention. It certainly brings one to a better realization of the value of his fraternity to meet with others joined by the same ties of brotherhood and take part with them in the making of laws for the betterment of a common interest. I only wish more of our members could attend these conventions. I believe that if it were possible, fraternity spirit would run higher, that more of our brothers would be inoculated with that spirit that pervades the conventions and we would have more men filled with a stronger desire to do something to make Pi Kappa Alpha stronger and if it be possible, better than ever.

J. E. GANGHAN, *Alpha Zeta.*

It was my good fortune to attend the third bi-ennial convention of Pi Kappa Alpha. Being a young member I know very little concerning the Richmond and New Orleans conventions, but with due respect to the chapters at the places named, the Knoxville convention was far better than I expected.

The work of the convention was not dominated by two or three chapters, but everything worked towards the betterment of our beloved fraternity. Everybody worked together and

in perfect harmony realizing the work that was necessary and carrying it through to the very end.

As to the delegates they were the best body of men ever assembled and this points out to us the class of men we have in our bonds. This body was an hundred per cent. better than I expected to meet at Knoxville.

The attitude of our grand officers towards our young brothers was as a father to a son. This very fact was worth the entire trip for, I am sorry to say, I had an entirely different view of the matter. I am certainly glad to find myself mistaken, and I feel like working so much the harder after the instructions received from them and the convention as a whole.

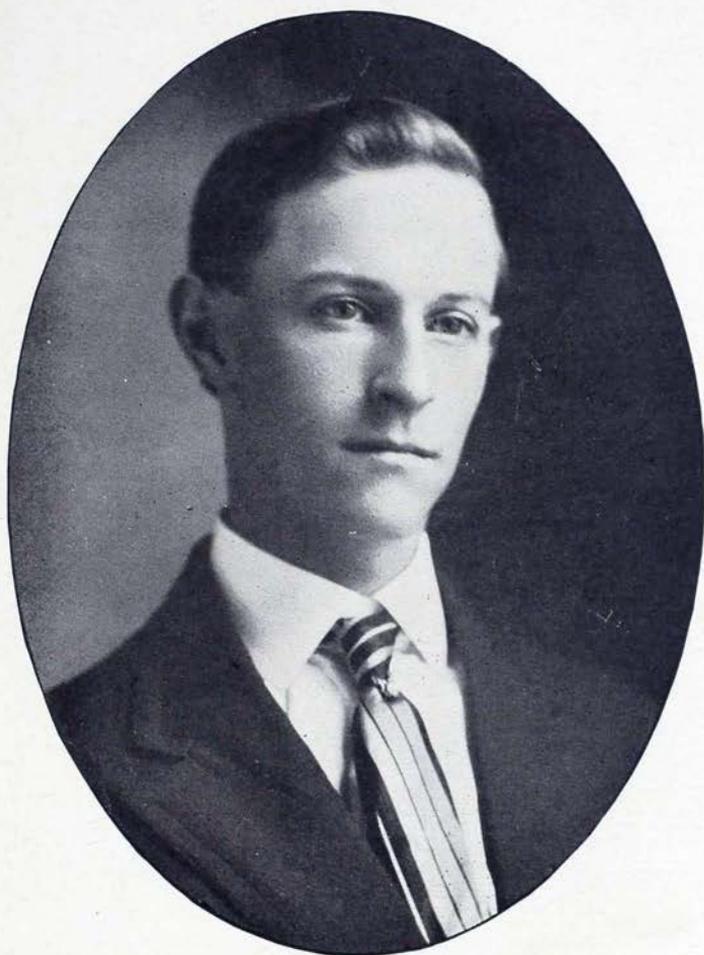
I desire to express to the members of Zeta and Alumnus Iota my sincere thanks for the kindness I received from them.

Brothers, meet with us at Lexington in 1913 and we will show you the Knoxville convention on a larger scale if such a thing is possible.

H. K. STONE, *Kappa*.

If on the morning of April 22nd Charles Dana Gibson had stood in the lobby of the Hotel Atkin, he would have enriched art with a creation greater than his "The Last Day of Summer." Did we regret leaving? Many times yes! There we had met, and had associated with, Pi Kappa Alphas from colleges north, south, east, and west of us,—representative men from our various chapters. If we ever before had a doubt about the future growth of our fraternity, the sight of the Shield and Diamond worn by such loyal, splendid men more than convinced us that our fraternity is an active, living, growing, thing. From the hottest discussions on the convention floor to the most pleasant of social functions, these men were living examples of brotherly love and gentlemanly conduct. This, to my mind, was the most impressive feature of the convention.

To Zeta chapter, we owe many thanks. Their untiring efforts made this the greatest convention ever held. Plans perfected months ahead by members and alumni of that chapter gave us facilities for conducting the business of the con-



CHARLES W. UNDERWOOD, Chi
Editor-in-Chief Pi Kappa Alpha Publications

vention in the happiest manner possible, and opportunities for enjoying to the fullest extent the many advantages that Knoxville offers visitors and the charming society of some of the fairest maidens it has ever been our pleasure to meet. Zeta, we congratulate you on being located in Knoxville! With girls like the Knoxville maidens loyal to you, a spirit of pride in them should alone make you the greatest chapter in any fraternity.

To each member of the Supreme Council, I would like to devote several paragraphs. Their executive abilities are pronounced; the loyalty of each is beautiful; and the benefit derived by every delegate from talking over affairs fraternal with each of the officers personally was wonderfully great. They are many-sided men whose years of great wisdom, when not needed, dropped from them in a twinkling when they desired to compete with younger delegates on the dancing floor. Were they successful in the last named endeavor? Ask any of the many fellows who had girls ruthlessly but willingly taken away from them by these men. Ask Smythe!

The many modern measures passed and the large volume of business transacted cannot but result in internal strengthening, more wholesome views, and greater expansion. The many alumni who attended gave sane, valuable suggestions,—many of which were adopted when put in the form of motions.

In saying farewell as an active member, to the fraternity, let me say to every brother, as each delegate said in Knoxville on leaving, "Here's to the hope that I will meet you in Lexington."

M. T. ROBERTSON, *Upsilon*.

One thing I know, that I shall never forget my visit to Knoxville, Tenn., when, how, why and by what means I attended the third bi-ennial convention of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and the deep and happy impression made by the work accomplished, the good done, the knowledge gained, and the brothers met.

Several features of the convention impressed me very deeply, and when I saw the interest and the working of our officers

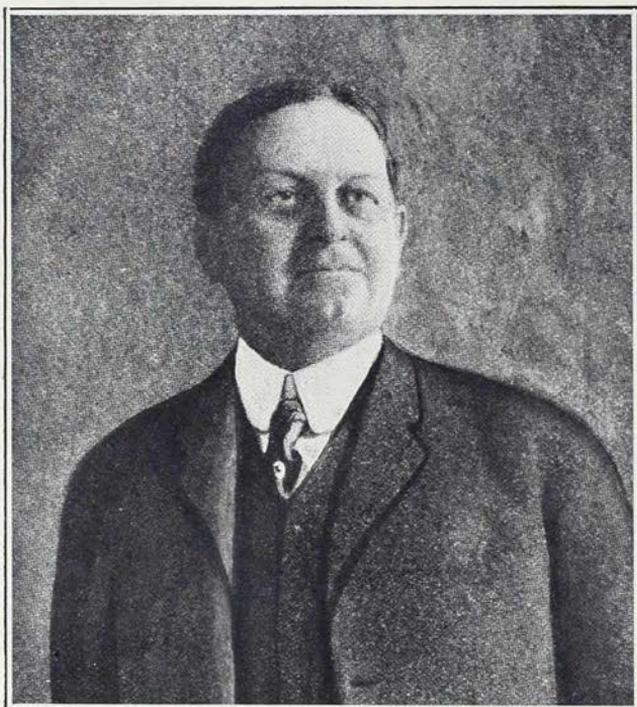
displayed there, I understood and realized why II K A has made such great progress in the past and now I can more plainly see and understand why she is becoming the best fraternity in our land.

One of the most impressive things was the spirit and harmony of the delegates, and the enthusiasm and brotherhood shown by the alumni present. The strength of any fraternity depends a great deal upon the strength and interest of its alumni. I believe I can safely guarantee any brother who will attend one of our conventions that he will become a loyal, enthusiastic and lasting supporter of the garnet and the gold. Brothers, you can never fully appreciate your fraternity and you can never know what she is doing until you attend a convention!

I must not mention the hospitality shown, the entertainment given, and the social events attended at Knoxville, for perhaps you can enjoy the next convention better if you can in a measure forget the great time we had at Knoxville, Tenn.

I sincerely hope that every II will begin now to make preparations to attend the next convention which is to be held at Lexington, in the heart of the blue grass region of Kentucky. We can not make nor even hope to make this convention surpass the others—but we all can make the 1913 convention the best ever.

D. J. HOWARD, *Kappa*.



HON. OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD, Alpha

OSCAR WILDER UNDERWOOD, ALPHA MEMBER OF CONGRESS

In the re-organization, following the change of party control, which took place in the lower branch congress, a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity was elevated to the chairmanship of the most important committee in the house. With Champ Clark as speaker, Oscar Underwood becomes the ranking democratic member of the Ways and Means committee and its logical chairman.

Oscar Wilder Underwood, son of Eugene and Virginia Underwood, was born May 6th, 1862, at Louisville, Kentucky, and received his preparatory education at the Rugby school of that city. In 1881 he entered the University of Virginia, from which institution he graduated in 1884. He was married October 1st, 1885, to Miss Eugenia Massie and from this union two sons were born. His second marriage was to Miss Bertha Woodward on September 10th, 1904. He is a lawyer by profession and has, since 1893, represented the Birmingham district in congress, his home being at Birmingham, Alabama. He has important committee assignments, was a member of the famous rules committee in the last congress, and ranks as one of the nation's strong men.

Brother Underwood was initiated into Alpha chapter January 22nd, 1882, and has for his fraternity that attachment and sense of loyalty characteristic of all members of Pi Kappa Alpha.

For the further information and pleasure of the readers of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, the following excerpts from a sketch written by Savoyard, the gifted Washington writer, are given:

"Upon the convocation of the Forty-Eight Congress in first regular session at the Capitol, in December, 1893, there appeared at the bar of the House of Representatives a rather youthful man, who was sworn in as a member from the State of Alabama. He bore an illustrious name, and the young statesman disclosed a capacity for work and a mastery of detail that was simply prodigious. Dry statistics, that appalled your genius, were his study, and he reveled in them. A strong, a forcible, a logical and even a ready public speaker.

Oscar W. Underwood was born in Louisville, Ky., May 6, 1862.

He was educated at the famous Rugby School of that city and at the University of Virginia, where he so greatly distinguished himself as to be chosen president of the Jeffersonian Society of that institution.

At Charlottesville, Oscar Underwood became well grounded in the teachings of Jefferson and cordially embraced the precepts of the great apostle of American Democracy. In 1884, when Birmingham, Ala., was a village in the midst of a forest, he settled there and engaged in the practice of law. He saw that small community grow to be a mighty industrial centre and take rank among the great iron and steel centers of the world.

Ten years after young Underwood located at Birmingham he was chosen member of the Fifty-Fourth Congress. Underwood has never served in a Democratic Congress, and consequently he has not been given a fair opportunity to disclose his capacity for affirmative, practical legislation, a talent with which he is certainly richly endowed, and it is disciplined by fourteen years of experience in a body where nothing in this world is legal tender but merit. A fellow that comes to the front in the American House of Representatives works his passage. There is no other way to get there.

Though a young man—but 32 when first elected—Underwood has been singularly fortunate in committee assignments—judiciary, rules, appropriations, ways and means. This is the very aristocracy of congressional life. No man gets committee appointments by chance or by favor. He must command them by the reputation he made before he got here or earn them by his meritorious service after he gets here. Sound in mind and members, correct in morals, judicial of temper, moderate of speech, industrious of habit, urbane of manner, modest of deportment, observant, vigilant, prompt—these are the qualities that made young Underwood conspicuous in that great council before he was 40. He was not a brilliant man, not showy—he will not set the Potomac afire or knock a rival down to get into the limelight—none of that for him—but he is a plain man of good common sense, like John Sherman or Charles A. Culbertson and these are they who are precious in councils of state.”

The readers of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND will be interested in the following quotations from an article in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post:

When little Oscar Underwood, a fair-haired child with eyes of blue—and such a sweet disposition—was learning to write away back yonder in Louisville his copy-book, although sprinkled literally with those sterling and elevating maxims, “Virtue is its own reward” and “Honesty is the best policy,” held a certain other page that fascinated him and over which he worked most diligently.

At the top of this page, in that infernally-correct script that has made ache the hearts and fingers of generations of boys and girls,

there was the precept, "Always be calm." Day after day little Oscar, a chubby rascal with a seraphic smile, traced this admonition, struggling with the light up strokes and the heavy down strokes—that was before the days of this vertical stuff—but assimilating the advice. Day after day he inked himself to the hair in earnest endeavor to follow those cursed curves which that foe to youth, named Spencer, once managed to put across as all that is correct in chirography. And day after day he inked into his receptive mind that serene counsel, "Always be calm," until, rising in the class one sunny afternoon, he announced in a loud, but unimpassioned, voice, "I'm agoin' to." And, true as the needle to the pole, he displayed naught but tranquillity when the teacher yanked him to the front and larruped him for this grave breach of the proprieties.

The stroll nonchalantly out to Statutory Hall and observe the heroes and patriots perpetuated and perpetrated there, and you observe they are calm, remarkably so; but they have nothing on Oscar Underwood, so far as that goes, and he has a whole heap on them, being alive. The point is that, calm as they are, they are no calmer than he is calm. Nor do I mean to imply that Oscar is marbleized or fossilized; not that; merely that he is calm, tranquil, composed, quite and undisturbed. Statesmen about him may shout and stutter and stammer and stamp and squeak, beat their breasts, ring the welkin, fizz, fozzle and fuss, but not Underwood. He remains pacific, peaceful and placid, and when the time comes rises and injects into the situation a few well-chosen remarks, unemotional and unimpassioned, and ordinarily he brings home the bacon.

Men have come and gone in the halls of Congress since Underwood first walked in some sixteen years ago, men who have blown up regularly, men who have howled and yowled, who have passionately pleaded for this and calumniously condemned that, noisy men, declamatory men, tonitrous men, immorigerous men; and sitting back with gentle smile and unmussed hair has been Underwood, the calm, participating quietly, civilly, impressively in what has been going on. Hence, what? Hence, this: When the Sixty-second Congress convenes he will be chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the greatest and most powerful House committee; he will be floor leader for the majority and, by virtue of his position as chairman, will also be chairman of the committee on committees that will have the naming of the members of the various House subdivisions.

Champ Clark will be Speaker, the show window of the Democratic majority, but Underwood will be the stock of good in the store. Far be it from any person to say he will be a bigger man, more of a potential force than Champ. No such treason shall escape my typewriter, but—and if this be treason shake well before using—Champ will be presiding and Underwood will be running the show. Champ will be loud, resonant and handsome. Underwood will be calm, concentrated and continual.

You would think to see Underwood that he was president of a very conservative bank, a methodical, detail-loving, particular man; and indeed when he talks to Congress he talks just about as the president of a bank would talk to a board of directors, without flourishes, without oratorical embellishments, plainly, cogently, and with hard sense. Sartorially, he is immaculate. His coat is never wrinkled and his trousers are always freshly creased. His tie is ever in perfect alignment; everything about him is right.

Underwood is a modest man, with tons of reserve force, companionable, good-looking, suave and, as may have been remarked, calm. His only fad is bull-dogs. He has several and loves the breed, which, when you come to think of it, is not remarkable; for the bulldog is a calm and self-possessed sort of an institution, both in repose and after he gets hold.

And also in the following clipped from the National Monthly:

For the gigantic task of revising the tariff in accordance with Democratic principles and in keeping with the expressed demand of the majority of the voters, there will be no member of the next House of Representatives better equipped than Mr. Underwood.

We hear much of the New South. There is no man either in Congress or out of Congress who better typifies it than the chairman-to-be of the Mays and Means Committee.

The great Steel Trust has been carefully looked after in the selection of Mr. Underwood as chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means in the Democratic Congress, some may say. But let us see.

When the Payne tariff bill was before the House two years ago, and there was a proposition pending to reduce the duty on steel from \$4.00 to \$2.50 a ton, the Commercial Club of Birmingham, the largest and most influential business organization in the city, got busy and telegraphed Mr. Underwood to oppose the reduction. He promptly yielded that the duty of \$4.00 a ton was prohibitive and that he could not support it, and he did not. Instead he delivered a speech in opposition to the prohibitive duty and voted for the reduction. That's the kind of a Democrat Oscar W. Underwood is, and that is the kind of a chairman he will be when he presides over the Ways and Means Committee. It required nerve and conscience to vote as he did, and he has both.

With him the tariff is not a mere local issue, but one which affects every citizen, and he believes in the old principle of Jeffersonian democracy of the greatest good to the greatest number. He also believes and intends to apply in the formation of tariff schedules which emanate from his committee, the Democratic doctrine of a tariff for revenue and not a tariff for the protection of profits. In a word Mr. Underwood favors that kind of a tariff which will produce a sufficient

revenue to maintain the expenses of the government economically administered, and which will afford fair competition in trade,—a proposition against which neither Mr. Business Man nor Mr. Tariff Reformer can lodge just complaint.

Had Mr. Underwood been a mere time server, a trimmer, seeking to curry popular favor at home, and looking for votes to continue him in public office, he would have done as many another member did on like occasions, voted for the protection of his own particular "home industry." But as his range of vision extends beyond the section from which he comes and takes in the whole country as well as the South of which he is representative, so, too, his democracy embraces more than mere local interest. The result was that his constituency endorsed his vote and his conviction, and, whereas, two years ago he was obliged to defeat a Republican running on a protection platform, last November he was returned to Congress without opposition.

Casting about for a location where he might practice his profession as a lawyer, he decided upon Birmingham, then a mere burg of 5,000 inhabitants. He had been there only ten years and was then only a youngster of thirty-two, when he was suggested as a candidate for Congress. He blushed at the thought. Being most modest and unassuming he still blushes like a school girl under the slightest provocation. But he went in and made the fight for the nomination, declaring for a revenue tariff and the Cleveland administration, which were issues in 1894. He won in the contest and was elected on the face of the returns by a majority of a thousand.

Truman gave up the contest after one campaign, and ever since Mr. Underwood has been coming back to Congress without opposition within his own party and with very little from the Republicans.

In appearance Mr. Underwood very much belies his years. If he were a candidate for president one might, judging from his looks, inquire whether or not he had reached the constitutional age for that office.

Coming to Congress when little more than a boy, he has by dint of earnestness, ability and devotion to duty, developed into one of its leaders, and come to occupy a position in the next House, second only to that of the Speaker himself. Perhaps one of his most prominent characteristics is his calmness and deliberation. He never becomes ruffled or disturbed, is never angered, and is always in full possession of his faculties. Partisanship may run riot in the House and drive other men into a frenzy of excitement, political storms may rage and tumult prevail, but Underwood never loses his head.

A GENERAL CHAPTER HOUSE FUND

The most vital need of our fraternity today is that of a General Chapter House Fund of sufficient proportions to be of some real assistance to us in the building houses at the different colleges. At the convention we heard very satisfactory and optimistic reports from practically all our chapters, and indeed we may well say that our fraternity is second to none in the south, and will soon rank among the best all over the continent. Yet in nearly every report I was struck by the fact that there appeared an expression something like the following: "We have the best chapter in school, but are losing out on account of not having a chapter house," "We must have a chapter house at once or we can't hold our own," or "We are handicapped by being one of the only fraternities in college without a house."

The question then is: What is to be done? How are we to meet this general demand for assistance? The attempt that was made at the last convention to adequately increase our present fund fell short, and perhaps justly; though personally I would be willing to make almost any sacrifice to meet the general demand for houses. But at the same time we must remember that we can't tax our members too heavily. We can't make this a "rich man's fraternity," for some of the very best men we have are either working their way through college, or are going through on a very limited allowance. Under no consideration can we make "money" a requirement for admission into our order. We must also remember that such a general assessment might make it very hard on some of our smaller chapters, or those that already have very large dues in order to try to meet the demand without assistance from the fraternity at large.

Thus we see, and the convention so ruled, that such a plan is impracticable. We also see that under the present system no chapter can be adequately assisted, or, at least, not more than one every two years, for we may say that Upsilon was materially aided by the convention just passed. The question then resolves itself into this: Is there any way to meet the situation without making a general assessment on our mem-

bers? I say there is; and I have a plan to offer, which has not been fully worked out, but which I want every member to think about, and I hope that some definite scheme will be drawn up and presented at the next convention. Several fraternities have very successfully employed systems similar to the one I have in mind, and which I will try to outline briefly below.

Incorporate a II K A building association, and issue stocks or bonds bearing some small interest—say 4 per cent. Lend enough money to any chapter, that has fully paid for its lot, to enable it to build a house, under the approval of the Supreme Council. Take a mortgage on the house and lot which ought to be sufficient to secure the amount advanced. Charge the chapters just enough interest on the loan to be able to meet the premiums on the bonds and pay the expenses of the association—say 5 per cent. This would enable the different chapters to borrow money at a smaller rate of interest than they could possibly do otherwise, and would provide for chapters that could not borrow the money from another source at any rate of interest.

Another plan would be to raise enough money by the means now employed to pay the interest on the bonds issued, and lend the money to the chapters, without interest, and secured by mortgage. This would certainly mean much to a chapter, for if you figure on building by getting the advancement from a Building and Loan Association and having twenty years to pay off the debt, which will bear at least 8 per cent. interest, you will find that the amount paid by way of interest during that period will amount to almost as much as the principal. Of course our present assessment of one dollar per member (active) would not pay a 4 per cent. dividend on a very great many bonds, but suppose we assess each member two, two and a half or three dollars, and if possible issue the bonds at a smaller rate of interest, but I doubt if less than 4 per cent. would be practicable.

Again suppose 2 per cent. be charged the chapters on the loan, and the balance of the 4 per cent. be raised by assessment as is done at present. This would certainly make it very easy

for a chapter to meet its payments promptly. The amount of the fund not let out in this way could easily be invested so as to bring 4 per cent. interest, and assure the payment of the dividends on the bonds.

A great many of my readers are going to doubt the possibility of raising an adequate sum in this way, but I must say that I am optimistic enough to believe it can be done. We have a great many alumni who are comparatively wealthy, and, while we find it hard to get donations from them, I think it would be a very different matter if we could show them a safe investment bearing a definite rate of interest per annum. I don't think the amount of interest would make so much difference as the fact that the investment would be safe; and I see no reason why such an investment would not be absolutely safe. Then, too, we would not have to depend on our members entirely. We could sell bonds to our fathers and friends. Of course 4 per cent. bonds would not be very enticing to men wanting to speculate, or "get rich quick;" but they would be sufficiently remunerative to justify our brothers who are well fixed, and those of our friends sufficiently interested in us, to help us out considerably.

I must admit that I am very inexperienced in business matters, and consequently all of this may merely be an idle dream, but I do wish some of our older brothers—alumni—would think this plan over, and see if something cannot be done. I realize that it would not be an easy task, and it would be unfair to ask our grand treasurer to undertake such a proposition, but I do think that three men or even one good man could be found among our alumni to take hold of this thing, and before very many years we ought to have a suitable house at nearly every one of our chapters.

C. J. ELLIS, JR., *Eta.*

RAW MATERIAL

As the present session is drawing to a close, the question that rises foremost in our thoughts is new material for the next scholastic year. New material that will take up and carry forward the duties that have been so ably performed by the

out going brothers, who have been ever faithful in uplifting the standards of Pi Kappa Alpha.

The subject that we are trying to discuss is one that not only confronts the fraternity we love so dearly, but all fraternities, and it is impossible to impress the fact upon our sister chapters as it should be done.

In the first place we want men that are men morally. This is a serious proposition and should be long thought of because a man that has no morals is a drawback to the fraternity, and the question of a man's moral character should be the first thing talked about when his name is brought up. A man's honesty not only in the class-room, but in dealing with men of the world should never be doubted when he is taken into the sacred bonds of Pi Kappa Alpha.

The next thing in order is a man's mental capacity. (1). If a man has not naturally the mental capacity to learn quickly and easily, but has to bone hard all the time, all honor to him. (2). A man that has the capacity of learning easily and making good grades, but hasn't the energy, is a hard man to deal with. (3). The man that has a fine moral character and energy but cannot learn except by hard, steady work, should be pitied and helped by all men.

Lastly, but not least, or most important by any means, is a man's physical ability and his personal appearance. Being a good man physically he helps to bring the fraternity into prominence athletically, provided the man is not lazy. If this be the case it can be taken out of him by constant "Nagging" at or having a few little heart to heart talks with him.

A man's personal appearance is one thing that can be looked after and any neglect in this line is inexcusable in every sense of the word.

As the rushing season is drawing near, all of the above things should be carefully and thoughtfully looked into and it possibly would be a good suggestion if all members from different chapters should notify men at the respective chapters of raw-material.

RESOLUTIONS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED BROTHERS

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has called from our beloved fraternity to a better one beyond, our devoted brothers

Howard Forman, Kappa,
Clarence Flaglor, Tau
James Sherman Tommins, Alpha Delta,
Arthur W. Smith, Alpha Delta,
Peter Martin McIntyre, Upsilon,
Beverly Bland Munford, Gamma,
James Comfort, Zeta
George Templeton, Zeta,

And, Whereas, we the members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, have lost true friends, loyal members and zealous brothers, and feel that the present prosperity of the fraternity is due in no small measure to their energetic efforts, be it therefore

Resolved, that we, the members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity assembled at its Third Bi-ennial Convention, do mourn the loss of these brothers and do express the sincere grief of the fraternity; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions, expressions of our heartfelt sympathy, be published in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND and in the Dagger and Key, and that a copy thereof be sent by our Grand Secretary to the respective families of our deceased brothers.

Signed:

M. T. ROBERTSON, *Chairman*,
C. M. MONTGOMERY,
E. C. ALLEN,
F. A. STIVERS,
C. E. STEDMAN,
JOS. D. BOUSHALL, JR.,
A. K. STONE.

EDITORIALS

It is with great deal of reluctance that the new Editor takes up his pen. Previous experience as Editor of the Exchange department has shown him that news cannot well be manufactured unless one's mind naturally runs in that channel. The present Editor claims no natural talent along the line of editorship, but he does lay claim to a desire to do his best to make our magazine one of the best fraternity journals, and that he intends to do with the help of the chapters and the alumni. The present Editor realizes how hard it is going to be to fill the shoes of the retiring Editor, especially when that office has been so well filled for the past two years. That no chain is stronger than its weakest link is certainly true of a fraternity magazine. The Editor depends, almost entirely, upon the active chapters, and a few loyal alumni, for the material which goes into each issue of the magazine. If the chapters do their duty, there will always be enough material on hand to make a respectable magazine. If they don't—the contrary is obvious. The chapters know what they are supposed to do, and all the Editor asks is that they do it. Just a word of caution, however. Don't give us any love stories, orations, essays, etc., but give us articles on fraternity subjects, articles that will be of interest to the fraternity in general, and not only to some fair maiden at home. If we were interested in your attempt to out-Demosthenes Demosthenes, we would have been "among those present" on that glorious and memorable occasion. If your stories, orations, etc., are worthy of publication in a magazine, the general magazines will give you more for them than we will. If you can write poetry, send in something in the nature of a fraternity song. All such will be more than welcome, and we urge each member to do what he can along that line so that we may soon be ready to publish the song book.



<p>The Retiring Editor</p>	<p>The Fraternity will learn with much regret that Walter Garret Riddick, who for the past two years has been Editor-in-Chief of the Pi Kappa Alpha publications, has been forced to tender his resignation</p>
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because of increased business care. Anyone who has read the SHIELD AND DIAMOND during Brother Riddick's term as Editor cannot fail to have been impressed with his admirable capacity for the office. His editorials have been gems of thought, and have commanded attention not only from the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, but from other Fraternities as well. While the Fraternity regrets to lose Brother Riddick, it hopes that the loss is only temporary and that as soon as possible Brother Riddick will resume his natural position as Editor-in-Chief.



The Knoxville, 1911, had been the slogan for two
Convention years, since the New Orleans Convention, and Knoxville, 1911, it was, with a capital K! If you were there, you know what it was. If you were not there, well, you ought to have been! There were Pis from all over our territory, and great, manly fellows they were, full of the spirit of Pi Kappa Alpha, and with the one purpose to make the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity the best Fraternity in the American college world. And by the *best* we mean the best in scholarship, the best in morals, and the best in culture. There were brothers who have made their success in the world of religion, law, medicine, and business; and there were those whose success is yet to be achieved,—from old Alpha to the “Texas Steer” and the men from Missouri, who (strange to say) didn't have to be “showed.” There were those who had attended their first Convention, and there were those old stand-bys like Smythe, Hughes, Sale, Powers, Atkinson, Lacy, Field and Bryne, whom you couldn't keep away with a cannon, and if you could we would throw away the cannon for we want them to come always. Altogether the Knoxville Convention of 1911 was a most successful one, and one long to be remembered. In another part of this issue will be found a most interesting and exhaustive account of the Convention, written by the most able and loyal and modest member of the Fraternity.

Chapter Correspondents No doubt the Chapter Correspondents think that they come in for more than their share of instruction and criticism. But they must remember that on them mainly the Editor has to depend for material to fill the pages of the magazine. Each Chapter is required to furnish a certain number of articles for each volume, and the Editor cannot too strongly stress upon the correspondents the fact that articles upon fraternity subjects are what we want. Love stories, orations, etc., we can find in the general magazine, and they have no place, properly, in a fraternity magazine. Frankly, we don't intend to publish them unless a dearth of material forces us to do so. If any of the correspondents can give us a few good verses, on a fraternity subject, they will be acceptable, but if possible let them be something that can go into the song book. What we want is live news on fraternity problems, and something that will be of interest to others as well as to the writer of an article, and his relations.



The New Officers The Fraternity is to be congratulated upon the wisdom displayed by the Knoxville Convention in the selection of officers for the ensuing two years. Perhaps never in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha has a more enthusiastic and capable set of officers been elected. Such old standbys as Floyd Hughes, J. Gordon Hughes, Robert A. Smythe and J. Graham Sale, need no introduction to the Fraternity. They have been tried in the fire and found not wanting. Walter Garret Riddick, who begins his second term as Grand Chancellor, is perhaps better known as Editor, from which office he now retires, which position he has so successfully filled for the past two years. P. Tulane Atkinson, the newly elected Grand Secretary, while young in years is old in experience, and brings to his office, besides unusual ability, an unparalleled capacity for work for Pi Kappa Alpha. The election of Brother Atkinson as a member of the Supreme Council is a distinct forward step by the Fraternity. Rev. Homer W. Carpenter, the new Grand Chaplain, is one of our younger

brothers who has made his mark as a Minister. The fact that he lives in the blue grass State, and near Lexington, Ky., where we hold our next Convention, insures the wisdom of the Convention's selection.



A General Chapter House Fund Elsewhere in this issue will be found an article entitled "A General Chapter House Fund," written by Brother Carey J. Ellis, Jr., formerly of Chi, now Eta. Brother Ellis has always been a loyal and enthusiastic Pi, and his article is deserving of more than ordinary credit. We recommend that every active and alumnus member of the Fraternity consider carefully Brother Ellis' article, and we invite a full discussion by every member of what is possibly the most important matter that confronts the Fraternity. The fact that other fraternities have worked successfully along the lines indicated by Brother Ellis is sufficient proof that our Fraternity can at least investigate the matter and if possible work out some plan whereby all our Chapters may have houses. Brother Ellis deserves a great deal of praise for his timely and interesting article, and we hope that a great many other brothers may favor us with their views on this most important subject.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Chapter Letters must be mailed to C. W. Underwood, 1109 Atlanta National Bank Building, Atlanta, Ga., not later than the 25th day of September, November, January, March and May of each year. Further notice of this rule will not be given. Chapters are liable to fine for failure to observe it.

ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

The June issue of the Shield and Diamond finds Alpha busy preparing for the final exams. There are a bare three weeks between us and the last grill, then for the festivities.

This chapter has reason to consider the session now about to close a most successful one in every way. In point of numbers we have increased during the year from six former members to seventeen, including transfers and initiates. But more important still, along with strength in numbers, we have gained strength in the acquisition of men with Pi Kappa Alpha's interest at heart, ready and willing to work for any plans which tend to promote her welfare. From the material view-point, likewise, we are fortunate in having been able to accomplish quite a good many necessary things: among them, we have secured a desirable house for next season, launched our plans for the erection of the long-dreamed-of chapter house, incorporated the chapter, and gotten in better touch with our alumni than has been the privilege of the chapter in former years. Altogether, the affairs of Alpha are in very good shape for the commencement of next year's work, and should we prosper then as we have this year, the realization of our brightest hopes for Pi Kappa Alpha at U. Va. will be much nearer at hand when 1911-12 is over.

The principal activity of interest during the latter part of May was the series of Fraternity League Baseball games. We regret to say that on May 15th. Pi Kappa Alpha's aggregation suffered defeat from Delta Psi by a score of fifteen to nine. We played for a keg as victor's spoils, however, and that served as a most powerful consolation the Saturday night fol-

lowing, since the defeated team was invited to aid in the vanquishing of the "Bud."

Finals are expected to be more attractive than ever this year. For the past few years an effort has been made to regain for Finals some of the social features and gaiety which Easter week has claimed recently, and great results from these labors are promised in June.

Of course that season will be accompanied by an element of sadness in college circles everywhere. A great many friends will be parting for an indefinite or perhaps permanent separation; some will start out upon the sea of real life in strange places; others will go back to take up occupations in the midst of their friends. But, for those who are to be thrown again with college mates, for those who are to meet by chance where they happen to be located men from other colleges, for those who will have only memories of college days and college friends, there is always a feeling of comfort and strength and friendship in the sight or thought of the emblem of our order. Alpha sends good wishes and "Good Luck" to those who are to leave the active ranks, and "Au Revoir" to those we'll have among us once again next session.

Any mail for members of this chapter will be forwarded to their Summer addresses from this post-office. Any Pi's intending to matriculate at this University next Fall will please notify Brother I. J. Shepherd, 142 House D, as soon as possible.

GEORGE B. SHEPHERD.

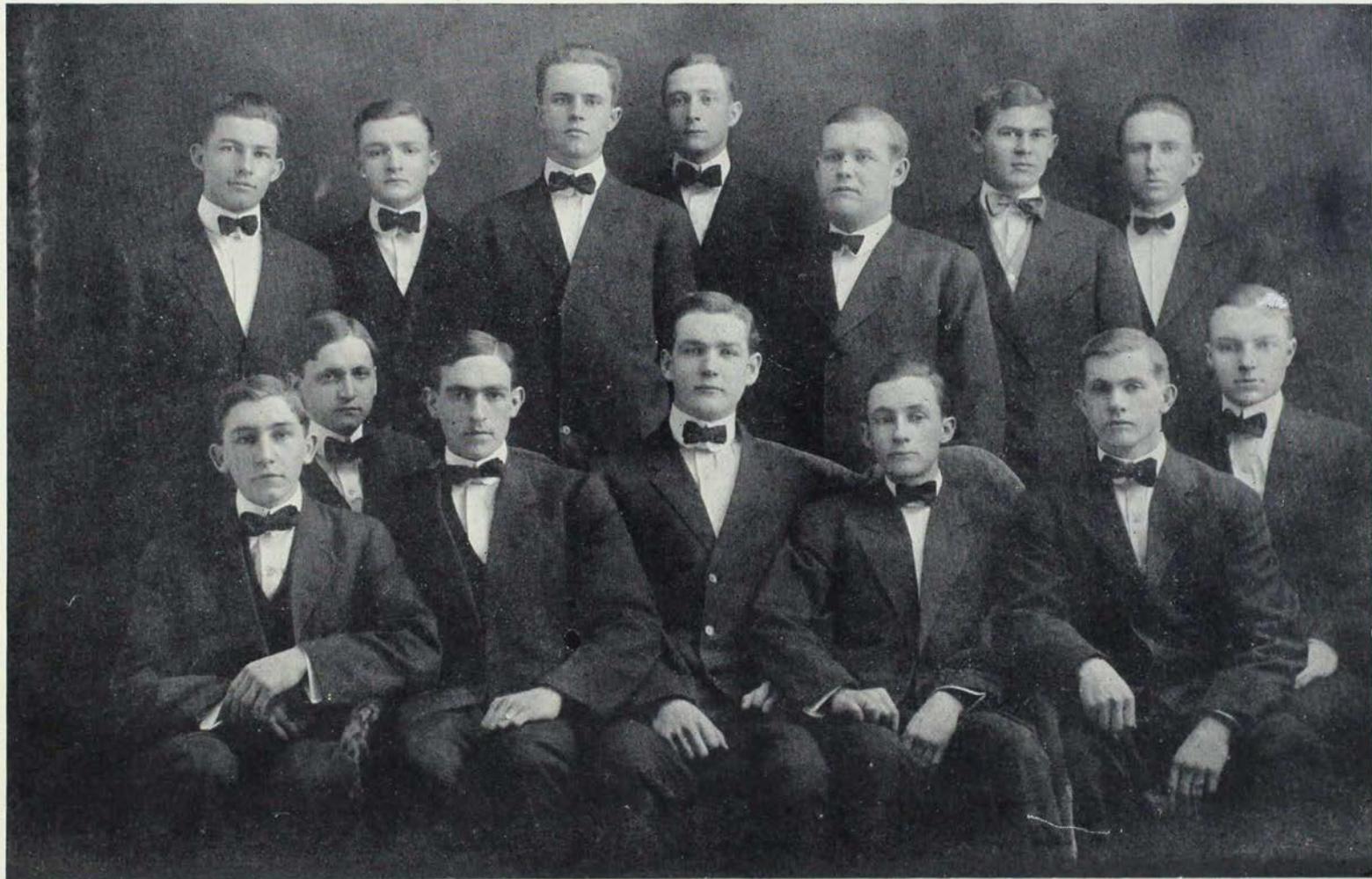


BETA

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Initiate—William Henry Cowles, Statesville, N. C.

Davidson's baseball season came to a close May 28th in Greenwood, S. C. when we split even in a double header with the University of South Carolina. Shortly after the closing of the season Brothers H. R. Boswell and C. S. Mattison were awarded the privilege of wearing the baseball "D" for their work as shortstop and catcher respectively and Brothers I. D.



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Williford and F. E. Nigels were given track "Ds." Brother Williford was captain of the track team this year and has been elected manager for next year.

Commencement is drawing near and we are making plans for a big time. Seneral of Beta's Alumni will be back with us then and, of course, we are anxious to see them again.

We will lose four men by graduation this year. They are:— Brothers Scott, Morris, Whitlock and Hill. Brother Hill receiving his M. A. degree in chemistry. Their graduation will be a great loss to the chapter but at the same time Beta feels proud to send these men out in the world wearing the Shield and Diamond. The other men, 13 in number, expect to return next fall.

They are as follows:—

C. S. Mattison, Anderson, S. C.

H. R. Boswell, Penfield, Ga.

J. N. Van Devanter, Clifton Forge, Va.

I. D. Williford, Sumter, S. C.

D. E. Brown, Anderson, S. C.

M. E. Mattison, Anderson, S. C.

W. W. Boswell, Greensboro, Ga.

S. J. Lanier, 1312 Barnard St., Savannah, Ga.

J. E. Johnson, Davidson, N. C.

E. M. Vereen, Moultrie, Ga.

J. R. McGregor, Dillon, S. C.

F. E. Nigels, Sumter, S. C.

W. H. Cowles, Statesville, N. C.

Wishing all the IIs a happy vacation.

C. S. MATTISON

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GAMMA

WILLIAM AND MARY

Gamma is now beginning a new era of prosperity. Our present chapter is the strongest in some years, and every member is alive to his responsibility to work earnestly for the chapter and the fraternity at large. We hope to make old Gamma the banner chapter of a banner year.

Since our last letter, we have completed arrangements for a house, which is unsurpassed in sightliness, location and convenience. There we will have the boys all together. An innovation has been made which we believe will be a great step towards greater unity and more abundant fraternal spirit. This is the installing of a dining-hall in our own house. By this means we will all be together at meals, and we believe this will tend much to promote good fellowship. All arrangements have been made for occupying our new home at the beginning of the next session, and we extend to all IIs a hearty invitation to drop in upon us there at any time.

William and Mary has just closed a very successful baseball season, and II K A has borne her full share of the honors. Brothers Deierhoi, Manager; Ellis, right field; Wilcox, first base; Garth center field, and Haskins, left field and pitcher, have all won the coveted monogram. During the season, we have greeted many IIs, members of other teams, and each new brother was a fresh source of pride and love for old II K A.

We are happy now at having with us Brother Newton, an old William and Mary man, who has returned to take his degree. Brother Miller of Norfolk is also spending a few days with us. Brother Blackiston, a loyal alumnus, and Brother Garth, captain of baseball a few years back, have also looked in upon us, with words of loyalty and encouragement.

Gamma is hard at work now completing preparations for our final German, and all indications point to its being the greatest ever. Every wearer of the shield and diamond will be welcome. The more the merrier.

We are pleased to tell of the pledging of W. S. Parker of Portsmouth, member of the football team, a good man and much sought after.

There is something doing here for II K A and Gamma every minute. May their shadows never grow less! Every shoulder to the wheel makes a hard push easy, with this spirit, II K A will always rise, higher and higher.

ALAN FRED ENGLISH.



ZETA CHAPTER 1911

ZETA

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Since the convention we have been more alert than ever before and as a result we wish to introduce to the fraternity Edgar James Leach of Somerville who is a Junior, and Morgan, a Freshman, of Soddy Tenn., who were initiated May 27th.

We are looking forward to next year with most pleasant expectations as we will have at the opening of the session ten men and we expect to make 1911-12 a very successful year.

In the past week we have been visited by Brother McCollum, Belmont '09 and Brother W. C. Johnson who is to get his degree at this commencement. Brother J. Pike Powers, who is no doubt remembered by the delegates, was present and conducted the initiation of the two above named men.

We lose six men this year by graduation they being Phipps, Porter, Johnson, Moor, McCulley, and C. E. Lowry. These men have made excellent records in the university and we regret very much in a way that they are not to be with us again.

We cannot close without mention of the convention, that event being what we consider the most pleasant of our fraternity life. We were glad to have the representatives of the various chapters here and it did us an enormous amount of good because it brought us in closer touch with the ideals and workings of the fraternity.

Zeta chapter will be located in the same building next year as it now is and we will be glad for all visiting IIs to call on us.

Wishing all a pleasant vacation.

R. R. HAGGARD, *Zeta*.

 ETA

TULANE UNIVERSITY

It is with great regret that Eta chapter notes the close of the most successful year of her existence. During the past year she has initiated twelve men who have been most enthusiastic and have done all they could for the interests of Pi Kappa Alpha. Her financial condition is better than ever before and

her prospects for next year are supreme. Arrangements have already been made for entering a chapter house, and with the coming of October she will be in her new home and will be glad to welcome any Pi who may visit New Orleans.

Our graduates for this year are Brothers Menefee, Weiss and Field. These are three of our most prominent men and we regret very much to see them leave.

Brother Menefee has been the most popular man in Tulane since his entrance into college, and has attained almost every honor given. He has made his "T" in every department of athletics (except basketball, for which he did not try) and has held innumerable offices, being unanimously elected president of the Law Department this year.

Brother Weiss was vice-president of his class in the Dental Dep't. for two years, and this year was elected president of of the senior class and president of the Dental Student Body.

Brother Field has also held a number of class offices and was chairman of the invitation committee of the Medical Dep't. He was also one of the few men who passed the competitive examination for the position of interne in the Charity Hospital.

On Saturday evening May 13, the Pi's of Eta chapter decided that they would break the monotony of college life and forget, just for one night, all about the coming exams and the hard work ahead of them and have one more "good time" before beginning the final "cramming" of the session of 1910-11. So at 9 o'clock they were found seated about a large table at the "Old Hickory" restaurant. The following menu was served:—

"Old Hickory" Cocktail
Eggs a la Reffsky

English Mock Turtle Soup

Spanish Mackerel (Malay Style)
New Potatoes
Santernes

1911 Spring Lamb, en Jaardiniere St. Julien

Stuffed Baby Chicken
Louisiana Salade
Louis Roederer G. V. S.

Mexican Ice Cream
Apollinoris

Cheese
Cigars

Coffee
Cigarettes

Between courses Brothers Weiss and Provensall rendered several selections on the piano. On leaving, at 11:30, each man agreed that he had had "the time of his life" and only wished that he would soon enjoy another evening in the same way.

Among the alumni whom we have had the pleasure of meeting lately were Brothers Langford, of Upsilon and McDonald of Omega. Brother McDonald was passing through the city on his way to California and Brother Langford was taking post-graduate work in the Medical Dep't. We were fortunate enough to have him present at one of our meetings and he favored us with a very enthusiastic talk on conditions in the fraternity at large.

It is indeed gratifying to note that Pi Kappa Alpha has made her entrance into another college—Howard college. We congratulate the fraternity and the members of Alpha Pi for such an acquisition and send our heartiest wishes for success and prosperity to our new sister chapter.

The members of Eta chapter and their Summer addresses are:—

C. J. Ellis, Jr., Rayville, La.
J. M. Wilson, New Orleans, La.
W. T. Coats, New Orleans, La.
O. A. Weiss, New Orleans, La.
G. F. McLeod, Moss Point, Miss.

J. C. Menefee, Homer, La.
 A. C. Ball, New Orleans, La.
 L. B. Leitsch, Canton, Miss.
 C. K. Townsend, Arkadelphia, Ark.
 Louis Agee, Onalaska, Ark.
 J. H. Fortson, Homer, La.
 B. T. Sharpton, Clarks Hill, S. C.
 S. W. Provensall, New Orleans, La.
 H. G. Hungate, Amita, La.
 C. L. Field, Centerville, Miss.
 A. T. Johnson, Shereveport, La.
 T. J. McHugh, Baton Rouge, La.
 W. K. Smith, Malvern, Ark.
 J. W. Butts, Helena, Ark.
 F. C. Lockett, Kosciusko, Miss.

Eta extends to each and every Pi best wishes for a most pleasant vacation, and let us hope that every man who returns to college next year will come with the determination to do everything in his power to advance the interests of Pi Kappa Alpha.

J. HARRY FORTSON

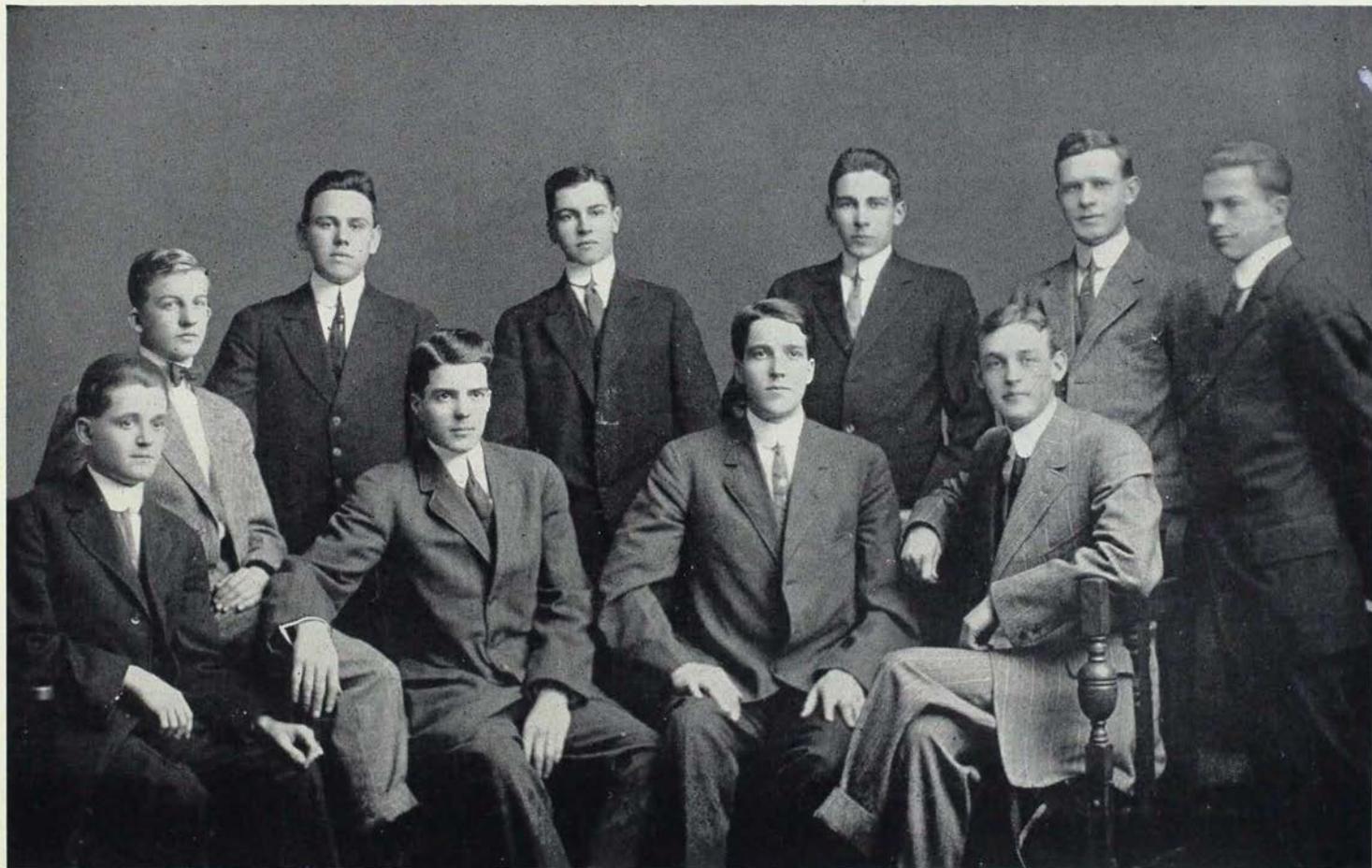


THETA

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY

Since our last letter, the members of Theta have been "going some." We have attended parties, picnics and receptions, and have had an informal reception, and a picnic ourselves. Baseball has had its share in occupying our time. Four of us, Brothers Wood, Stokes, Scott and King, received an "S." Brother Stokes was spiked early in the season, and Brother King took his place, and has played in every game since. This years season is over, and our record is far below what it was a few years ago. However, we hope for better luck in all forms of athletics next year. Brother Stokes was re-elected captain of the baseball team, and Brother Armistead manager of the basketball team.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity



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Brother George M. Smiley, another of our Mississippi boys. He is a fine fellow, and one of the most promising members of the Freshmen class. We are extremely glad to be able to introduce him to the Pi's, and we are confident that he will make us a strong man for next year. We lose three men this year, but the new men are all good, strong men and we have no fears on that account.

Brother Taffe of the class of 1909 will be with us the last of the month and probably will stay during commencement. We also hope to have other Theta men with us then.

Summer vacation is near at hand and Theta wishes all the Pi's a pleasant and successful summer.

PAUL C. CATO.



IOTA

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE

While Iota may justly pride herself on the many honors which her loyal sons have held in the past, still she has found one other which surpasses all in the glory of its splendor. On the evening of May the fifth, Brother Crockett won the State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Medal when every college and university in Virginia contested. We rejoice that old Hampden-Sidney should have come out victorious in friendly competition with her sister colleges, but that he who so faithfully represented his Alma Mater and further established her name of superiority, should be a Pi reflects much glory upon the fraternity. Brother Crockett graduates this year (being our only Senior) as Valedictorian of his class, which honor has been held by Iota for the past three years. The position of Editor-in-Chief of the magazine made vacant by his graduation will be filled by Brother Corke. The latter who represented us on the "quint" this winter has been elected captain of the basketball team for the coming year and as he expresses we are sure to have a "corking" good team.

The baseball schedule for the season has been finished and although our string of victories is lacking somewhat of its wonted length still considering the fact that only two old men

turned out for spring practice we may well be content with the prospects for a more experienced team next year. Brothers Atkinson, Saunders and Wool were among the number who received their "letters."

During the season Iota had the pleasure of entertaining Brothers Gresham and Beale of Omicron, and Brothers Garth, Ellis and Deierhoi of Gamma, while here with their respective teams.

Final Exams, the last mile post of the college year, have at last come into view upon the horizon but not with the usual gloomy aspect which marks such frightful events, for we all feel that the successful performance of former occasions can be repeated with ease.

Commencement Week promises, as it ever has, to be the biggest social event of the year, outside of the usual graduation exercises. Many of the Alumni are expected to be with us then and Iota extends a cordial invitation to all Brothers to join us in the festivities.

Summer addresses of members:—

Joseph M. Crockett, Wytheville, Va.

Thomas T. Atkinson, Champe, Va.

H. Wallace Blanton, 300 W. Grace St., Richmond, Va.

Donald L. Corke, 1699 Washington St., Charleston, W. Va.

Kirkland R. Saunders, 1500 Park Ave., Richmond, Va.

John E. Staehlin, Kanawha St., Charleston, W. Va.

Alexander St. Clair, Tazewell, Va.

Charles M. Walker, Blacksburg, Va.

D. T. Wool, Portsmouth, Va.

P. Tulane Atkinson, Hampden Sidney, Va.

George L. Walker, Blacksburg, Va.

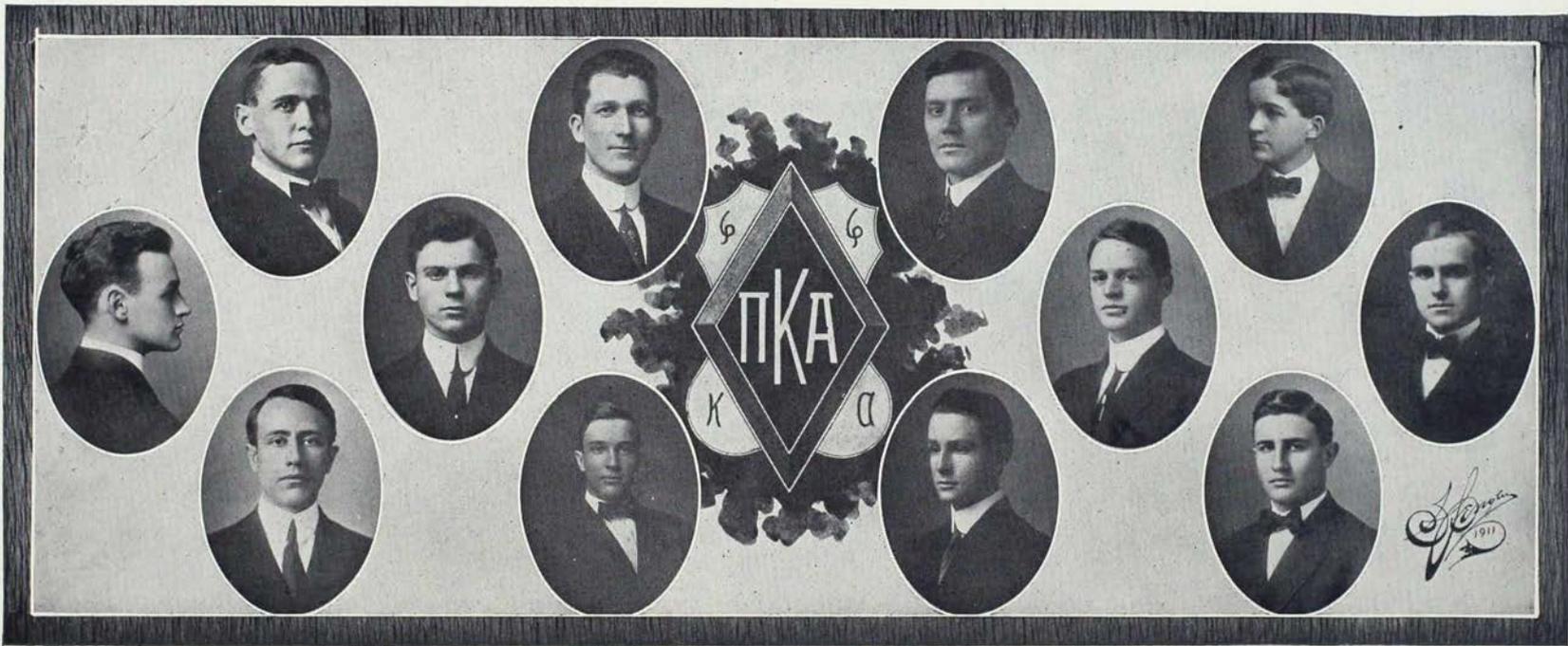
D. TODD WOOL



KAPPA

TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY

Transylvania and Kappa are nearing the close of a year in which both have little to regret. Of course, there have been many things undone we should like to have done, and some of



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our doings have gone awry, but on the whole, there is far greater reason to rejoice than to weep.

In the university, exams. are drawing uncomfortably near, and many of the fellows are already beginning to cram for the grand finale. President Crossfield, who threatened to resign, has thought twice on the matter, and will remain with us for at least another year. The institution is beginning to get on a firm financial basis and a great term is anticipated to begin in September. The students have petitioned for a five dollar athletic fee which will probably be granted and thus finance our next year's efforts. Coach Levine, from Yale, has proved a jewel. We shall keep him, if he does come high.

We have not taken any championships in athletics this year—though we are hoping high on our baseball team—but we have not by any means let the crimson flag trail in the dust.

Now for US—All the fraternities here have gained both in quality and numbers, this year, but of course, we think we have the best bunch of the lot. Kappa had but four men to return at the beginning of school. McWest was called home early in the year on account of his father's illness, leaving but three. Nine additions have been made. Of these, McDonald left early in the session to go to work, and Williams has been called home since Christmas, leaving on our active list ten men. Every man has his heart in the interests of Kappa and Pi-Kapdom. It is to be regretted that only two of our number have been in the joint Omega and Kappa house. Next year, each chapter will have a separate house, and all of our returning men are planning to lodge under the same roof.

In the play given by the dramatic club on April 5th. Brothers Dave Howard and Kelly Francis covered themselves and Kappa with glory in two of the principal parts. Brothers Monroe and Spink were active in the business end of the affair, and of course it was a success. The rest of us occupied the Pi Kap box with Omega and some of our "sisters."

The best is last—anyway you all know it—Lexington is to have the next convention. Brother Dave Howard and Brother Stone went to Knoxville and returned full of enthusiasm for

II K A and praise for the convention. We have already begun planning for 1913 with Omega. Those of us who will be here then are already looking forward to the great times to come.

We have carried off a great part of the honors in every department. It is perhaps best to give each man his share:—

D. J. Howard, manager track team, Varsity football team, member dramatic club and role in play, Periclean literary society, Harlan law society, Pres. senior law taking LL.B.

Andrew K. Stone, asst. baseball manager, V. P. Social club, Periclean.

Hardin Field, Periclea, secretary Social club, will take B. S.

Paul C. Gaines, president Periclea, Harlan Law, Periclea debating team will take his degree in law.

Ben Allen Thomas, Cecropian literary society, Dramatic club, center 'varsity football team, track, manager baseball team, Cecropian debating team, Lampas club, vice president Junior arts class.

Kelly J. Francis, captain 1910 football team, all Kentucky tackle; baseball and track teams, captain basketball team, all Kentucky; 'varsity and Periclean debating teams, Dramatic club and member caste, Lampas club, will take A. B. with honor.

Karl Borders, Cecropia, Sigma Upsilon Literary Fraternity, vice president sophomore arts class, contributor to Transylvania.

Earl Spink, Cecropia, manager 1911 football, secretary-treasurer Dramatic club, secretary Social Purity League.

We shall lose Gaines, Francis, D. Howard, and Field by graduation. The remaining six will be on deck in September, ready for action.

The summer addresses are:

David J. Howard, Versailles, Ky.

Andrew K. Stone, Georgetown, Ky.

Hardin Field Jr., Versailles, Ky.

Paul Church Gaines, Frankfort, Ky.

Ben Allen Thomas, Shelbyville, Ky.

Robert E. Monroe, 411 W. Fourth St., Lexington, Ky.

Kelly J. Francis, Shelbyville, Ky.

Robert T. Howard, Frederick, Oklahoma.

Karl Borders, Hodgenville, Ky.

Earl M. Spink, Transylvania, Lexington, Ky.

KARL BORDERS, *Kappa*.



OMICRON

RICHMOND COLLEGE

The session 1910-11 is nearing its close, and Richmond College has had one of the most prosperous years ever experienced. More students, better work in the classes, and a general growth in all that pertains to make the college a success, has characterized the year.

The baseball team has ended its schedule and the dreaded final exams are before us. The boys are hard at work "bore-ing" for exams but the exceedingly hot weather makes it unusually hard to do much work.

Omicron chapter looks back upon the year as the best in her existence. In every phase of college work II K A has been represented, and there has been a continued growth in congeniality and love among the members.

Omicron has been represented on every team this year. Brother R. C. Duval was one of the mainstays of the 'varsity football team.

Brother R. W. Taylor as captain of the track team did the best work he has ever done for the college. Brother I. E. O'Neill showed great ability in the short distance runs, and will undoubtedly prove a valuable man next year. Brother J. B. Duval was one of the tennis team, and to his playing is largely due the success of the team this year, while Omicron was represented on the 'varsity baseball team by Brothers Gresham and Beale at short and second respectively. Brother Gresham made quite a name for himself as the fastest short-stop college has ever had.

Besides this Brothers Duval, Taylor, O'Neill, C. I., and O'Neill I. E. played star ball for their respective class teams, and two of the captains were II K As.

Brothers J. B. and R. C. Duval have nobly represented Omicron in the oratorical line. Brother R. C. Duval debated against Randolph-Macon, while Brother J. B. Duval lead his society to victory in the Inter-Society debate. But enough of this boasting.

The chapter house proposition is ever before us and the support of every alumnus is needed to make this a success.

The ball team was not the success that we had hoped. The team occasionally showed flashes of form that did the Red and Blue supporters good, but we lost two games to William and Mary that put us out of the run for the cup. Hard luck played an important part in the final outcome.

Brothers Gresham and Beale brought back many pleasant thoughts of the way they were treated by the boys of Alpha-Epsilon and Alpha-Alpha. Nothing could have been done to make them have a pleasant time that was not done by those loyal brothers in Pi Kappa Alpha.

Brother Duval brought back reports of the good time at the convention that made us all long to have been there. Let the good work go on!

We deeply regret the fact that Brothers Lefew and Wright had to leave college at the end of the second term. Brother Lefew to enter business in this city, and Brother Wright at his home town in Louisiana. This leaves Omicron with but eight men, but we hope to return eight next year.

Omicron sends warm greetings to every Pi, with the hope that every one will return to his school next fall with the determination to make Π K A the best ever.

The summer addresses of the Pis at Omicron are as follows:

R. C. Duval, Rhoadesville, Va.

J. B. Duval, Rhoadesville, Va.

C. I. O'Neill, Crozet, Va.

I. E. O'Neill, Crozet, Va.

C. H. Gresham, Rappahannock, Va.

G. M. Howard, 2206 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va.

R. W. Taylor, 2717 E. Grace St, Richmond, Va.

R. L. I. Beale, Indian Neck, Va.

R. L. I. BEALE.

PI

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

What has been in many respects one of the most successful years of our chapter's existence here is about to come to a close. With fewer members than usual, there being only fifteen affiliates, there has been more harmony, and with the harmony much business has been done. The chapter has its finances in good shape after having had to assume a deficit of \$70.00 from last year.

Our pet scheme now is a fraternity house. We have contracted for a house for next year to board and room only Pis. It will be known as our house, and we believe it will be a strong agency in interesting prospects. We would like those Pis who are thinking of coming here next year to make no other arrangements about board. We want all our men in the house, for it will be fatal to our enterprise to have our men scattered everywhere.

The chapter will be weakened next year by the loss of some of its most loyal and influential members. Among those who will not return are Brothers Earwood, Wysor, Tabb, Lantz, and Bowman. Yet some of these have promised to return for a week or so at the opening of next session and help launch the chapter in the new field.

One of the most noteworthy activities of recent occurrence in our college life was the formation of an inter-fraternity baseball league. In the first series we beat the Phi Gams, but in the second, owing to the poor support given Brother Williams, who by the way is one of the best pitchers in the league, the Phi Psis beat us 4 to 2. The Sigma Chis won the cup in a close game with the Kappa Alphas.

Brother Bowman was one of the quartet in the dramatic club and enjoyed the trip to Charleston, W. Va., where he had the pleasure to run upon Brother Sam Lacy. Brother Lantz of the orchestra also was taken with the company.

We were glad to see in Lexington last week Brother Branch, Zeta, who was playing on the University of Tennessee baseball team.

Brother Kellner reported a great convention and a most pleasant stay. His account of the doings in Knoxville made all of us envy him his trip.

The chapter extends a hearty invitation to Pis to come to see us at our house next year.

CLOVIS MOOMAW.



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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Since the last letter the University has been quite gay in the social line. The annual junior week festivities were held on the twentieth and twenty-first of April at which time three dances were held. The fraternities gave a Pan-Hellenic dance to the non-fraternity men, the Carolina Cotillion Club gave a hop to the fraternities and then the grand finale the junior prom. All of these were carried through in grand style and on a whole they were the best dances held at the university in a good many years. About seventy young ladies from different parts of the state were here to grace the occasion and everyone had a most enjoyable time.

Our baseball season closed in a burst of glory the team having won two out of three games with Virginia, our greatest rival and having lost only six games out of twenty-three played. Our team was developed out of practically new material only one of last year's 'varsity men being on the team this year.

Everybody is in the midst of examinations now and when these night-mares are over we expect to have one of the greatest commencements in years. After the graduating exercises are over the final dances will be held. As is the custom there will be five and the final ball will last until day-break.

It is with great pleasure and pride that Tau can announce that she has now under construction a beautiful three story frat house. When completed it will be one of the prettiest fraternity houses on "The Hill" and we are very proud of it. It will be completed by the middle of the summer and we will go in it at the opening of the session next fall. We wish to

extend a formal invitation to each and every Pi to visit us in our new home.

Brother Robert Hunter will graduate this spring and will receive his B. S. degree. Brother Hunter will not return next year.

Tau wishes every Pi a most pleasant vacation.

JOS. D. BOUSHALL, JR.

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UPSILON

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

With the closing of the year, our thoughts are naturally retrospective thoughts. Upsilon has had a very successful year in every respect, and we hope that the other chapters have been as fortunate. In their various courses in college, Brothers H. W. Grady, H. C. Hanlin, W. Anderson, M. T. Robertson, and J. E. Davis have made distinction. Our efforts in athletics have been duly rewarded as shown by the following list of the men who have won their "A's": J. E. Davis, football, basketball and track; W. G. Shirling, football; E. A. Major, basketball; E. S. Allen, baseball; W. C. Ellis, track; J. K. Newell, football, baseball, and track.

We were represented at the meeting of the colleges of the south, recently held in Birmingham, by J. E. Davis, who won the medal for pole vaulting. Auburn came out first in this meet.

The seniors who leave us this year to cast adrift their tiny crafts upon the Ocean of Life are, J. P. Huger who goes to the DuPont Powder Company at Wilmington, Delaware; J. T. Bidgood who goes to Mobile to engage in business; M. T. Robertson who will very probably accept a position with the Automatic Sprinkler Company of America; L. B. Forbes who will go to the Panama Canal; J. E. Davis who goes to Columbia University; and F. Ordway who will very probably locate in Chattanooga, Tenn. It is with much regret that we will see them depart, but all are glad to know that they are starting out in life with splendid positions.

Brother Williams, a graduate of Vanderbilt college, and

Brother McEachern of Howard college were with us recently. We enjoyed meeting them both, as we enjoy meeting every Pi Kappa Alpha, and hope that they and others will come again.

At a recent alumni meeting held in Montgomery, there were present, Brother Yonge of Pensacola, Florida, Lanford of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Denson of Opelika, Alabama, Dowdell of Montgomery, Alabama, and Avery and Davis from this chapter. The plans for our chapter house were discussed and building should start this summer.

Two of our sisters have returned to Opelika,—one from Agnes Scott college and the other from New York City. Both are possessed of a charming and unique personality and Upsilon is indeed fortunate in having such loyal supporters of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND so near.

As news items of local interest, we beg to state that J. E. Davis recently received an unsuspected shock to his dignity, and a painful, though not serious, injury to his hand. Then, again, W. H. Thames plans and hopes to have senior privileges next year.

Below is a list of the names and addresses of the men who have composed the chapter this year. All will return except the seniors mentioned above. H. W. Grady, Strand, Ala.; B. H. Andrews, Lafayette, Ala.; J. W. Anderson, Newbern, Ala.; E. A. Major, Birmingham, Ala.; D. N. Murdock, Birmingham, Ala.; D. T. Beatty, Birmingham, Ala.; W. G. Shirling, Birmingham, Ala.; E. S. Allen, Birmingham, Ala.; L. B. Forbes, Birmingham, Ala.; P. S. Avery, Pensacola, Fla.; H. C. Hanlin, Sheffield, Ala.; H. P. Dixey, New Orleans, La.; W. C. Ellis, Griffin, Ga.; M. T. Robertson, Dalton, Ga.; T. O. Robertson, Dalton, Ga.; W. B. Smith, Selma, Ala.; J. P. Huger, Anniston, Ala.; E. P. McEniry, Bessemer, Ala.; J. T. Bidwood, Mobile, Ala.; J. E. Davis, Oak Grove, Ala.; W. H. Thames, Picuyune, Miss.; J. K. Newell, Dadeville, Ala.; F. Ordway, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; W. Anderson, Pensacola, Fla.

With the closing of the year, our last and best thoughts are of the convention. Our thanks to Zeta and Alpha chapters

and the convention are many and great. Thanks to the latter, Upsilon hopes to be in her chapter house by Christmas at the latest. It will be a Pi Kappa Alpha house,—a home for all brothers from wherever they hail.

T. O. ROBERTSON.

PSI

NORTH GEORGIA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Since our last letter we have had one initiation, and I take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity, J. A. Gibbs of Bostwick, Ga.

Brother Gibbs owing to business affairs at home had to leave college soon after his initiation, but he expects to be with us again in the fall.

It is with mingled pride and regret that we look back through the year that is fast drawing to a close, for although we feel justly proud in the showing our men have made during the year, still we regret that more good was not accomplished.

Final exams begin on the 26th inst., and every one is "boning" hard to make the necessary passes, and we hope to come through alive if nothing else.

One of the most enjoyable occasions of the season was our Annual Picnic at Porter Springs on May 8. The day was an ideal one and our only regret was that the day passed all too soon.

We graduate three men this year, Julian Ellison, Waynesboro, Ga.; D. A. Fraser, Hinesville, Ga.; and H. H. Young, Youngstown, Fla. Brothers Fraser and Young both held positions on the rifle team this year.

Tennis being the only form of athletics indulged in here this year on account of action of the trustees, we feel justly proud of the fact that Brother Young in the recent tournament was victorious in both doubles and singles.

The trustees have at last awakened to the fact that a college is best known by its athletics, so I am glad to say that we will have both football and baseball next year.

Brothers Hancock and Hollingsworth came up for the

picnic and remained for several days. We were delighted to see them.

Prospects for the coming year seem very bright and although we expect to lose several men, still we hope to be able to fill their places with other true and loyal Pis.

I take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Alpha Delta for their invitation to their annual dance, and regret very much that none of us were able to attend.

Summer addresses are as follows:

Julian Ellison, Edwardsburg, Idaho.

R. W. Harris, Dalton, Ga.

D. A. Fraser, Hinesville, Ga.

H. G. Huie, Riverdale, Ga.

J. D. Pilcher, 937 Greene St., Augusta, Ga.

H. H. Young, Youngstown, Fla.

J. A. Gibbs, Bostwick, Ga.

H. L. Price, 393 Coutland St., Atlanta, Ga.

E. M. DeLay, Rome, Ga.

F. E. Miller, Hinesville, Ga.

We extend to all Pis best wishes for a happy vacation.

F. E. MILLER.



OMEGA

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Since the last issue of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND Omega has initiated Brother Paul Howard Croft, a freshman student of civil engineering, and are pleased to commend him to brothers everywhere.

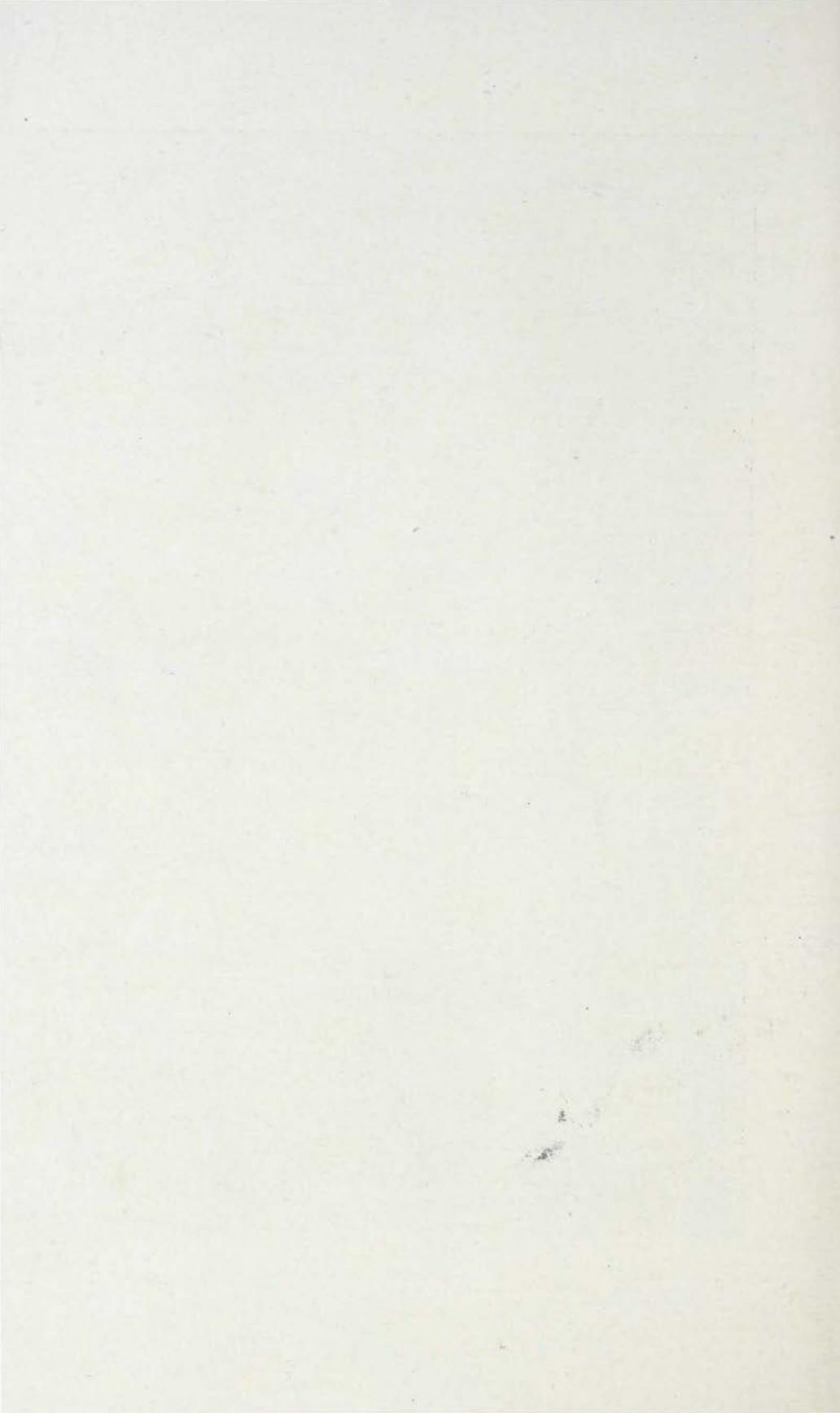
With final exams staring us in the face like grim monsters of death, and with the time fast approaching when hand shall clasp hand and farewells shall be spoken, we take a retrospective view of the work done by Omega during the collegiate year now closing and feel that our efforts for the uplift of Pi Kappa Alpha have not been altogether fruitless and without avail. But while modestly congratulating ourselves over the fact of our past and present prosperity, we are not unmindful of the great and increased obligations rest-

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ing upon us to maintain and, if possible, set higher the standard of Pi Kappa Alpha. Our hopes for next year are most buoyant and are sustained by the fact that we expect practically every man back in September, with the possible exception of Brother T. H. Burrus who graduates in law this year, and whose loss will be very keenly felt.

The closing days of our school year have been crowded with pleasant events, both social and athletic. A new social event inaugurated at State this year was "The First Annual College Fair." As the name indicates, this fair will be had yearly, and will be given in May. The affair is no longer an experiment, for it was this year received with enthusiasm by the students and has been proclaimed a success from every standpoint. In athletics we are having phenomenal success. On May 18, we met our old rival, Transylvania, on the track, and our men had them completely outclassed in practically every phase of the contest. Brother William Collins, already the holder of the mile record in Kentucky, entered the contest to defend his title and easily won over Transylvania's man. Early in the season Transylvania beat us at baseball by a score of 4 to 3, but as the season draws to a close and the fight for the Kentucky Intercollegiate Championship is on in full blast, K. S. U.'s stock has taken an enormous upward bound. On May 13 we played Transylvania a nine-inning game defeating them by a score of 9 to 0, which was a real test of the relative strength of the two teams. On May 20 we played a double-header with Georgetown, each game being of seven innings, and beat them by a total score in both games of 15 to 0, Georgetown getting only two hits in the entire fourteen innings. It looks now as if the State championship will almost certainly go to State. Brother T. H. Burruss easily landed his old place on the team, second base, and is playing almost errorless baseball. On the team's recent successful Northern trip his fast infielding and consistent batting won for him constant praise and admiration.

Our delegate and visitors to the convention at Knoxville returned from the convention overflowing with enthusiasm, and by their ardent and vivid account of the great and good

work done there have imparted that enthusiasm to the remainder of the chapter, and we yearn for 1913 when the convention shall be with us.

We of Omega busied ourselves considerably the past few weeks looking about for a suitable chapter house for the coming year, and have in view a house that will be a credit to us if we only can succeed in getting it. Our quarters this year, while comfortable, have not been all we desired, but for 1912-13 we contemplate doing big things and feel that we need a house to correspond with our ideas.

Following is a list of our men with their summer addresses:—

William Collins, North Middletown, Ky.

Frank Davis Cain, Morton's Gap, Ky.

William Muir Lane, 216 Rose St., Lexington, Ky.

Henry Means Walker, Rectorville, Ky.

Thomas Harris Burruss, Valdosta, Ga.

William Graddy Field, Versailles, Ky.

Grant Davis Burruss, Madison Ga.

William Nelson Fant, Flemingsburg, Ky.

Tavner Dunlap, Versailles, Ky.

Nelson Lee Kimbrough, 444 W. 2nd St., Lexington, Ky.

Thomas Dougherty Howard, 118 Woodland Ave., Lexington, Ky.

Carl C. Croft, Fulton, Ky.

Rod Perry Hughes, Richwood, Ky.

Gaston Lafayette Pool, Murray, Ky.

William Redmon, North Middleton, Ky.

Robert Graham Young, North Middleton, Ky.

Paul Howard Croft, Fulton Ky.

GASTON L. POOL.



ALPHA-ALPHA

TRINITY COLLEGE

Since our last letter another good man has been added to the roll of Alpha-Alpha. On April 17th we initiated F. H.

Bryan, of Washington, N. C., who is a most valuable addition to our ranks.

Before saying more, the writer feels that he must try, in a feeble way to tell of the joys of the great Knoxville convention. It was the "ne plus ultra" of all conventions, and the spirit of fellowship which abounded throughout those three memorable days, and the gracious and unflagging hospitality of Zeta and Alumnus Iota are memories never to be forgotten. There are men from the Everglades of Florida to the sun-baked plains of Arkansas in whose memory will ever linger the handclasps and brotherly associations of that representative body of the greatest fraternity on earth, come together in its greatest convention.

At Trinity, the calm which inevitably precedes a storm has settled upon the college community, the said calm a prelude to the dreaded finals which begin next week. The baseball season has closed, and there is nothing to do except suck your thumb and wait.

In the annual inter-class track meet held last month the freshmen won by the narrow margin of two points over the Juniors, the Sophs. and Seniors not having a look in. Our baseball season has been a most successful one, Brother Bob Gantt or "Big Bob" as he is called, having pitched phenomenal ball, losing but two out of seventeen games pitched and having the distinction of being chosen by the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association as an all-southern pitcher. He leaves for Baltimore, Md. after commencement for a tryout with the "Orioles" in the Eastern League. There is sadness in every Trinity students heart when he realizes that "Bob" has twirled his last game for the Blue and White, but he has the good wishes of all here, who heartily hope for his success in the new field.

Since our last writing we have suffered the loss of Brother G. S. Lee, who was called home on account of his father's illness, and who has been unable to return thus far. We are expecting him at commencement, however.

Alpha-Alpha will not graduate any men this year, and we

are expecting to return at least ten men next fall, to carry on the good work for Pi Kappa Alpha.

The summer addresses of this year's chapter roll is as follows:—

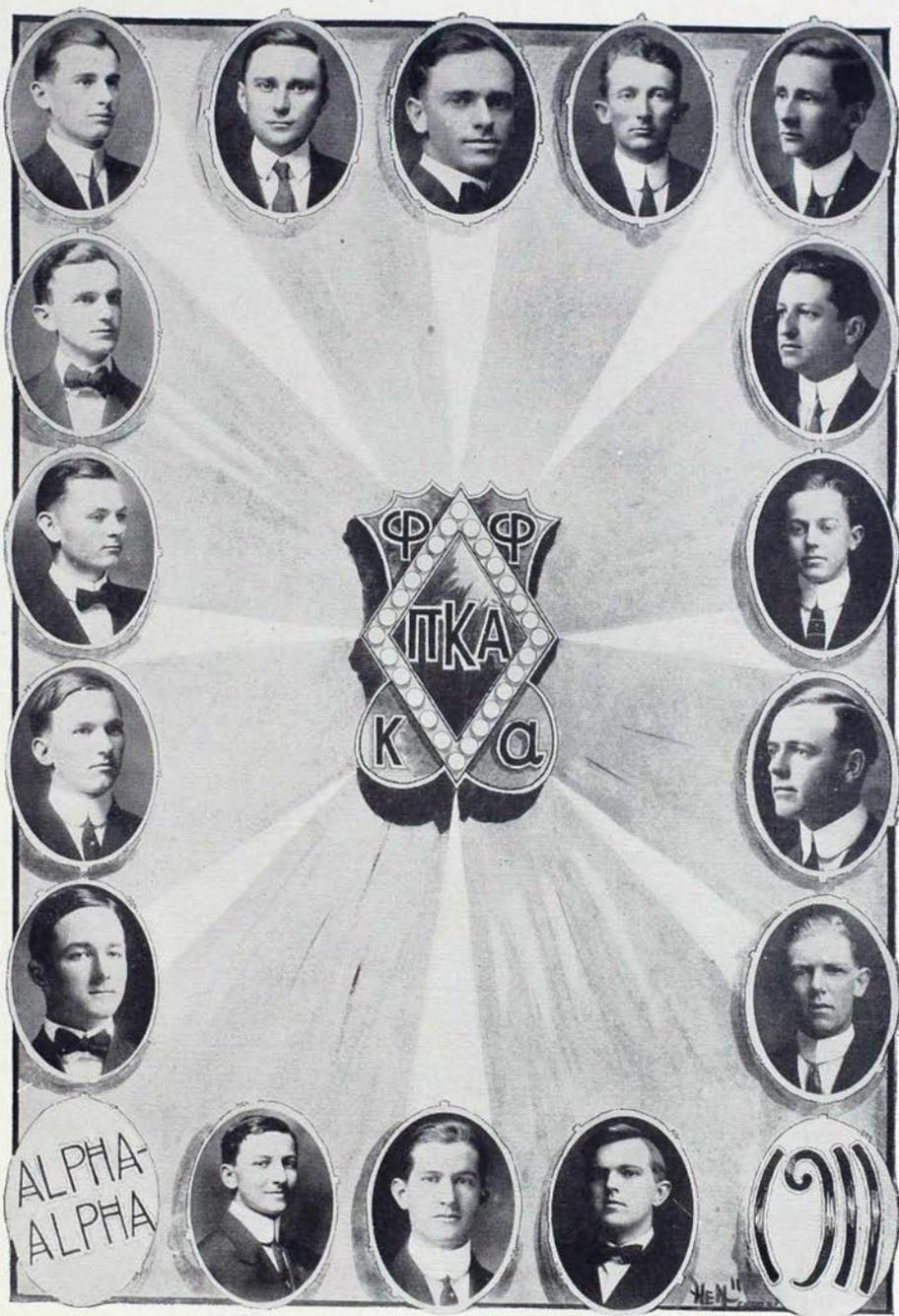
- L. B. Hurley, New Berne, N. C.
- G. S. Lee, Monroe, N. C.
- R. M. Gantt, Bellwood, N. C.
- G. D. Gantt, Shelby, N. C.
- Andrew Warlick, Newton, N. C.
- L. C. McCullen, Rockingham, N. C.
- L. M. Kitchen, Scotland Neck, N. C.
- A. W. Horton, Burkeville, Va.
- B. S. Hurley, Troy, N. C.
- J. A. Lee, Monroe, N. C.
- S. J. Gantt, Shelby, N. C.
- Eli Warwick, Newton, N. C.
- F. H. Bryan, Washington, N. C.
- J. H. Dillard, Spartanburg, S. C.
- W. H. Parsons, Covington, N. C.
- J. M. Howard, New Berne, N. C.

We are beginning to formulate our plans for the annual P. K. A. Banquet which will be held on the night of June 6th at the Corcoran Hotel. Invitations have been extended to our alumni, several of whom we are expecting to attend. These banquets, held in lieu of dances, which are forbidden, are the crowning features of fraternal social life at Trinity, and much effort is expended to make them worthy of the place they hold.

In a few days all the brothers will be packing up and leaving for their homes, many to return no more. Their days as an active member are over, but as has been suggested and urged so many times before in these pages, let each one who does not return keep in close touch with his chapter. Alert, watchful alumni can be of inestimable value and help to their chapter.

In closing, we wish for the whole fraternity collectively and for each brother individually, a most happy, prosperous and successful vacation.

J. M. HOWARD, JR.



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ALPHA GAMMA

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

History repeats itself and L. S. U. closes its 1910-11 scholastic year with one of the most prosperous sessions of its life. Viewing the university in its historical aspect, statistics show that its growth mark it as a progressive institution. The total enrollment of students for the session of 1898-99 did not reach the 300 mark, while the total enrollment of the various schools of the university show an increase of 1000 students for the session of 1910-11 over that of 1898-99, an increase in attendance of nearly 500 per cent in twelve years.

Alpha Gamma has joined the university in her almost unparalleled strides of progression, and today after consistent work for ten years we have succeeded in our endeavors to make II K A one of the most substantial institutions of our university. Pi Kappa Alpha succeeded in entering the university after a hard fight with opposition that seemed inevitable to overcome from the start. But with victory as their watchword, and with an undying earnestness backed with the vim and vigor that go to make up a II, the men to whom we owe our existence overcame the opposition and planted Pi Kappa Alpha in L. S. U. To keep pace with our sister chapters Alpha Gamma began to push herself to the front among the other fraternal organizations here. Her showing, as compared with the other fraternities here, has by no means been inconsiderable. We have succeeded in winning the admiration of both frat and non-frat men, and II K A though handicapped for a long time on account of not having a chapter house, has removed that obstacle, and now our chapter house outvies all other fraternal halls.

Alpha Gamma has produced no stars on the athletic field, but our work in other phases of university life, has been creditable, especially in the class-room. This latter statement is borne out by the fact that Alpha Gamma furnishes about five men per year for the graduating class.

Brothers Miller and Viguerie are candidates for academic degrees this year. Brothers Laycock, Hemler, Landremont

and McClendon are candidates for degrees from the law department. I dare not prophecy how many of these brethren will realize their hope, but those of us who fail to cross the "Rubicon" have one consolation "that of being back with Alpha Gamma another year."

Brother Laycock will doubtless not graduate as he is still confined to his room with scarlet-fever and "exams" are over in the law department. His confinement came at a very inopportune time for him, and it is to be regretted very much that he was unable to take his examinations.

One of the most noticeable events of the year was the treaty of peace between L. S. U. and Tulane. Since then we have met the Olive and Blue in basketball, track, and baseball. L. S. U. won in basketball and track, while Tulane carried off the honors in the national game.

In the pentagonal debate composed of the universities of Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Tennessee, Arkansas was the real winner, with Texas a close second, Louisiana by a close margin shoved Tennessee into the cellar.

We are gratified to hear, through our representative Brother Moseley, that the Third Biennial Convention was a grand success, and that Pi Kappa Alpha is gaining ground year by year.

Alpha Gamma gave an informal dance on the 22nd of April. It was a success in every sense of the word.

The annual Pan-Hellenic dance will be one of the features of commencement. The object of this dance is to advance and promote the cause of fraternalism here.

Brother Boatner, president of the Sophomore class, proved himself to be quite an artist as presiding elder at the Sophomore banquet on the 12th of May.

One of the latest schools introduced into the university is the school of "Romeoing." It is to be installed next year, and I would suggest to Brother "Jack—" of Eta, since he knows not the love of price, nor the way to win a baker girl, that a year here under the auspices of the Romeoing class, might make him wise enough to march triumphantly into the citadel of military institutes, prove himself to be an artist, a

genius, a general or possibly a hero in the eyes of all who admire the grey, and last, but not least, bring home to Homer, the reward that awaits a Romeo.

Summer addresses :—

Yandell Boatner, Wilson, La.

Will B. Brian, Baton Rouge, La.

Thomas B. Gilbert, Jr., Wisner, La.

W. Felix Hemler, Rayville, La.

Augustus L. Hogan, Baton Rouge, La.

John T. Laycock, Baton Rouge, La.

Ernest N. Lambremont, Convent, La.

Preston J. Miller, Carencrow, La.

Enos C. McClendon, Homer, La.

Watt A. Taliaferro, Harrisonburg, La.

John C. Terry, Monroe, La.

Ernest D. Viguerie, Franklin, La.

Alpha Gamma wishes all IIs a pleasant vacation.

W. FELIX HEMLER.

ALPHA DELTA

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

We wish to introduce to the fraternity James H. Elliot, Conyers, Ga., who has joined our ranks since writing our last letter.

Tech is now in its last week of the school year and we are all trying to look cheerful although those awful finals are so close at hand.

The baseball season and other college activities have ended and while we didn't take first place in baseball we feel contented with our share of the honors.

Brother Stivers represented Alpha Delta at the convention at Knoxville and returned jam up with enthusiasm and many interesting stories. We have been greatly benefited as is doubtless the case with all chapters represented.

Our annual dance which we gave Friday night May 19th was a most pleasant affair. We enjoyed the presence of a

number of the alumni and many active men from various chapters.

We have made a number of plans for the coming year and are looking forward to the return of a number of good men who were only able to stay with us the first term of this year. A number of us expect to remain in town during the summer and our chapter house will be open to all who care to come.

CYRUS S. CROFOOT.

ALPHA EPSILON

NORTH CAROLINA A. & M. COLLEGE

The examinations at this institution have been in progress for more than a week and on this account news worthy of mention is very scarce.

At a recent meeting of the German club Brother N. S. Lachicotte was elected secretary and treasurer for next year and Brother Stedman was elected leader. Alpha Epsilon secured her share of military honors this year also. Brothers Havell and Stedman were appointed lieutenants, Brother Briggs was appointed first sergeant and Brother Crawford was appointed corporal. Brother Bradfield was captain of the basketball team. Our track team has just finished a most successful year. We were represented on the track team by Brother A. L. Lachicotte. We have been honored lately by visits from Brother Springs of Lake Waccamaw, N. C. and also by members of Alpha Alpha and Tau chapters. It always gives us great pleasure to welcome any visiting brother. The annual dance which Alpha Epsilon gave on Easter Monday night proved in every respect a success. There were many visitors in Raleigh to attend this dance.

The chapter has been very much interested in the work of the convention from what the delegate told them, and every member is eagerly awaiting the next issue of the Shield and Diamond to see more fully what was done. As we lose no men by graduation this year we all expect to return next year. If this be the case, Alpha Epsilon will have next year

the largest chapter since its existence. Alpha Epsilon extends her best wishes to the whole fraternity for a pleasant vacation.

C. A. STEDMAN.

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ALPHA ZETA

ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY

Addresses during the coming summer:—

- R. Earl Shipley, Booneville, Ark.
- H. B. Martin, Warren, Ark.
- J. H. Alphine, El Dorado, Ark.
- H. S. Yocum, El Dorado, Ark.
- L. W. Goodwin, El Dorado, Ark.
- J. H. Pinson, El Dorado, Ark.
- Harvey McHenry, El Dorado, Ark.
- T. C. Miles, El Dorado, Ark.
- Ivor Gough, McCurtain, Okla.
- W. G. Rye, Russelville, Ark.
- Ray Purcell, Warren, Okla.
- Emmet Goughan, Camden, Ark.
- L. W. Hunter, Little Rock, Ark.
- F. W. Files, Oak Ridge, La.
- LeRoy Highfill, Fayetteville, Ark.
- Dan Estes, Alpino Pass, Ark.
- A. E. Heagler, Alton, Ill.

Alpha Zeta has been a mighty busy bunch of fellows during the past few months and just now work has doubled on us for we are right in the midst of final examinations. However, the fellows are coming through very well, at least they are not "flunking." We will lose seven of our strongest men this spring and of course that provokes more effort on our part to get ready for some good work in the fraternity next year.

Our chief interest now is centered on our new chapter house, which is going up rapidly. It is with much pleasure that we receive many compliments on our enterprise and on

the imposing appearance our house is now taking on. It is within itself a stimulant to the fellows and indications now are that we will have about the most wide awake bunch back next year that we have ever had at Alpha Zeta. But they will need all the "pep" they can get into themselves. We are certainly up against a hard proposition. With the steps we have already taken it is up to us to make ours the leading "frat" in the university or take a lower rank for years to come. Such a place would not be characteristic of P. K. A., so we are coming back with a determination to do our duty to ourselves and to the fraternity.

Wishing every member of the fraternity a most profitable and enjoyable summer.

LEROY HIGHFILL.

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ALPHA ETA

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

At the approaching commencement exercises of the university one of the most popular features will be an exhibition by the gymnasium team. This team has given several exhibitions during the year, both in Gainesville and in other cities of the state, and on every occasion it has been warmly applauded. The team is small in numbers, only eight, and of these Brothers Bouis, Florida, and Tenney are among the best gymnasts.

The gymnastic exhibition is on Saturday, May 27. On the following Monday evening the annual II K A ball will take place. The various committees in charge have done their work of preparation well, and there is no reason for doubting that this ball will be, as it was last year, the most pleasant social event of the commencement week.

Graduation exercises are on Tuesday, May 30. Brothers Christian and Hunter are the only Seniors in the chapter. Senior examinations are held somewhat earlier than those for the other classes, and both Christian and Hunter have already stood theirs successfully. On Tuesday we shall have the pleasure of seeing both of them awarded the degree of B. S.

C. L. CROW.

ALPHA IOTA
MILLSAPS COLLEGE

Millsaps has had a prosperous year under the new president, Dr. D. C. Hull. The college has made astonishing strides under the institution of new reforms, due mainly, to his aggressive spirit and earnest endeavors. There were numerous obstacles and quite a few handicaps, but the policy of the college has changed—it has become more active as a factor in the educational circles of the state. Having been barred from inter-collegiate athletics up until the past session there have been the usual disadvantages.

On May 17 the newly finished athletic field was formally opened by our patron and benefactor, Major R. W. Millsaps, who threw the first ball across the plate. This field was built and equipped at a cost of \$5,000.00. The college owes much to the untiring efforts of Prof. E. Y. Burton for drawing up the plans and specifications.

Our showing in baseball was creditable in view of the fact that it was our first attempt. And besides that, we should be congratulated upon the financial management, as the association is relieved of embarrassment.

Brother Kirkland was elected football manager and Brother Colmer track manager for the ensuing year. Brother Scott won the inter-society debate medal. Our men will undoubtedly secure places on the publications next session.

The new annuals have arrived and are said to be the best since volume one. Brother Williamson as business manager, is due no small amount of praise. The drawings are decidedly better than heretofore.

Senior exams are almost over and most of the dignified old bunch wear glad smiles about, but every one is very weary. We are looking forward with apprehension to five or six receptions to be waded through.

Brother Williamson is the only one we graduate this year. The writer has been unable to complete his course, but expects to get his literary degree with a degree in law next session.

On Thursday night, May 25, Miss Mary Moore was mar-

ried to Mr. Henry Parkes of Oxford, Miss. The ceremony took place in the college chapel. The ushers for the occasion were Brothers F. S. Williams, F. T. Scott, L. W. Reed and T. W. Lewis, Jr. The bride has been one of our truest and most enthusiastic sisters since the charter was granted. So, we feel a particular interest in her and trust that in the coming years may be full of happiness.

Our annual reception is to be on Wednesday night, May 31, and many more of the alumni than usual are expected to be here for the event.

Millsaps won the M. I. O. A. medal at Gulfport on May 12. Our representative this year was Brown, a non-frat man.

Our summer addresses follow:—

P. D. Berand, Lafayette, La.

D. A. Clark, Laurel, Miss.

W. M. Colmer, Gulfport, Miss.

W. M. Dorman, Itra Bena, Miss.

L. C. Kirkland, Ellisville, Miss.

H. T. Lossiter, McHenry, Miss.

S. B. Lompton, Tylertown, Miss.

T. W. Lewis, Jr., 204 N. 2nd St., Memphis, Tenn.

J. C. Ross, Gulfport, Miss.

B. C. Rush, Mississippi City, Miss.

F. T. Scott, Quinn House, Jackson, Miss.

S. E. Williamson, Collins, Miss.

The writer is anxious to meet IIs in Memphis to keep things from looking so strange.

Wishing everybody a pleasant summer.

T. W. LEWIS, JR.

ALPHA KAPPA

MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES

Since the last issue of the Shield and Diamond there has been but few happenings of interest to the fraternity at large, at this place.

Brother Bogen returned to us with glowing accounts of the good times he had at the Knoxville convention. The

fellows are never tired of listening to him tell of the meetings, trips and dances he took part in while a delegate at Knoxville. Before the convention we were all sorry that we could not go but after his return we were doubly so.

Alpha Kappa has had, this year, the most successful one in her history. We have cleared up all our old debt and will begin the new year, next fall, with a clean slate, so to speak. We have again signed the lease on our house and will be, next year, as usual ready and willing to welcome to our home any "Pis" who may be in our part of the country.

Owing to the cancellation of many dates on our baseball schedule, M. S. M. has not had as many games as she should like to have had. With this one exception, the season has been all that could be asked for, as we won the majority of games both away from home and at home. Brother Hubbard represented Alpha Kappa on the team, being one of the catchers.

In track, we were only able to obtain one meet but we won that by the decisive score of 87 to 22. St Louis university was the victim. We were represented on this team by Brother Radcliffe, who tied for first in the pole vault.

We closed our society events by giving two small informal dances, both of which were well attended and seemed to have been greatly enjoyed by everybody. We are all looking forward to next year when we can continue with more of these good times.

The school at large is feeling jubilant over the handsome way it was treated by the legislature this year. They gave us enough money to complete the metallurgy building and build an assembly hall and library, besides the other necessary improvements around the school.

The Rollamo, the school annual, is out and it comes up to the standard set for it in former years. Brother Randolph was one of the board this year. Brother Broughton succeeds him next year.

The following are the names and summer addresses of Alpha Kappa chapter for this year:—

H. J. Hubbard, Rolla, Mo.

H. J. Mann, Rolla, Mo.

R. G. Knickerbocker, Rolla, Mo.

W. R. Knappenberger, Rolla, Mo.

F. G. Moses, Rolla, Mo.

A. G. Pudewa, Rolla, Mo.

E. R. Needles, 1021 Raskew Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

O. A. Randolph, 1229 Garfield Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

E. H. Broughton, Jefferson City, Mo.

J. N. Schmidt, 3210 W. 22nd St., Chicago, Ill.

H. G. Halsey, 431 Jackson Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

P. H. Radcliffe, Rolla, Mo.

J. K. Beach, Apartado 95, Guanajuato, Old Mexico

J. A. Taggart, Rolla, Mo.

W. A. Bogan, 423 N. 5th St., St. Joe, Mo.

Alpha Kappa wishes every Pi a happy vacation.

FREDERICK C. MOSES.



ALPHA-LAMBDA

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE

Initiate: Wesley Lyon Switzer, Georgetown, Ky. We are all very proud of our new brother and take great pleasure in introducing him.

On the evening of April 15 we gave our annual banquet at the Lancaster Hotel. We had with us the following alumni: W. W. Dawson, Lexington, Ky.; W. G. Bradford, Brooksville, Ky.; C. B. Robinson, Georgetown, Ky., and E. V. Kellner who is now in Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. Brother Howard acted as toastmaster and every man responded to a toast. After the banquet we adjourned to our hall on the fifth floor of the hotel and let Switzer take a ride on our goat.

Our baseball team did not do much in the Kentucky Inter-Collegiate race this year, but as most of the players were first year men we can make some allowances. We were represented by Brother Herndon, at short, who proved a good man for the place.

It is with a feeling of regret that we write this our last letter of the year and prepare to say good-bye to our brothers

with whom we have been closely associated for the past year.

Alpha-Lambda has every reason to feel proud of the year's work, for after only returning two old men last fall we got busy and pledged and initiated four of the best fraternity men Georgetown College has seen for some time.

It is very probable that we will return four men next year and with this prospect we should do great work for Pi Kappa Alpha.

We have in mind three excellent men who will be in school next year, and have every reason to believe that we can get them.

The summer addresses of the active members are as follows:

Bronston S. Kenney, Frankfort, Ky.

J. Robert Howard, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

John M. Herndon, Jr., Owenton, Ky.

K. Howard Smith, Owenton, Ky.

Wesley Lyon Switzer, Georgetown, Ky.

O. M. Moreland, Georgetown, Ky.

It is sincerely hoped that the faculty will change their decision and allow us to have a house next year.

Let me close wishing all IIs a pleasant vacation and hoping that each chapter will return a goodly number of men with renewed strength for Pi Kappa Alpha.

O. M. MORELAND.



ALPHA-MU

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

We regret more than words can express, to say that we have lost our much loved Brother, R. T. Callaway, who has recently withdrawn from college. Brother Callaway's work for Alpha-Mu this year has been immeasurable; he has worked unceasingly, never stopping to complain, and the loss of such a man as this is an unhealable wound to any chapter. But after sufficiently mourning over our earnest worker's withdrawal, we are getting along excellently.

Alpha-Mu was visited, during the last month, by our two Brothers "Sam" and "Bob" Gant, and suffered a stinging defeat as a result of the latter's visit.

Our baseball season has about run its course for the year, only two more games left, these with our old time rival Mercer. We have had a very successful season, having won sixteen games and lost four. Two of these, we regret to say, were lost to our greatest rival, "Tech."

Examinations are but two weeks off, and all of us have sure chances of passing with two graduates, Brothers Small and Jenkins.

In closing we wish all our brothers both a happy and joyful vacation.

C. W. HUNTER, JR.



ALPHA-NU

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Summer addresses:

Hadley J. Alley, Princeton, Mo.

Francis A. Benham, Bonne Terre, Mo.

Lester G. Bermond, 102 South 17th, St. Joseph, Mo.

Lewis E. J. Browne, Lewiston, Mo.

Newton Dale, Weston, Mo.

Tom B. Ellis, Jefferson City, Mo.

Frank R. Eversole, 1227 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Henry N. Eversole, Columbia, Mo.

George W. Gladding, 752 Euclid, St. Louis Mo.

Walter J. Haddaway, 322 Clark Ave., Tuxedo Park St. Louis, Mo.

William H. Harper, American League Park, St. Louis, Mo.

Wilson B. Heller, 116 N. 33 St., Omaha, Nebr.

Arthur A. Jones, Columbia, Mo.

Wendell P. Jones, 3215 Olive, Kansas City, Mo.

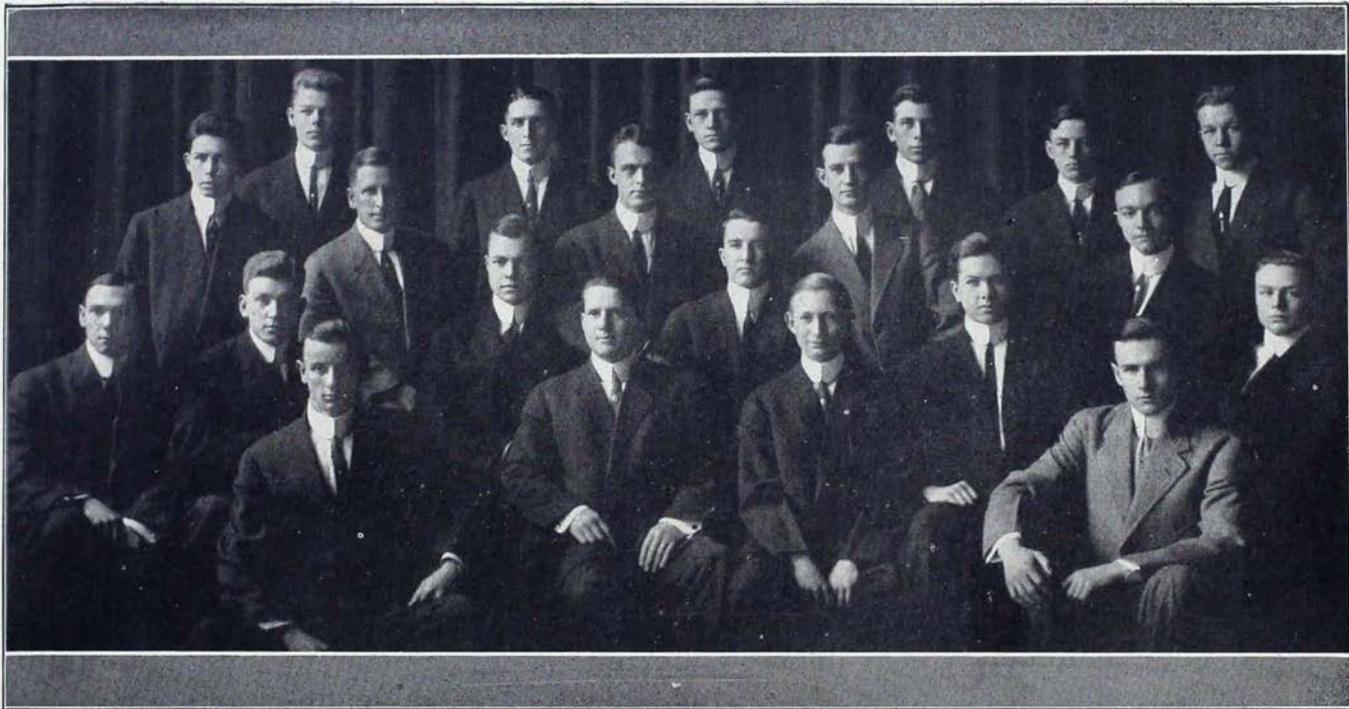
Daniel W. B. Kurtz Jr., Columbia, Mo.

Clarence P. LeMire, Columbia, Mo.

Charles F. Loomis, Y. M. C. A. Honolulu, Hawaii.

C. French Moss, 3415 Virginia, Kansas City, Mo.

Louis H. Owen Jr., 703 W. Markham, Little Rock, Ark.



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Stephen L. Porter, Marshall, Mo.

Bland A. Pugh, Webb City, Mo.

Phillip S. Savage, 5586 Vernon Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Roy Sigler, Charleston, Mo.

William S. Thompson, Princeton, Mo.

Arthur Udstadt, St. Charles, Mo.

Albert R. Waters, 117 No. Fulton St., Carthage, Mo.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity the following initiates: Lester G. Bermond, St. Joseph, Missouri; William H. Harper, Bertrand, Missouri; Roy Sigler, Charleston, Missouri; Arthur S. Udstadt, St. Charles, Mo.

The chapter considers herself fortunate in getting these men for Pi Kappa Alpha. Brother Harper has been the mainstay of our baseball team for the last two years. Harper was rated as the best pitcher in the Missouri Valley Conference both this year and last; and goes to join the St. Louis Browns (American League) on May 25.

Lester G. Bermond is considered one of the best track men that has ever represented Missouri. He has broken two of the 'varsity records; and at the present time he holds the 'varsity record for the quarter mile in 50 1-5 seconds, and the record for the half-mile in 1 minute 55 3-5 seconds.

Brother Sigler is a first year man in the School of Law, having spent two years in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Brothers Harper, Dale, and H. Eversole have just returned from Jefferson City where they went to take the State Bar Examinations, so the chances are bright for Alpha Nu to be represented by some practicing attorneys among her alumni.

The University of Missouri has finished a successful baseball season, winning eight games and losing three. The most interesting game was the game with Keio University of Japan. In this game, Brother Harper fanned eighteen men and held them down to two hits. The final score was ten to nothing in favor of Missouri. Missouri has won track meets from both Drake and the University of Kansas; and won first place in the Western Relay Meet at Des Moines, Iowa.

Since our last letter, many department "stunts" have taken

place, among which were, the Mock Trial of the Law Department, Farers Fair of the Agricultural Department, and "Hobo Day," the latter being a stunt peculiar to the University of Missouri, in which the students dress up in typical tramp costume, parade the streets, and visit the back doors of the various homes of the city.

Brothers Benham and Dale returned from convention reporting a most enjoyable time; and the chapter after listening to their report were well pleased with what was accomplished at the convention, and we are now looking forward to the next convention at Lexington, Kentucky where we hope to be represented by a large delegation.

We have recently received news that Brother Lawson G. Lowry, who at present is Professor of Anatomy at the University of Utah, will occupy a chair in the faculty of the School of Medicine at the University of Missouri next year. This comes as a welcome surprise to the chapter, for "Doc" will indeed be a great benefit to us.

Will close wishing all the chapters a pleasant and profitable vacation during the coming summer.

CLARENCE P. LEMIRE.



ALPHA-XI

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to the fraternity Brother Earl Wagner of Cincinnati, Ohio.

One more week of school and then all is over. How good this sounds; and now as we look back over the past year we are especially happy at the thought of the progress that we have made in this short time. One year ago last month our chapter was founded and we feel confident that within this time we have well represented the fraternity at our institution. A simple enumeration of the various offices that our men have held during the past year will verify this statement; for from our midst has come the president of the senior class, manager and assistant manager of the university bookstore, treasurer of the junior class, president of the Speaker's club,



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a representative on the university debating team, manager of the glee club, Hanna Fellow in Physics, assistant in chemistry, captain of the freshman track team, while other of our brothers represented us in the various clubs of the school—such as the Blue Hydra, Chemists Club, and History Club.

We lose but one man by graduation—Brother A. Ellis McNelly. Brother McNelly leaves behind him an enviable record. He has held the highest offices in his class, has excelled in his studies winning in his sophomore year the Thoms Honorary Scholarship, while in the frat he has occupied the chair of S. M. C. and was our delegate at the last convention. He leaves our midst to take a position with the American Book Company of this city with the heartiest good wishes of the whole chapter and we wish him success in the new work that he is now entering upon.

Speaking of Brother McNelly reminds us of the glowing account he gave us of the convention. A special meeting was called to hear his report and when it was given we were sorry that more of us had not gone. We wish, however, to congratulate the Lexington chapters on securing the next convention and we hope then to be able in some way to help our two sister chapters out in the matter of entertaining the visiting delegates.

We wish also at this time to congratulate our new chapter Alpha-Pi on its establishment and to welcome it into our midst. Let the good work of expansion go on!

We have given up our rooms for the summer months and at present are holding our meetings at the homes of the various members. The following is a list of our chapter roll with their summer addresses:

- Elmer C. Walthers, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Robert Mercer Schell, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Edward G. Reiman, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Harold Wagner, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Earl Wagner, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Harley DaCamara, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Harold Burrhus, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Reginald C. McGrane, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Louis F. Werner, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Alston Ellis McNelly, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 S. Richard Sinnickson, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Edward Mongan, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 William Hull, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Frank Gavin, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Herbert Shaffer, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Walter Monaghan, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 James Andrew, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Arthur Hewitt, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Glover Boake, Cincinnati, Ohio.

R. C. McGRANE.



ALPHA-OMICRON

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

It is with a feeling akin to sadness that we approach the end of our college year and we are determined to do more next year for our school and our fraternity than we have done this year. The long looked for convention is a thing of the past and I was indeed glad to represent "Our Texas Steers" on that happy occasion and to meet the finest body of young men ever assembled in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Things have been pretty lively in athletic circles since our last letter. In a dual track meet with Baylor University we had the pleasure of swamping them 88 to 34. We were represented on the team by Brother McGuire and Brother Voigt who is captain of the team. Out of 18 baseball games played this year S. U. won 13, tied 1 and lost 4, two being to big league teams. We are confident of winning the State College Championship of Texas for 1911. **II K A** is upheld on the team by Brother Mickle who has pitched six of the games without suffering a defeat.

In the Pan-Hellenic League Alpha-Omicron has had hard luck and lost both games played but she expects to do something yet in spite of the fact that we are few in numbers.

On May 8 Alpha-Omicron broke into social prominence

with a much enjoyed frat. party. Our spacious chapter house was decorated in garnet and gold, and the perfume of many fragrant flowers filled the air. The walls were covered with school, fraternity and sorority banners and pennants and presented an attractive appearance. A guessing contest was engaged in and the lucky couple presented with a small leather Π K A streamer. Dainty souvenirs with the fraternity flower were presented to the guests.

When we pack our trunks and journey homeward for our vacation with all its joys or sorrows, let us all remember what we owe Pi Kappa Alpha, and come back next year resolved to make 1911-1912 the best year in the history of the fraternity.

C. M. MONTGOMERY.

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ALPHA-PI

HOWARD COLLEGE

We all have been looking forward to the time when the gong would sound for the last time and ring out the close of final examinations. Such a time has come. It has passed and we are enjoying the good things of the commencement exercises.

The closing months of the school term have been golden days in the history of Alpha Pi. In athletics Brothers Cook and McEachern did excellent work on the varsity baseball team. In Y. M. C. A. work, in class standing in all phases of college life Alpha Pi is being well represented.

For some time we have been looking forward to the nineteenth, with much pleasure and many fears, when Alpha Pi would have an installation banquet at Hotel Hillman. On last evening with our faithful Brother Yockey as toastmaster, and the Hillman clothed in her best robes, our hopes began to materialize. In the way of toasts Alpha Pi was represented by Brothers Williams and Deaver whose subjects were respectively, "Alpha Pi, her past and future" and "The Fraternities' Ideal." For the local alumni Brother Allen J. Krebs spoke on "Our Pi Sisters" and Rev. W. D. Mooney on "The Fraternity Man After Graduation." Dr. A. P. Montague, pres-

ident of our college, gave a splendid address on "The Fraternity's Place in College Life." Professor E. B. Fowler spoke on "Our Parting Days." Mrs. H. Watlington, the faithful Sunday school teacher of the Pi boys, gave a most delightful toast. Charmed by the inspiration of sweet music, animated by the rich perfumes of the lilies of the valley, combined with the most delicious menu the Hillman is able to furnish you can imagine the greatness of the occasion. We enjoyed it because we made a sacrifice for it. Under such favorable auspices we are departing for the summer vacation, and for every one we wish a pleasant time.

J. A. DEEVER.

ALUMNI NEWS

Brother James D. Hoskins, whom so many will remember as delivering one of the best addresses at the recent Knoxville Convention, has been unanimously chosen as Dean of the University of Tennessee. Brother Hoskins has been acting as Dean for more than six months, and has made a splendid record.

Brother J. Pike Powers, Jr., for ten years Grand Princeps of the Fraternity, responded to the toast "Hill Memories in the Law" at the recent banquet of the alumni of the Law Department of the University of Tennessee. His address was listened to with great attention, and has received most favorable commendation.

T. A. Bryson, an alumnus of the Sewanee Military Academy '02-04, and for some time a student in the University, has been awarded the MacDonald Prize at the Rensselaer Polytechnic, Troy, N. Y. This prize consists of the income from two thousand dollars, and is awarded annually to the student who on graduating presents the best thesis involving a design for an engineering work or an investigation of a process or natural product, or of especial interest to engineers. The subject of Mr. Bryson's Thesis was "A Study of the Stresses in Flat Plates."—*The Sewanee Purple*.

Brother Bryson is an alumnus of Chi chapter.

From *University Missourian* May 27, 1911.

HARPER WITH THE BROWNS

BIG LEAGUE TRY-OUT FOR M. U. STAR BEGINS ON EASTERN TRIP.

William Harper is now on the pitching staff of the St. Louis Browns, of the American League. He left St. Louis with the team Friday for a trip over the entire route, which will make the stay away from home of the Browns last until June 20.

Harper's record with the Tigers here this season and last won for him the try-out with the Browns. St. Louis newspapers call him the best college pitcher ever developed in Missouri. His strike-out record with the university team has made him a favorite with the students and other fans here. In fifteen contests he has averaged twelve strike-outs.

The St. Louis Star carried a four-column cut of Harper in action on its sport page Friday; it spoke of him as a hopeful prospect. *The Times* said he is "a big fellow possessed of no end of speed and some control.

ZETA

C. F. Flood is located at Philadelphia, Pa., 2041 W. Ontario St.

ALPHA LAMBDA

William Dawson has a position with Lexington Drug Co., Lexington, Ky.

KAPPA

Prof. A. C. Zembrod and wife will spend this summer traveling in Europe.

Harry McDonald is located at San Francisco, Cal.

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We take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the following exchanges that have appeared since our last issue:

March: *The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, *The Phi Gamma Delta*, *The Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho.

April: *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi.

May: *Kappa Alpha Theta*, *The Eleusis* of Chi Omega, *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, *The Chi Zeta Chi Medical Record*.

The Johns Hopkins chapter of Kappa Alpha has suspended operation and we are told that no attempt will be made to revive it until the University is moved to Homewood, the new site in the suburbs of Baltimore.

The Colby and Bowdoin chapters of Delta Upsilon recently gave a joint banquet in Augusta, Maine. But the jollity of the occasion was turned into sadness by the reception of a telegram announcing the total destruction by fire of the Colby chapter house. The loss to members of the chapters in personal property amounted to about \$4,000, none of which was covered by insurance.

At the University of Cincinnati it is desired to ascertain how fraternity members compare in scholarship with the non-fraternity men. To this end a system for comparing their

scholastic averages has been instituted by the heads of several departments. The scheme will be operated for a number of years. Thus far the average for the fraternities surpasses that for the non-fraternity men.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is the first fraternity to enter Millikin University at Decatur, Illinois. And at the University of South Dakota she likewise enters on the ground floor, a chapter of Phi Delta Theta, alone preceding her. Both chapters are reported to be beginning their work under most auspicious circumstances. So favorable, in fact, are the conditions at the University of South Dakota that it is possible a third chapter may enter in the near future, for a local, Beta Gamma, has for some time been an applicant to Beta Theta Pi.

Delta Chi which was founded in part by the members of the regular undergraduate fraternities and who for years admitted such members to its ranks has definitely decided upon the policy of hereafter excluding any members of the regular college fraternities and conferring its membership strictly to those without previous fraternity experience. We can see some advantage in this plan but we believe the opposite plan of Phi Delta Phi in making the membership in its chapter somewhat of an honor and in freely admitting the college fraternity men to be the better one. We can the more readily comprehend the regular college fraternities forbidding their members to join any other similar organization, for the professional fraternities and other inter-collegiate Greek letter organizations are essentially parasitic in character and necessarily weaker than the tie which binds the undergraduate fraternity men together.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

Under the caption "The Problem Facing Fraternities," we find in *The Scroll* a striking article from which we quote in part as follows:

"President Schurman of Cornell University has sounded the note of warning in two addresses. In his latest remarks on the subjects he said:

"I have been making a study of the 135 men who were dropped in February of this year for failure to do satisfactory work. Among non-fraternity students one man in approximately every 30 students was dropped, among fraternity students one man in approximately every 17. That is not a very good showing for the fraternities. But among the fraternities themselves there are great differences in this matter of scholarship. Some have records of which they may well be proud.

I am glad thus publicly to commend the following fraternities and societies who in February of this year did not lose a single man for unsatisfactory work: Acacia, A Z, Bandhu, B Θ Π, Cerberus, X Ψ, Δ X, Δ Φ, K Ψ, Nayati and Θ Ξ—eleven out of the thirty-seven national and local fraternities at Cornell. Among these eleven three deserve special mention, because each of the three had more than thirty men in its active chapter and did not lose one. They are Δ Φ, B Θ Π, and X Ψ.

In addition to these eleven there are five other fraternities whose percentage of men dropped was less than 4 per cent., which was the average among all the men of the university in undergraduate courses at Ithaca. These five, each of whom lost one man in February, are Seal and Serpent, Φ K Ψ, Φ Δ Θ, Φ Γ Δ, and X Φ.

Leaving the sixteen fraternities whose scholarship records are good and whose percentage of men dropped was below the average for the university, we find twenty-one fraternities whose percentage of men dropped was above 4 per cent., the university average. Three of these fraternities lost one man each, nine lost two men each, six lost three men each, one lost four men, one five, and one six. In twelve fraternities the percentage of men dropped was more than twice that of the university community including fraternity members.

If we compare fraternity with non-fraternity men, we find that in eight fraternities the proportion of men dropped for poor scholarship was more than three times the proportion of men dropped among all the non-fraternity men of the university. Among "independents," or those not members of any fraternity or society, only 3 1-3 per cent. failed to do satisfactory work, while in four fraternities 10 per cent. failed to do satisfactory work, in one fraternity 11 per cent., in another 13 1-2 per cent., in another 14 1-3 per cent., and in the worst one of all 17 per cent.

"Of course, in a democracy, the only justification of association in a fraternity during one's formative years is the development of the capacity to think in terms of other ones' welfare, the capacity to think and act with others' the capacity for social being. Of course in a democracy, only he is a "good fraternity brother" who puts into practice "out, out in the cold, c-o-l-d world" the lessons of fraternity which he learned in college days, and so does his part toward warming up that cold, c-o-l-d world and making it human.

"But of course that is just what is needed, call it civic spirit, community interest, the consciousness of democracy, the joy of human fellowship, the brotherhood of man, or being religious, call it the Kingdom of God, it is just the expansion of the fraternity spirit to include all of us folks.

And, of course, the college fraternity ought to be just a "chambered cell," finding its reason for being in housing a spirit which soon finds a "dome more vast" till one at length is free to claim the right which became his when "God gave all men all earth to love."—*The Eleusis* of Chi Omega.

"Press dispatches under the date of March 15 have the following concerning the fraternity situation at Wisconsin: 'That fraternities, as they exist at the University of Wisconsin, have done much more

good than harm in the university, and that with some proposed reforms in the methods of selecting members and other changes, they may be made to become still more useful, are the opinions expressed by the regents of the university in a report filed this morning with the lieutenant governor. The report was made as a result of an investigation by the faculty and regents after a joint resolution passed the legislature in 1909 to the effect that the regents be requested to investigate fraternities and sororities at the university, with reference to remedying the so-called anti-democratic tendency and to the substitution therefor of some better system of student government. The regents expressed the belief that the evils complained of in connection with the fraternities can be largely removed by proper legislation, and that it is not at all necessary to resort to drastic measures to accomplish this. For the purpose of improving the fraternity situation modifications will be introduced as soon as practicable without doing injustice to the fraternities and sororities. Some of the recommendations will take effect the next college year, and all of them the year following. The new regulations are as follows: First, that the pledging of high school students by the fraternities be discontinued. Second, that no freshman be permitted to lodge or board in a fraternity house. Third, that no student be initiated into a fraternity until the beginning of his sophomore year. Fourth, that no student on probation be initiated into a fraternity."—*The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.*

The claim of X Φ to have been founded at Princeton in 1824, of Σ Π to have been founded at William and Mary in 1752 and K Σ to have been founded at the University of Bologna in 1403, convinced the editor of the Δ Τ *Quarterly* that his fraternity also needed a legendary origin. According to a burlesque account illustrated with cartoons in that magazine, he commissioned a Delta U antiquarian of Harvard to explore the libraries of Europe, and if necessary the pyramids of Egypt, in quest of material on which to base a claim that Δ Τ was founded far back in the mists of antiquity. The report of the commissioner is that an Italian count, while restoring his ancestral castle, found in a semi-ruined tower an iron-bound oak chest, which contained many ancient parchments. These musty records proved that Δ Τ, or the "Sons of Zeus," as it was first called, had chapters at Athens, Ephesus, and Alexandria in the classic era, and at Bologna, Padua, Paris, Leipsic, Upsala and many other universities in mediaeval times. Φ Δ Θ, Β Θ Π, Φ Γ Δ, Ψ Τ, Κ Α, and Θ Ν Ε also flourished during the middle ages, Louis XI is said to have hanged the entire active chapter of Ψ Τ at Paris, and the lord of Pavi hanged a T. N. E. every Monday and Thursday during lent. An encounter between Δ Τ and Φ Γ Δ is thus narrated:

In 1324 our local chapter at Perugia had a lively scrimmage one Saturday night in May with the local chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. Swords were drawn, tiles were hurled from the house-tops and not a man of either party escaped without a wound of some kind. When both parties ceased fighting, being thoroughly exhausted, it was found that a total of fourteen had been killed, some of them among the most prominent men of the senior and junior classes, members of 'varsity teams, leaders in the Y. M. C. A. and the Deutscher Verein. The faculty hanged two men from each fraternity and expelled the rest, but ultimately changed the decree of expulsion to one of suspension for one year and the loss of the right hand and left ear."—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

Delta Kappa Epsilon governs itself between conventions through a board of nine trustees. Each one of their forty-five chapters has a representative on the Board about every ten years to serve for two years. The Yale chapter, at the time it gave up the absolute domination which it had held up to that time, received a right to a permanent member of the trustees. The board meets on the third Thursday of every month at the fraternity office in New York City, and because of the importance of this meeting and the power with which it is vested, it appeals to the strongest men in the Fraternity and many very able men whose counsels are of great value to the Fraternity take an active part.

Until recently Mr. Hawes, as a Yale member of the trustees, has been interested in the furtherance of alumni organization and chapter unification in the fraternity, but as his interest grew and the needs of the fraternity in the way of centralization were seen, he has been prevailed upon to lay aside more and more of his law practice, and at last, very recently, to take the salaried secretaryship, as General Secretary. Mr. Hawes gets results through his travels about the country, his interviews with chapters, alumni associations and college authorities, and he is probably going further than any other fraternity officer along certain new lines.

Your secretary was glad to see that Mr. Hawes finds in Delta Kappa Epsilon exactly the same needs and chance for positive results in fraternity work that Zeta Psi has found. The Deke office, at 30 Broad Street, employs a stenographer continually in the indices and publications of the fraternity, and when he is not traveling, Mr. Hawes gives a great deal of his time to this feature of the work. *The Quarterly* is gradually being brought under the control of this central office and is rapidly taking on new and more interesting features as well as a more businesslike organization.—*The Circle* of Zeta Psi in *The Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

RECENT FRATERNITY STATISTICS

From The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon

The following figures compiled from the 1910 and 1911 World Almanacs show interesting statistics of fraternity growth.

MEN'S GENERAL FRATERNITIES

NAME	1909	1910	Founded
Phi Delta Theta	17,486	17,860	1848
Delta Kappa Epsilon	17,000	17,475	1844
Beta Theta Pi	16,395	17,028	1839
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	12,700	13,362	1856
Phi Gamma Delta	12,008	12,469	1848
Psi Upsilon	11,436	11,661	1833
Phi Kappa Psi	11,000	11,000	1852
Delta Tau Delta	10,100	10,100	1859
Delta Upsilon	10,000	10,000	1834
Sigma Chi	9,862	11,200	1855
Kappa Alpha (South)	9,616	9,215	1865
Kappa Sigma	9,500	9,500	1869
Alpha Tau Omega	8,050	8,500	1865

NAME	1909	1910	Founded
Sigma Nu	8,000	8,000	1869
Alpha Delta Phi	7,372	7,372	1832
Zeta Psi	5,500	5,500	1847
Chi Phi	5,300	6,500	1824
Theta Delta Chi	5,200	6,000	1848
Chi Psi	4,920	6,500	1841
Phi Sigma Kappa	4,025	4,025	1873
Phi Kappa Sigma	4,000	4,000	1850
Delta Phi	3,750	3,750	1827
Delta Psi	2,600	2,600	1847
Pi Kappa Alpha	2,500	3,000	1868
Sigma Phi	1,450	1,475	1827
Sigma Phi Epsilon	1,200	1,600	1901
Alpha Sigma Phi	1,152	1,278	1845
Kappa Alpha (North)	1,100	1,200	1825
Theta Xi	1,050	1,275	1864
Delta Sigma Phi	750	750	1901
Sigma Pi	550	693	1897
Alpha Chi Rho	500	700	1895
Theta Chi	472	650	1856
Total.....	216,544	224,498	

WOMEN'S GENERAL FRATERNITIES

NAME	1909	1910	Founded
Pi Beta Phi	5,404	5,750	1867
Kappa Kappa Gamma	5,000	5,500	1870
Kappa Alpha Theta	4,078	4,500	1870
Delta Gamma	2,563	2,606	1874
Delta Delta Delta	2,500	4,000	1888
Alpha Phi	1,800	2,080	1872
Gamma Phi Beta	1,633	1,700	1874
Chi Omega	1,500	1,927	1895
Phi Mu	1,500	2,100	1852
Alpha Chi Omega	1,270	1,340	1888
Kappa Delta	850	850	1897
Alpha Xi Delta	800	813	1893
Zeta Tau Alpha	725	725	1898
Beta Sigma Omicron	600	1,000	1888
Sigma Kappa	600	775	1874
Alpha Omicron Pi	500	900	1897
Sigma Sigma Sigma	340	370	1898
Total.....	31,663	39,936	

MEDICAL FRATERNITIES

NAME	1909	1910	Founded
Nu Sigma Nu	3,800	4,100	1882
Phi Chi	3,270	8,000	1894
Alpha Kappa Kappa	3,000	4,000	1888
Phi Beta Pi	3,000	3,600	1891
Phi Delta Chi	2,500	2,600	1883
Phi Rho Sigma	2,500	2,600	1891
Phi Alpha Gamma	2,400	2,400	1894
Omega Upsilon Phi	1,450	1,550	1895
Kappa Psi	1,300	1,500	1879

NAME	1909	1910	Founded
Alpha Sigma	1,150	1,200	1893
Alpha Mu Pi Omega	1,000	1,000	1891
Chi Zeta Chi	984	1,200	1903
Phi Alpha Sigma	800	900	1888
Delta Nu	650	650	1884
Pi Nu	600	600	1893
Zeta Beta Tau	400	600	1898
Phi Theta Chi	200	200	1902
Zeta Omicron	83	83	1896
Total	29,087	36,236	

LEGAL FRATERNITIES

NAME	1909	1910	Founded
Phi Delta Phi	8,950	9,600	1869
Delta Chi	3,110	3,184	1890
Phi Alpha Delta	1,600	2,862	1898
Theta Lambda Phi	1,500	1,600	1901
Alpha Kappa Phi	750	750	1858
Gamma Eta Gamma	600	600	1901
Sigma Nu Phi	245	245	1902
Total	16,755	17,746	

RECAPITULATION

	1909	1910
Men's General Fraternities	216,544	224,498
Women's General Fraternities	31,663	39,936
Medical Fraternities	29,087	36,236
Legal Fraternities	16,755	17,746
	294,049	319,416

In 1910 there were 1,082 active chapters of men's general fraternities, 346 inactive, and 821 chapter houses. There were 346 active chapters of sororities, 70 inactive and 127 chapter houses. Of medical fraternities there were 317 active chapters, 24 inactive chapters, and 120 chapter houses. Of legal fraternities there were 302 active chapters, 8 inactive, and 72 chapter houses.

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WHAT A COLLEGE GRADUATE SAYS

The faults of our secret societies ought to be met squarely by every college woman who wears Greek letters, for only through them can reforms come. Only by them can the foolish and trivial externals which excite so much criticism be rubbed off, leaving the unselfish, sincere, good-heartedness of the thing.

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