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Contributions

TO PI KAPPA ALPHA. (Tune—The Star-Spangled Banner).

T.

O come, let us sing, from the depth of our souls,
To Pi Kappa Alpha our deepest devotion,
Till borne on the winds, as the thunder-peal rolls,
Its glad notes shall echo from ocean to ocean;
Firm champion of truth, and guardian of youth,
Of thy towering greatness thy manhood gives proof.
All hail, noble order, beloved of old,
Long wave thy bright colors, pure Garnet and Gold.

II.

Enrolled as thy knights, with thy banner above,
We are constantly rising by manly endeavor
To the heights of thy ideals, true friendship and love,
Which never can die, but live on forever;
So through all the days, over life's toilsome ways,
The light of thy friendship shines clear through the haze,
What a wealth of real meaning, thy emblem imparts!
The Shield and the Diamond worn over our hearts.

III.

What is this that we hear, over valley and plain?

A sound of sweet voices in harmony ringing,

'Tis the chorus of sisters in joyful refrain,

The deeds and the praises of gallant knights singing.

As we look up on high, to the great Father Pi,

That glorious ensign appears in the sky.

May it blended in beauty with "Old Glory" wave,

"O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

(L. J. Gilliland, Alumnus Gamma.)

A PI KAPPA ALPHA ANNUAL.

Too often we hear the accusation made that our alumni are not as interested and enthusiastic as they should be. This fact which we are compelled to acknowledge with deep and sincere regret is not entirely the fault of the old men. It is rather the lack of interest that is taken in the alumni, themselves, and in addition the absence of some medium by which they can be perpetually drawn together. Neither is this lack of interest and enthusiasm confined wholely to the alumni. This accusation can be justly made about many of our academic and active members.

Now this, of course, is a condition that is deplorable and should not exist. But I would indeed be unworthy to wear the badge if I should enumerate the deficiencies of my fraternity without suggesting a means by which they could be righted. The solution to this problem, I think, can be reached in an inter-chapter annual, or briefly, a Pi Kappa Alpha annual.

This annual would be indispensable as a factor in maintaining interest in the fraternity. From the ages of heroic struggle of our earliest ancestors history has been the agent which has so tirelessly and patiently recorded the fearless and the admirable deeds of our forefathers so that we might profit by them. Thus it is that we turn the pages of our histories when we desire to dwell on the glories of the past. What an everlasting source of pleasure it would be for us, when we too have left the college walls and active chapter, and have, like all the Pi's, taken up the flag and begun the battle of life, to have our frat annual to which we could turn and refreshingly bathe our minds in the happy memories of the past.

This annual would be indispensable and priceless as a means of enlightening and broadening the views and conceptions of each member. Through it he would be brought face to face with the facts and statistics of his fraternity. While as a medium of drawing the individual brothers into a closer union

and brotherhood, it would be a decided success. When each brother will have known every other fellow-brother then indeed, from the intimate standpoint, we will have reached the stage of perfection. But as this is well nigh impossible, to have, at least, a picture acquaintance, would seem the next best thing.

This intimacy, the proposed annual would give, and this end alone would justify the publication. The annual in the college is a potent factor. It serves towards maintaining interest and enthusiasm in the institution, both among the alumni and undergraduates, as nothing else can. Why, then should it not serve for the same purpose in the fraternity?

Every fraternity man, even after many years have separated him from the college walls, takes great pride in the fact that he has been and is a member of a Greek letter fraternity. Then what a treasure this volume would be in the after years. This proposed annual would become the pride of every loyal Pi, and would serve through the coming ages to preserve and perpetuate the brave deeds and true accomplishments of all loyal Pi's.

This idea, Brothers, is not altogether the idle dream of a wandering brain but a serious and practical possibility. Think it over!

WM. M. COLMER, Alpha-Iota.

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF PI KAPPA ALPHA.

Thursday, November 30th, 1911, was indeed a gala day for the college men of Arkansas, being the occasion of the Fourth Annual Reunion of the University of Arkansas students and alumni at Little Rock. Beside the social features, the pleasures of the day were further augmented by the annual foot ball contest between the "Razorbacks" of Arkansas University, and the "Tigers" of Louisiana State, resulting in a victory for the former by the score of 11 to 0.

Of all the happy assemblage, perhaps there was not a jollier

bunch than the twenty one members of Pi Kappa Alpha, who were drawn together from all parts of the state for the day. For several weeks preceding, the efforts of the Little Rock alumni had been directed toward the end of gathering a number of the state alumni together for the purpose of organizing a State Association of Pi Kappa Alpha. To that end, a banquet was spread, and every Pi in the state tendered an invitation. From the returns received from the fellows, however it appeared as though only about ten would be present. It was therefore a pleasant surprise to all, when the roll was called to hear seventeen respond.

The fellows got together in W. G. Riddick's law office in the Southern Trust building, on Wednesday evening the 29th, and at 9:30, repaired to the "Rathskeller" of the Marion hotel, where a delightful banquet was served. To those who have never attended a Pi Kappa Alpha banquet, it is quite useless to try to describe it, and to those who have, it is unnecessary. Suffice it to say that everything was there to eat and drink that would appeal to the most fastidious, and full justice was done to both ends of it.

Just as the "cafe noir" was served, Bro. Byrne arose and stated the object of the meeting to be the organization of the State Association of Pi Kappa Alpha, the purpose of which was to be the awakening of the Arkansas alumni, and bringing them in closer touch with the active chapter at the university, and in every other way to stimulate the interest of the old men in the active work of Pi Kappa Alpha. Nominations were then called for the permanent officers of the association which resulted in the election of W. G. Riddick, President, L. R. Byrne, Vice-President, W. L. Goodwyn, Secretary-Treasurer. President Riddick thereupon appointed Bros. Byrne and Goodwyn to draft a set of by-laws for the government of the association, to be presented for acceptance or rejection at its next meeting.

After the conclusion of the business session, Bro. Byrne acting as toast master, toasts were responded to by Bro. Lambert on the "Good of the Order," Bro. Riddick on the

"Purpose of the Organization," Bro. Chamberlain on "Reminiscences of the New Orleans Convention," and Bro. Reinberger on the "Old days of Alpha-Zeta." Then after many pleasant memories were discussed, and old friendships revived, adjournment was taken to meet again on next Thanksgiving, when the ties of Pi Kappa Alpha would be bound stronger than ever before. After adjournment, a collection was taken to assist the Arkansas chapter in the liquidation of their debt incurred in the purchase of furniture for their chapter house.

Those present at the banquet were: W. G. Riddick, Pi, Little Rock; E. H. Hunt, Eta, Clarksville; C. H. Lambert, Gamma, Little Rock; M. L. Reinberger, Alpha-Zeta & Rho, Little Rock; L. R. Byrne, Alpha-Zeta, Arkansas City; R. R. Chamberlain, Alpha-Zeta, Malvern; W. L. Goodwyn, Alpha-Zeta, Little Rock; W. E. Thompson, Alpha-Zeta, Warren; P. W. Bailey, Alpha-Zeta, Warren; E. H. Shinn, Alpha-Zeta, Russelville; R. J. Pierce, Alpha-Zeta, Little Rock; J. W. Cooper, Alpha-Zeta, Malvern; H. B. Martin, Alpha-Zeta, Warren; W. C. Miles, Alpha-Zeta, El Dorado; J. E. Gaughan, Alpha-Zeta, Camden; J. H. Alphin, Alpha-Zeta, El Dorado; H. R. Carter, Alpha-Zeta, Little Rock.

It was very pleasant indeed to contemplate the fact that with the addition of Bro. Blackwood, who showed up next morning every one of the chapter members of Alpha-Zeta chapter, living in the state, were present with but a single exception, and he was unavoidably detained. This went far to prove to us that these old men, who planted Pi Kappa Alpha's banner at Arkansas were still enthusiastic supporters of the Old Gold and Garnet, and willing to again enter the fight for her successful conflict with the older Greeks at Fayetteville; while on the other hand, it was equally as pleasant to note the enthusiastic energy displayed by Bros. Gaughan and Miles, representatives from the active chapter, in their determination to make Alpha-Zeta not only the best in Arkansas, but one of the banner chapters of the fraternity.

During the forenoon of the following day, an informal reception was held in the offices af Bro. Riddick, and on that

occasion, we had the pleasure of welcoming the following brothers who had gotten in too late for the banquet, or were from other reasons prevented from attending: H. V. Mosely, Alpha-Gamma, Mgr. Louisiana football team; Dan Estes, Alpha-Zeta, Capt. Arkansas football team; J. Q. Blackwood, Alpha-Zeta, Newport; R. A. Adams, Alpha-Zeta, Malvern.

As a fitting climax to the pleasures of the day, it was with mingled joy and pride, that we saw Arkansas led to victory over Louisiana by Bro. Captain Dan Estes, he having the honor of making the first touch down that lowered L. S. U's colors to the dust. During the afternoon and night, most of the visiting Pi's took their departure, thus bringing to a close the first annual reunion of the State Association of Pi Kappa Alpha, each determined to return next year, and to work more diligently for the uplift of Pi Kappa Alpha in Arkansas.

The following accounts will be of interest to Pi's in general:

GREEKS GATHER AROUND THEIR FESTIVE BOARD; EACH OF THREE COLLEGE FRATERNITIES HAS SOME ESPECIAL REASON FOR GIVING THANKS.

Each of the three Greek letter fraternities which gathered about their several festive boards last night has something for which to be excessively thankful.

The Kappa Sigma, who dined at the New Capital hotel, lay claim to being the oldest Greek letter fraternity in Arkansas, having organized in 1889.

The Kappa Alphas are proud of the distinction of being the only strictly Southern Greek letter fraternity, and they will not admit members from the other side of the Mason and Dixon line. Their banquet was held in the New Capital hotel also, and those present were representatives from various branches of the fraternity. Arkansas, Missouri and Mississippi were represented, about 20 delegates being present.

The Pi Kappa Alphas dined in the Hotel Marion. They lay claim to being the oldest Greek letter fraternity.

The toastmaster for the Kappa Sigmas was George Vaughan, Among the speakers were Professor J. C. Futrall, Judge John Martineau, Abner McGehee, Walter Taylor, Captain R. F. Dowdy and Powell Clayton. The music was furnished by the Kappa Sigma quartette.

Lloyd R. Byrne was toastmaster for the Pi Kappa Alphas. The speakers were W. C. Miles, J. E. Gaughan and W. G. Riddick.

Guy Watkins was toastmaster for the Kappa Alphas. Among the speakers were Tom Jackson and other representatives of various state organizations of the Kappa Alphas.

PI KAPPA ALPHA'S BANQUET—FRATERNITY MEN GATHER FOR FIRST ANNUAL FEAST.

The first annual banquet of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity was held at the Hotel Marion last night. After a preliminary meeting at W. G. Riddick's office in the Southern Trust building, the fraternity men assembled in one of the hotel banquet rooms and there, amid the stirring speeches of the older members, who pictured the struggles of the fraternity in its infancy and its continual growth, the meeting lasted until the early morning hours. Following the regular banquet, a surprise was given the members of the chapter at the university in the form of several large donations for the chapter house at that place. Those present were. C. H. Lambert, H. R. Carter, W. G. Riddick, Lloyd R. Byrne, W. L. Goodwin, J. E. Gaughan, M. L. Reinberger, H. B. Martin, P. W. Bailey, W. G. Thompson, J. W. Cooper, Dr. E. H. Hunt, E. H. Shina, J. H. Alphin, W. C. Miles and Robert Pierce.

A REPLY TO AN ATTACK ON FRATERNITIES IN VIRGINIA.

The footprints of the iconoclast can be found in the sands of every age. Since the gray dawn of history the world have been flooded with emulation, envy and bias. The story of Joseph and his brethren is a striking example in Hebrew

writings of this hot and volcanic vexation of heart at another's well-doing. The history of the Hellenic cities is a story of continuous contention and warfare waged alone because of jealousy and prejudice. As through personal incentives there has been in all ages manifold opposition to every creed, solidarity, confraternity or fraternity. So in our own enlightened day every organization, it matters not how vastly advantageous and elevating it may be, has somewhere its maligners. Can we expect the college Greek letter fraternity to be an exception?

In the recent political campaign in Virginia a candidate, who afterwards was elected to represent his senatorial district, attacked the Greek letter fraternity in a malicious and merciless manner.

I here give a part of his speech: "If I'm elected to the Virginia senate I know of no higher service to render my constitutents than to aid in freeing our Virginia colleges of the most deplorable organization that has existed within the knowledge of man. It is commonly known as the Greek letter fraternity. These organizations are a great detriment and menace to education, and have done more to impede the advancement of our colleges than any other existing evil. They are ruining our best young men by banding them together in clubs to live disorderly and intemperate lives. Why, they are a force that control the social side of college life to the exclusion of all but themselves. Opposed to equal rights and common property they are always striving to advance their own selfish interest. Over half the students are kept from them; they are vain and undemocratic, and have a false standard that claims a person to be qualified for membership must have a royal pedigree. The tribunal that decides this is a lot of conceited upstarts. In this way they grab for the rich and kick out the poor. Instead of letting the student body mix socially together in a band of common friendship, they divide it into nasty clubs and political factions that rules athletics and the literary societies so that a boy that's not a member of them stands no chance of obtaining any college honors

"They simply turn out a lot of proud and worthless snobs. I know a boy that lives near me that went to college and joined one. It ruined his habits, made him conceited and snobbish, and, now all he can talk about is his fraternity. I want to do all I can to suppress these organizations."

I wish to state at the threshold of my reply to these mendacious remarks, that I have known the author of them for a number of years, and will not give his name here as I want my arguments, assertions, and inferences to be addressed exclusively to the matter, not the man.

It is perfectly apparent that fraternities being only aggregations of people contain the infirmities, the ignorance, the vices, and the virtues of ordinary human beings. "The perfect cannot be made out of the imperfect." But, I do claim that these remarks made by this very ordinary human being, with evidently his share of the weaknesses of the human race are without foundation, utterly absurd and preposterous.

At the very beginning an affirmation is made which I take as a specimen of the mode of statement which permeates the whole of his remarks. Will you not agree with me? He speaks of the Greek letter fraternity as the most deplorable organization that has existed within the knowledge of man." What a vast span of time is immured within the Bastile of these words. Let us examine them closely so you will see clearly at the outset that denunciation, invective, and mendacity constitute the staple of his attack. And furthermore as the cry of this pragmatic legislator seems to be set in the same key of whines in which all fraternity "soreheads" sing, we will be enabled to fathom their entire depth.

What is "the knowledge of man?" I take this to mean all that has happened in his marvelous career since the time, mist and tradition blend into authentic history down to the intellectual conquests of our present day. I take it to mean all the recorded events in the struggles and victories of mankind, which have been so slowly, and painfully won. What a mighty gulf of time. It is a long distance from the gibberish of the savage to the sonnets of Shakespeare—a long and

weary road from the pipe of Pan to the great orchestra voiced with every tone from the glad warble of a mortal bird to the hoarse thunder of the sea. The road is long that lies between the discordant cries uttered by the barbarian over the gashed body of his foe and the marvelous music of Wagner and Beethoven. It is hardly possible to conceive of the years that lie between the caves in which crouched our naked ancestors crunching the raw bones of wild beasts, and the home of civilized man, with its comforts, its articles of luxury and use. With its work of art, with its enriched and illuminated walls. Think of the billowed years that must have rolled between these shores! Yet during all these numbered centuries the college fraternity is "the most deplorable organization," man has known. None of the great organizations of anarchy, hierarchy, oligarchy or plutocracy have done mankind the wrong this Greek letter fraternity has done. The malignant and murderous cliques of the dark ages stained with the innocent blood of mothers and babes are not to be compared with it. It is the greatest menace of the ancient, medieval, or modern world. Such folderol excites us to laughter. If a truthful statement should be found later on in an attack opened by such an assertion as that, would you accredit it to an accident, ignorance or a misprint?

Every reflective mind will readily admit that as far as the general advancement of public education in Virginia is concerned the college Greek letter fraternity has had absolutely nothing to do with it, either as a succor or impediment. But since we find in the attack these words, "they are a great detriment and menace to education," we beg you to examine the following.

In all the national fraternities in America in the year 1883 there were 505 active chapters, and the total membership was 67,941. In 1910 the active chapters numbered 1082 and the membership 224,498. The ratio of the growth of fraternities in Virginia has been about the same as in the United States. Now in 1871 the number of schools opened in Virginia was 3,047, and in 1909, 9,940. There were 131,088 pupils enrolled in

1871 and 409,491 in 1910. Also in 1910 there were 10,450 teachers employed in Virginia, and the amount of money expended by the state that year for educational purposes was about \$4,500,000. These figures show that both fraternities and public instruction in Virginia have made remarkable advancement in the last few decades. They seem to show that the two are twin sisters, that have grown and developed side by side, and hand in hand from a weak infancy to a great and magnanimous maturity. One thing they do not prove and that is that fraternities "are a great detriment and menace to education."

Do fraternities interfere with the studying of their members? Is the scholarship of fraternity men lower than that of the so-called "non-frats?" Let us investigate.

At Hampden-Sidney College in 1909-'10, 43.36 per cent. of the student body were fraternity men. In the 1910 graduating class fraternities furnished 55 per cent. and that year 22.44 per cent of the total number of frat men in school got their diploma, while only 13.06 of the "non-frats" got theirs. That year 17.25 per cent of the students were graduated. The figures are approximately the same every year. In 1910-11, 38.46 per cent of the student body belonged to fraternities. That year 50 per cent of the graduating class were frat men, and 15.9 per cent of their total number completed their course. Only 9.58 per cent of the non fraternity men graduated that year.

At William and Mary College in 1910-'11, there were 224 men enrolled. Of these 73 belonged to fraternities, and in the 1911 graduating class, 12 men, fraternities furnished 6 or 50 per cent.

I have figures from other institutions at hand, but as they are practically synonymous with those at Hampden-Sidney and William and Mary I will not consume more space giving them here. They show that a larger per centage of fraternity men complete the four year cycle of college life and get their diploma, than do the non-fraternity men. I can prove that this

is true at every institution in Virginia if any one wishes a further discussion of the subject.

Do the leading educators of the state agree with this man, when he says fraternities are harmful? Let us see.

Dr. E. A. Alderman, President of the University of Virginia in an address at that institution last November said: "All those who oppose fraternities are unwise. Fraternities do twenty times as much good as harm. During the past twenty-five years the fraternities have reached colossal power—great in physical wealth, social influence and academic achievement."

In a letter speaking of R. M. W. C. at Lynchburg, Virginia, Dr. W. W. Smith, Chancellor of the Randolph-Macon system of schools, states: "The right to choose one's special associates at college is fundamental and cannot be denied except for most necessary reasons. We have several sororities here and they work in perfect accord with the faculty. It requires an effort sometimes to make them innocuous, but it can be done and they can be made helpful instead."

Dr. Geo. H. Denny, ex-President of Washington and Lee University, now President of the University of Alabama writes: "I have not the exact figures at hand, but from time to time have investigated the matter and find that there is little or no difference in the matter of class standing betwen fraternity and non-fraternity men at Washington and Lee."

Dr. J. L. Jarman, President of the State Normal School at Farmville, Virginia, assures us that "My observation is the students in this institution that belong to the sororities do not fall behind the others in point of scholarship."

President Thwing of Western Reserve in an interview said: "The influence of fraternities on college life is, I believe, wholesome I do not think that fraternities, as such, have in this university any special influence for or against scholar-ship, but there is one special element which deserves mention. If we find that a man is falling down in his work, we at once state the fact to certain members of his fraternity. This statement is received as a warning of peril. Almost invariably the men take hold of the recreant member and make him work hard.

A fraternity greatly dislikes to have any one of its members fall under any college penalty."

This statement of President Thwing is from a university outside of the state, but fraternities are nearly the same everywhere, and he speaks of a good quality of them that should be mentioned. Now I ask you with all fairness who should be able to say whether the influence of fraternities is for the good or not; the honorable presidents of the institutions where they exist, or this hotheaded demagogue?

We find also in his attack the bold statement that fraternities are "ruining our best young men by banding them together in clubs to live disorderly and intemperate lives." An infamous falsehood is bad enough, but an unreasonable one is worse. In these words of the legislator's indictment against fraternities he has given no reason, and no rag of a reason in support of his cruel charge. Why, that assertion would cause the rush of excited blood to quicken the heart beat of every cherisher and lover of his college days and associates. In fact, the grin that spread over my countenance when I read those words would have made a Cheshire cat look like a chief mourner at a funeral. For if he had said that the heliocentric theory was false, that Copernicus was entirely wrong in his scientific theorization, and that Dr. Cook had recently discovered the four corners of the earth, he would not have missed the mark more widely.

Think of such fraternity men as Woodrow Wilson, Oscar W. Underwood, Robert M. LaFollette, John A. Dix, Henry VanDyke, Herbert S. Hadley, Simeon E. Baldwin and a host of others that are the present day makers of history. Did these men spend their college days in disorderly and drunken crowds? Would they advocate the extension and perpetuity of an organization that represents what this "sorehead" claims fraternities do? Behind thousands of the leading pulpits of this country are eminent divines whose hearts are filled with admiration for their fraternity, and whose memories are illuminated with fadeless recollections of their active associations with them. Yet the enemies of the Greek letter fraternity would have you believe that these great doers of good banded themselves together

in their formative period "to live disorderly and intemperate lives." "Order is divine;" and from that we conclude that disorder is atheistic and ungodly. And what is intemperance? That path to destruction, going down to the chambers of death. This man has substituted for the beautiful and worthy principles, by which fraternity men are bound together, the most atrocious and depraved vices. He has defamed and slandered the names of the defenseless dead who have been associated with these benign brotherhoods. He has put a lie in the mouth of Death. Why he should have made such a statement with absolutely no proof to substantiate it, and in the face of such boundless evidence to counteract it, I do not know. A man that would do such would swear on oath that white is black.

To prove that fraternities have always stood for the pure, and high, and noble is easy. The fact, as Dr. Smith has well expressed: "they work in perfect accord with the faculty," is proof enough in itself. And who will dare say that the able instructors in our Virginia institutions are not the very example of unselfishness, and uncompromising duty toward the right. When we contemplate how fraternities have so well stood the test of time, when we think of their romantic history, of their marvelous growth and development in "physical wealth, social influence, and academic achievement," we believe that all sane men will agree with Dr. Alderman, when he says: "All those who oppose fraternities are unwise." Reflect for a moment of the many honored men that have gone out from the mysteries of the Greek letter fraternity, and blessed the world, the list is filled up by a long line of orators, of statesmen, and of heroes, justly entitled to rank among the ornaments of their country, and the benefactors of mankind. These worthy men are the very incarnation of the noble principles upon which their fraternities were founded, and for which they have ever stood. It is unnecessary to lengthen these proofs, for a mere mentioning of them will suffice for all those whose reasoning powers are not ruffled by passion, clouded and blinded by prejudice, impaired by disease and intemperance.

Another thing. From the general trend of his remarks we

conclude at once that this legislator is a crank on Socialism. Now, I would not, if the space were alloted me here, discuss Socialism. But, I will say that if there is anything under high heaven I do oppose it is it, and woman suffrage. I am opposed to the present day tendency toward radical changes. I am a Conservative through and through. But enough of this.

In his attack the would-be destroyer of fraternalism has brought into existence a new objection to them. I can certainly give him credit for its orignality. He is opposed to them pecause all the student body are not members of them. My God! He objects to heaven I suppose because all the people in the world will not be there. Picture to yourself an organization where every crook and scout, regardless of color, character, or social standing, could join whenever he so desired. That welcomed with open arms all alike into its embrace. Could such a fraternity endure as long as a snowball on the fourth of July? Would anybody feel any pride in it, or love for it?

Again, the idea that the wealthy are sought for while the poor are kept in the social background is also the statement of an untruth. We all realize that bankruptcy has made many a man where wealth made only a fool. And it takes men to make a congenial brotherhood, not fools and dollars. It is due to this alone that fraternities have gained such colossal standing.

I deny the charge that fraternities domineer the social festivities of college life while the non-fraternity men are excluded. Have not the "non-frats" the same privilege of getting together in social gatherings to dance, feast, or whatever enjoyment they may so desire, as the fraternity men? Surely all Americans are endowed with the inalienable rights of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." But this radical seems to think that whatever keeps the student body from coming together in their social festivals is in opposition to equal rights, "vain and undemocratic."

Socialism may some day domineer the administration of this government, but it will never rule in the social realm. There may come a day when the son will no longer inherit from the

father-when the last will and testament of the dying will be the common voice of all, but never a time when all people, regardless of color, class, or coterie will meet together in the banquet hall, and at the marriage feast, with the same social standing. To select one's social comrades is a God-given birthright. It is an innate principle for man to desire to mix with those of his own flesh and blood. And why? Because with them he finds congeniality. That word friendship and love meet like white and red within the bosom of a rose. Without it, a brotherhood where the sister and sweetheart are invited along with the brother to the banquet cannot long endure. God forbid that I should be misunderstood on this issue. I believe that there are people outside of fraternities as highborn as any that ever knew their mysteries. But to condemn an organization on this condition, you might as well try to condemn a man because of the blood that flows through his veins.

He tries to ridicule the judgment of members passing on the qualifications of a prospective initiate, as though their decisions should be infallible. I admit that many have been barred from fraternities that should have been members, while many have worn the badge that disgraced it. But all men make mistakes. No one pretends that the mind of a man is perfect. The intellect is not always supreme. It is surrounded by clouds. It sometimes sets in darkness. It is often misled—sometimes in superstitious fear, it abdicates. It is not alway a white light. The passions and prejudices are prismatic—they color thoughts. Desires betray the judgment and cunningly mislead the will.

The statement that the non-fraternity men are barred from an opportuity of attaining distinction on the athletic field, or in the literary society is tomfoolery. In this day of great intercollegiate rivalry it is not the man that wears the frat pin, but the man that can "deliver the goods" that plucks the flower. It is stupendous absurdity to think that the college authorities, the body of alumni, or even the honor of the student body itself would tolerate such. There is too much desire in the breast of every student to uphold his college not to want the best athlete

and ablest orator represent his alma mater. The desired statistical information on this point is not at hand, but if more fraternity men do obtain these college honors it only shows that they are the most capable.

Fraternities do not necessarily divide students into political cliques and factions that are derogatory to the welfare of the student body as a whole. In institutions where such exists, it is not due to the fraternities, but to the character of some of the individual members of the chapter in that institution. My four years of college life were spent two in an institution where fraternities exist, and two in one where they do not, and on my word of honor the student body of the college without fraternities was split into more factions than the one that had them. Why factions among men as well as students existed before fraternities were ever conceived! Look at the hyprocrisy and vice in the church, but can you say that churches are the cause of vice? Look at the ignorance at the doors and on the campus of our best schools, but can you say that schools are the cause of ignorance? Look at the cliques and factions in student bodies with fraternities, but can you say, with honesty and sincerity, that fraternities are the cause of these factions? It is not fraternities that cause them. It is human nature.

Before closing I want to refer to the young fraternity man whom the legislator spoke of as being so conceited. Now he concludes that all fraternity men are snobs, because that boy was one. Can you condemn all the members of an organization on the folly and demerits of a certain one? Can you say that all the members of the American Federation of Labor are law-less and bloodthirsty, because the McNamara brothers were? Can you say that all ministers are murderers because Richeson killed Miss Linnell? What argument could be more illogical? All fraternities are opposed to snobbishness, and urge their members not to be so, and wherever you find a parvenu or snob in a fraternity it is not due to the organization, but simply to the man.

The thing that has impressed me most in answering this attack upon fraternities has been the lack of reason in every ar-

gument, and the lack of truth in every assertion. In his statements he simply discards reason. The author of "Common Sense," and the "Rights of Man" said: "To argue with a man that has denounced the use and authority of reason is like administering medicine to the dead." I feel that in this discussion my labors will be barren unless some medicine that affects the dead is discovered.

A wise man said: "As a man thinketh, so is he." Now, if this legislator has expressed his honest thoughts on fraternalism, and we judge him by them, then if he ever accomplishes his improbable task, and "frees" our Virginia colleges of the Greek letter fraternity, we can all sit back in amazement and say, truly, the fable has become a reality, and a mouse has freed a lion.

J. M. CROCKETT, Iota.

THE QUESTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

It is not with the hope of discussing a new subject that the question of the proper attitude which fraternity men should take on the admission of new men is again given a little time. But it is a serious question—one upon the proper solution of which any particular chapter will continue its existence; and on the contrary if the question is not properly solved there is bound to be more or less trouble, misunderstanding, and, if carried too far, eventual dissolution.

There are broadly two classes of fraternity men on this subject; and to make the proposition simple they may be denoted as "liberals" and conservatives"—a distinction which is good in many other phases of human activity. The "liberals" may be said to be those who see the problem in clear outlines—recognize that new blood is absolutely essential to the life of their chapters. Therefore, as they always have the problem in front of them, they become "liberal" in their estimates. Being assured of the genuineness of a person they are not prone to hold out against him for no other reason than that the candidate being considered does not "appeal" to them. They recognize that it is impossible to control the impressions which

naturally occur to them upon meeting strangers; but they do have that control of themselves which amounts to a determination to get along and live in harmony with persons who may lack qualities which they may possess and prefer to see in others. The "liberals" likewise know that with them first estimates are as often wrong as correct, and are more or less inclined to believe in the theory that friendship after all is largely a question of correct understanding; and that the lack of friendship is so often only misunderstanding. So it amounts to nothing more in the long run than that those embodying these qualities are essentially broad minded.

Of an altogether different viewpoint are those placed in the class called "conservatives." They see no problem to solve or if they see it attach no importance to it. If their chapter is alive today it is enough said—"don't worry." They have their eyes on nothing any further advanced than the present and often have their chief glory in the past. Lacking in confidence of the average of mankind, they become cynical in their judgments and often foolish in their selections. Narrow-minded, they are not able to rise above the first impressions, and do not search for strength of character but rather for pleasing appearance—and always appearances which suit their hidebound conceptions. Often they are straw moralists—using the word in a particular sense, possibly—and cannot appreciate any other qualities than those of which they approve.

What has been said is only for the purpose of understanding the situation so that two suggestions may be made; and it is hoped that they will cause thinking rather than a firm belief of the contents of the article, which represents the opinion of only one person who is neither absolutely sure of his premises nor very experienced in fraternity ideals.

In the first place, what should one do when he is going to vote on a person who does not upon mere acquaintance especially satisfy him in view of the fact that the candidate—if I may use this term—has been highly recommended by a fellow brother who has known him intimately for a number of years? This is not an imaginary situation. Furthermore, in a very

general way it is a situation which will separate those two classes before mentioned. The "liberal" ordinarily will give his assent and withdraw his objection based solely upon impression. But the "conservative" is unable to rise superior to his feelings and doubts the judgment of every person except his own.

It is certainly true that the greater majority of fraternity men are "liberals;" of necessity they must be. But one rather extreme "conservative" can do more harm than can be done by a number of "liberals" to counteract this influence. Is not something necessary to check this conservative spirit? To answer this it is important to know the weapon of the "conservative." Certainly all agree that it lies in the use of the secret black-ball. Would it be unjust or in derogation of fraternity principles to require an "open" black-ball? or still better, require the person or persons objecting to any proposed new member to state in chapter meeting his reason for so opposing?

Likely enough, many will be shocked at such a suggestion but the writer of this article does not want to black-ball any person before he does state his reasons for so doing; and thereby give persons favorable to the proposed member a fair chance to show him wherein he is mistaken. Again, it is not anything more than is sometimes—yes often—found necessary in practice, that is, the use of certain extra-legal methods in making persistent black-ballers ashamed of themselves. At least there will be no harm in thinking about such matters.

KENNETT C. SEARS, Alpha-Nu.

"CONCEPTIONS OF FRATERNITY LIFE" AND THEIR VALUE.

Almost all men, before entering college, have their own conceptions as to what a fraternity is or should be; yet, how many of them find it as they have pictured? Probably some of them have had the good fortune of belonging to a social high school organization and have formed their ideas within its bounds;

but, how often does the disappointment of reality come as a destructive force to pictorial dreams! At all events, whatever may have been the influence of a man before entering college, his apprehension of fraternity and college life is going to be shaped, to a large degree, by the character of his conviction, and the goal which he intends to reach. Herein lies the real value of new men to a fraternity.

If a youth enters college with the sole purpose of having a good time and making the curriculum a secondary proposition; if his one aim is to attend all the hops and get into society as much as possible; more than likely his ideals of a fraternity will conform to such a standard. We see just such men coming into college every year. With the first impression, they are called by some, "good frat material;" but, hold off, it is only for awhile, for time passes quickly, and when the years have stamped the age of manhood upon their faces, we find them wanting in the balances of the world's great needs; unable to point out to following manhood anything of interest, but "pleasures and a good time." His fraternity life as a whole has been a failure, for what has he profited thereby, or where has the fraternity gained in his acquisition?

On the other hand, we have the youth entering college, who realizes that he is not coming into a continuous round of pleasures and festivity; who has come with energy and zeal to accomplish something, and to strive to so fit himself, that he may fill the world's great need of real men. As a rule, we will find his standard to be founded on his true sense of duty, and his ideals in his thirst and longing for true friendship. these first, he will awake to the fact, that all the other joys and pleasures of college and fraternity life will come to him. Thus, months pass on, and amidst many pleasures, determined to reach his goal, he is slowly but surely enabling himself to fulfil his obligations to his fraternity, and to mankind. This is the kind of a man that we wish to stamp with the shield and diamond. This is the kind of a man that will make garnet and old gold flutter in perpetual breezes of prosperity; and will never cause our ennobled "lily of the valley" to blush with shame.

But, what must we do to get these men? We must hold high the ideals and standards of our chapters. We must make it apparent, that the influence of our chapter means something in the future, and that there is something within that is impossible to exist without. That it is not a social clique, that it is not a band for a monopoly on college affairs, but that it is a bond of true friendship, upholding a high social standard to the members, and striving to aid them in the walks, which they shall choose in life; sharing alike their sorrows and rejoicing in their good fortunes.

If we can do this, how much more beautiful will the memories be, that will cling to our alumni, tender even to declining years. Often will they sit in those silent hours of meditation, and in dreams, see many shady nooks of past fraternity life, labeled with joy and pleasures, and rejoice in the consolation that they were their own. They will always remember the personnel of their loved chapters, and fraternity, as youths worthy of trust.

LOUIE MORGAN, Alpha-Eta.

"THE RELATION OF THE FRATERNITY TO THE COLLEGE."

In discussing this subject, I realize that I am very likely to offend two classes of persons; the overly zealous fraternity man—because I may seem to subordinate the fraternities at times; and the rabid non-fraternity man—because I may here and there seem to exaggerate some of the good traits of the fraternity system. However, in this short discussion, it shall be my intention to treat the subject at hand from an unbiased viewpoint—to depict to you the facts just as I saw them during my college days.

The fraternity system always has been and always will be dependent upon the colleges, for the colleges are much older in point of time; and because from the student body of the colleges has always been drawn the membership of the fraternities. Since then each member of a fraternity has at some time or other sustained a dual membership in his fraternity and in

the student body of the college at the same period of time, it becomes important for us to study the relative positions in which the majority of students hold each, and to comment thereon.

For example—I have seen students who hoped for the defeat of their own college football team in a certain game, because the captain of the opposing team happened to be a member of their fraternity, and because they had no frat brothers on their own college team. This spirit is not the spirit of the true fraternity man. Nor do I believe that even a considerable portion of fraternity men hold such ideas of fraternity loyalty. If at any time a man's loyalty to his fraternity seems to call for disloyalty to his college—then he had best reform his own ideas of frat loyalty; for true fraternity loyalty is synonymous with and is always productive of added college loyalty. If one strives harder to fill a place on an athletic team just because he is a member of a certain fraternity, thinking thereby to shower laurels upon his frat, then his college reaps the benefit of his added and increased industry, and this member is not only a loyal fraternity man but also a more loyal college student. The example cited above will serve in all branches of activities, in scholarship, debating or an other line of student endeavor.

On the other hand, it was my pleasure to witness a football game between two large universities, where the individual stars on each team happened to be members of the same fraternity. Throughout the whole game, the battle resolved itself into a contest between these two men; and a better example of loyalty to one's college I have never seen. Enemies it is true, on the field of battle, but brothers for life off of the football field. In closing this branch of my subject, I want to lay down two precepts that will hold in any case, first "loyalty to one's fraternity never calls for disloyalty to one's college," and secondly, "true loyalty to the fraternity is always productive of increased loyalty to the college."

The antagonists of the fraternity system have frequently charged that the college fraternities are detrimental to college spirit, and that the fraternities themselves are undemocratic. It is true that each fraternity chapter represents an independent unit in college life, but insofar as being detrimental to college spirit, the charge is grossly untrue. The most successful chapter in any college is that chapter which can number its friends among the non-fraternity men by the hundreds. For these friends the chapter-house provides a place for entertainment—a place where the ties of college friendship are knit and strengthened—a shrine where college spirit is engendered and fostered.

But it is shouted from the house-tops that "the fraternities are undemocratic." If democracy means one's electing himself to a certain position or office, then the fraternities must forever be branded as being undemocratic. However, democracy in its proper sense means "government by the people"—"a rule for and by the will of the majority." In this sense the fraternities are most democratic. No eligibility requirements of wealth or prominence are asked for or given. The individual members of the chapter are the sole judges of any particular man's worth. Here wealth and illustrous ancestors are overshadowed by intellectual ability, moral fitness, and the true worth of the candidate himself. Can the fraternities, then, in strict justice to themselves, plead "guilty" to the charge of being undemocratic?

Many prominent educators have found that through the traternities certain desired results can be accomplished which otherwise could never have been attained. College fraternalism is adapted to and can be used as a means to raise the standard of scholarship in any college. However, a great deal of tact is necessary in dealing along these lines. But since many of our faculties now number fraternity men among their numbers, this is going to be an easier problem to solve in the future. It has been my experience that fraternities, as an organized body of men, are always glad to co-operate with the teaching forces, so long as they are given the recognition they deserve and so long as they are assured that they are getting a square deal. I have never known of fraternities demanding any privileges of college authorities just because of the fact that they were organized. On the other hand, many examples might be cited, where the faculties of state schools or even the legislatures have barred fraternity men from participating in all intercollegiate contests just because they happened or chose to belong to a secret organization. In fact, the action of certain state legislatures cannot but help to remind one of the feeling against secret societies in general which swept our country in a period of its early history. But the Masonic Order, holding true to its mark and aim, emerged from this storm of public sentiment a stronger order. Just so, we may expect the fraternities to rise in strength and esteem in certain quarters when legislative bans have been removed, provided they continue to teach and try to attain those high ideals upon which they were founded.

But getting back to my immediate subject, you may ask, "What is the proper relation between the fraternity and the college?" I am frank to confess that I cannot give you a direct, specific answer. In general, the two may always work along harmoniously together—the one aiding the other in an effort to make of each member a nobler, truer man.

H. N. EVERSOLE.

RUSHING.

As to the subject of rushing men little can be said that will apply to every chapter. The first thing, it seems to me, that should be borne in mind, is that rushing must carry with it the proper amount of dignity to keep it above an ordinary scramble. Pi Kappa Alpha will never find a man that is absolutely indispensable to her. This does not mean that we should expect any man to be perfect or that any one or two men in the chapter should be unreasonable in their demands of a prospective candidate. We should be willing to take men even though they do not meet our standard in every little particular, remembering that fraternity men are developed, not born, and that unless Pi Kappa Alpha can develop a valuable man out of an excellent piece of material she is vitally lacking. Our fra-

ternity is one intended to do good and is not dependent upon new men who are fully developed for its existence. To limit our initiations to such would soon result in no more growth.

The primary purpose in rushing is to give us an opportunity to size up a man and in turn give him a chance to work out for himself whether or not we have the sort of men he wants to be intimate with. No matter how good a man may be he will be of little use to us if, after he is initiated, he finds out that he had not properly sized us up and later becomes discontented. He must have faith in the fraternity, his chapter and should have confidence in every individual. If every man in the chapter does not have perfect confidence in his brother it is because he himself is not what he should be or a brother is failing to live up to his vows. Such feelings no doubt arise in some chapters. And I believe I am safe in saying that they generally come from some one or two members failing to properly respect the rights of others. A desire to control a chapter by political methods, such as lining up this and that man by offering him certain favors or by any method try to get in a position to direct the actions of the chapter on questions of common interest is in direct opposition to the vows taken by every member, and immoral, and eventually destructive. Any member found attempting such political moves deserves to be "set down upon" severely. This is a little off of the subject, so back to rushing. It should be conducted fairly. I mean by that, care should be exercised not to misrepresent Pi Kappa Alpha or to cast undue reflection upon any other Greek letter organization. If the proper standard is maintained an accurate representation of Pi Kappa Alpha will be one that every member will be proug to picture to a prospective candidate. We shall be proud of our record if we fight fairly, when after we have graduated and we look back upon the work of our chapter. One thing keep in mind continuously, rush twelve months in the year and do not consider our duties to the fraternity done when we leave college. It is the duty of the alumni of every chapter to keep an ever watchful eye on the work of the active members. chapter is always young and inexperienced without the advice

and help of the alumni, and if forced to fight alone it need be expected to thrive but little better than when first chartered. It is no more reasonable to expect new members coming into chapters today to exercise good judgment any more and to accomplish but little more than the charter members did. A man is really not worth much to a chapter until after he has been in active service for at least one year and if he quits working upon his graduation he will have in every case received more from the chapter than he has put into it. Then how long can a chapter be expected to thrive if it is continually giving and receives nothing after it has developed a man to the point to where he can really be of value to the chapter and to the fraternity? The trouble is our rushing days end too soon and having a high sense of pride in their chapter and the fraternity the young fellows in college are tempted to employ drastic measures to keep the membership up.

LEROY HIGHFILL, Alpha-Zeta.

A SUGGESTION.

In writing a contribution for The Shield and Diamond, I wish to write just a few things concerning fraternity life and its working which should be more often expressed yet which we all know.

To the man inside the circle, behind the badge of Pi Kappa Alpha, there is no such thing as the "evils of fraternity life." There should be no such thing as snobbishness or conceit and there never will be anything except the sense of loyalty and feeling of friendship, that devotion to the true and high ideals of our order inspire. But we must remember that the fraternity group is the minority; because, in the appointed order of things, it has ever been the case that from out a large number of men, the best and most "likable" men constitute a smaller group. It is in the majority that remains, that is fostered the spirit of unrest and dislike; an emotion given rise to only when the men in the fraternities assume a superior attitude and forget that

God in His wisdom has made the other man human. This arrogance—how we despise the term that we must admit—is shown sometimes in our social functions, sometimes in our athletic contests and eternally in the attitude which unfortunately we have created in our sisters. This is an appeal not for the benefit of all fraternity men, but to the leaders, to put down and discourage such sentiment. Such sentiment it is that has, at various times, caused anti-fraternity legislation and that has, while also promoting a feeling of resentment in non-fraternity men, been a source of humiliation and sorrow to those few men who never belong to fraternities, either through mistaken conceptions of democracy or simply because, while fine, worthy men their inbred lack of congenial qualities has placed them beyond consideration as suitable men.

I write these remarks with a full knowledge that they are applicable to few and that all our brothers would not consciously arouse a spirit of antagonism in the non-fraternity group. But what I have stated is a problem of which we are all aware and as such we must face it with a strong determination to correct this error, one not peculiar, indeed, to II K A, but alas, sadly universal. But let the credit for an unbiased and high minded attitude be given to II K A for where one shows the right path, the others must follow.

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EARL BOLDIN THOMAS, Gamma.

Editorial

The South is the bulwark of Democarcy. Oscar Underwood Since the Civil War the South has failed to Alpha. The South now has an opportunity to come claim its rights. into its own. The effective work of a certain Southern man has brought the South into more prominence than it has ever been heretofore. No less than three Southern men are prominent candidates for the presidency. There is no reason why the South should not have the honor of naming the president. Too long have we lain in a comatose state. The bulwark of Democracy has long been silent. Electing candidates from other parts of the country to their own interest we have neglected ourselves. That we have had men suitable for the purpose cannot be denied, and that we have neglected our opportunities is a most lamentable fact. With the solid South behind him a Southern man, representative of the new school of thought, can be elected president. Without the support of the South no Democrat can ever be elected. It therefore behooves Democrats in the South to get together, quit petty bickering, and concentrate on one man who can lead the party to victory. And there is one man who can lead Democracy to victory-Oscar Wilder Underwood, of Alabama. As chairman of the ways and means committee and house leader of the Democrats, he has exemplified his statesmanship and established his fitness for the position of president. Oscar Underwood has made good as a Democratic leader and that his friends and brothers will pull for him goes without saying.

It's a well known fact that the Princeton boys are working for Wilson and we cannot blame them. That is all the more reason why IT K A should work for Underwood. In all of his work Underwood has proven himself a consistent Democrat, and absolutely devoid of fear. He has not hesitated to subvert his own interests to advance the interest of his constituents, and perhaps in this respect he has made many enemies. But regardless of this Oscar Underwood is a strong man, made

so by his own efforts, and one who has reflected more credit upon Southern Democracy than any other Southern Democrat in the years gone past. That he is worthy of the honor that may be conferred upon him will not be denied except by some disgruntled politicians who have tried to lead democracy in the past and failed. It is earnestly urged on every Pi to use his utmost efforts to have Oscar Underwood nominated by the Baltimore convention for president.

A number of universities do not permit initia-New tion into Greek letter societies until the Men. beginning of the second term, usually January or February. No doubt there are good and various reasons for such a rule. It will not be denied that some regulation is necessary with reference to the admittance to the privilege of a fraternity man. We are firmly of the belief that a man should possess a certain collegiate standing before he be eligible to fraternity membership. Recognizing, as we believe is the case, this principle, some of our colleges have very wisely decided that no man can be initiated into a fraternity until the second term. The February initiations will have taken place before this issue leaves the press, and while there are a great many things that could be said to the new brothers in Kappa Alpha, we only say a few: Be true to yourself, your college and your fraternity; work hard and earnestly and consistently for the success of each; in whatever line of endeavor you are engaged do your best, no more can be asked; reflect credit upon yourself, and in so doing you will reflect credit upon your fraternity; gain the esteem of your professors and win their confidence and respect by your character; and, as we have said in a previous issue.

> "This above all—to thine own self be true; And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou can'st not then be false to any man."

Songs. In the two previous issues the editor has asked for songs for the proposed song book. Only a few have been submitted, but it is with a great deal of pleasure that we give credit to Bros. Jacobs, Mu, and Gilliland, Gamma, for the songs they have submitted. In this issue is reproduced the song "To Pi Kappa Alpha" by Bro. Gilliland, and in the October issue was Bro. Jacobs' song "Initiation Ode." Both of these songs are written to popular airs, and there is no reason why they shouldn't be popular with all the chapters. Certain it is that those brothers who have sent in songs have won for themselves a place in Pi Kappa Alpha's hall of fame. There are undoubtedly a number of Pi's who can write songs. Get busy, boys!

Chapter It is with a great deal of pleasure that the Correspondents. editor notes that a majority of the chapters are sending in their letters and articles written on the typewriter. As stated a number of times heretofore, nothing so much facilitates the work of the editor and the printer as writing that is easy to be read. As any one knows, the ordinary handwriting is not easy to be read, hence so many mistakes in names and places. Some few of the chapters, however, we regret to state, continue to send in their letters articles written by hand, and it would take a Philadelphia lawyer, as the saying goes, to translate them.

It is again urged that the chapter correspondents write their letters and articles so that the can be read, especially names.

Issue. intention of the editor to make the February issue a football number, wherein was intended to be shown what Pi Kappa Alpha had contributed to the world of sports during the past season. It has been found impossible to make this issue in any way representative owing to the fact that only a few chapters have sent in pictures of their football men.

In the limited time it would not be possible to have cuts made and articles written that would be in any way representative of Pi Kappa Alpha. A number of our members have played on football teams this past season, to their credit and to the credit of their respective colleges, and with the material at hand a football issue at this time would in no wise be representative of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. The editor hopes that he can make the April issue a football number, and that the chapters who have not already done so will send in cuts of their football men.

Arkansas State Through the efforts of several Pi's, there has Association. been formed what is known as the Arkansas State association of Pi Kappa Alpha, the object of which is to bring together all Pi's in Arkansas, and to promote the interest of the chapters in said State. Annual reunions are held, at which are present representatives from each chapter active and alumnus, and a number of alumni. Such meetings present an opportunity for the members of the different chapters and the alumni to know each other. Such a meeting was recently held in Arkansas, as is detailed in another part of this issue. It is suggested that the District Chiefs endeavor to organize State associations for the purpose of becoming better acquainted and advancing the interests of Pi Kappa Alpha.

A Pi Kappa Elsewhere in this issue will be found an Alpha Annual. article under the above caption. Why not have such an annual? It could be in the nature of a catalogue or directory, containing the names and addresses of all Pi's, and at a small expense copies could be procured. The suggestion of Bro. Colmer is worthy of a great deal of thought and an earnest discussion of the same is invited.

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.

There has been very little to break the tedium of scholastic life since our foregathering for the second semester. To be sure Jack Frost recently paid us a very unexpected visit, and amid broken water pipes and a submerged furnace, rather overstayed himself. But we have no wish to impose on you our melancholy tale of domestic woe.

Doubtless we should recant our complaint of monotony, made at the outset. For some of us are still to be found, who are satisfied to pay our daily respects at "The Art" and "The Rex," varying the intermissions between peanuts and compliments for the orchestra. And the Y. M. C. A. banquet, to which a surprising number of us were invited, must not be overlooked as a social feature. Bro. Albertson managed to carry with him a few of the greatest "sharks," but Dame Rumor had let it out that a subscription would be the order of the evening, and this, rather than any aversion to banquets, cut down our representation. Soiree is still the word heard on Saturday night, and right royally is the reputation of the university upheld. We were the host last week at what was on all sides pronounced a most successful party. The best of eggnog, made by our good sister, Mrs. Woods, agreeably substituted the customary "Bud."

Those of the "Who is Who" class among us are Bros. Albertson and Redus. The former wears his familiar editorial air, and is never seen without an arm full of manuscript or proof-sheets. If you consult him during office hours—3-4: Madison Hall, Room 10—you will perhaps discover that the University of Virginia is to get out in April the best annual

in her history. Bro. Redus appears frequently these days in a sweater, and it is not difficult to see that the device on it is the athletes' coveted "V".

While the inside track boards rattle every afternoon to the pace of numerous sprinters and distance men, and the head coach issues an early call for baseball material, the basket ball quint is working off its schedule with varying success. The team, though not measuring up to that of last year, nevertheless, expects to capture the coming games. We regret that none of the brothers essay any ambitions in this branch of sport, but perhaps we can better ourselves next year.

We are glad to say that the chapter house corporation has gotten together in earnest, elected new officers and actively launched this winter's house campaign. We are expecting great things from their work this year, and we begin to see our long dreamed of house plans actually taking form.

We were happy to have with us a few days ago Bro. C. Beverly Brown of Charlestown, W. Va., who talked very pleasantly of his days spent at the university. We are prepared to entertain at all times and are always glad to have the brothers drop in on us. Bros. L. A. Anderson of Lynchburg, Va., and J. S. White of Warrenton, Va., also were over to see us again and we made them very comfortable for the night.

W. B. BLANTON.

BETA

DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

Initiates: Harry L. McCaskill, Bainbridge, Ga.; James C. Todd, Laurens, S. C.; and Frank A. Hill, Statesville, N. C.

On Monday night, January 8th, Beta held her annual initiation, and it is with a great deal of pleasure that we introduce to the fraternity at large the men named above. We have every reason to be proud of them and feel sure they will do credit to Pi Kappa Alpha. Brother J. A. Scott, Jr., of Statesville was with us during the initiation. He is a very

enthusiastic brother and as loyal a II K A as you can find anywhere. We are always glad to have him with us.

With the three new men Beta now has a chapter roll, numbering fifteen, and we believe the chapter is in a good, prosperous condition.

Bro. W. W. Boswell, who is a member of the junior class, has withdrawn from college in order to make preparations to enter West Point in April. We hate to give up Bro. Boswell and we will miss him very much, but we hope he will meet with success and make good in this new line of life.

Just recently the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity has established a chapter here at Davidson, so that now we have six Greek letter orders here. The new chapter has nine active men who have gone to work earnestly, and we hope for them a bright future. Beta gave the new brotherhood a reception on January 18th. After welcoming them into our midst and after speeches from every body present the H K A freshmen served a salad course. The other five fraternities have also given them receptions.

Just now class football is the talk of the day, but it will soon give way to junior speaking which is the next thing of real importance. In just about a month it will be in full sway, and we hope our campus will be adorned with plenty of pretty girls. Beta expects to have her share of them anyway.

Although baseball is most too far away to be talking about, the prospects at present are not very bright, though there is plenty of time for things to change and this we trust will happen.

With best wishes to our sister chapters.

H. R. Boswell.

GAMMA

WILLIAM AND MARY.

William and Mary is now in the midst of her mid-year exams., which are now the chief topic of interest and discus-

sion. We of the chapter are hoping to make a creditable showing in the conflict.

The basketball team has recently returned from a trip through North Carolina. While not a successful trip, the team made a creditable showing against superior teams. Gamma hopes yet to be represented by one monogram in basketball as she has several promising candidates on the court.

Since the last letter Gamma has one more pledge, a man who has already shown his ability and from whom we expect great things.

Gamma recently enjoyed visits from brothers Denny Wright, George Hawkins and C. M. Barnes, and we wish to remind any wandering Pi that Gamma's doors are open to him.

William and Mary gave her Christmas german January 5, It proved to be a very enjoyable affair. The pleasure of the occasion was greatly added to by the presence of a number of fair visitors. Gamma was represented by Bros. English, Willcox, Cox, Jones and Parker.

Bro. English, editor-in-chief of the "Colonial Echo," the college annual, has his work now well under way. He promises us a good edition.

W. L. PARKER.

DELTA

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

Delta is now in the midst of first term examinations, and we are working hard for the honor rolls. The first term examinations end next Saturday, January 27th, and the second term begins the following Monday, which is the beginning of the last term for two of our brothers, Allen and Gross, since this is their senior year.

Commencement speakers were elected by the literary societies the first Saturday night after the return from Christmas holidays, and we have the following representatives among the speakers; Allen, society orator; Gross, U. D. C. medal; Roberts, sophomore speaker. And as representa-

tives on public debates for the second term we have Haskew, anniversary debate; Roberts, ladies' debate; McClurkin, joint debate.

There is not much fraternity material in college among the non-fraternity men at present, however, we have under consideration one or two men who are showing up splendidly in their work. Some new men usually come in the second term, however, none have shown up as yet.

The Southern University basketball team played its first game for this season last Friday night, January 19th, and won by a score of 18 to 11 over the Montgomery Y. M. C. A. team. We are expecting to keep up our 1000 per cent record in basket ball this season, which we have maintained for the past three seasons.

T. J. Gross.

ZETA

University of Tennessee.

The members of Zeta chapter after spending pleasant vacations at their homes are back in school preparing for the February examinations which are looked forward to with much interest since they determine the eligibility of our pledges as well as they effect our own standing.

Since our last letter a new organization known as the pan-Hellenic German club has been organized to succeed the Cotillion club. This new organization admits every frat man who wishes to join and makes it a very representaive club, in that each fraternity has one representative on the governing board and there is no election of members and so long as a fellow conducts himself according to the rules he remains a member.

Just prior to the Xmas holidays Miss Julia McAllby a sister of one of our town alumni gave a very pretty dance at which the members of our chapter had a delightful time.

Am very sorry to say that recently two of our members have left school. Bro. Davis of Memphis left on account of sickness and Bro. Tompkins has gone to Michigan to study medicine. Both were strong men and the chapter will sorely miss the presence of each.

Basketball is the only phase of athletics of interest at present and Mr. Baird a pledge represents us on the team.

ED. LEACH.

ETA

TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Alpha-Gamma chapter entertained at a delightful dance in honor of the visiting Eta boys on the eve of the Tulane-L. S. U. football game at Baton Rouge. They certainly established a reputation with us as entertainers and we congratulate them on having such a fine chapter house.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity two new initiates, M. A. Buckingham and H. W. Waguespack, both of the first year law class. We are glad to welcome these two coming legal lights who will assure the keeping up of Pi jurisprudence to the highest standard.

Quite a few of the fellows have been attending the carnival balls which are quite frequent at this season of the year.

Mid-year examinations are staring us in the face and we are pretty busy just now, but we are looking forward to the Mardigras merry-making which will begin just after exams are all over. I am sure the carnival will be enjoyed by all, coming just at the logical time.

Eta is giving a big dance on February 6th in honor of the Alpha-Gamma boys and we can see by the number of acceptances already received that we are all going to have a big time.

We are well represented in all the clubs this year and in official capacities in all our class organizations. In fact we have an unusually prosperous chapter and our fine material in the new members assures us of a continuance of present conditions and a bright future for the chapter.

H. GRADY HUNGATE.

THETA

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY.

After spending a very pleasant Xmas, we are all back and hard at work. Last year we led all the fraternities and the non-fraternity men here in scholarship besides doing our duty socially and in athletics. We are all determined to keep up our present high standing and do a little better, too.

Those of us who did not go home during the holidays enjoyed a visit from S. E. McFadden, Jimmy Clotfelter and W. G. Miller. Jimmy spent almost all of his time at a certain place where he has "possum" up a tree. He very kindly informed us that he had "shined his (her) eyes and was about ready to grab him." To meet and talk with these old brothers is a real treat. May they return soon.

J. C. McQueen has been appointed as a missionary to Africa, and will, probably, sail some time during the summer. He is somewhat "plump" and will make quite a feast for "dem niggers." Our hearts will always be with him, and here's hoping that he does not go in single harness (we are informed that he is doing his "darndest" not to) and will accomplish much good in that heathen land.

"Big Jim" Stokes played tackle on the team, but was not up to his usual star work owing to being sick the greater part of the season. He was on the famous 1908 team, and has been a mainstay here in both football and baseball for several years. "Billy" White did not come out until mid-season, but he immediately made good at guard and starred in most of the remaining games. This is his first year here and we hope to see him a great player before he leaves. The writer played half-back in the two first games and then for the rest of the season was put out of the game owing to an injury. We have hopes of at least having one man on the basketball team and possibly two or three.

The last issue of The Shield and Diamond was splendid, and we congratulate the staff on their good work.

B. O. Wood.

IOTA

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE.

With the opening of college for the middle term, we are made cognizant of the fact that another epoch of our college career is before us to be passed through successfully—or otherwise, while some of us were a little unfortunate in some one or two of our examinations, the majority of the boys went through with flying colors. The aforesaid unfortunate ones are now hard at it, to recuperate and forsooth to pull up the aforementioned examinations.

We are looking forward to our intermediate celebration and dances, as well as to the annual debate between the literary societies which comes off on the third of February. Bro. Atkinson, T. T. and Bro. Walker, C. M. are the representatives of their society, the Philanthropic, against their old foes, the Unions. This is quite an interesting event and is especially so to us since two of our good brothers compose one team.

After the ill fated trip to Lexington, our basketball sharks have settled down to hard practice and under the generalship of Bro. Corke, we have now good prospects for success during the rest of the season. Iota is ably represented on the quint by Bros. Corke and Blanton.

Talk of baseball is now heard in almost every conversation. Hampden-Sidney has an abundance of material on hand this year and under the able coaching of Mr. Frank Bigbie, of Richmond, she will no doubt stand very high in that department of athletics. Iota will probably have four men on the team this year. Bros. Atkinson, T. T.; Sanders and Wool being last year's regulars, while Bro. Painter brings a mighty good record from the Southwest.

Iota had five men on the football team last fall. Bros. Blantn and Sanders were the continued topic of the sporting editors since they played star ball the entire season. Bros. Atkinson T. T., Corke and Walker played good consistent game and could be relied on at all times. With five men on the football team, two on the basketball and four on the base-

ball, Iota can justly be proud of her athletic honors. While we have been prominent in this respect to an unprecedented degree, we have not been behind in other college activities such as studies, literary societies, honors, etc.

We have recently been most fortunate in pledging two fine men, who give every prospect of standing high among their fellow students. They are David Laughon and William Wyso, both of Pulaski, Va. They will be initiated in the near future when we will introduce them as full fledged brothers.

BROWNLY B. HODGES.

KAPPA

TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY.

All of our men will return for the second semester except Stone, who has gone to Cuba with his father for an indefinite length of time and will not return to school this year. Kenzie is the oldest man in the present chapter and a most loyal Pi. We shall all miss him.

The busy hum of the grind is heard on the campus now, presaging the awful silence of the first semester exams. Of course all of us are expecting to get through, though it may be in some instances by the skin of our teeth.

Several of us were across the town to assist State University in their big initiation the first of the month. The details wifl doubtless be given in the Omega letter.

The football season though not giving us the championship was on the whole very successful. Out of the eight games played three were won, three lost outright, one forfeited and one tied. Only three of last year's men were in the line up, and some of the material was totally new to the game. Notwithstanding the many difficulties however, through the excellent training of coach Lavine and the faithfulness of captain Thomas and his men a team was turned out that was conceded to be the best since the famous 1905 team.

The state championship was a three cornered tie between State University, Transylvania and Central College, each having won two games in the state association. With Thomas and Wallace Spink as our representatives we have felt a vital interest in the team and also since the other Spink, or Spink the elder, managed the business end very successfully.

The basket ball season promises well with two scalps in our belt and no defeat. At present it seems that we shall not be permitted to meet our deadliest rival, State University, but anyway we're figuring dope. Wallace Spink is representing Kappa at center.

At the recent national convention of the Sigma Upsilon literary fraternity held here, the chapter was represented by Borders. Monroe is also a member, but was prevented from being present by illness.

KARL BORDERS.

OMICRON

RICHMOND COLLEGE.

All of Omicron's members answered the roll call at the beginning of the new year, bringing back many memories of home and good times spent during the holidays, and ready to face the year 1912 with zeal and determination to make it the best ever for Omicron and II K A.

With the contemplation of two new chapters, which, if admitted will add strength and power to the fraternity, the year 1912 should be the banner year for dear old Pi Kappa Alpha, heres hoping!

Track is the absorbing topic on the campus at present. Omicron is represented on the squad of thirty men by Bros. O'Neil, Beale, Newton and Wingfield. We have hopes of landing at least one man on the varsity team. Larry Martin, the former Virginia star, has charge of the squad and under his supervision it is rapidly rounding into form. The meet to be here on February 24th, promises to be one of the most interesting of recent years. Athletes from the largest schools in the North and South will compete.

The few warm days of the past week have caused the crack of the bat to be heard on the campus. Though too early for the real dope the prospects look good for a winning team to represent the red and blue during the coming season.

Bros. Snead and Beale, varsity men '08 and '11 respectively, will try for their former positions, while Bros. O'Neil, H. G. Duval and Wingfield will also be out with the squad.

Wanted men to write II K A songs. Come on fellows! Get busy.

G. M. HARWOOD.

PI

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Pi chapter takes pleasure in announcing to the fraternity at large the initiation of Mr. Edward M. Craig of Prattville, Ala.

The winter term of Washington and Lee commenced on January 2d, and a number of new names was added to the list of matriculates. The faculty before the dismissal for the holidays passed an order inflicting a fine of three dollars on every one failing to matriculate on the 2d and this had the effect of bringing the majority of students back on time, although we understand that quite a sum was added to the coffers of the university. The results of the December examinations were posted early in January and the members of Pi chapter were very successful. Washington and Lee has one of the best basketball teams in her history and so far has won all of her games by decisive scores. We are not represented on the team but when it comes to rooting we are there.

We had the pleasure of seeing Bros. Corke and Blanton of Iota recently and enjoyed their visit very much and hope that we may see more of them.

J. T. ROTHROCK, JR.

TAU

University of North Carolina.

The mid year examinations are over and all the members of Tau chapter are feeling fine over the outcome. There is a bulletin published after each examination period giving the relative standing in scholarship of the fraternities that have chapters here. There is a good deal of rivalry among the members of the different fraternities to gain first place and though Pi Kappa Alpha was not first in the last bulletin she was very close to it winning third place. It is hoped that when the next bulletin comes out she will stand even higher.

Since the dreaded examinations are over we see off in the distance the 1912 baseball season and also the Easter dances. Carolina is expecting a winning team this spring, most of the men that played on that record-breaking team last year being back with us this year.

Our annual February dances will not be held this year on account of a recent ruling of the trustees, but they have allowed us the privilege of having three dances during the Easter season. Most of the members of Tau chapter have invited one or two of the fairer sex to come up and take part in these festivities. Plans are on foot to have a house party in the chapter house but whether this will pan out or not is as yet uncertain. If we do you all will hear from us.

We enjoyed very much having Bro. Hubert Holding of Alpha-Epsilon with us during our fall dances and also Bro. Cowper, alumnus of Tau, of Raleigh, was with us a day or two right after the spring opening of school. We enjoyed having these brothers with us and wish that more of our brothers would come to see us.

At the fall dances, which were held in December, Bro. Banshall was one of the leaders for a German club dance.

We have been looking for a visit from our district inspector Bro. Jack Beale but haven't seen him yet. We hope that he won't put us off till it is too late to come. With best wishes to the sister chapters.

IAMES DICKSON PHILLIPS.

UPSILON

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Initiate: Gordon Proctor Ussery, Roanoke, Ala.

With the closing of the football season college activities here took quite a slump. In reviewing the events of the past year we have many things to be proud of. With a team crippled by an epidemic of fever which even attacked the coach we beat Tech and held Georgia to an 0 to 0 game, thereby tying her for second place in the S. I. A. A. Upsilon was represented on the team by Bros. Davis and Newell, Bro. Davis being the almost unanimous choice of the sporting editors for all-Southern full back. His line plunges and consistent ground gaining have made him a name in Southern football. Bro. Newell, our team's quarterback, was put out of the game early in the season by fever. He is back with us though now and we expect great things from him in baseball. Our basketball season is in full swing. We have had several games here. Upsilon has two men on this team, Bros. Murdock and Major. The latter is a veteran and the former is rated as being the hardest worker on the floor. Next in order of events is class football. Great interest is taken in these games here. The first game is on Feb. 5th. We have several men who are trying for positions on the teams. Bros. Ellis and McEnery are practically assured of positions and Bro. "Fish" Allen has high hopes of being one of the senior eleven. Last year the race was a close one indeed, there being two 0 to to 0 games. The juniors finally won the championship.

We were very glad to have with us Bro. J. G. Gilliam who is an alumnus of Alpha-Delta. He was here on the 13th and remained for two days. The last edition of The Shield and Diamond was exceptionally good and the editors are to be congratulated. The article, "The Evolution of the Fraternity" by Bro. Blanton of Alpha was excellent and much good can be done if we put into practice his suggestions.

As a result of the recent examination in military tactics Brother H. P. Dixey was appointed first corporal which makes him major of the first battalion in 1914. For the past five years Upsilon has had four majors, a record of which she is proud. They are W. C. Oliver, J. E. Davis, H. C. Hanlin and H. P. Dixey. Bro. Dixey was congratulated in the usual manner—the application of belts and razor strops to various portions of his anatomy. Bro. Dixey is an exceptionally good man. He is a prominent Y. M. C. A. man and leader of a Bible class. He has never been known to utter a curse word and with these qualities he should make a good major.

It is with regret that I announce that Bro. B. H. Andrews did not return to college after Christmas. Ben was an exceptionally good *student* and we wish him success in his future occupation, which is farming.

The glee club is working with a will these days and is going on a trip sometime next month. Bros. Coyle and McClay are members. Bro. Anderson W. is engineering editor for the *Orange and Blue*, the College monthly publication.

In closing we wish each and every chapter a prosperous year while we march with fear and trembling on toward the dreaded examinations.

T. O. ROBERTSON.

PSI

NORTH GEORGIA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

After spending a very pleasant Christmas vacation, Psi's roll was called and all the old men were found to be present. We are also glad to have with us again, H. H. Young, who has returned to take a post-graduate course.

We have had only one initiation since the last issue of The Shield and Diamond: Larry West Smith, Gainesville, Ga., who was taken in just before college closed for the holidays. Bro. Smith holds the position of 1st lieutenant and adjutant in the battalion of cadets, and is also secretary of the N. G. A. C. Rifle club.

Among the new students entering college after the holidays, there seems to be no promising frat material. However, as we have thirteen men, we can afford to take things easy and await further developments.

Prospects for a successful baseball season are exceedingly bright, as a good schedule has been arranged, and we hope to turn out a winning team. Bro. Huie, who has played on the varsity for the past two years, will hold his usual position at short, and I feel safe in saying that his work this year will be up to its usual high standard.

Beginning with the first week in March, the N. G. A. C. band will tour the state in the interest of the college. Under the expert leadership of our musical director, Prof. Edward Steiner, the band has reached an unusual height of efficiency, and we predict that the tour will prove a success in every way. Psi expect to be represented in the band by several men.

We were glad to have with us at the opening of college, Bro. B. F. Barnes, who came up for a few days on a visit to his brother. From all appearances, however, there seemed to be other attractions (?) as well.

For the past year we have been affiliated with the National Rifle association of America, and were fortunate in winning our first shoot of the season from Louisiana State University, score 866 to 849. Psi is represented on the rifle team by Bros. Smith and Young.

On account of repairs on the building in which our chapter rooms are located, we have been unable to occupy them since the holidays. However, we hope to be at home again in a very few days.

Here's hoping that each and every one will enjoy a happy and prosperous year.

F. E. MILLER.

OMEGA

University of Kentucky.

It is with pleasure that we introduce the following men who were initiated a few days ago. Messrs James Orear, Frankfort, Ky.; Leon E. Browder, Fulton, Ky.; Miller Evens, Earl-

ington, Ky.; Gatewood Gay, Lexington, Ky.; Leslie Guyn, Lexington, Ky.; Geo. W. Warwick, Frankfort, Ky.; Joe Whitnel, Murray, Ky., and Robert Tiernan, Ashland, Ky. The initiation was one of the best we have had in sometime; there were forty members present. After the initiation was over the active chapter entertained with an informal smoker and all the Pi's present expressed themselves as having enjoyed the evening very much. We have five more men pledged who will be initiated at the end of the second term.

To talk of football is to talk of ancient history, but it is a subject that never gets old with the college men. We have been very successful this year in that we were able to get three men on the team. William Collins, who played at right end played a star game, every game played, and will be one of the wearers of the K's. Les Guyn, who played quarter most of the season, and won the game from Central by a thirty-yard drop kick, on a field covered with three inches of mud, will also be one of the wearers of the K's; James Orear, sub halfback, played in several of the games and would have made the varsity if he had not been laid out of the game early in the season by a sprained ankle. We played University of Tennessee Thanksgiving and won from them. Bros. Tompkins, Branch and Geisler represented Pi Kappa Alpha on the University of Tennessee team and were at all times in the game. We were very glad to have them with us.

Bro. T. H. Burrass, of Madison, Ga., who graduated in law last year, has returned to school and will take up some P. G. work. Burruss is captain of the baseball team this year and says that he is going to make a championship team.

Basketball has opened up and we have won the only two games that we have played. Nelson Kimbrough is the Pi Kappa Alpha representative on this team for us.

All of the active men of Omega and Kappa are rejoicing just now over the fact that we are soon to be given a banquet by the alumni. This is something that we always look forward to each year.

CARL C. CROFT.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

That dread Nemesis which haunts the footsteps of every care-free college man—exams—has completely subverted every college activity which does not smack of book-lore. As soon as these trying times are over, the youthful pride of many a household who has been taking his sips at the Pierian spring merely as a sort of "chaser" will decide that his health is failing, or that he will enter the ranks of the bread-winners for a time.

Trinity's basketball team has been devouring everything in sight so far. We met William and Mary a few nights ago, and they were our'n 43 to 16. The schedule calls for about fifteen games, several of which will be played on a northern trip.

Baseball practice will begin as soon as the weather will permit. Coach Adkins is already on the scene of action, with a view to discovering any young phenoms who may be lying in wait for fandom. Although it is rather early for forecasts, I suppose it is customary to say we will have the best team in the history of the institution.

Another phase of athletics which has been rather neglected in the past few years, but which will be revived this spring, is the development of a track team. A captain and manager have been selected, a team will be sent to Raleigh to compete in the annual state meet.

Alpha-Alpha's annual initiation will be held on the night of the 10th of February. Quite a number of alumni and visitors from the neighboring chapters are expected to attend. A banquet will be given in the Corcoran hotel immediately after the completion of the ceremonies. The names of the new brothers will be given in the next letter.

ANDREW WARLICK.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Alpha-Gamma takes pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Bro. Haswell Aubrey Sanders, of Amite, La. Bro. Sanders ranks high in acadamic achievements, is a sergeant in the military department, an athlete of extraordinary ability, and, all in all, a man who will reflect much credit upon the fraternity.

Bro. Sanders has been our only initiate so far this session, making the chapter comparatively small, as six of last year's men were lost through graduation. The small size of the chapter this year has been brought about by conservatism. Fortunately, however, the chapter will lose no men through graduation this year; and our prospects are very bright for the addition of several good men during the second term of the current session, and these, with the initiates of next year, should place the chapter well towards the front from the standpoint of membership.

We are very glad, too, to chronicle that our chapter house is now entirely complete and is one of the largest and also one of the prettiest on the campus, both from the point of location and otherwise.

Alpha Gamma entertained informally in honor of visiting brothers from Eta chapter on December 9th. The chapter house was decorated with holly, bamboo vine, Spanish moss and palmetto. Music was furnished by a local band and dancing was enjoyed. Those present from Eta chapter were: Bros. John Perez, Joseph Ward, Leclare Hogan, Harry Fortsan and Grady Hungate. Bro. Wat Taliaferro, of Harrisonburg, was another out-of-town visitor.

Bro. Tom Gilbert and Tom Wade visited the chapter on the occasion of the Tulane game.

Bro. "Slick" Thompson, the new district attorney of Homer, La., was in the city last week on business.

Bro. Willie Mundinger resigned from the university last month and has departed for Havana, Cuba, to accept a position there as chemical engineer.

Bro. Vincent Moseley has been re-elected by the athletic association as student manager of the football team for next year as an appreciation of his splendid work in that capacity during the season just closed.

YANDELL BOATNER.

ALPHA-DELTA.

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

Examinations are the main issue at Tech now, and Alpha-Delta is trying to uphold her part. We now number eighteen strong, and it is to our best interests that we remain so to realize the seemingly bright prospects of the future for the chapter.

The baseball season is almost here, and Tech has already made a schedule that will be well worth the time and energy of the team in preparing for the games. If K A stands good chances of having three representatives on the squad.

Tech's new Y. M. C. A. building is now being rushed rapidly to completion. This is an addition of which we will all be proud. By the donation of several acres of valuable property adjoining the present campus, several other buildings will soon be added to those now there, including the new shop building just completed.

Bro. J. B. Martin, who was in Tech last year, was married on Thanksgiving night at Leesville, La. Alpha-Delta extends the most hearty congratulations to Bro. Martin.

Bro. H. Cust, Jr., with the Pullman Car company, Mt. Vernon, Ill., paid us a short but pleasant visit during December.

The usual joviality of the chapter house was kept afire during the holidays by Bro. W. B. McGray and others who did not go home.

S. A. GROGAN.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

NORTH CAROLINA A. AND M. COLLEGE.

Alpha-Epsilon begs to introduce to the fraternity at large Bro. John Olan Rankin, Jr., of Gastonia, N. C., whom we feel sure will prove a worthy and valuable addition to our chapter roll.

After spending a most pleasant Christmas, all of Alpha-Epsilon's men are back except Bro. H. R. Holding, who is now farming. We all have the best of wishes for Bro. Holding in his new enterprise and are sure he will make a big success.

At this writing we find ourselves in the midst of the rushing season with only a few more days before time for pledging. Every man in this chapter is now working hard with only the best interest of the fraternity in view. Under these conditions Alpha-Epsilon hopes to secure some valuable men.

In talking with Bro. J. Frasier recently about the coming state convention, which is to be held in Raleigh in March, he tells us that he has practically all of the preparations now under way. The outlook is that it will be the largest and best Pi Kappa Alpha convention ever held in this state. We know it can only be a joyous occasion for all who attend.

The annual Easter dance of Alpha-Epsilon chapter will be held on Easter Monday night. Although two months off, we have already begun preparations and are all looking forward to it. Many of our alumni take this occasion as a time each year to visit us, and this alone makes the affair an enjoyable one.

R. W. Howell.

ALPHA-ETA.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.

Since our last letter we have initiated two men: N. S. Storter, of Everglade, Fla., and Marcus Brown, of Lawtey, Fla. The chapter has lost Nottingham, who is now in Tallahassee.

We had the pleasure a few days ago of having Christian, B.Sc., 1911, pay us a visit. He is now working for his father at Macintosh, Fla. Bouis, who will be remembered by every one who attended the last convention, is hard at work studying sanitary engineering in Pittsburg. Riley is in the real estate business in Jacksonville.

Ground has been broken for a building for the College of Agriculture, a new gymnasium has been completed, and contracts have been let for two other buildings. The attendance is now about three hundred, a large number when compared with the hundred and three of three years ago.

We were very successful during the past football season, not losing a game. Our record was:

October 7th, at Gainesville—Florida 15, Citadel, of South Carolina, 3.

October 21st at Columbia, S. C.—Florida 6, University of South Carolina 6.

October 25th, at Clemson, S. C.—Florida 6, Clemson College 5.

November 4th, at Gainesville—Florida 9, Columbia College 0.

November 11th, at DeLand—Florida 27, Stetson University 0.

November 30th, at Jacksonville—Florida 21, College of Charleston 0.

This gives us the championship of Florida and a claim to the championship of South Carolina. In this winning team two of the best players were Storter and Tenney, both of whom made the all-Florida team. Storter, captain, played center, and Tenney was one of the backs. "Pee Wee" Forsyth has this to say about these players:

"Captain Storter, of Florida, is the best man playing in the line in this section of the country. At center his passing is near perfection—on defense he is a tower of strength, quick to spot the play, and a stone wall to hit. He is a charger who is playing just as hard at the last whistle as at the opening of the first period. Storter has made his team a good captain, and as a leader he deserves the position of captain of the all-Florida.

"Tenney at fullback is not a flashy player, but he is one of the most consistent ground gainers, and can be counted upon any time to do his part in the play. He follows the ball closely, and next to Storter and Reddin, I believe he is the best defensive man. He uses his hands to better advantage than the average player."

We are now thinking about the baseball season, which opens on February 22d. Here, too, Pi Kappa Alpha will play no small part, having Tenney as captain, and Storter as manager. Games have been scheduled so far with Rollins, Stetson and Southern.

C. L. Crow.

ALPHA-IOTA.

MILLSAPS COLLEGE.

At present Millsaps is on the quiet list. Examinations are on and never before in the history of the college has there been such wholesale "busting." It seems that the faculty is after our scalps. And truly we may say that "these are the days that try men's souls." But the fellows here in the house are doing fairly well at holding up their own. After the "accursed things" are over, we hope to lead some several of the pledges through the mysteries of the unknown.

As we are all more or less given to vanity concerning ourselves, it might be well and appropriate to mention a few things in which our fellows are taking part in the college world. In this matter of college honors Pi Kappa as usual is "Johnnie on the spot." Lewis is on both the "Annual" and "Purple and White" staffs. Kirkland is on the honor council and basketball team. On the Annual staff and debating team, Scott ably represents II K A while Foster, Lampton and Lassiter are among the best students in college. Glass is president of the law class, and your humble scribe is one

of the commencement debators, on the Purple and White staff and has the trying job of track manager.

Alpha-Iota is wide awake and doing things. We are planning a great homecoming of the alumni to take place during commencement, and if our plans mature as we expect, this homecoming is going to be the biggest and best thing that has ever happened to the chapter. If any other Pi's should happn around this "neck of the woods" about that time they would do us and themselves a great favor to be present.

W. Meyers Colmer.

ALPHA-KAPPA.

MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES.

Apha-Kappa takes pleasure in announcing the initiation of a new brother since the last issue of The Shield and Diamond; the latest member of Alpha-Kappa is Everett R. Stanley, of Sedalia, Mo.

Our chapter members at the present time are drawing deep sighs of relief because we have come successfully through the examinations. We are now ready to start on our next term's work and prepare for the year-end "finals."

Of course, football is, at this time, a nearly forgotten subject and all are turning our thoughts toward basketball. There are about fifteen men out for the 'varsity, among whom are Bros. Halsey and Trent. Bro. Trent is showing up exceptionally well, considering the fact that this is only his first year in school. He has already taken one trip with the team as a forward. Bro. Halsey's chances are also considered good for making his "M" this year. We are all pulling for him, and hope to have a winning team.

Because of the approaching "finals" there have been no events of any interest at school or in the chapter.

Next year, we fear, Alpha-Kappa will have a chance to test the worth of the policy as Alpha-Nu is now doing. I speak of the freshmen rule that has been put in force at the university this year. We are, also, a part of the university,

but owing to the fact that a joint petition, signed by all the fraternities in school, was presented to the board of curators, they postponed enforcing it last year It will probably be put in practice next year. The rule is to the effect that no freshman shall be rushed nor initiated into any Greek letter fraternity until he shall have "passed up" twenty-four credit hours. If this rule is put in effect next year it will leave our chapter with a small roll, because there was so little fraternity material in this year's class. We have been congratulating ourselves on our ability to meet the new conditions that we will be forced to live under until Christmas or after.

Alpha-Kapa wishes to congratulate Brother LeMire, of Alpha-Nu on his being elected next year's football captain at Missouri University. Fred G. Moses.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE.

Three of our men made good on the regular college football team last year, William Glass, at end; Isaac Smith, at full, and Robert Howard at halfback.

Bill Glass was brought back to fullback position in our game with Marshall College on Thanksgiving. Smith was ill at the time, and unable to make the trip.

Lyon Switzer, though light, has done some great work at end on the second team, of which Howard was manager.

Two of our alumni, Claude Robinson and Owen Moreland, have held official positions on the gridiron in most of the games here and in some of the prominent inter-collegiate contests elsewhere.

We are indeed proud to state that at the football banquet held just before the holidays, John William Glass, a star performer on the varsity for the past two years, was unanimously elected to the captaincy of the next year's team. We feel that this is quite an honor to Bro. Glass and to the fraternity as well. Isaac C. Smith and Lee A. Sims did not return after the holidays. The former is at home, near Campbellsburg, Ky., and the latter, who lives at Harrodsburg, Ky., intends to enter Central University after mid-year.

We are at present plunged into the throes of our mid-year tests and extend our fullest sympathy to all similarly situated.

J. ROBERT HOWARD.

ALPHA-MU.

University of Georgia.

The fortunes of Alpha-Mu have fluctuated, and after the surging and resurging of the variable tide, we have at present thirteen members. The first to leave our midst was Bro. Pirkle. He was followed by Bros. Holder and Shaw at Christmas, and now Bro. Thaxton has decided to withdraw from school. Though the loss of these men is much regretted, our number has been added to by the return of Bro. Mitchell and by the recent initiations of Messrs. Jackson and Howard, and also by the affiliation of Bro. Hines from Alpha-Delta.

We do not like to boast, yet we are proud of the record our chapter has made. Only three old men from last year returned and they were faced with an arduous proposition, to say the least. Yet they faced the situation undauntedly, realizing that there were good men to be had if time and zeal were given to it. Results have proven them correct in their surmise. The chapter has never been in as flourishing a condition as now.

It had long been our ambition to secure a chapter house, and aided very materially, financially and otherwise, by Bro. Hulme, an alumnus, our quest was rewarded, and we are now very pleasantly situated.

Much credit is due the alumni of this chapter who have responded nobly to our cause.

Several of the "old boys" have been over to see us and have expressed themselves as very much gratified over our success. At each visit they have increased our treasury fund, thus expressing their feeling stronger than words could do.

Due to the great expenditure, we have undergone, we won't be able to give a dance this year, but hope to next year.

We are well represented in nearly all branches at the university. Bros. Covington and De La Perriere "starred" on the great football team, the record of which is too well known to be commented on; Bros. Liddell and Johnston are "doing their part" on the Athens Y. M. C. A. basketball team, which is one of the best in the south; Brother Rey is doing the "Caruso stunt" in the glee club, and in the spring several of the fellows are going out for positions on the "nine."

We have adopted for our motto: "Nothing too good for pikers," and with this as our slogan, we shall continue to strive for the highest.

DAVID W. JOHNSTON.

ALPHA-NU.

University of Missouri.

Since our last chapter letter, the election of football captain for the season of 1912 has taken place and we are all very much elated over the fact that the honor was given to Bro. C. P. LeMire, who has played in practically every game for the past two seasons, and who fully deserved the honor of leadership for 1912.

In commenting on the election the Kansas City Star of December 5 prints the following:

"Missouri will have a sturdy football leader next fall. Clarence P. Lemire, right halfback on the team for the last two years, probably knows more football than any of his mates. His election to the captaincy was a recognition of his hard work and great play for the Tiger eleven, both in 1910 and 1911. It was Lemire's great work in carrying the ball, together with the fine offensive play of Ted Hackney, that enabled Missouri to plough through the Kansas team in 1910. Lemire was put out of the game for roughing a Kansas player

(accidental roughing, the official said) and the Hollenback machine straightway felt his loss. This season Lemire was handicapped by an injured knee, an injury that prevented him from showing his real worth and, in all probability, cost him a place on the all-Missouri Valley team. Lemire's great defensive work was a feature of the Tiger play in the game with K. U. this year. He is a fierce tackler and seldom fails to set his man back."

Brothers Gladding and Savage, who tried for the varsity, succeeded in making the all-Americans, a team composed of stars from all the class teams, and by the way, a pretty fast aggregation.

At the Missouri State bar examinations, held last week, Bro. Benham succeeded in passing with a good grade, and is now privileged to "swing his shingle to the breeze," which he contemplates doing immediately after graduation in June.

The nucleus of a chapter house fund for Alpha-Nu was formed at a chapter meeting, held recently, when we all signed notes, for substantial amounts, to become due at different times within the next five years. A good sum was raised and if succeeding chapters for the next few years will follow our example, the project is assured of success. In the meantime our house, which we are leasing, does very well.

On account of the extremely cold weather here, lately, we have been compelled to confine our activities to indoors, the chief activity being boxing. We have developed a number of "white hopes" in the chapter already, the most promising, by far, being "Forty Round' Moss and "Kid" Thompson.

Our semester examinations are held next week, so they are pretty much on our minds right now.

A list of grades comparing the scholarship of the different fraternities and of non-fraternity men is published at the end of each semester in an effort to raise the scholarship among fraternities.

This custom has already resulted in the barring of freshmen from fraternities and, as the list to be published at the end of this semester will offer the first opportunity to note the effect of the freshman ruling, it will be noted with considerable interest.

Immediately after examinations baseball practice will start. Our chapter will probably furnish three candidates.

A. R. WATERS.

ALPHA-XI.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

It is with great pleasure that Alpha-Xi introduces the following new brothers in II K A:

William Sylvester, Buffalo, N. Y.
Fay Norton, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Herbert Goosman, Cincinnati, Ohio.
F. LeRoy Webster, Washington, D. C.
Burt LeClaire, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.
Ralph Kruse, Carthage, Ohio.
William Shepard, Belirt, Wis.

Alpha-Xi has, however, other things besides her success along "rushing" lines to be thankful for—for at last we are housed. Due to the energetic work of our alumni and to the hearty co-operation of the active chapter, we are proud to say that we have secured one of the most desirable locations near the university for our home. The house is artistically furnished, suitable to the needs and tastes of college students and with seven men boarding there all the time the place has assumed a homelike appearance, which was wholly wanting so long as we possessed only rooms. And when the chapter gathers 'round the hospitable board, as we have done already on several occasions since the opening of our new home, the real spirit and meaning of a "fraternity" is felt by all present.

On two special occasions we have held open house since we moved into our new domicile—first to the sororities on the afternon of December 27th, and to the fraternities on the evening of December 30th. The house had been beautifully decorated and did great credit to the work of the social committee. The holly wreaths, the Christmas tree, lighted with

electric lights, the greens and the flowers, all helped to add to the Christmas spirit and to make both of these occasions long to be remembered for their pleasant memories.

But Alpha-Xi has, besides looking after social affairs and "spiking," taken an active part in all school activities since the beginning of the new year. Although we did not enter into the game of politics for the purpose of cleaning up everything, yet we did secure our share of the offices as is evidenced by the fact that from among our brothers are the president of the sophomore and freshman classes, manager of the Co-Operative book store, assistant editor of the college paper and the college annual, president of the musical club, president of the Co-Op club, while others of our brothers are holding down jobs upon important class committees and all are upholding the high scholastic standing that always goes with Pi Kappa Alpha.

Thus it is with truthfulness that we can say that Alpha-Xi has made great progress during this year, and all that she is anxious for is to hear of some good news about expansion.

R. C. McGrane.

ALPHA-OMICRON.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Since the last letter to THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, Alpha-Omicron has initiated Howard Stanfield, James Payne, E. E. White and John Cowan. These are four good men, thrze of whom are freshmen, the other is a sophomore. We are also glad to report two pledges, both of whom are upperclass men.

We are represented in the literary societies by several men, and most of them hold some important position, such as vicepresident, intermediate debators, magazine staff, etc.

Baseball is a much talked of activity at present. Spring training has begun and a good team is certain. We have a good schedule which includes a trip to Arkansas and Oklahoma. Alpha-Omicron will be represented by one or more men.

O. O. MICKLE.

ALPHA-PI.

HOWARD COLLEGE.

The days and months have flown swiftly by and the gloom of mid-term examinations is now overhanging the student body. Not infrequent can we hear some unfortunate muttering these words:

> "The saddest words of tongue or pen, The saddest of these, 'I've flunked again'."

However, we expect to dispel the cares of the week by participating in the pleasures of a reception at our hall on the evening of February 2d.

As the year rolls on our chapter grows in the realization of its ideal. The chain of love that binds us together, while very small at the beginning of the year, has been steadily growing and we believe is destined to become stronger as the weeks go by.

In many respects we feel proud of the record the Pi boys are making this year. In the standard of scholarship our boys easily rank first, having attained a general average of above 90 per cent. in the last examinations. Brother Moon is leading the student body with a general average of 98 1-2 per cent.

In the board of editors of the college annual, Outre-Nous, we are well represented:

J. A. Deaver, editor-in-chief; J. O. Williams, class editor; M. A. Hoffman, society editor; Leon F. Harris, assistant business manager.

Bros. Stodghill and Robinson did splendid work in football. Brother Simmons is captain of the track team. In tennis and baseball we expect to be well represented. The boys have begun talking our annual banquet at the Hillman. These are pleasant anticipations.

J. F. SIMMONS.

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ALPHA.

Collier's, of January 20th, 1912, gives the following editorial on Brother Underwood:

TURNING TO UNDERWOOD.

An important trend in the Democratic presidential situation, which has not yet become obvious, is suggested by this paragraph from the "Wall Street Journal":

The leader of the majority in the House of Representatives at Washington, Mr. Underwood, spent the first half of the present week in this city (New York). Ostensibly he took this brief vacation so that he might conveniently accept invitations to make a public address. But he doubtless was as fully persuaded to spend a few days in New York by an invitation sent to him last week to become the guest of honor at a private, somewhat informal, dinner. Mr. Underwood learned that at this dinner there would be some thirty or forty representative citizens of New York. Some of them are of his own party, some of them prominent as Republicans. All of them are men distinguished for professional, educational, or other achievements. This dinner was held on Monday evening of this week, and of it the public has had no knowledge. There were no formal speeches. Instead, the informal questioning, conversation, and exchange of views which are frequently of so much greater consequence than set addresses kept the host at the dinner table until a late hour. It is sufficient, perhaps, to say that Mr. Underwood charmed every one of the guests, not merely by the revelation of that unusual gift of personality which has served him so well as leader in the house, but also by the acuteness, as well as the broadmindedness, of his comments on conditions as these now exist in the United States.

There is a disposition on the part of those conservative business men who are commonly supposed to be supporting Harmon, to turn from the Ohio man and look with increasing favor on Underwood. As one of the most powerful of the old Democratic machine leaders in the East expressed it: "Harmon's been on the shelf a long time; he's getting shopworn." Underwood is a sound progressive on the tariff, and that, together with his splendid generalship in the management of the Democratic congress, commands him to the radicals; on such issues as the initiative and referendum, he is an avowed Standpatter; that commends him to the conservatives. The New York and Eastern leaders would probably make up their minds definitely to back Underwood but for a lurking fear that he may be handicapped as a vote-getter by the fact that he is a Southerner, a doubt which grows less the longer it is looked in the face.—Mark Sullivan in Collier's, Jan. 20, 1912. Oscar W. Underwood—Alpha.

The Times-Dispatch, of Richmond, Va., commenting on the above editorial, January 21st, 1912, says:

UNDERWOOD LOOMS UP.

Whether the disclaimer of Representative Oscar W. Underwood of candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president is to stand or not, there is no question that he is looming large and seriously, no less at the North than at the South, as a possibility, if not this time, then in the near future. Mr. Underwood is making a widespread and distinctive impression, not only as the honest, bold, sagacious leader of the house majority, and not only as a masterful Southern Democrat, but as an American publicist and statesman—a man of affairs and broad concept of his responsibility to the whole people.

No more convincing or significant recognition of this could be forth-coming than is furnished in some recent observations of the Wall Street Journal on what happened at a dinner given in New York Monday night to Mr. Underwood and the spirit the occasion developed. Our Wall Street contemporary is allied to and in sympathy with the "interests," but its sympathies are with the best and the highest in the interests. It consequently reflects the influence, views and opinions of a most substantial element. The dinner was a private and informal one, at which there were some forty representative citizens of New York; some of them Democrats some prominent Republicans, but all of them distinguished for business, professional, educational or other achievements.

There were no set speeches, but instead, says our financial friend, the informal questioning, conversation and exchange of views which are frequently of so much greater consequence than prepared addresses. "It is sufficient to state," continues our contemporary, "that Mr. Un-

derwood charmed every one of the guests, not merely by the revelation of that unusual gift of personality which has served him so well as leader in the house, but also by the acutenesss, as well as the broadmindedness of his comments on conditions as they now exist in the United States."

Collier's, in commenting on its Wall Street contemporary's article, thinks it suggestive of a most important trend "in the Democratic presidential situation," and indicates clearly the belief that circumstances and popular sentiment may not permit that the Underwood disclaimer shall stand. This obvious trend, as Collier's sees it, is "a disposition on the part of those business men who are commonly supposed to be supporting Harmon, to turn from the Ohio man and look with increasing favor on Underwood." With his uncomplicated record, Underwood, it resumes, "is a sound progressive on the tariff, and that, together with his splendid generalship in the management of the Democratic congress, commends him to the radicals. On such issues as the initiative and the referendum, he is an avowed standpatter; that commends him to the conservatives." Then, in conclusion: "The New York and Eastern leaders would probably make up their minds definitely to back Underwood but for a lurking fear that he may be handicapped as a vote-getter by the fact that he is a Southerner, a doubt which grows less the longer it is looked in the face."

Whether the doubt is still strong enough to overmaster all other considerations, be they never so potent and appealing to patriotism, remains to be seen; but this much is certain: that such expressions as the Wall Street Journal's and Collier's leave no room to doubt that we are reaching with leaps and bounds that plane in national politics on which no sectional candidate can hope for success—a consummation devoutly to be wished, if the true spirit of American nationalism is ever to prevail again, and American statesmanship is once more, or ever, to vindicate the doctrines of the founders of our institutions, and make us in fact as well as in name a thoroughly united people. If he had not served the nation well in anything else, Oscar W. Underwood would have served it vastly and splendidly in becoming the impelling instrument of the movement in this direction.

AN EXHIBIT OF REAL STATESMANSHIP.

Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, house leader and chairman of the all-powerful ways and means committee, has set up the principle, amazing and heretical in cynical American politics, that tariff reform like charity, begins at home.

That is the new note sounded by his introduction, yesterday, in the house, of the Democratic schedule on steel and iron, carrying general

reductions of from 30 to 50 per cent from the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. The measure was not framed or sponsored by some leader living safely remote from a section affected by the schedule of the ways and means committee.

It was framed, and it will be defended and pressed for passage, by the man who depends for re-election upon the "Birmingham district," the principal products of which make it second only to Pittsburg as an iron and steel producing center in this country.

The courage and the broad statesmanship displayed in this one act go far toward explaining why Underwood has risen into a national prominence equaled by but few Democrats since the civil war. His course challenges attention, in that it runs diametrically counter to the game of tariff-making, as it has immemorially been played in the history of American log-rolling.

The first and, presumably, the inviolable principle of tariff reform has heretofore been: "Slash the tariff on the products of every state and district except your own. But where the products of your own constitutents are involved, trade, truckle, maneuver that you may clap on sky-high protection." Oscar Underwood has pounded this hypocritical policy to a pulp. He had the perception to see that the sinister and Pharisaical selfishness it embodied had made a farce of every genuine attempt to reform the tariff. He knew that revision, to benefit consumer and producer equally, must be uniform; that it could not make fish of one section and fowl of the other, serve turkey to one industry, buzzard to the other. Demonstrating his sincerity, he has, as chairman of the ways and means committee which frames the tariff, begun on the principal products of his own section, in volume and value of which it is destined ultimately to exceed even Pittsburg.

What a refreshing contrast to previous tariff legislation! It has been the particular business of every successive representative from the Pittsburg district, every senator from Pennsylvania, to leap to the defense of the high steel and iron schedules, the moment they secured even a threat. The close corporation of New England politicians, who so long controlled the senate and helped control the house, were at the same game—guarding with their political lives the bulwarks around the products of their home sections and permitting no general reform that interfered with local conditions.

Underwood's course must amaze these crafty conservators of the old school. He has not peddled platitudes about "tariff reform" on the floor of the house, then stacked the cards in favor of his own constituents in the most powerful committee of the house.

Open and unafraid he serves notice that tariff reform for one means tariff reform for all—that he is playing no favorites, not even the people upon whose votes he must rely for re-election. It is statesmanship of this caliber of which America stands in need! Small wonder that by his courage and his qualities of leadership Oscar Underwood has challenged the attention of the nation, irrespective of the dividing lines of geography or politics.—Atlanta Constitution.

BETA.

- C. S. Mattison, '11, is in business with his father at Anderson, S. C.
- H. W. Whittock, '11, is teaching school at Baird's Institute, in Charlotte, N. C.
 - J. W. Todd, Jr., is in the banking business at Laurens, S. C.
 - L. R. Scott, '08, is teaching school in Durham, N. C.
 - J. A. Scott, Jr., is in business at Statesville. N. C.
- R. C. Sadler, '08, is attending the medical college in Charlotte, N. C.
- T. D. Thomas, Jr., '10, is teaching school at Blackshear, Ga. John McGreen, Jr., is attending the seminary at Columbia, S. C.
 - J. A. McCoy is in business at Rowland, N. C.
- S. L. Morris, Jr., '11, has a good position with the Georgia Railway and Electric company of Atlanta, Ga.
 - A. R. Deal is in business at Spartanburg, S. C.

THETA.

- S. E. McFadden is now at the Kentucky Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 109 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky.
- P. C. Cato is teaching in a preparatory school at Tullahoma, Tenn.
- E. C. Scott, third graduate of '11, is working in a freight office at Columbus, Miss. He expects to continue his ministerial studies.

Maurice Miller is at home on the farm at Woodford, Tenn., this year.

IOTA.

H. R. Houston, '99, is a prominent member of the Virginia legislature, now in session at Richmond, Va.

R. Randolph Jones, '92, is superintendent of the city schools of Petersburg, Va. If the press reports can be relied upon, his efforts are meeting with the fullest measures of success. Incidentally he is rearing three sons to recruit the ranks of the old chapter, with the early history of which his name is inseparably linked.

W. E. Jones, '01, a brother of "R. R.," is at present located at New Orleans, La., where he is engaged in business with the Chambers Advertising agency. Though "W. E." in name, he is still a bachelor Pi.

Stokes Brown is in the livery stable business at Mercy Seat, Va.

Thomas J. Watkins, '05, is practicing law at Charlotte Court House, Va.

J. M. Graham, '06, is farming in the vicinity of Max Meadows, Va. Jim's special hobby is raising pure-bred horses, with which to capture the ribbons at the horse show of southwest Virginia, and he gets his share.

George L. Walker, '09, is again teaching at Worsham, Va. An interesting fact in connection with his school is that he is the third consecutive Pi to fill its principalship. "Hobbs" is one of the greatest loved of Iota's alumni, probably because "all the world loves a lover."

KAPPA.

Alumnus chapter Rho is planning to entertain Kappa and Omega with a banquet early in February, at which plans for the coming convention will be discussed.

We were honored at our last meeting by the presence of district chief, John Field, of Versailles.

Dr. Warren B. Davis, who has been attending medical college in Philadelphia, was in Lexington during the holidays,

visiting his parents. Dr. Davis has recently been granted a fellowship, which entitles him to further pursuit of his studies in Europe.

PI.

Arthur Lee Stras, '10, is having success in the coal business at Roanoke, Va.

John Nelson, '08, is in the hardware business with his father at Roanoke, Va., under the firm name of Wilson Hardware Company.

R. W. Arnold, '08, is practicing law at Waverly W. Va.

L. A. McMurran, '07 is practicing law at Newport News, Virginia, in the firm of Nelson & McMurran.

H. M. Moomaw, '07, is practicing law in Roanoke, Virginia, in the firm of C. B. and H. M. Moomaw.

S. A. Beard '08, is general attorney for the Sabine & Northern Railway Co. with office at Houston, Texas.

Rev. L. G. H. Williams, has charge of several churches in the vicinity of Mobile, Alabama.

Rev. P. T. Prentiss, '08, has charge of the Episcopal church at Victoria, Texas.

Rev. George O. Watts, '09, is rector of the Episcopal church at Jackson, Tennessee.

OMEGA.

Cronelly Elliott was recently appointed dental inspector for the University of Kentucky.

White Guyn, who has been assistant engineer for Livingston, Ky., has recently been elected to the position of chief engineer.

Beaverly Hedges, engineer for the Van Leer Coal Co. was with us for a few days recently.

C. F. Kelly '10, is studying law at the University of Michigan.

Nelson Fant has been in Cincinnati for some time having his eyes tested.

William Alexander was married a few days ago to Miss Kenny, of Frankfort.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

J. D. Langston, '03 a prominent attorney of Goldsboro, N. C., suffered the misfortune recently of having the steam tank on his kitchen range explode, killing a negro servant and seriously injuring several of his children.

Paul Webb, '06, who during his college days was famous in athletic circles, is practicing law at Ogden, N. C.

William Henry Wallace, '07 is now connected with the Colorado-Denver railroad, Denver Colorado.

William M. Murrell is manager of the Watt company, Charlotte, N. C.

Pierce Wyche, '08, has recently been promoted to the superintendency of the city high school Charlotte, N. C.

W. S. (Juv) Stewart, '10, is now starring on the Charlotte Y. M. C. A. basketball team, of which he is captain and manager.

W. L. McCullen, is attending military school at 1519 Rhode Island avenue, Washington, D. C.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

Henry C. Walker, Jr., '10 is at present practicing law with Judge Moore at Homer, La.

Lamont Seals and Enos C. McClendon, both of '11 are practicing law with their respective fathers at Homer, La.

Dr. A. S. J. Hyde is enjoying a very lucrative practice in Baton Rouge and is one of Alpha-Gamma's most energetic alumni. Dr. Hyde graduated from Louisiana State University academic department in '04 and from the Tulane Medical College, at New Orleans, in '08.

S. E. Mary, '09, one of the best baseball players Louisiana State University ever turned out, is now a coming electri-

cian and is with General Electric Co., at Lynn, Mass. Bro. Mary is a man whom Pi Kappa Alpha can expect to hear from in the future.

John R. Perez, law '09, graduated before he attained his majority and as a consequence had to content himself with office work in a large New Orleans law office. But now Bro. Perez has struck out for himself and is doing a great deal better than most young men of the same profession.

W. Digby Morgan, '08, who was an assistant at the state corporative pest commission, has now stopped fighting boll weevil and has gone to the sweet land of Cuba to show the natives how to make sugar like it is made in Louisiana.

W. G. Mundinger, who was initiated into Alpha-Gamma '07, is also trying his hand in the land of sugar as a chemist.

W. Felix Hemler, '11, law, is practicing with the firm Smith & McGregor at Homer, La.

Thomas M. Wade, Jr., academic department, '09, and law, '10, has been admitted as a member of the largest law firm in St. Joseph, La.

G. P. Lessley, '09, is practicing law at Lafayette La.

G. A. Dutton, law '09, is now teaching school at Lake Providence, La.

Preston J. Miller, '11, is studying medicine at Tulane University.

ALPHA-ZETA.

- A. P. Boles is a member of the U. S. Experiment Station force at the University of Arkansas.
- J. C. Ingle and W. S. Furham are together in Kansas City. **Brother** Furham's address is 326 Sheidley building.
 - H. R. Carter is assistant city engineer at Little Rock, Ark.
- E. F. Woodson is holding a flattering position with the Central Coal & Coke Co., Kansas City, Mo.
 - P. W. Bailey has entered the drug business at Warren, Ark.
- H. B. Martin is assistant cashier of the State National bank of Warren, Ark.

W. E. Thompson is cashier of the Merchants and Planters' Bank, Warren, Ark.

Ivor Gough is connected with a mining company at Walensburg, Colo.

- H. S. Yocum is studying law at Washington-Lee.
- R. E. Shipley is located at Rector, Ark., where he is assisting in the great drainage project which will bring thousands of acres of land into cultivation in South Arkansas.
- J. H. Alphine is assistant cashier of the Citizens' National bank of Eldorado, Ark. He is also connected with a firm which is locating banks all over the state.
- J. P Nelson has entered the real estate business at Muskogee, Okla.
- W. C. Rye, who has been in Chicago for the past year engaged in electrical engineering work, will soon return to his home, Russelville, Ark., where he will probably remain and look after extensive agricultural interests.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.

Owen Moreland is assistant manager of the Georgetown Loose Leaf Tobacco warehouse, and is now living in town.

Claude Robinson is the proprietor and manager of one of the most up-to-date dairy farms in this section of the state.

J. Ford Johnston is a chirographer at McAlister, Okla.

Houston Argalrite, former secretary of the Louisville Automobile club, is now advertising manager for the Alvey-Ferguson Co., of Oakley, Ohio.

Ruel Spragens is traveling out of Cincinnati for the Fair-banks-Morse Co.

Bronston Kenny, of Frankfort, is a student at the Bryant-Straton Business College in Louisville, Ky.

ALPHA-PI.

W. L. Porter, '11, is now principal of the high school at Tuskegee, Ala.

W. M. Pitts, a post-graduate, is teaching at Pushmataha, Ala.

H. L. McEachern is studying pharmacy in Atlanta.

Joe Embry and Claude Griffin are reading law at the University of Alabama.

Clyde Letcher is in business at Montgomery, Ala.

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FRAT ITEMS.

Under caption "A Point in Rushing" Mr. Geo. H. Hyslop, in Alpha Chi Rho Garnet and White, emphasizes again what is really the point in rushing and the point of insistence by many colleges upon fraternity reform. It is the point of judging a man by the amount of rushing given him or by the "spiking" previously done instead of judging him upon his own merits. Mr. Hyslop says: "As a rule, fraternities keep shy of men who have not been taken as soon as they enter college. One reason given is 'if the man was material, some other fraternity would have taken him.' I know personally of several perfectly eligible men who have not made a fraternity because they came to school unheralded, were not rushed at first for that reason, and have not been rushed since because they were not rushed at first. But if some fraternity were to extend them hospitality now-there would be an insane rush for them. I also have seen fraternity men who would no more have made a fraternity on their own merits tthan a chicken would write shorthand. But they were recommended."

Now it is just this insane method that brings poor material into fraternities, keeps good material out, makes poor chapters, lowers the scholastic and moral record of the Greeks, makes faculties irate and keeps open the question whether fraternities are or are not an asset to college life. Kappa Sigma Caduceus

was eloquent upon the same point lately, and all fraternities theoretically condemn the method. Then why not stop it? There is the "point" of reform for many chapters.

HURRAH FOR SIGMA NU!

A writer in the "Delta" thus speaks his mind:

"Another source that must be purged is the snob-begotten policy entering into the rulings of a few of our very best chapters, to wit: that Σ N, in order to maintain her social prestige, dare not initiate a man, no matter how worthy, if he has enrolled in the Department of Agriculture. Some of the finest men, and most thoroughly cultured gentlemen, I have known anywhere have been the great-hearted men who have preferred to solve the mysteries of the soil rather than to master the keyboard of a typewriter.

"No profession of the day is demanding greater attention from our wisest and most forceful men, than the pursuit of the field and forest; and the young men who are entering our colleges of forestry and agriculture are fitting themselves to become the most independent and affluent of our citizenship. So I warn the boy with the conventional three rolls to his trousers not to despise the man who, if necessary, is not ashamed to wear the corduroy. Sigma Nu demands men, not manikins."

And Σ A E is of the same opinion. This from the Record: "Be very careful in choosing the elite, but, if necessary, take a long chance on Hoi Polloi."

The above is just a text taken from the October number of the Kappa Alpha Journal. It is the summation of an argument for the unknown as over against the well known man in the rushing season. We could begin at the end and using this for a text, write a sermonette, very interesting to ourselves, on the evils of paying too much attention to the man who brings his popularity with him. If any of our readers are curious to know what we would say, they may read an allegory on the "Man Who Got His Money's Worth" in the Record for March, 1908. We will spare them a repetition.

That Phi Gamma Delta reprints "Danger of Unguarded Secrecy," by W. D. Blanton, from Pi Kappa Alpha Shield and Diamond, and Alpha Chi Rho prints a long article on "The Element of Secrecy in College Fraternities," by Henry C. Staunton, shows an awakening by the fraternities to two tendencies now at work. The radical tendency, which, as Mr. Blanton points out, is aided by good natured inter-fraternity carelessness, is to repudiate as "old fogy" and worthless all fraternity secrecy.

"One national fraternity publishes the names of its chapter officers in the magazine which goes out for public reading. Another practices a public "goating," and chooses to have it on a gala night and before a large audience. Still another makes no pretense to secrecy and gives out its constitution for public publication. These are deliberately approved methods."

The conservative tendency, which is championed as a warning in the former article and is neatly expressed constructively in the letter, sees in the "sacredness" of certain intimate matters the genius of fraternity life. This secrecy is both a bond of union and an attracting power. Says Mr. Staunton:

"There is no quibbling here. Exactly the same feeling prompts in the last analysis all secrecy—the instinct to conceal the details of what is eminently personal to ourselves. And among such things par excellence we class those things which we term 'sacred'; our sexual relations in their deepest and highest sense; our deepest experiences in religion; whatever vows and ties we feel to be most intimate to our own souls. 'I was caught up,' says St. Paul, 'into the seventh heaven, and heard things which it is not lawful for man to utter.'

"Is it objected that our fraternity obligations and 'secrets' are not of this order? We answer that the whole language of fraternity life implies that they are of this order; that we intend they shall be of this order.

"But can not the secrecy of a college fraternity pattern after that of the home? Can not it be free from vows and rules, and left to the good sense of each individual brother? "Undoubtedly this would be possible if the fraternity could secure its members after, and not before, the education into its hidden aims and ideals. In the college fraternity this is not possible.

"The case of secrecy is at strong one. It rests upon human nature, which has called for it, responded to it, and been aided by it since our race began. If crimes have been committed in its name, so has been the case with every conceivable mode of human action. Ambition, religion, love, are all subject to the same indictment. If it could be shown that it had no normal function, then it might be condemned to perish, but then it would long ago have perished as a habit of all mankind. It is no part of our landmarks, but it is an indisputable foundation of our building. And those who are familiar with our ritual can carry out this thought more fully than it is permitted to do here."

Phi Kappa Psi is to publish a secret magazine, of course for members only, entitled *The Mystic Friend*—this in addition to its regular publication, *The Shield*. Pi Kappa Alpha has for some time been doing the same thing through its annual secret bulletin called *The Dagger and Key*.

в в п is dead at Hampden-Sidney.

The fraternity pin has none too soon become the object of thought, word and deed on the part of several orders. The tendency of opinion seems to be that some sign of identification should be worn; that that sign should be uniform; that it should be obtainable by all, therefore should be of moderate expense; that the means to this end is for each fraternity one official jeweller, the ban upon gems and expensive designs, and the requiring of each initiate to buy a badge as he pays his general "dues." This, substantially, is the action of Beta Theta Pi and of Sigma Chi at their last conventions, while $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$'s "recognition pin" is a step in the same direction and Δ K E requires a uniform pin ordered only through its council.

They call attention to several evils thus obviated; that of wealth distinction within the chapter; or, worse, that of not distinguishing, but of buying "jewelled" pins that one can not afford; that of foregoing a badge altogether because one can not buy a handsome pin; that of graft and imposition by irresponsible jewellers; finally, that of general lack of uniformity in the badges that were intended to be identical.

The following is one of many illustrations given in Sigma Chi Quarterly of the obvious advantage of wearing a fraternity pin:

In 1900, when about to sail from Antwerp after a summer's trip abroad, I noticed some interesting persons in the hotel, evidently there to take the same steamer for which our party was booked. My surmise was correct, and for many days I saw these same folk on shipboard; but our meeting was delayed until the last Sunday before landing in New York. was a bright, crisp day after a week of storm and stress, and passengers were on deck with coats thrown back and chests expanded to enjoy the sunshine and inhale the bracing air. was then that the sight of the familiar badge of his college fraternity caught the eye of Joseph G. Dudley, Alpha-Zeta. 1892, of Buffalo, N. Y. The best use of the remaining short time was made, but it was a matter of deep regret on my part, and I trust likewise on his, that the discovery of our common bond in Sigma Chi had not been made, as it might have been, before we embarked, if either of us had worn his badge in an easily discoverable position.

Speaking of badges, Beta Theta Pi publishes photos of four tombstones with the Beta insignia engraved thereon—this in proof that men are just dying to wear the Beta pin.

Beta Theta Pi also publishes in its January issue a unique and interesting form of heraldry that enables each chapter to display the fraternity arms along with the arms of the chapter's institution. The fraternity arms is a shield in four divis-

ions, on one of which is imprinted the local sign. Thus they have an apt expression of individuality in unity.

THE LURE OF GREEK LETTERS.

Iota Tau Sigma is an osteopathy fraternity founded at Kirksville, Mo., in 1902. It has four chapters.

Pi Delta Kappa sorority at Ohio University has chartered a local at Miami University, and aims to become a national organization.

Kappa Phi is the name of a new professional fraternity confined to colleges of pharmacy. It was founded in 1908 at Lincoln University, Knoxville, Tenn. Other chapters are at the University of the South and the University College of Medicine, Richmond, Va.

Sigma Kappa Alpha is a new fraternity having chapters at Minnesota, South Dakota, and Case.

A fraternity has recently been established at Kansas University, whose object is to create a fraternal spirit among newspaper men and to promote their interests. This is the second fraternity of this kind to be organized in the United States.

A local honorary fraternity at Missouri, Nu Rho Beta, has united with similar organizations of Columbia and the University of Indiana to form a national educational fraternity, to be known as Phi Delta Kappa.

An honorary business fraternity has been established at the University of Illinois, called Alpha Kappa Chi, which is to bear the same relation to students in the business courses as Phi Beta Kappa does to those in the college of literature and arts.

Theta Sigma Phi, which is designed to become a national journalistic honor society among college women, has been organized by six women students at the University of Washington. Its membership is limited to upper classwomen of the department of journalism, who not only have shown ability along literary lines, but who also intend making journalism their life work. It is the intention of the founders to establish

chapters in other colleges. The pin is a reproduction of the linotype machine matrix, with a torch and the Greek letters for emblems.

Sigma Upsilon, the Southern literary fraternity, has recently entered Transylvania University, Kentucky, under the name of the Boar's Head club. Last year they established a chapter at the University of Mississippi which goes by the name of the Scribbler's club. Their most recent chapter is at Millsaps College, where they absorbed a local known as the Kit-Kat club. which had similar aims and purposes.

The new Southern fraternity is Pi Kappa Phi. It originated at the College of Charleston, S. C., in 1904. A Beta chapter was established at the Presbyterian College of South Carolina in 1906, and a Gamma chapter at the University of California in 1908. Its badge looks much like that of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Delta Zeta, which was formed at DePauw last May, has established chapters at Nebraska and Baker universities.

Tau Kappa Epsilon, for some time a local society at Illinois Wesleyan University, has become a general fraternity by the establishment of two chapters, one at Northwestern and the other at the James Millikin University.

Senior and junior "hill" co-eds at the University of Wisconsin, have oganized a journalism sorority, Theta Sigma Phi, which will be a chapter of the national co-ed journalism sorority which is being pushed by Washington and Missouri universities. The sorority will consist of ten juniors and ten seniors.

A fraternity called Pi Delta Epsilon, whose object is to stimulate interest in college journalism, has been founded at Syracuse.—Gleaned from various sources by The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Reprinted from A X P Garnet and White.

The establishment of the following chapters is announced: \$\triangle \Delta \Delta \text{ Miami, May 27; Adelphi, June 10; Randolph-Macon Woman's College, May 30; Vanderbilt, September 16; Southwestern (Texas), September. \$\Delta \Pi\$ University of Montana, September 7; University of Idaho, September 15. K \(\Delta \) Coe College, June 3. \(\Delta \) \(\Delta \) (sorority) Iowa State College; Trinity College, N. C., K K \(\Pi \) Toronto, May 24. \(\Sigma \) \(\Delta \) E University of Nebraska, April 15. \(\Delta \) X \(\Omega \) University of Iowa, June 13. \(\Bar \) \(\Delta \) University of North Dakota, September 23. \(\Delta \) X Syracuse. \(\Delta \) \(\Pi \) \(\Delta \) University of Oregon. \(\Delta \) X \(\Delta \) Wesleyan. \(\Delta \) \(\Delta \) P Harvard (revived, previous existence 1850-'57). \(\Delta \) T \(\Delta \) Iowa State College. \(\Pi \) B \(\Delta \) University of Oklahoma, September 1. \(\Sigma \) K University of California, April 25; University of Washington, April 30. \(\Delta \) \(\Delta \) University of North Dokota, June 15.\(\Sigma \) A \(\Delta \) Record.

THE CHAPTER LIBRARY.

How many really educated men are content to spend their leisure hours in their homes with nothing more to satisfy their minds than a deck of cards, a phonograph, a pianola, and a bulldog? There is nothing much to be said against any of these articles of furniture, but as the sole means of recreation of a man whose pursuits are intellectual they seem to me rather deficient. Dr. Slosson, in his recent swing around the universities of the country, said that the college men in the fraternity houses where he visited were seldom able to talk about anything that bordered on the intellectual. They apparently knew nothing of importance that had not been told them in class, and read little that was not assigned for the next day. Is it not the business of the fraternity, if it aims to help students to live well rounded lives, to encourage them to read something, to know something, and to be something? Can they do it unless somewhere in every fraternity house there is a room distinctly set apart for books, where a man can go for a quiet hour of reading?

Dr. Alexander Duane, secretary of the Sigma Phi fraternity, in response to a question from me, wrote: "I think by all means a college fraternity should have its own library and a good one. A college fraternity, if it is to perform its right function in college and afterward, should have a profound and lasting influence on its members. The main factors in produc-

ing such an influence are (a) the personnel of the chapter, (b) the active interest and co-operation of the alumni and sister chapters, (c) the traditions of the society, and (d) the environment afforded by the chapter house. In the environment the library should play a prominent part. We may be sure that the material features (costly house, elaborate furnishings) of a college boy's home will be looked out for; the much more important intellectual aids afforded by good books and really fine works of art must be provided with at least equal care and munificence."

What the chapters should contain depends of course on the resources, tastes, and purposes of the chapters. It may safely be suggested, however, that at least these four kinds of material should be included: (1) chapter and college memorabilia, (2) books of general reference, (3) a collection of general literature, and (4) a supply of current periodicals.

(1) It ought to go without saying that each chapter should have a collection of fraternity literature. Quoting again from the Beta Theta Pi report, "The catalogue, and, if possible, a file of catalogues, the song book, and a file, if possible, as nearly complete a set of the magazine as can be secured, the invaluble handbook, a copy of Baird's American College Fraternities, the ritual and the constitution form the necessary nucleus. There should be a file of the student annual or year book of the college, and copies of similar books received from other colleges should be carefully preserved. The photograph of every member of the chapter should be secured, either in a chapter group or on an individual card, and these should be framed and placed upon the walls. Scrap books should be kept with a liberal policy as to the material to be included. Such books prove of unfailing interest to former members as they return to college for occasional visits. The practice of some chapters of displaying a framed group of each athletic team in which a Beta has a place is a commendable one. In fine, the preservation of chapter and college memorabilia should be a duty faithfully performed year after year. Copies of the publications of

other fraternities represented in the college have their interest. Chapter members who have published books are usually willing to contribute copies. Added interest may be given the library by the inclusion of such books as Sheldon's Student Life and Customs, Birdseye's Individual Training in Our Colleges, and The Reorganization of Our Colleges by the same author."

- (2) A dictionary, an encyclopedia, Who's Who in America, World Almanac, and an atlas are almost household necessities. The new Encyclopedia Britannica costs about as much as one dancing party and would yield as great returns on the investment. The great Dictionary of National Biography would make a chapter library command the respect of any visitor, and could be bought for the price of one theater party—about seventy-five dollars. Cyclopedias of agriculture, science, theology, and other special branches of knowledge are worth considering.
- (3) General literature may include anything that any one will contribute, from the works of Elinor Glyn to sets of Thackeray or Spinoza or Gibbon; but it is likely to be most useful if made up of standard sets of good authors, including fiction, travel, biography, history, and politics. Chapters which have alumni in New York can acquire a good library of standard works very cheaply by paying attention to book sales and auctions.
- (4) Current periodicals are usually to be found in the fraternity house, but if the chapter depends on the individual members to buy according to their own tastes, there is not likely to be a good variety of periodicals on hand, and those that are in the house are not likely to be regularly available. It is better that the chapter should take advantage of club offers and subscribe for as many magazines as it can conveniently afford. It should keep the best for binding.

Two or three other classes of books should be looked after. Don't let Hinds and Noble or some other buyer cart away all your discarded text books at ten cents on the dollar. Keep them. Text books change, to be sure, but the oftener new texts

are demanded by the progressive, volatile, or interested faculty, the more reference books this scheme will provide.

"On the whole, it seems to me that the most important function of the fraternity library is to provide good reading of a kind which may be selected without much reference to its use in connection with formal college requirements. Indeed, it may perhaps fairly be said that the intellectual level of a university can, to a certain extent, be measured by the amount of good reading which students do on their own initiative, without acting under any compulsion.

The home features of the fraternity house can be made to contribute to the intellectual life of the student without adding to his burden of intellectual endeavor. In that respect the fraternity library can have a tremendous influence.—Selections from Frank W. Stott, in A T Ω Palm.

The Marietta chapter of Delta Upsilon has made a name for itself by "a chapter house in thirty days." Such a whirlwind achievement might at least incite others to try.

SIGMA CHI'S SCHOLARSHIP FOR 1910-11.

Sigma Chi is advancing the grade of scholarship of its chapters, and answering admirably the demand for such advancement in general fraternity life by collecting a comparative table of scholarship of all its chapters for the last year. The Sigma Chi Quarterly says:

"Cards containing spaces for the student's name, the institution, and names of courses were sent to the chapters. Blanks to be filled out by the consuls, and asking for the system of grading at the college and other data on which a comprehensive and intelligent report could be based, were also sent to them. The cards, after the required information had been put on them by the chapters, were sent by the Grand Tribune to the registrars of the various colleges, and the grades entered on them.

The standings of the first ten chapters are given herewith:

Rank	Chapter	College	Standing
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9	Psi	Bucknell University. Pennsylvania College. University of Wooster. University of Virginia. University of So. California. Albion College. University of Texas Beloit College Tulane Univ. of Louisiana. University of Wisconsin.	86.215 85.72 84.6 83.75 83.438 81.95 81.284 81.03 80.65 80.643

PRESIDENT BENTON'S CONVERSION.

Among the signs of the times is the complete conversion—right about face—of Dr. Guy Potter Benton, formerly president of Miami University, now president of the University of Vermont. At his first annual report to his board of trustees eight years ago he said, "If I had been alive one hundred year ago as the head of an institution of learning, and if I could have foreseen exactly what the influence of fraternities would be, as we have them today, I should have opposed very earnestly the organization of the American college fraternity system."

Now, however, in a speech before the Association of American Universities, reported in the Sigma Chi Quarterly, President Benton (without forgetting his former attitude, too) announces a complete "change of heart." He said:

"The real scholar is willing to surrender preconceived judgments when, having sought for the truth, he finds them to be wrong. The best atonement I can make for the superficial conclusions of that year is to declare, in this presence, that since then I have applied the same tests in studying the college fraternity problem as I employed in my own library to work out problems having to do with the line of specialization I had chosen for myself before ever thinking of a college presidency. By using the scholar's method I have reached a somewhat

different conclusion, and I desire now to offer it as my testimony that the college fraternity has been to me a strong arm of power, a forceful ally in maintaining institutional ideals."

President Benton still recognizes dangers and disorders in the fraternity house.

"The fraternity house," he says, "may be, and frequently is, hostile to the formation of right habits of study, and in some instances it is a formidable hindrance to the development of real scholarship. The menace of the mob often finds its best exemplification in the modern fraternity chapter house. The destructive power of a crowd can hardly be overestimated in its possibilities for injury to him who needs to form habits of concentration—and in the fraternity house there is always a crowd. The 'ragtime' piano is omnipresent and ubiquitous. The gossip corner has attractions hard for the curious young man to resist. The table of the gaming-room allures him who should find the way to his study.

"Not only may the fraternity house prove disastrous to standards of scholarship, but too often it shows itself unfriendly to the lofty ideals of morality which should obtain in college life. None will be so bold as to deny the degrading influences attendant, as a natural consequence, upon a house full of men only. No one of clear vision wants the college man to run to the softness which effeminacy begets. We want a virile manhood in the next generation, but it must be a manhood that is not coarse or vulgar or brutal. The youth who feels no restraint of modesty upon him will hardly develop those finer feelings which produce the real gentleman. The young man, with no compunctions of propriety, who runs naked about the house he calls home today, will be the swaggering man who defies the conventions of tomorrow. Lack of true refinement is worse even than masculine prudery. The boy who goes to college clean of heart and pure of speech is bound to be affected by daily contact with men who feel no necessity for checking the stream of foulness and profanity which flows from impure hearts through unclean lips.

"A fraternity house where the universal standard of morality is not high certainly does not compare favorably as an elevating influence on student life with the old-fashioned home, and I have sometimes wished we might substitute for the modern fraternity house, where the evils of the ancient dormitory are often accentuated, the rooming-house of other days. There, from one to four students had their rooms with some good family, and the restraining and refining influences of the mother and the daughters in the home placed the young men under the constant necessity of deporting themselves according to the requirements of the highest propriety.

"It is doubtful if there are any colleges or universities whose authorities would care to encourage the formation of the drink habit, and yet there are college fraternities that make both drinking and gambling easy to learn It is pleasing to record the fact that there are some great fraternities which put the seal of disapproval upon the use of intoxicants. In recent years I have been a guest at the conventions of two prominent American fraternities. In one of the conventions I was pleased to hear the national president, in announcing the banquet to be held in the evening, say: "It is against the law of our fraternity to serve liquors of any sort at our banquets, and we shall consider any brother who orders drinks on the side as guilty of an offense against every individual member, and as offending against the ideals of the fraternity at large." the other convention there was entire absence of intoxicants from the banqueting hall, and I was told that the same law obtained.

Ill health is immorality, and fraternity men, correct in other respects, are often immoral because they violate the laws of health.

However, his conclusion is that "The problem confronting all institutions in reference to the American college fraternity system at this time is not a problem of elimination but of utilization. The Greek letter fraternity has been so long a part of college life in America and most of our leading colleges and

universities are so thoroughly ramified with fraternity customs, that for any one insitution to essay the role of the fraternity iconoclast would be to attempt the destruction of much that is best in the sacred traditions of that particular college."

How President Benton proposes to utilize the fraternity we see from the remaining full quotations (still from Sigma Chi's report):

In an institution with which I have some acquaintance the older men of the fraternity have one of their number appointed whose business it is to call regularly upon the registrar for reports as to the class standing of all their members. These reports are presented at the fraternity meetings and the student not up to grade is handled without tenderness. It is the custom of the dean of the undergraduate college in the institution to report to the officer of each fraternity, at the beginning of a new semester, the relative standing of his fraternity as compared with the other fraternities of the institution. A report, for instance, was given to the supervising officer of one fraternity to this effect: "Your rank in scholarship as compared with that of the other fraternities last semester, was the lowest in the institution." No one fraternity knows what the standing of another fraternity is, but there is always cause for congratulation and there is increased incentive to excellence when the report reaches any meeting saying the fraternity stood highest among all during the preceding period. When the report is medium or low there is also incentive, even though it be the incentive of humiliation to put forth greater efforts for a better ranking.

The fraternity, too, is a most important factor in holding the student to his original purpose in completing his college course. To my personal knowledge it has often happened that a student has entered upon an undergraduate course of study expecting to be in this line of work for one year perhaps, or, at most, for two and by the influence of teachers, insufficient alone but potent when exercised through upper-class fraternity brothers, many of these young men have completed the requirements for the baccalaureate degree.

The athletic incentive, also, is to be reckoned with. No fraternity with any sense of pride is willing that men of athletic prowess or promise among its membership should be deprived of the privilege of representing that fraternity in distinction upon the gridiron, the diamond, or the track. Knowing full well that excellence of scholarship and character are the necessary credentials for entrance to all these contests, every fraternity is spurred to the highest endeavor in encouraging its athletes to make good both in scholarship and in character.

The fraternity, through the influence of the upper classmen exerted upon the lower classmen, is a mighty force leading in the direction of complete self-government. A few years ago the representatives of the local chapter of a fraternity enjoying high national standing came to me with the information that one of their members had been guilty of gross immorality. They asked the privilege of dealing with him themselves. The permission was granted. He was told that he must leave college at once or be expelled from the fraternity. He chose the former alternative and the authorities of the college were saved the necessity of action. This same chapter has since pursued a similar course with other violators of the college standards. To say that they go up and down the walks of the campus and in and out of college halls with a consciousness of manly self-respect unknown to those who deport themselves properly simply to avoid the penalties of the institution is to fail to give full expression to the manifest manliness of spirit ever shown by the men of that fraternity.

College fraternities become allies in maintaining institutional standards through the connection therewith of professors who belong to the various fraternities in a given institution. No political party ever pointed with greater pride to its record than do the active members of a fraternity to the prominent members of the faculty as having membership in their organizations. Professors and instructors are always welcome guests at fraternity houses and meetings, and their friendly advice tactfully given is willingly received and effectively ap-

plied. Then, the alumni of the institution who are fraternity men have a never-ending pride in the organization to which they belonged in college, and a strong influence in securing results in scholarship and character which conform to the universal and particular standards honored by the authorities of alma mater. Once, and only once, have I known the undergraduates to take issue with their alumni, and the issue as taken was most gratifying to those of us who were anxious to maintain high standards of morality in that institution. The chapter in mind had adopted, voluntarily, a rule forbidding the use of intoxicants in any form in the fraternity house. On the occasion of a reunion, a few former members came back, bringing with them dress-suit cases loaded down with questionable drinkables. The first visitor to open his case for the distribution of its contents was politely informed by an undergradute member that he was violating the rules of the chapter. Utterly abashed, with blushing face and stammering tongue, he said it was not against the rule in his day. He was told that we live in an age of progress, that that chapter was not composed of moral "standpatters," that it was against the rule in this latter day, and that he would be offering open insult to the active chapter in thus attempting to do violence to its standards. He closed his case. None of the others were opened, and later the larger body of the alumni of that chapter placed the seal of enthusiastic approval upon their successors for the establishment of this newer and better principle.

I know of an institution where moral and religious excellence is a matter of rivalry between the several fraternities located there. Regular and systematic study of the Bible, under competent leadership, in all the fraternity houses has made every organization a puissant agent in promulgating and establishing a larger respect for healthy and holy living."

It is a well-known fact that every Greek letter fraternity making any pretensions whatever to national quality insists that universal standards of scholarship and morality, as well as particular standards, shall be observed by its active membership

in the institutions in which its chapters may exist. Only very recently a fraternity of national prominence, through its general officers, gave its chapter in one of the greatest universities in America a limit of two weeks to fall in line with the requirements of that institution, under penalty of having its charter withdrawn for failure to comply at the expiration of the time. No such strength of appeal can be made by undergraduates, teachers, or alumni of a given institution, through local club or society, as can be made by a fraternity of national character when its desires are made known.

President Benton concludes with this handsome tribute to the fraternity system:

"I am hoping that the institution which has given birth to three great American Greek letter college fraternities may establish a new precedent. I want that institution, by the perfection of a new organization recently founded, to make it possible for every man who enters its student-body to find his way to membership in a company of congenial and helpful men. When every student has membership in a group of national affiliation, guaranteeing to him all the high privileges which are the inalienable rights of college students, not excepting those of the social circle, I shall write another report, and at its beginning and its conclusion I shall say: 'If I had been alive one hundred years ago as the head of an institution of learning, and if I could have foreseen exactly all the splendid possibilities of fraternities, I should have encouraged, with all earnestness, the organization of the American college fraternity system.'"

In his annual chapel address at the opening of the University of Kansas in September, Chancellor Strong asserted that fraternities were never so satisfactory in their relations with the university as now, and commended them highly as a valuable adjunct of student life. He expressed a sentiment favoring the revival of literary societies and urged every student to indentify himself with such an organization. Organized activities he held to be of immeasurable benefit to all students.— $\Phi \Delta \Theta Scroll$.

Rev. Paul Mansfield Spencer, grand chaplain of Sigma Nu, after having made a "pilgrimage" to chapters throughout the North and West, has the encouraging testimony with which to strengthen the generally growing conviction with reference to fraternity life—this from the Sigma Nu Delta:

"I was gratified to find a very marked tendency to elevate the chapter life along all lines and was pleased to find that in matters of scholarship the fraternity is showing a marked interest. The moral life of the chapters is of the best and we must ever seek to retain that standard which is so beautifully set forth in the creed. Now and then we hear of a chapter banquet or a division banquet in which the high ideal is for the time lost, but I believe that this is becoming less and less frequent. The alumni man must set a high standard for the undergraduate, or in justice to the fraternity he must leave the undergraduate man alone, while on the other hand the undergraduate man must never lose sight of the fact that the reputation of the fraternity is almost wholly in his hand, either to make or break, and one weak chapter will weaken the whole chain of the system. I was gratified to find this sentiment crystalizing in a very marked degree and rejoice in the future which it foreshadows for Sigma Nu."

Hence this is to the point from the ΦX Quarterly:

The question arises, "What good can the fraternity do?"

- 1. It can prevent a man of studious habits from becoming a mere grind, a bookworm, a recluse, by forcing him into society.
- 2. It can prevent a man of strong inclinations 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 of 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 hard-working 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.
- 8. It can be a college, so to speak, wherein the brothers are trained to know the value of ethics in the medical profession.
- 9. It can keep men up on current events and through their associations they become polished physicians and men to be respected in whatever communities they may associate with in their practice.
- 10. It can encourage the men and we ALL need encouragement. If it were not for the fact that every man knows that his mother, sister, sweetheart, or wife (as the case may be) cares, what would there be in life for the most of us? No man ever achieved anything worth while unless some good woman was back of it.

There are other things the sororities do that force themselves upon our attention and challenge our admiration. Before us lies the July issue of the Pi Beta Phi Arrow. It completes a volume containing 610 pages, which is larger than the volumes of most fraternity periodicals-larger at any rate than the last volume of The Scroll, which contained 572 pages. In this issue of the Arrow there is a letter from every one of Pi Beta Phi's 43 active chapters, but what strikes us with amazement is that it contains also letters from 43 of the 45 alumnæ clubs. As to alumni club letters such a record we are sure has never been equalled by any fraternity, though the Arrow did not allude to it as anything unusual. But we are still more amazed to learn from reading these letters that nearly all of these alumnæ clubs have monthly meetings, and some have special meetings besides during the year. We wish that alumni clubs of fraternities in such large numbers took enough interest to meet

monthly—we earnestly wish it were true as to Phi Delta Theta at least. Moreover we read in the Arrow that many of Pi Beta Phi's alumnæ clubs are contributing from \$25 to \$200 each for settlement work in sparsely settled mountain districts—certainly a noble work. We read also that rooms are supported by Pi Beta Phi alumnae clubs in two hospitals, one at Galesburg, Ill., and the other at Burlington, Iowa. The exchange notes in the Arrow mention that the Galesburg alumnæ club of Delta Delta Delta furnishes a room at the Galesburg free kindergarten.— $\Phi \Delta \Theta Scroll$.

College News

President Henry Lewis Smith, of Davidson College, has been elected to the presidency of Washington and Lee University.

President Thomas E. Hodges has been formally installed at the University of West Virginia, and President Taft, of the United States, saw that it was well done.

President Eugene Allen Noble, formerly of Goucher College, Baltimore, is the new incumbent at Dickinson College.

Dean Hughes is the acting president of Miami pending the election of a successor to President Benton, now of the University of Vermont.

THE SOUTH TO THE FRONT.

The University of Virginia has a new law building. It harmonizes with the severely classic style of architecture of the other buildings.

Washington and Lee has a new dining hall.

The legislature of Alabama, at its last session, appropriated \$200,000 for Alabama Polytechnic Institute and \$300,000 for buildings and equipment of the University of Alabama.

The legislature of Oklahoma has appropriated \$125,000 for a law building at the State University.

The new library building of the University of Texas has been completed at a cost of \$250,000. It is built of native white limestone with marble trimmings. The type of architecture

employed is the Spanish Renaissance. Cass Gilbert of New York, architect of the university, designed this building as a type for future structures to be erected on the campus.

And the New York Times Special has this to say of Trinity: "From Trinity College stage tonight announcements were made of gifts amounting to \$235,000, the contributions being those of Benjamin Newton Duke and James Buchanan Duke, of New York, formerly of Durham. These gifts are for buildings and running expenses of the college, to which the Duke family has already contributed more than a million and a half. So frequent have been these munificences that they have necessitated a change in the college charter. The donations will make possible the completion of a quadrangular group of dormitories and administrative buildings and the purchase of fifty acres of land to add to the college campus. Thirty thousand goes to current expenses. Five thousand is also announced as the contribution from the two North Carolina Methodist Conferences to which the college belongs. These are the nucleus of a million-dollar additional endowment, the Dukes agreeing to give \$800,000 if the conferences contributed one-fourth that amount. That would make Trinity's endowment five times that of any Southern denominational college. The fraternities to benefit by the above munificence are Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha."

Also the New York Evening Post writes of Washington and Lee:

"The alumni of Washington and Lee University are naturally gratified by the remarkable number of its graduates who are now occupying prominent positions in politics on the bench, and in the various fields of social activity. A new justice of the supreme court, Joseph R. Lamar, is a graduate of the law schools' class of 1878, in which were also ex-Governor Stephens of Missouri, ex-Governor MacCorkle of West Virginia, the present chief justice of the supreme court of Ala-

bama, the general counsel of the Baltimore & Ohio railway, and the director of the Russel Sage foundation. In the senate of the United States are five graduates of this university—Foster of Louisiana, Chamberlain of Oregon, Owen of Oklahoma, Bryan of Florida, and Poindexter of Washington. Six graduates speak for five states in the House of Representatives, including such useful Congressmen as Slayden of Texas and Hay of Virginia.

It is claimed for Washington and Lee that its law school "though never large in comparison with such schools as Harvard, Columbia, Yale, and others," has none the less more "alumni upon the supreme courts in a large number of states than any other law school in the country." The chief justice of the court of claims in Washington was graduated in 1868, and still other prominent graduates are Thomas Nelson Page, Clifton R. Breckenridge, lately ambassador to Russia; Wade H. Ellis, Dr. James H. Dillard, the head of the Jeanes Fund, and Julius Kruttschnitt, now prominent as the executive of the Harriman railways.

Altogether, this is an extraordinary showing. The advocates of the small college will, of course, find in it complete justification of their contention that the smaller the institution, and the closer the contact between professors and students, the more the graduate gains from the teachings and personal impress of his instructors."

One is impressed more and more with the fact that the well-endowed college with five or six hundred students is to be in future the leading educational institution of our country. The special advantages offered by such institutions for the development of character and mind, as well as giving a student culture and refinement, can not be equalled by the large universities. The student comes into close contact with his teachers; a personal interest is taken in each individual and an influence thrown around him which cannot result in anything but an improved and more highly developed manhood. One can never be an "all round," well-educated man without such course,

after which he has time and is better equipped to take his professional course at a technical school.—Phi Kappa Psi "Shield," quoted in Σ N Delta.

A new method of reaching the Wisconsin people who cannot attend the state university has been inaugurated by the extension division. This is the group-study plan, which takes several forms. These student-groups are intended for women's clubs, library groups, literary societies, teachers, bank clerks, office men, farmers and others. In addition to supplying weekly lessons, the university sends representatives to direct the work of the different student-groups, several times each semester.

This fall an arrangment became effective for an exchange of professors each year between Harvard University and Knox College, Grinnell College, Beloit College and Colorado College, which colleges stand for the "cultural" idea of education, as opposed to the vocational or utilitarian ideal of the state universities. A professor from Harvard University is to spend a fourth of the academic year at each of these colleges, giving instruction in the regular college courses. In return, each of these colleges will send one of its younger instructors to Harvard.— $\Phi \Delta \theta Scroll$.

"At the University of Florida there are found chapters of Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha and Pi Kappa Alpha. Also one local, the Star society. Since the university has come under the direct control of the state the advancement has been marked along all lines. President Murphree expects a greatly increased attendance the present year.

"Norwich University, Vermont, has fallen heir to \$1,000,000 in the way of an endowment. This college is the alma mater of Admiral Dewey, of naval fame. The fraternities at Norwich are Theta Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio, is endeavoring to get back in the national class, and her locals, the Lone Star and the Zeta Alpha Epsilon, are arranging to petition some of the national fraternities. Dormant chapters of Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta and Phi Delta Theta are found at Buchtel. Also active chapters of the sororities Delta Gamma and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Wesleyan University, Connecticut, has done away with the co-educational plan, and the last of the women graduated with the class of 1911. With the newer plan going into operation the natural extinction of the Wesleyan chapters of the Delta Delta Delta and the Alpha Delta Gamma sororities is evident."—The Delta of Sigma Nu.

Beginning with the session of 1911-12, the University of Missouri will require two years of college work for admission to all professional schools, except the college of agriculture.

The Japanese government nominates a Japanese exchange lecturer who is received every year by Yale, Brown, Columbia, Hopkins, Virginia, Illinois and Minnesota, while in the alternate years these seven universities select some prominent American—not necessarily from among their number—to go to Japan. The exchange began this fall by Japans sending to Amreica Dr. Inazo Nitobe, her most illustrious educator and the idol of all Japanese students. He is to lecture on "Japan and Her Problems" at the six universities, each receiving six lectures. He was graduated with A. B. by Johns Hopkins in 1886. He was a student at Bonn, Berlin and Halle, and from the last named university he received the degrees of A. M. and Ph. D. He was married in 1890 to a Quakeress of Philadelphia, who had attended Johns Hopkins when he was a student there.—Φ A Θ Scroll.

Washington and Jefferson expects to complete a modern physics building in the coming spring.

The May festival at the University of Minnesota netted \$1,500 and the men's union got the proceeds.

The student body of Washington University has decided to adopt the honor system.

The students of the University of Wisconsin last spring voted that the honor system was impracticable.

Swarthmore increased her endowment last year by several hundred thousand dollars, and is to have a new auditorium and two new swimming pools. In addition the class of '91 has given a new 24-inch telescope to the observatory.— Σ A E Record.

For the first time in the 275 years' history of Harvard University the name Harvard appears this fall on the student rolls. Lionel De Jersey Harvard of London, a descendant of John Harvard, is a member of the class of 1915.—Key of KKP, quoted in ZAE Record.

The faculty are at present agitating the question of limiting to a greater degree, the elective system in the university, in order to prevent over-specialization and its contrary evil, that of "dabbling" into too many subjects.—University of Michigan correspondent in Arrow of Π B Φ .

RHODES ASPIRANTS NOTE.

There are elections of Rhodes scholars for the years 1913 and 1914, for the years 1916 and 1917, an so on, omitting every third year. The scholarship are of the value of £300 a year, and are tenable for three years. One scholar will be chosen from each state or territory to which scholarships are assigned. Candidates may elect whether they will apply for the scholarship of the state or territory in which they have acquired any large part of their educational qualification or for that state or territory in which they have their private home or domicile; but no candidate may compete in more than one state or territory either in the same year or in succeeding years. Candidates may pass the qualifying examination at any centre, but they must be prepared to present themselves before

election to the committee in the state or territory they select to apply from. Besides passing the qualifying examination (which includes, Latin, Greek and mathematics, in the first and last of which the candidate must have passed), the candidate, to be eligible, must be a citizen of the United States with at least five years domicile, and be unmarried. By the first of October of the year for which he is elected, he must have passed his nineteenth birthday and not have passed his twenty-fifth birthday, and, by the first of October of the year for which he is elected, he must have completed at least his sophomore year at some recognized degree-granting university or college of the United States (except in Massachusetts, where the committee of selection has authority to appoint from secondary schools).

Information as to courses of study at Oxford and as to the different colleges is to be found in "Oxford and the Rhodes Scholarships," by R. Scholz and S. K. Hornbeck, and "The Student's Handbook to Oxford and Its Colleges," both of which can be obtained at the Oxford University Press, 29-35 West 32nd street, New York City. General information as to the manner of application for a scholarship can be obtained from the Oxford secretary to the Rhodes trustees, 9 South Park Road, Oxford, England. Copies of a general circular of information concerning Rhodes scholarships can be obtained from the commissioner of education, Washington, D. C., and from the presidents of Alabama, Yale Minnesota, Indiana, California, Kansas, Washington, Johns Hopkins, Texas, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Michigan and several other universities—Phi Gamma Delta.

SIGMA UPSILON CONVENTION.

The sixth annual convention of the Sigma Upsilon Literary fraternity met at Lexington, Ky., Jan. 2nd and 3d. This is a comparatively new fraternity that is seeking to fill a hitherto undeveloped field in the college life, confining itself to men of literary and scholarly tendencies and binding them in the bonds

of national fraternalism. At present there are seven active chapters, all confined to the South.

The main trend of the convention was toward extension and a number of additions are expected to be made to the roll before the next meeting.

Membership in the fraternity is considered the highest honor in the various institutions in which it is represented.

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