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## Poetry.

### Origin of the Theta Delta Chi.

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Air—"Lord Lovell."

ONE bright Olympus morning,  
The Gods were very blue,  
For ever since the dawning  
They nothing had to do;  
O-o—o-o,  
They nothing had to do.

The Thunderer's brow was wrinkled  
With many a God-like frown,  
And Juno's long-tailed peacock  
Paraded up and down;  
Own—own,  
Paraded up and down.

Apollo winked at Venus,  
And Hebe smiled at Mars,  
Who, seated in his chariot,  
Was salving battle scars;  
Ars—ars,  
Was salving battle scars.

Minerva's owl looked solemn  
At Mercury's thievish tricks,  
While Pluto went a fishing  
For dead men in the Styx;  
Yx—yx,  
For dead men in the Styx.

Up spake the mighty Thunderer  
"Go pluck me yonder star;  
The Cynosure that brightens  
Above the northern bar;  
Ar—ar,  
Above the northern bar.

"Then also bring me arrows,  
Shot from the blazing sun;  
Where throbbing in the crimson,  
The day is well nigh done;  
One—one,  
The day is well nigh done.

"Unlock the Book of Ages,  
Writ with the fates of men;  
Unroll its golden pages,  
The past returned again;  
Ain—ain,  
The past returned again."

The star was plucked from space,  
The arrows from the sun;  
The Book of Ages opened,  
And his commands were done;  
One—one,  
And his commands were done.

Upon his glittering shield,  
Within its golden hems  
He placed the mystic symbols,  
The bright cerulean gems;  
Ems—ems,  
The bright cerulean gems.

Then spake the great Cloud-bearer:  
"Divinities, draw nigh!  
Behold the shield and tokens  
Of THETA DELTA CHI;  
I—I,  
Of THETA DELTA CHI.

Then grasped each Numen's right hand  
And sipped each goddess' lip,  
And made of each a THETA DELTA  
By giving them the grip;  
Ip—ip,  
By giving them the grip.

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY,  
IN VIRGINIA, 1st July, 1869.

### Brethren in Theta Delta Chi:

By an accident of the late unfortunate war, the venerable College of William and Mary was laid in ashes, and the home of the Epsilon made a heap of smoking ruins. "William and Mary," the oldest college save one in the Union; the Alma Mater of Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, John Marshall, John Randolph, John Tyler, and Winfield Scott, stands now with her smoked and blackened walls a dreadful monument to the angry God of War. Three times have her halls been made desolate by the consuming flames, and now for the third time she is rising "Phoenix-like from her ashes," proclaiming to the world, in silent but beautiful language, that "Knowledge is Power."

"Her old walls are sacred to the patriotic heart. They witnessed all the dark but glorious days of the Revolution. Within sight of them were enacted some of the noblest deeds: within sound of them were uttered some of the noblest words that distinguished that glorious period. Within them had gathered as students some of the noblest of those heroes of the Revolution, whose names are now immortal as the Alumni of William and Mary. Here, in youth, they had nursed those noble inspirations which consecrated their manhood to liberty; and William and Mary, proud of their perfected fame, still like a fond mother, remembers the days when she taught them to be men, while they were hers alone, ere fame had yet claimed them for immortality and man-kind."

"Her old walls are not only walls, but monuments. The associations of centuries cluster around them. They rose here more than one hundred and seventy years ago, shedding the first light of science in the midst of an untutored wilderness, and heralding to a new world the conquering march of mind. The spirit of the past, instinct with mute eloquence, dwells enshrined within them; upon them are hung as in the ancient temples, invisible memorial tablets of glorious names, and the memories of kindred heroes hang like clustering pearls around them."

Shall, then, this ancient seat of learning remain uncompleted? Shall our once beautiful Chapel stand unfinished? The voice of Progress, of Civilization, of Christianity and of Friendship answers, NO. Brethren, I ask you to remember that word in our beautiful Greek motto, which Religion has given to the English language as its dearest heritage—I ask you in the name of all that is good and noble and generous, to stretch forth your hand, and out of your abundance, to restore to our Chapel its fair proportions. I appeal to you by the vows you took when you became a Theta, to rise up in your strength, help us to rear our new temple upon the ruins of the old, and erect, to the honor of THETA DELTA CHI, a monument which fire cannot destroy.

Yours, Fraternally,  
THO. P. McCANDLISH,  
Graduate of the Epsilon.

A very handsome cake was voted the charge of Theta Delta Chi at La Fayette by the citizens of Easton, the vote standing Theta Delta Chi 225; Sigma Chi 200; Zeta Psi 7; Phi Kappa Sigma 3.—*Eastern Daily Express*, June 14, 1869.

## Convention.

The Annual Convention of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity was held at the Astor House, on the 6th and 7th of May, under the supposed auspices of the Kappa Charge, and by the direction of the G. L. The notice of Convention was so short that few, besides the active members, were aware of the time. Notwithstanding the entire want of preparation, an organization was effected, without confusion, in the familiar and pleasant parlor so often the witness of our deliberations—Bro. WM. F. SOUTHARD in the chair. Two delegates were present from every Charge except the Kappa, the following brothers being honored with credentials: Joseph Mullin, C. H. Scott, *Delta*. A. H. Watson, —Boynton, *Zeta*. Prof. Tho. P. McCandlish, Col. E. B. Montague, *Epsilon*.

Wm. F. Southard, *Kappa*. H. B. Cone, R. C. Scott, *Xi*. John M. Curtis, M. D., —*Sigma*. G. H. Irwin, A. G. Hetherington, *Upsilon*. F. A. Green, A. J. Howe, *Chi*. John W. Griggs, F. W. Stewart, *Phi*. A. C. Wetmore, E. A. McMath, *Psi*.

In addition to the regular delegation we regret we can recall only the names of a few brothers, which are as follows, Chas. A. Stetson, Jr., J. C. Fitzpatrick, Benj. C. Potts, C. B. Perry, Henry S. Handerson, M. C. Addoms, P. C. Gilbert, J. A. Johnson, A. H. Viele, Wm. H. Hollister, Jonathan M. Harris, Theodore C. Juvenal, W. B. Anderson, W. A. Douglas, W. S. Payne. In the absence of a full delegation from the presiding Charge, Bro. Watson, of the Zeta, was unanimously elected to the office of Secretary. The business transacted being secret, we merely mention that, in answer to the applications, the two Charges in Virginia will be immediately re-established under the most favorable circumstances. The following notice we clip, from the many, in the New York papers:

### THETA DELTA CHI.

"The annual convention of this oldest of our college fraternities terminated its session last evening. The delegates, representing chapters in all portions of the country, have been the guests of the Kappa charge, under whose auspices the convention has been conducted. Yesterday a handsome banner, the gift of brothers Chas. A. Stetson, Capt. P. C. Gilbert and Colonel J. A. Johnson, and inscribed with the symbols of the fraternity, was floated from the roof of the Astor House during the deliberations, which were presided over by Prof. McCandlish, of William and Mary College, Virginia, in the absence of Brother W. F. Southard, suddenly called away on important business. A portion of the business transacted was the adoption of a resolution authorizing Professor McCandlish and Col. Montague, of the Epsilon, who presented a memorial from members of the extinct Southern chapters on the subject, to take steps in connection with three of their comrades in the South for the revival of the old charges of that section. After the election of brothers P. C. Gilbert, of the Xi; W. C. Strawbridge, of the Delta, and J. B. Juvenal, of the Phi, to constitute the G. L. for the ensuing year, the members of the Convention, together with a large number of the graduates of the Order, resident in the city, sat down to a banquet at the Astor House and concluded their labors with a very festive time."—*N. Y. Herald*.

## Items.

CHI PSI CONVENTION.—This, one of our oldest college secret fraternities, held its twenty-ninth Annual Convention in this City, on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, under the auspices of Alpha Mu, of Middlebury College, and with Alpha Kappa, of the College of the City of New York. Its deliberations were strictly secret; but, on Thursday evening, a large number of members of the fraternity sat down to a very elaborate supper at Delmonico's. After many speeches, and the singing of the immortal—

"Here's health to PHILLIP SPENCER,  
Although he swung on high,  
For as he sank beneath the waves,  
He shouted out Chi Psi."

the company broke up very much pleased, and with high hopes for the future welfare of Chi Psi.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

"The first and only fellowship yet established in this country, is that endowed some time since at Harvard, by the gift of \$10,000. The advantage to a College from well endowed fellowships is very great. We hope this will not long remain the only one in America."—*Hamilton Literary Monthly*.

Wrong, Bro. Waif. As long ago as 18—Hobart College became possessed of a fellowship which is known as the "Fellowship on the Swift Foundation."

The son of the Rev. Mr. Montague, residing at Watertown, Wis., was delivering a College Valedictory Address, a short time since, when in taking his handkerchief from his pocket, he pulled out a pack of cards which fell to the floor. "Hulloa!" he exclaimed. "I've got on my father's coat." The worthy divine, who sat in front of his promising son, was more confused than was his hopeful scion.—*Hamil. Lit. Monthly*.

The parent society, in this country, of the Phi Beta Kappa was organized at William and Mary College as early as 1776. The first meeting was held in the Apollo Hall of the old Raleigh Tavern of Williamsburg, the room in which the first revolutionary spirit of Virginia was breathed in the burning words of Henry. The original charter of this society is now in the possession of the Historical Society of Virginia.—*Hamil. Lit. Monthly*.

Harper's Bazaar thinks "Chicago is treading on dangerous ground." Professor Boise, the learned Greek scholar of the Chicago University, is often detained from his duties by illness, and at such times his daughter, a girl less than twenty years of age, hears the recitations of his Greek classes, she being the only competent person at hand. This, it is said, does not injure the boys, nor their *Alma Mater*; but how about the Greek?

The public exercises of the Forty-second Annual Convention of the Sigma Phi are to be held at Linden Hall, Geneva, N. Y., on July 14th. The Rev. Henry Fowler is expected to deliver an Oration, and William J. Ashley, Esq., a Poem. A formal and polite and gentlemanly invitation has been extended to the Xi Charge of the Theta Delta Chi to be present on that occasion.

The University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, last year had seven students only—three Sophomores, four Freshmen.





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Salutatory.

The task assigned to the G. L. to assume the editorial and business charge of a periodical, is one that is undertaken with many misgivings. No definite directions having been communicated by the Convention, all questions arising in connection with this journal have been left to our inexperienced judgment, and it is apparent that the expectations of the Fraternity are but imperfectly realized in the first number of THE SHIELD. This is such an entirely new enterprise, and so many difficulties arise at the outset, that affection and regard for the confidence reposed in us have alone prevented our resigning this duty in despair. These difficulties must be manifest to all. Trusting, therefore, that Charity—that characteristic of our Order—will weigh the motive and not hypercritically pronounce judgment on our work, we make our editorial obeisance, with the single hope that with every issue the character of our journal may be improved and greater interest be excited.

The object of this paper is to collect items of interest, both personal and general, relating to the THETA DELTA CHI Fraternity, and to afford a means of communication to its members. The necessity of such a periodical is evident—particularly to those who are engaged in the active pursuits of life, and whose dusty way will be brightened by the frequent reviews of College days, and the certain knowledge of the welfare and prosperity of their old friends and brothers. The late civil "unpleasantness" has caused terrible havoc in breaking up fraternal ties; the uncompromising hand of ruthless war destroyed the records of all the Charges at the South, except those of the Epsilon—at the College of "William and Mary"—and nothing is known of the majority of our southern brethren. But it is to be hoped that the means now adopted will result in a record of every member of the Fraternity.

During the last twenty years, a few Charges at the North have become extinct by reason of various causes. In two instances the Colleges in which they were established ceased to exist; in one institution the number of students fell off from four hundred to sixty, and the Charter of that Charge was voluntarily resigned by the two remaining brothers, as the character of the students would justify no continued effort to maintain it. Two Charters have been revoked, for reasons not proper to mention in this place, and one Charge has been suspended by the involuntary action of its

members, they being compelled to hold the same position in their College the Charge does in the Fraternity. These and many other reasons have induced this effort to bring into more definite knowledge and intimate relations the members of our brotherhood, and it is confidently believed that that enduring love and affection for THETA DELTA CHI, so eminently characteristic of her followers, will result in the perfect accomplishment of this object. The realization of this purpose can be effected by the contributory and financial assistance of every individual in our Society, and we trust this intimation will be a sufficient appeal.

It is seldom that the members of our Fraternity are asked to aid in so laudable a work as that presented in the letter, on another page from Bro. McCandlish, Professor of ancient languages in the institution for which he so eloquently appeals. And when we consider the munificent liberality of our graduate brothers in all enterprises calling for public spirit, we look for an immediate and generous response; and it will be no unworthy pride that shall boast the Chapel of the old College of William and Mary as the work of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity. About \$3,000 is wanted to complete the work proposed, and united effort is all that is required to erect an enduring monument to the worth of our Fraternity that shall cause her name to resound wherever education and christianity find a home. Contributions may be sent to Prof. THO. P. McCANDLISH, Williamsburg, Va., and will be acknowledged in THE SHIELD.

ALTHOUGH our paper was started at the suggestion of the graduate members of the Fraternity, for the especial purpose of keeping them informed with regard to the condition of Theta Delta Chi, and their interest in her welfare earnest and active, yet it may be made a source of still greater benefit to the undergraduates. We depend, of course, upon our men out of College to furnish us with that more mature and practical knowledge which they can draw from the rich storehouses of their wider experience in society matters; and this to those who are still in active connection with their respective colleges, will be of great profit. But the moving life of the Fraternity is in the active men in College; and through the columns of our paper they have an excellent opportunity afforded them for keeping themselves more familiar with the status of the different Chapters. They may thereby labor with more united action for the cause which is so dear to us all.

The undergraduate members of the G. L. most earnestly desire and invite every brother who now is, or hereafter may be, in College, to assist us by the contribution of any facts or opinions relating to our own or other fraternities, which they may deem of interest to other members of the Fraternity.

The success of our undertaking rests with the undergraduates. They can make or mar. With their zealous assistance we can make this a periodical which shall be an honor and benefit to the cause it represents; without their aid we shall fail. Shall we have it?  
J. B. J.

WE must urge the brothers to give the matter of their subscription their immediate attention, and forward the same at once to Bro. GILBERT, to whom articles designated for publication may also be sent. This issue of THE SHIELD has been accomplished by the G. L. by the members of the same assuming nearly all the expense, and it is hoped that this fact alone will be sufficient to incite an immediate response.

IN answer to the application for a Graduate Charge at Philadelphia, the — was felt constrained to grant a Charter only on the condition that no men be initiated. It is felt that the old rule by experience has been proved a good one, and that none should be taken not in college. If those Fraternities will be observed that are in the habit of making honorary members, and initiating persons because they may hold some high public position, or be eminent in literature, in the hope that the same will add to their reputation and confer honor: it will, without exception, be found that the friendships thus formed by the members of such societies, last so long and no longer than they are surrounded by the influences that induced them to join. The active members of such fraternities leave College, and long before the cares of business life occupy their attention, have forgotten even respect for their brotherhood. When our fraternity seeks such fictitious influence as that conferred by the successful solicitation of the membership of distinguished men, without regard to moral or social character, and merely for the eclat with which such a name may be proclaimed into the susceptible ear of the inexperienced freshman, and the profound dignity attached to high sounding titles—when the character of Theta Delta Chi has to be bolstered up with such influences, we pray that the fair temple we have erected may fall; for then, even in the ruins may be seen the sad monument to Truth and Greatness.

How different is the feeling experienced for and by those who passed through all the vicissitudes of an eventful college life in the protecting care of Theta Delta Chi, afterwards entered into business, and having reached distinguished positions in the gift of the people or in the world of letters—love and friendship still burn warm on the altar of our faith. To them we can point with proud hearts, and with honest boast claim them for brothers in Theta Delta Chi. Let the ancient faith be cherished.

THAT our brothers have a remarkable affinity with matrimony is a noticeable fact, and it is not a matter of surprise when it is considered that

"O, the fairest of all, in her joy and her blushes,  
In beauty of heart and in beauty of life,  
Like a fountain that from a green meadow outgushes,  
Is the pearl of all ladies, a Theta Delta's wife."

That we have cause to rejoice to hear so seldom the warning that

"Death, great proprietor of all,"

has been among us, is no less true. But in either case, as faithful chroniclers of events, it becomes our duty to record both fatal casualties. We solicit such information.

Resolutions of respect for the memory of a departed brother we would be pleased to publish.

Soon after the honor done us by Convention, it was our privilege to visit Easton, Pa., and to enjoy the hospitality of the young but flourishing Phi. We cannot refrain from thus publicly acknowledging our appreciation of the kind reception and the distinguished consideration showed us during our stay. Earnest enthusiasm for Theta Delta Chi is exemplified in many ways, and is exhibited in their pleasant college rooms and their beautiful Lodge.—The Phi is unquestionably at the head of the Secret Societies of Lafayette College, and judging from the gentlemanly attention to ourself, we are not surprised to learn that good fellowship exists between the Phi and the other fraternities. We promise all our brothers a hearty welcome from the Phi.

Three thousand duels were fought in the German Universities last year, most of them very harmless affairs. *Brave boys.*

Personal.

—Messrs. Griggs and Harris, young gents of our town, returned last night from Stanhope bringing with them a fair proportion of the finny tribe. Their good luck was doubtless due to their good looks and the stylish hats worn on the occasion.—*Eastern Daily Argus.*

It is needless to observe that these youthful followers of the renowned Isaac, are Theta Deltas.

—Aug. H. Viele has been elected Secretary of the Brunswick and Albany (Ga.,) R. Co. Office 229 Broadway, N. Y.

—Benj. C. Potts has a contract, it is rumored, to build two hundred miles of the Union Pacific Rail Road. May the greenbacks multiply!

—Wm. L. Stone is again at the publishing business at No. 142 Fulton street, New York.

—C. B. Perry is pursuing the study of Divinity at the Theological Seminary in New York City. *Dominus vobiscum.*

—Henry E. Handerson, M. D., is practicing his profession, with satisfactory success, at No. 374 2d Avenue, New York.

—The Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York, Allen C. Beach, is a Theta Delta.—a dignified and efficient officer, a jovial companion, a firm friend and a true brother—and whose serenity the cares and onerous duties of State craft have been unable to disturb, and whose *physique* excites continual remorse in the hypochondriacal dyspeptics who see him in his "cushioned chair of State."

—Maj. William H. Merriam is associate editor of the Albany (N. Y.) Atlas & Argus. *Sherry.*

—The principal honors and prizes at Hamilton College are awarded to the Psi—K. P. Crandall taking the valedictory—being marked 1600 higher than any person that has ever graduated there.

—Rev. D. Otis Kellogg, of the Lambda is Rector of Grace Church, Providence, R. I. Name is not in the Catalogue.

—H. R. Gibson is practicing law in Jacksboro, Tenn., and we regret to learn failed to be elected Attorney General of the State—although nominated by the Republicans—by reason of division in the ranks.

—Col. William Lamb is President of the First National Bank of Norfolk, Va.

—Rev. G. Williamson Smith is Chaplain in the Navy, and is at present in European waters with the U. S. Steamer "Franklin."

—E. O. Graves is Assistant Treasurer of the United States.

—John S. Cooper and Luther C. Furst, of the Pi (Class of 1864,) reported dead, have been seen doing a prosperous business, in the enjoyment of perfect health, since the Catalogue was issued.

—Levi Buttles is Principal of a Female Seminary, the most flourishing institution of the kind in Ohio.

—Gen. W. Neal Dennison, U. S. A., reported as "killed on a railroad in Ohio," was, according to recent information, in the U. S. service in the new territory of Alaska.

—Clinton D. Eastman is reported as about to sail for China with a view to missionary duty.

—William M. Coleman, of the Mu, is Attorney General of the State of North Carolina.

—Col. Montague, of the Epsilon, has been so sick as to be abandoned by his physicians as beyond hope, but is now convalescent.

—John R. French, of the Alpha, is Professor in Genesee College.

[Charges will do us a great favor by sending us personals of their own men, and such other distinguished changes as they may learn relative to any brothers.—Eds.]



*Theta Delta Chi Directory.*

Many, if not all, of the brothers have felt the need of a correct and reliable catalogue of the names and address of the members of this fraternity. Such a volume is not in existence. Perhaps some regard the one published in 1867 fully adequate to our present necessities. This is not the case. Many of the addresses are incorrect, and by it we can trace out no one who resides in a large city. The Rho and Nu charge are entirely blank. These imperfections arose from no lack of energy on the part of the diligent publisher but from the impossibility of ascertaining the names and residences of so many persons. It is needless to dwell on the advantages to be derived from a perfect register, especially of the defunct chapters. There is not a Theta Delt. who does not wish to possess one. Bro. JOHN M. CURTIS, M. D., of the Sigma, has from his great zeal for the welfare of the fraternity, entered upon the arduous task of publishing a portable catalogue, which will contain the name, occupation, place of business, and residence of every member of our mystic circle—together with such historic items as may be of interest. He can never accomplish this glorious work unless seconded in his efforts by all the brothers, and especially those living in the South. We would therefore most earnestly request every brother, and particularly those of the Southern charges, to forward immediately his address, occupation, place of business, residence, and any historical facts, to Bro. Curtis. If this be done, we will soon have a complete directory, which will be of immense value to every member of the fraternity.

Address JOHN M. CURTIS, M. D., Wilmington, Del.

It is the design to make this periodical a sixteen paged journal, the size of "Appleton's." The haste with which the first number is issued must excuse the size and imperfections. It is hoped that our subscription list will be so large that many improvements will be justified.

"Songs of the Theta Delta Chi," published under the auspices of the Xi Charge, have just been received. This is undoubtedly the most elegant volume of Society Songs that has ever been issued by any College Fraternity. It is a book of one hundred and fifteen pages, bound in green and maroon colored cloth with beveled edge covers, and printed on beautiful tint and gilt-edged paper. The songs are of high order and are an honor to their authors, and do credit to the fraternity with one or two exceptions. The books may be obtained by sending \$2.00 to Bro. R. C. SCOTT, Geneva, N. Y.

The Freshman class of Cornell University contains two members from England, one from Russia, one from Portugal and one from Brazil. During the last term George William Curtis lectured on "Recent English Literature," and James Russell Lowell on "Early English Literature." This institution has taken high rank among our American Universities.

In the next number of THE SHIELD will be commenced an Original Romance, by a brother who wields one of the most forcible pens of the *literati* of our country; whose name alone would give dignity to any page, and whose genius has contributed much to elevate the character of American literature. It is unnecessary to mention the name of Prof. LEWIS HALSEY.

CHARTERS to establish a Charge of Theta Delta Chi at Dartmouth College and Cornell University have been applied for.

*Origin of the Xi.*

For many years prior to the academic years of 1856-'57, the students of Hobart College had been divided into three great classes. First in influence and importance was the Sigma Phi secret society, an association composed for the most part of young men of wealthy parentage, possessed of fine address, devoted to wine and women, and but little given to the drudgery of academic routine. Jolly good fellows, they were, sociable and generous to a fault, possessed often of marked talents, yet too often, also, vain and supercilious. With their aristocratic birth and associations, sociability and wealth were evidently the *summum bonum* of life, and equally the title to membership in their select brotherhood.

Next in influence was the Alpha Delta Phi society, comprising almost invariably the most studious men in the College—those whose faces were never missed upon the recitation bench, and rarely at the Chapel services. Priding themselves especially upon leading the various classes in all branches of study, they spared no sacrifices to accomplish this aim. They were usually careless in dress, eschewed society, and devoted themselves for the most part to the study of mouldy and owlish antiquities. With them, collegiate distinction was the title to admission into their mystic fraternity. As the Sigma Phi's were the gay Cavaliers, so were the Alpha Delta Phi's the sturdy Roundheads of their day and generation.

The third class mentioned above, consisted of those students who were not members of either of the secret societies—"neutrals," so-called. Here might be found men of every character—the grave, the gay, the studious, the reckless—all mingled in one body. But the gay were not gay enough, or mayhap were too reckless for the Sigma Phi; the studious were not sufficiently learned to excite the fears of the Alpha Delta Phi for their own intellectual supremacy.

Thus affairs jogged on, year after year. Among the "neutrals" were many men of worth and ability, but as a class their character was essentially negative. Moral and correct in their general behavior, they lacked the sociability which brightens the shadows of life, and the industry which wins its honors. I have called them "neutrals," but, in fact, in all the contests of college life, they were ranged pretty equally upon the side of one or the other of the secret societies. It is unnecessary to say that all collegiate disputes hinged upon the jealousies of these secret organizations. The Hermean Society (Literary) was originally the chosen field for these contests, and the heat and earnestness of the rival combatants, passing beyond mere recrimination, resulted not unfrequently in blows, and even in threats of burning the library of the Society. The period for the election of officers of the Hermean, in particular, was one of marked confusion and excitement. Men were often kept from the polls by stratagem, or even by force, and the writer was on one occasion plied with drugged liquor in the boarding house of a classmate and false friend, in order to prevent his return to the college in time to vote at one of these elections. Though the plot proved a failure, its conception will show the desperate earnestness of the rival societies. In all of these contests the secret societies, of course, carried off the lion's share of the spoils. A few minor offices were graciously bestowed upon the more influential of the neutrals as a reward for services rendered, but, as a class, they were ignored on all ordinary occasions, and were "snubbed" unhesitatingly by both societies. Mutually distrustful, and without organization, they became mere

make-weights to turn the scale of a doubtful contest. The falsity and humiliation of this position were keenly felt by many of the students, and several attempts at organization were from time to time essayed. To unite in action and influence the whole body of students disconnected with the secret societies was first undertaken. The intrigues of the societies, and the mutual distrust of the "neutrals" themselves, brought the attempt to naught. Thus a secret organization to be composed of the most prominent neutrals alone was tried.—The first of these ephemeral organizations selected for itself the modest title of the Phi, and contained several of the subsequent members of the Theta Delta Chi. Its badge was a small silver star with the letter Phi in the centre. The history of this association is unknown to the writer, who never belonged to it. However, external ridicule and internal weakness soon brought the Phi to an untimely end.

Upon its ashes rose the Phi Chi Society, an association comprising most of the members of the now defunct Phi, and several others who subsequently joined the Theta Delta Chi. Of this society William K. Logie was head and front. Its badge was a skeleton Phi Chi of large size, and a manifest improvement upon the original Phi.—It is believed that John Y. Barclay, Ralph L. Goodrich, George W. Pringle and Chester Roy were also members of the new Phi Chi society. Though more pretentious than its predecessor, this society also dragged out a miserable existence for a short period, and finally perished of sheer inanition.

Thus far, therefore, all attempts to organize the neutrals had resulted in complete failure. It was plain that any society originating in a small College like Hobart must of necessity perish after an ephemeral existence of a term or two. Accordingly,

it was finally determined to apply for a charter from some well known and widely established society, which might give dignity and character to the organization.—Immediately after this decision, some difficulty having arisen between the Faculty of the College and the Junior Class of 1856, (in consequence of a "bolt," I believe), the majority of this class was suspended until an apology should be made by the offenders. Most of the refractory Juniors finally succumbed to the inflexible decision of the College Fathers, but William K. Logie preferred to go to Union College, where he entered as Senior in 1857. Soon after he joined the Theta Delta Chi, and returning to Geneva to visit his parents, who resided there, suggested to his old associates the plan of applying for a charter of the Theta Delta Chi. A petition was accordingly drawn up and carried by John Y. Barclay to Union College. Bro. Barclay was at once initiated into our Fraternity, (June 18, '57), and returned to Hobart College bearing to his associates the tidings of the success of their petition. On the afternoon of June 29th, 1857, Bros. Barclay and Moss took a carriage, and driving over to Waterloo, there met Bros. Norton and Logie of the Alpha. The four at once returned to the Mansion House which they reached in the evening. Here were collected one by one George W. Smith, Ralph L. Goodrich, Chester Roy, Philip O. Yawger, David Brooks, T. James Rundle and the writer of this sketch. Of course, all the movements were conducted with the utmost secrecy. Bro. Yawger was lame and unable to move without crutches. It was therefore a matter of considerable delicacy to get him down to the rendezvous without arousing the suspicions of his neighbors. The weather was warm, the evenings fair, and the steps of both Trinity and Geneva Hall thronged

with students. Bro. Yawger occupied the north front room on the first floor of Trinity Hall, and on the evening in question his apartment was filled with students also.—Bros. Barclay and Norton drove up boldly in front of Trinity Hall, the former jumped out of the carriage and proceeding to Yawger's room, said in an ordinary tone, "Phil, there is a friend of yours at the door in a carriage, who wishes to see you." Yawger at once put on his hat and hobbled to the door of the carriage, where he was warmly greeted by this old friend, who had certainly never before laid eyes upon him.

"Hilloa! Phil, my dear fellow, how are you?" said Bro. Norton, in a loud tone; "jump in here with me and take a little ride; I want to talk to you." Yawger entered the carriage, which at once drove off in the face of many anxious but entirely unsuspecting spectators. The move was so bold as to lull all suspicion, and Bro. Yawger reached the rendezvous in safety. The initiatory ceremonies took place in the front room on the second floor of the Mansion House, and immediately after their completion the party adjourned to Suydam's restaurant where a hearty supper was discussed and many a bumper drank to the success of the new-born Xi. About 2 A. M., Bros. Norton, Logie, Barclay and Moss again drove to Waterloo, where the two former took the cars for Schenectady, and the latter returned to Geneva in time for their morning recitations.

Thus far our movements, though closely watched by the other societies, had failed to arouse suspicion. A lodge-room was soon fitted up in a building opposite to Linden Hall, and the Xi Charge organized by an election of officers. Meetings were held under cover of the night, and some few members initiated prior to the "swinging out" on Commencement Day, 1857.

The further history of the Xi it is unnecessary to repeat, as doubtless the most important facts are preserved in the records of the Chapter. It suffices merely to add that, firmly rooted in that friendship which the Constitution of our Fraternity so impressively inculcates, the Xi grew apace until the withering blasts of civil war swept over this once happy land. Then, indeed, fearfully shaken, and stripped of many a fair branch, it stood for a time, withered and apparently lifeless. But when once more the sun of peace beamed forth from behind the dark cloud of war, the undying principles of our Society, fostered by its genial rays, burst forth into new life, and the Xi, with renewed vigor, spreads forth again its fruitful branches from sea to sea.

"Then once again before we part  
We'll fill our bumpers high,  
And drink a health, a brimming health  
To Theta Delta Chi!"

*History of the Phi.*

In the Fall of 1866, Bro. F. J. Kline, of the "Pi" charge of Theta Delta Chi, entered the class of '69, then Sophomores at La Fayette. He, having the Fraternity at heart, commenced working with all his might for the establishment of a charge here:

"Not that he wasted all his  
Energies, on French and Xenophon,  
For he soon struck up a friendship.  
With Doctor Holmes' son."

Bro. Kline immediately wrote a letter to the Sigma charge, desiring them to initiate Bro. C. W. Holmes. They consented, and in the Fall of '66 he was initiated. They then proceeded to write to all the charges, soliciting their consent to the establishment of a charge at La Fayette. After writing many letters and waiting some six months, Bros. Dale, Wilson and Corwin W. Burgess of the "Upsilon," came with our letters and Charter.



On the first day of March 1867, the "Phi" was established. The "Phi" at this time consisted of Bros. Kline, Holmes, Stewart, Baldwin, Rice, (the last three of whom were initiated at the "Upsilon"), Griggs and Stem. Before this, however, Bro. F. J. Kline was unavoidably called home.—Bros. Griggs and Long were sent as delegates to the Convention of '68, held under the auspices of the Delta Charge. During the next "Collegiate year" Bro. Stewart was sent as delegate to the Convention held at Troy for the revision of the Constitution. The Phi has had annual reunions since her organization, and it is designed to make them a permanent feature of the Charge.

#### Statistics of the Phi.

Class of '68.....	3
" " '69.....	4
" " '71.....	5
" " '70.....	7
" " '72.....	3
Profession.....	3
Law.....	2
Medicine.....	1
Divinity.....	0
Business.....	7
Married.....	0
Engaged.....	6
Engaged several times.....	1
Hopeful.....	22
Hopeless.....	0
Dead.....	0
Those who sport whiskers.....	6
Those who try to sport whiskers.....	16
Slingists of the Q.....	18
Bottlers.....	16
Smokers.....	20
Singers.....	10
Dancers.....	18
Base Ballists.....	18
They who swell.....	1

Member of the G. L., J. Benezet Juvenal.  
Delegates to the Convention of '67, J. W. Griggs and J. Verner Long.  
Delegates to the Convention of '68, F. W. Stewart and J. B. Juvenal.  
Delegates to the Convention of '69, J. W. Griggs and J. M. Harris.  
Delegates to the Special Convention of '67, F. W. Stewart.

#### History of the Chi.

The Chi Charge was established on May 29th, 1867, under the auspices of the Xi Charge, at which time eight brothers were received into the Fraternity with all due solemnity. The Charge, at first, was weak in numbers; but strong in heart and love for Theta Delta Chi, and among the first resolutions passed was one expressing the ambition to place our honored fraternity at the head of all college societies in the University of Rochester. This has in part been accomplished principally by the judicious selection of men who were to succeed the charter members; and after the lapse of two years the Charge is augmented in numbers, and its brothers are an honor to the Charge and the Fraternity at large.

Since the establishment of the Chi Charge, there have been twenty brothers connected with it: four of whom have graduated, two have gone to other colleges, four have left college for business, and the remaining ten are now active members of the Charge. At present the Charge is in a very prosperous condition and has great hopes for its future career.

The Psi Charge was established under the auspices of the Chi.

The second anniversary of the Chi Charge takes place on Monday evening, the 12th of July, 1869. Committee of Arrangements: Jas. P. McKinney, F. A. Green and T. Bissell Everson. All Theta Delt's are invited to attend.

Yours in the bonds,

JAS. P. MCKINNEY.

Rochester, N. Y., June 8th, 1869.

—J. C. Fitzpatrick has accepted the position of financial editor of the New York Herald.

#### History of the Psi.

While many of the Charges have a long history to revert to, filled with much that will be of intense interest to the Fraternity, the Psi, the youngest charge of the brotherhood, would gladly keep silent; but since we are expected to say a word we will give a few events of our short history.

We graduated three men in '68. This year we send forth seven. We have the Valedictorian, and two men on Prize Debate from the Senior class. In '70 we have one Prize Speaker; last year we had two from the same class. These positions are considered of great worth here. Hamilton's oratory is too well known to be praised by us. As writers the Psi carries off the palm in College.

Nothing gives the Psi greater pleasure than to say a word of its prosperity. We have succeeded, even beyond our most sanguine hopes, in building up a strong Charge. After the Seniors leave we will have eleven members in College, all earnest workers for Theta Delta Chi.

We would have it understood that the Psi does not make scholarship its chief object. An unwavering friendship is our highest aim. Men that we can bind to our hearts in true friendship—men that we would gladly recognize at all times—men who will give all their energies to the promotion and welfare of Theta Delta Chi—are the men we seek for Brothers.

The Psi is heartily in sympathy with the idea of starting a paper in the interests of the Fraternity. We deem such a paper of the greatest importance in strengthening our bond of union. The Psi will give its unanimous support. We wish the Editors the greatest success.

Hoping to give you more in detail in your next issue, we close with fraternal regards to all the Brothers in Theta Delta Chi.

J. L. BACHMAN.

Hamilton College, June, 1869.

#### Catalogue Corrections.

##### RESIDENCES CHANGED.

John R. French, Lima, N. Y.  
Andrew H. Green, Syracuse, N. Y.  
Oscar Frisbie, San Francisco, Cal.  
F. B. Jewett, Skaneateles, N. Y.  
L. W. Smith, Petersburg, Va.  
Henry Gwynn, Baltimore, Md.  
H. N. Fisher, Boston, Mass.  
John S. Barclay, Dodgeville, Ia.  
H. E. Handerson, N. Y. City.  
G. P. Pringle and W. D. W. Pringle, Hastings, Minn.  
T. Jas. Rundle, Greenville, N. Y.  
Rev. G. G. Perrine, Oneida, N. Y.  
Geo. L. Yost, Unadilla, Mich.  
Henry R. Gibson, Jacksboro, Tenn.  
Rufus S. Green, and Jno. T. Knox, Penn Yan, N. Y.

E. B. Dox, Dresden, N. Y.  
W. G. Raines, Rochester, N. Y.  
S. E. Dimmick, Newburg, N. Y.  
John B. McPherson, Chicago, Ill.

##### DECEASED.

Tench F. Tilgham, Chas. B. Grandy, L. M. Anderson, Thos. T. Hunter, Edward A. Condit.

##### NAMES TO BE OMITTED.

Albon P. Mann, Jr., W. W. Hayes, D. D. Benedict, C. E. Cassell, A. H. Bill and J. H. Seymour.

##### NAMES TO BE INSERTED.

Rev. Dey Otis Kellogg, Providence, R. I. Graduate of Hobart, '58.

##### BROTHERS REPORTED DEAD, BUT LIVING.

James May, Jr., W. Neal Dennison, Alaska, U. S.; Jno. S. Cooper, Luther C. Furst.

##### ADDITIONS—XI.

1872.

Louis S. Schuyler, St. Louis, Ill.

Fred. Bev. Cossitt, La Grange Tenn.

1872.

Jas. Abercrombie, Lockport, N. Y.  
Chas. A. Pool, Oswego, N. Y.

##### ADDITIONS—PHI.

1871.

W. B. Anderson, Philadelphia, Pa.  
W. Jas. Hogg, Philadelphia, Pa.  
James P. Dickson, Scranton, Pa.  
B. J. Douglas, Easton, Pa.  
D. J. Mixell, Phillipsburg, N. Y.

1868.

P. A. Gilbert, Honesdale, Pa.  
John A. Chrystie, New York.

1872.

W. A. Douglas, Easton, Pa.  
H. F. Smith, Lyons, Iowa.

#### The Logie Memorial.

The absence of anything to designate the last resting-place of Colonel WILLIAM K. LOGIE, of the Alpha, had long been a source of regret both to his numerous friends and those closely related to him by fraternal ties. The matter, however, for a memorial to his memory, had long and seriously been considered by the members of the Xi. Without going into any detailed account, it is sufficient to state that the inception and founding of the Xi is principally due to him.

Soon after the breaking out of the late rebellion, inspired by patriotic motives, he entered the service of his country as a capt. of a company in the 141st Regiment N. Y. V. He set out determined to win, to conquer, and in action was always foremost in the ranks. The "shield" of protection that was always his close companion, whether in the quiet retreats of home or on the battle field, seemed to spur him on with double inspiration.

An extract from a letter by his near friend and companion in all the trials of a vigorous campaign, will serve as a brief account of his last moments:

"On the 16th of the month, (July, 1864), the Colonel sent me to Chattanooga for his desk and some papers which he left there in the spring. I returned on the 20th and found my train six miles from where the regiment was then lying. I sent an orderly to the regiment to inform the Colonel of my return, and in about two hours he came back and said that our brigade was engaged in a dreadful battle, and that he could not get to the regiment. As soon as the Colonel fell he told the orderly to go to me; but unfortunately, the orderly lost his way, thus causing a delay of nearly two hours. As soon as I received the sad intelligence: "If you would see the Colonel alive, hasten to the hospital!" I hurried to the front, but my haste was in vain—for when I reached the spot our beloved Colonel was no more. He had breathed his last a few moments previous to my arrival. I found his remains where he had expired, on a cot in the Division Hospital, where he had received all the care and attention possible. One of our surgeons was with him the entire time, besides all the officers and men of his regiment who could get to the place where he was. When the men were told that their Colonel was dead, there was scarcely a dry eye among them. Strong, rough men who had followed him over many a hard fought battle field, were not ashamed to shed tears of sorrow—the last tribute of respect to the memory of their fellow-leader.

"Before the Colonel died, he took off his jewelry and handed it to one of the men, saying, "Give this to Belding; (the writer of this extract), he will know what to do with it." The last time I saw him alive he told me what to do with his things in case he should be killed." \* \* \*

Such was the end of the brave, heroic Colonel LOGIE. One fact was omitted by

the writer of the letter—that he was Acting Brigadier General at the time of his death. His remains were duly conveyed to Geneva, N. Y., and interred. A few brothers were present, upon whom the last sad duties of the burial devolved.

The wealth of his family which consisted chiefly in Southern possessions, was lost, or rendered unproductive. It was on this account that his grave remained uncared for by his nearest relatives. No particular move was made in the autumn of '68, when Bros. Geo. W. Smith and R. R. Cornell introduced the subject to practical discussion. It was determined that a vigorous step should be taken. The whole control and management of the undertaking was placed in the hands of one of the acting members of the Xi. After many unsuccessful attempts to get into communication with some of the family, a sister of the Col. was finally found, who expressed her especial gratitude to those engaged in the charitable cause. Vigorous measures were then at once undertaken. The manner in which the call was responded to by the brothers who were his classmates while he remained at Hobart—and by those who knew him to be a most determined Theta, was particularly gratifying. The committee on the memorial informs me that Bro. Viele of New York rendered him very valuable assistance in accomplishing the undertaking, and wishes to express his gratitude to him through THE SHIELD for his valuable services.

The necessary funds were duly raised, and a fine Italian slab erected over his grave. The inscription is concise and appropriate, and reads thus. (On the Shield)

WILLIAM K. LOGIE,  
Col. 141st Reg't, N. Y. V.,  
and  
Acting Brig. Gen'l,  
killed at  
Atlanta, Ga., July 20, 1864.  
Aged 26 years.

In a circular under the shield:

"A brave soldier and true brother."

On the bottom of the slab:

Erected  
by the Xi Charge of the  
Theta Delta Chi Fraternity.

—A most interesting and satisfactory report—so far as it goes—has been received from the Pi, which will be noticed more particularly in our next.

Articles designed for publication in the October number of THE SHIELD, should be sent to the Senior Editor as early as the 15th of September.

A few articles that were received too late for insertion in this issue, will appear in the October number.

—J. M. Hay (of the Zeta,) private Secretary to the late President, Abraham Lincoln, and now charge d'affaires at Berlin, presided at a meeting of American citizens on the Fourth of July at Vienna. Although he has just been appointed Secretary of Legation at Madrid, it is expected that he will soon return to this country and assume the editorial charge of the Illinois Journal. We are promised that Messrs. Hay and Nicolay will soon issue a book entitled, we believe, "The Official Life of Abraham Lincoln."

The above is going the rounds of the press, but the following are the facts:

Minister John Jay, not Ex-Secretary Hay, as stated in a Cable dispatch, presided at the Fourth of July banquet at Vienna on the 5th inst. Mr. John Hay has been in this country for months, editing the Illinois (Springfield) Journal, and was recently appointed Secretary of Legation to Spain. He sailed from N. York July 10, in the steamer City of Paris, and will join General Sickles in London and proceed at once to Madrid.