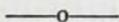
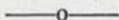


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LONG WAVE THE COLORS.

Tune: "The Watch on the Rhine."

I.

A voice is heard in glad refrain,
A thousand Pi's take up the strain,
And like true knights in days of old,
Salute the garnet and the gold.

Refrain:

Dear Pi Kay A, we sing to thee,
And pledge again our loyalty,
Long may thy colors wave, long may they wave,
Long may old Pi Kappa Alpha's colors wave!

II.

In friendship's name we'll give the grip,
For "auld lang syne" will take a sip,
While sisters fair from far and near,
Help swell our ringing chorus clear.

Refrain:

III.

We meet perchance in college hall,
Round festive board, at brilliant ball,
Or in the world no matter where,
The same sweet fellowship is there.

Refrain:

IV.

One aim, one purpose fills us all,
To hearken now to manhood's call,
And place our sacred emblem then,
Upon the hearts of stalwart men,

Refrain:

-L. J. GILLILAND, *Alumnus-Gamma.*

FRATERNITIES AT MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

In many colleges and universities there has recently been a growing sentiment against fraternities. The opponents of the fraternities claim that fraternity life creates bad feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity men; lowers scholarship; wastes money and time, and tends to lower the standard of morality. As a result of the agitation fraternities have been abolished at some institutions and restrictions placed upon them at several others.

However true these objections may have been in some places, at the University of Missouri, some of them certainly do not apply. Especially the objection that fraternities create dissension and strife among the student body—which seems to be the chief weapon of the agitators—cannot be brought up as an objection to the fraternities at Missouri University. Missouri is known as the most democratic school in the west. Non-fraternity men are popular among fraternity men and are elected to student offices and to athletic captaincies with the support of the fraternity men. There have been rivalry and combinations among the different departments, but never rivalry between fraternity men and non-fraternity men. This cannot be said of some of the other Missouri valley schools.

Such a condition may be due to the small number of fraternities, there being only twelve among an enrollment of 3,000, and it is recognized among fraternity men that there are many good men outside of the fraternities.

But in spite of these conditions, fraternities have been restricted at Missouri. The objection of the faculty here is that fraternity scholarship is too low. In 1911 a rule was passed that a student must have twenty-four hours' university credit before becoming eligible to a fraternity. This means until after the completion of the freshman year. This year another rule was passed to the effect that a student making 15 hours during his first semester could be initiated with the approval of the faculty and that the faculty would so favor only the fraternities that stood high in scholarship. Those standing below a certain

figure cannot initiate. In no case are fraternity pledges allowed to take their meals in the fraternity house.

The plan of the faculty is to put the fraternities on probation and to ELIMINATE THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE A REQUIRED SCHOLARSHIP AVERAGE BY NOT ALLOWING THEM TO INITIATE NEW MEN.

The ultimate end is that Missouri University fraternities must average as high as the student body as a whole. This standard is far above some of the fraternities at present. Two are now 17 per cent below this average and several others are almost as far away. Pi Kappa Alpha, although not in immediate danger of being hurt by the rule, can well afford to "grind" a little more. Out of the twelve fraternities we were fourth last semester and for the last three years our rank is third. Our average is almost as good as the student body. One fraternity here has a better average than the student average.

In some ways this rule appears to be an unfair one. A student in order to remain in this university is required to make 75 per cent normal credit and only twelve hours per semester is required for eligibility to varsity athletic teams. The lowest fraternity is 10 per cent above this and nearly all are from 15 to 20 per cent better. All fraternities here have representatives in the various honor fraternities. Of course, every one recognizes that some standard of scholarship is necessary, and the rule requiring freshmen to make good before they can be initiated is no doubt a good one. Still it does not seem fair to require so much more of fraternities than of men outside.

LAWRENCE HYDE, *Alpha-Nu.*

A TOAST TO Π K Α.

I.

Air: "Stein Song."

Come now brothers all together
 To old Π K Α let's sing,
 Caring naught for wind or weather
 When to Π our voices ring.

Chorus:

II.

When the days are dark and dreary
 And the trees are bleak and bare,
 Then our bodies worn and weary
 Find in II a comfort rare.

Chorus:

III.

When the spring of life has parted
 And the hair is tinged with grey,
 Once again, we feel light-hearted
 As we drink to II K A.

Chorus:

IV.

Then it's always fair weather
 For II spirit knows no tether
 Lend your voice to the chorus
 In a toast to II K A

Chorus:

V.

And we'll toast her forever
 For us from her naught can sever,
 So ring out strong and hearty
 As we pledge $\Phi \Phi$ K A.

A. C. BALL, *Eta.*

 THE ACTIVE PI.

It has been said that activity is the source of life and without activity one is dead, and this saying can have no better application than in the college fraternity man.

As a rule when we speak of an active fraternity man, we refer to a member of an active chapter. But, friends, all active members are not active. In the great hive of fraternalism there are many drones, there are many who are prone to shift the responsibility from their shoulders, many who would enjoy the pleasures without the toil. Such men are not active members, they may be in word, but not in deed. And such men can never love their

fraternity as the man who shoulders the responsibilities and bears the burdens, for it is those very responsibilities and duties as well as those pleasures that makes us love and revere our fraternity as we do.

Moreover, we should consider it a pleasure, yes, a privilege, to serve old Pi Kappa Alpha, for is she not our mother? Did she not give us birth into the world of fraternalism? Then we, as her children, should consider it our sacred duty and privilege to uphold her and upbuild her, to work and pray for her until she becomes paramount in the world of fraternities.

So, brothers, let us put our shoulders to the wheel and our hearts to the task and push until old II K A becomes not a national fraternity, but *the* national fraternity and her praises are sung from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Maine to Mexico.

Then we'll drink to old Pi Kappa Alpha
 To her members both active and old,
 And we'll drain our glass dry
 To each loyal Pi
 Who works for the garnet and gold.

DONALD E. BROWN, *Beta*.

OUR FRATERNITY—A TOAST.

Fill up your glasses, boys, up to the brim,
 We'll drink to our frat boys, we'll drink with a vim;
 With Pi Kappa Alpha we'll stand to the last,
 We'll stand in the future as we've stood in the past
 For our fraternity.

So here's to the frat boys, the garnet and gold,
 Its colors we cherish, its banners unfold
 To the frats of the world; and say without fear
 Our standard is noble, the cohorts we cheer
 Of our fraternity.

Now it's up with your glasses, and down with your drinks,
 Our hearts are alike—what each one of us thinks
 Is what we all think—what each one of us does
 Is what we all do—what each one of us loves.
 Is our fraternity.

LEROY J. VELER, *Alpha-Rho*.

ARE WE TOO CONSERVATIVE ABOUT EXPANSION?

The question, "Aren't we too conservative about expansion," probably comes to every active member of Pi Kappa Alpha, especially if his chapter is located in an institution where every fraternity there has more chapters nationally than his has. It is in fact a very serious question and, of course, must be considered from many angles. It will be conceded from the start that we do not want undesirable chapters in Pi Kappa Alpha and we do not want a "booming" expansion that lives only as long as the "boom" lasts. On the other hand we do not want expansion. It is necessary to any progressive fraternity and especially a national fraternity that has the room to grow in that Pi Kappa Alpha has. The writer does not wish to criticize Pi Kappa Alpha, his fraternity which he holds above all others in his heart, but it seems to me that our weakest point today is our slow expansion. It is a fact that Pi Kappa Alpha has made less progress in this respect in the last five years than any other fraternity of equal standing in the South, Middle West and West. There is something wrong. We either do not appeal to prospective chapters or we are entirely too conservative. I believe the fault lies with us. I believe we are too narrow on this question. I further believe that if it were left to a vote of the majority of the active chapters our record of expansion would be better, that we would inaugurate a more progressive policy in this respect. The writer has been watching, as closely as possible, some petitions that have been submitted to the proper authorities and it is his honest opinion that we have lost some chapters, through our "destructive conservatism," that would have been a great boon to Pi Kappa Alpha. We must either go forward or backward. I would like to see the "progressive" movement inaugurated, and I am not a "Bull Moose" either, but I am strong for more chapters. I hope to see this question brought up at the next convention and steps taken leading to the acceptance of a few more petitions. The four chapters accepted last year only partly atone for the state of inactivity the previous few years. With our present room for expansion, we do not need to jump at peti-

tions, neither do we need to hold that we have plenty of room and therefore will not make any particular effort to expand. In curtailing our acceptance of new chapters we hide too much under the term, "quality not quantity." Of course it is quality not quantity that we want, but isn't it very easy to turn a petition down on this ground when in reality the quality offered is worth more consideration? At least, there must be something wrong. We are not, even yet, progressive enough.

LERoy HIGHFILL, *Alpha-Zeta*.

AT EVENING.

When the roses burst in blossom,
 When the yellow jessamine smiled;
 There were lanes of slender flowers,
 Lanes of laughing, upturned flowers,
 Shot with grasses tall and wild.

When the dusk o'ertook the sunshine,
 When the jessamine's cheek grew pale;
 There were rows of broken flowers,
 Broken stems in dismal bowers
 Born to beauty, born to fail.

Thou wert radiant in fullness,
 Rich of color, wafted musk;
 Soft and languorous as thy jessamine,
 Fair, submissive as thy jessamine.
 Sharing sunshine, facing dusk.

EARL BALDWIN THOMAS, *Gamma*.

THE COLLEGE FRATERNITY.

In considering the college fraternity there are several viewpoints which must be taken into consideration. First, we must look at the fraternity from the standpoint of the university. Second, the fraternity as a whole must be considered. Third, there are the active chapters, around which revolve the whole fraternity question. And, lastly, the alumni members must be taken into consideration in determining this question.

The first of these points seems to present more difficulties

than any of the others. This is undoubtedly the fact at the present time; but was more pronounced a few years ago than at present. The fraternity and college are gradually adjusting their differences. The reason of this is a better understanding between the college faculty and the fraternity, brought about by many of the professors themselves being fraternity men. Since there is no *real* point of difference, this better understanding of the subject will eliminate all difficulties. The college aims to prepare men to be useful citizens; and the fraternity has the same aim, but with more emphasis laid on the value of friends and friendship.

The aims and ideals of every chapter of any fraternity must be the same, if the fraternity is to grow and be of lasting benefit to its members. For this reason the chapter must be in subjection to a general body representing the fraternity at large. Individual chapters very often are impatient of this authority; but a little consideration will show that it is necessary. In the first place, the work must be uniform, otherwise the ideals of one chapter would be one thing, and the ideals of another would be something else. As a consequence there could be but very little community of interests between members of different chapters, and fraternity growth would be hurt. Another reason why chapters should be subject to this authority is, that this general body can understand the conditions better with reference to the establishment of new chapters. This is a phase of fraternity work which the chapter cannot take, but individual members may aid the general officers in this work.

The individual chapter is a unit. It stands related not only to the college, and to the fraternity at large, but also to alumni chapters, and alumni wherever they may be. We have already seen that if the chapter is true to its ideals it will also be true to its college; also the aggregate of chapters as a representative body stands for the fraternity. With these facts in mind we can readily see the great importance of the active chapter; and it behooves every individual member to see that his chapter is kept up to the standard.

Now, lastly, we come to the alumni phase of the fraternity,

though this phase is by no means the least in importance; but rather is it of more importance, for not only do the active chapters need the advice and experience of the old men, but through the chapters these men are bound more closely to their alma maters.

STOKES, *Theta*.

CHAPTER SONG.

Tune: "Eveline."

Come, Pi Kay A's,

Your voices raise,

And sing of joy and cheer in golden college days,

Sing while dusk and the shadows steal

Across the sky,

Sing of fair Pi maidens, sing of chapter days.

Sing of the diamond's peerless rays,

For the gold and garnet sing aloud your praise,

Sing of college days in Pi Kay A!

HAROLD W. RUDOLPH, *Alpha-Upsilon*.

THE FRATERNITY SITUATION AT FLORIDA.

Fraternities at the University of Florida have opportunities for development that are unsurpassed by few schools in the South. The fraternity with the right principle and aims can, with efficient control and management, grow strong and become a powerful factor at this institution. Men with foresight and tact will be needed, and those who have a purely social aim in the conduct of their chapter will not be able to make a permanent success here. Some of the laxities which are indulged in by chapters in older universities, will, if tolerated by a fraternity at Florida during her present growth, ruin the chances of the fraternity for an influential standing in later years. While this is true, some of the deep-seated and ancient traditions that bind the fraternity in the older schools must be given freer rein and greater toleration in order to meet and cope with the conditions that face a chapter in a young and growing college.

In the first place, the future of the University of Florida is assured. Supported as it is by the state, and possessing a beau-

tiful campus covered with magnificent buildings, it cannot fail on this account. The buildings are being erected at the rate of a new building each year. There are already eight of them completed and in use and two in the process of construction. Students are so numerous that accommodations cannot be found for all, and more are coming each year. From this it is evident that fraternities need not fail for want of a good school in which to develop.

In the next place, the available fraternity material is of the right type. Coming, as many of them do, from old Southern families and from the better class of northerners, they possess those qualities that go to make up a good fraternity man.

Again, state legislation has not interfered with fraternities in Florida as it has in many southern states. Also, the university faculty, made up as it is with many men who are Greeks, offers not opposition, but rather encouragement to the fraternities and to their work.

As nothing stands in the way of the establishment and growth of a chapter, as far as outside elements are concerned, it only remains for the fraternity men to employ right methods and exert correct influences, together with an appreciation for all conditions to be met, in order to insure chapters of the highest order in Florida.

At present there are quite enough chapters located here, but the time will soon be ripe when the growth of the student body will bring about a situation which will demand either more chapters or the extermination of those already in existence.

The fraternities already here, three in number, cannot hope to secure all the good fraternity material that is bound to come. If such a thing was actually done, the local chapters would become of a size that is detrimental to any fraternity. However, this is not apt to be the case, and the only remaining condition would be a large school made up of the best types of men; and three fraternities. There would inevitably result a war not between fraternities, but between fraternity and non-fraternity men.

Such a situation arising, there would result exactly what has

happened at many of the southern colleges where such a condition has existed. So much pressure would be brought to bear by the non-fraternity element, that legislation by the state would eliminate the fraternities from the college life of Florida schools.

The proper remedy for such a condition is to meet it gradually, as it gradually arises and by the establishment of chapters of the best fraternities, as the need arises, insure permanent existence of fraternities at Florida and the maintenance of a strong and beneficial influence as a result of their entity.

PAUL R. BEELER, *Alpha-Eta*.

AN ANALYSIS: WHY IS A CROW?

Because—summer and winter, through rain or shine, for once, for all, through thick and thin, for good or bad, a flock of sparrows will cling together. The crow sees this, and shudders. He cannot become one of the band—he is a crow. Question:—Mr. Crow, are there no other crows in the world but you?

For him there is in that band no malice, no harm, yet as he gazes upon it, his one desire is to shatter it, to destroy it, to disrupt it with a force or desire as great as that by which the band itself is held together.

“Conceived in oppression, opposed to tyranny, dedicated to liberty,” sects have and are developing in our colleges and universities; they have been and are continuing to throw their distorted pinions into the cogs of university life, and probably will always continue so to do. It was once said of a great man that he was the most detested and most beloved person in the universe. It has also been said that this is the real test of a man.

Crows in our college world, before the human standard of greatness, what is your measure? You detest the frat. Why? You came to college unheralded, unbeknown to the Greek letter scouts—perhaps. You were not bid. You were! Then you bear the armor you wear against your will. There isn't

one active non-fraternity man out of a hundred, having been bid, but feels like climbing down off of his pedestal, "conceived in liberty, etc.," and offering his hand with a feeling of shame to every clear-cut honest "knight of the jewelled letter" (as they desire to term him) he meets. But why, you ask, do they get this *one*? Because, having refused the bid, through force of circumstances, or otherwise, he feels in their ranks a *common bond*, a feeling of likeness, a something in common with them. This is the secret and essence of the Greek-letter fraternity.

"But," say they, "you bar, you discriminate, you select, you eliminate. You say to one, Come; to another, Never. True democracy recognizes no differences. It demands equality. Are we not all brothers?"

Some day, "Oppressed Friend," you'll seek a lifemate. What will your measure be? Will *YOU* recognize no difference? Or will you likewise bar, eliminate—select, discriminate? Bosh! you say, no comparison. But there is. The college freshman enters a strange new world. He naturally selects associates. You did it yourself, if you'll remember, and you'll do it every time you change your habitat. Do you throw down all bars and say, "Come one, come all," and admit that boundless host of the ever willing rabble "Democ" to your circle of trusted and desired? What is more natural in the world than for a bunch of college fellows to get together and choose those of their kind with whom, during four of the most precious years of their lives they will live, eat, sleep, talk, work, associate, and have their being? They learn to know each other, understand each other, sympathize with each other, love each other, help each other, fight for each other, as every friend, or group of friends should do. Now, if this group desires to adopt some name by which it shall be designated from the rest of the community, and around which they may encircle and develop an atmosphere of standing and character, which atmosphere may emblazon upon that order a stamp of distinction, what harm results? And if this band don and wear an emblem symbolic

of the purposes and ideals of its organization, again what harm?

It is the true fraternal bonds above outlined that furnishes the life and breath of the fraternity system of today, and so long as these exist, in short so long as human nature endures in its present state, the fraternity *spirit* can never die. It is a force of college nature that cannot be extinguished. Princetonize your universities, if you will, but the fraternity lives on undaunted in Princeton's famous "Club Rows;" abolish their outward forms, if you like, but that spark of true fraternalism is inextinguishable forever, it will not down.

"But," they feebly answer, "some fraternities have degenerating ideals, and the best fraternities have their snobs!" Too true, but there are exceptions everywhere, and the outlaw and the criminal are no more beloved in the nation than the snob and the "big head" in the fraternity.

This is the analytical diagnosis of the Greek-letter fraternity, pure and simple. The mystic grip and the secret rites appall and detest the unkempt. But that phase of fraternity life is fast passing into oblivion, and it should be. The "secrets" of the best fraternities today are few and immaterial. The organization that bases its footing on those ideals has long been relegated to the realm of antiquity, and now serves its only purpose in the argument box of the "oppressed and liberty loving," and there today lies all its vitality.

In our college world, it is the most beloved order in existence to those within the pale, and probably the most detested to those without. This is the true test of greatness. It is founded upon the very same and cherished principles that lie at the foundation of our most sacred institution, the family unit. It fills a role in the college man's life that cannot be effaced, destroyed, daunted, or suppressed. It throws up the bars to some, but at the same time leaves those excluded free to seek their kind in like manner. This is something, however, that the "liberty loving and oppressed" as yet do not seem big enough to do. Either climb into the comely lap of Dame Democ, or

you've missed your calling, you have a distorted idea of college life, you live in vain, you can never succeed.

Utopian dreams will not cease to be emitted, the "Oppressed and Libertyites" will yowl forever, but the fraternal spirit will continue to be satisfied, if not by the Greek-letter organizations, by Princeton's "Clubs," by "College Rows," or by some other unnatural, illegal, and uncontrollable unlegitimized organization.

There's a reason, gentle reader, there's a reason!

Why is a crow? Because.

ELSON A. WIFLER, *Alpha-Rho*.

A FEW THOUGHTS FOR NEW MEN.

The fact that you are a Greek-letter fraternity man conveys the idea that you either surpass the average college student morally, socially, and intellectually; or, that you are made of material capable of being developed along these lines. If you are not what your chapter thought you to be—why, then, it is disappointed in you and the reputation of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity has been injured. But if you are what you were supposed to be, then "where much is given, much is required."

He whose only purpose in joining any organization is because of the prestige and distinction derived from it, is an unworthy member of that organization.

The fraternity has done you honor in electing you into its sacred bonds of brotherhood. Then, as a man and a brother, you should endeavor to bring nothing but honor upon it.

You are jealous of your fraternity's reputation. The non-fraternity members of the student body do not judge a fraternity by its strongest member, nor even by its average, but by its weakest one. The old adage, "a chain is just as strong as its weakest link," may aptly be applied to the college fraternity. Then does it not behoove you to continuously acquaint yourself with the conduct and scholarship of every member of your chapter and to use your influence upon the weaker brothers in such a way that they will strive to maintain the very best possible standing?

I. F. SIMMONS, *Alpha-Pi*.

A SUGGESTION TO THE INITIATE

The new man in the fraternity has more difficulties than he ever thought of before he entered the fraternity. All men, when they enter a new field of activity, are obliged to master certain things and conditions before any degree of success is possible. This is very true in the modern college fraternity. It maintains, if it is worthy of the name, a position peculiarly its own and a dignity which requires the best of the college man. When I entered the fraternity little did I think that the step would vitally affect every college relationship. Different forces, and great ones at that, hedged my life on every side. So it is with you. Are you going to master the situation or are you going to let the situation master you?

Now the fraternity that you have joined represents an ideal and the best and highest. If it does not it has no excuse for existence, but, on the other hand, if your frat has a lofty ideal, and that ideal incarnated in the older members and their boast of congeniality evenly fulfilled by their positive relation to you, it is your "master building" chance. Now give the fraternity a chance to help you build, and in building build from within. Don't let the best part stop on the outside and appear as "varnish." Some frat men get a good coat of "silk veneer" and then they think they are ready to be "knighted" and looked upon as a representative of the tribe of Sir Galahad.

Again, what are you going to do with the non-fraternity men? The fellow who was especially kind to you when you first walked upon the campus—are you going to look down upon him? If you want your frat life and whole college course brim full of spice, keep your first position as friend and helper of the "barbs." If you can do this and not lose the dignity of a frat man you will not only prove yourself a man and worthy to be a frat man, but also make your personality felt and respected in every corner of the campus. Once lick the non-frat man with the rough side of your tongue and once slight him in a common social function and he is not only your enemy, but also, to some extent, the enemy of every frat in college. "Can you walk with kings and not lose the common touch?" If the frat

does not inculcate a principle that goes to help you to be the friend to every man, it is losing the very heart and underlying motive of its existence.

Again, you are a unit in the structure which we call internal strength. Beyond a doubt it can be said the fraternity with internal strength is powerful beyond destruction. Keep the inside strong and harmonious and you will never have occasion to fear an assault from the outside. You can make the frat strong by just being a man, a man in the truest sense of the word. And a man will not make pleasure a business, but business a pleasure.

L. R. KING, *Theta*.

MEETING SONG.

Tune—"The Old Oaken Bucket."

The garnet and gold at our meeting enfold us,
 The key to our circle has opened the way,
 The ties that have brought us together shall hold us
 United and loyal for dear Pi Kay A:
 And oft to our college and chapter returning
 Where memories cluster so happy and gay,
 Our hearts shall be burning with gladness and yearning
 For Pi Kappa Alpha, for dear Pi Kay A.

When mighty with shield we shall gird us and rally,
 Or when with the scroll we shall thoughtful array,
 Our diamond shall guide us and lilies of valley
 Shall garland our triumphs for dear Pi Kay A;
 And oft in the future the word shall be spoken
 That summons us then as it summoned today
 To render our hearts with a spirit unbroken
 For Pi Kappa Alpha, for dear Pi Kay A!

HAROLD W. RUDOLPH, *Alpha-Upsilon*.

IN DECIDING.

It is an honor to be "bid" by a fraternity. It is honorable to accept the invitation. And the fraternity is honored in your membership. Therefore, the man who possesses that amount of calibre to warrant him an invitation should carefully weigh, pro and con, the features and advantages of the fraternities seeking his affiliation.

The first important feature is the spirit of congeniality manifested by the members one toward another; for therein lies the comradeship of each chapter. This may be observed during the rushing season, and the prospective frat man, unless blinded by the insatiable desire to wear a Greek letter pin, will notice any current of unkindred relations. No man with an earnest desire to become a thorough frat man would associate himself during the formative period of his career with an organization displaying a want of good-will.

The reputation of the fraternity in the college world comes in for consideration. By correspondence with friends of prep school days and by the perusal of exchange periodicals of other colleges, this information may be gleaned.

Fraternity scholarship should to a large extent symbolize one's decision. Some universities have adopted an award system to fraternities, offering prizes for the fraternity maintaining the highest grade in scholarship, and in a few schools of learning the standing is published in the school organ. This is a commendable feature on the part of the institutions, and a benefit to the future fraternity man as a method of receiving information. A father sends his son to school primarily to receive an education or training fitting him for his life work. The association, therefore, with those collegians who are striving first for enlightenment and understanding would not only be carrying out the parents' desires, thereby receiving their sanction of membership in a fraternity, but would classify him with the diligent.

The social standing is due a portion of forethought—the word social being used in the Websterian sense. The off-the-campus associates are bound to distribute us in various atmospheres—atmospheres which would be uplifting. This applies to both sexes; and, in the words of a learned man, "Society is the atmosphere of souls; and we necessarily imbibe from it something which is either infectious or healthful." And as Osborn puts it: "Society, if good, is a better refiner of the spirits than ordinary books."

But ultimately, the most advantageous theme a fraternity of-

fers to the prospective member, and the proposition which should be the weightiest in making his final decision, is the distribution of membership in the various departments of the school. This is more applicable to the university offering numerous branches in education and professional training, than to the college restricted to limited learning. To the man entering an institution with prospects of becoming a fraternity man, he should especially consider the fraternity in which there is at least one upper-classman carrying the same course which he intends to pursue. The assistance and coaching receivable from the upper-classman is incalculable to the embryo university student. It will give him an advantage over the freshman in some other fraternity in whose personnel there is no advanced student. The older fraternity men would find it a source of pleasure to assist beginners, besides being a benefit by way of reviewing.

So, in summing up, the salient reasons upon which a man should base his decision are: the congeniality or good-will, the reputation in the college world, the scholarship, the social standing, and the departmental distribution of members.

“Men by associating in groups with earnest intent and ambition improve their talents and strengthen their minds.”

FRANK K. BOAL, *Zeta*.

FRATERNITY SPIRIT.

One of the first things that is noticed about fraternity men is the spirit that is manifested by them. The non-frat man's opinion of our fraternities is fixed by the spirit that is outwardly manifested by the wearers of Greek lettered badges. If that manifestation is not of the right kind, the sentiment created is against us. Under that condition, it is a difficult matter to gain the confidence of men in order to pledge them to our brotherhood.

Since the outward manifestation of our loyalty goes so far towards bringing men to us, we may well ask ourselves this question: “What kind of a spirit should my fraternity show for the best of its interests?” To answer this question it will be

well to notice some attitudes that do not stand for our best interest.

In the first place, we should guard against clannishness. When I say this, I do not mean that we are not to associate with our brothers, but that we should avoid the spirit of seclusion. Fraternity life is to polish the physical and develop the mental faculties of a man, and not to seclude him from the rest of the world outside of his brothers. Time and again we see that clannish spirit manifested, and we can safely say that it appeals to none of the outside world. We have often heard it said by non-frat men that when they get with a clannish crowd they feel like they are intruders. Does that give the right kind of an impression to the world which is looking to the frat man as the select one?

Of course a certain degree of association with our brothers is essential for our reaping the best rewards, but we can get that association without secluding ourselves from the rest of the outside world and priding ourselves in the fact that we are the select few. We should cultivate a brotherly feeling for our brothers, and a kind and friendly one for all who are not so fortunate as we.

Another spirit that creeps into some chapters, and one which should be guarded against, is that of selfishness. It has been the writer's privilege (if I may call it such) to see some men who were enthusiastic in every college activity so long as their brother was at the head of the movement, but as soon as he was replaced by some other man outside of their number they passed into insignificance, taking no part in college activities just because their frat was not leading. Now I am not attacking their enthusiasm while their brother was leader of college activities, but rather that spirit of selfishness that was manifested when their brother was replaced by another man. It seems to me to be a self-evident fact that if we wish our fraternity to take the lead in college affairs we must be willing to co-operate with the leaders, whoever they may be; stand by them in their plans, and when a task is put upon us, do it to the very best of our ability. In that way we win the confidence of the people, and will soon find ourselves climbing. But the man, who is so en-

thusiastic while his brother is leading and whose enthusiasm is changed to scorn and reproach when his brother is removed, flourishes like a plant on a lonely mound. He is bright and happy so long as his mound remains untouched, but when it is removed he vanishes away. Is that the type of men who are worth something to the world? We believe you will answer in the negative. The kind of men we need are those who do not sink into insignificance when their brother is not leading, but those who co-operate in every effort and prove themselves worthy of every task.

We have been looking at the wrong kind of sentiments to create, and now let us turn to a brighter view. Many of us are glad to say that those clannish and selfish motives do not enter our halls, but that does not necessarily mean that we are creating the right kind of an atmosphere. The right kind of a spirit for us to foster and cherish is one of brotherly love for all our brothers, and also a friendly and hospitable relation to the world. It should find its seat in the depths of our hearts, and expression in our daily acts. Its intensity should not only be sufficient to saturate the members of our chapter, but to be an outpouring fountain to the vast multitudes. Its extension should not be limited to our own select company, but it should be passed along to the outside world that it may see the real value of fraternity life. Its goal should not be the gaining of selfish ends, but in the inspiration of noble thoughts and high ideals in those with whom we are associated. This kind of a spirit can be developed only in our fraternity halls, for in no other place do we have such intimate association.

Now how can we create such a spirit? Surely not by dissension and fostering prejudice, but by keeping before the chapter the highest ideals and loftiest thoughts. These outward manifestations are nothing but an extension of the spirit that is created within the chapter halls, and we have the power of making that what we wish. At our meetings we should make it a point to exclude all prejudice which we may have against some other frat, and try to impress the chapter with the need of work and honest effort in order to bring honor and shed glory upon the order we all so dearly love.

C. A. HASKEW, *Delta*.

BANQUET SONG.

(N. Y. U. Drinking Song.)

1.

Here's a little jingle, Drink it down, Drink it down,
 Here's a little jingle, Drink it down, Drink it down,
 In this jingle, mingle—"Pi's in love, hitched up, and single!"—
 Drink it down, Drink it down, Drink it down, down, down!

CHORUS:

Phi Phi Kappa Alpha!
 Phi Phi Kappa Alpha!
 Pi Kappa Alpha!
 Hurrah for Pi Kay A!

2.

Here's to single Pi's, Drink it down, Drink it down,
 Here's to single Pi's, Drink it down, Drink it down,
 Here's to single Pi's, They're the wisest of the wise,
 Drink it down, Drink it down, Drink it down, down, down!

CHORUS:

3.

Here's to Pi's in love, Drink it down, Drink it down,
 Here's to Pi's in love, Drink it down, Drink it down,
 Here's to Pi's in love, They have found their turtle-dove,
 Drink it down, Drink it down, Drink it down, down, down!

CHORUS:

4.

Here's to married Pi's, Drink it down, Drink it down,
 Here's to married Pi's, Drink it down, Drink it down,
 Here's to married Pi's, May their fortunes ever rise,
 Drink it down, Drink it down, Drink it down, down, down.

CHORUS:

5.

Here's to future Pi's, Drink it down, Drink it down,
 Here's to future Pi's, Drink it down, Drink it down,
 Here's to future Pi's, Soon they'll join us in the ties,
 Drink it down, Drink it down, Drink it down, down, down!

CHORUS:

6.

Here's to Pi Kay A, Drink it down, Drink it down,
 Here's to Pi Kay A, Drink it down, Drink it down,
 Here's to Pi Kay, A, To her health we drink today,
 Drink it down, Drink it down, Drink it down, down, down!

CHORUS:

HAROLD W. RUDOLPH, *Alpha-Upsilon.*

Editorial

Football. The past football season has been perhaps one of the most successful seasons in the history of football. The new rules, providing as they did for more open play, have given more opportunity for individual work than ever before. Reports from the various chapters have it that Pi Kappa Alpha has been well represented on the various teams, in some instances having from three to seven members on one team. It is the hope of the staff to make the February 1913 number a football number, and to that end the chapters are requested to send in at once to the editor photos, and where possible, cuts of their members who played on the football teams. It is very necessary that this be done at once, as it takes some time to get the material in shape for publication. Also, the chapters are requested to send short accounts of the individual players.

Songs. The campaign for songs, inaugurated by the editor immediately after he took charge of the magazine, a little over a year ago, has been met with more than ordinary success. We thought when a few songs came in for the first few issues that we were doing more than well, judging by the lack of songs in the previous issues. But, look at every number of the magazine of late. In not a single one of them has a song failed to appear, and in most of them we have had from three to seven songs. Truly, we think this a remarkable showing for Pi Kappa Alpha. It only shows that we have the talent in the fraternity, and the only thing necessary is to develop it. We congratulate most heartily those of our members who have sent in songs, and ask that they keep up the good work. The song book is now a possibility, and shortly we hope it to be a proba-

bility. The time is getting short before the next Convention, and to have the song book published by that time it is necessary that all songs be in within a month or two. Let them come!

Chapter Letters. The following article is so pertinent to the campaign we have been waging for good chapter letters that it is reprinted in full: Since the chapter correspondents have been elected for the coming year, we take this opportunity to give them a few points on the art and science of good chapter-letter writing.

There is more or less bungling work done in this department. It is usually due to the fact that the letter-writers do not clearly understand what is required of them. They have to write, they have a certain amount to write, so many of them just throw in this and that, like a confectioner making up a pound of mixed candy, until the plagued job is done and rid of for another month or so. I know, for I was once a chapter correspondent myself.

Now, the writing of chapter letters can be made an easy and pleasant duty. It is only necessary to understand the purpose of the chapter letter, and then make every line of it measure up to that purpose.

First, then, who is the chapter letter written for? For the fellows in your own chapter? Never. You are writing to interest and inform a double audience: first, the active and alumni men of the fraternity in general; and second, the alumni of your own chapter. You should put in everything of general interest to either or both of the groups and cut out whatever is not of interest to them, however much it may interest you.

The chapter letter is, or ought to be, a "news" letter. We do not desire in this department any literary efforts on the charms of spring or the beauties of the campus. We want letters that are chockfull of good, live "news" about the chapter's progress and aims, about your house, about the chapter's connection with college activities, and especially about your men, both active and alumni. Did you ever read in the larger newspapers the

letters from Paris or New York or Atlantic City? The newspapers pay good money for those spicy, gossipy letters. Study them for ideas on handling material.

Good writing is as much an art as good piano playing. You have heard amateur pianists monotonously drumming out selections that tire you, but the very same pieces have thrilled you when played by artists with a skillful command of emphasis and tonal effects. Our chapter correspondents ought to study and learn, not only for the sake of the magazine, but for their own personal benefit, how to shade and emphasize their material, how to play up one thing and lightly pass another. This can be learned just like brick-laying can be learned, and it (good writing) is a splendid acquirement for anyone. Learn to pass by the commonplaces in your letter with a mere mention and to lay stress on what is news, as defined above.

The best "news" is always human interest news. That is, news pertaining to persons. The more personal and intimate it is, the better. Give us word pictures of your men so we will know them. Let us all get acquainted with your men personally. We don't want to think of them as just so many units. Throw in some sidelights on them, so we can smile at their foibles and sympathize with them in their sorrows. When the steamer Titanic went down, Mr. and Mrs. Isador Straus went down with it. Did the news writers simply mention the fact in so many words? They did not. They deftly elaborated it and made millions the world over weep for this heroic couple.

It is important for the chapter correspondent, either directly or indirectly, by letter-writing or word of mouth, to get a line on the alumni of his chapter. Every one of your alumni is the subject of a live, interesting news story if you can but dig it out. Most fraternity magazines have as many alumni subscribers as active readers. It is only fair to the alumni to give them a good share of space and attention and to keep in mind what may be of special interest to them when writing letters. Send all the alumni items you can get hold of. If such news doesn't come in, then go after it.

For the benefit of those who read and run, news writers us-

ually give a summary of their story in the first paragraph. It has been suggested that the chapter correspondents give a similar summary of the principal items at the beginning of their letter. This would be very desirable where possible, but it is not always practicable, since in many cases the whole letter is but a summary of events.

In writing on this subject it is customary for editors to lay down about two-score of "don'ts," but we will omit them, since they are a matter of common knowledge or easily found in rhetoric books under the head of "Preparing copy for printers."

The matter of expression, style, etc., can not be treated here. Suffice it to say that good writing is principally a matter of clear thinking. A man with befuddled ideas can not write well, no matter how facile his expression. Before starting to write you should know fairly well what you are going to say. A good writer is master of his material, always. A writer who gropes in the dark can not write well, never. Hence, the best chapter correspondents are those who keep a note-book in which they jot down from day to day any items or happenings that may be used in the letter. When the time comes to write the letter, they will probably find it necessary to condense and eliminate. They have the chapter letter in a corner instead of the chapter letter having them in a corner. Having the material in hand, it is advisable, before starting to write, to crystallize one's thought by discussing the material with a good, sympathetic listener. Then go at it, like an artist, developing the high lights and shadows that will stamp your letter as a good job well done.

Amateur writers make the blunder of treating different items according to their knowledge of them, rather than on the basis of relative importance. Here is a relatively unimportant item concerning which the writer is very well informed, so he gives it fifty words. Here is an important news item concerning which the writer knows but little, so he gives it twelve words. The finished letter is like a portrait painting that over-emphasizes the subject's clothes and the draperies in the background,

but slights the subject's features. The items should all be carefully weighed and given the space that their relative importance demands. If you can not secure enough facts to emphasize an item properly, then reiterate. Take the preceding paragraph, for example. If it were unimportant, we could dismiss it with the phrase, "Good writing is principally a matter of clear thinking," nine words, which is really the gist of the ideas. And yet we develop it into 150 words because of its importance. The third and fourth sentences are virtually repetitions of the second.

The writer may be excused for his presumption in setting himself up as an authority on these matters, since he has for some years earned his bread and butter by the products of his pen.

I have found that the best mechanical aid to good writing is a typewriter. It types your letters just as they will appear in print, and enables you to see at a glance if your sentences are smoothly connected. It is possible to buy "rebuilt" typewriters of any make for about \$35. I can not imagine a better investment for any chapter. Every man ought to know how to handle a typewriter, and if fifteen men can learn how on a \$35 machine, it's pretty cheap expense for the added accomplishment. Typewritten letters look more businesslike, are easier to read and, when you get the swing of it, are easier to write. A typewritten letter home will be a visible evidence to father that you are learning something, and he will likely prove more tractable in meeting your Y. M. C. A. expenses, etc. Let every chapter put in a typewriter at once or first thing next fall.—*Elkanah B. Hulley, Editor The Phi Gamma Delta.*

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.

Initiates—Francis Milton Massie, Theological Seminary, Va.
Franklin Hanger, Jr., Staunton, Va.

Alpha takes great pleasure in introducing these two splendid specimens of the genus goatum, as the result of our predatory activities, and we are now with argus-eyed alertness, searching around for other likely neophytes, who in the turmoil of the goating season, escaped notice.

The new inter-fraternity agreement, which was given its initial tryout this fall, has proved to be an "Apple of Sodom" and it is with a fair degree of certainty that a return to the old regime can be predicted for next year.

Of course, football is, and has been, the topic of conversation, the center of interest, and the holder of the spotlight all the year. The showing of Virginia's team has been most gratifying, especially the brilliant and plucky fights against Vanderbilt and Georgetown—while both games were lost, still the results upset all the predictions, and exploded the theories of the professional dopesters who had prophesied ignominious annihilation for us at the hands of the aforesaid teams. Vanderbilt, the monarch of the southern gridiron, was held to a score of 13 to 0, and Georgetown won in the last three minutes of play by a field goal put over by Costello, whose terrible toe has proved the Nemesis of several teams in this section. The final score was 16 to 13 in their favor.

The next diversion for the students will be the annual game with the University of North Carolina at Richmond on Thanksgiving day. A large crowd is expected to go down.

On the night after Wilson's election, quite a celebration, in the form of a torchlight parade and jollification was held by the students, expressive of the interest felt here in his success, as the president-elect is an alumnus of this university.

Around college, everything is quiet, the height of the soiree, and other convivial forms of amusement for the prospectives having waned with the passing of the rushing season, and the dark and fearsome spectre of the fall examinations is in the ascendancy.

Bros. Marshall, Massie, and Hanger attended the fall dance at Sweet Briar College, Friday night, and are unanimously effusive in their praises, both of the dance and the "dancerines." With these three Romeo's upholding Alpha's position in the realm of society, little fear need be entertained for its stability.

Among the honors that the brothers have recently achieved must be mentioned, Bro. Standard's appointment to the staff of *College Topics*, Bro. Redus' election to the P. K. society, Bro. Bitting's appointment to the office of assignment editor of *College Topics* and associate editor of *Corks and Curls*, and Bro. Livingston's election to Sigma Delta Chi, an honorary journalistic fraternity.

From letters received from Bros. Albertson, Brock, Blanton, and Guthrie, who did not return this year, they all seem to be thriving in their respective fields.

Bro. Albertson's rapid rise as a legal light, and dispenser of jurisprudence has been especially marked.

Bro. Livingston is at present sojourning in a city not far distant; in fact his periodic pilgrimages to the valley occur with almost uncanny regularity. The nature of his visits is still shrouded in mystery.

Bro. "Tooley" White '10, arrived tonight subsequent to his telegram announcing his coming—P. S. "With ammunition," His similarity to an ambulant arsenal, to prolong the simile, was a source of great joy to the brothers. J. M. HOWARD, JR.

BETA.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

When the last letter was written we had just gotten into our year's work and now without realizing that more than two months have passed we are facing exams. We have just ten more days of grace and a siege of two weeks with exams before our holidays begin. These last few days will count for most in our college work and in rushing new men, and we have our efforts centered on these two. We expect when the cloud and smoke of the fray has cleared away to have the consciousness of a battle well fought and a duty well done in regard to our college work, and a number of worthy initiates that will be lasting evidence of our efforts for II K A.

We have a strong hold on several good men and we wish to thank our alumni who have been so loyal in helping us be friends with them. The ones we wish to thank most are Bros. R. B. Hill, J. A. Scott, John McSween, Jim McCoy and W. M. Cowles. We are always glad to get a first acquaintance with new men through our alumni as an introduction from them makes it much easier for us to find out who are strong men, and we sincerely hope that all who know good men that are either here now are expect to come will let us know.

We have recently had the pleasure of having Bro. W. M. Cowles with us for two days. Most of us had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Scott a few weeks ago. He is enjoying life with Tau. Bro. Robt. Lafferty who is still teaching in the medical college at Charlotte was a welcome visitor recently and made an address to the student body that was profitable and interesting to all. We hope that any II who gets even near here will pay us a visit.

Bro. Lanier is holding his old place on the college orchestra and glee club and has been elected society marshal which is different here from most college marshals and is considered one of the great honors of the literary society. Bro. Hollister is also society secretary and the writer is managing the finances of the society as treasurer.

Mr. Belk, of Charlotte, a friend to the college and one who is friendly to all fraternities has just given a handsome silver cup to be held each year by the fraternity that made the highest average in scholarship the previous year and to be given to that one having held it for the greatest number of years at the end of ten years. The Kappa Sigmas made the highest average last year and are now holding the cup.

The football season is nearing a close and we have one more game with Wake Forest on Thanksgiving. This promises to be a hard fought game as the record of each team shows that they are evenly matched. Both student bodies will see the game and their presence will add much to the interest. Bro. Todd has proven to be the strongest line plunger on the team and the whole student body is as proud of his work as we are.

With best wishes to all the II's that they will spend most pleasant holidays and that all of the chapters will be successful in getting all the new men they want. J. R. MCGREGOR.

GAMMA.

WILLIAM AND MARY.

It is our pleasure to introduce our latest initiate, Brent Wells, Norfolk, Va. Bro. Wells was initiated shortly after our last letter, and Gamma has thus swelled her list of splendid initiates.

Things are beginning to settle down now, and the grind is on, save for the spasms that will ensue around Thanksgiving week and the Christmas vacation. Handicapped by a series of genuine hard luck adventures, William and Mary has just ended what is, from the standpoint of the won and lost columns, her most disastrous gridiron season. Richmond College filled our cup of bitterness with one of the very infrequent defeats she has handed us, but our sole consolation is that throughout it all the team only dug their feet more firmly into the turf and fought to the last chalk line. One of the few bright stars in the firmament was Bro. Wright, who played the latter part of the season with an injury that caused him to enter each game with an especially designed head guard. Enough for the God

o' Gridiron. Basbctball has started, and Gamma is hopeful of a long string of victories.

Much has happened in the way of recreation. The second Monday of October witnessed the opening german, given by the german club, of which Bro. Wright is president. The Thanksgivng german will be held on the Friday following the holidy, and is viewed with anticipation.

Gamma has had a jolly house warming, an event whose gaiety was the greater because of the presence of our good II sisters, than whom we know none better. The house has been visited by several brothers from afar off, and their visits were the source of renewed inspiration. One Sunday, to our surprise and delight, Bro. C. H. Taber, Gamma of 1902, walked in on us, accompanied by Mrs. Taber. Bro. Taber was on his honeymoon, all the way from Ottawa, Canada, and in our unanimous opinion, he is one happy man. Came a few minutes later a knock at the outer door, and entered, Bro. C. F. Flood, of Zeta, one of the most loyal Pi's Gamma has ever encountered, and one of the most likable. Since then, Bro. Flood has visited Gamma several times, and at the moment of writing the goats are already financing the entertainment committee, for a big time is synonymous with the coming of Flood and our own District Chief, Bro. S. W. Lacy.

Bro. Cyrus Hankins, now an electrical engineer, spent a brief but pleasant day with us, and it is a great joy to have so near to Gamma's doors, Bro. George Geddy Hankins, of the class of 1908, who has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Eastern State hospital. From the foregoing one will understand that to our mind a great blessing of fraternity life in college is the friends found among the outside brothers, and Gamma urges that these visits be often repeated.

In the future looms Lexington and the coming Convention. From present indications, both hearsay and knowledge, it will be a large time, and it is none too early to urge the attendance of everybody who can come, whether he come in a special or as a health loving pedestrian. Kentucky is not so very remote, and in that state there grow those wonderful products of

which poets have sung and a James Lane Allen has written. In our conception, convention means Thanksgiving, Christmas week and New Year's Eve rolled into one, with the acme of joy amid the perfection of clean, pure pleasure keeping pace with II K A standard.

EARL BALDWIN THOMAS.

DELTA.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY.

Since the writing of the last letter, Delta has been able to join the list of chapters with bright prospects before them. We have added two more men to our roll, making us eight men. It gives us pleasure to introduce to our fraternity Bro. W. H. Robertson, of Opelika, Ala., and P. A. Proctor, of Tuskegee, Ala. Both of these men are worthy of their place, and they have entered into the spirit of the fraternity as few men do when first initiated. We feel sure that they will be a credit to Pi Kappa Alpha and will uphold her honor in every way.

To our great regret, we are not able to write of our wonderful football victories as some chapters do, but nevertheless we are striving to uphold our standard in other kinds of athletics. Basketball is our chief game at present, and from the outlook two Pi's are certain of the team. Bro. Roberts is the manager of the team, and he is now planning a game with the University of Texas and other important institutions. He is working to get a western trip for the team, and it is hoped that he will succeed.

The glee club has at last been selected, and on the final lineup only one Pi made a safe landing. From that it may seem that we are not musicians and vocalists in Delta, but what we lack in holding up our banner in noise, we make up in hard work. We can not always judge men by the noise they make, and on that account Delta can not be brought to trial for her small number on the glee club.

Two important debates are soon to be held here, and we are glad to say that our frat was not overlooked in choosing the debaters. Bro. Roberts will uphold our standard in the Clar-

iosophic anniversary debate after Christmas, while the writer has the peculiar burden, responsibility and honor of making an attempt in challenge debate before the holidays. What success will be ours is yet to be determined.

Some of our brothers are anticipating a great time at the University of Alabama during the students' conference there. Two of our members are going and will be there from the twenty-first to the twenty-fourth of November. We hope to see the pleasant faces of a few loyal Pi's who have gone there from here, some of whom are enlarging their views along legal lines. There are a number of Pi's at the State University, and it seems to us that we have a good opportunity of opening a chapter at that institution. For our part, we should be very glad indeed to see Pi Kappa Alpha represented there.

November 16th was a memorable day for the Delta meeting hall. By the liberal contribution of some of our faithful alumni we were able to make several needed changes and additions in the hall. We are now able to boast of the best looking meeting hall of any frat in this institution. I shall not attempt to describe it, but will ask every Pi coming our way to be certain and come and look for himself and enjoy a meeting with us.

So with such progress as has been going on about Delta since September, is it any wonder that we should say we have bright prospects before us? Here is hoping that the future will become brighter and brighter not only for Delta, but for all our chapters.

C. A. HASKEW.

ZETA.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

Since the writing of the last letter, Zeta chapter initiated into the fraternity: H. A. Cole, Quanah, Texas. Bro. Cole, however, since his initiation left and entered the University of Michigan where he together with Bro. Tompkins, another Zeta man, hope to soon have a chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha installed.

Tennessee will close a most successful football season next

Thursday when she lines up against the fast Alabama team in Birmingham. Bro. Branch, captain of last year's team surprised everyone when he returned to take post-graduate work. His service at quarter accounted for the large scores rolled up by Tennessee this year. He will leave immediately after the Turkey-day battle with Alabama, however, as he accepted a very flattering position in a law firm at Memphis. Bro. Geislar at right end played a good consistent game all season and his terrific tackling and smashing of interference won him many a cheer from the "rooting" section. Last Saturday the strong team from the University of Kentucky formed the opposition and they proved a worthy foe as they carried off the laurels by the score of 13-6, but they must consider themselves lucky as they grabbed a blocked punt and ran for a touch-down. Bro. Hite and Hedges of Omega chapter were on the team and they urged every one to be present at the Convention as great things are to be in store. Bro. Boal is president of the glee club, a position that has been held by one in our chapter for the last five years. There are also five other brothers in the troupe.

We have been very busy rushing the freshmen this year, with the result that we have seven men pledged, the number having been decreased when one left on account of sickness and another went to enter the University of California. We hope that after the first term examinations that we can introduce to the fraternity seven men that will make loyal and true Pi Kaps. The only condition is that they do not fail in more than two subjects. One of our pledges was elected president of the freshman class and besides made center on the varsity football team, but was pushed hard by another of our pledges.

Since the last writing Bros. Graham and Parker, two old Zeta men made us a short visit and although the latter has been out of the fraternity for the last eleven years, he has not lost his duty and spirit towards Pi Kappa Alpha.

Zeta sends Christmas greetings to all sister chapters and let every one that can be present at the Convention in Lexington in

April so that we can make the year 1913-14 the best ever for Pi Kappa Alpha.

W. F. GIBBS.

ETA.

TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Initiates—Lionel Adams, Jr., Louis Lee Abbott, Jr., Holliday J. d'Aquin, and Leander Henry Perez.

We take pleasure in introducing the above initiates to the fraternity at large. We are sure that they will prove to be enthusiastic and earnest workers.

All the Tulane students are anticipating our Thanksgiving game with Louisiana State University. Our team is an unusually good one, and we believe it is due in a large measure to the good work of Bro. McLeod, who is captain. His work at left tackle has been hard, consistent and at times spectacular. His side of the line is rarely broken through. By the time this letter is printed, the game will be history, but it is our belief and hope that we will lay it all over Louisiana State University. Bro. Crawford of Louisiana State University will play against Bro. McLeod, and it will be a battle royal.

On Thanksgiving morning we will give a smoker in honor of the Louisiana State University chapter, Alpha-Gamma, which will come down in a body. Through the great kindness of Bro. Jno. Perez, and his charming wife, the smoker will be held at their home. Eta chapter hopes to repay in a small way the many kindnesses shown to her by Alpha-Gamma.

The chapter was royally entertained by Bro. and Mrs. Jno. Perez on October 17th, at their new home. They have both been very loyal to us and have assisted us in every way possible. Eta wishes to take this opportunity of expressing her great indebtedness and many thanks to them for their many kindnesses.

At our last initiation we had the pleasure of having with us Bros. Mary, Hogan and Perez, alumni of Alpha-Gamma, and Bro. Weiss, Alumnus-Eta. They were all of great service to us in putting our candidates through.

Upsilon is to be congratulated upon their fine chapter house. It is not only a credit to them, but to the fraternity at large.

B. H. PALMER.

THETA.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY.

Within the last few days a gloom has been cast over the chapter, and over the entire student body by the sudden death from typhoid fever of our Bro. William Cowan White, of Pulaski, Tenn.; and of Dr. J. W. Rosebro, the beloved professor of systematic theology. Dr. Rosebro fell a short distance about a week ago breaking his collarbone, and fracturing his wrist; this, coupled with his feeble health of several years past, proved too much for his weakened condition and he never rallied from the shock, dying on the morning of November 26th. Dr. Rosebro has been a member of the faculty for several years, and though always in poor health, has won a place in the hearts of all.

Bro. White's loss is felt most keenly by the members of ©. He was a thorough man; and as one of our alumni said: "He was one of the kind of men one always likes to have around." This was Bro. White's second year in the chapter, and in college. Members of © acted as pall-bearers, and the entire chapter with two exceptions went down to Pulaski to the funeral which took place in the afternoon of November 22d.

Let us hope that when we come in to the presence of the Master II to have as few causes of regret for what is past as he.

We have made no pledges thus far. The material does not seem to be up to the standard.

In athletics the chapter has been represented on the varsity by Bros. White, Stokes and Wood. The football team has been the best this year for many years past and no team has scored on us or been within twenty-five yards of our goal line. The combined scores in all games for Southwestern Presbyterian University this year have been 129-0. The season

closed with a game against Cumberland University on the 9th. Some difficulty has been experienced by Bro. Armistead in securing games but he has shown undaunted courage in the face of great difficulties and has turned out one of the best teams in the history of the school.

On the night of October the 31st we gave a splendid reception in honor of our loyal sisters from town, which was complete in every detail. The affair was under the direction of Prof. and Mrs. Fulton and it is needless to say that Bro. Fulton and his lady were the main ones to whom thanks were to be rendered for the success of the evening. A representative from each of the other fraternities in school was present.

We enjoyed the last issue of *THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND* immensely and especially the letters from the newer chapters, which were splendid and full of *II K A* spirit. Our attention for the main now is being occupied with approaching exams. and then a happy return home for the Christmas holidays and an enjoyment of the "fatted calf." With best wishes for all.

U. S. GORDON.

KAPPA.

TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY.

With this issue of *THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND* we are glad to announce the addition of three good men to *II K A*. They are: Thomas Barbee, of Owensboro, Ky.; Roy Cloyd, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Iran Kelley, of Georgetown, Ind.

The new material this year was exceedingly scarce but we feel that we got the pick. Our chapter house, now occupied by ten men, has been a most valuable asset to the fraternity this year and we hope that it will not be many years until we can own a house of our own.

The all-absorbing topic at present is football. Transylvania will this week wind up a most unsatisfactory season. Lack of material, a new coach and various other circumstances have conspired to our downfall. On Thanksgiving day we meet Central University on our field and fight for second place honors

in the K. I. A. A. The game promises to be an interesting one as the teams are about equally matched. Bro. Cloyd, ineligible this year, will next year make all-Kentucky fullback beyond doubt. Bro. Barber will also be a likely candidate for end, while this year Kappa's only representative on the team is the correspondent who is trying to hold a place at center.

Bro. Borders was recently honored by membership in the Lampas club, an honorary fraternity, whose membership is composed of only those students who have done something unusual for the university. This is one of the greatest honors on the campus and gives Kappa three representatives in the club.

The 1913 Convention is already being discussed locally and the Executive Committee has had several meetings. We hope to make this Convention not only the best ever, but also one that will prove of great benefit to the local chapters and one of which the fraternity at large will be proud. We expect to see a bunch of strong men in the delegates next spring.

E. M. SPINK.

OMICRON.

RICHMOND COLLEGE.

It is with pleasure that Omicron introduces to the sister chapters Bro. Frank C. Elliott, of Pocahontas, Va. We hope to have several others to introduce as soon as the new rulings of the pan-Hellenic council will allow initiation. Under this plan no answer to invitations are allowed until after Thanksgiving.

The football season at Richmond College has closed, and although it was not as successful as it might have been, Omicron was well represented, having three men on the team, Bros. R. C. Duval (captain), Newton and F. E. O'Neil.

Bro. J. B. Duval has just been elected editor of the 1913 *Annual* and with Bro. R. A. Brock, Jr., as editor of the *Messenger*. Omicron is holding her own in other phases of college life as in athletics.

The members of Omicron have joined with Alumnus-Alpha to give a Thanksgiving german, on Friday, the 29th, at the hotel

Richmond. Brothers from all parts of the state have promised to be with us at that time, and from the present outlook this will be one of the most enjoyable events of the social season. If this german proves to be the success that we expect it to be, it will probably be made permanent, and the visiting Pi's who come to the Virginia-Carolina game on Thanksgiving, will have this added inducement to visit Richmond at that time.

H. G. DUVAL.

PI.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Initiates—Raymond L. Benhing, of Huntington, W. Va.; John W. Baylor, of Tazewell, Va.; Robert P. Hobson, of Frankfort, Ky. With these three new members and three pledges who will be initiated after the Christmas holidays our chapter roll will be increased to twenty.

Pi chapter has been favored recently by visits from Bros. Bowman, Straus, Williams and Earwood, all alumni of this chapter, also Bro. Willis an alumnus of Omicron. It gives us pleasure to have the alumni return and tell us of the many advantages they have had, not only because of the fact that they were fraternity men, but more so because they were members of $\Pi K A$. It makes us who, at times, grow indifferent as to the welfare of the fraternity, appreciate the fact that we were favored by an invitation from this particular organization, and were fortunate enough to have exercised the right judgment in accepting it.

Having lost only one game, only one more to play, and two of our most hated rivals, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and North Carolina University, vanquished by the scores of 20 to 6 and 31 to 0 respectively, and the "dope" sheet in our favor with the game against A. & M. of N. C. We have had a most successful football season which in all probability, will place us second in the race for all-South Atlantic championship. Bro. Benhing has been seen at full-back on the varsity and has done stellar work at that position

all season. He has become notorious for his terrific line plunges and is scheduled to make a place on the all-South Atlantic selection. Also the varsity rightend has been played by II K As: Bros. Rothrock end, Francis alternating, when one wasn't on the job the other was.

The "goats" of the ribbon societies; the II A N and the White Friars, have been very much in evidence for the last month. The former wearing red linen hats, and using red bandana handkerchiefs exclusively, while the latter are wearing straw hats and using palm leaf fans, each looking equally ridiculous. Bros. Gibson, Kellner and Campbell were gobbled up by the II A N, while Bros. Coulborne and P. A. Langlin cast their lot with the White Friars. This makes eight of our members who belong to the ribbon societies which is supposed to be the one aspiration of every fraternity man while at Washington and Lee.

Keeping apace with the times, Bro. Clovis Mooman, one of the most loyal and energetic members of Pi chapter is the chief promoter of a chapter house fund for this chapter, and has been at work diligently. And in order to give full force to his most excellent ideas and common sense methods I will repeat intact what he has to say: "The fraternity house fever has struck Pi chapter. Conditions here at Washington and Lee are such that a first-rate fraternity can not operate without its own house. The other fraternities are buying houses and our existence depends on our keeping up the pace they have set.

"Many plans were suggested by which this end could be reached. After long consideration we decided upon the following as the best. We are making an appeal to every alumnus of our chapter for a gift of at least \$50.00 to be paid in five equal annual installments. Some give more, according to their means. Then every man who goes out, in the future will sign like obligations. By this means we expect to have four thousand dollars in five years. At that time a like amount can be secured as a loan, taking a mortgage on the house as security. The loan will be paid off by the men who join the chapter after that time by contributing like amounts as are asked from the alumni.

"To make the transaction thoroughly businesslike our treas-

urer has been bonded, and particular pains was taken to secure as trustee for the fund one well-known to the fraternity as a good business man, Laurence C. Witten. With him at its head the plan will work.

"So far, we have raised about one thousand dollars. The brothers are not contributing as readily and freely as we had hoped. It seemed to us that if we assured our business men that our plan was well managed they would be glad to give as they were able. Now, that they are alumni and their fraternity advantages and privileges cost them nothing in the shape of dues, etc., it seems they would not hesitate to pay something for the privilege of being a II K A. In no way could they show their loyalty better than by giving to this good cause, and in so doing they are taken out of that class who are looking for something in exchange for nothing. Every good thing costs. Our alumni are asked to pay just what they want, but we suggest that they pay at least \$50.00 for a life membership in II K A and it will be cheap at that."

After Bro. Moomaw's article some words of explanation are necessary. At present we have a chapter house which is rented, and although many advantages are to be had in retaining it under these conditions, there is nothing that appeals to human nature quite so much as the feeling that you own your place of abode, which would eliminate cavilling over increased rents, and fixtures necessary for the convenience of the fraternity, and innumerable other things.

K. J. FRANCIS.

TAU.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Tau chapter has again settled down for another good year's work. Our present enrollment is eleven men. We began the year with 12 men, and regret to report the withdrawal from college of Bro. J. D. Boushall, Jr. Bro. Boushall has been one of our best members for the past four years, and we regret very much his leaving us. The "freshman" prospect for next year is a very good one, and we hope to make a big haul. We have

just had our house repainted, and it looks very much better. A new victrola has been bought and it certainly is a "drawing card" for the freshmen. We expect to have a "freshman feed" in a few weeks, and get the new boys in better touch with all the members. During the past month we have had visits from Bro. Jim Wiggins (Tau) and Bro. Lee Scott (Beta). We enjoyed having them very much and hope that all II K A visitors in chapel hill, will make the "hall" headquarters while in town. The approaching dances in December are almost here, and everyone on the "hill" is looking forward to them with a great anticipation of a good time. Some of the boys are expecting girls up. We also enjoyed the visit of Dr. Pell, president of Converse College, who spent a few days with his son Bro. Shepherd Pell. Several of the members attended the Virginia Polytechnic Institute football game in Raleigh a few weeks ago and enjoyed themselves very much. While there they saw a number of II K As, among them Bro. Clovis Moomaw of Washington and Lee, who is an "extra good" fellow. In closing, Tau chapter wishes all of the other chapters a very merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year, with plenty of new men to ride the "goat."

N. ST. GEORGE VANN.

UPSILON.

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Initiates—B. G. Rushing, Atmore, Alabama; H. H. Farr, Brighton, Alabama.

On the night of October 12th, Upsilon gave an informal dance in her new home on Gay street. About forty couples were at the dance. It was a big success from start to finish.

The house was artistically decorated with pennants and ferns. Punch was served in the den, where a fire of big blazing logs added harmony to the scene. Several alumni were present at the dance, as follows: Tom Parker and "Wrinkles" Major of Birmingham, P. S. Avery, of Atlanta, and Young Shackelford, of Montgomery.

Auburn is having great success in the conquest for football

honors this season. Auburn has won six games out of seven and the seventh was a tie. Last Saturday she played Vandy off her feet in Birmingham. The whole South was expecting Vanderbilt to beat Auburn by at least three touchdowns, but Auburn certainly did surprise them all.

Upsilon has one representative on the team, Newell, the little recruit who has made them all sit up and take notice. Kirk played quarterback the last two years but this year he was switched to half. At this position he has made a record for himself that has been equaled by few men. He will make, and deserves a place on the all-Southern team this year.

Term examinations start here on the 8th of December and the "bunch" will soon start to "boning" preparing for them. Here's hoping that every Pi comes out well on the good side of a pass on these term examinations.

At college one sees practically every type of man. Here are boys who are here because they want a good time, boys who come to study and make a name for themselves in the world, and innumerable other types. In a college a man's character is moulded and his after life is largely determined by the kind of life he leads in college. If we could all realize this there would be less mistakes and failures made, I am sure.

As a result of the recent examination in military tactics Bro. G. W. Owen, Jr., was promoted to the rank of corporal.

We had with us four Pi's from the University of Florida on October 12th, and wish to express our regrets at their not being able to stay and be with us at the dance.

With regards to our sister chapters. T. O. ROBERTSON.

PSI.

NORTH GEORGIA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Since the last issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND "Billy" has been on the job, and Psi takes great pleasure in introducing Bros. Thomas F. Curry, McRae; Milo P. Smith, Flovilla; L. A. Vandiviere, Dawsonville, and Cecil O. Jones, Rome, Ga.

These are all old students but we hope to soon be able to ride some of the new material.

Our football team has made a good showing for the first year and we are proud of Bros. King and Vandiviere, who represent Psi as varsity men.

We have had our rooms overhauled, and new furniture installed throughout. In addition to this we have procured a nice new pool table which adds greatly to our pleasure as well as to the appearance of the hall.

The outlook for N. G. A. C. has never been brighter than it is this year. The enrollment has far exceeded any previous number.

Plans are being drawn for two large new buildings. A mining building with all modern equipments and a new chemical laboratory to replace the one destroyed by fire a few months ago.

Since football season is about ended, all attention is turned to baseball, and Psi is pleased with the prospect she has for placing men on the team, and we are confident that we will make some colleges wake up and take notice.

Although Thanksgiving hasn't arrived yet thoughts are already turning toward home and Christmas holidays, and here's wishing each and every one a merry Christmas, and may 1913 eclipse all former history for II K A. GARLAND PEYTON.

OMEGA.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY.

Omega chapter takes great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large Mr. Geo. B. Arnold, of Earlington, Ky.

After a hard season of rushing we feel that we have garnered our share of this year's crop of freshies, with eight men pledged to our ranks. Omega's policy in selecting to bear the standard of Pi Kappa Alpha has been guided by the motto, "quality and not quantity." In this the chapter has been assisted by the alumni, who honored its members and prospective candidates with a smoker in the early part of the season.

The University of Kentucky will finish another successful season of the gridiron sport on turkey day, with but two games on the wrong side of the ledger. The men who have represented Omega on the team are Hedges, Guyn, Hite, and O'Rear. Hedges has played at quarter in several games, and has always given a good account of himself; and Guyn, who came to the rescue of the team in the hardest game of the season against Virginia Military Institute, played a stellar game, practically without any training, which proves that he is a natural born athlete. Hite and O'Rear, who started late have done great work and especially the former with his marvelous speed, bids fair to outrival any former star Kentucky has ever produced.

The director of athletics has devised a novel scheme for promoting football in the high schools of the state, by offering a course in football to those men in the university who later wish to teach in a high school, and also by sending special instruction to the high schools.

The chapter on Friday evening threw open its doors in hospitality to its many friends, and entertained with a delightful dance. The needed inspiration for the "light fantastic" was very sweetly rendered by an orchestra. Elaborate refreshments were served during the intermission.

We are formulating our plans for the greatest and grandest assemblage of Pi Kaps in the annals of the fraternity. We are exceedingly anxious for the hearty co-operation of all our sister chapters in this illustrious event, and we will appreciate and consider any suggestions offered.

Already the distant peals of thunder which rent the atmosphere foretell the storm of exams., which are speedily gathering in the dark heavy clouds over our heads. Oh the woe, the agony, the wailing and gnashing of teeth! But through it all we can see the silver lining—the Christmas holidays.

Here's a merry Christmas to every Pi Kap.

JOE WHITNELL.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

The usual calm of autumn has settled down on the campus, and little has occurred within the past month to break the monotonous regularity with which classes succeed one another. The rushing activities of the fraternities are not so evident as was the case at the beginning of school, and everything will be comparatively quiet until the faculty ban on freshmen which extends until after the first of February, is lifted and the new members are taken in. Alpha-Alpha now has six pledges, with a possibility of some more being added later.

Our usual Thanksgiving dinner will not be given on that date this year, owing to the fact that the "Cabin," which is Durham's most popular resort, will not be available until after the end of the month. This outing, which is always looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure, will be given at some later day.

Within the past month we have been visited by Bros. Paul Webb, Bob and Sam Gantt, all three former box stars on the Trinity diamond and alumni of this chapter, and also by Bros. Vann, Scott, and Jordan of Tau chapter, and by Bro. Rankin of Alpha-Epsilon. We are always glad to greet these and other members of the fraternity whenever they come to Durham.

W. S. LEE, JR.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last writing we have added one more worthy brother to our chapter roll. I wish to introduce to the fraternity, George Baillie, Opelousus, La. We have also lost one man during the past month, Brother "Pat" Leclerq Hogan, having resigned and accepted a position with an electrical supply house in New Orleans.

At present there is one thing uppermost in our minds, Louisiana's recent victory over her traditional rival down the river, Tulane University of New Orleans. The contest took place in

New Orleans on Thanksgiving day in the Tulane stadium, and needless to say was a great game. Nothing was lacking to make it so; ideal weather, a large crowd of supporters and rooters for each team, spectators who were educated to appreciate the finer points of the game, the keenest of rivalry existing between the two teams, the determination of each to win, the evident desire of each side to accord to the other every courtesy and meet fairly and squarely in a contest of skill, strength and endurance in which the best team should win, good officials and two well trained teams all taken together made the Louisiana-Tulane game of the 28th of November the most memorable one ever played by the two schools. The result, Louisiana 21, Tulane 3, was to us, of course, a source of almost ecstatic joy, but at the same time we have only words of respect and praise for the losers in view of their splendid efforts.

Most of the members of the local chapter went down to New Orleans, and one of the chief pleasures of the trip was our meeting with the members of the Eta chapter, who were at the train to meet us upon our arrival. From the train we went with them to the home of Brother John Perez, Alpha-Gamma, who with his charming wife, and assisted by his attractive sister and the boys of Eta, entertained us most hospitably. After an hour or two spent in getting acquainted all around and partaking of the delicious refreshment served, we separated in order to go to the game; and it was with a feeling of regret that we realized that we must take opposite sides on the field. The hospitality of the Crescent City Pi's is too well known to those members of Pi Kappa Alpha who have had the good fortune to be their guests, for me to do more than express the appreciation of Alpha-Gamma for their kindness and courtesy and to extend to Eta the best wishes for success and happiness.

We have been visited during the past month by R. G. Tillery, 1906, "Sibby" Mary, 1910, Wood Thompson, 1910, and T. M. Wade 1910. Bros. Hyde, 1906 and J. T. Laycock, 1910, are like the poor, they are with us always, both being located here

in Baton Rouge. Brother "Pat" Hogan visits Baton Rouge quite frequently, but we do not flatter ourselves that these visits are directed toward us.

ALEX SMITH.

ALPHA-DELTA.

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

Since our last letter, we have initiated the following men: R. C. Jordan, Jr., Shreveport, La.; W. J. Ferguson, Atlanta, Ga.; Carrol Griffin, Atlanta, Ga. In these three initiates we feel confident that we have men who will do credit to II K A. We are still on the alert for good fellows who will measure up to the standard, we are watching several men and hope to introduce some more initiates by the first of the year.

The pan-Hellenic council has decided that a change in rushing rules must be made and at the present time have under consideration a new law, prohibiting rushing during the first three months of school. No definite action has yet been taken but it is realized that it would be better for all concerned, for school work to be thoroughly organized before rushing begins.

Last month Bro. Edgar Fuller gave the chapter a smoker at his home in Atlanta. The time was spent most informally with cards and music; and a delicious buffet supper was served throughout the evening. It was with great reluctance that the crowd finally dispersed and we will long remember Bro. Fuller's kind hospitality.

On the night of the Tech-Auburn we gave a house dance in honor of the Auburn sponsors and the visiting Pi's from Upsilon. There were twenty-five couples and a number of stags, all of whom we hope and believe had a pleasant evening.

A new course known as the co-operative course has been established at Tech. The men in the course go to school one week, and work the next week, in Atlanta shops, receiving regular wages. They work in pairs, one attending class while the other works, and change places at the end of each week.

During the past month we had the pleasure of visits from Bros. Newell, Harris and Hanlin, of Auburn, and Bro. Blounts,

one of our own alumni. We also had calls from some of our brothers from Alpha-Mu. We were awfully glad to have them with us and hope to see more of them and any other Pi's who pass our way.

R. M. ROLFE.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

A. & M. OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Since our last writing we have settled down to hard work and Alpha-Epsilon is getting into fine condition. We seem to have an unusually studious chapter this year every man is striving to add something to his college, his fraternity and himself. This is indeed gratifying to all for we who remain to uphold the name and good standing of Pi Kappa Alpha must work faithfully and diligently to maintain our past reputation. We are exerting greater effort than ever to ascertain "who's who and why" among the freshmen and have tried to aid some of our sister chapters in securing men whom we thought worthy to wear the shield and diamond. We wish to thank alumni and brothers at other chapters for their letters of information regarding prospects here; this is commendable for with such co-operation greater things can be accomplished.

Splendid fraternity material has developed among our newly acquainted class and we believe that by February 1st the date at which new men may be pledged, we will secure many good men. Rushing is on in full blast, rivalry is keen but as we started early we are making a good showing. On November 1st we gave one of our usual "feeds" to the prospective freshmen and twenty-two were present; all enjoyed the occasion immensely. In recent appointments in the military department of the college Bro. H. B. Briggs was made captain of a company and Bro. J. O. Rankin became first lieutenant of same company.

On a recent trip with our football team to Annapolis, Md., allow the correspondent to state that he and Bro. Lachicotte manager of our team, had the unexpected pleasure of meeting six brothers all from different chapters at the naval academy.

They are fine fellows and it is too bad that no fraternity chapters are allowed at this government institution.

We have been somewhat disappointed in our football team as we have been overwhelmingly defeated twice in important games. We played Georgetown here during the week of our state fair the result being Costello of Georgetown, 48; A. & M., 0. The navy also piled up the large score of 40 to 0, at Annapolis. The defeat by Georgetown was the first on the home grounds in nine years and the largest score ever made on A. & M. since its beginning October, 1889.

Judging from the fact that the team is composed of comparatively green material with only a few old men at their positions, we haven't such a bad one after all. A. & M. takes great pride in her athletics and we hope we have passed all bad luck. On Thanksgiving we journey down to Norfolk, Va., 500 strong as customary. Here we meet Washington and Lee's excellent team to battle for the South Atlantic championship. If rooting will help we will do our D-M-D-S-T. Heretofore we have always bucked the Virginia Polytechnic Institute line on Turkey day but owing to a disagreement last year all athletic relations between this institution and A. & M. have been severed. It is probable that we will meet some of our brothers from Pi chapter on Thanksgiving; we hope such will be the case.

A little news in regard to our graduates of last year would not be amiss. Bro. C. A. Stedman, of Greensboro, N. C., now has a position as chemist with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company at Richmond, Va. Bro. R. W. Howell is managing an extensive farm and a large lumber plant at his home Belhaven, N. C. Bro. Wyllys Holden has accepted a position as chemist with the Tennessee Chemical company at Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee. It is our intention to have a full and complete list of our alumni in the next issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

We regret that Bro. Frank L. Crawford and Bro. John W. Griffith, both of Winston-Salem, N. C., failed to return as expected but we hope to have them back after Christmas. Our chapter roll now is as follows:

Nathan S. Lachicotte, Georgetown, S. C.

John O. Rankin, Gastonia, N. C.

Peyton H. Park, Raleigh, N. C.

Herman B. Briggs, Raleigh, N. C.

Wilbur Sumner, Asheville, N. C.

J. Brandon Bruner, Raleigh, N. C.

Herbert B. Norris, Raleigh, N. C.

Alpha-Epsilon extends best wishes to all chapters for the best year in their history especially our new chapters that have been created by expansion. We firmly believe in expansion for northerners and southerners have crossed and recrossed the Mason and Dixon line so often that it is most stamped out. In closing we wish to congratulate Bro. Underwood on the October issue of *THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND*; it was full of information and a good starter for the year. HERBERT B. NORRIS.

ALPHA-ETA.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.

In the great rushing tides of the moment, we almost forgot the swiftness, with which the old wheel of time rolls on; however as we pause now for a moment's reflection, we realize that, already, two months of the college year have passed.

A few more days until Thanksgiving and Florida's present football season will be over. This fact is to be a source of regret to Bros. Beeler, Mosley, Johnson, Price, and Lenney. They are wondering how they are to adjust themselves to the new environment, which will be made so, by the absence of football practice from the afternoon's routine. They have, all, done good work on the squad, and as "Pikes" we are proud of them. This is Florida's first year spent in that football world, known as the S. I. A. A. The team has made a splendid showing, and bids fair to add many gridiron honors to its wreath in the future.

Since our last letter we have placed the shield and diamond upon three new men, and gathered them into the folds as standard-bearers of Pi Kappa Alpha. Baskom D. Barber, of

Tallahassee, Fla.; Richard P. Robbins, of Titusville, Fla., and Walker M. Kennedy, of Umatilla, Fla., are the three of whom we speak, and whom we are justly glad to introduce to the fraternity at large and to welcome into our bonds. We still have one pledge out, whom we expect to make known in our next letter.

We regret very much to lose from our midst Bro. Lusk, an alumnus of Eta chapter at Tulane, who has removed his business headquarters to Jacksonville, Fla. It is due, for the most part, to his never-ceasing work and good advice, during the recent rushing season, that our chapter has come forth, and launched itself for the year's course, so much stronger than ever before. It would almost seem, that the ties of Pi Kappa Alpha have enveloped his whole soul, and we can not esteem him too highly for his constant efforts to further the interests of "our loved fraternity."

We had the pleasure of having among us for a few days in this month, Bro. A. M. Henry, of Tallahassee. We regretted very much that he was unable to remain with us longer, but as his trip was on business and not pleasure, his stay was necessarily limited. Being an alumnus of our chapter, he is intensely interested in our welfare and is ever ready to lend a helping hand, or render his services in advice.

On last Friday night, Alpha-Eta entertained its friends at a dance given at the Elks' home in town. About eighteen couples were present, and, the congenial and friendly atmosphere which pervaded the hall, seemed to make the time pass all too quickly. Thus, the eighteen dances, ending with "Home Sweet Home," found pleasure at its greatest height, even though the mid-night hour had long since passed. The ballroom was tastefully decorated in the colors of the fraternity, while hundreds of college and fraternity pennants adorned the walls. Fruit punch was served throughout the evening, and boxes of candy placed in the numerous window seats served as favors. Our rooms are quite frequently the scenes of conviviality and could they but speak, it would be a pleasant story of Alpha-Eta's social pleasures, for indeed the year has yielded us many.

We close, urging every Pi to do his utmost, and every chapter to try to reach out, and make this a great year for "our dear old fraternity." We are always glad to have any Pi make himself known, when in our vicinity, and to enjoy the hospitality of our home.

LOUIE MORGAN.

ALPHA-IOTA.

Initiate—Walter Scott Burns.

Things have been pretty quiet around Millsaps for the past few weeks. Except for the holiday the students proclaimed in honor of the new president, nothing has happened out of the ordinary.

The basketball season is just now opening up. Our team leaves next week for a week's trip through the southern part of the state. Bros. Kirkland and Burns will be members of the team. Cook, one of our pledges, also has made the team. Bro. Brumfield will make sub, and possibly will make varsity. We have several prospective members of the baseball team among the pledges.

We have had several distinguished visitors at chapel recently. Among them was General De Wall, of South Africa. He gave us a very interesting account of the Boars and especially about the Boar war.

Bros. Colmer, Neil, Crisler, men who have gone out from the halls of Millsaps and of Alpha-Iota, into the big world seeking success, were with us on last meeting. Dr. Swartz and Prof. Noble of the faculty were also present. It was somewhat like a "homecoming." The loyalty and enthusiasm of these men, separated as they are from the fraternity, did our hearts good.

Alpha-Iota has ten active members, and five pledges, whom we expect to pilot into the unknown in the near future. It is the most prosperous year we have had so far.

B. F. FOSTER.

ALPHA-KAPPA.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

In commencing this letter to THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, Alpha-Kappa, is pleased to announce the initiation of the following new brothers to the fraternity: Ralph W. Wilkins, Idaho Springs, Colo.; Charles R. Miller, Cario, Ill., and Rowe A. Garache, St. Louis, Mo. These three new men bring our 1912 chapter roll up to a total of 16 men, the second largest in the school. At the present time we have one or two other good men under consideration, and we hope to be able to announce some more initiations at the next writing.

Like most other schools, at this time of year, football is the most discussed subject around the campus. The "miners" have only one more game on their schedule to be played and the team has been working very hard to win this last game with the Oklahoma A. & M. College. The team, as far as winning games has been concerned has not been as successful as we might hope for, having lost the three largest games of small scores, and some hard luck. Alpha-Kappa has one man on the varsity, Bro. Knickerbocker, and Bros. Shotwell and Wilson on the "scrubs." Bro. Knickerbocker has been picked as an all-Missouri guard for this year. He has certainly well earned the honor. Bro. Needles is the assistant manager of the team this year.

Our beautiful new administration building and assembly hall, Parker hall, of which the corner stone was laid last year is nearing completion, and we are confident that the Missouri School of Mines has one of the most beautiful school buildings in the state on her campus.

Bros. Wilkins, Shotwell, Trent, and Moses had a most enjoyable visit to the Alpha-Nu chapter at the time of the Missouri Miners' game in Columbia and they wish to express their thanks for the good times shown them at this time. A couple of weeks later we were happy to be able to return some of their favors by entertaining Bro. Bowles of Alpha-Nu for one, as he was passing through Rolla.

Alpha-Kappa has also been busy in the social line this year. We have already given two of our informal dances, that were, from our own view point, at least, very successful. In fact they were so successful that we have invitations out for another on the 29th of November.

We have just had a very enjoyable visit from the brother and sister of Bro. Knickerbocker and we were sorry to see them leave at the end of their four days' visit. We wish that we could entertain more of our brothers' families.

We are just beginning to look forward to our Christmas vacation and are all feeling good over the fact that our first semester examinations do not come until after the holidays. Alpha-Kappa wishes a merry Christmas and a happy new year to every II K A, and a good beginning for the new year, the best in the fraternity's history. F. G. MOSES.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE.

We only returned three old men this year, but have initiated two new men, and take great pleasure in introducing the initiates: Bro. Roy Bridges Glass, Georgetown, Ky., and Bro. Lowell Fletcher Steele, Ellisburg, Ky., the former a brother of Bro. J. W. Glass, one of our most prominent active members. Both promise to be active, ardent workers for II K A.

We are glad to say that in football, this year, Georgetown has a great team. With a good schedule, and under the leadership of Bro. J. W. Glass, formerly all-Kentucky end, but now star center, we have made a wonderful showing. Our entire chapter is well represented on the varsity; J. W. Glass, center; Switzer at right end; R. B. Glass at fullback; Anderson at right-guard and Steele substitute halfback. We have great confidence in the team and feel that the championship is ours, having played four games without an opponent scoring a point against us, running up a total of 108 points to opponents nothing. We are to play Transylvania University of Lexington, Ky., and

Central University of Danville, Ky., in a few days and expect to close the season without any one crossing our goal line.

As yet, Alpha-Lambda has done nothing in the social line, except an informal reception given on the 12th of October, in honor of Bro. Owen M. Moreland and Sister Lucile Davies whose marriage occurred the 16th. The rooms were beautifully decorated in fraternity colors, and about 10 o'clock an elaborate lunch was served. The chapter was assisted in entertaining by sisters of Pi Kappa Alpha, and many friends enjoyed the evening.

Bro. Isaac C. Smith, of Omega chapter of State University paid us a visit last week. We are also expecting a visit soon, from Bro. Lee Sims, of Harrodsburg, Ky., coming over to see the annual gridiron battle between Georgetown College and Central University. We are always glad to have any Pi visit us while in town.

In closing we wish all of the chapters a prosperous year. We can see signs of advancement in Pi Kappa Alpha's every move. New chapters are being added to the roll as opportunity permits, and they are being placed in schools of the right sort.

CECIL ANDERSON.

Note:—Since the above letter was written we have received information that Georgetown won from Transylvania, 40 to 0, and from Central of Kentucky 34 to 13, Central being the only team to cross Georgetown's goal line during the entire season, truly a remarkable showing for Bro. Glass, captain of the Georgetown team.—EDITOR.

ALPHA-MU.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Much to our regret, Alpha-Mu did not present itself in the form of a September letter. We have learned a lesson and hope to profit accordingly. May no one else be blamed with our luck. Nevertheless, we are still on the map and are "going some."

The football season has just reached its zenith and in all in-

stances, except one (we try to forget that "mopping,") we have been most successful. Bro. Joe Covington, of Zeta, "pranced" down in this neck of the woods with that Vandy machine and, with their assistance, proceeded to hammer us to the tune of 46 to 0. My, that was a lovely day for us! At least, so says Bro. "Bubbles" Covington, and he knows. He only had for his day's work the handling of "Buddy" Morgan.

Clemson, Chattanooga, Citadel and Alabama were easy pickings for us. Sewanee scared us by tying, 13 to 13. Then came the game of the season, which was played in Atlanta on November the 16th, with those Yellow Jackets alias Georgia Tech. To our great pleasure, we romped home with a 20 to 0 scalp. This completely washed the stains of Vandy away. "Bubbles" was "round here" in that game. We have Auburn left for "Turkey day" and we are hopeful. May be Bro. Newell, of Upsilon, will be easy on us for just that once.

Basketball has begun, and we have Bros. Johnston, Liddell and Corley representing us on the squad, and we are sure that the first two named will be on the varsity quintet.

Bro. Rey represents us in the glee club.

Bro. Williford and the undersigned are "tooters" in the famous "Georgia" band. The last named is also student instructor in mechanics, a rare distinction (?) he thinks.

Bro. Howard is vice-president of the Y. M. C. A. He "mosied" up to Rome, Ga., to the convention a few weeks ago and, according to his report, he had a "scrumptious" time with the fair sex.

Recently we had the pleasure of entertaining Bros. Shaw and A. L. DeLaperriere. They were in college last year, but could not return this fall.

Bro. A. V. Callaway, who is remembered by many, will be with us after Christmas. He has been out for a year on account of illness, and his return to us is a source of joy for he is considered one of our best.

If Dame Fortune chooses to smile upon us we will be in a new house after Christmas, for we have grown tired of our old shack and seek something more comfortable.

All of us are very enthusiastic over Bro. Rudolph, of Alpha-Upsilon. If you do not know him you show your ignorance and have not been reading THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND. His contributions are very, very good, and we trust that he shall be both continuous and prolific. We also wish to commend the other contributors for their nice work. We had better not talk too much now for we are also due one.

Initiates: William L. West, Athens, Ga.; Claude Hutchinson Sullivan, Zebulon, Ga.; Esten Graham Cromartie, Hazlehurst, Ga.; Hendrick LaFayette Cromartie, Hazlehurst, Ga.; John Aubrey Williford, Commerce, Ga.; Otis Herman Corley, Athens, Ga.

Pledges: Claude Luke Gray, Appling, Ga.; Frank Dorsey Gray, Appling, Ga.; Eulus Erin Chance.

Bro. West had to withdraw from college on account of his eyes, but he will be back and do us honor next year.

More "fresh meat" will be in order shortly and we join in with all in extending the best of good wishes to all new men, here and elsewhere. They know where to partake of peace, and "thusly" they have feasted.

LANNIE G. PROCTOR.

ALPHA-NU.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

The biggest day in Missouri University is over and Missouri is unhappy. After a season of victories for Missouri and a season of defeats for Kansas, the two teams lined up against each other in their annual battle Saturday, the 23d, and one hour afterwards the dope had been upset and Bro. LeMire's team had gained the short end of a twelve to three count.

Fifteen of our fellows made the trip to Lawrence. Missouri sent 1,500 rooters. Over-confidence on the part of our fellows and a surprisingly clever use of the Minnesota shift by Kansas lost the game for us.

Because of the intense rivalry between the two schools, the result of the game was a bitter disappointment to Captain LeMire. This is his third year on the team, and in that time the Tiger and

the Jayhawk have played two ties and the recent decisive contest.

This was the last game of the season for us. Missouri has lost to Nebraska, Ames, and Kansas. We have won from Drake, Washington, Oklahoma, Central and Rolla. On the whole it was a successful season. Bro. LeMire is a Missouri favorite and has been picked for captain of the second Missouri Valley conference eleven. Bro. Duval was Alpha-Nu's other representative. Because Coach Brewer used only a few substitutes during the season, Duvie only got in two conference games. He was a regular fixture on the team throughout the season, however.

Our record in new men so far this year is: Initiates, Gex Williams, Lawrence Hyde.

Pledges: I. B. Hyde, Arthur Taylor, John Percival and Robert Whitten.

On the 13th of October the chapter house was the scene of a formal dinner dance, and, if we do say it ourselves, the affair was about the neatest of the season. It is indeed true that with nineteen men making frantic efforts to solve the combinations of as many dress suits confusion reigned while the wardrobing was going on. The dinner was served in six courses, this part of the evening being in the hands of a Columbia cateress. The dance following was an enjoyable affair.

On the night of November 2d we entertained with an informal dance at the chapter house, complimentary to several guests from Nebraska University and for Missouri alumni in the city. These two entertainments represent our social activities, unless we include an "apple hunt" which was given for our men by one of the sororities here.

Alpha-Nu fared well in the recent election, for Bro. Benham ran true to form and landed the office of prosecuting attorney in St. Francois county. Bro. Sigler and Mr. Taft were buried in the same grave on the day after, but no other serious accidents have been reported.

One other thing, however, must be mentioned. In the midst of a peaceful calm which had pervaded the house for several days a bomb was suddenly cast without the slightest warning when Bro.

Heller announced that he had made the glee club. We had noticed that the gentleman was pretty good on sentimental bits, but we had no idea that he aspired to higher ideals. As to where Heller practiced his selections—there are some cruel wits who say—but it doesn't make much difference what they say—Heller has made the glee club.

The recent faculty agitation against fraternities here has not let up any in its seriousness. President Hill has announced that the fraternities are on trial, and that a scholarship average equal to the average of the student body will be practically required. There are various privileges allowed the fraternities that equal this average. Since our existence, Alpha-Nu has ranked second among the twelve frats, but we are trying to see if we can not stand first.

While our men were in Kansas recently, we were entertained by the Sigma Delta-Phi local, which is petitioning Pi Kappa Alpha. We will have something to say about this bunch at another time.

During the year we have enjoyed visits from a number of our old men, who have returned for football games, girls, good times and various other diversions. For the Rolla games we were pleased to have five men from Alpha-Kappa with us. Rolla is the only school with whom we have athletic relations that boasts a Pi Kappa Alpha chapter, and on this account alone we look forward to these contests with a great deal of pleasure.

HENRY L. FIST.

ALPHA-XI.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

December finds Alpha-Xi with seven new brothers to swell the number of Pi Kapps at Cincinnati, and we therefore take great pleasure in introducing:

Douglas C. Jones, Cincinnati, O.

J. Lewis Motts, Cincinnati, O.

Arthur Johnson, Kansas.

Irwin M. Strahley, Cincinnati, O.

Nils H. Fleming, Cincinnati, O.

Clair Hall, Indiana.

Herbert F. Koch, Cincinnati, O.

With the game on Thanksgiving day, Cincinnati closed the official football season. We say official because the fresh-soph game is yet to be played. The team played in extremely tough luck this season, having at times from three to seven regulars out of the game, owing to injuries or sickness. Nevertheless, the season was fairly successful; three victories, one tie and four defeats, being the record. Bro. H. Goosman was unable to be out for the squad until the last two weeks of the season, when he immediately made good, playing halfback in the entire Thanksgiving day game.

For the first time in the history of the university, Cincinnati has an organized swimming team. This sport has been made possible since our new gymnasium has been completed. Bro. H. Wagner is trying for the team. By the time the next SHIELD AND DIAMOND is published basketball will be in full sway. Our prospects this year look very good, a most favorable reaction from last year. Bros. Shephard, Sylvester and Goosman will in all probability represent Alpha-Xi on the squad.

On November 23d Alpha-Xi gave a dance for her new men. Needless to say the affair was a huge success. One of the most striking novelties was the use of a large wooden and plaster of paris duplicate of the II K A pin, as a substitute for the moon in the moonlight dances. The pin was about two feet high and proportionately wide, the jewels being imitated by frosted electric lights. The surprise and admiration which it brought forth, more than repaid Bros. Rickwood and Pemberton for their ingenuity and labor. We were extremely glad to have Bros. McLeish Peterson, and Darfus, of Alph-Rho with us on this occasion.

At present Alpha-Xi is rejoicing over the fact that not a man of us "flunked" in a single subject for this half semester!

R. H. KRUSE.

ALPHA-OMICRON.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter we have initiated nine new men and we take great pleasure in introducing them to the fraternity. They are as follows:

James Walter Park, Jr., Kaufman, Texas.

John Webster Spruce, Floresville, Texas.

Henry Bascom Thomas, Jr., Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Warren Hall Hull, 415 McCullough avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

Jessie Clifton Tucker, Garland, Texas.

Alexander Stewart Kendrick, Plano, Texas.

Morelle Sears, Whitewright, Texas.

Edmund Cumberland Clabaugh, Jr., Belton, Texas.

James Ludwell Davis, San Augustine, Texas.

Alpha-Omicron is indeed very proud of her new men and feels as if she has just cause to be. We now have twenty men on the chapter roll. We regret very much to say that Bro. Mickle was called home soon after entering school this fall. We hope that he will be able to return after Christmas, as he is captain of the baseball team and her best pitcher. He was a very popular man and we miss him very much.

Our football season has just closed. We had only a fairly successful season, losing three out of seven games. We were represented on the squad by Bros. Irwin, Waggoner, Gregory, and Marsh.

On a recent trip to Arkansas Bro. Irwin and your scribe had the pleasure of being in Alpha-Zeta's home. We found them to be just as loyal workers for II K A as at other places. It is my candid opinion that Alpha-Zeta has some excellent men. They certainly entertained us royally and we shall remember it, and will welcome the day when we can return the favors.

Quite recently we have had some of our old men back on a visit to the chapter. Bro. Glenn Chapman has been with us the past week. Bro. Voigt has been up several times. It is our opinion that his visits have not been confined to the chapter. Several

of our brothers have been over to Austin quite recently to visit Bros. Hardaway and Lancaster. They say they are always glad to see a wandering Pi over that way.

In student activities of all kinds Alpha-Omicron is being well represented. Her object is to have her men in every branch of college life. She is well represented in the literary societies and Y. M. C. A. Bro. White is first vice-president of the Y. M. C. A. and is slated to be the president next year. Bros. Waggoner and White are on the lecture committee. Bro. White is also vice-president of the student association. Bro. Waggoner is on the *Annual* staff. These may appear to be very few honors, but when it is taken into consideration how the non-fraternity men are organized, we consider ourselves very fortunate.

We are looking forward to the time the National Convention meets in the spring. We expect to be well represented. It has been our experience in the past that when one attends the National Convention they come back determined to do more for Pi Kappa Alpha than ever before. MERLE T. WAGGONER.

ALPHA-RHO.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

In its last letter Alpha-Rho had little to tell concerning college activities at Ohio State, on account of the fact that her letter was due so shortly after registration day, before student activities for the year had begun to materialize. We are proud to state that our chapter has been very successful this year in capturing college honors.

We have three men on the student council, Bros. Geib, Ross and Warner. Geib and Ross were elected this fall, and Warner, who was on last year, has now become its president. We are especially proud of Bro. Wefler, who defeated five other candidates, including both frat and non-frat men, in this fall's election for president of the senior class; Bro. Stubbs is on the senior social committee, and Bro. Darfus is a member of the memorial committee of the senior class. Bro. McCorkle, whom we have slated for Phi Beta Kappa this year, is on the junior social committee.

Looking at college life from the athletic side, it is with great pleasure that we see our football team capture the Ohio championship for 1912. Bro. Geib is a member of that team and has played his position as left guard meritoriously. On October 26th the University of Cincinnati played us here on Ohio field. Five Pi Kaps from Alpha-Xi were up to see the game.

With the basketball schedule for this year, Ohio State enters the Big Nine, or Western conference. Bros. Ross and Smith are fast getting into shape for the squad, and Bro. Geib will take a look at the basket as soon as the football season closes.

Our first initiation for the year was held October 5th. The following men were initiated: Jay Russell Geib, a senior in engineering from Middlebranch, Ohio; Merrill G. Beck, a sophomore in arts from Columbus, Ohio; Ralph L. Woodruff, a sophomore in arts from Moundsville, W. Va., and William Fitzsimmons, a junior in arts from Moundsville, W. Va. After the initiation we had a banquet and a few speeches.

The following are the pledges up to the present time: Melroy J. Price, a freshman in arts from Bucyrus, Ohio; Walter N. Moulton, a junior in forestry from Plain City, Ohio, and William O. Smith, a junior in arts from Plain City, Ohio. Our next initiation is set for December 13th.

Alpha-Rho entertained with a dance at Ohio Union Friday, October 25th. Prof. and Mrs. M. B. Evans, of the faculty, chaperoned the party. Our next dance is set for December 19th. Saturday, November 23d, Alpha-Xi at Cincinnati entertained with an informal dance to which an invitation was cordially extended to Alpha-Rho. Bros. Peterman, Darfus, McLeish and Beck attended and paid our sister chapter in Ohio a visit.

Bro. Dunnleigh Corey, from Alpha-Sigma, is in Columbus attending the Ohio Medical College. That institution is not connected with Ohio State, but is situated not very far from our campus. Bro. Corey gets up to the Pi Kap house quite often and we enjoy his visits very much.

A local fraternity located at Ames, Iowa, has written Alpha-Rho for information concerning matter of petitioning Pi Kappa Alpha. Alpha-Rho heartily endorses a thorough investigation

of this local. Pi Kappa Alpha's growth in the middle West will make closer ties connecting the East, South and West.

Bending every effort for a new home, Alpha-Rho wishes all sister chapters a most successful and prosperous season until next writing.

LE ROY J. VELER.

ALPHA-SIGMA.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Owing to an inopportune week of rain, the real result of fall athletics at California is still largely a matter of doubt. The day of the big game with Stanford University, which is the climax of the football season, a heavy and continuous shower all forenoon, following several days of wet weather, converted the dirt field into a sea of very wet mud. As a result, instead of football—naval operations. The teams fought the game through to a 3-3 tie, but the contest afforded no opportunity to judge relative merits. In spite of the clouds, some twenty-five thousand spectators filled the bleachers. A very important event of the preliminary season was the visit of the Waratahs, an all-Australian team, representing the best of football from the Antipodes. They played Rugby of a very superior sort, leaving behind them an almost clean sheet of victories and some valuable lessons on the English game.

With the athletic season a matter of the past, the more serious part of the college year is beginning to press our attention. Before the examinations, however, comes the junior prom, which a goodly number of Pi's are planning to attend, dining first at the house with their ladies. In the matter of house dances, we were this term especially active. Three very successful affairs have been negotiated already, two informals in the early part of the semester, and a formal November 23d. Of interest to other chapters may be our custom of reserving Wednesday evening of each week as a "faculty night," when professors and their wives are our informal guests at dinner. The plan has been in use for some time with much benefit.

Bro. Stan Arnot last month added another badge to his already well be-medalled front, when he was made a member of Skull and Keys, the interfraternity honor society, at its annual running.

That the house is in no way lacking in harmony is indicated by the fact that we now have six Pi's in the glee club. Three of these were elected to membership this fall after very exhaustive try-outs and considerable competition, Bros. Shields, Cochran and P. H. Arnot. In other departments we have the following honors to the credit of Alpha-Sigma men: Bros. Read, Davis, Horner, Linde and Ruddock, members of Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity. Bro. Jensen, of Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity; Bro. Read, Sigma Xi; Bro. Shields, 1st lieutenant, and Bro. Clark, captain; Bro. Blois, staff of 1914 *Blue and Gold*.

Bro. F. G. Beckner, Alpha-Kappa, who has come to live in San Francisco, has favored us with many enjoyable visits. The chapter also remembers with pleasure a call from R. M. Gantt and S. J. Gantt, of Alpha-Alpha. The latter will make his home at Beaumont, in the southern part of the state.

Before closing this communication, we desire to suggest for general consideration a matter which has for some time been in mind—a National Convention at San Francisco in 1915! While Alpha-Sigma is in its infancy, yet we feel that that time will offer an opportunity not to be duplicated on the Pacific coast in a life-time, the Panama-Pacific exposition. The chapter is always anxious to hear expressions of opinion on this proposition.

EDWARD H. TROUT.

ALPHA-TAU.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH.

Since our last letter we have initiated Calder Mackay, '15; Ivan Dahlquist, '15; Fred Stack, '14, and Clyde Sharp, '15, which means that II K A has four more loyal and enthusiastic workers. Bros. Sharp, Mackay and Dahlquist are Salt Lake boys, while Bro. Stack comes to us from the University of North

Dakota, where he distinguished himself on the gridiron. On account of freshman ruling he was not eligible to play on the varsity here, but will no doubt be a tower of strength on the Crimson team next season.

For the first time in the history of the school the Rocky Mountain championship honors were conferred on Utah. As a result, the entire student body went out on "strike," a celebration of a week's duration ensued. The town still bears conspicuous marks of the students' enthusiasm. A number of down-town residents have suggested that our new central building, which is being erected, be converted into a jail. As was to be expected, we disgraced ourselves in our ecstasy, but hope that no permanent injury was sustained. We have not yet decided whether there is to be any more school this year at the University of Utah.

Casting aside all egotism and biased opinion, Utah has one of the greatest football scoring machines in the western country. We have met all the strongest teams in Colorado and the Northwest, and have so far finished the season without having her goal line crossed. In all Utah has scored 167 points to her opponents' 9. We have still one more game to be played on Thanksgiving with the Utah Aygies, but as the farmers have never as yet scored against Utah we think that we can shut them out again with little difficulty. II K A is not without her share of the honors. Bro. Hamilton has been playing a wonderful game at half-back, and will be considered seriously for a position on the all-Rocky Mountain team. Bro. Rynearson has also acquitted himself favorably, as has Miller, our latest pledge.

On November 9th Bro. Thomas Dahlquist left for Germany to fulfill a mission, at the conclusion of which he will pursue a course in medicine at the University of Heidelberg. Tom leaves a big gap in our chapter, as he was one of our strongest and most active members. He expects to visit a number of II K A chapters on his way to New York.

Last Friday evening we entertained our lady friends at an informal dance at our house. It was a most pleasant affair and, judging from remarks on the campus, we must have made a favorable impression with the co-eds.

We are now looking forward to the big sorority hop, which takes place Friday, after Thanksgiving, and is to be the first of a series of social events preceding the annual junior promenade.

From all appearances Alpha-Tau will fulfill all the promises made by the writer at the beginning of the season. Already we have a representative on every branch of activity at the school. The fellows are all active and working hard to make our chapter one of the strongest in the fraternity. Best wishes to all sister chapters for a successful and pleasant term.

GRANT BAGLEY.

ALPHA-UPSILON.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY.

Alpha-Upsilon wishes to announce the wedding, on October 23d, of Bro. Frederick Louis Kopff, '11, of New York city, and Miss Helen Garms, of Brooklyn, N. Y. In giving to the benedict ranks a Pi whose early leadership guided the chapter through its most critical situations, Alpha-Upsilon does not expect to lose Bro. Kopff's strong executive ability, congenial disposition and engaging personality to future service in Pi Kappa Alpha.

The occasion of October 23d should be an affair of interest, perhaps, to chapter and fraternity at large. The entire active chapter of Alpha-Upsilon, numbering twenty in all, including pledged men and ten resident alumni, attended in a body as guests of Bro. Kopff. The ushers were all brothers of the chapter, for the most part alumni, being S. H. Sarafian, '10; E. Galloway, '11; G. Nolan, '11; J. V. Fitzgerald, '11; J. T. Brennan, '12, and W. L. Engels, '13. Each was presented by the bridegroom with a handsome Pi Kappa Alpha scarf pin, bearing in stamped gold the crest of the fraternity. The other dignitaries at the wedding were also Pi Kappa Alpha men. Bro. "Doc" Scofield, '11, who was recently ordained in the Presbyterian ministry, tied the knot; Bro. Lyman R. Hartley, '11, who attended Union Theological Seminary with Bro. Scofield, assisted, and Bro. Emil Nielson, '10, was the organist. The bride's home was artistically decorated for the ceremony; the spacious halls

were brilliantly lighted and filled with palms and flowers throughout the house, which was placed at the disposal of the guests. Above the altar at which the rite was performed hung an illuminated Pi Kappa Alpha shield and diamond such as distinguishes the fraternity at the junior promenade and other college dances. Fraternity and college songs were rendered by the chapter after the ceremony, and good cheer reigned until early in the morning. The bride has been well known in chapter "affairs" for a number of years.

On Friday evening, October 25th, and Saturday, the 26th, a football house party and dance were held at the chapter house. This being the first house party at the new chapter house, every effort was made in preparation, and the affair was by popular sentiment a great success. Nineteen couples were present at the dance on Friday evening, and as usual the house was given over to the Pi maidens during the night. There were twenty-two dances in all, and the cleared space of the dining hall, reception room and sitting room on the main floor afforded an ample dancing area. The large veranda furnished between dances some vine-secluded alcoves and a clear outlook from the bluff over the landscape of the valley. Mrs. Frederick L. Kopff was chaperone at the dance. The football game on the following afternoon was an interesting contest with Williams College, which New York lost after a hard fight.

The prestige of the chapter on the campus was strengthened recently by the election of W. A. Lynch to the presidency of the junior class. Football here is at its height; Bros. Rudolph, Ryan and Sulzer represent Alpha-Upsilon on the gridiron. Other Pi Kappa Alpha men are prominent on the campus; W. R. MacAdam is manager of the musical clubs and captain of the gym team; W. L. Engels is an associate editor of the *New Yorker*, the college weekly; H. W. Rudolph is editor-in-chief of the *Colonnade*, the college monthly magazine, and an associate editor of the *New Yorker*; W. A. Lynch is captain of the baseball team; J. H. Rogers and E. W. von Janinski are in the mandolin club; B. H. Becker and W. R. MacAdam are in the glee club, and F. C. Conklin is in the varsity quartette; W.

Cloud is a promising candidate for the baseball team next year, and E. B. Keyser is in the press club.

The chapter has seven pledged men who will be introduced at the annual initiation. These are John McCann, F. Hewitt and C. Brainard, of the junior class; Harold Kennard, of the sophomore class, and Harold A. Smith and William Webb, of the freshman class.

Alpha-Upsilon was recently favored with a visit from Bro. Fuller, of Alpha-Delta. Bro. Fuller mixed readily with the crowd, and we found his hearty fellowship and news about the southern chapters cordially acceptable. The chapter enjoyed Bro. Fuller's visit thoroughly and hopes that many more brothers will be able to take advantage of the welcome that is extended to them in the North.

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ALPHA.

Vincent Mosely and J. E. McEvery are both at Louisiana State University for this year.

R. A. Brock is taking a course in law at Richmond College, Richmond, Va.

E. P. Guthrie has accepted a position in the Waynesboro High School as instructor in mathematics. His address is Waynesboro, Va.

Rev. R. K. Massie, 1888, is teaching at the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va.

Judge J. M. White, '71, suffered a stroke of apoplexy early in the month, and is in a critical condition at his home in Charlottesville, Va.

Hon. James M. Ambler, '80, has been elevated to the judgeship of the supreme court of Baltimore city.

Wade Meadows, '04, is engaged in the grain and fertilizer business at Newbern, N. C.

I. H. Willcox, Jr., is practicing law in Norfolk, Va.

Peter Williams was married to Miss Virginia Carrington, of Lexington, Va., September 4th, 1912. The wedding was celebrated in the Presbyterian church, and was a very brilliant affair.

One of the most notable social events of the season at Morgantown, W. Va., was the marriage of Bro. Charles Lockett Collier to Miss Rosalie Howe, on Tuesday, November 5th, at the family home on the corner of Willey street and Boughmer place.

The wedding was witnessed only by members of the immediate families of the contracting parties. The house was a bower of cut flowers and autumnal foliage with a profusion of smilax for additional effect.

The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. Mary Howe, of Morgantown, W. Va. She is a brilliant and gifted young woman, and her talents have been cultivated in many ways by study and travel, though she excels as an artistic pianist. She is a graduate of West Virginia University, and later completed her study of music in Europe.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Collier, of Hampton, Va., is the junior member of the prominent law firm of F. S. Collier & Son. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia.

BETA.

Harold W. Whitlock is pursuing his studies in music at Oberlin University.

D. E. Brown is assistant cashier of the Bank of Anderson, Anderson, S. C.

E. M. Vereen is in the wholesale grocery business at Ft. Moultrie, Ga.

J. A. Scott, '10, is studying law at the University of North Carolina.

R. B. Hill is leading his class in the Medical College of the University of Maryland.

R. T. Gillespie is pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Florence, S. C.

John McSween has been ordained as administer by the Pee Dee Presbytery of South Carolina.

R. C. Scott is at the Union Theological Seminary, at Richmond, Va.

T. A. Morris is studying medicine at Harvard University.

GAMMA.

Alan F. English, '12, is at the head of the modern language department of the Lancaster, Pa., high school.

J. H. Lloyd, '05, is a member of the faculty of St. Paul's College, Tokyo, Japan. While at William and Mary College, "Hubby" Lloyd won fame on both the diamond and gridiron!

It is interesting to note that Henry St. George Tucker, Alpha, '95, is president of St. Paul's College.

The Hon. Wm. P. Kent, '79, is now consul at Halifax Nova Scotia. Previous to his present appointment Capt. Kent was foreign minister to Shanghai, China. He was the Republican candidate for governor of Virginia in 1909. Bro. Kent won the title of captain in the late Spanish-American war.

Dr. George G. Hankins, '08 has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Eastern State hospital in Virginia.

Fred M. Parrish, '05, is practicing law in Salem, N. C.

W. S. C. Walker, '77, and also of Alpha, is judge of the 22d judicial circuit at Kennett, Mo.

L. J. Gilliland is principal of the Bellefonte High School of Pennsylvania.

A. P. Leatherbury is in business in Baltimore, Md.

J. Gordon Bohannon, '05, is practicing law in Petersburg, Va. He is a member of the board of visitors of William and Mary College.

Chiles M. Barnes is studying engineering at the University of Iowa.

C. H. Taber is successfully engaged in the lumber business. He has his residence at Ottawa, Canada. Bro. Taber spent several days in Williamsburg last month while on his honeymoon.

Floyd Hughes also of Alpha is revenue collector at the port of Norfolk. Bro. Hughes has been one of the grand officers of the fraternity for a number of years.

DELTA.

N. C. Cammack and Ben Feagin, of Selma, Ala., and C. C.

Randall, of Marion Junction, Ala., were at Greensboro for the opening of Southern University.

ZETA.

H. C. Leach, '12, is connected with the Fulton Construction company with headquarters at Knoxville, Tenn. He is rooming in the chapter house at the University of Tennessee.

Edward Lowry is professor of English in the high school at Knoxville, Tenn.

ETA.

J. N. Wilson, '12, of New Orleans, La., will go to Reserve, La., as chemist for the Godchaux sugar plantation.

J. H. Fortson, '12, Homer, La., is taking a business course at Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

C. J. Ellis, Jr., '12, is practicing law with his father at Rayville, La.

S. W. Provensol, '12, is practicing law at New Orleans, La.

H. G. Hengate, '12, is practicing law in Amite, La.

C. K. Townsend is spending the winter in the Shreveport hospital as interne and will resume his medical studies next year.

Joseph Frank Ward was married to Miss Annie M. Wyatt, of New Orleans, La., June 29th, 1912.

The following clipping has just been received, and will be of interest to all Pi's, especially those who attended the New Orleans Convention in 1909. Bro. Hunt is an alumnus of Eta, graduating in 1909, and is located at Clarksville, Ark.:

HUNT-HUTCHENSON MARRIAGE.

The marriage of Miss Elenor Totten Hutchenson, daughter of Mrs. Lillian Hutchenson, of this city, and Dr. Earl Houston Hunt, of Clarksville, was solemnized at the home of the bride's grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. England, 8 o'clock Saturday evening, Dr. Thompson, rector of Trinity church, officiating.

Owing to the sickness in the family of this lovely bride the

wedding was a quiet home affair, attended only by relatives and a few friends of the contracting parties. The happy couple left at midnight for Clarksville, their future home, accompanied by the best wishes of all who knew them.

Mr. Will Hunt and sister, Miss Lillian, of Clarksville, were present at the marriage of their brother and accompanied them home.

IOTA.

William Hodges Mann, Jr., '09, and from Pi, '12, is practicing law in Richmond, Va. He is the only son of W. H. Hodges, Sr., the present governor of Virginia.

W. B. Blanton, '10, also Alpha, '12, is studying medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City.

H. W. Blanton, '12, is teaching school in Richmond, Va.

Goodridge Wilson, '06, also of Pi is attending the Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

PI.

Paul B. Earwood, initiated last year, is in business with his father at Beckley, W. Va.

C. E. Williams, '12, is practicing law in Woodstock, Va.

T. B. Harrison, '12, has a position in Norfolk, Va.

J. Leslie Curry, '12, is practicing law with his father in Staunton, Va.

J. N. Tabb, '11, is practicing law in Gloucester, Va.

ALPHA-KAPPA.

T. S. Dunn is now at Great Falls, Montana, with the Anaconda Mining company working in the smelter.

R. T. Kendrick is in the employ of Lyon & Hoag company, San Francisco, Cal.

T. S. Dunn is with the Detroit Copper company, Morenci, Ariz.

I. K. Beach is working at the Concentrator, Miami, Ariz.

K. R. Morgan is engineer for Pittsburg Gold Mining company at Blair, Nev.

F. G. Beckner is draughtsman for S. V. S. & M. company, McGill, Nev.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.

J. Robert Howard is at Yale this year and recently met Bro. McCulley of Zeta. Any Pi in that section will be welcomed at 1233 Chapel street, or 499 Houghton hall.

ALPHA-XI.

Bro. Walther, who is still with us as an active alumnus is teaching in the Cincinnati schools.

E. E. Hewitt, is connected with the Interurban Electric railway of Springfield, Ill.

ALPHA-OMICRON.

Bro. Andrian L. Voigt is football coach in Coronal Institute; was captain of the track team at Southwestern University in 1910. He also held the state record on the 440-yard dash for two years.

O. O. ("Uncle Billy") Mickle is working on his father's ranch near Memphis, Tenn.

Glenn B. Chapman is farming at Hewitt, Texas.

S. A. Grogan, later of Alpha-Delta, is working in the draughting department of the Wichita Falls and Northern & Western Railway company, with headquarters at Wichita Falls, Texas.

Robt. E. Hardaway, Jr., is attending school at the University of Texas.

Frank H. Lancaster is studying law in the University of Texas.

James H. McGuire is at home at Celesta, Texas.

H. G. Spruse is principal of the high school at Stanton, Texas.

ALPHA-PI.

J. A. Deaver, A. M., is now pastor of the East Lake Cumberland Presbyterian church, Birmingham, Ala.

J. O. Williams has entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

L. F. Harris is studying medicine at the University of Chicago.

M. A. Hoffman is now an instructor in Howard College.

ALPHA-RHO.

Harry R. O'Brien, who has always been a live wire in the chapter has his M. A. now and is an instructor in English at the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Alva Benton who graduated with the B. S. C. degree in June last is at Pennsylvania State College.

Elton M. Kile, who has the bachelor's degree in both arts and law spent the summer on his father's farm near Kileville, Ohio. Bro. Kile was admitted to the Ohio bar last December, and was one of the two men in the class of 1912 upon whom was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Jurists.

Edwin O'Brien went to Stillwater, Oklahoma for the winter, where his brother Harry, as mentioned above, is an instructor.

Fletcher Richards is working this year at New Philadelphia, Ohio.

ALPHA-SIGMA.

Dunnleigh Corey is studying medicine at Ohio State University the home of Alpha-Rho.

Alpha-Sigma had four sons who recently passed the state board medical examination, and are now full-fledged doctors. They are Bros. Powell, Cleary, Hoag, and Bailey.

Bros. Cleary, Bailey and Hoag are now passing their year as internes at the University of California hospital in San Francisco, in preparation for their work in actual practice.

Dewey Powell is engaged in special clinical research on the

eye, ear, nose and throat, an extern at Laine Hospital, San Francisco.

Graham Moody holds a research fellowship in chemistry at this university. Walter Taylor is curator of mammals at the California museum of vertebrate zoology.

Frisbie is cashier of the Bank of Northern California at Redding. Clement is foreman with the General Electric Storage Battery company. Stocker is working in the offices of the Southern Pacific company.

Howard Swift, whose engagement with Miss Schlueter was recently announced, is manager of Schlueter's department store in Oakland, Cal.

Dunnleigh Corey is finishing a medical course at the Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio.

ALPHA-TAU.

Floyd F. Hatch is attending the Medical School of Harvard University this year.

A. C. Callister has recently been appointed an assistant in medical department of the University of Utah.

ALPHA-UPSILON.

John T. Brennon, '12, is a civil engineer with the public service commission of New York state, and is employed in the constructive work on Fourth avenue subway in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Richard E. Elliffe is a credit man in the paper house of W. D. Harper, 74 Madison avenue, New York City.

Elmer Galloway, '11, is industrial service secretary of the Y. M. C. A. student's club of New York City, having charge of the work at New York University, Columbia University and College of City of New York. The work consists in enlisting volunteers in some phase of social service work, such as teaching English to foreigners and boys' club work.

F. W. Garnjost, '12, is making a tour of the world, and at present is staying at Calcutta, India.

Herbert Bathman has entered the University of Michigan and is taking up engineering.

Hermann Henniberger, '12, has returned from Middlebury College in Vermont, where he coached the football team.

S. H. Sarafian, '10, was admitted to the New York bar recently.

Raymond Mathews is studying medicine at the New York University School of Medicine.

University Heights society journeyed to Flatbush last Wednesday to attend the wedding of Miss Helen Frederica Garms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garms of 649 East Eighteenth street and Frederick L. Kopff, a student of New York law school and a 1911 graduate of New York University.

The entire chapter, the Alpha-Upsilon of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, of which the groom is a member, attended the wedding and reception in a body at the home of the bride. A classmate and fraternity brother of the groom, the Rev. George Hamilton Scofield, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Lyman Hartley, also a classmate and fraternity brother, and the Rev. J. F. W. Kitzmeyer, of Saint Paul's Lutheran church, Coney Island, New York.

Miss Margaret Garms, the bride's sister, was maid of honor and only attendant, while Mr. Herbert Kopff, the groom's brother, was best man. The ushers were Messrs. William L. Engels, Gerald Nolan, S. H. Sarafian, Elmer Galloway, John T. Brennan, Jr., and James V. Fitzgerald, all members of the groom's fraternity.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white brocaded gown, embellished with duchess lace. Her tulle veil of duchess lace was caught up with a coronet of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was made up entirely of white roses and lilies of the valley, and her only adornments were a necklace of pearls, the groom's gift, and a Pi Kappa Alpha pin, the gift of the groom's chapter. The maid of honor wore a pale blue charmeuse gown and carried a bouquet of white roses.

Before leaving on their wedding trip to Washington, D. C., for two weeks, the bridal couple will be the guests of honor at

a house party given to them next Friday evening at the fraternity house on the New York University campus by the chapter. The following day (Saturday) they will witness the football game on Ohio field between the New York University and Williams elevens.

The groom won his varsity insignia as a football star on the winning teams during the seasons 1910 and 1911.—*New York American, October 27, 1912.*

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BAIRD'S NEW MANUAL OF FRATERNITIES.

BAIRD'S MANUAL OF AMERICAN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES: A Descriptive Analysis of the Fraternity System in the Colleges of the United States, with a Detailed Account of Each Fraternity. By Wm. Raimond Baird. Seventh Edition. New York: The College Fraternity Publishing Company. 1912. Cloth, pp. xiii + 801. Order from the Editor of *THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND*; price, \$2.50, prepaid.

Seven editions of this book have been issued—in 1879, 1880, 1883, 1890, 1905 and 1912. Each successive edition has been larger than its predecessor, and the last has grown to encyclopedic proportions—a bulky volume of 814 pages, as against 590 pages in the edition of 1905. The publication of each edition has been an important event in the history of the fraternity system, and the seven editions have stimulated the development of fraternities more than any other influence. The whole Greek-letter world is under heavy obligations to the author for the work he has done during the third of a century since 1879.

The 1912 edition is a marvel of comprehensiveness, completeness and accuracy; it would be hard for anybody to find anything relating to the subject in which it is lacking. It contains a wonderful amount of detail about each fraternity, many interesting things, many important things and many valuable things. It is brought down to date, the preface being dated September, 1912. The book is absolutely necessary to general fraternity officers and to anyone who desires to acquire a general knowledge of fraternities; as necessary as a code of state statutes is to a lawyer. It is indispensable to the separate chap-

ters of fraternities; as well might a church try to get along without a Bible as for a chapter to try to get along without Baird.

The first section of the book relates to the origin of Greek-letter societies, their progress, customs and peculiar features. The author says of the fraternity system. "It has become *the* prominent factor in the social life of American students, and as such is attracting the attention of publicists and educators." Fraternities are divided into national fraternities and sectional fraternities, and Mr. Baird says:

The national fraternities include those generally represented in all sections of the country. Of these Β Θ Π, Φ Δ Θ, Σ Α Ε, Σ Χ, Κ Σ, Φ Κ Ψ, Δ Τ Δ and Φ Γ Δ are prominent types. The sectional fraternities are eastern and southern. The eastern group consists of Α Δ Φ, Δ Φ, Θ Δ Χ, Σ Φ, Ψ Υ, Κ Α (northern), Δ Ψ and Α Χ Ρ. The southern group includes Κ Α (southern order), Π Κ Φ and Π Κ Α, although this last mentioned fraternity has placed its last chapters in the North. Δ Κ Ε, Ζ Ψ, Χ Φ and Χ Ψ, originating in the eastern states, have what might be termed a limited national development. Α Τ Ω, Κ Σ, Σ Ν and Σ Α Ε, originally distinctively southern, have completely lost that character.

While many fraternities have forged ahead at an astonishing rate, and thereby entrenched themselves in important institutions throughout the country, some have neglected opportunities for extension which will never be so favorable for them again, and some have been so conservative that they have become fossilized. The author says: "Much of this inertia on the part of such fraternities is due to a false conservatism. It has contributed largely to the rapid and it must be said successful growth of some of the younger fraternities whose members have seized golden opportunities spurned by their slower rivals."

One of the most important phases of fraternity development during the last thirty years has been the great increase in the number of chapter houses. The author very properly warns fraternities against carrying this feature of fraternity life "to a point of senseless rivalry, as unhappily it has been carried at a few colleges where houses much too costly for their surroundings have been erected," and says:

The development of this form of chapter enterprise has been relatively rapid in recent years. The number of houses built and owned by the chapters of the fraternities is large and the value is running well up into millions. . . . Chapter-house life is having a great influence upon upon fraternity character. It has its advantages and disadvantages. It inculcates habits of business, it develops social discipline, it promotes fraternal sentiment, and it affords opportunity for many instances of mutual helpfulness. It develops pride of organization, it arouses the ambition and in some sense promotes college allegiance.

On the other hand, in some places it increases the expense of college life, it increases the average size of chapters, and makes in many cases a larger chapter a necessity where a smaller one would be better. It engenders and fosters social exclusiveness. It makes some students narrow and conceited because they arrogate to themselves as personal attributes the chapter reputation. The advantages undoubtedly outweigh the disadvantages. The fraternities discountenance any form of dissipation in the chapter houses. Most of them cause a thorough supervision to be made of the scholarship of the members and some of them have good libraries. At any rate the chapter house has come to stay. Its development is sure, but it needs watching by the older heads among the alumni and college authorities.

The chapter of X Ψ at Michigan erected a log cabin in 1846 and the chapter of Δ K E at Kenyon erected one in 1855. The author says: "A log cabin in the woods near Ann Arbor, used by this (X Ψ) chapter soon after its foundation (1845), at a time when the faculty was hostile to the fraternities, may be considered in some sense as the pioneer chapter house, although it was not used as a dwelling place for the members as are the chapter houses of today." This conflicts with what appears elsewhere in the book. "The Kenyon chapter (of Δ K E) in 1854 built the first fraternity building that was ever used exclusively for society purposes; it was situated in a ravine, near the college town, was built of logs, at a total expenditure of \$50, and was abandoned in 1871."

A table in the book shows the number of houses owned and rented by the different fraternities. The number of houses owned by the fraternities that own the greatest number are: B Θ Π, 47; Φ Δ Θ, 45; Φ Γ Δ, 34; Δ K E, 32; Σ X and Σ A E, 29 each; Φ K Ψ, 28; K Σ and Δ T Δ, 24 each, Δ Y, 23; Σ N, 22. Ψ Y and A

$\Delta \Phi$, 19 each; $X \Phi$, $\Theta \Delta X$ and $A T \Omega$, 15 each; $Z \Psi$, 14; $X \Psi$, 12; $\Phi K \Sigma$, 10. Since the book was issued, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has acquired three more houses—Lehigh, Franklin and Minnesota—taking the lead again in this respect, which it has held for a good many years.

$X \Psi$, $Z \Psi$, ΔY , $A \Delta \Phi$ and $\Delta K E$ have traveling secretaries. The author says:

The latest development in fraternity administration has been the election or appointment of some one person to devote his entire time to the business affairs of the fraternity and to the inspection of its chapters. Usually he has been designated a traveling secretary. In some instances he unites to the duties above stated that of editing the fraternity journal. This feature of administration is still in a trial period and it evidently is not adapted to the more widespread organizations.

The book contains a sketch of each of the general and professional fraternities for men and women. The principal facts in each sketch are as follows: The date and place of the foundation of the fraternities, the names of the founders, and in some cases the circumstances; a list of chapters, showing when each was established, its name, the institution at which it is or was located, the number of its initiates, and of inactive the date of its suspensions; brief notes concerning certain chapters; a list of chapters owning houses, with the value of the houses (a new feature of this edition of the book) and the number that rent houses; a list of alumni organizations; a statement of the fraternity's scheme of government, past and present; periodical and other publications; a description of the badge (of which a cut is given) and flag, the color and flower; concluding with a list of prominent members, living and dead.

All fraternities now forbid dual membership, although many years ago it was not uncommon. The following instances of double membership are shown by the book, and a careful examination of the lists would doubtless disclose others: Theodore Roosevelt, $\Delta K E$ and $A \Delta \Phi$; Andrew D. White, formerly United States minister to Germany, $\Sigma \Phi$ and ΨY ; Stewart L. Woodford, formerly United States minister to Spain, $\Delta \Psi$ and $\Delta K E$; Benjamin B. Odell, formerly governor of New York, $B \Theta \Pi$ and ΨY ; Lloyd Lowndes, formerly governor of Maryland, $\Delta T \Delta$ and

Φ K Ψ. Francis A. March, professor in Lafayette College, Δ K E and A Δ Φ; Rev. Theodore T. Munger, B © II and Ψ Y.

In the sketches of fraternities it is noticed that in this edition the myth about K Σ being "in a spiritual sense the successor" of an order founded in Europe five hundred years ago entirely disappears; scant mention is made of the fact that X Φ, founded at Princeton in 1854, claims to be the successor of a society supposed to have originated there thirty years earlier; and no mention at all is made of the claim formerly made by Σ II that it was founded at William and Mary years before Φ B K.

The sketch of Φ Δ © covers nineteen pages and is as extended and complete as any in the book. In the sketch of Δ K E appears a statement to which we take exception. Perhaps we would not be so particular about it if it did not concern the parent chapter and the fathers of Φ Δ ©. The statement is that "The Miami chapter (of Δ K E) was formed by six members of the chapter of Φ Δ © who could not agree with their fellow members, and it, in turn, in 1855, gave birth to the parent chapter of Σ X under somewhat similar circumstances."

The facts are that, in the fall of 1851, two of the twelve active members of Φ Δ © at Miami were expelled for drunkenness, after repeated admonitions and as frequent promises to reform which were broken, Benjamin Harrison, president of the chapter presiding at the trial; that thereupon three members, who were very intimate with the two members, resigned on account of these expulsions, and their resignations were accepted; that of the *five* members whose membership in Φ Δ © was thus severed, one joined A Δ Φ some months later, and *four* joined with other students in establishing Δ K E at Miami in the spring of 1852, which had been proposed to them by a Deke from Yale when he turned to his home near Oxford, Ohio, for the Christmas holidays in 1851; and that of these four who became charter members of Δ K E, one later in life resigned from that fraternity and was again initiated into Φ Δ ©.

These facts have been published in "The History of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity" and have been published time and again in *The Scroll*, as recently as the issue for January, 1912. The facts

cannot be successfully disputed, for we have the original records to prove them, and have often quoted them, and yet this misrepresentation continues to be made. It has been made in the *Δ K E Quarterly* and in the historical sketch of *Δ K E* published with the 1910 catalogue of that fraternity, but the true facts should be investigated by Mr. Baird when he prepares the next edition of his book.

Φ Δ Θ may make another complaint. It is said to have twenty-six inactive chapters. These include the second chapters at Miami and Centre, from which they were offshoots, and with which they were combined each after a few months, and include the chapter at Central University, which combined with the chapter at Centre College in 1901, when the two institutions were consolidated under the name of Central University. But inactive chapters are not counted for B Θ Π, Φ Γ Δ or Φ K Ψ at Washington College or Jefferson College, though each of these fraternities had chapters at both of these colleges, which colleges were consolidated. Σ A E had a chapter which died at Union University (Tennessee) and has an active chapter at South Western Baptist University. These institutions were merged in a way, but no inactive chapter for Σ A E at Union is counted. (The inactive chapter of Σ A E at Centenary though not marked extinct seems to be counted as inactive). Two chapters of Φ Γ Δ are not counted at all; they were established at the University of Mississippi and Chapter Hill, Texas, before the Civil war and their records were lost. Two short-lived chapters of Southern K A, called Nu and Xi, and said to have been established at "inferior colleges" are not counted at all. B Θ Π took over all the members of Mystical Seven, living and dead, but does not count three Mystical chapters at Emory, Georgia and Centenary. Δ T Δ took over the membership of ten inactive chapters of W. W. W. but they are not counted. Twelve inactive chapters of the various orders of X Φ are not counted because they died before these orders were consolidated. A close reading of the book would probably reveal other omissions in the enumeration of inactive chapters. It is not believed that Mr. Baird intended to treat Φ Δ Θ differently from other fraterni-

ties in this respect; it is a detail which he doubtless overlooked, but in the enumeration $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ gets the worst of it, and the author is requested to bear this in mind when he revises his work.

The author notes the very rapid increase in the number of chapters of fraternities in the professional schools, and the increase in the number of honorary societies. The professional fraternities include those established in schools of law, medicine (allopathic and homeopathic), osteopathy, dentistry, pharmacy, agriculture, science, engineering, textiles, commerce; students in chemistry courses, students in veterinary science, and students who devote particular attention to oratory, debate, music and college dramatics. Professional fraternities of women include those in medical, musical, oratorical and normal schools. The honorary societies are intended for those who distinguish themselves in scholarship, in oratory and college journalism, and in scientific, engineering, electrical, medical, educational and agricultural courses.

In addition, there are brief sketches of many local fraternities for men and also for women, and of local professional and local honorary societies. The surprising completeness of the list is shown by the inclusion of several local societies that are petitioning $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ for charters. There are also brief sketches of inactive fraternities, including $\Phi \Sigma$, $K \Sigma K$, and *W. W. W.*, some of whose chapters united with $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ (not, however, including ΔK).

Other features of the book are an article on the legal status of fraternities, an extended fraternity bibliography, a directory of colleges and chapters and an index.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

The following poem upon "Convention" appeared in the *Key* and is by Katharine Tobin Mullin, Exchange Editor—and, incidentally, the cleverest exchange editor that a sorority need ask!

When the Beta at convention meets the brother Beta there,
When Kappa Sig or Beta Psi "conventions" anywhere,
They smoke a cigarette or two, and tell a witty tale—
But the female at convention is more loyal than the male.

For she gathers in great numbers from the East and from the West
 And her great judicial mind puts brand new theories to test;
 She settles world-wide questions, and her judgments never fail,
 For the female at convention is much wiser than the male.

And when important things in her inimitable way
 Are settled, and she closes up the business of the day,
 She dances, sings, or acts a play, and sparkling words prevail,
 For the female at convention is more clever than the male.

N. B.—We really don't believe these horrid things we say
 But then they're surely just as wise as Rudyard's, anyway.
 He, cruel man, our pretty sex did foolishly assail—
 Together, girls!—The female is much nicer than the male!

WHAT A FRATERNITY CAN DO.

1. It can prevent a man of studious habits from becoming a mere grind, a bookworm, a recluse.
2. It can prevent a man of strong social inclination from wasting time to the detriment of his mental development.
3. It can tone up a boy of good mind but slovenly habits and tone down a dude and prevent him from becoming the laughing-stock of sensible people.
4. It can prevent vulgar language, coarse manners and loafing in the chapter house; and dishonesty and immorality everywhere as things unworthy a Greek-letter man.
5. It can hold in check a young man of strong appetites and passions until the danger point is passed—until he has developed sufficient strength of character to resist temptation.
6. It can reach down a helping hand to a hardworking, honest student who needs help and lift him up.
7. In short, it can keep constantly before its men the desirability of a well-rounded, symmetrical life.—*X Ψ Quarterly*.

THE EARLY HISTORY OF PHI BETA KAPPA.

The following is an extract from an article by Mr. Oscar M. Voorhees which appeared in the March issue of *The Phi Beta Kappa Key*. It is of particular interest to all Greek-letter fra-

ternity now because Φ B K is the first of all college Greek-letter organizations, and it was organized, not merely as a reward for unusual literary ability, but very much along the lines of the ideals of the Greek-letter fraternities of today.

THE PHI BETA KAPPA AT WILLIAM AND MARY.

BY OSCAR M. VOORHEES, RUTGERS, '88.

The history of the Phi Beta Kappa is unique. That it was organized at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, on December 5th, 1776, is known to all. However as the society continued there but four years, and as its early records disappeared, its real characteristics were well nigh forgotten, and many traditions respecting it gained currency.

The finding of the records in 1848, and their second finding in 1890, followed by their publication in April, 1896, in the William and Mary College *Quarterly*, has made possible the clearing up of many mysteries respecting the society. When the list of the original members were made known it was found that many of them had attained great distinction, and this added to the fame the society had attained through its other branches.

A sketch of the Phi Beta Kappa written with the copy of the original records in hand, was prepared by the writer in 1890, and published the following year in the Alpha of New Jersey catalogue. This sketch, coming to the notice of Col. William Lamb, opened the way to the correspondence that resulted in the return of the original records to William and Mary, and aided in the reorganization of the society there in 1893.

The society continued at William and Mary only four years. The last meeting was held "on Saturday, the 6th of January, 1781, for the purpose of securing the papers of the society during the confusion of the times, and the present dissolution that threaten the university." The five members then present placed the papers of the society in a sealed box, which they placed in "the hands of the college steward." It was not until 1848 that the box was found and sent to the Virginia Historical society. It was found that the minutes consist of twenty-five folios of

rough, unsized paper, measuring seven and three-fourths by twelve inches.

It must be remarked at the outset that the "Fathers" referred to were all very young. Of those who organized the original society not one was over twenty, and of the fifty members, but three, if I mistake not, had reached the age of twenty-five, and these had little influence in the internal development we are to trace. They became members after the essential characteristics of the organization had become fixed, and continued but a short time in active membership. The three referred to were Captain John Marshall, afterwards chief justice of the United States, Captain William Pierce, for a time aid to General Green, and Elisha Parmele, who, by bearing charters to Yale and Harvard, became in reality a second founder of the fraternity. All members were undergraduates between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one. In spite of their youth, however, these students in reality originated the Greek letter fraternity, and developed all the essential characteristics by which these organizations are known in our educational institutions today.

It may have been but partially defined impulse that promoted the first attempts at organization. It was not an unreasonable impulse, however. The times were calling for thoughtfulness respecting the future. The war had recently begun, and Virginia was taking a prominent part in the struggle. She had driven from her borders the infamous royal governor, Dunmore. Patrick Henry had by voice and act incited to separation from the mother country. George Washington had been chosen general-in-chief of the Continental army. Only seven months previous, that is on the 6th of May, the general convention of Virginia had met in Williamsburg, under the very shadow of the college. On the 15th they had instructed their delegates in congress "to propose to that respectable body to declare the united colonies free and independent states." A Declaration of Rights had been adopted June 12th, and on the 29th a constitution was unanimously adopted, looking to permanent separation from Great Britain. The eloquent patriot, Patrick Henry, had been appointed governor. The Declaration of Independence, suggested by Virginia and

written by one of her sons, had been voted by congress, and July Fourth, 1776, had become the birthday of the new nation. When the fathers were thus making history, is it strange that their sons, students in the capital city of the commonwealth that took so prominent a part in these affairs, should have their thoughts turned to the future, and be found planning with respect thereto? And learning that strength comes from union and organization, what more reasonable than that they should be found organizing for mutual helpfulness? At any rate an organization was effected, and the Phi Beta Kappa of today has resulted therefrom.

The fact of the organization was thus recorded in the society's minutes:

"On Thursday, the 5th of December, in the year of our Lord God, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and the first of the commonwealth, a happy spirit and resolution of attaining the important ends of society entering the minds of John Heath. Thomas Smith, Richard Booker, Armistead Smith and John Jones, and afterwards seconded by others, prevailed, and was accordingly ratified."

This "happy spirit and resolution" was not allowed to perish. It came to possess its possessors, and they so labored that within four years the Greek-letter fraternity idea stands forth measurably complete. The organization they effected possessed a motto, a medal or badge, a grip, a seal, a constitution, a form of initiation, regular meetings, literary exercises, social occasions, the name "fraternity," the bond of brotherhood, and the idea of expansion to other literary institutions coupled with constant intercourse between the various branches. In the undergraduate Greek-letter fraternity of today but two additional ideas prevail, the fraternity periodical, and the fraternity convention. And these are but developments of the original ideas respecting expansion and intercourse entertained by our fathers. To these may be added the use of the word "chapter" to designate the various branches of the fraternity. These additions aside, the entire Greek-letter fraternity idea was worked out during the four years the Phi Beta Kappa continued at William and Mary.

In order to a clear understanding of the development and ac-

tivities of the society we shall proceed to study its records analytically, setting forth in order what may be learned respecting its various characteristics. It is hoped that the propriety of this method will be recognized. First we shall speak of—

THE MEDAL.

The second paragraph of the record reads thus:

“And for the better establishment and sanctitude of our unanimity, a square silver medal was agreed and instituted, engraved on the one side with S. P., the initials of the Latin S— P—, and on the other agreeable to the former, with Greek initials of Φ B K and an index imparting a philosophical design, extended to the three stars, a part of the planetary orb, distinguished.”

The third of the “proper and salutary laws” required:

“That every member, after being properly initiated, shall be obliged to furnish himself with a medal, wholly corresponding with those of the fraternity.”

THE MOTTOES.

The paragraph quoted above, gives also all that the records have to state respecting the mottoes.

The Latin and Greek words were originally written out in full, and later erased. “The erased spaces after the Greek initials were carefully smoothed; they seem to have been rubbed with some hard substance like an ivory paper knife. This was not done with the Latin, but for greater security, the erased areas of these words were more or less completely inked over, which was deemed unnecessary for the Greek.”

Respecting the Greek motto there has been no doubt, at least since 1831 when it was discovered by Avery Allyn in his book on Freemasonry, in which appears a chapter which he entitles a “Key to the Phi Beta Kappa.” This was during the anti-Masonic agitation under the influence of which the Harvard society relinquished its secrets.

By that time the impression had gotten abroad that the Phi Beta Kappa, like Freemasonry, was of “foreign manufacture,” which Allyn asserts. He also speaks of its “infidel motto,” declaring that “Philosophy has been the watchword of infidels in every age; and by its learned and enchanting sound, many

unwary youths have been led to reject the only sure guide to heaven."

Thus from the first the society has had two consistent mottoes. The philosophy declared to be the guide of life was not metaphysical, but practical, and summoned up in three principles indicated by the three stars of the medal, *fraternity*, *morality* and *literature*. This is made clear by the form of initiation of which we shall speak later.

THE GRIP.

The "token of salutation" was also early adopted. The record of the eighth meeting, held May 3d, 1777, reads as follows: "For the better distinction of the fraternity between themselves in any foreign country or place, it is resolved that a ———." The remainder of the sentence is illegible, having been "scratched out." But that it established a "grip" there can be little doubt. In the form of initiation afterwards adopted the secretary is instructed to introduce the new member "to each of the members separately, all taking care to use the mode of shaking hands peculiar to the Phi Beta Kappa."

THE FORM OF INITIATION.

"In consequence of this, on Wednesday, the 5th of January, 1777, a session was held, in order to adopt a mode of initiation and to provide for its better security.

"And first in corporation, an oath of fidelity being considered as the strongest preservative, an initiation was accordingly resolved upon and instituted as follows:

"I, A— B—, do swear on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, or otherwise, as calling the Supreme Being to attest this my oath, declaring that I will, with all my possible efforts, endeavor to prove true, just, and deeply attached to this our growing fraternity; in keeping, holding and preserving all secrets that pertain to my duty, and for the promotion and advancement of its internal welfare."

"Whereupon the oath of fidelity being thus prescribed and instituted, was afterwards severally administered to the respective gentlemen, viz.: John Heath, Thos. Smith, Richard Booker, Armistead Smith, John Jones, Daniel Fitzhugh, John Stuart, Thck Fitzhugh, and John Stork as the first essays or rudiments to an initiation. In consequence of this we severally, freely, and jointly proceed to the election of officers, proper and most suitable for its internal regulation."

“The person to be initiated having been properly recommended and approved, shall be brought to the door by him who recommended him. Then he shall be met by some other member who shall introduce and seat him on a chair prepared for the purpose, the whole society rising from their seats and bowing:—The stranger at the same time having a paper in his hand, which he, after being seated, shall deliver to his guide who shall read it as follows:

“The address of—— of—— to the members of Φ B K.

Gentlemen. From a full conviction of the benefit arising from society in general, and particularly from one which I hope has friendship for its basis, benevolence, and literature for its pillars, I am induced to accept of the invitation for admission into the Φ B K, and for the honor conferred on me by this invitation, I return you my most sincere thanks.”

Then the president shall say:

“Mr.———. It was in consequence of our good opinion of you, that we have admitted you thus far, and we hope you will render yourself still more acceptable by answering in the affirmative to the following question—

1st. If upon hearing, you dislike the principles of this society and withdraw, do you promise upon the word of a gentleman, to keep them secret?

2nd. Is it your own free choice, unbiased by persuasion that you become a member of this society?

3rd. Will you approve yourself a worthy member of it, by being a friend to morality and literature?

4th. Will you regard every worthy member of this society as a brother?

5th. Will you assist them when in distress with your life and fortune?

After which the president turning to the members shall thus address them:

“GENTLEMEN:

You all at this moment experience in yourselves the heartfelt satisfaction, which I do at our late valuable acquisition—Friendship herself pleased with her success now smiles at this addition to our fraternity. Let it be our joint care to extend the friendship which has ever been exercised by this society, to this newly elected member, that he may thereby become a veteran in her service. Let us consider, that this is no longer the stranger whom we have hitherto seen; he is a brother, a

member of the Φ B K; in which character I am inexpressibly happy to introduce Mr. — —."

THE FRATERNITY CONSTITUTION.

It is evident that our fathers had had slight experience in constitution making. So they went about the task of preparing a code of laws in a characteristic way. Let us quote further from the records of the first meeting, and this will be clear.

"Upon the recommendation of three members, viz.: Jno. Heath, as president, Richard Booker as treasurer, and Thomas Smith as clerk, the society esteeming them as necessary persons for the functions of their several duties accordingly selected them.

"The fraternity having gone through the business of the present session, after a recommendation of certain proper and salutary laws, to be prepared against the next ensuing meeting of March 1st, jointly adjourned."

Then follow some twenty laws, arranged without evidence of regard for logical order. During the next two years, several additional laws were added as the needs of the society seemed to require. Then on September 4th, 1778, the committee was appointed to bring in a revised code. They did not report until February 27th, when, as the record states, "The laws revised by the committee appointed for that purpose were read and received universal approbation."

An examination of the new constitution, which does not appear in the original records but comes to us from Yale and Harvard, shows that five of the original laws were omitted, and the others somewhat reworded and rearranged appear, following the preamble, as law 1 to 21 consecutively numbered. We will give first those that were omitted, and then the new code.

March 1st. Agreeable to the recommendation of our preceding session, we have severally presented the subsequent laws as proper and most conducive to the advantage of our growing fraternity:

"Resolved 1st. That in every design or attempt whether great or small, we ought to invoke the Deity, by some private sacrifice or devotion, for a fraternal prosperity.

"2. That a profanation of the preceding oath of fidelity subjects the member to the pain of the universal censures of the fraternity as well as the misery of certain expulsion:

"4. That an orderly session of the members from the president downwards should be preserved.

"6. That the non-attendance of any member, unless by some certain obstructing inability, or cogent necessity, subjects him to the penalty of five shillings.

MEETINGS.

Law 13 of the original code provides "That a regular meeting of once a month, unless necessity of sooner convening should interpose, is hereby established and ordained." From the first the business of the society seemed to require more frequent meetings, and these were called from time to time. Soon a meeting once a fortnight was determined upon, and during the remainder of the society's activity this continued the rule, with the exception of the six weeks following August 27th, 1778, on which date weekly meetings were voted. The meetings were held at the college usually on Saturday evenings, and at them a remarkable variety of business was transacted. The attendance was variable, as members frequently left college, some temporarily and others permanently. New members were continually being received, and of all the names proposed, only two were rejected.

The most active and fruitful period of the society seems to have been between December, 1778, and December, 1789, the second half of its existence. During this time many excellent men were received, the laws and forms were revised, ideas respecting expansion were developed, and literary exercises were maintained as a prominent characteristic.

THE GROWTH OF EXPANSION SENTIMENT.

Law 7 of the original code declared "That no gentleman be initiated into the society but collegians, and such only as have arrived at the age of sixteen years, and from the grammar master upwards; and further, before his disposition be sufficiently inspected, nor then without the unanimous approbation of the society." We are therefore to understand that scholars in the grammar or preparatory school were not eligible.

The next step was to authorize branches of the society in other towns. The movement seems to have involved a lowering of the literary standard, for there is no requirement or intimation

that these branches were to be composed of students. The record for May 8th, 1779, reads as follows:

"9. That the least appearance of intoxication or disorder of any single member by liquor, at a session, subjects him to the penalty of ten shillings."

"It being suggested that it might tend to promote the designs of this institution and redound to the honor and advantage hereof at the same time, that others more remote or distant will be attached thereto,

Resolved, that leave be given to prepare the form or ordinance of a charter party, to be intrusted to such two or more brothers of the Φ B K, as to a general meeting shall, on due application for the same, be thought to merit such a trust; with delegated power in the plan and principles therein laid down, to constitute, establish and initiate a fraternity correspondent to this, and that a committee, be appointed of Mr. President (Wm. Short), Mr. Stuart and Mr. Bleckley to prepare a draught of the same and report at next meeting.

The report was duly brought in, and then laid over for consideration at the next meeting. The record of July 5th, 1779, reads in part as follows: "Mr. Beckley reported form of chapter party, read and referred to a committee of the whole, Mr. Brown in the chair, reported a debate by paragraphs and agreed to. Resolved, that the charter party do pass." The first charter, called *Beta*, was given five days later to Samuel Hardy who had been a member less than a year. The day following at a special meeting the charter was amended. This had no sooner been done than William Stuart petitioned that one be granted him.

FRATERNITY FINANCES.

This subject also requires brief mention. From the first an initiation fee of six shillings was required. This was soon "augmented to five dollars" and later to ten. Fines were early imposed on delinquents, especially on those who failed to "perform" when appointed. The amount was at first fixed at six shillings, but this too was raised, for a time the limit being \$5.00. In July, 1779, fines were raised from \$1.00 and \$5.00 to \$10.00 and \$20.00. Reports from the treasurer were regularly required, on two occasions over 18 pounds sterling being in his possession. We can readily understand how a depreciated currency should make an increase in fees and fines necessary. The early use of the Spanish silver dollar should also be noted.

From this study of the origin, development and characteristics of the original Phi Beta Kappa society, it is evident that its members were young men of more than ordinary promise. We have seen that when they began the organization, they did not proceed in an indefinite and haphazard manner, but carefully and thoughtfully. They gave the same care and thought to its development. When they began to work out the problem of fraternity extension they showed the possession of broad, noble and generous qualities. It is easy to conclude that the work they did within the society was a character to help fit them for distinguished usefulness in the social and political world into which they were soon to pass. This prophecy of undergraduate days was remarkably fulfilled. Almost without exception they became men of influence and note. The evidence of this will more fully appear in a succeeding paper, to which reference has already been made, entitled "Our Phi Beta Kappa Fathers in Public Life."

The real source of the hostility toward the college fraternities in many localities, which during the past ten years or more has manifested itself intensely even to affect legislation, as in Mississippi, Arkansas and South Carolina, has been a great puzzle to many who have not come into contact with the actual conditions in the colleges affected and to some who have been familiar with these conditions but yet have failed to comprehend the source of the trouble. The writer recently had occasion to meet a member of one of the most widespread of the college fraternities who was very bitter in his antagonism towards them at the present time, and showed a spirit of resentful anger against what he called their social pretensions and snobbery, which led to a mild inquiry as to the reason for his attitude, as he admitted that while in college he himself had been an active worker in connection with the fraternity to which he belonged. It then transpired that he was the father of two sons whom he had sent to his alma mater, that both of them had been ignored entirely by the fraternity to which he belonged, and had received no offer of membership in any other fraternity. Gaining his confidence, he said that

he felt that his two boys were in many respects much better fraternity material than he had been while he was an undergraduate, and he saw no reason why they should not have been invited, both of them, to become members of some of the numerous fraternities represented at his college, except for the fact that his own chapter, and many others, had set a standard of extravagant living and social pretensions quite out of their reach and which, in fact, they had no desire to attain.

He said that the simple college fraternity chapter of his student days, comprising from 15 to 25 members, with no costly chapter house to maintain, and with occasional opportunities for meeting, had almost disappeared in his college, and that its place had been taken by social clubs confining their membership to city-bred boys who spent more money than was good for them and who usually did not complete their college course. He further said that there were four or five fraternities represented at his college which were maintaining about the same standards of scholarship and social activity as had obtained when he was in college, but their ranks were full and his sons had no opportunity to join them; and he said furthermore that there were between two and three hundred boys at that college who were left out of fraternity membership and were entirely without any social life except such as arose casually out of their association in not over-pleasant boarding houses.

It was suggested to him that his sons might have organized a fraternity of their own. He said that thought had occurred to him but it meant a lot of hard work apparently, and as a matter of fact they did not know how, and although before their college course was ended they became members of a casual social group, nevertheless they had graduated from college without attempting to form such an organization.

There is no such unrest or dissatisfaction with the fraternities in smaller colleges as there is in colleges with a very large number of non-fraternity people, and it is, therefore, quite obvious that much of the antagonism to the fraternity system could be avoided and, in fact, would never arise, if there were fraternities enough to afford membership to practically all who desired to

enter into such relations. We, therefore, are forced to the conclusion that it would be wise and in fact is almost imperative for the fraternities to take steps to extend the number of chapters existing, or even to organize new fraternities in order to provide proper social opportunities for a majority of the students. As it is in all probability hopeless to assume that any of the smaller fraternities having less than 25 chapters will be sensible enough to extend materially, the only alternative seems to be to encourage in every way the organization of new fraternities, and this we think should be done by different fraternity chapters wherever possible, by suggesting to social groups formed among non-fraternity men that they organize themselves into chapters, first as local societies and then afterwards as chartered organizations; or, second, by uniting with other fraternities to actually promote new fraternity organizations, by assisting men desiring to form such organizations in details of procedure, providing them with constitutions, rituals, and assistance in other matters of this kind.

This is not a new thing to be done. The local societies at Dartmouth, which subsequently became chapters of Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi, were both organized at the direct instance of the existing fraternity chapters simply because it was felt that such fraternities could not extend their ranks sufficiently to take in all of the available fraternity material. In the same manner at more than one college known to us, the fraternity men have directly assisted in the organization of new chapters of their societies. But the movement should become much more general and should be encouraged in every way. It will result in the organization of a number of fraternities which, of course, at first would be without the advantages of the age and prestige of the older societies, but time would cure these disadvantages and it would not be so very long before there would be a sufficient number of organizations to effectually prevent any organized opposition to the fraternities on the part of students. It will be said by many of the non-fraternity men that they do not care to join these organizations, and this may be true in a very few instances, but we do not believe it is true generally and, in fact,

even when it is true specifically, it is often found that a little persuasion will overcome that attitude of mind. It is not an infrequent experience for an active worker against the fraternities in a large college to become speedily converted to the opposite point of view when he has an opportunity to enter a fraternity of standing and reputation. In fact, it has been one of the commonest forms of tactics in fraternity politics for a fraternity chapter to initiate its chief opponent or opponents. There is urgent need for an increase in *fraternity* chapters. To supply this fraternities like our own should extend as rapidly as opportunities afford in good places and other fraternities willing to extend should be encouraged whenever possible.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

FRATERNITY.

If I could write one little word
Upon the hearts of men,
I'd dip into the fount of love
And write with golden pen
One little word and only one,
And feel life's work on earth well done;
For every heart would speak to me
That one sweet word "fraternity."

—ANON.

In Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 2.

Headquarters of the Fraternity.

In accordance with the authority conferred upon me by the Supreme Council and in pursuance of the privileges of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity under the constitution of the Inter-Fraternity Conference, the following members of the fraternity are hereby appointed as delegates from the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity to represent it at the said Inter-Fraternity Conference to be held at the University club in the city of New York on the 30th, day of November, 1912:

J. Graham Sale, Grand Historiographer, Welch, W. Va.

William Alexander, New York City.

L. D. T. Quinby, New York City.

ALTERNATES.

W. B. Blanton, New York City.

M. L. Dawson, New York City.

Given under my hand and the seal of the fraternity this 19th, day of November, A. D. 1912.

J. GORDON HUGHES,
Grand Princeps.

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