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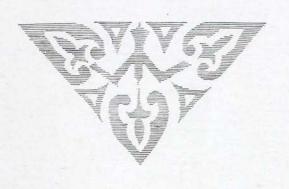
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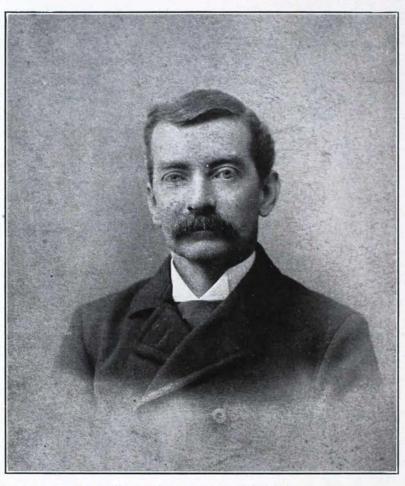
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Frederick Southgate Taylor Conceiver and Organizer of the Fraternity



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Frederick Southgate Caylor



HIS conceiver and founder of our fraternity was born December 16, 1847, in Norfolk, Va. After a primary education attained in his native city, he entered William and Mary College, graduating with great distinction in the classics.

In response to the call of his Mother State, he entered the Army of Virginia, and served with great gallantry throughout the war for Southern independence.

From October, 1867 to 1869, he spent at the University of Virginia in the study of law, graduating with the coveted B. L. degree.

The idea of forming a brotherhood was first conceived by him, and it was through his efforts that the plan was effected and the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity organized. The following is from his letter, dated February 14, 1891, to Brother Smythe:

The Fraternity was formed by four of us, on the night of March 1st, 1868, while students at the University of Virginia, in Room 39, West Range, then occupied by L. W. Tazewell and myself, both of this city. The other three were James B. Slater, of Richmond, Dr. J. E. Wood, of Elizabeth City, N. C., and Dr. Robertson Howard, of Washington, D. C. We were intimate friends (the outcome of a companionship during the war), and determined to form ourselves into a Fraternity for

our mutual benefit; and to associate with ourselves a few other congenial persons. We five met frequently, and did what was necessary to thoroughly organize the Society. The name of the Fraternity was suggested by me.

Of him speaks Brother Tazewell, a fellow-founder, in the following interesting lines:

"Frederick Southgate Taylor, who died suddenly in Norfolk, Va., of heart trouble, on February 13, 1896, in the 49th year of his age, was born in Norfolk, and came of an old and honored Virginia family, who have been residents of Norfolk for several generations, and have always been prominent in the social and political life of the city. His boyhood was passed in Norfolk, and his friends and associates were the descendants of the friends of his father and grandfather's friends in their boyhood, and with many of these he grew to man's estate.

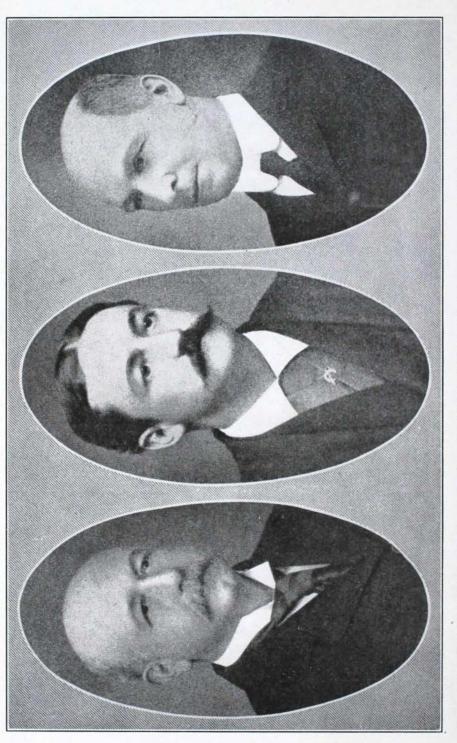
"After receiving the ordinary common school education in Norfolk, he went to William and Mary College, where he spent two sessions, taking the academic course. He then went to the University of Virginia for two sessions, taking the academic course also. While he was a student of the university he organized the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and devoted himself with all his energy to its extension and increase, and after leaving college, when he had become a man of affairs, he was always interested in its work, and furthered as much as he could the enlargement and growth of his old fraternity. In the two sessions spent at the university he became very popular, and had a larger circle of acquaintances that almost any man in college.

"After leaving college, he returned to Norfolk. He did not engage in any regular business, but gradually interested himself in real estate transactions, and, eventually, became one of the best judges of realty in the city, but his operations were not confined to Norfolk alone, but were extended to the larger cities of Washington and Chicago. In all his operations he was singularly successful, and his opinion as to the value and probable future of realty was one often sought and highly valued by investors. After his father's death he had sole charge of his es-

tate, and he more than doubled it by fortunate investments and good management, which his clear and sound judgment decided him to make. Besides his father's estate he had several others to look after, all of which received the benefit of the same judicious care. He accumulated quite a large fortune for himself, and was living in the comfortable enjoyment of it when his end came. In early life he married Miss Brooke, of Fauquier County, who, with five children, four sons, and a daughter, survive.

"He was for a considerable time in public life, having been President of the Common Council of Norfolk, and also represented the city in the State Legislature. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, and, like his father before him, was one of the wardens and vestrymen for a number of years. He was a Past Master of Owens' Lodge, A. F. A. Masons, director of a bank and various other companies, and all the various positions which he held he filled with honor and ability. His funeral took place from Christ Church, and was one of the largest that had taken place in the city for some time, showing the high estimation in which he was held by his fellow-citizens."

During the struggling days of the early nineties, Brother Taylor was very active in his help of those who were striving to put the fraternity on its feet. From time to time he contributed articles to these pages, and from his ample means made substantial contributions to the finances of the fraternity.



Dur Sole Surviving Founder and his Greetings



ITTLETON WALLER TAZEWELL was born in 1848, being a grandson of Governor Littleton Waller Tazewell, of Norfolk, Va. He entered the University of Virginia for the session of 1866-67, remaining there through the succeeding one of 1867-68. It was during March of his second and last

year that he participated in founding our fraternity.

On the completion of his college course he returned to Norfolk, and has spent a useful life in various branches of business.

He has had no ambitions save to live up to the high standards of his ancestors, and to illustrate the best traditions of the Virginia gentleman of the olden time. He has never been a candidate for political honors, but has served his city in various positions of trust and responsibility, having been for some years a member of the City Council, and chairman of the Finance Committee.

He married Miss Mary Louisa Walke, of Norfolk, who, with several children, shares with him the pride of being able to look back upon a well-spent life—not conspicuous perhaps, but honorable and pure.

With genuine regret that ill health prevented his writing at length of the early days, he requests the delivery of this message to active Pi's everywhere:

From the oldest living member of Pi Kappa Alpha to the chapters: Greetings—Continue your good work.

L. W. TAZEWELL.

Pi Kappa Alpha Then and Now

THERON H. RICE (Theta, Alpha, and Iota)



HAVE been asked by our delightful editor in a number of importunate letters to contribute something to the semi-centennial number concerning the past of our remarkable and noble order. I am doing this to the best of my ability, though I feel that that ability is not equal to the task as I conceive it

ought to be done.

There are certain things of which I am cognizant which may be of interest to the men who in more recent years have been added to the roster of our fraternity—they are certainly of great interest to those of us who have watched its past and its growth.

Let us go back to the time when we were only one chapter strong, plus the Mother Chapter. Pi Kappa Alpha was organized originally under a form of government very simple; that form of government provided that everything should emanate from the will of the Mother Chapter. That Mother Chapter was located at the ancient and honorable seat of learning, the University of Virginia. I suppose it never occurred to the founders that the men who made up Alpha Chapter would be other than men of ability and power to govern well. The fraternity reposed great confidence in that chapter by making it the source of all authority. Not only so, but all executive work must be done by that chapter.

We found, when we came to investigate the situation, that Alpha had grown very negligent and very indifferent, not to the maintenance of her own standing at the university, but with respect to the extension and the enlargement of the fraternity outside her bounds.

When the writer came into the fraternity, at Theta Chapter in the fall of 1885, there existed, as has been said, only two chapters—Alpha, the Mother Chapter, and Theta, at the Southwestern Presbyterian University, of Clarksville, Tenn. These two chapters were hardly on speaking terms. Not that there was any hard feeling between them; it was just well-nigh impossible to get any response from Alpha to Theta's letters of urgent appeal. Just why this was so, I can not say, but the fact was one which caused Theta very much concern.

Being eager to see the fraternity grow, we determined to establish, if possible, some chapters elsewhere. We began by writing to Alpha for permission to do this work. After a good deal of correspondence, and some patience-taxing delays, Alpha agreed to give us carte blanche to select the colleges and secure the initiates. She also gave us some blank charters, signed with her official signature.

Armed with this equipment, we proceeded at once to found a chapter which has been one of the most radiant stars in our galaxy, Iota of historic old Hampden-Sidney. This chapter gave us some of our best men, among others Arbuckle and Mc-Allister. Let me say just a word about these men as they appeared to me at that time.

McAllister was a man of stocky build, with broad shoulders and a head that would have attracted the attention of any gathering, not only because it was so extremely red, but because it was of such fine shape and unusual size. McAllister was a man of real force and a very loyal and efficient Pi until his health gave away some years ago. McAllister, after leaving Hampden-Sidney, went to the University of Virginia to study law, under the famous John B. Minor. The course in law at that time was a two-years' course, and this man undertook to take the course in one year. Though he did brilliant work, his health broke under the strain, and he was compelled to leave the university before the session closed; not, however, before he had contributed valuable aid to the reorganization of the fraternity.

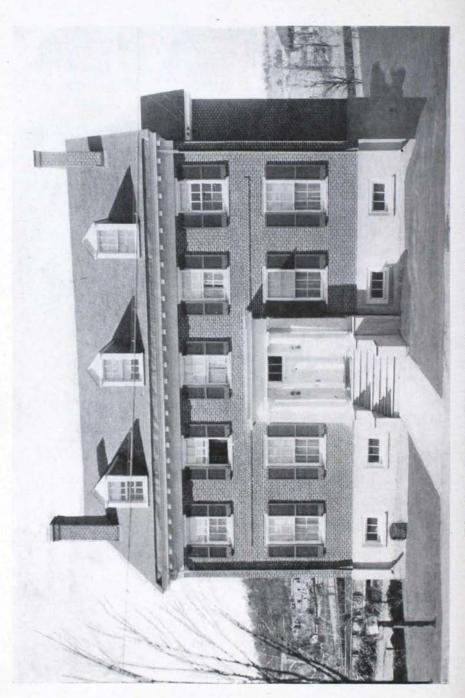


THE TABLET THAT ADORNS THE WALL OF ROOM NO. 31, WEST RANGE, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, IN WHICH PI KAPPA ALPHA WAS FOUNDED

Arbuckle is a man who needs no introduction, even to our present-day membership. He was, at the time I first met him, one of the most charming of rosy-cheeked college boys, with the brightest of eyes and the noblest kind of expression, especially when roused; the heartiest laugh, the clearest conscience, and the most charming manners, altogether a winsome and captivating young fellow.

These two men were the gift of Iota to the fraternity in her darkest days. One thing ought to be said just at this point—we owe Iota to the energy and ability of Mark Kennedy, a Theta man, who went to Hampden-Sidney to enter the Union Theological Seminary, just across the way from old Hampden-Sidney College. Mark Kennedy gathered the little group of men who made up Iota, and organized them and impressed them with the Theta spirit. The men who were then initiated into Iota all bear testimony to the fine influence of Mark Kennedy and of the sterling and chivalrous character of his whole manhood.

I believe that it will be worth while to say a few words about the ideals of Theta and the personnel of the chapter which had so much to do with giving the first impulse to the reorganization. I feel that the men who constitute the fraternity to-day will, perhaps, enjoy a little glimpse of the chapter as she appeared to the eyes of an initiate of those early times. When I went to Clarksville there were a number of fraternities represented there, and most of them were very zealous to capture men of any desirability at all. There stood out among the various organizations one Greek-letter club, which was somewhat unique, not so eager, not so zealous to capture men as the others, though always affable, always courteous, and, if anything, more democratic than were the others. This was Theta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. I learned after I became an initiate that it was an unwritten law among the men of that chapter never to ask a man to join them who had not been asked by all the other clubs on the campus. This may or may not have been rigidly adhered to, but certain it is that very few men were initiated into the fraternity who had not been earnestly sought by every other fraternity represented in that school.



"Memorial Hall"-Home of Alpha-University of Virginia

There were certain outstanding figures in that chapter. There was, for instance, Marshall Hicks, now a distinguished citizen of Texas, more than once spoken of for high political positions. He was an exceedingly magnetic fellow, most attractive to the eye, with a most delightful voice, a born orator, and a sort of natural leader of men. He had a brother, Yale, who, in his way, was just as fine. We used to think that it was a remarkable gift to one family that two such sons should have been born to them.

Another man who stood out, though in a very different way, was old Daniel Johnson Brimm. He was a man of tremendous force, a man who was a born scholar, masterly in his grasp of books, a perfect thesaurus of information; and withal a most zealous Pi, being especially interested in the elaboration and perfecting of our Ritual.

Another conspicuous for real ability and leadership was a boy who had been there, but who had gone home—old Tom Caufield. We had his brother with us, Mart. Caufield, but Tom's name was often mentioned, and we often considered what Tom would do and what Tom would say. We had other men that might be mentioned, but I can not take space to go over the whole list.

This little group of men was exceedingly happy. We had not only the fraternity rooms and delightful meetings and the big "sings" that used to occur when we left the hall and before we broke up at the campus gate; but we had our sisters and the entrée to their charming homes, and they were the loveliest girls in the town. We had all sorts of interests, we had our ambition as students, as orators, as athletes, and our share of all these kinds of honors. We were a happy family, and busy with joyful, wholesome sort of employments; and yet there was at times a sort of restlessness.

Our fraternity was exceedingly small, and when we approached a man we had to tell him that we had only two chapters, and after Iota was founded, only three, while the other fraternities could boast of their long roll of chapters, and this had quite an effect on the men, and one that was not easily overcome. The fact that we overcame it at all was, in itself, a proof of how strong was the pull of our tiny fraternity. It showed that Pi Kappa Alpha had something in it well worth giving to the college world; it challenged us to enlarge our boundaries and to increase our membership by entering other institutions.

When we were able to found Iota, we at once looked out from her for still further chances of extension. Bob Moore and Shadia Engle were two men that Iota brought into our ranks. They went to Northfield in the summer of 1888, and there met that strong and attractive character, Walter M. Smith, who, going back to the South Carolina Military Academy at Charleston, S. C., established there our gallant and efficient chapter, Lambda. It was this chapter which, as everybody knows, gave us Robert A. Smythe.

There was also in this period of our history a very interesting situation. We found that if we did not enlarge our bounds we would, perhaps, be repeatedly faced by overtures from other and stronger fraternities to merge with them. I suppose I am telling no secrets that ought not to be divulged when I say that during my residence at Clarksville we were invited to join at least three large and important fraternities. We debated the matter very seriously among ourselves, and there were some strong things to be said in favor of it. We were very hungry for a larger field. We were very restless under our small chapter roll. We felt that we had something that was worth while and the very nature of the fraternity life demanded a larger scope for its adequate development.

Finally, however, we put aside all these things, and determined that, as far as in us lay, we would achieve our own career, and must eventually extend our boundaries.

When the writer went on to take a postgraduate course at the University of Virginia in the year 1889-90, he found at Alpha, as a transfer from Iota, that man who has already been mentioned as a factor in our transformation, J. T. McAllister. He participated heartily in conferences concerning the reorganization of the fraternity, and when I went on to Hampden-Sidney during the Christmas holidays of 1889 as a delegate from Alpha, to meet the delegates that were gathered there from Theta and

Iota, he had conferred with me about plans, and was in full accord with the ideas and purposes that I carried with me to that gathering.

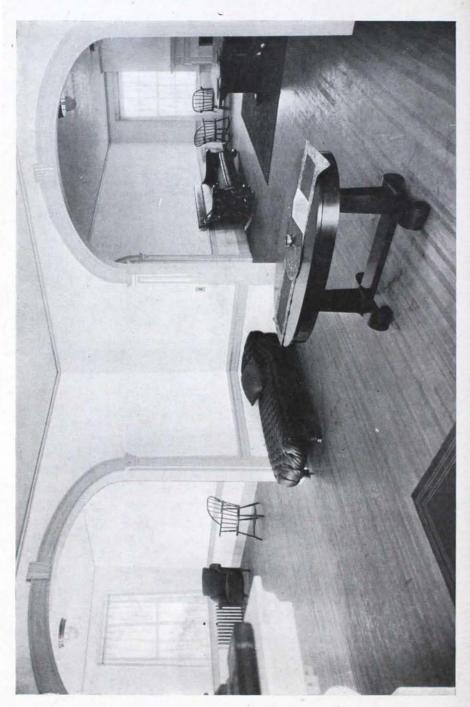
We come now to the story of the gathering at Hampden-Sidney at which the Constitution was adopted. This little college town, while not very large on the map, is one of the most historic spots in the nation. Its name is commemorative of two of the most remarkable figures in England's struggle for constitutional liberty.

Colleges have character and personality. The character and personality of Hampden-Sidney College were doubtless influenced by the great names it commemorated, and the character and personality of the college impressed themselves in turn upon successive student bodies, and hence on the men of Iota who were hosts of this memorable gathering. We may count ourselves fortunate in holding our first council, with respect to the organization of practically a new fraternity under the shadow of great names and in the light of great ideals.

I remember so well the scene. The plain, almost rude brick building in which we met, the upstairs room occupied by Arbuckle, and the simple table on which he studied, and the warm fire around which we gathered, for it was cold. Arbuckle's bright face and Foster's stern, almost melancholy countenance as we wrestled over the problems. Things of this sort stand out. But I can also recall with what forgetfulness of all the externals we bent together over the problem which was before us; how to reorganize the fraternity so as to give it in the future a scope and a field which we had long coveted for it, for its noble principles and its powers for good.

Well, we need not go into the details, even if we could, as to how this principle and that principle was evolved, discussed, modified, and finally embodied in the Constitution, but I can say that no work was ever more whole-heartedly done, ever more earnestly coöperated in, ever more thoughtfully and carefully weighed, ever more joyfully and happily accomplished.

When we were done, we had to make some sort of a report to the fraternity at large, and I remember the rather crude way in which that report was embodied and sent out.



"MEMORIAL HALL"-Interior view

Joe McAllister wrote a very beautiful hand, one of the most perfect hands I have ever known a man to write, though he was a lawyer. He proposed himself to write the whole thing out and hectograph it on an old-fashion gum hectograph and send these records out to those members of the fraternity who were still active. We accepted his offer willingly, and he did all of that hard work out of pure love for the fraternity. This was the first issue of any sort of publication by the fraternity. Then it was that Smythe undertook to establish and edit the Journal at his own expense, and we owe everything in the way of our future success to that publication.

One of the things that I feel almost a hesitation in mentioning—and yet I would hardly feel my duty done if I did not mention it—is the way that Smythe dedicated himself and his work to the fraternity. When the convention was held, Smythe was sick and went through a very serious spell of illness, and, on recovering, wrote me a very beautiful letter. I am not sure that I have the letter still, though I rather think I have.

In this letter Smythe said practically that his life had been marvelously spared, and, out of profound gratitude for the new gift, he felt under special obligation to dedicate that life to some noble and useful work. No man ever went into the ministry under a more solemn conviction, or with a more distinct ideal of service, than the conviction and the ideal which carried Smythe into his life-long service for our fraternity.

The thing that offered itself to Smythe at that time was the fraternity's regeneration, and he took up this work with all the ardor of youth, and that ardor, fed by the spirit of noble self-sacrifice and consecration, has never grown cold in all these years of unprecedented service.

This spirit it is, which has given a touch to all his work, that men have reverenced, feeling it to be something quite distinct from the ordinary spirit in which men do work even of an unselfish character.

I trust that this sketch, imperfect as it is, may give readers some conception of the forces which gave birth to our new era. Those forces were certain noble ideals and certain young men who had faith to work for them.

From that time on the story of the fraternity is well known. At first we did not make rapid progress numerically, but, after a time, we did begin to grow, and when we began to grow our growth was very rapid.

We all remember the strong and very ardent debates that were held at the convention which finally abolished the sectional line. We originated in the South and prided ourselves for a time on being an exclusively Southern order. But it was finally determined, with misgivings on the part of some, to extend the hospitality of the fraternity to colleges from one end of the country to the other. To-day our chapter roll includes institutions almost as for north as the Canadian line. This enlargement has not been at the expense of quality. Reference was made above to the high standard of Theta. It has always been characteristic of our chapters to be very fastidious as to the men they initiated. This being true, while we have multiplied chapters, their personnel has been selected under the control of the strongest conservatism and the noblest ideals of character.

The fraternity to-day amazes a man who sat in that little room and brooded over the possibilities when there were only three chapters in existence. Not having attended the various conventions as some of you have, I can feel, as perhaps many of you can not, the tremendous contrast between then and now. The contrast is more external and formal, however, than essential; a Pi to-day, no matter where he is, feels at home; the fraternity, though so much more extensive, is the same old fraternity still. The fact is we have here the expansion of a germ. The acorn has become the oak.

It is really marvelous how life can grow. In those early days the cynic might have said, "What can come of this little gathering?" But if he looks to-day he will see that to which such life was bound to grow, by reason of the essential vitality which throbbed within it.

Let us remember this: that the fraternity to-day is "in trust" with that which was then, and is now, a sacred thing. Let us see to it that no glamour for bigness, no ambition to be considered large and imposing, shall rob us of our choicest glory, the principles for which we stand.

Charles E. Wait, C. E., &B. E., Ph. D., F. C. S.

(ALPHA, '77)



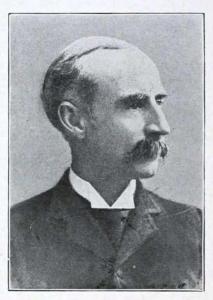
ORN November 3, 1849, in Little Rock, Ark.,
Charles E. Wait spent there his early boyhood. His father's ancestors had come from
England via Massachusetts, his mother's
from Ireland by way of Maryland, and, perhaps, to the latter cause is due the selection
of the University of Virginia as Alma Mater

for their son. At the age of eighteen, he entered the university. Four years later he graduated with all the degrees in his course—B. Sc., C. E., and M. E. He decided, however, to do postgraduate work, and so remained for two more years at the venerable institution.

Upon leaving the University of Virginia, he superintended mining operations in the Southwest. Besides he furnished plans and specifications for reduction furnaces for antimony. Later he was employed as chemist to gold and silver reduction works in California.

In 1877 a friend of his native state urged his acceptance of the Chair of Engineering in Arkansas Industrial University, but he preferred to accept another call, received at the same time. Thus he became Professor of Chemistry and Director of the Missouri School of Mines. For eleven years he labored in that position, and he was the chief factor in giving this school its coveted place among scientific institutions. From Rolla, in 1888, he went to accept the Chair of Chemistry at the University of Tennessee.

Meanwhile, honors unsought had settled upon him. At the age of twenty-six he was elected a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers; a year later, member of the



Dr. Charles E. Wait, F. C. S. (Alpha, '77)
Professor of Chemistry, U. of T.

American Association for the Advancement of Science; the next year, member of the American Chemical Society; and in 1880 his reputation hurdled the ocean, membership being extended him in the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Eight years later the University of Missouri honored herself by conferring upon him her degree of Ph. D. But it was reserved for 1895 to see him gain his highest honor—election as a fellow of the Chemical Society of London (F. C. S.).

Success has crowned the persistent and skilled efforts of Dr. Wait in scientific investigation. This fact is abundantly attested by the numerous original works that, from time to time, have appeared from his pen in the leading scientific journals.

Says a contemporary of his: "Of Professor Wait's special work at the University of Tennessee, besides the productions from his pen, one or two points deserve particular mention. The erection of the large and handsome Science Hall at the University was directly under his supervision. The chemical laboratories therein, perhaps the most convenient and complete in the Southern States, were constructed under his own plans, after previous experience in similar buildings in Missouri and elsewhere. The spirit of his instruction as professor, the enthusiasm of his students, and the success of their work and investigations in turn, is part of the daily history of the University of Tennessee, which is aiming to deserve a place for work accomplished by faculty and students in the forefront of Southern institutions of learning."



OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD (Alpha) United States Senator from Alabama

Dscar Wilder Underwood

(ALPHA, '82)



SON of Eugene Underwood, of Kentucky, and Frederica Virginia Smith, of Virginia, Oscar Wilder Underwood was born in Louisville, Ky., May 6, 1862. His grandfather, Joseph R. Underwood, was Senator from Kentucky and a colleague of Henry Clay. As a child our subject, when three years of

age, moved with his parents to Minnesota, where he remained for twelve years. Then they returned to Louisville, where he was prepared for college at the Rugby School. In 1881 he entered the University of Virginia, from which he received on graduation the degree of LL. B., and while there he became a member of our Alpha Chapter.

In October, 1885, Mr. Underwood married Miss Eugenia Massie, of Charlottesville, Va., who died in 1900, leaving two sons: John Lewis Underwood, of Birmingham, Ala., and Capt. Oscar W. Underwood, Jr., now with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

In September, 1904, Mr. Underwood married Miss Bertha Woodward, daughter of Joseph H. Woodward, of Birmingham.

He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1894, serving continually thereafter until March 1, 1915, when he entered the United States Senate to which he had previously been elected. While in the House he served on many important committees, notably: Committee on Public Lands and Expenditures on Public Buildings, Committee on Judiciary, Ways and Means, Appropriations and Irrigation of Arid Lands, and from 1911-15 he was chairman of Ways and Means Committee and Leader of the House of Representatives.

To-day he serves on the Appropriation Committee of the United States Senate and also is a member of the Interstate Commerce Committee.

In 1912 his name was before the Democratic Convention at Baltimore for nomination for President of the United States. And Columbia University singled him out as meriting her coveted LL. D. degree.

What manner of man is permitted to enjoy such a patronage from his fellows? Let us quote:

"After the Southern manner, Mr. Underwood is unaffectedly democratic. He meets men as one who respecting himself also respects them. He does not wear the manner of one who expects to find his inferior. Still less does he remind you of one who fears he may meet his superior. Never does he pose, nor seek to transact his dignity at the humbling expense of another."

That is a forceful caricature of the gentleman whom many admirers believe is eminently fitted for the most sacred trust of the American people.

The Conventions of 1889 and 1917—Twenty= Eight Pears of Pi Rappa Alpha's Real Growth

H. B. Arbuckle (Iota)



IFTY years ago Pi Kappa Alpha unfurled her banner at the University of Virginia. True to the principles of her founders, she has held her sway through this half century. The early years were checkered with lights and shadows, but the lights never failed, and are now shining bright unto the perfect day of

rare achievement and promise, their clear gleam leading thousands of our college youths to higher things and shedding blessings on the pathways they have trod these fifty years.

In this anniversary number of The Shield and Diamond it may not be out of place for one who came into Pi Kappa Alpha in her darkest days, and saw the dawning of the brighter days, to recall some of the memories of the Convention of 1889—which marked the beginning of the new and larger life of Pi Kappa Alpha—and contrast this with the Convention of 1917, which represents the Pi Kappa Alpha of to-day.

The writer was initiated into Iota Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha on March 18, 1886. There were only three chapters then, Alpha, the Mother Chapter, called by us the Grand Chapter, was located at the historic University of Old Virginia; Theta had its home at that sturdy Presbyterian University, hard by the Cumberland River in middle Tennessee; and Iota was planted in that quaint and ancient college that harked back to the days of Hampden and Sidney just after the Revolution. Other chapters had been founded, but one by one they had fallen under the strain, and were no more. The real life of the fraternity had been placed in the keeping of Theta and Iota in 1889, for Alpha had suffered, too, and was ready to hand in her charter.



ROBERT MORTON HUGHES (Alpha, Gamma)

President of Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, once Chairman of Board of Visitors of William and Mary College, and President of the General Alumni Association—author, lecturer, poet. A talented representative of Alpha in those days when she held the reins of government.

In 1889 Theron H. Rice went to the University of Virginia, carrying that undying fire in his heart that Theta never failed to kindle in the hearts of her sons. He saw the hopeless condition of Alpha, and was the first to see that the life of Pi Kappa Alpha was at stake, for was she not the Grand Chapter, in whose hands was the granting of charters, but the sceptre had departed from Alpha. Grand Chapter she had been in very truth. At one time she held the leadership among the Greeks at the University of Virginia. The mention of such names as Frederick Southgate Taylor, James Alston Cabell, Robert Morton Hughes, Dr. Henry Dickson Bruns, Floyd Hughes, Oscar Underwood, Rev. Robert Kinloch Massie, D. D., and dozens of others whose names would adorn any register, is sufficient to prove that our Mother Chapter was, indeed, a Grand Chapter in more than name. Hers was a real leadership, and Alpha could well handle the reins of government, but her glory abated, and Theron Rice saw that the principle was wrong, and forthwith issued a call for a convention to establish a new form of government.

During this year, 1889, Iota Chapter had succeeded in founding Lambda Chapter at the South Carolina Military Academy. This chapter gave us Robert A. Smythe, than whom no fraternity has ever known an abler, more devoted, more loyal member.

The convention was called to meet in the chapter hall of Iota Chapter at Hampden-Sidney, Va., December 20 to 23, 1889. Theta sent a delegate, J. S. Foster; Alpha sent a delegate, Theron H. Rice; Iota was represented in full force, and a telegram announced that Lambda's delegate, Robert A. Smythe, was prevented from coming by sickness.

This was a small convention, three chapters answering the roll-call, but it was fraught with stupendous importance for Pi Kappa Alpha. Theron Rice was elected chairman. The writer had the honor of being selected as Iota's regular delegate. The chairman presented his plan of government to the convention, which was received with enthusiastic approval. A committee was appointed to draw up the new Constitution, and the writer counts it one of his chief honors that he was appointed on this



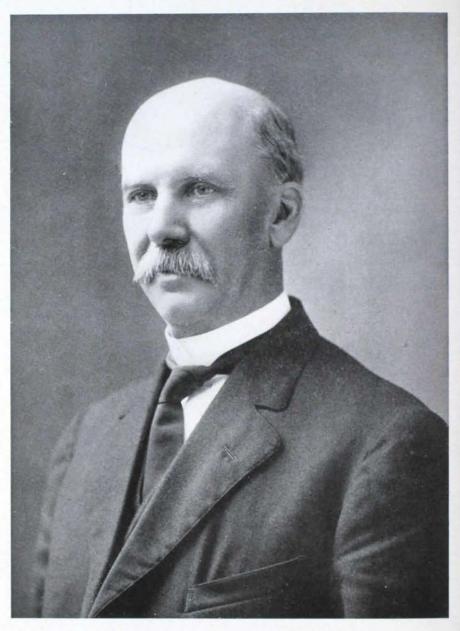
Dr. Thornwell Jacobs (Mu, '92) President of Oglethorpe University

committee, and remembers with genuine pleasure that the meetings of this committee were held in his room on the northwest corner of the fourth floor of the old brick dormitory building, now almost one hundred years old. Rice, Chairman, Foster, Moore, and Arbuckle constituted the committee.

This Constitution placed the government of the fraternity in a board to be elected by the convention, called the Grand Council, and the three officers first named were Councilor Princeps, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer. Rice was elected Councilor Princeps, J. T. McAllister, Iota-Alpha, Grand Secretary, and Robert A. Smythe, Grand Treasurer. The Constitution was adopted, and the grand officers were elected December 22, 1889. It must be recorded here that Robert A. Smythe has held this office since that date, a period of over twenty-nine years, and this possibly constitutes a record for tenure of office among officials of Greek-letter fraternities.

Many in the fraternity will be interested in some of the historical notes taken from the records of these early years. First, let us remember that this was before the days of The Shield AND DIAMOND. The Pi Kappa Alpha Journal was the first printed publication of the fraternity. It was founded and financed by Robert A. Smythe, and it is easy to prove to you that it must have been a heavy financial burden on him, as he was just starting in business, and was not the shrewd, successful cotton broker he is to-day. The first issue was published in December, 1890. On November 27, 1890, every man in the fraternity known to Robert A. Smythe received a letter reading thus: "We are about to edit a magazine in the interests of the fraternity, our December number being the first number. . . . We wish you to give us 25c for the same." (You see how modest and kind our young treasurer was. He had not learned that it was necessary to say, "Please remit at once.")

This first number was a paper of great interest to the fraternity, and several copies should be preserved in the archives of Pi Kappa Alpha. In it you find the report of the Convention of 1889 and the facts concerning the reorganization. You find there announcement of the founding of a new chapter, the first



JUDGE ROBERT OBADIAH PURDY (Epsilon, Alpha)
Initiated in the fifth year of the Fraternity. An honored member of the South Carolina bench. A fine type of the courtly gentlemen initiated in the early days.

of a long series of one following another in quick succession. This was the first fruits of reorganization begun at the Convention of 1889.

This first number of the Journal throws some light on the financial condition of the fraternity. The first money that came into the treasury seems to have come through the personal appeal of Smythe. His first financial report was published in this number of the Journal, and it shows total receipts of \$37.30. is significant that the disbursements are not given. It would have embarrassed our large-hearted treasurer to have recorded how much he had "chipped in" to defray expenses of this first In later issues we find other financial reports. instance, the financial report of February, 1891, shows "total receipts, October, 1890, to February, 1891 (half year), \$67.25." In the October, 1891, Journal, which was the sixth issue, the editor announced that "henceforth we shall be known as THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND," but for some reason, probably financial, very likely because our good treasurer was "broke," the first issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND did not appear till January, 1892. These are facts of rare interest, and the younger men of the fraternity should know them.

Think of it! A fraternity twenty-one years of age without a treasury; no publication, three widely-separated chapters.

The most striking proof of the result of the new government conceived by our splendid, well-beloved brother of Theta, Theron Rice, and put into action through the Convention of 1889, is the immediate growth of the fraternity and the steady development of a financial system which has been called a model by other fraternities. During the twelve years immediately following this convention, seventeen chapters were chartered or revived. Only one year, 1896, passed into history without a new chapter, and one year, 1892, gave Pi Kappa Alpha three new chapters. In 1904, five chapters were chartered. From that time on Pi Kappa Alpha's history has been brilliant with success.

It was the pleasure and privilege of the writer to preside over the Convention of 1917 at Jacksonville, Fla., the last and largest convention of the fraternity, and one that would do credit to any fraternity, whether it be measured by the personnel of the delegates present, the number of chapters represented, the number of active alumni in attendance, the business-like methods employed by the Supreme Council, the ability displayed by many of the gifted men that held the floor, the social features, or the actual work done for the fraternity.

This article in our anniversary number would be incomplete without some record of Pi Kappa Alpha of to-day as represented in that great convention. We can never forget that hour of that first day, when the chairman took his seat on the rostrum and waited for the delegates to assemble and be assigned to seats marked by their respective chapter symbols.

At the right of the chair sat the man that has been the making of Pi Kappa Alpha, Robert A. Smythe. His hair was a trifle thinner, and there were more silver locks now than when we first sat together at the Convention of 1893, but twenty-five years had passed away since then. When he spoke, it was with the same soft South Carolina accent; there was the same merry twinkle in those clear gray eyes that look you clear through and through; it was the same cordial hand clasp, and that same gracious, courteous, genuine manner that none but Smythe ever had.

What memories were these coming back? Tears may have gathered in the chairman's eyes, as he sat there and remembered the past as the delegates kept marching in. They were tears of joy. For the years had been years of struggle, and there were two men at that convention that thought much of the past, as they surveyed the splendid scene in that hall.

There were men among the delegates that appreciated the self-sacrifice of men like Smythe that never gave up the fight. For in The Dagger and Key, our secret publication, I read in the report of the Committee on Grand Officers' reports: "In unmeasured terms commend and congratulate our Grand Treasurer for his earnest work of the past two years, as well as does it appreciate and consider with praise a life given to the noble work of the fraternity." This puts it beautifully. Nearly thirty years Smythe has labored for Pi Kappa Alpha, giving

freely of his money and his time, and his business talents. Possibly no fraternity can point to such unselfish service and devotion. But we are reminiscing, and the Grand Secretary is handling the gavel and asking that the convention be called to order.

The chairman rises and faces, not three chapters, but fortyfive chapters. What a splendid body of college men represent those chapters! They come from the best colleges in our country, from Cornell to the University of California, from the University of Washington (Seattle) to the University of Florida. Not a chapter was missing. From the moment this convention was called to order until its close these men from all parts of our country gave their best thought and interest to the affairs of the fraternity. It showed what hold the fraternity had on them. We can not soon forget the earnest and business-like manner of Miller, of New York University; the logical speeches of Sterne, of the University of Virginia; the watchful and alert Mc-Kinney, of University of Kansas; the irrepressible and enthusiastic Finnie, of Western Reserve; the zealous and interested Crowell, of University of North Carolina; the imposing presence and level-headedness of Wallis, of Syracuse University; the fine humor of McCanna, of University of New Mexico; and the splendid District Chiefs and Grand Officers that enlivened every meeting.

Truly, twenty-eight years has developed a wonderful fraternity, and this suggests that there was something in those three struggling chapters of 1889 that could not die. This enduring principle has come into glorious flower and fruitage at last.

The reports of the Grand Officers show what large business interests are handled in the various departments of the fraternity. The Grand Treasurer's report furnishes the culmination of success achieved during these years, and you have but to compare these figures taken from that report of 1890 to comprehend what advances have been made in twenty-eight years. The Dagger and Key, in summing up the Grand Treasurer's report, gives us the following information: "That the report

of the Grand Treasurer showed receipts to have been over \$35,000, with a credit balance on hand of over \$11,000 to the credit of various accounts." What could give you a more convincing proof of the fraternity's prosperity than these figures? We must remember that Pi Kappa Alpha is among the younger fraternities if measured from the date of its birth, but if measured from 1889, when it came into its real life, it is only twenty-eight years old.

Truly this Convention of 1917 gives one who wears the "garnet and gold" an enthusiastic pride in the fraternity. The beautiful spirit that prevailed throughout the meeting, despite the heated discussions on the floor, the eagerness with which busy men undertook hard tasks for the fraternity, the leadership exhibited among this splendid band of college men, and the patriotic ideals that seem to inspire and uplift every delegate made us older men feel that the high and glorious principles of old Pi Kappa Alpha were safe in the hands of the men of this generation who wear the "Shield and Diamond."

When we seek for the enduring element in our fraternity, it is easy to believe it can be found in the characters of the men who are the incarnation of those principles so dear to us and they must needs pass it on through the years in the lives of those who earnestly strive to emulate them.

Yes, Theron H. Rice, that prince among men, chivalrous, gentle as a woman, pure of soul, who conceived the greater Pi Kappa Alpha; and Robert A. Smythe, that gracious gentleman, loyal, devoted, unselfish, who has borne the brunt of the battle for Pi Kappa Alpha through these years, and others bound in the same fetters of love to these lofty ideals, have wrought better than they thought, and verily they are handing down to generations yet unborn the most glorious principles that could inspire the college men of America.

Richard Drme Flinn, D. D.

(THETA, '90)



ITH six times the amount of space, we might do justice to the record of our subject. The heir of a noble heritage from both branches of his ancestors, Richard Orme Flinn was born August 8, 1870, at Milledgeville, Ga. Of Scotch-Irish origin, the Flinn family for centuries has made through its sons generous

contributions to the leading professions.

In early childhood our subject lost the guiding affection of his noble mother—a loss the godly father labored to reduce to a minimum. Father and son were inseparable companions. And to that intimacy, no doubt, owes Richard O. Flinn much of the success to which he has attained.

Educated in the public schools, in Tolis Academy, in the Mobile High School, and Richardson's Military School of Alabama, he was ready at sixteen years of age for Southwestern Presbyterian University, of Clarksville, Tenn. There for four years he pursued his studies for an M. A. degree, but ere that goal was reached the failing health of his father necessitated his going into business, which he did at Macon, Ga. Yet it was not long till the opportunity offered for his entrance to the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, S. C. There the popularity, which at Southwestern Presbyterian University had made him a member of the Washington Literary Society, president of the Palmer Society, and a member of the Theta Chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, soon made him the president of the historic missionary society of the seminary.

On graduation from the seminary in 1894, Dr. Flinn was called to the Kirkwood Church, where he labored for four years as its first pastor and efficient organizer. While serving there,



Dr. Richard Orme Flinn (Theta, '90)

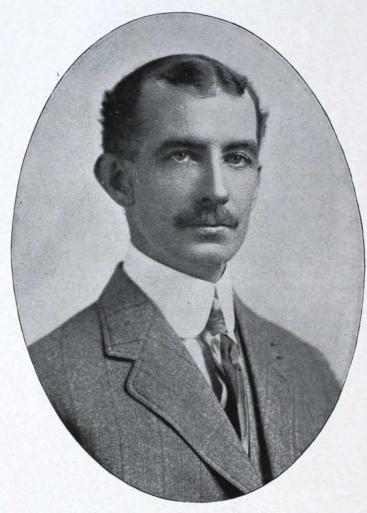
he is elected as representative to the Pace Presbyterian Council tha met in Glasgow, England, in 1896. Of Presbytery and Synod, he acted as moderator.

In the fall of 1898 he was called to assist Dr. Barnett in the First Church, Atlanta. On the day he assumed these duties, Dr. Barnett died, and thus Dr. Flinn was left in full charge. About this time there was begun a movement to organize a new church in North Atlanta, and being offered the pastorate of both the old and new church, he accepted the latter, and on January 1, 1899, began his work as pastor of North Avenue Presbyterian Church. This church, from a beginning of 116 members and no funds, he has built up to a membership of 1,200, excelled in influence and power by few churches of the entire denomination. Noted for its liberality and efficient organization, the church supports a Presbyterian Day School, with an attendance of 220 pupils.

To this builder, organizer, and withal consecrated man of God there have come many and well-deserved honors. The degree of Doctor of Divinity came early.

As a member of the General Assembly's Committee on Home Missions, a member of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, a trustee of Thornwell Orphanage at Clinton, S. C., and a member of many other committees, he has been actively identified with much of the larger work of the church. He was a member of the assemblies that met at Savannah, Ga., and at Lewisburg, W. Va., and, in fact, for the last seven years has been closely connected with the important measures of the General Assembly. From the time of its institution and for two consecutive terms he was secretary of the Systematic Beneficence Committee of the Assembly, and in this office his work was invaluable. As a member and vice-chairman of the Assembly's campaign committee on Evangelism and Stewardship, and chairman of the sub-committee on Evangelism of the Assembly's Campaign Committee on Home Missions, he has rendered invaluable service.

On March 8, 1898, Dr. Flinn was married to Anna Emery, of Kirkwood, Ga. Dr. and Mrs. Flinn have had five children: Emery, Mary Orme, Richard Orme, Jr., Elizabeth Flurnoy, and William Adams, all of whom survive except Mary Orme.



ROBERT ADGER SMYTHE (Lambda)
For thirty years Grand Treasurer, and every year his balance grows

The General Office's Thirtieth Pear

ROBERT A. SMYTHE (Lambda)



T has always been a matter of deep regret to me that I was unavoidably prevented from attending that memorable gathering at Hampden-Sidney during the Christmas holidays of 1889, when the fraternity was "refounded," if such a word may be coined, and the steps taken which resulted in the re-

organization of Pi Kappa Alpha, and the foundations laid for its subsequent marvelous growth. In all these 'nigh thirty years I have been absent from only one other convention.

Had that convention seen me, and realized all the trouble I was to cause the members, in the years to come, through the money-extracting process—doubtless a different course would have been pursued by them, and the members allowed to keep peacefully many of the dollars in their pockets. Such was not the case, however, and I was elected "the Grand Secretary and Treasurer."

The first part of my title must have escaped my notice, as I do not recollect concerning myself in any manner whatever with it. But I do remember, a few months after my election, proceeding to secure money for the fraternity—a pursuit to which a great deal of my time in these subsequent years has been devoted!

A very desperate illness, from which recovery was slow, held me prisoner from all work about a year, and thus additional time was given me to commence the work of the fraternity. After some difficulty, I secured a list of addresses of the then known alumni of the fraternity, and, getting authority from a clause in the newly-adopted Constitution making alumni dues \$3.00 a year, I wrote each alumnus for this amount. Naturally only a few responded, and the net result, if memory serves me right, hardly repaid the cost of postage.

In 1891, in some way not now recalled, the title of my office was shortened to that of "Grand Treasurer," by which title it has been known ever since.

From the first, my earliest conviction was, that the chapters needed some means of inter-communication—something that would awaken an interest among the alumni as well as hold the interest of the undergraduate members. Therefore, on November 27, 1890, styling myself as "Managing Editor and Treasurer of Pi Kappa Alpha," a circular letter was issued, commencing: "We are about to edit a magazine in the interest of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity," and to which was attached a blank subscription pledge promising "to pay 25c on receipt of the December number of the 'Pi Kappa Alpha Journal." The first issue contained 24 pages, and the only advertisement therein was "J. F. Newman, College Fraternity Badges." Five issues of this Journal were published from then until October, 1891. In this issue it is interesting to note that the chapter roll numbered seven active chapters.

After collecting a number of names and addresses, I published in July, 1891, the Catalogue of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. It contained 60 pages, with a sketch of the 13 chapters which had previously been established, the names of 389 alumni, and an account of the life of each. The price was 50c, but it never paid for itself.

From October, 1891, until January, 1892, no issues of the *Journal* appeared, but in the latter month The Shield and Diamond, to which name the publication was changed, made its bow, with 50 pages.

There was another suspension of the publication of The Shield and Diamond known to very few. That was from March, 1894, Issue No. 2 of Volume IV, to January, 1896, Issue No. 1 of/Volume V.

On April 16, 1894, the General Office issued "A Plain Statement" to the members of the fraternity, calling attention to the failure to keep the office supplied with funds, and stating that although we had \$200 pledged to be paid March 1st, none of it had been collected. For this reason the March issue, 1894, did not appear until the end of April, and it was for this same reason that no other issue appeared until January, 1896. "A Plain Statement" dealt with every detail of the situation, and was "Approved and recommended to the earnest attention of the fraternity" by D. J. Brimm, Grand High Councilor; H. B. Arbuckle, Councilor Princeps; and J. T. McAllister, Grand Secretary.

During this period—nearly two years—some of the hardest work that your Grand Treasurer has ever done for the fraternity was put forth to arrange the finances so as to publish again The Shield and Diamond. This was a dark time for the old fraternity, and many despaired of bringing her through in safety.

It was one of the keenest joys I have ever known when the publication was revived in January, 1896, and, strongly entrenched, has never failed to appear since. The Grand Treasurer edited it until 1907, when the increasing claims of business necessitated his giving up this branch of the fraternity work.

Up to January, 1892, my letters had all been written by pen. By publishing a half page in the January, 1892, issue, the advertisement of a typewriter called "International," a second-hand machine of this wonderful make, was secured in payment.

The first "General Office of the Fraternity" was for a few years in one corner of my little bedroom in my father's home, No. 14 Legare Street, Charleston, S. C. The equipment consisted of the aforesaid second-hand typewriter, a table, and a box of printed envelopes and paper—for the office had then blossomed out with printed stationery—and there the letters for the General Office were written after the evening meal was over. During the day I worked in the cotton business, and the fraternity work was done at night. I remember my father's saying that my plugging on this old typewriter, with pauses after each letter was struck, sounded like the chopping of wood, and must have made quite a noise.

The months when the issues of the magazine appeared were, indeed, busy ones for "the office force" of the General Office. The Grand Treasurer had to address the wrappers for mailing the issues, as in those days there was no money to pay the printers to do it. Then when the magazines came from the printers, in the evening hours, at the cotton office, when work was over, he would wrap them and seal with mucilage, and the next day take them to the post-office. This continued for years.

In those days the financial accounts of the fraternity were kept in a little 5-cent composition book, and "the funds" reposted in an envelope. A roller-top desk later on became a valued and much admired addition to the General Office. And the same desk was brought to Atlanta in 1907, and only within the last year or so, when time had finally severed it almost part from part, was given up—and even now I often miss that old companion of the night hours in which the fraternity work was done.

I would like to tell you step by step the increase in the necessary means of carrying on the fraternity work. The employment at first of an hour every other day of a stenographer; then one hour a day, and finally dividing part of the time of my business stenographer for this work. However, your editor has asked me only for a short sketch of the General Office in its thirty years, so I must pass on to a statement of the present work and methods.

Previous to the San Francisco Convention my good associates on the Supreme Council were urging that the work of the General Office was too heavy for one man to conduct with such limited help. Between our convention at the Golden Gate and the Jacksonville one, it proved impossible for me to continue doing so much of the work myself, and those who visited the office during these two years were among the leaders who, at the last convention, insisted on our securing the full needed help. The work of the General Office now employs the entire time of a secretary, who can answer some of the mail, as well as write my dictation, and keep the many files. Often we require additional typewriting help, and also mimeographing. The book-

keeping is now very largely done by a bookkeeper, though the Grand Treasurer still does much of this work himself. It has been such a large part of my life for so many years, that I can not give it all up.

With the payments of the dues as arranged at the last convention, it is necessary to keep several books. A General Ledger, in which is kept the Cash Account, General Chapter House Fund, the Convention Account, and the Advertisers' and Jewelers' Accounts. Another ledger is necessary for the deposits of graduate 3-year Shield and Diamond subscriptions, and still another ledger is needed for the individual accounts of each chapter separately.

The general funds are carried in a checking account in one bank. In the savings department of another bank we carry two accounts, and in a third bank's savings department we carry the convention expense account.

The conduct of the business end of the fraternity has come to be "a business" in itself, and the members would be surprised to see the volume of work that passes through the General Office every day—there are no idle moments, there is work always to be done. It is my desire and hope that at some time the members from all the different chapters may be able to visit the General Office and thus understand better the work that it takes to keep the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity abreast the field.

Pi Kappa Alpha Banquet

(From Topeka Daily Capital)



HE Alpha-Omega Chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity celebrated its golden anniversary with a banquet March 3d at Harrison's parlors, in Manhattan, Kan. The fraternity was founded at the University of Virginia March 1, 1868.

The decorative scheme was carried out in the fraternity colors, garnet and gold, scarlet carnations and jonquils being the flowers used. One feature of the decoration was a large service flag, with twenty-eight stars.

Prof. R. I. Throckmorton acted as toastmaster. Lieut. Robert Hemphill spoke on Pi Kappa Alpha in the military world; Lyman R. Vawter on Pi Kappa Alphas in college; and Lieut. Ayers McKinney on "The Very Rev. Robert K. Massie, D. D." Mr. Clifford Joss, of Topeka, is president of the fraternity.

There were members of eight chapters of the fraternity present. The chapters and representatives were: Members and pledges of Alpha-Omega, Lieut. Robert Hemphill, Lieut. Ayers McKinney, Donald Flagg and Marc H. Lorrance, of Beta-Gamma; Lieut. Neal, of Kappa; Lieut. Morton Shepard and Lieut. Wallace Cromley, of Alpha-Xi; Ray Gatewood, of Alpha-Phi; Lieut. Paul Jones and Sergt. Bohon, of Alpha-Nu; Lieut. Roe Garesche, Lieut. Marc Terry, and Lieut. George Pugh, of Alpha-Kappa Chapter.

Eli Lockert Bemiss

(ALPHA, '76)



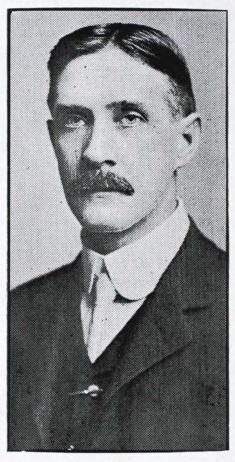
L. BEMISS, whose brief sketch is herewith presented, is one of the most honored, prominent, and influential business and church men in the City of Richmond and the State of Virginia. He first saw the light of day in the good old State of Kentucky, having been born in the City of Louisville,

October 24, 1859. When quite a young boy, at the age of seven, his parents moved to New Orleans, where they became thoroughly identified with all the life of that city.

Mr. Bemiss received his early education in the high school of that city and the University of Louisiana. In the fall of 1876 he entered the University of Virginia and remained through the session of 1879, making literature and the law his major studies. After his return to New Orleans he taught, with much success and cum laude, for three years in the high-school department of the University of Louisiana, which has now become and is known far and wide as Tulane University. While a student at the University of Virginia during his first session he joined and became an active member of Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Mr. Bemiss, after the three years' teaching, was admitted to the practice of law in New Orleans, and became a member of the Bar Association of that city. But circumstances over which he had no control did not permit him to follow for any length of time his chosen profession.

At that time the forces of electricity were beginning to become an important factor in the business of the world. He gave himself to this work and became one of the early pioneers in the electrical industries of the country.



ELI LOCKERT BEMISS (Alpha, '76)

Mr. Bemiss, seeing the wonderful opportunities for practical use to be made of this great industry, became one of the promoters, and, subsequently, as the result of his business ability and clear method of thinking and working, became the executive head of the Electric Light and Power Company of New Orleans.

His reputation was not confined to the City of New Orleans or the State of Louisiana. When the City of Richmond, Virginia, was considering the question of building and putting into operation its large water-power plant, it found the man it wanted to attend to this business. So in 1899 he accepted an invitation to come to Richmond as president of the Richmond Traction Company, and took charge of the building of the large water-power plant from which the City of Richmond and suburbs now derive their source of electric lights, a work that is a monument to his skill, industry, and business ability.

These characteristics were impressed upon the business men of the city, and, upon completion of his work in connection with the power plant, he severed his connection with the traction and power companies, and entered the firm, well known throughout the country, of John L. Williams and Company, Bankers. He is at present one of the partners in this company, as also one of its officers and influential advisers.

In 1913, when the Richmond Trust and Savings Company was looking for a president, Mr. Bemiss was unanimously chosen to that office, which position he now holds. This company has a capital of something like \$2,000,000.

In civic affairs, Mr. Bemiss is likewise prominent. He is at present one of the active citizens and members of the civic association of Richmond, charged with the great task of trying to give the city a first-class government in every respect.

He is a trustee in the Medical College of Virginia, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, of the Red Cross organization, of the War Community Service League, and many others too numerous to mention, and foremost in every effort to advance the interest not only of his city, but of the State and Nation at large.

In his church relations Mr. Bemiss is a Presbyterian, being an active elder in the First Presbyterian Church, in whose affairs he is deeply interested and which church receives the benefit of his wise and judicious judgment and hearty support.

In 1890 Mr. Bemiss married Miss Cyane Williams, daughter of John L. Williams, one of the attractive, popular, and charming young women of Richmond. Eight children bless the home, one of whom, a noble young man, is now serving as First Lieutenant in the army. In social and in family life Mr. Bemiss is most attractive and happy. Refined and affable, the influence of all in his home makes it an attractive center for their friends.

Literary in his tastes, clear and logical in his judgments, companionable with his friends, honorable and upright in all his dealings, Mr. Bemiss is a member of our fraternity of whom we are justly proud.

Rev. George Summey, D. D.

(Beta, '70)



HE life story of our beloved Ex-Grand Chaplain is one of rare interest. Of his boyhood, between June 3, 1853, the date of his birth in Asheville, N. C., and 1867, when we find him enrolled as a student at the University of Georgia, we know little. But even if that time was uneventful in the life of

George Summey, the years following it have been filled to the brim with achievements of note. After two years at Athens, Ga., we find him a student at Davidson College. He and old Beta's charter must have come by the same train, for his was the very first initiation into that second chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. In 1870 his alma mater conferred on him her A. B. degree, three years later he was declared a Master of Arts of the same institution, and coincident with his Master's degree received he the B. D. of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. As an active pastor he has labored in the following charges: Presbyterian Church, Bolivar, Tenn., 1873-75; Madison Avenue Church, Covington, Ky., 1875-80; Graham, N. C., 1881-84; Chester, S. C., 1884-92; Third Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, La., 1903—; Esplanade Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, La., 1914—. Then for ten years, from 1892-1902, he was Chancellor Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville, Tenn. But Dr. Summey, in addition to his pastoral cares, has made time for literary labors as well. While a student at Davidson College he was editor of the Davidson Monthly, thus giving early evidence of literary taste. His editorial powers were claimed by the Presbyterian Quarterly, 1887-92 and 1899-1902; Southwestern Presbyterian, New Orleans, 1903-09; Presbyterian of the South, 1909-15; Presbyterian Journal.



REV. GEORGE SUMMEY, D. D. (Beta) Ex-Grand Chaplain

1916-17; while as managing editor he directed the policies of the *Presbyterian and Reform Review* (Princeton and New York), 1899-1902.

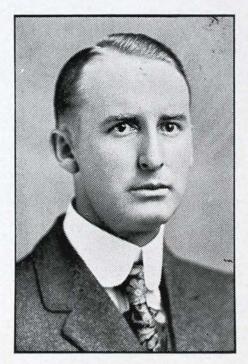
For four years he was chairman of the City School Board, Chester, S. C., and for seven years held a like position of trust in Clarksville, Tenn., being noted in each place for his civic and educational activity.

In spite of this crowded life our subject has found time for three trips abroad, when he visited Europe, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, and Palestine. His story of these travels pulsates with vivid interest.

In 1875 Dr. Summey married Miss Elizabeth R. Worth, of North Carolina. Their children number four, two sons and two daughters.

With such a career for service no wonder that honors have sought him. In 1891 Southwestern Presbyterian University conferred her honorary degree of D. D. Davidson College followed later with her LL. D. For fourteen years he has been made a member and chairman of the New Orleans Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions. Six times has he been sent as a commissioner to the Presbyterian Assembly, where his talents were recognized, as evidenced by his being nominated three times for the moderatorship. Of the 1911 Synod of Louisiana he was the moderator. In masonic circles he ranks high, being both a Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason, and Knight Templar. In 1901 he was the Eminent Commander.

Finally, says he of himself, "Now one of the oldest members of the fraternity, but still one of the youngest in activity, work, and elasticity—always a devoted Pi."



GREENE CODY CHANCE

In Memoriam

GREENE CODY CHANCE

Whereas, It has been the will of the Almighty, who knoweth and doeth all things well, to take from us our beloved brother, Greene Cody Chance; and

Whereas, The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, in the death of Brother Chance, has lost one of its best and most conscientious members, one who has ever been earnestly devoted to the advancement of its interests; and

Whereas, The members of Alpha-Pi Chapter do appreciate his interest and efforts in our behalf, and do deeply mourn his absence, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Alpha-Pi Chapter, realizing the loss of the bereaved family, extend in this hour of sorrow their deepest sympathy. And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of Brother Chance; that a copy be sent to The Shield and Diamond; and that a copy be spread on our minutes.

> Kingman C. Shelburne, For Alpha-Pi Chapter.



EDITORIAL



Here standing at the fiftieth milepost on the pathway of Pi Kappa Alpha we would do well to glance backward as well as look forward. In taking stock of the past we may gain new strength for the future. While the embers of civil strife still smouldered in those days of early reconstruction, there came into being at Virginia's classic university this brotherhood to us so dear. For its birth we have to thank our founders five: Taylor, Tazewell, Slater, Howard, and Wood. To them is owed a debt that each new generation sees materially increased. Of them, three were students of medicine, one was in the academic department, and the fifth was a lawyer-Frederick Southgate Taylorto whom belongs the credit of labeling the love he bore his fellows with the Greek title we all revere. In selecting our founders, the Fates drew upon Virginia for three, North Carolina for one, and the other she chose from the District of Columbia. Wisely and well had Taylor chosen his associates, for in the stern crucible of life each measured up to the virile test imposed upon Honorable and highly respectable lives lived they allcitizenship calling oft upon them for responsible civic service. Already four have laid their armor by, while the fifth-we rejoice to say-is still permitted to speak to us, as he does elsewhere in these pages. But even he grows conscious of time's fleet passage and the fickleness of health for a man full of years. Yet old age has its compensations, and amid the tender ministrations of loving friends there is abundant cause for the joy that floods the soul of our beloved founder.

But, lifting our eyes, we glance over the first twenty-one years of our history, and behold the shattered remnant of a fraternity as with but three active chapters it gathers in convention assembled at old Hampden-Sidney College. That memorable date, December, 1889, is in significance second only to March 1,

1868, for was not this a second founding? In very truth it marked a new birth. Thirty years later not three, but fortyfive worthy chapters strongly attest the efficacy of the second birth. Of the travails and pains of that birth eyewitnesses tell us on other pages. Much they tell us, but, with becoming modesty, much they leave untold. The cold facts of achievement they record, but on the costs of these accomplishments they are silent. If our first founders were five, then can it well be said that in all Pi Kappa Alpha boasts eight men who gave her birth—the original five and Theron Hall Rice, Howard Bell Arbuckle, and Robert Adger Smythe. Nor is more of honor due the five than should be meted out to the three. To the early founders it was given to conceive the plan, to the latter it was permitted to deliver it in such form as to pass it to eternity. Had not the clear head and purposeful heart of Rice planned the '89 convention; had not the pure spirit of Arbuckle ably assisted and sustained the planner, had not Smythe executed with masterful efficiency, where to-day would be our struggling little chapter roll of three isolated groups? There is no better time than the present to tell these facts to the new men-to recall them to the minds of the old-to impress them indelibly upon the hearts of us all.

The achievement of these Junior founders (if we may be permitted thus to term them) furnish honor enough for each to enjoy a generous share. Soon after establishing the machinery with which successfully to work out Pi Kappa Alpha's future problems Rice's time and talents were claimed by the Master in His vineyard. Arbuckle, too, heard the call that took him for years from active participation in the fraternity's work, but though removed far from the sphere of activity he could not be separated from the love of Pi Kappa Alpha, which had its lair in his heart, and at the earliest opportunity he once more accepted the rôle of leader, as we all know well.

But what of the third "Junior Founder?" Turn to the record. You can find it on any page of our proud history. Brief the record given by his own pen, for Robert Adger Smythe, a chivalrous son of a chivalrous family, can countenance nothing

that smacks of egotism. Yet such has been the brand of his service extending over thirty of Pi Kappa Alpha's fifty years, that if he did but give the facts the result would look like boasting. Could the key to his gentle heart be stolen, no doubt we could there read how in hours dark his indomitable will, his undaunted zeal, his fine spirit that knows not defeat has often stood single-handed and alone between his beloved fraternity and dire destruction. Indeed, fortunate is that order which for nearly two-thirds its natural life falls heir to the dominating spirit of such a man of whom it has been written: "For more than a quarter century he has unselfishly devoted his time, means, talents to the advancement of Pi Kappa Alpha, by his wisdom and labors lifted it from a condition of weakness and disorganization, and guided it to its present position of strength and power." His noble life has been literally given, not lent, to the work of the fraternity, and, in return, a brotherhood presenting a solid phalanx gives back to him its love and lovalty undivided.

Such then is the rich heritage we receive from our founders that like true sons of noble sires Pi Kappa Alpha arises everywhere to-day to call them blessed.

Nothing is easier than to take things for granted. And that is particularly true in regard to instruction of initiates. The older men in the chapter feel that they know the im-A Long Step portant things to be learned in regard to the history, the laws, the ritual of their fraternity, Forward. and that time alone is necessary for the new man to become thoroughly informed. "Just give him a little time, and he will know it as we do," they reason. And possibly that may be true, probably, though, it will not. If he does get information, of what will be its nature? We are constantly being forcefully reminded that the stock of specific knowledge on any subject is strikingly limited. Nor is the store of information belonging to the average member of the average chapter any conspicuous exception to this rule. In a general way he knows things, but let

some one ask for definite answers on several points, and the results will open the listener's eyes. In other words, we do not have to instigate a long search to find out how poorly informed is the average man about his own fraternity. Of course, in every group there is a small percentage of members who can speak on these matters with confidence and authority, for they have taken the pains to seek information. The rank and file, however, are content to depend on the few who have the facts at their finger tips. The natural consequence is that many men go through their undergraduate life grossly ignorant about those matters pertaining to their fraternity about which knowledge is essential for the right kind of zeal and love. Little is the wonder, then, that the ignorant undergraduate develops into the uninformed alumnus whose interest soon dies after his withdrawal from those men of the active chapter, in whose association lies for him all that his fraternity means. Right there for years Pi Kappa Alpha has endured a weakness in her armor. Recently, however, there has been issued from the General Office a set of questions to be asked initiates. They are comprehensive, yet most inclusive. He whose knowledge will carry him safely through the examinations based upon these questions will know our fraternity in all her ramifications. They admit of much study well worth while. Each chapter can do no better than require every man on its active roll, be he Senior or Freshman, to take this examination. Let the resident alumnus secretary conduct the test and grade the papers. By keeping the grades in a record book for that purpose, there can soon be worked up a pride in this matter that will guarantee the closest of study on the part of new men. And to that store of knowledge they will persistently continue to add. The result will show that the compilation of these questions was one of the greatest single steps forward ever taken by our fraternity. But let us not be deceived. These questions are not the end—they are but the means to a most desirable end. If deposited in the strong box and left unused, they will be worse than useless. See to it that yours is not the one chapter that fails to conduct its examination before this term shall close.

It had been our plan to make the next issue a directory number—as it were a kind of supplement to the Register. But with the unusual conditions now facing our men everywhere, with so many of them having to-The June Issue. day purely temporary addresses, we felt it would be a waste of money to endeavor to issue such a publication in June. Therefore, firm in the opinion that the good accruing would not be commensurate with the price, we have changed our plans, and the next issue will follow the "usual tenor of its way." A special effort will be made to have it feature our men in the service. To the end that it be representative of our national body, each chapter is urged to take a special interest in the material it can work up from its contribution to this world war. Letters from men beyond the sea would be most highly appreciated. From them we can glean the finest of excerpts for publication. Newspaper clippings of interest, pictures of men in khaki-all these things will help us immensely, and without them the issue has to be short in interest, life, punch. Besides, remember, please, that our den has no connection with the associated press; we must rely upon your coöperation for spicy material.

Before writing your chapter letter, read carefully your calendar. Then let the final letter of the year contain the information it should embody. Remember its date of arrival in this office. And won't you use a typewriter?



CHAPTER LETTERS



Chapter Letters must be typewritten and mailed to P. Tulane Atkinson, Box 211, Hampden Sidney, Va., not later than the 15th day of September, November, January, March, and May 1st 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

Since our last letter we have pledged and initiated Frank Dameron Leach, of Richmond, Va., and Alpha takes pleasure in introducing him to the fraternity at large. It would hardly seem natural for this chapter not to have a Leach among its numbers, so when Archie left us for Uncle Sam he sent Frank to us to fill his shoes, just as Hugh had done with him; it is no slight handicap to fall heir to such a college record, as the elder Leaches bequeathed this younger brother, but we have the utmost confidence that he, too, is made of sterling stuff, so we expect big things of our latest acquisition from this family.

The Virginia State Legislature has just adjourned after a very full and, to us, interesting session. Virginia has watched with anxious eyes the outcome of the proposed introduction of females to our beloved lawns and colonnades, and it was with a fervent sigh of relief we read the telegram that the bill for admission of women to the School of Medicine and the Graduate Department had died on the calendar, following close in the wake of similar treatment to a bill proposing coeducation. The first of these measures had already been passed by the Senate, thus increasing our fears, but now we are able to rest peacefully in the knowledge of a temporary respite, at any rate.

The University of Virginia Base Hospital Unit, No. 41, has received its orders, mobilized, and departed for Camp Sevier, S. C., for further training before going abroad. It took with it a number of men from the student body, one of whom was

Francis Coleman. This was Coleman's fourth year in the chapter, and his presence is greatly missed when we assemble for meetings; he had been elected S. M. C. for this term, and we had planned to give him a hearty "send-off" at his final meeting, but he sprang a surprise that fairly took the chapter off its feet, when, after a few words of farewell and good wishes, he announced to us that "the time, the place, and the girl" were all ready and waiting, and that he was to be married the following morning to Miss Katherine Robertson, of this city.

After completing a very successful basket-ball season, Virginia is now preparing "to repeat" in baseball. There are six 'varsity men in college at present, and the prospects for a winning team are bright, good material from last year's Freshman team being conspicuous. Catlett and Jenkins, with good prep school reputations backing both of them, are out for this year's Freshman nine, and we are confident that some one will have to hustle before either one of them loses out. The Interfraternity Baseball League has not as yet been organized, but the boys are getting impatient to begin, and we feel that Alpha Chapter ought to finish "way up there" if the league ever gets under way.

We appear to be continually making mention of examinations, but then they are always coming or going, and when we attend school and college they are some of the little things that we suffer over and over, yet never seem able to become reconciled to; those for the second term have already begun, and we are firmly grasped in the toils—no pun intended—so sympathy is now in order from those chapters that are blessed with having them only twice a year.

We have greatly enjoyed visits from Brother Robinson, of Omicron, and the brothers from Zeta on their respective basket-ball trips. And we tried and turned over Brother Wexler's special delivery to him before any of the other Tennesseeans could see it; now that he has returned home, we feel that we are not divulging any "secret stuff," for we trust that he looks after his own interests faithfully and successfully enough when such annoying interruptions as trips leave him alone! Brother

Patty, of Pi, dropped in to see us while waiting for the Hospital Unit to leave, he being a member of that body. Brother J. L. Gordon, '16, has stopped over between trains on two occasions since our last letter.

Randolph is toiling away with his Glee Club; Barrie is working hard for a place in the Dramatic Club; and the rest of the chapter have little to work at except examinations, so here goes! Unfortunately, chapter correspondents likewise have to stand the horrid things—they are, indeed, no respecter of persons. Alpha sends her best wishes to all of the sister chapters.

A. C. GORDON, JR.

BETA

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Initiates:

P. M. Brown,

J. H. Hendrix,

C. M. McAsjill,

W. C. Gaither,

H. E. Apperson.

Since our last letter basket-ball has held the attention of the college. Davidson had an extremely good team, winning a majority of the games, and closed the season with a defeat of Clemson 37-22. Baseball is now occupying the time of the "Wild Cats," and, so far, prospects are very good. Boswell, a veteran of last year, will probably represent us again at short-stop or second base.

Junior Speaking, the second social event of the year, has just passed into history. Fine weather prevailed, and this, with flocks of girls, made it a most enjoyable occasion. A dance, held in Charlotte, N. C., concluded the interfraternity part of the event. Many Pi's and Pi sisters were there. "Pee Wee" Rankin, T. H. Belk, and F. N. McKellar, all ex-'20, spent these few days with us. Two of them say they will be back next year.

We are justly proud of our new service flag, which has twentyfour stars on it. We feel sure this number will increase as soon as we hear from more of our alumni. Incidentally, we take pride in the fact that ours was the first flag on our campus, and that we have the second largest number in service of any fraternity here.

Several weeks ago we enjoyed a visit from our District Princeps, Brother Gantt, of Durham, N. C. He talked over the situation with us, and offered some timely advice, which we are endeavoring to carry out. He also pronounced our condition "excellent," which speaks well for the work that Beta has done this year.

Early in February we held our "color" feed. Seven Freshmen were present, and Brother Arbuckle, our Grand Councilor, presided. He was awarded the turkey skeleton, having been unanimously voted the palm. After the supper a "smoker" was held and experiences related. This feature was particularly enjoyed, and all breathed the wish that feeds might come oftener.

At a recent meeting it was decided to have certain members make talks on the fraternity's history, its growth, future plans, and chapter policy. Besides, each new brother is to be instructed in the way to fill the offices of the chapter. In this way we hope to have things in better condition than ever.

Beta sends regards to all sister chapters.

W. S. OVERTON, JR.

GAMMA

WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE

Gamma takes this opportunity to introduce to the fraternity the recent initiates:

Theodore Garnett Walton, Great Bridge, Va. William Tayloe Murphy, Mt. Holly, Va.

These new brothers are true Pi material, and will add much to the strength of our chapter.

Immediately after examinations the faculty passed a rule if any student cut a lecture or drill without a legitimate excuse it would necessitate his withdrawal from college. This rule certainly makes it hard on those who are "regular cutters."

The thing most talked of on the campus at the present time is the subject of coeducation at William and Mary. The greater part of the students are opposed to it, but only one member of the faculty shares our feeling. It seems to be a certainty that we will have the Coeducational System next year.

New customs are being introduced every day; the latest is that of dividing the spring semester into two terms, the first ending April 6th, for which reason we now face another series of examinations.

Since our last letter Brittingham has enlisted in the Aviation Corps. "Britt" is at his home awaiting orders to report for duty.

We are sorry, indeed, to lose such a loyal brother, but all wish for him the greatest success when he goes "gunning" for "Boches." May he be the one to bag the Kaiser!

Just when our chances were best and our hopes highest for winning a basket-ball championship, Coach "Cy" Young was forced to leave the team for service with the McGuire Unit. His absence took a lot of confidence out of the team, and we suffered a defeat by Hampden-Sidney. Then Murry, star forward, left college, and the best we could do was to tie Richmond College for second honors. But, after all, the season was far from a failure.

B. D. Peachy (Kappa-Sigma), an alumnus, has been engaged as baseball coach, and practice started March the 11th. With only two letter men back, we will have a hard time developing a team, but we hope to be agreeably surprised in Freshman material.

Gordon has been elected assistant manager of the football team for this fall.

We were very glad to have Brittain, of Iota, with us on the night of February 16th, and Robinson, Omicron, February 13th.

"Jim" Stephens, Ellis, and Tolson were with us for the midwinter germans.

Officers elected for the spring term were:

E. A. Stephens, S. M. C.

M. P. Omohundro, I. M. C.

H. B. Derieux, Th. C.

Gamma extends to all sister chapters her sincerest wishes for a successful spring semester.

J. T. GRAHAM.

DELTA

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Since our last letter we have pledged and initiated two brothers:

John T. Bradford, Atman, Ala.

A. Hayne Deyamput, Scotts Station, Ala.

It gives us great pleasure to introduce these two splendid young men to the fraternity at large. Both take active parts in college life, and we are sure they are men of true Pi caliber.

We have lost, during the last month, H. W. Williamson. He has taken a work in the conference, and is located at Farmers-ville, Ala., where we wish him success. And succeed he will, for he is the winning type.

Our Glee Club made its seven-day tour in February over the southeastern part of the State, winning laurels wherever it stopped. Our pride in its achievements is heightened by the fact that K. B. Edwards was director. Five Pi's held prominent places in the club.

We were very agreeably surprised when we received an invitation to Brother H. W. Williamson's marriage on the 28th of February to Miss Lucile Stuart, of Berlin, Ala. Our heartiest congratulations are extended to him.

J. E. McCurdy and M. F. Jackson, of last year's graduating class, are now in active service somewhere in France. Willis, of the previous year, is also over there, while Robertson, of '17, will be going soon.

Baseball is in "full swing" now, and the outlook is very bright for a good team this year. Delta probably will be represented by at least five men: Deyamput, Bradford, Morgan, Ellis, and Edwards.

We enjoyed greatly a visit from Livingston and his wife a few days ago. Livingston, a first lieutenant, stationed at Camp Gordon, is rising in the service.

We are glad to say that our men made enviable records the first term, and are wishing for a better one this term.

To Alpha-Pi at Howard College for her kind words of sympathy and her generous invitation to us to come to Birmingham, we are greatly indebted.

With best wishes to all the chapters,

W. L. Ellis.

ZETA

University of Tennessee

Zeta takes pleasure in introducing to the fraternity the following initiates:

Walter J. Wadlington, Memphis, Tenn.

Henry R. Bell, Loudon, Tenn.

Edwin Hobbs, Lynchburg, Tenn.

J. Avent Murfree, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Harold K. London, Bristol, Tenn.

Eugene B. Ezelle, Dresden, Tenn.

James F. Williams, Jr., Millington, Tenn.

Also in the pledging of:

Thomas D. Haddox, Knoxville, Tenn.

Con Troutman, Jellico, Tenn.

At a recent meeting the following officers were elected for the spring term:

Dan B. Wexler, S. M. C.

Morris T. Bond, S. C.

Henry B. Arnold, I. M. C.

J. Harry Norton, M. S.

S. S. Landess, Th. C.

Henry R. Bell, M. C.

With the defeat last week of Sigma Phi Epsilon, 36-5, and the forfeiture of Kappa-Sigma, we have become the proud possessors of a handsome loving-cup offered by the Panhellenic Council to the winner of the interfraternity league basket-ball



ZETA CHAPTER HOUSE

championship. The season we finished with a percentage of 1,000, having scored a total of 173 points to our opponents' 36.

The university basket-ball season was a disappointment, as we won only three of our nine games. Zeta Chapter had four men on the squad, and Wexler was captain of the team.

In the standing of fraternities for the scholarship cup last term, Pi Kappa Alpha ranked sixth, with an average of 73. The cup was won by Sigma-Chi, with an average of 81. We hope to do better during the spring term, thus receiving another cup for our mantel. Baseball practice started on the Hill last week, with over sixty candidates out. Zeta Chapter is represented by Landess, Bell, Troutman, and Norton. Frank Moffett, former manager of Knoxville teams, has been signed as coach, and prospects are bright for a successful season.

Our table has been going for over two months, and everything is running smoothly. Hill is now table manager, and all the men are well pleased with his management.

We are going to have a dance at the Cherokee Country Club on the night of March 29th. Owing to the war, it will not be an elaborate affair, as we are trying to do our part to make the world safe for democracy.

We can not forget about the war now, as students continue to leave every day. Two of our most popular professors will soon leave to take up Y. M. C. A. war work. Our numbers continue to decrease. Wadlington returned to his home soon after initiation, and Pledges O'Rourke and Henderson have left school. Hagler, our transfer from Eta, is now in the hospital, and will not return to school this year.

We were glad to have visits recently from Brother Patty (Pi), and Brothers Hopkins and Earle (Zeta). Brother Patty was on his way to join the ranks of Uncle Sam, and Brother Earle is a first lieutenant on the staff of General Tyson.

Every one on the Hill is greatly excited over a small-pox scare in the university. One professor and two students already have the disease, and all the students must be vaccinated immediately.

Zeta extends best wishes to all sister chapters.

J. HARRY NORTON.

ETA

TULANE UNIVERSITY

With exams over, life does not seem so bad, and as this letter is to be "Hooverized," things are better still.

There are a few happenings of importance that may be discussed.

On March 1st Eta celebrated appropriately the founding of the fraternity. Ever since then several brothers have been wishing for these celebrations to become annual affairs.

Since the last letter we have had appreciated visits from First Lieut. A. Caron Ball, 141st Field Artillery, and Second Lieut. Wallace Pitard, Camp Pike, Ark.

Tulane now has a very military aspect, as military training has been in operation for several months, and the battalion is drilling like regulars. Not a few of Eta's men have shown their capability, and are officers.

Brother "Axel" Allain, winning by a large majority, was recently chosen manager of the 1918 football team—the election being a hot one.

Brothers "Max" Ledoux, G. Hammett, and Allain have been playing great basket-ball in the interdepartment games.

In closing, Eta wishes her sister chapters abundant success.

L. N. HAMMETT.

THETA

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY

Theta sends spring greetings to all sister chapters in the fraternity, and hopes that each and every one of them had a successful beginning of the new term's work.

We, like all the other chapters, are passing through the worse crisis of, perhaps, the whole history of our existence. At the beginning of the year we had only six men on the roll, and, through misfortune, this number has been reduced to three. Mickle joined the colors last week, and is expecting to "do his bit" toward dethroning the Kaiser. This departure leaves old Theta, the proud maker of history in the fraternity, in a greatly weakened condition. But though our number be small, we expect to measure up till recruits are available this fall. All three of us expect to be back next session, and we are not going to, by any means, be what some of the other fraternities have

termed us, "A Lost Cause." Some have predicted there will be only three fraternities here next year, while there are now four, but we don't intend to be the Jonah.

Baseball has started with a rush, and though handicapped by the loss of letter men, we expect to have a good team. The rivalry will be keen for the different positions on the diamond this year, but we hope to have two of our three men in the line-up. We are going to meet some good teams this spring, and, consequently, we are sparing no effort in preparation. Baseball, like all other college sports, has suffered by the war, but S. P. N. has arranged an attractive schedule and one good trip. We don't expect baseball to interfere with our studies, though, for Theta hereby declares herself a candidate for the scholarship cup.

S. J. LINDAMOOD.

IOTA

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE

Twice already this session has victory perched upon the banners of old Hampden-Sidney. For the first time a basket-ball cup comes to the Hill, and we are looking forward to many more in the future, now that the magic spell has broken.

Iota was proud to have a representative on this team. Only one game was lost during the championship series. When we consider our small student body and the absence of a coach, we have no excuses to offer for the season, and, indeed, none are needed. Brother Brittain played excellent ball. In fact all the men of the squad did their best and worked hard for the well-deserved victories which they won. Brittain was elected manager of the 1919 quint.

On the 22d of February, our intermediate celebration was held. The speeches were good, and they were well delivered. Brother Turner, one of the Junior speakers for the Union Literary Society, gave us some light on why it is well for young men to stay at college and finish their education.

Immediately after the speaking a dance was held. Hampden-Sidney has never had a nicer crowd of visitors than the members of the fair sex who were on the Hill for these dances. We were glad to see them here, and we always hail with delight any occasion which will bring them us-ward. We had Brothers T. J. McIlwaine, O. K. King, Charlie Bugg, Iota, and Stevens, of Gamma, with us at this time, and we hope that they got as much pleasure out of being with us as we did in having them.

Since these festive days the time has slipped quickly and quietly away, until to-day we stand in the clutches of the dreaded monster, examinations. Iota sends greetings to all the sister chapters, and in this, the anniversary number, we wish for the entire fraternity a greater and better future than her past has been. May the sun ever shine brightly upon Pi Kappa Alpha!

JOHN P. ATKINSON.

OMICRON

RICHMOND COLLEGE

At a recent meeting Omicron elected the following chapter officers:

S. M. C.—Jere M. H. Willis.

I. M. C.—George J. Oliver.

Th. C .- Vernon Ellett.

The following appointive officers were named by Brother Willis:

S. C.—Ellyson Robinson.

M. S.—Walter Leonard.

M. C.—Ambrose McGee.

Baseball is now with us. Without a trained coach, and with a dearth of good material, we can hardly expect to put a team in the field that will in any way compare with our excellent nine of last year; but inasmuch as our rivals have been correspondingly weakened, we hope to make as good a showing as we made in basket-ball, under similar disadvantages. Oliver is our sole representative on the baseball squad, and we have no doubt that he will make good. Wiley, who was lost to us, would probably have made the team had he not been compelled to give up his collegiate career.

Robinson is the proud recipient of another "R." This he well merited by his great playing throughout the entire basket-ball season. Two letters for the year is his count.

R. Taylor Coleman, as sergeant of Company A in the Battalion, is discharging his new duties well. "Shorty" thinks the job of sergeant too easy, and says he would rather be a corporal so that he could have something to do. Strange enough he seems to like work. One would think his job as editor of the Collegian would be enough to keep him busy. It is not too much to say that Coleman is maintaining the high standards of editorship established by his predecessors. For his services in this department not only Omicron, but also the entire college is, indeed, grateful.

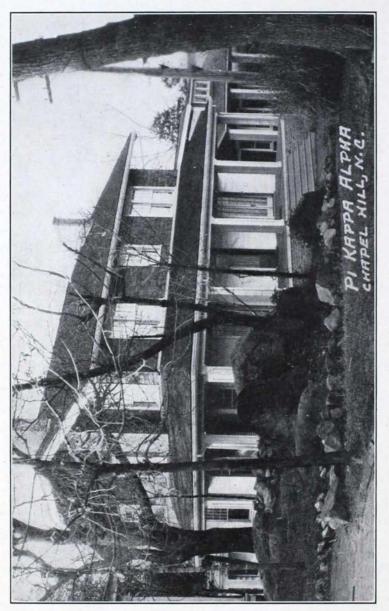
We now await the results of the winter examinations, in which we hope a good report will be received. Results will be announced in the next letter.

WALTER LEONARD.

PI

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

Pi Chapter celebrated the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the fraternity on March 4th with a banquet at the Dutch Inn. It was our good fortune to have with us as a guest of honor on this occasion Dr. J. R. Howerton, Theta, a former Grand Chaplain, who has been a member of the fraternity for forty years. He gave us an interesting account of the early history and crises of the fraternity. Our pleasure was further increased by the presence of J. H. Lyle (Pi), '09, and Captain Durham (Omicron), '14, from V. M. I. We were very sorry



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not to have with us on this occasion K. C. Patty, who had been called to serve in the University of Virginia Hospital Unit a few days before.

Recently we had a service flag made which now contains twenty-one stars. That number will be increased as soon as we find out more definitely about certain alumni.



PI CHAPTER HOUSE

Since our last letter we have enjoyed visits from the following brothers: W. L. Sandidge, Pi, '17; D. B. Wexler and S. S. Landess, of Zeta; and W. S. Brent, of Gamma.

W. P. MACTAGGART.

TAU

University of North Carolina

Since the close of the basket-ball season baseball is to be the chief topic of interest on the campus. With five letter men back, and good material from the first-year reserve, we hope to have our usual strong team.

Military work on the Hill has become rather strenuous. Long hikes are taken on alternate afternoons; and occasional practice in night attacks will begin on March the fifteenth. The remaining hours of drill are devoted to instruction in special lines, such as bombing, bayonet fighting, signaling, engineering, trench attacks, and the like. The battalion now consists of four companies of one hundred and twenty-five men each.

The approaching Easter dances will mark the height of the social season. We are very fortunate in securing the services of Handy's famous orchestra, which will play for the six dances.

On march second we held our annual spring "feed," which was attended by twenty Freshmen of merit.

Lindsey is directing the music for the coming Senior "stunt," and for the minstrel as well. Pace is an aspirant for intersociety debate honors.

Our best wishes go to all the sister chapters.

JAS. E. MONTGOMERY.

UPSILON

Alabama Polytechnic Institute

The subject foremost in the minds of the students at present is military training. With the permission of the faculty, the student body, under Capt. F. M. Rowell, U. S. A., substituted two hours of military training for the afternoon classes during the last six weeks of the session, 1916-17. Beginning with March 16th the corps will drill two hours daily, but, due to the demand for scientifically-trained men, arrangement is also made for afternoon classes.

Many of the boys are visiting on the campus as they go to and from their respective training camps. Among those recently with us were: J. B. Suggs, returning from Camp Stanley en route for Camp Wheeler, and Lieut. E. C. Adkins, also on his way to Camp Wheeler.

"Bones" Farr, of Birmingham, Ala., paid us a visit the first of the month.

While the students talk of war and make their preparations for it, an entirely different affair engages Coach Donahue's attention. Baseball is the engrossing topic. Auburn has always had a winning team, and although only two of last year's varsity have reported, the bunch of raw material at practice every afternoon on Drake field looks good, and bids fair to "snatch" honors for Auburn.

While we are not as strongly represented on the diamond this year as last, when "Bull" Collins and "Johnny" Suggs were here, we have some exceptionally good men doing their best for Upsilon. Dick Vinton, who left college last year before baseball season, looks like a fixture in center field. His fast fielding and steady hitting make him a marked man. Charlie Ollinger, a twirler of prep school renown, has proved that he can hold his own in college ball. He is one of Coach Donahue's "first string" men.

On the basket-ball court, although slow about getting started, Auburn finished with a series of victories that placed her near the top. She defeated B. A. C., of Birmingham, Ala., who, had they won, would have been Southern champions.

Roy Beall, Kirk Newell, Olin Newell, and G. R. Bowling, all active men for Upsilon last year, were with us during the dances of February 22d to help us "spread joy."

Many men are leaving college daily. Upsilon is fortunate so far in losing only three men: J. B. Suggs, A. D. Killian, F. L. Stevens. Suggs was a Junior, and resigned to enter the third training camp. Killian and Stevens were "rats" whom a restless spirit carried into other fields of endeavor. They expect to return next year.

The following officers were recently elected:

S. M. C.—S. W. Hill.

I. M. C.—J. W. Tidmore.

Th. C.—W. M. Mobley.

S. C.—E. S. Winters.

M. S.—E. C. Nichols.

M. C.—R. A. Vinton.

While extending best wishes to all sister chapters, Upsilon takes pleasure in announcing two new initiates:

R. L. Salter, Birmingham, Ala.

C. L. Warner, Jackson, Ala.

E. C. NICHOLS.

PSI

NORTH GEORGIA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Psi takes pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large: T. Merritt Lowe, Buena Vista, Ga.

The second term of the school year finds us very active in military work. The members of the R. O. T. C. received checks from the Government in February. Military week will be in April. This year we will hike twenty-five miles, and then camp the rest of the time.

Practically the whole of the student body will go to a sixweek camp in June.

Since the last issue of The Shield and Diamond Brother Weaver has enlisted in the Aviation Corps. He has not been called yet, but expects to go at any time.

We had the pleasure of a short visit from B. H. McWilliams. The only trouble about his visit was its brevity.

On account of four of the brothers having mumps, we were unable to carry out our plans for a Founder's Day Banquet, but expect to have it commencement, when there will be a large number of alumni present.

Our service flag has been ordered, and will soon be here. It has thirty stars on it, but will have to be enlarged as soon as we get it. Every week we hear of another brother who has gone after the Kaiser.

Psi extends greetings to all sister chapters.

L. WEAVER.

OMEGA

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Omega introduces to the fraternity at large A. W. Petrey and M. T. Brooks, of Pineville, Ky., and Bellevue, Ky., respectively, who were initiated into the mysteries of Pi Kappa Alpha on February 13th. These two increase the chapter roll to nine men, which may, at first, seem rather small, but it is near the average of fraternities in general at Kentucky State, and, considering the heavy drain upon our student body by Kaiserism, we think we are not to be criticised. At any rate, the chapter is doing commendable work, both in school and elsewhere.

Since the last issue of The Shield and Diamond, Omega staged one of the social events of the college year—the Pi Kappa Alpha dance. It was given at the Phoenix Hotel on February 23d, and we wish our guests were wording this report of the occasion. Those who honored us are still talking about the "wonderful Pi-Kapp dance," and we consider ourselves richly repaid for any difficulties or inconveniences we may have encountered in giving it. District Chief, Brother Fred Lotter, and Brother H. P. Talcott, of Alpha-Xi Chapter, came over from Cincinnati, and say that they enjoyed themselves immensely.

One of the most anxiously awaited athletic events of the near future is the interfraternity basket-ball tournament, the outcome of which will decide who will hold the silver loving-cup for this and the coming year. The cup was donated by the Panhellenic Council, and was held last year by the Kappa-Sigs. Its possession for two consecutive years or for three alternate years gives the cup to the winning fraternity. Omega has her eye on the prize, and has, so far, made a promising showing. Pledge H. A. Otten gives promise of being able to give a good account of himself. Of course, we are not averse to carrying off the material gain, for the silver cup is a trophy well worth having, but there are things other than the tangible reward for which we are going to struggle, and which will lend an added zest to game. Our first encounter is with the Sigma-Nu's, and we understand that they are going to present a pretty stiff lineup, but we will be there to give them as good as they send, and to send a few ourselves.

There is considerable talk and excitement in the student body about the suggested closing of school a month earlier than is scheduled. The president of the university seems to have given it out that such will be the case, and everybody is all "teed up" with expectancy, not that we are so very anxious to have school close, but those of us who are not old enough to do our country a great deal of good by direct enlistment in the army are longing for the vacation of the summer months to do a small bit to help take the Kaiser out of Kaiserism. You all know the feeling of standing by and watching the boys of your fraternity and the friends of your childhood don the khaki of Uncle Sam and shoulder their guns for the cause. No American can witness the sight and not feel that America needs him, too, but we are told that we should stay in school until we can be in the best condition possible to aid our country. This consoles us somewhat, but still we wish for the time when we can do a little, if not our best, and if school closes the first of May instead of the first of June, we know all our brothers in Pi Kappa Alpha will make the best possible use of the extra month.

A. W. Petrey.

ALPHA-ALPHA

TRINITY COLLEGE

Alpha-Alpha takes pleasure in introducing two new brothers to the fraternity at large:

Blackwell Pierce, Weldon, N. C. William H. Adams, Durham, N. C.

The chapter accepted the resignation of Pledge H. O. Woltz before the initiation.

After the initiation of the two new men, February 14th, a banquet was held in the "Cat's Head" Apartments. Owing to war conditions, the banquet this year was very informal; however, it was enjoyed by every one present.

Military training is to be installed here again April 1st, and will be under the direction of Major McGee, an Australian of the British Army. A Student Officers' Training School has already been started, so that everything will be in readiness by

that time. Trinity was one of the first colleges to install military training last spring, and it was begun last fall, but because the college was unable to secure suitable officers to take charge, the work was discontinued.

A great deal of interest is now being taken in the Glee Club by the "songbirds" on the park. The club will take its annual trip the latter part of April. Alpha-Alpha is represented in this organization by Hale and Ivey, the latter being also in the orchestra. In addition "Mac" Hale is the chief cheer leader of the college.

A great demonstration, in which the students demanded football for Trinity, was recently held here. A special meeting was called, and practically all the students, including the coeds, attended. A petition had been drawn up by a committee appointed for that purpose, of which "Slim" Kendall was a member, and it was circulated among the students. The petition is to be sent to the trustees of the college, and they are to be asked to tolerate interclass football for the duration of the war, and intercollegiate at the end of that time. The alumni also want football for Trinity, and they are doing their part to get it. It is hoped that the trustees will see fit to grant this request of the students and alumni.

The basket-ball season was very successful, although we lost the State Championship to A. and E. College in the deciding game. Coincident with the conclusion of the basket-ball season, baseball practice has been started. The varsity squad is now hard at work under Coach Doak, and prospects are bright for a good baseball team.

Hale, Pierce, and Ivey attended the Alpha-Epsilon initiation on February 26th.

Easter holidays commence March 28th, and, needless to say, we are all looking forward to that time with much pleasure.

GEO. M. IVEY.

ALPHA-GAMMA

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

We are glad to introduce to the fraternity six new men recently initiated:

D. H. Marston, Coushatta, La.

A. J. Jummonville, Crowley, La.

E. D. Schneider, Lake Providence, La.

R. G. Chandler, Shreveport, La.

H. L. O'Bannon, Homer, La.

J. A. Garret, Eros, La.

"Snooks" Marston is Quartermaster Sergeant of C Company, a member of the Junior Class, and a good man on the diamond. Jummonville (the boys call him "Khaki") is a brother of Louis, who was with us last year. He is our only member to boast musical ability. Schneider hails from Lake Providence, and shows it—"everybody loves a fat boy." "Freshie" Chandler studies hard, and loves his teachers. He insists upon bringing the Shreveport Times to meetings, but few of us like to read history. Lenwood O'Bannon represents Alpha-Gamma on the tennis court, and may become an expert some day. "Jimmy" Garret is a social light, and can run "the hundred" over plowed ground with speed. Speaking seriously, these six men are all fine fellows, and we proudly present them to the fraternity.

The fraternity jeweler visited Baton Rouge recently, and sold a number of Pi Kappa Alpha badges. Chandler bought a supply, and, needless to say, we were sure congratulations must be in order.

Steele, First Lieutenant, home on furlough for a few days, attended our meeting last week, and, among other things, told us that Pi Kappa Alpha had every reason to be proud of the activities of its men in the army.

The varsity baseball team played its first game last Saturday, and defeated Jefferson College 6 to 0. In spite of the gloomy outlook at the beginning of the year the coach has the men in fine shape, and expects to put out a winning team. The

prospect for the track team is also more promising than at first. More are "coming out" each day, and the boys are working hard.

The Lenten season has caused a cessation of social activities at the university, but the spring days are so beautiful that few have noticed the change. Our next Cadet Hop, to be held on April 5th, will be followed by many more.

Best wishes to all the chapters and officers of the fraternity.

H. W. BAZET.

ALPHA-DELTA

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

March has come, and with it the first call for track and base-ball candidates. Coach Bean has a large squad, and hopes to build up a winning team, although, as a nucleus around which to build, he has only two letter men. However, there is a wealth of material, and prospects are bright for a "Golden Tornado" in baseball. Alpha-Delta has three aspirants in Torrence and Hemphill, pitchers, and Parsons, catcher. Of these Torrence has been showing up exceptionally well, and should win a place on the varsity staff.

In track we are represented by Herndon and J. Attebery. The former is a quarter-mile runner, and, as he has a good high school record, should make good here. Attebery is trying for the low hurdles, and we expect him to "land a place," too. Both of the boys are working hard, but to win a berth on a team which made such a wonderful showing at the Johns Hopkins meet requires both work and ability.

Tech has entered the S. I. A. A. Golf Association, and should give a good account of herself, although this is an entirely new sport for the school. With Perry Adair and Tom Prescott, both with national reputations to begin with, we should be able to put a splendid team into the lists. Tech has never failed to do her best in anything she has gone into, so we are looking for great things from the golf team.

We were unfortunate to lose the services of our president, who offered himself for Y. M. C. A. work. Dr. Mathewson left the 8th for New York, and from there he goes direct to France as a member of the Executive Council of the Y. M. C. A. Tech expressed her appreciation of his services by sending her two cadet battalions to the station as a guard of honor. While we regret to lose Dr. Mathewson, we are very fortunate in securing the services of Ex-Governor Harris, who has been chairman of the Board of Trustees for some time. Mr. Harris has arrived in the city, and will assume control in a few days. He has always been a ready worker for Tech, and we expect a prosperous term under his guidance.

Alpha-Delta gave her first big dance of the second semester, March the eighth, at the Capitol City Club. The decorations were tasteful, though not elaborate, and delicious sandwiches and punch were served. Dancing was indulged in from ten until two, and every member of the chapter had a pleasant evening.

Alpha-Delta wishes all success to her sister chapters, and cordially invites any Pi to visit the chapter house, 402 Williams Street, whenever possible.

J. C. Russell, Jr.

ALPHA-EPSILON

NORTH CAROLINA STATE COLLEGE

Alpha-Epsilon takes great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large the following initiates:

Frank R. English, Martinsville, Va. Gaston V. Jones, Newark, N. J.

George T. Peoples, Townsville, N. C.

William W. Vaughn, Nashville, Tenn.

We have now seven active members, with the prospect of two or three more Freshmen. To the war, our chapter is indebted for its limited roll, yet we see brighter days ahead. Brother Harshaw has recently been called for examination. As he has received no definite orders he is still with us, and we hope he will be able to finish this his last year. His loss to us would be keenly felt.

The basket-ball season has come to a successful end. This was the best team the college has had in years. It brought to college the State Championship. Out of eighteen games played we lost only two, one to Trinity and one to V. M. I.

Baseball is the chief interest on the campus. Alpha-Epsilon is unfortunate in not being represented on the squad. Though we have only three old men back this year, there is a large amount of available Freshman material, which gives a larger and better assortment from which to pick a team.

Loyalty to our editor makes this letter short. To each of our sister chapters we extend hearty greetings.

GASTON V. JONES.

ALPHA-ZETA

University of Arkansas

Mid-term examinations are passed, and Alpha-Zeta finds herself with four men eligible for initiation—the largest list of eligibles granted to any fraternity on the campus. We are justly proud of this record, as mid-term initiation standards are high enough to be inaccessible to any save real scholars. We are pleased to introduce to the fraternity at large two of these men:

Lester H. Knoch, Fayetteville, Ark. Murray Harris, Fayetteville, Ark.

Pledges Wilcox and Freeman will be initiated soon.

Harris has received the signal honor of being awarded the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Prize, presented yearly to the man making the highest grades in the Freshman Engineering Class. Pledge Wilcox was third in the contest.

Interest centers about the coming trip of the Glee Club, whose tour will include all of the larger towns of the State. Casey, President of the Club, and Knoch, "romper" on the trombone, will make the trip.

Mulrenin and Pledge Cole have been received into Theta Nu Epsilon. McGaughy and Pledge Skaggs are Rho-Omegas, and Reed was recently initiated into Quo Vadis.

Fraternity dances have been abolished at the U. of A., and all formal social affairs have been discontinued for a few weeks through shortage of coal. However, with the houses of three sororities in two blocks of ours, we do not lack informal fun to break the routine of study.

The Panhellenic Council recently petitioned the Senate of the university for the removal of all restrictions on initiation. This petition, if granted, will mean a great addition of strength to fraternity life at Arkansas, for in these times of war active chapters are at best very small.

Old 1917-1918 glides swiftly by, and does not bring with it half the hard times we had expected. We hope that all our sister chapters in Pi Kappa Alpha have experienced the same agreeable disappointment.

J. P. McGaughy.

ALPHA-ETA

University of Florida

Alpha-Eta takes great pleasure in introducing five new brothers: F. C. Morgan, H. H. McCallum, A. E. Carpenter, W. T. Moore, and W. H. Cates. These men were taken in a few days after our last letter to The Shield and Diamond was written, and they are measuring up to our expectations in every way. Brother Carpenter has been appointed assistant to the Th. C., and is "making good."

Our new service flag has at last arrived, and we are, indeed, proud to exhibit the forty-one stars it contains. Our "artist,"

Brother McCallum, has printed an honor roll, which gives the names of the men we have in the service, and it adds greatly to the attractiveness of our rooms.

The State High School Track Meet will be held at the university on April 12th. This is an annual event which is looked forward to with great interest, for on this day all books are thrown aside, and we all "turn out" to have a good time. The usual Panhellenic dance will be given that night.

At our last meeting of the first semester we held our chapter elections. Brown, whose indispensable advice and interest has been the life of the chapter, was elected S. M. C. Levis was chosen I. M. C., and Crosby was reëlected Th. C. Brown made the following appointments: Williams, S. C.; DeVane, M. C.; and Lecks, M. S. DeVane is a new man in the chapter, but his powers of leadership and untiring energy are even now distinguishing him.

Brown continues to take honors, his latest being his qualification for the badge of Phi Kappa Phi. Marshall and DeVane also show that their good work is winning recognition. They were invited to join the Cooley Club, honorary law.

Several weeks ago the chapter decided to publish semi-monthly a letter to the alumni, and, although it has been but a week since the first letter was mailed, several of our alumni have written commending the movement. This letter was written primarily to keep us in touch with our men in the service, and it is to be hoped that those who did not receive a copy of the first issue will write us and give their proper addresses that we may put them on the mailing list.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity was declared winner of the interfraternity scholarship cup for the year 1916-17. This cup is offered by the Panhellenic Council to the fraternity making the highest scholastic average for the year. To gain permanent possession of this cup, it is necessary to win it three years. Our chances for winning it this year are excellent, and, when the grades are averaged, we know we will be near the top.

Brother Moss has again visited us, and was kind enough to bring his attractive cousin with him; some wonder why Brother Crosby does so much day dreaming. We have also received visits from Brothers Barber and Flewellen, and a very short visit from Brother Barstow.

F. H. Lecks.

ALPHA-KAPPA

MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES

The School of Mines has just completed, on March 15th, its big celebration of the year, in honor of Saint Patrick, patron saint of all engineers. As this event is always in charge of the Junior Class, the Pi's feel honored that the last three presidents, H. S. Clark, Robert Marston, and J. P. Gill, of this class have been chosen from our ranks. Larsh and Miller, the other two Juniors, now in Alpha-Kappa, besides Gill, were both on the executive committee in charge of "St. Pat's Day," and contributed a great deal to the success of the day.

The Juniors chose as St. Pat's Queen this year Mrs. Frederick D. Gardner, wife of the Governor of Missouri, and she made a queen of rare beauty and grace. It was Alpha-Kappa's great honor to entertain Mrs. Gardner at a dinner Friday night before the St. Patrick's Bal Masque.

We did not give a house-party this year, as a special lady friend of ours, who attends Lindenwood College at St. Charles, Mo., gave a house-party of Lindenwood girls for us. It is altogether unnecessary to add that we were deeply sensible of the debt of gratitude we owe our charming hostess for this greatly enjoyed party. For the guests of our hostess we gave a dance the night after the Masque Ball.

Brother H. S. Clark left us during the first week in March to take a position with the Government at Washington as an inspector of munitions. His loss is a most serious one to the chapter. He gave himself freely to Alpha-Kappa's best interests for four years, and it will be a long time before the chapter will find another man to take his place. N. B. Larsh was elected S. M. C. in his place, and E. L. Miller was chosen to succeed Larsh as I. M. C. W. J. Mann left us the middle of

March to take a position in Colorado. He was probably the oldest active Pi in the fraternity. [Better look to your laurels, Smythe.—Ed.]

C. B. Hummell was elected to the 1919 Rollamo Board, which publishes the school annual. Gill and Miller will probably be editor-in-chief and associate editor, respectively, of The Missouri Miner next year. The Miner is the weekly publication. Alpha-Kappa has not been prominently represented in athletics for several years, but several of the brothers are showing up well on the track team, and it is probable that some will win a place on it. Miller was on the basket-ball team, but did not play enough to win a letter. The chapter is well represented in all the honorary and professional societies. Gill and Hummell belong to Theta-Tau, and Gill is our representative in Tau Beta Pi, which will start out next year with three members.

May Pi Kappa Alpha's star gain added lustre with each new year of the next half century, rivaling even its record of the past.

E. L. Miller, Jr.

ALPHA-LAMBDA

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE

Alpha-Lambda wishes to introduce to the fraternity the following pledges:

E. S. Dean, Russellville, Ky.

Dwight Townes, Madisonville, Ky.

Charles Dailey, Nicholasville, Ky.

George Lehnhard, Paducah, Ky.

C. V. Mullins, Paducah, Ky.

James Glass, Georgetown, Ky.

D. O. Stapp, Corydon, Ky.

Boyce Taylor, Murray, Ky.

These men pledged themselves to Pi Kappa Alpha at our pledging smoker January 28th. They are . . . (censored), and each has distinguished himself in some kind of college

activity. Lehnhard played half-back on the varsity football team, and Dean was captain of varsity basket-ball.

Track and baseball claim large shares of college interest at present, and Alpha-Lambda is well represented in both. The basket-ball season closed with Georgetown standing third in the K. I. A. A. championship race. That showing was good for a green team. Only two old letter men returned this year. Baner is a letter man in track, and both Taylor and Lehnhard are showing up well in that branch of sport.

Baner, Nash, Dean, and Glass are working hard for places on the baseball team. Baner and Nash were members of last year's squad. Dean comes with a good semi-professional record, and Glass is rated in high-school circles as worth while. Baseball prospects this year are exceedingly bright, and, in spite of war conditions, a fine schedule of some fifteen games has been arranged.

Since the last issue of The Shield and Diamond Alpha-Lambda has added two more stars to her service flag. W. W. Ward enlisted in the Hospital Corps, and Pledge Adams in the Aviation Corps. It is with much regret that we see these men go out from our midst, yet it is not without a feeling of pride.

Several of our men attended the dance in Lexington February 23d, which was given by Omega Chapter. All who went claim that they had "the times of their lives," and that "it was the best dance ever."

Alpha-Lambda closes with the best of wishes to all her sister chapters, and especially to Brother Pi's in the service.

WM. G. NASH.

ALPHA-NU

University of Missouri

Since our last letter we have pledged two new men as follows: Frank Davis, Warsaw, Mo.

W. Paul Wilkerson, Mokane, Mo.

We are confident they will make worthy brothers.

We received a letter recently from Brother R. E. Brady, of B. H. No. 28, Camp McPherson, Ga., telling of a very pleasant visit with Mu Chapter. These war times offer excellent opportunities for inter-chapter visiting, a thing greatly to be desired, and we are glad when any of the brothers visit us. A. M. Brackett, Secretary of the Franklin Oil and Gas Co., of Kansas City, is visiting us this week. He is awaiting his call for the Aviation Corps.

The ability of our men to lead continues to be recognized on the campus. Only recently, Brother Howard Chilton,



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"Academ," was elected president of the All-Department Sophomore Class over the candidate of the Ag-Engineer Combine, which says much when it is known that the Combine has heretofore largely controlled university politics. Chilton is also manager of the Athletic Department of the 1918 Savitar.

Our little circular, *The Alpha-Nus*, is now in the hands of our alumni and sister chapters. As it contains most of the late news, and in view of the fact that the next issue of The Shield and Diamond is to be given over largely to commemorating our fiftieth anniversary, we will close to make room for things of more interest to the fraternity at large.

Louis A. Miller.

ALPHA-XI

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

The semi-centennial of the founding of Pi Kappa Alpha was celebrated by Alpha-Xi Chapter at Cincinnati by a chapter house banquet, March 1, 1918. James Guy Jones presided as



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toastmaster. The occasion warranted expressions of strong sentiment in regard to the fraternity, and seemed to merit placing special emphasis on the necessity for a vigorous policy for progress nationally.

Brother Curtis R. Beresford pointed out the duty of every active man whose obligation at this time is to keep the local chapter intact for the men who have entered the service.

Brother Herbert Shaffer reviewed the progress of Pi Kappa Alpha, as he knew it, within the past five decades. He spoke of the spirited origin of the old frat at the University of Virginia and the memorable work of Brother Robert A. Smythe in holding together the fraternity at the time when it was threatened with disintegration. Recent expansion and new progressive measures that have been instituted for further development then were dwelt upon, and the specific advances, in spite of apparently slow growth in the national fraternity, were pointed out. Chapter house purchases, The Shield and Diamond as a remunerative organ for brothers contributing meritorious articles on timely fraternity subjects, and the new national song book, were criticized by the Grand Alumni Secretary from a constructive viewpoint.

Frederick D. Lotter spoke on the present status of Pi Kappa Alpha locally and abroad. The effect of organization he, too, emphasized and threw light on defraternalization tendencies that can arise from too much efficiency. "Be not the first by whom the new is tried, nor yet the last to lay the old aside!" is a timely byword for the overanxious zealot who is apt to lose sight of the ties which bind us together in his eager desire to promote material progress.

Chapter interests center around scholarship, bowling, and dancing. Again Pi Kappa Alpha has her hopes dashed to pieces when Delta Tau Delta wins by a narrow margin the scholarship laurels at Cincinnati. We must content ourselves with second place among the nine fraternities.

Bowling proved very successful for Alpha-Xi this season. Another leg has been won on the silver trophy, and James G. Jones and Harold H. Wagner were awarded cups for high average score, and for high individual score, respectively.

The spring dance of April 5th will be the first of a series of four weekly dances for this month, viz., the Senior Hop, the Panhellenic, and the Sophomore Ball.

As a class the Freshmen initiated this year have been a disappointment. Out of eighteen initiated only four are now in school. These we introduce to the fraternity at large:

Howard Curtiss, Athens, Pa. George Metzger, Springfield, Ohio. Edward Wagner, Cincinnati, Ohio. Howard Waldo, Cincinnati, Ohio.

WILLIAM BRUEGGEMANN.

ALPHA-PI

HOWARD COLLEGE

Since our last letter we have had the pleasure of pledging every man of the four to whom we extended an invitation. We wish to introduce:

W. W. Adams. Paul Martain. Wallace Morgan. Lewis Walker.

It is with regret, however, that we announce the departure of Morgan, who was drafted into service before the time for his initiation. He is now at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga. On his next visit to the college he will be duly initiated.

On March 26, 1918, military training at Howard College was again introduced, after an absence of about five years. This department is supervised by a regular army officer, Sergeant R. F. Hill, of the Marine Corps. Most enthusiastically has this work been received by the students, and the fraternity may rest assured that Alpha-Pi can be depended upon to do her share in this branch of the service.

Athletics are in full sway. With a basket-ball season successfully closed, the Howard cohorts are now busily engaged in spring training for baseball. The prospects for a team to uphold the traditions of the Crimson and Blue are bright. The

varsity has not been selected, but Alpha-Pi will very likely be represented by six men: Captain Jackson, Farley, James, Duke, King, and Walker.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the death of Brother G. C. Chance, who graduated from Howard last year. Resolutions have been adopted by the chapter, and copies sent both to his loved ones and to The Shield and Diamond.

Mercer James has recently returned from a "booking engagement trip" for the Howard Glee Club, and was successful. He will travel for a week in South Alabama. The towns to be visited are: Clanton, Troy, Brundidge, Newton, Enterprise, and Dothan. Alpha-Pi will probably be represented by five men: Acams, Cunningham, Matein, Shelburne, James, Simmons.

For each sister chapter breathe we the hope that success in these trying days will be hers.

KINGMAN CODY SHELBURNE.

ALPHA-RHO

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

To the fraternity at large Alpha-Rho takes great pleasure in introducing the following brothers, who were initiated into the bonds on Saturday, February 23, 1918:

Paul W. Nickel, Celina, Ohio.

Arthur L. Donnenwirth, Bucyrus, Ohio.

Ralph A. Beers, Newcomerstown, Ohio.

Harry L. Porter, Fostoria, Ohio.

Irwin L. Lamp, Columbus, Ohio.

Ray Younger, Celina, Ohio.

Robert E. Cronebaugh, New Philadelphia, Ohio.

With the exception of Nickel and Younger, all the abovenamed initiates are Freshmen, whose initiation was permitted when the faculty granted the petition of the Panhellenic Association for the initiation of Freshmen upon the successful completion of one semester's work. "Cæsar" Porter was awarded his Freshman numerals in football, and is in spring training for the varsity this fall. In his "prep" school days he was chosen All-Ohio High School tackle, and we feel safe in saying that he will make trouble for his opponents on the line in the Western Conference race. Beers has shown ability on the cinder path. The half-mile is his hobby. He had little trouble in winning this event in the Freshmen meet on March 23d.

The chapter also announces the pledging of T. Reed Hedges, a Sophomore in the College of Applied Optics, and William "Bud" Weiser, Freshman Arts. Both these men come from Ashville, Ohio.

The semester's examinations brought to us no tears or regrets. Not a man failed in a single hour's work, and the number of merit hours secured by the individual members was exceptionally high. To us this is an achievement rather than mere good fortune, since we have one of the largest chapters in the university. [Our heartiest congratulations on this splendid record.—Ed.]

The commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the fraternity was appropriately observed with a banquet and smoker at the Chittenden Hotel on Friday evening, March 1st. Brothers King, Garvin, and Rogers, three of our most active alumni, responded with toasts for the alumni, while Miller, for the active chapter, replied with a most impressive toast on "My Ideal Fraternity." The banquet and smoker was in charge of Shirley J. Coon, who, with his ready wit and faculty for telling humorous stories, kept every one in high spirits.

The basket-ball season has ended, and the scene now shifts to baseball. Ohio State, although handicapped by reason of having her gymnasium taken over by the Adjutant, finished with a percentage of 500. "Big Red" Matheny, playing right forward on the team, stood in the "limelight" throughout the season. His sensational passing and remarkable work in breaking up plays was a big factor in humbling Northwestern, a contender for the championship. The baseball season does not open until

April 13th, at which time the name Metzger, a veteran of last year, ought to appear in the line-up. Ray Fenner is also a candidate for the infield.

Our pleasant anticipations of a long, happy Easter vacation were suddenly shattered when announcement was made by the faculty that commencement would be pushed ahead three weeks and the school year brought to a close on May 28. Instead of a ten-day rest from work, as was originally scheduled, our vacation begins on Friday morning, March 29th, and ends on Monday, April 1st. Fishing trips and proposed spring house-parties must be abandoned for things more serious.

On May 25th a huge service flag containing between three and four thousand stars for the sons of Ohio State now known to be with the colors is to be unfurled, with a grand patriotic rally and dedicatory address by President Thompson. Thirty-seven of these stars will represent sons of Alpha-Rho, who have answered the call.

On Friday evening, March 22d, the chapter entertained with an informal dancing party at the Florentine Hall. The function was chaperoned by Brother and Mrs. Vinton E. McVicker, and, in accordance with present-day customs, was very informal and inexpensive. Our annual spring informal picnic dance, to be held the latter part of April, will complete our social activities.

FRED E. RENKERT.

"Slim" Thomas and Roy Meller

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The February issue of The Shield and Diamond has just arrived, and we are delighted to see that it is as good as ever. We realize that the printing problem is a hard one, especially in war times, and we feel that the editor surely is to be complimented. We often see Greek-letter magazines around at the various houses, and there are very few [Censored—but thank you, Brother.] with The Shield and Diamond in any respect.

Since our last letter we have added three fine men to those that are now wearing the little white button. They are:

Ernest Edgar Myers, Oakland, Cal. James Duncan Graham, Long Beach, Cal. Melville Anderson Hester, Santa Barbara, Cal.

"Ernie" Myers is to become a brother to-morrow, March 16th, and Graham and Hester will enter the bonds a little later.

To-morrow night, following initiation, we are to have our annual banquet at the Olympic Club in San Francisco. All of us are eagerly looking forward to the occasion, as it will probably be a final reunion for the brothers left around the baythat is, until we have our big party in Paris or Berlin "the day after the war." Counting all possible heads, we are hoping to have twenty-five men present. At our last banquet some of the men were just about to enter the first training camp, and the whole affair was very serious. The talks, from start to finish, dwelt upon the uncertain future; upon the conditions a year hence. Now, that the year has passed, we can't help but think how these forebodings have come true. Of those that were here then, some are now in France, others are in Egypt, some arc in Florida, while still others are in Washington, New Mexico, Texas, Georgia, Omaha, and other places too numerous to mention.

As an addition to our military record, let us say: we have "Slim" Thomas and Roy Miller in the Berkeley Aviation School. Adolph Shafsky has been called into training at Fort Omaha, Nebraska, in the balloon division. Confidentially, we hope that "Jake" reduces at least to the two-hundred-pound class before he executes his first "human sandbag" duty. Clark Brothers and Ralph Arnot have recently moved from Camp Fremont to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, with their hospital unit. Bruce Bassford, Marshall Hjelte, and Jim Pogue have gone to San Pedro during the last week for active service in the Naval Reserve. As Poague had some long standing odds to settle with some of the brothers, and as he was to leave for "somewhere in France" at 5:30 one morning, he suddenly grew very brave and

proceeded to "get even." After mixing raw eggs for half the night, the plot reached its climax, when he treated his victims to a "breakfast in bed" (externally applied). His "high-powered car" was in front of the house, with the motor running, and great bravery was displayed by the pilot in that he held the throttle open for about five minutes after leaving. If all plans materialize, Koble and the writer are to join the same machine-gun company, and lay for our dear brother and his boat as he goes sailing up the Kiel Canal. Ray Hogaboom has shown some of his old-time "pep" by aspiring to the position of a tank driver. We can see the old boy now climbing about his "tin bug," with a monkey-wrench, and possibly singing "I learned about women from her." We can trust to "Blondie" not to let his motor choke down in "No Man's Land."

During the past month, we have had the pleasure of meeting brothers from several of the eastern chapters. Among those visiting us were: Elmer E. Friday, of Beta-Delta; C. F. Davidson, from Alpha-Xi; Charles L. Hyde, of Beta-Iota; Thomas J. Williams, of Beta-Delta; and R. E. Gobin, from Alpha-Nu. Friday is in naval training at Mare Island, while Hyde and Davidson were in the Berkeley Aviation School. "Kanick" Gray, from Cornell (Beta-Theta), recently paid "us" (?) a short visit from the San Diego Flyers' School. It is needless to say that he looked very "spic" with his cordovan boots, spurs, gold bars, braids, and other decorations. From here he went to Texas, where he is now awaiting call to France.

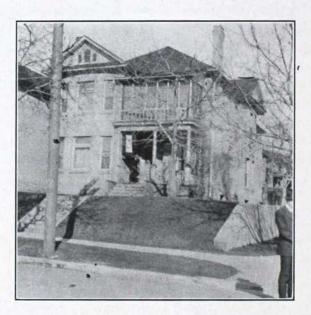
Next week, March 16th to 23d, is the occasion of a great semi-centennial anniversary celebration at the university. Thousands of the alumni are expected to return, and there is going to be "something doing every minute," including regular classes. The university has expanded so much in the last few years that there must be several hundred guides on hand to show the old graduates around.

California is still active in the field of athletics, the thoughts now being turned to baseball and track, after a successful basket-ball season. R. H. Green, because of his peerless record on the varsity basket-ball team, was elected captain for the next year. He showed his general athletic prowess after the last basket-ball game by donning a baseball suit and taking a place on the varsity nine. Herb Orchison is a promising candidate for the same team.

In the last few days we have felt our first real touch of warm spring weather. The girls have suddenly taken to their white dresses, and we are aware of the fact that spring, if not summer, is here.

All the brothers join me in sending best regards to brothers who are now "all around the world." If any brother ever journeys as far as the "Golden Gate," it is our hope that he will look us up and stay as long as possible.

FRANK A. MORGAN, JR.



ALPHA-TAU CHAPTER HOUSE

ALPHA-TAU

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

March first, nineteen hundred and eighteen, is a memorable date to the men of Alpha-Tau. It marks not only the semicentennial anniversary of Pi Kappa Alpha, but also is it the natal day of a chapter house fund that will consistently grow until we own the finest fraternity house on the campus of the University of Utah.

Brother P. K. Goddard was the first to make out a check, but was closely followed by several others. Fifty dollars seemed to be the popular amount, there being but one check of a different sum. The spirit of those who are active men now attending school is certainly commendable, for fifty dollars is no mean sum to a man at this time of the year. Following is the "Honor Roll" of the men who donated \$725.00, the first six men being alumni:

P. K. Goddard,
Peter Kasius,
Del Cahoon,
Brent Cahoon,
Herbert Hull,
Jess Miller,
B. G. Johnson,
Alfred Trosseth,

Nils Bolin,
E. Christensen,
Vern Halliday,
Hurley Howells,
Spencer Reid,
A. Christopherson,
H. B. Thomson.

The program of the evening included speakers as follows:

P. K. Kasius, Toastmaster.

P. K. Goddard, Relation of the Local Chapter to the National. Floyd Hatch, The Founding of the Local Chapter.

G. A. Rynearson, A New Chapter House.

Irwin Fox, The Attitude of the Freshman Member.

T. S. Parmelee, The Meaning of the Celebration.

Since the last letter nine more men have enlisted. They are: Elmer Thorum, Mechanical Division of the Aviation Corps. Cleve Larson, Medical Corps.

Bryan Johnson, Flying Division of the Aviation Corps. LeMar Koford, Flying Division of the Aviation Corps. Edmund Howells, Flying Division of the Aviation Corps. Adolph Shafsky, Balloon Division.

Gerald Lambert, Engineers' Reserve Corps. Alfred Troseth, Engineers' Reserve Corps. Spencer Reid, Engineers' Reserve Corps. Our best wishes accompany these men, and we feel sure that they will make good. Our flag now boasts forty-one stars out of a total enrollment of 101.

Parmelee has been elected to the office of S. M. C., which was left vacant by Johnson. One of the first measures adopted under his régime was the establishment of a personal communication letter system with the alumni and the men in the service. Each man in the chapter is to correspond regularly with a given number of the alumni. Chauncey Brewer has been placed in charge of the system.

Scholarship reports for the first semester have been posted. Pi Kappa Alpha leads the national fraternities. We hope to maintain this high standard throughout the year. [Fine!—Ed.]

This year but one letter man was back for basket-ball, and although the men worked hard, we lost the championship to the Utah Aggies. Pledge Gray, playing guard, participated in most of the games.

The dramatic season this year was eminently successful. Three trips of a week each were made to towns in Utah and Idaho. Pi Kappa Alpha, with Bolin and Thompson, had the distinction of being the only fraternity represented in this branch of student endeavor.

Reid and Parmelee were elected to the Beehive Club, an organization of seven Seniors, eligibility to which is based on points won in actual participation in student activities. Nils Bolin, the third Senior of the chapter, was eliminated, when it was decided to select two coeds instead of one, as had been the custom.

With the coming of spring, track and baseball men have begun to train. Reid, Parmelee, Thomson, Fox, and Wheatley are working hard, and should win places on the teams. Reid has earned his U in track for two years, and is one of the two U men back in college.

Three new men have been initiated since the last letter, and we take great pleasure in introducing them to the fraternity at large. They are:

Ira Sharp, Salt Lake City, Utah. George Patrick, Salt Lake City, Utah. Irwin Fox, Lehi, Utah.

We have pledged LaMont Bennion and Jack Anderson, and feel that they will add greatly to the strength of the chapter.

On April 20th, Alpha-Tau will give a formal dinner-dance in commemoration of the sixth anniversary of the installation of the local chapter. The Pi-Kap Formal will soon be a yearly event of no little importance to the Greeks at Utah.

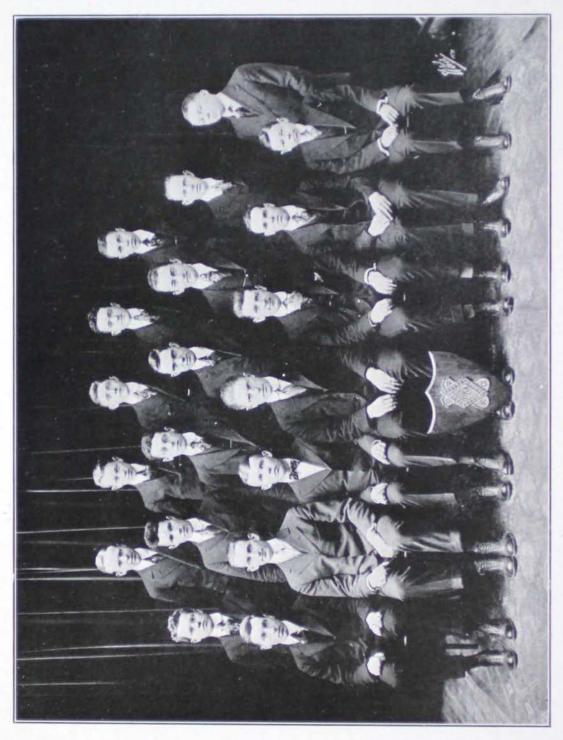
H. B. THOMSON.

ALPHA-UPSILON

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Since the beginning of the year basket-ball has held chief place in the realm of sports at the Heights. Led by Floyd Egan, the varsity team, handicapped by the loss of most of its veterans, fought gamely against heavier opponents, and only by close margins was beaten in its principal contests. Bill Holmes, as a member of the squad, earned his numerals. Egan was elected captain, and Jack Buckley manager of next year's team. The Freshman team, managed by Buckley, enjoyed a very successful season, with Hauser and Delaney starring. In the Interfraternity Basket-Ball League, our team, composed of McCarthy (captain), Hauser, Delaney, Driscoll, DeMeritt (pledge), with substitutes Gittinger and Zeuner, easily defeated the representatives of the other fraternities, and thereby acquired permanent possession of the trophy, a silver cup.

The "gym" team, managed by Dwight Stinson, traveled to Annapolis for its first meet on March 9th. Although New York was forced to bow to the better balanced Navy team,



Charlie Cremer (captain) was the individual star of the meet, winning first place in three events and tying for third place in a fourth.

On March 8th the Glee Club, in which we are represented by Gittinger and Jenson, gave its annual concert at University Heights, the proceeds going to the Red Cross.

In commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the fraternity, a reunion was held in the chapter rooms on March 1st. In addition to the actives, there were present about twenty-five alumni, among them several in the service who were able to obtain furloughs. A service flag with thirty stars was unfurled.

Since the opening of the new term, Stinson has been elected to the literary staff of the *Medley*, and Jack Buckley as class editor of the 1919 *Violet*. Gittinger is secretary and Maloney is treasurer of the Senior Class.

Joe Kelaher and Frank Starke have left to enter business. Bill Gittinger has enlisted in the aviation, and is now awaiting his call.

On March 11th the spring initiation was held. In the opinion of the alumni present, our new men compare most favorably with those initiated during the past two years.

The initiates are:

Edward D. Delaney, Long Island City, N. Y.

Aleysius J. Driscoll, Brooklyn, N. Y.

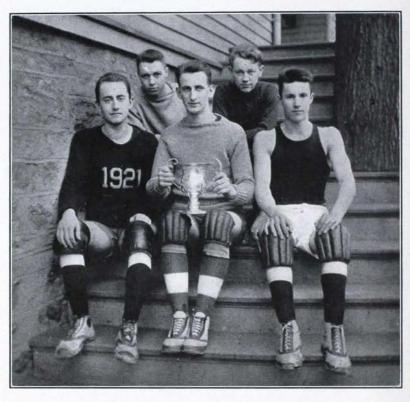
Erik Henrichson, Kolding, Denmark.

Isaiah C. Singleton, East Orange, N. J.

Driscoll is out for the basket-ball managership and for the business staff of the *Medley*. Delaney played on the Freshman basket-ball team, and is out for baseball. Our pledge, De-Meritt, whom we expect to initiate in the near future, is also an aspirant for baseball honors.

Alpha-Upsilon extends her best wishes to her sister chapters.

E. A. MALONEY.



Alpha-Upsilon Basket-Ball Team
Champions of New York University Basket-Ball League
Left to right: Hauser, Holmes, McCarthy,
Driscoll, Delaney

ALPHA-PHI

IOWA STATE COLLEGE

Alpha-Phi takes pleasure in introducing the following new brothers:

H. B. Tompson, Earlham, Iowa.

D. L. Wagner, Audubon, Iowa.

W. I. Sutcliff, 2 Lily St., New York, N. Y.

W. R. Cook, Jr., Lancaster, Ky.

G. J. Gallagher, East Dubuque, Ill.

K. J. Buck, 2007 N. 6th St., Omaha, Neb.

The initiation was held the evening of February 23d, the fifth anniversary of the installation of Alpha-Phi Chapter. Immediately following the initiation a four-course banquet was served. Several alumni were with us, who both entertained and inspired by their after-dinner speeches. During the course of the banquet a service flag carrying thirty stars was presented to the chapter. This flag has a greater number of stars than any other owned by a fraternity on the campus.

Since the last issue of The Shield and Diamond we have pledged the following men:

F. S. Dixon, Coon Rapids, Iowa.

L. D. Clock, Geneva, Iowa.

We have received announcement of the marriage of James P. Talcott to Miss Helen Osbeck, of Minneapolis, the ceremony taking place on the first of December, 1917. Alpha-Phi extends heartiest congratulations, and wishes them a long and happy married life.

The Northwestern Iowa High School Basket-Ball Tournament was held at Ames, March 8th and 9th. The fraternities on the campus volunteered to entertain the various teams during their stay in our midst. Alpha-Phi had the honor of entertaining the team from Goldfield, which finally came out winner after a series of hard-fought battles.

Iowa State College, by a process of "speeding up," is arranging to finish this semester's work ahead of the schedule time.

All Seniors, and, in certain departments the Juniors, are taking advantage of this, and will finish on April 15th.

Despite adverse conditions, Alpha-Phi is still prominent in athletics. Park is winning laurels on the swimming team, and bids fair to swim in the Big Ten meet. Wagner daily "puts the shot," and we look for him to do big things in the spring meets. Tompson represents us on the wrestling team, where he is sure to be point winner for Ames.

The Iowa championship basket-ball game was a hard-fought battle between Ames and her ancient enemy, Iowa City, on the evening of March 1st. During the first part of the game Ames seemed assured of an easy victory, but Iowa, by consistent playing, finally drew into the lead, taking the game by a score of 22 to 20.

On March 23d the musical comedy, "A Student for a Day," is to be given in Ames. The entire manuscript of the play, words and music, was written by an Ames student, and the cast is selected from the student body. Rehmann takes a leading part, and Sutcliff has a place in the chorus.

The three big social functions at Ames for the rest of the year are the Engineers' Ball, March 16th; the Panhellenic Dance, April 6th; and the Military Ball, April 13th. Of these three, the Military Ball is the most brilliant, as it is the only formal dance to be given this semester. However, the expense on all three is to be cut to a minimum, and the proceeds donated to various worthy causes.

In closing, Alpha-Phi sends greetings to all Pi's, and extends a hearty invitation to visitors.

R. F. SNYDER.

ALPHA-CHI

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Some apprehension was expressed in our January letter to The Shield and Diamond as to our ability to complete this college year. However, since that time, conditions have improved steadily, and now no doubt exists in our minds but that the Syracuse Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha will continue safely. Apparently the men that were determined to enter the service immediately have done so, and the remaining brothers have deemed it advisable to finish their studies before taking the same step.

Coach Ten Eyck's crew men are working daily in the rowing tank, preparing for the Intercollegiate Rowing Regatta of May 25th, on the Severen River at Annapolis. Both Freshman and varsity crews will represent Syracuse in this Regatta. Several universities and colleges have stated that their crews will be of an "informal" nature, but Coach Ten Eyck wants it distinctly understood that no "informal" crews will represent Syracuse. They will be his regular Freshman and Varsity crews, and no excuse will be advanced in the event of their defeat. [Fine spirit.—Ed.]

Founder's day was observed on Saturday, the second of March. The whole active chapter was present, all the city alumni, as well as several out-of-town Pi's, including men in the army. Brother Morse, of Watertown, presided as toast-master, and a number of the boys made short speeches. At tenthirty a short minstrel show was staged by some of the brothers.

Easter vacation at Syracuse University will be eliminated this year, and college will close three weeks earlier than is usual. This will give the students a longer summer recess, and if any desire to work on farms, it will not be necessary to curtail their college work to do so.

Alpha-Chi extends to sister chapters her best wishes for a successful spring season.

B. L. HAGBERG.

ALPHA-PSI

RUTGERS COLLEGE

Alpha-Psi takes great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large a new wearer of The Shield and Diamond:

Ronald Barrett Kirk, of Nutley, N. J. We wish also to announce the pledging of the following men:

Charles Messer, of Nutley, N. J. M. George Maybeck, of Park Ridge, N. J. Melvin Hill, of Rockville Center, N. Y.

With the coming of spring the outdoor sports of baseball and track are again in full swing. On the basball squad we are represented by Perry and "Bill" Briwa. Both are working with the old "pep," which will bring results. MacDonald, as captain



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of the track team, is rounding up his men with great celerity. He has already found excellent material in Perry and Kirk.

During the past week in the try-outs for the annual play given by the Queens Players, Pettengill drew a leading part. Messer, likewise, was successful, and gets a prominent part. Recently Alpha-Psi has published the Alpha-Psi Chronicle. It seems to have been greatly enjoyed by our alumni. All are looking forward to the next issue.

An informal dance for the active members was held March 15th. The hosts enjoyed it thoroughly—we hope our guests did, too.

Miller, called into agricultural service for the State, is guaranteed his degree. He has begun to organize high school farm labor. With such a great task before him, Alpha-Psi wishes him only the best of success.

In recent months we have been honored by visits from Brother Park, of Alpha-Epsilon, and Brother Pope, of Beta-Theta. We certainly were glad to meet these men, and extend to any Pi's who come our way a cordial invitation to make themselves at home with Alpha-Psi.

ALPHA-OMEGA

Kansas State Agricultural College

Alpha-Omega takes great pleasure in introducing the following new brothers:

Merton L. Otto, Riley, Kan.

Coleman W. McCampbell, 401 N. Broadway, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Claire A. Downing, 618 S. Market St., Wichita, Kan.

George W. Dehn, 630 Brooks Ave., Topeka, Kan.

G. Lowell Kelley, White Cloud, Kan.

John W. VanVliet, 1729 Fairchild Ave., Manhattan, Kan.

These men are doing very creditable work for the fraternity. Nor do they limit their energy to the fraternity alone, but are also very active in campus endeavors. Each of them belongs to some class organization.

Brothers Vawter and Libby enlisted in the Veterinary Medical Reserve early this spring, and are still in college. We hope that they will be able to stay with us until the end of this semester, at which time they will receive their degrees in D. V. M.

Brother Herbert Helmkamp, Senior in the division of milling engineering, enlisted in the Engineers' Reserve this spring, and is now taking work in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps in order that he may be efficient along military lines.

This week is the annual Festival week on the Hill, and it is a season approximating perpetual motion. The brothers apply themselves to hard, diligent study during the day, and then at night—well, they may be seen escorting their favorite "dates" up to the college. Brother Knapp is the musical "big man" this year, his vocal and instrumental ability being exceptional. Downing and Gfeller shine in the orchestra pit.

Merton E. Dull is captain of the chapter baseball team, and has already begun getting his charges into shape. "Chi" has good material in such men as Libby, Otto, Dehn, Helmkamp, Matti, Howard, and others. The team will not lack support. When the game is called, the bleachers will be occupied by loyal supporters with lusty lungs. Joss will probably perform as yell leader, and those who know him are sure that "Shorty" will make a noise of some kind all the time.

There will be no varsity baseball this spring, so we will have to rely on the interfraternity series for our athletic amusement.

Frank Hoath, of Anthony, Kan., returned to college for the spring semester. We are certainly glad to have Frank with us again, and so is—well, ours is not the only interest manifest in his return.

Sidney Vandenberg, '16, visited the chapter last week. "Sid" is a First Lieutenant in the Marines, and is on his way to California. He had many interesting tales to tell us about his trip to the South Sea Islands, and of the hulu dancers he saw.

Lyndell Porter Whitehead, '16, is still working on his Master's Degree in entomology. "Whitey" has high ambitions, and we are sure that he will more than realize them.

Alpha-Omega purchased a service flag this spring. It now has twenty-eight stars, in honor of the men of this chapter who have gone forth in answer to the call of their country.

On March 3d, Alpha-Omega observed Founder's Day with a banquet. Elsewhere in these pages appears a partial write-up of the event as it appeared in the Topeka papers.

May 28th is the date set for our annual spring dance, and we are looking forward with much pleasure to that event.

Alpha-Omega sends greetings to all sister chapters.

RALPH D. NIXON.

BETA-ALPHA

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE

One of the interesting events of the year was a "Get-together" Campaign, which took place in February. This affair lasted for three days. Its object was to create a spirit of acquaintance-ship and fellowship among the students. As a result of the campaign, we all feel that we have made many new and lasting friendships, and that, as a student body, we are bound more closely together with a new feeling that we are all one in our "own little college world."

Our basket-ball team has had a very successful season, losing but one game, and that to Syracuse University on their floor. Among our opponents can be enumerated University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Tech, Lehigh, Colgate, West Virginia, Carlisle, and Juniata. We are glad to report that Mearkle has participated in many of these games, and also that Korb is one of the mainstays of the undefeated Freshman team.

We can report that our wrestling team has thus far been even more successful than our quint. We have to date won every meet, and are confident that we shall finish the season with a clean record. The teams that we have met and defeated this year are Cornell, Navy, and Lehigh. Our team has one more meet with Cornell and the intercollegiate meet at Columbia in two weeks, in both of which events we hope to make a good showing.

We are now in the midst of an epidemic of mumps and measles. Three of our men are victims, but they are not seriously ill, and we hope soon to have them back with us in the chapter house.

Since our last letter we have received five new pledges. We believe that they will be an excellent addition to the present members of Beta-Alpha.

The 23d of April closes the school year here at Penn State, and we feel confident that Pi Kappa Alpha will rank with the best of the fraternities of this institution. We have had a very successful year, and we have added to our chapter many new men, upon whom we are depending for great things in the future.

We extend to our sister chapters our best wishes for the remainder of this school year, and for a profitable summer. We will have left college when the next letter reaches you.

JOHN C. FLUKE.

BETA-BETA

University of Washington

Beta-Beta is glad to announce the following brothers: Robert Hendricks, Gresham, Ore. Cecil Jamieson, Lynden, Wash. Charles Simonson, Stanwood, Wash.

And as pledges: Stanley Marks, Lynden, Wash. Frederick Renner, Wenatchee, Wash.

The sounds of baseball, tennis, track, crew, soccer, canoeing, and "fussing" resound on all sides. The last two are generally combined to form one of the major sports.

Intramural athletics on an extensive scale have been started this spring. The idea behind the movement is to have every man in the university engage in some form of athletics. Heretofore only a very small per cent of the students engaged in any activity. Interclass, intercompany, interclub, interfraternity, and intersorority sports of all kinds have been adopted, and are being pushed by a board of managers who work under the physical director. Varsity crew and baseball have been dropped because of the war and scarcity of material. None of last year's victorious crew "turned out," and but few varsity baseball men are in school.

We have already picked the corner of the den where the interfraternity pennant will hang. All that remains is to capture it. With the host of excellent material we have to back up one of the best batteries on the campus, and our hopes are exceedingly bright.

I am not capable of describing our Semi-Centennial Founder's Day Banquet as it should be done, so I will merely give the facts. As there were so many loval Pi's in our near vicinity who were eager to attend but could not do so on March 1st because it was on Friday, we postponed the banquet till Saturday, March 2d. It was held at the Hotel Washington Annex at 6 The table was beautifully decorated in red carnations and yellow daffodils to represent the Garnet and Gold. delightful courses were served. Warren Hardy presided as toastmaster, and responses were made by Daniel Ortell, S. M. C., of our chapter; Lieut. John Ruddock, of Alpha-Sigma; Louis Elkins, Psi; Lieut. Everett Gray, of Alpha-Sigma; Ehira Pierce and Walter Schlack. Brother Hardy told of the founding and work of the Beta-Beta Alumni Association and the bright and glorious future it promises us. The festivities were opened by singing the "Garnet and Gold," and the "Parting Song" started the crown on an evening of theater and other parties.

Some enviable honor rolls were given in the last Shield and Diamond, and we want to congratulate the chapters on them. Although Beta-Beta has not as large a roll as some of the older chapters, we are proud of our service flag, which now holds thirty-four stars. Our entire roll is seventy men. Our last brother to enlist was J. Gordon Pritchard, on March 12th. He enlisted in the Medical Corps, and was sent immediately to Fort Riley, Kan.

The University of Washington has just experienced a great loss in the death of Doctor Carleton Parker, Dean of the School of Business Administration and head of the Department of Commerce. Doctor Parker was one of the most recent additions to the faculty, having only assumed his duties here last July. Yet in these few months he won enviable recognition among the most important and popular men on the faculty. Doctor Parker was a member of the labor adjustment board,

and acted as mediator in twenty-six strikes during his brief residence in Washington. His death was due to dilation of the heart. The passing of Dr. Parker is felt as keenly at the University of California as here, for he came to us from Berkeley.

Spring vacation starts March 26th, and the social committee has promised us a house-dance that night.

Beta-Beta has held exchange dinners with Theta Delta Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa-Sigma, and Phi Delta Theta since the last chapter letter. These dinners are given weekly under the auspices of Tyes Tyon. Cedric Nesbitt has been recently elected to membership therein. While speaking of dinners, I must not forget to mention dinners that the chapter holds every two weeks in honor of the alumni and the brothers at the camps and forts.

Philip Martin, our member on the Varsity Debate, went to Walla Walla last week, and helped win for Washington the unanimous decision of the judges, but when he came back the boys smoked cigars.

The house managers of all fraternities on the campus have organized an association. The purpose of this association is to promote coöperative buying, maintain an employment bureau, discuss and act upon topics of mutual benefit and coöperation. The result is that the kitchen is locked after dinner, and the old fire-escape parade has been relegated to the museums of history.

In honor of Dean Haggett, of the College of Liberal Arts, who died last summer, the students of the university presented Aristophanes' "THE FROGS," the proceeds of which went to his memorial fund, which has been recently established. Dan Oertel played the part of Charon and Scablius, while Bill Morgan helped to boss the juggling of the scenery.

We have recently enjoyed visits from Lieut. Everett Gray and Capt. John Ruddock, both of Alpha-Sigma.

Beta-Beta sends best wishes to all.

CEDRIC NESBITT.

BETA-GAMMA

University of Kansas

Beta-Gamma wishes to introduce to the fraternity at large the following initiates:

Dean Kimmel, Robinson, Kan.
Carl S. Newman, Dighton, Kan.
Marc H. Lowrance, Thayer, Kan.
Raymond W. Ferguson, Topeka, Kan.
Byron E. Collins, Kansas City, Mo.
G. Roeder Wild, Kansas City, Mo.
Robert F. Binney, Strawn, Texas,
Hugh H. Keckley, Agra, Kan.
Walter W. Salisbury, Osawatomie, Kan.
Howard L. Miller, Chanute, Kan.
Raymond R. McGee, Centerville, Kan.

Thirty-five stars are now in the service flag, five alumni having enlisted since the writing of the last letter. The chapter may well feel proud of her men in the service—thirty-five men from a total membership of eighty-seven.

Several changes were made between semesters by men leaving and returning to school. "Dutch" Kimmel and "Squire" Glenn both left for their homes in Robinson. Dutch is helping with his father's business, and Squire intends to leave soon to attend an embalming school in Cincinnati, Ohio. Glenn Ayers has withdrawn from the university, and is attending the business college downtown. Raymond McGee left us soon after the beginning of the second semester to await an early call in the draft. Those returning were Olie Farris and Dutch Schoenfeldt. Olie expects to complete his pharmacy course, and Dutch is working on his degree from the Engineering School. He will remain in school until called for service in the Navy.

Following our annual custom the chapter is entertaining the Iola High School basket-ball team, who are contenders for the championship, which is being decided at the State tournament. There are eight players and as many rooters who are staying with us.



CAPT SPRINKLE



ISTLIEUT. CHAS.D.SEWARD



BETA GAMMA HOUSE

The basket-ball season ended with Kansas occupying the third rung on the Missouri Valley championship ladder. Mathews, at center, and Miller, at forward, played regularly for Kansas, and both will receive their letters. Keckley will probably receive a Freshman numeral, but these numerals have not been granted yet. He is now out vaulting and high jumping in Freshman track. Hunt is trying out for the varsity in the mile. Schoenfeldt will be an aspirant for his old position at second base in baseball.

Captain Lester A. Sprinkle, of the 8th U. S. Cavalry, recently honored the chapter with a visit. Sprink took advantage of his first leave in two years, and, on March 11th, was married to Miss Beulah Bartleson, of Topeka, Kan. Later, both Captain and Mrs. Sprinkle were guests of the chapter. The best wishes of the chapter are theirs. At the end of his furlough, they left us for his post in Texas.

Socially, we have been "Hooverizing," but on March 9th the chapter gave a dance in Ecke's Hall. Alumni guests were Capt. Lester A. Sprinkle, Elmer Bates, Lieut. Ayers McKinney, Abner Willson, Robert Reed, Francis Saile, Earl Metcalf. Our next dance will be on April 12th.

Other men, recently guests of the chapter, were: Lieut. Chas. F. Sewart, Lieut. Robert Hemphill, Vernon Moore, Clyde Caudill, Lance Hill, Harry Jenkins, Joe J. Pratt, Howard Welch, Donald Flagg, Howard Ritchey.

HONIE HUNT.

BETA-DELTA

University of New Mexico

We wish to announce the pledging and initiation of Clair A. Fetzer, of Albuquerque, N. Mex. He is a Junior in school, taking the Civil Engineering course, and we who have known him through the past two years are assured that he is a man who will mean much to the fraternity. He has done a large part of the surveying for the recent improvements on the campus,



Beta-Delta "Chapter House"—University of New Mexico Unique in Chapter House architecture, this estufa is modeled after a khiva, or secret meeting place of Indian tribes. Entrance is gained through the top.

and his high scholastic standing and general industriousness insure his success in the profession he has chosen.

The chapter is working on a little "sheet," which is to be sent to sister chapters and all men in the service. The idea is to combine truth, fiction, sense, and nonsense, to serve what purpose it may.

Brother J. N. VanDevanter, of Beta Chapter, Class of 1915, has been secured by the university as Athletic Director for the remainder of the term. He is an unusually fine fellow, and we are glad to make him welcome among us.

The third annual banquet of Beta-Delta Chapter, celebrating this year the fiftieth year of the fraternity, was given on the evening of March 1st at the Y. M. C. A. building. Although the attendance was necessarily smaller than usual, fellowship, good spirit, and patriotism were by no means lacking. Covers were laid for twenty Pi's, and our service flag hung at the head of the table reminded us of those who might have been present, but of whom, because of their absence, we are infinitely more proud. At eight o'clock the feast was begun, and at the end of the meal the following toasts were given, with Ernest Hammond, S. M. C., as toastmaster: "A Review of the Past Year," by Donovan Richardson; "A Toast to Pi Kappa Alpha," by Joe McCanna; and "Patriotism of the Fraternity," by Leo Murphy. Afterwards different members were called upon for informal speeches, and the evening was closed by singing fraternity and college songs.

We have received several letters from members of the chapter who are now in France, among them being Nelson Newman, Walter Parkhurst, Chet Lee, Thoralf Sundt, and Floyd Lee. Chet Lee sent a French helmet back to his family, which has been a general object of interest on the campus since it was brought up by his cousin, Lloyd Kellam.

The chapter is proud of its financial report, for under the efficient management of Boldt the office of Th. C. has been well conducted.

Since the last report two more of our number have joined the colors: George White, in the Navy Aviation at San Diego, Cal.,

and Fred Luthy, who is now at the remount depot, Camp Cody. This brings the number of stars in our flag to thirty-two, out of a total chapter membership of seventy-one.

The fraternity continues to be well represented in all school activities. Allen Williams was on the debating team that met the State Agricultural College March 9th, and several of our number expect to "try out" for the team, which will meet the University of Arizona in May.

Two Pi sisters are members of the local Alpha-Gamma sorority, which was recently admitted to national Kappa Kappa Gamma. We understand the installation will take place early in April.

The university will entertain delegates from the high schools in the State at the annual Track Meet and Oratorical Contest, which will be held May 10th and 11th. This event attracts much interest, and does much to bring the university into closer touch with the young people throughout the State.

ALLEN WILLIAMS.

BETA-EPSILON

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

Since the last issue of The Shield and Diamond, Beta-Epsilon has initiated the following men:

William Dorsey, Cleveland, Ohio. Lloyd Fife, Lisbon, Ohio. Lionel E. Glass, Cleveland, Ohio. Lyon Richardson, Andover, Ohio. Karl Warmeling, Cleveland, Ohio.

They are all Freshmen, and are rapidly becoming potent factors in the chapter. Already they realize that the Class of 1821 will be the nucleus around which the fraternity is to be built and managed next year.

Grades for the first semester of 1917-18 were recently announced, and Pi Kappa Alpha stood fourth among the ten fraternities at Western Reserve.

Spring athletics has centered around an interfraternity indoor track meet. With the events half completed, we hold fourth place. This kind of a contest is new at Reserve, but the success so far attending it has created much interest and enthusiasm. Hills captured second place in three events, namely, springboard, high jump, chinning, and pole vault. Hallock came out first in the bar vault, while Baldwin took second honors in the broad jump. Beta-Epsilon is proud of her showing, and is striving to improve it still further.

Hoffman has been appointed chairman of the Spring Day committee, and promises us a delightful time at this school function of the year.

Socially, Pi Kappa Alpha has been active. We were well represented at the Junior Prom and the Home Concert, which are the two greatest events of the year. Five of the boys also "did their best" toward making the concert a success. Hallock and Pledge Howarth have places in the Glee Club; Baldwin and Hills are in both the Glee Club and the Mandolin Club. Scott won hearty applause because of his work as monologist and for his handling the leading part in a short skit presented by the quartet. Don Knowlton, well-known composer of Cleveland, and an alumnus of Beta-Epsilon, composed the skit.

Alumni of Beta-Epsilon have been taking definite steps to effect an organization. A record is being made of the address and occupation of each man. This is done with difficulty, since ninety per cent of the alumni are in the service. But meetings have been held, and a sound organization will be established as soon as possible.

We were recently favored with visits from most of our boys who are in training at the various military camps. Among them were C. E. Kyle, W. D. Hoskin, F. T. Hovorka, E. B. Pierce, Dale Brown, G. D. Finnie, and R. H. Deibler. J. C. Sloan, who is teaching French at Howe Military School, was also with us for a short while.

C. H. Gurney left us to fight for Uncle Sam. He is in training for commission in the Naval Reserves.

R. E. DOUGLAS.

BETA-ZETA

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Beta-Zeta's service flag now has fourteen stars. Two of our most popular brothers have recently joined the colors: Emmett S. Johnson and I. K. Stephens. The service flag is the gift of Mrs. Dixon, matron of our fraternity home, and mother of one of our men. We were deeply grateful for it, and it flies each day in honor of those who have entered the service.

S. M. U.'s basket-ball season ended with a rush, the rush being our second defeat of Baylor to the tune of 30 to 5. All in all, the season was a success. We won easily a large number of our games, and split even with Rice's quintet, "doped" by sport writers as the champions of the South. Clyde Roddy, of Beta-Zeta, was one of the best of our five, and time after time saved our chances by his efficient guarding. After the Baylor game he was elected captain for next season.

Our baseball prospects are as bright as our basket-ball season was successful. Hamilton Patterson, coach of the champion Dallas team of the Texas League last season, has been secured by the university as coach, and is putting the squad through stiff practice every day. Our schedule is heavy, and we have games with all the principal college teams of the State. Among Beta-Zeta's men who are showing up well are Virgil Ford, last year's star left-hander; J. L. Wrenn, Jr., in the outfield; and Joe Mickle, in the box. Roy Pate is manager of the team.

We have recently been much pleased by a number of visits from Lieut. Cunnius, of the Aviation Corps, stationed at Hicks Field, Forth Worth. He is from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J. Within a few weeks he goes to France. Our good wishes follow him, for we have found him a gentleman and brother loyal.

Roy Brittain, on a month's sick leave from the Great Lakes Naval Training School, will make us a visit next week. Knight Roddy and Warren E. Gibbs, likewise, have been seriously ill at that place with spinal meningitis, but are now greatly improved.

The Arden Club presented three plays during the last few weeks. In the first, a comedy, "Her Husband's Wife," Brother McHenry Lemmon was the poor unfortunate husband, and he did splendidly. The other two plays were presented a few nights ago; one a short comedy, entitled "I'm Going," and the other, "The Will," a serious problem play by Thomas Barrie. In the last-named play, Dick Dixon, president of the club, furnished the fun as the young lawyer, Robert Devises, on his first case. All three plays were exceptionally well rendered.

I. K. Stephens has been initiated into the Tau Kappa Alpha Fraternity, a forensic fraternity.

The Glee Club is soon to take a ten-day trip to a dozen towns in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. April the eleventh is set as the date for the trip to begin. Five of Beta-Zeta's men will make the trip: White, Pugsley, Fisher, Roddy, and Thomas.

We greet with best wishes our sister chapters.

GEO. F. THOMAS.

BETA-ETA

University of Illinois

With the beginning of the second semester, Beta-Eta was very unfortunate in losing four men who failed to return for this semester, two of them withdrawing for service, and two expecting their call soon. While it was hard to see these men leave, we were glad to find our chapter responding to the country's call.

She takes pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large three new pledges:

H. E. Meyer, Havana, Ill.

E. D. Hackman, Havana, Ill.

J. M. Nelson, Chicago, Ill.

These men are Pi timber, and we are sure they will all uphold the honor of Pi Kappa Alpha.

At present all the "literary talent" is hard at work preparing the "Beta-Eta News," a publication we intend issuing this year for the benefit of the men in the service and for the alumni. We expect to have the first issue complete and ready for mailing by March 15th.

Nelson and Henderson won places on the Freshman varsity basket-ball team, and will be strong contenders for positions on the varsity next year. Melin is making good on the track team, running the mile and cross-country race. We expect him to take honors this spring and win an "I." Hackman and Henderson are applicants for the Freshman varsity baeball team, though as yet nothing much can be determined. Illinois' prospects look very favorable for another championship baseball team this spring. Beta-Eta also expects to have a good team. The few spring days we have had have brought out the old balls and gloves, and the fellows are "getting into form."

Beta-Eta's spring dance will be given April 5th, at the Country Club. It will be followed the next evening by a dinner and informal dance at the chapter house.

We were glad to receive a visit from Brother Robertson, '06, of Alpha-Delta, two weeks ago. He is attending the School of Aeronautics here, and we expect him to visit us often. We like to entertain visiting Pi's. All are urged to keep that in mind and give us joy. As we read in the letter from another chapter in the last Shield and Diamond, "the welcome sign hangs always out." Greetings to our sister chapters!

FORD MANTZ.

BETA-THETA

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

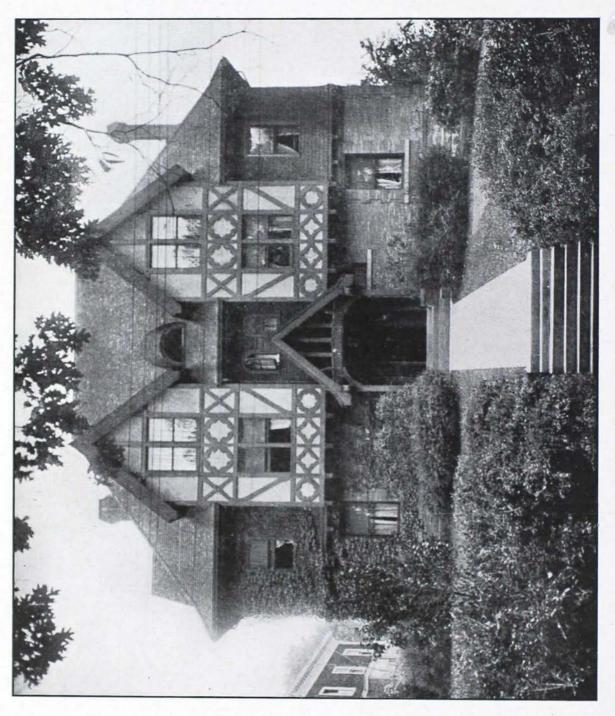
With final examinations now only a memory, and with half the distance to the next set covered, we have ceased to congratulate ourselves on the fact that not one of the brothers "busted" this term. We have, however, lost Brother Collins, who, with the rest of the M. E. Seniors, is getting credit for his degree in a shipyard at Wilmington, Del. This reduces our chapter roll to seventeen men, but initiation, which will be held the 24th of the month, will bring the number up slightly.

The week-end of the 16th of February we held a house-party, which we considered very successful from our viewpoint. The chaperons were Brother Dargue's mother, Mrs. Carver, and Mrs. Pierce, the wives of our two faculty brothers. Two dances were held, a "closed one" Friday night, and an "open one" Saturday night. In a bevy of seventeen girls, it was not difficult to keep things in motion. We were looking for some of the alumni to help us make it a success, but in that we were doomed to disappointment. The only bad part of the party was the difficulty of settling down after it was all over.

"Turk" Dresser and "K" Mayer have been keeping the name of Pi Kappa Alpha before the public by their track work. Both were members of the two-mile relay which "cleaned up" at the Johns Hopkins meet three weeks ago against Pennsylvania. Turk also won the mile race in his usual style. Last week "K" got out of the infirmary to run in the mile relay at the Meadow-brook meet, and, though the team ran a very good race, they were beaten by Pennsylvania.

Brother Whiteside, of Alpha-Chi, who has completed his eight weeks' course in the Cornell Aviation School, has decided to accept a position as instructor in the school. We are glad that we are going to be able to see more of him.

H. S. Perry.



BETA-IOTA

BELOIT COLLEGE

As the spring recess draws near, Beta-Iota finds that it is on its feet again, and will be able to stay there the rest of the semester at least.

Since the last letter two members of our active chapter have left us. Stillman Wright, '20, has enlisted in the navy, and is stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Leslie Bean, '20, also withdrew from school, intending to enlist in the spring. Pliny Porter, ex-'19, has enlisted in the army, and is at present in Chicago. Another alumnus, W. E. Gifillan, is in the Aviation School at Berkeley, Cal.

The enlistment of these men makes a total of thirty stars in our service flag, which is a very fine record. We have heard from several men who have recently arrived "over there."

Beta-Iota observed the fiftieth anniversary of Founder's Day on March 15th with an appropriate program. Fourteen Pi-Kaps and three pledges were present.

We wish to announce the pledging of the following men:

Edward Steinhoff, 1906 Kedzie Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Alfred Joy, Endeavor, Wis.

Clyde Chapel, South Beloit, Wis.

Cecil Wise, Rockton, Ill.

There are seven men living at the house now, and it has been deemed advisable to do away with board at the house until more favorable conditions arise.

The third issue of the monthly chapter letter, *The Bond*, has just been sent out. *The Bond* has proven to be quite a successful venture, and we recommend that other chapters try some such publication to secure and maintain alumni support.

As I write this a robin just outside the window is sending forth its spring message, "Cheer-up, Cheer-up," and I pass it on to all the chapters as a thought to encourage them in these trying days.

You are always welcome at Beta-Iota's home.

CLARENCE BUCK.



BETA-IOTA CHAPTER HOUSE—Beloit College, Wisconsin



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ALPHA

J. Addison Ingle, '17, has been assigned to the 201st Aero Squadron, and is now in active service in France.

T. H. Willcox, LL. B., '09, has been promoted from a second lieutenancy to the rank of first lieutenant in the new National Army.

W. I. Craig, '17, is now with the 42d Base Hospital Unit, in training at camp preparatory to "going across."

Lieut. W. D. Smith, '15, of the 319th Infantry, tells us that he is looking for sailing orders at any moment, and is quite impatient his tactical genius to demonstrate at the expense of the Huns.

W. P. Sterne, '17, in the Naval Reserve, is at present located at Norfolk, Va., as a stoker on the good ship *Maggie*.

Hugh Leach, '17, has been accepted for the aviation service, but has not yet begun his training.

- J. M. Howard, M. D., '15, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Navy as a surgeon.
- J. R. Shepherd, of Omicron and Alpha, is the captain of Co. C, 1st Virginia Infantry.
- J. T. McAllister, ex-Grand Secretary, etc., is Director of Bath County, Virginia, for the National War Savings Committee for Virginia. In addition to this he is Chairman of the Third Liberty Loan, and one of the four-minute speakers for the Food Division of the Government's work.

BETA

News concerning our alumni at this time largely centers in their activity in the army. All these items can not be vouched for, but are correct to the best of our information.

- W. E. Mattison, '17, has been promoted to a first lieutenancy at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., and is attached to a machine-gun company. Bill writes that his "dark boys" are doing splendidly.
- J. P. McNeill, Jr., '17, who attended the first R. O. T. C. at Fort Oglethorpe, and spent the entire time with the exception of two weeks in the 'lospital with typhoid fever, just before Christmas obtained a position in the Field Service of the Annex forces with the rank of a second lieutenant. Writing from France recently, Jim says that he is pleasantly located and well pleased with his work.

Lieutenants M. R. Adams, '16, and G. S. McMillan, '18, are located at Camp Pike, Ark. They write that they are doing well, but are lonesome for "Pikers."

Lieutenants J. E. Johnstone, '14, and John A. Scott, Jr., '11, Annex Forces, France, write that after attending an artillery school of instruction they were transferred to the "heavies." Brother Scott, writing February 17th, states that he is on the front. We have indications that Ed is also on the firing line. "Over the top with the best of luck."

R. R. Horner, '19, who was transferred to Tau at the first of the session, writes that he is leaving college to join the radio department in the Navy.

Tom Hill, '16, a sergeant in the 113th Field Artillery, Battery F, stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., has been sent to France as a special chemist.

Frank A. Hill, '14, enlisted in the U. S. Navy, at New York, recently.

D. E. Brown, '13, ranks as sergeant in the Camp Quartermaster Department at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. The following items, not so military, are, nevertheless, interesting:

J. F. George, '19, Unit O, Hospital Corps, was married on January the twenty-third to Miss Lydia McCully, of Anderson, S. C. The wedding took place in Atlanta, Ga., where Jack's unit was stationed. Mrs. George is now with Jack's parents in Fort Worth, Texas.

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Rev. L. R. Scott to Miss Margaret N. Anderson, of Savannah, Ga. The wedding will take place in the latter part of April. We had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Anderson two years ago, and wish to congratulate Brother Scott very heartily.

GAMMA

F. B. Tolson is Teller for the First National Bank, Richmond, Va.

Lieut. Hugh C. Parker, of 320th Infantry, is at Camp Lee, Va.

James W. Stephens, in Government Service, is at 127 33d St., Newport News, Va.

Roy D. Ellis is at the same place.

L. A. Brittingham, Aviation, may be found at Boulevard, Newport News, Va.

A. D. Parker has matriculated in the Medical Department, Columbia University.

W. S. Brent presides over the Physics Department, Chuckatuck High School, Chuckatuck, Va.

F. F. Jenkins is with the Naval Reserve, Newport News, Va.

TAU

Since our last letter, Tau's roll of active brothers has been shortened by one member, and, as a result, one more name has been added to our list of alumni.

Robt. R. Horner, '19, left, the university after the mid-year examinations, and is now helping build the "road to France" at the Newport News Shipbuilding Co., Newport News, Va.

William C. Coughenour, '08, who has been a successful lawyer in Salisbury, N. C., since his graduation, has joined the Navy. His present address is not known.

Chas C. Flagler, '11, until recently a practicing physician in East Stroudsbury, Pa., is now a first lieutenant in the army, and is at present stationed at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga.

Robert L. Hunter, '11, is at the U. S. Naval Training Station for meteorological training at Pelham Bay Park, New York, N. Y.

B. G. Cowper, '11, is a lieutenant in the National Army, and for the present is stationed at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

John H. Bushall, '10, who has been the most active alumnus of this chapter in recent years, is a lieutenant in the National Army, stationed at Camp Beauregard, La.

Lacy L. Shamburger, '13, has received his commission as a lieutenant in the National Guard, and is with the 119th Regiment at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

Ray S. Toxey, '17, is engaged in the wholesale grocery business with his father in Elizabeth City, N. C.

Psi

Psi is still sending men into the service, while those already enlisted are receiving promotions.

The following list names those who have recently entered, and gives their promotions:

- P. J. Horton, '03, has been advanced to the rank of major, and is stationed at Fort Andrews, Mass.
- H. G. Hueie, '14, who is stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant.

Dick Pullin, after being in the service two weeks, was made a sergeant, and will go to the next training camp.

- W. A. Clark has joined the Medical Corps, with rank of captain.
- H. E. Wright has received a captain's commission, and is inspector of ammunition.
- M. P. Frazier is a captain, while T. E. Miller is a second lieutenant.
- R. W. Harris is a first lieutenant, and R. G. Nettles is a sergeant.

OMEGA

Milton Snyder was married to Miss Anna Laura Wilson, of Lexington, in February. They are now at home, on Richmond Pike, Lexington, Ky.

M. W. Lane has been in town several weeks recovering from an operation for tonsilitis, but is almost entirely restored. He was at work in Youngstown, Ohio, when his illness forced him to come back to Lexington and take the rest cure. He left March 1st with Hospital Unit No. 40, which has been called into active service.

Omega was visited during the week-end of February 24th by District Chief Fred Lotter and Brother H. P. Talcott, of Alpha-Xi Chapter. They came Friday and stayed over for the dance.

Lieut. Nelson W. Fant was in town for the dance. He is stationed at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky.

Capt. William Collins, also of Camp Taylor, was in Lexington last week.

Leslie L. Guyn has been visiting in Lexington since the first of the year. He has been running a large farm in Canada, and leaves soon to go back to his work.

Buford Williams, who was formerly in Hospital Unit No. 40, was released, and has joined the Naval Aviation Corps. He left February 20th for Norfolk, Va., for training.

Paul Hite, of the Naval Reserve Aviation Corps, who has been working in the airplane factory at Dayton, Ohio, received his call on March 1st for further training at Boston Institute of Technology.

Leving P. Young, formerly mine foreman for the Wallins Creek Coal Co. at Wallins Creek, Ky., went with Hospital Unit No. 40.

Edwin Burnley is in Akron, Ohio. He has passed his examinations for the Aviation Corps, and is awaiting his call.

K. R. Nisbet, who is at the Aviation School at Georgia Institute of Technology, will be in our midst next week.

ALPHA-XI

Graduation this year will make alumni brothers of Harold P. Talcott and John Greig Walker. "Bill" has worked to great advantage for Alpha-Xi in university activities, and has developed for himself a personality that is to be admired. Greig, likewise, has acquitted himself well in his obligations to the fraternity. The five years of technical training both these men have had is ample evidence of their diligence in applying themselves to the Principles of Engineering. Automatically, on graduation, they become enrolled in regular service in the technical pursuits for which their studies have fitted them.

The academic recognition of the work of Brother Reginald C. McGrane, Ph. D., of the History Department of the university, is received with extreme pride. The appearance, through the Houghton Mifflin Co., of his book on President Andrew Jackson's "War" against the National Bank will mark a worthy addition to the annals of American Political History. Dr. McGrane spent the past summer in the East with the family of Nicholas Biddle, the president of the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Branch, or the so-called "Mother Bank" of the National Banking System in the early thirties. The issues involved in the dissolution of the national banking system during the Jacksonian Period are tremendously significant in the light of the development of the principle of democracy in American national government. For this summer Dr. McGrane has been engaged to give his American History courses at the University

of Wyoming during a short session of six weeks. The remainder of the summer will be devoted to accumulating material in the East for his projected biography of Nicholas Biddle, and in the fall his regular duties at the university will be resumed.

March 16, 1918, Helen Elizabeth Harvuot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Harvuot, of Cincinnati, was married to Fay A. Norton. The young couple will reside at Milwaukee, Wis., where Fay, since graduation in June, 1916, has been connected with the Cutler Hammer Company.

The phenomenal rise of Herbert C. Koch to a top sergeant in four weeks at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, itself is evidence of determined effort. Robert M. Schell has been granted a commission in the Medical Division of the local unit in this city. Carleton E. Davison, Thomas W. Denham, Cherrington L. Fisher, Morton B. Shepard, and Alfred W. Wenzel have visited the chapter house during the short furloughs that have been granted them.

ALPHA-TAU

It is a difficult matter to write an alumni letter at the present time, since so many of our men are in the various branches of the service, with their addresses constantly being changed; most of them, however, have been very prompt in letting the chapter know their whereabouts and what they are doing.

Adolph Shaphsky, a member of the Sophomore Class of last year, passed through Salt Lake City en route from his home Berkeley, Cal., to Fort Omaha, Neb., to attend the ground school, balloon division, signal corps of the army, in which he was enlisted several months ago. "Jake" was always the live wire at the house, and an "A" student at school. We are all fully satisfied that he will be soaring high as a U. S. observer in the near future. Jake is typical of the men that have left our chapter to enter the service, and we take great pleasure in announcing that out of the one hundred and one men who have been initiated into Alpha-Tau Chapter since April, 1912, forty

of them have answered the call of the colors. Judging from the letters received from them, they are all rising in their branches, as all real Pi-Kappas do in any branch, wheresoever it may be.

Our alumni, headed by Art Rynearson, have been working diligently for the last year for the purpose of raising a fund sufficiently large to build a chapter house. It seems as though our house shot up two stories when P. K. Goddard, brick of Alpha-Tau, started the financial ball rolling at a banquet held February 28, 1918, by making a check for fifty dollars, payable to the fraternity March 1, 1918. Fourteen of the other brothers, both active and alumni, annexed their names to the honor roll by falling in line with "P. K." in making their checks for the same amount, payable in the near future. May that long-coveted house soon be erected is the sincere wish of every member of Alpha-Tau.

ALPHA-UPSILON

New York University has been fortunate in securing the services as chaplain of Lyman R. Hartley, '11. Brother Hartley has recently announced his engagement to Miss Sidell, of New York.

Announcements of their engagements have been received from John D. Ehrgott, '17; Charles O. Miller, '18; Herman W. Zuege, '18; and Louis Wangerin, '15.

Cephas Brainerd IV, '14, is assistant secretary of the R. R. Y. M. C. A. at Dupo, Ill.

Since the last issue the following have entered the service:

William H. Webb, Aviation Ground School, Ithaca, N. Y.

C. Edward Palmer, Co. E, 406th Telegraph Branch, Signal Corps, A. E. F.

Herbert Bathman, Ordnance.

Norman Sultzer, Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, 4th Cadet Squadron.

ALPHA-PSI

On the evening of February 9th, Alpha-Psi held its annual alumni banquet at the chapter house. In spite of the havor the great war has played with our social affairs, the banquet proved a remarkable success. Among those present were: Moseman, Hanson, Owen, Lukens, Hauser, Hayes, Ritter, Hope, Shields, Hawley, and Hubbard. Brother Hawley spent five hours traveling from Carney's Point to spent two hours with us. This is the kind of spirit we like to see.

Joe Chambers, doing engineering work for the Government, has been traveling through Maryland and Virginia, and is now on his way to Minnesota. He spent the week-end at the chapter house with us.

Main spent a few days here at the house while on a furlough from Fort Oswego, N. Y., where he is stationed in the Medical Corps.

Harold Briggs is managing the business at Perth Amboy, now that Fred is in the Officers' Training Camp at Camp Dix.

Folsom is a sergeant in the Sanitary Corps, stationed in Washington.

Sheffer is pastor of the Bogart Memorial Church at Bogota. Skillman has joined the Aviation Corps, and is at the Aviation School at Cornell. He reports many fine Pi-Kapps there.

Colleron and Hauser are working for the Ordnance Department in a civilian capacity, Hauser at Sandy Hook and Colleron in Maryland.

Ed Hope is an instructor in the Naval Reserve Camp at Pelham. Ed will be an admiral yet, now that they don't need generals.

Hallenbeck is pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church at Scarsdale, N. Y.

Buckman is in Petrograd, Russia, with the U. S. Army.

Wolff is in City Point, Va., as a chemist with the DuPont Co. He recently married Miss McCarte, sister of our old District Princeps.

Lukens and Hope are chemists at the Merck plant, Rahway, N. Y.

Hayes is a chemist in the Nixon Nitration Works, New Brunswick, N. J.

Parks, of Alpha-Epsilon Chapter, spent a night with us at the chapter house. He is at the Princeton Aviation Camp.

BETA-ALPHA

We have been highly honored by visits from a number of our alumni during the last few weeks. By far the most delightful visit was that of Harper, with his newly-acquired "better half." They stopped off to visit us while enjoying their honeymoon. We have also learned that Fetter has become a "benedict," and we extend our hearty congratulations.

Brother Duncan has recently treated the chapter to cigars in celebration of the arrival of Miss Duncan, at the present writing just three weeks of age.

During the past weeks we have enjoyed the visits of Lloyd, Williams, Hunter, and District Princeps Larkin, and have had letters from Lindquist, Lloyd, Kline, Spayd, Hunter, Gillespie, and Cressman. We hope that every one of our alumni will get in touch with us before school closes.

We have heard that McCartney has entered the Aviation School at Cornell, which adds another name to Beta-Alpha's honor roll of those in national service.

Our college is making special effort to interest all of its alumni in this year's Commencement, and the alumni secretary of the college has requested that all fraternities hold dances and "open house" for the benefit of their own alumni. In accordance with this request, Beta-Alpha wishes to announce that she is going to hold a special dance for her alumni on April 23d, and if present plans materialize, we hope to have a "regular" house-party at that time. So pack up your bag, doll up your wife or your present "first choice," and prepare to look us over. Remember the old "Penn State Spirit."

BETA-GAMMA

Enlistments since the publication of the last list have been: Vernon A. Moore, Radio Division U. S. N. Home address, Gas City, Kan.

Howard S. Welch, Adjutant's School, School of Military Aeronautics, Columbus, Ohio.

Zenia Ayers, Apprentice Seaman, U. S. N. Home address, Almena, Kan.

Clyde Caudill, U. S. N. ground man in Aerial Corps. Home address, Protection, Kan.

Francis Saile, Radio Division U. S. N. Home address, Lawrence, Kan. With the exception of Howard Welch, none of the above men has been called into service.

Lieut. Chas. Seward mailed a card telling of his safe arrival in France. Buck sailed on the S. S. Olympic.

Lieut. Sam Pickard passed through Lawrence about March 12th on his way to New York. He sails immediately for France.

Lieut. Ayers McKinney is now in the 164th Depot Brigade, although still attached to the 355th Infantry.

Sergeant Lance Hill is now in the Bacteriological Laboratory, Leavenworth, Kan.

Bob Reed received notice that he would not be needed in the Balloon Division, in which he is enlisted, and will be given a chance to reënlist in some other branch. It is presumed that Harry Jenkins is in a similar predicament, for he, too, was enlisted in the Balloon Division.

Abner Willson has been notified to report for ground school training in aviation at Urbana, Ill. His address is School of Military Aviation, University of Illinois.

Stanley J. Davis is an inspector of fabricated steel for the American International Shipbuilding Corporation at Camden, N. J. His address is 310 N. 6th Street. "Stan" was disqualified last August for the Officers' Reserve training.

Oliver Andrews is manager of the Gila Valley Bank and Trust Company at Ray, Ariz.

Of much interest is this announcement to alumni of Beta-Gamma:

Mr. John James Bartleson announces the marriage of his daughter Beula

to

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