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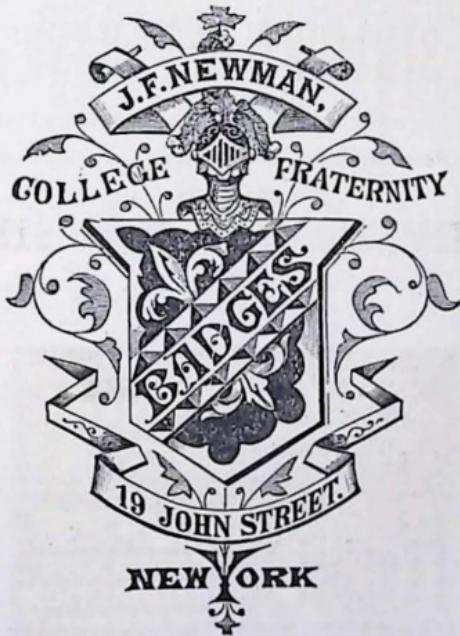
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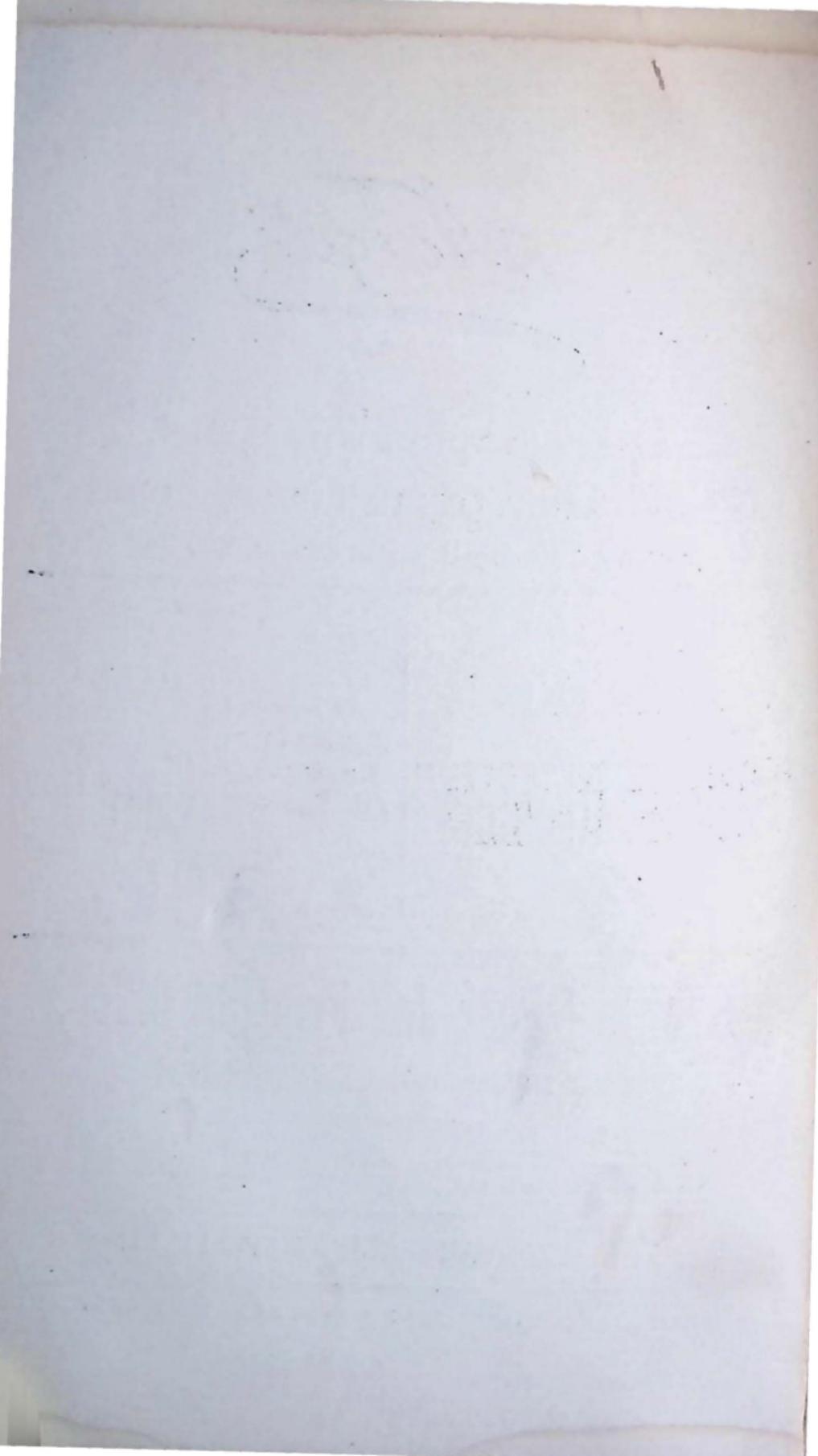
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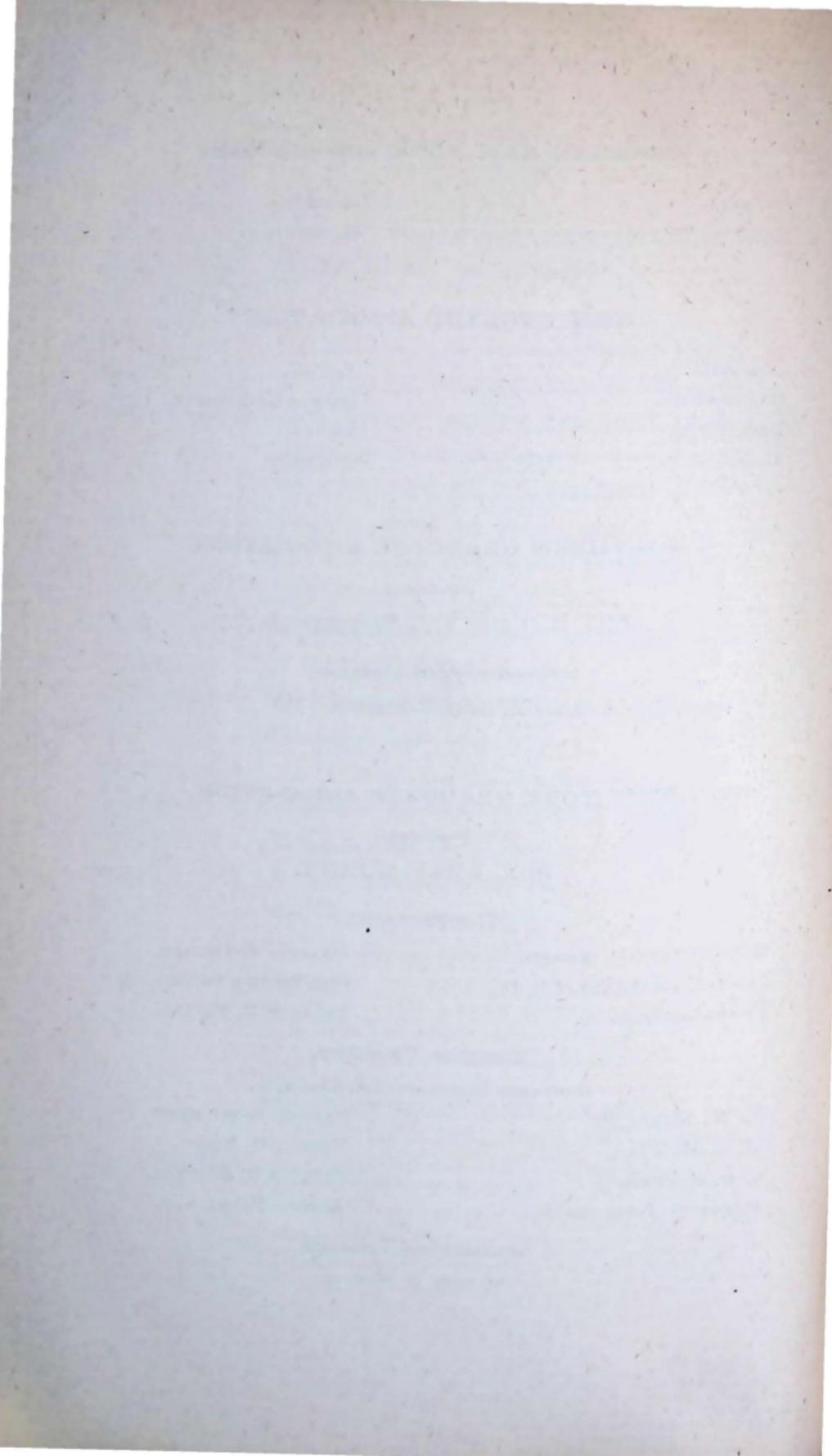
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POEM.

Read at the Theta Delta Chi convention and reunion, Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City, Nov. 23, 1888, by Rev. Lewis Halsey, *Xi, '68.*

BROTHERS OF THE THETA DELTA CHI:

William L. Stone, Convention Orator in 1880, began his address with the following quotation:

“Brothers:

There are more guests at table, than
The hosts invited!
The illuminated hall is thronged
With quiet, inoffensive ghosts,
As silent as the pictures on the wall.”

They tell that Faith has power to raise
The buried dust of former days,
To say to earth's dry bones: “Revive!”
To make the withered flesh alive.
And I, to-night, behold once more
The faces loved so well of yore.
Speak soft, my Theta Delta Chi,
For spirits of the loved are nigh.
I seem familiar forms to see,
I hear the voices dear to me,
And clasp in my embrace once more
The brothers who have gone before.
They come! They come! and see! the Shield,
On every loyal breast revealed,

And badges of Black, White and Blue
Proclaim them to their colors true.
And, side by side with them, appear
The brothers who in heart are here,
But who in body absent, sigh
To meet with Theta Delta Chi.
The friends of former days are nigh,
In spirit seem to stand before us,
We sing of Theta Delta Chi,—
Familiar voices join the chorus.

There stands Marc Cook, a nobler soul
Ne'er answered at our muster roll,
And there the form of bold Ben Lee,
True friend of our Fraternity.
McCandlish's eloquence once more
Thrills every heart, as when, of yore,
He held Epsilon's banner high,
And honored Theta Delta Chi.
I hear the laugh of Doug Cornell,
As he some college tale doth tell;
And, as we sing a social strain,
There sounds the voice of Fred Tremaine.
There Stetson, at the open door,
Greets Theta's coming clans once more.
Now grand Gus Viele gives the grip,
With words of welcome on the lip;
And Bloxam, Drew, Sinnickson, Green,
Revisit this remembered scene.
There Brockmeyer, Beech and Morris, stand
Among the statesmen of our land;
And Holley, craving no attention,
Comes forward with a new invention.
There Lamb and Hillyer meet once more
To talk their toils and battles o'er,
And Tilghman, Tucker, French, Tremain,
Clasp hands as brothers once again.
There Smith and Capen take their places,
Two wise and worthy college *praeses*.
Our honored Stone once more we see,
Nestor of our Fraternity,
In literary art renowned,
A king, in sooth, and not uncrowned.
McKnight and Schuyler, pure of soul,

Whose names are starred upon our roll,
 And Ray, whose name we speak with love,
 Have joined Omega Charge above.
 Welcome, thrice welcome, brothers all,
 Whose spirits answer at our call!
 Good looking Gilbert next we scan,
 And then the preacher-poet, Mann,
 Next Scott, as sober as a dean,
 And Raines, the orator, are seen;
 Four brilliant sons in that quartette,*
 Their deeds will tell for Theta yet.
 Burdge, our historian, appears,
 Berosus of our earlier years.
 Dan Lockwood, the great nominator,
 A witty and a worthy frater;
 The poet-scholar Upton, there,
 Doth well deserved honors wear.
 And now Marc Cook, the brilliant boy,
 Draws near, and, yes, there stands Chet Roy.
 The wit of Merriam once more
 Sets all the table in a roar,
 And Sawyer, always at his post,
 Appears again, a genial ghost.
 There stands our brave Fitz James O'Brien,
 A master of the art divine,
 And Hay, a prince in any realm
 Of letters, now with hand on helm
 Of History, with equal skill
 Romance or rhyme to rule at will.
 There Brougham stands, as when of old
 He read to us his "Age of Gold."
 And Schuyler, bravest of the brave,
 Who died his brother's life to save.
 There Baldwin comes, with glory crowned,
 His name thro' all the world renowned.
 He did his duty,—and he died.
 Of old such men were deified.
 Now, better taught, the Christ we see
 In lives of holy ministry.

We see with dignity preside
 Our honored Paine, and by his side

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Is Hetherington, himself a host,
Just rising to propose a toast;
And Simons, always eloquent,
As when he was our president.
There Perry, Kilvert, Jones and Hill
Their offices with honor fill;
There Bartlett, Coville, Carter, stand,
Brave leaders of a noble band.
And Jones, his graceful pen doth wield,
The guardian of our glorious SHIELD.
And then comes Thompson of the Zeta,
A genial guest, and gallant Theta.
Our Pegasus, e'en with his blinders,
Can see the prince of "the spell-binders,"
Our Colonel Spahn, who has the art
In prose or verse to do his part.
And many are the later names,
That are not ours alone, but Fame's.
Did time allow, the muse would call
The names of brothers, honored all,
Not only on our muster roll,
But graven on each brother's soul.

Our gallant Beta leads the host,
A Charge found ever at her post;
And Delta fills our hearts with joy,
As glory gathers over Troy.
Bright young Epsilon then appears,
Not last, tho' least in length of years;
Then grand old Zeta comes once more
To take her station as of yore,
Thanks to Tower, who has stood
Firm to our noble brotherhood.
We hail with joy the gallant Eta,
A name which ever cheers a Theta.
The star of Theta shines serene
As when its radiance first was seen.
And Kappa bears our glorious shield
To victory on many a field;
And Lambda, strong in many Sons,
Its gallant course victorious runs.

May sons of Mu, as now, stand true
Forever to Black, White and Blue!

With glory let the Nu be crowned,
Her sons true Theta Deltas are found.

And honor to the grand old Xi,
Long has she borne her banners high!
Long may Omicron live, to be
A star in Theta's galaxy!
Blest be the brothers of the Pi,
True sons of Theta Delta Chi!
May Rho be ever brave and strong,
Her beam be bright, her life be long!
With joy we see once more afar,
The gleam of Sigma's glorious star;
The banner of the Psi is bright,
And upward is her arrows' flight.

We miss the ever welcome light
Of southern stars, which rank in night;
But hope to see those southern stars,
Whose fires were quenched in bloody wars,
Yet rise and shine in Theta's sky,
With blaze which is not born to die.

And other stars there were, whose rays
Shone brightly in the former days,
When Alpha and Upsilon stood
Among our noble brotherhood.

We honor all nor would pass by
A single Theta Delta Chi.

REMINISCENCE OF COLLEGE LIFE.

Oration delivered before the Theta Delta Chi Society at the Convention Dinner held in the Fifth Avenue Hotel, N. Y. city, Nov. 23, 1888, by Jacob Spahn, of the Chi Charge.

When a man becomes sick at heart, he is quite sure the dead are happy. The maudlin poet turns this melancholy conviction into a sentiment and constructs a tremulous refrain upon it. The tired philosopher, grown hoary in fruitless speculation and not less discouraged by the insoluble problems of earth than vexed with the empty vanities of men, journeys from sadness to cynicism and still further along the hopeless highway till he reaches black despair and asks as incredulously as impatiently: "Is life then worth the living here? Is there an hereafter which is worth

the having for us? Were not the sleep that knows no waking best?" But this querying is idle. True, indeed, is it and most commonplace that disappointments dishearten, that misfortunes depress, that each disenchantment brings with it a season of soul-torture, that each dispelled illusion leaves a scar, that as we age in years we sadden in heart, that the sorry summary of man's experiences discloses a totality wrapped wholly in murky clouds, through little rifts of which thin rays of sunshine straggle once in long intervals to struggle against Cimmerian darkness and abide briefly as abideth the lonely traveler who has come up in a barren and inhospitable region and whose haste to get away and leave desolation and crying sterility behind him, increases with each passing moment.

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For man, poor fellow, must battle against the ravages of time, must cunningly outwit the wiles of knavery, must shrewdly avoid the traps of folly. His is great toil to get, yet greater toil to hold and keep what he wrests from fickle fortune. And who shall determine which is the more difficult task, the acquisition or the retention of the good things of earth?

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All this is life. But life has its attractive features also, much of them more than merely fascinating. And if there be one among us whose lot has been so wretched that nothing seems left to him but misery and mourning, sack-cloth and ashes, who finds no joy in nature to dispel his unhappy mood and drive the cankering sorrow from his heart, he may still steal away out of the dusk and darkness of his woes for odd hours by recalling some happy, glorious, nigh forgotten past and letting the light of memory pour into and all around it. That, too, is entrancing—ecstatic—supernal!

Oh, Reminiscence, when we have become blasé, when we are old and seared by the multifarious mishaps and the mercenary contentions of this sublunary existence, you furnish us the power to go back to a time when care sat lightly on our shoulders, when there was naught but music in the air, and the very heavens seemed to hang full of silver-stringed lutes. And a part of that happy earlier time is our college life.

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There, rearing herself proudly aloft on her broad stone foundation, is Alma Mater, cresting the green campus like an imperial crown. Shady trees spread their rich foliage along gravelled paths which run their serpentine length in beauteous curves toward towering gates.

Let us devote ourselves again to the Freshman; and, since we find him with money once more, "flush" as he facetiously calls it, after much sore travail and many self-denials, we will let him sing his gay college glees;

and now with him "we'll merry merry be, for to-morrow we'll grow sober," taking revenge for all—paying ourselves in liberal wine for the many heavy hours we were compelled to pass in the dreary company of penniless Greek roots and impecunious Algebraic formulas, for the numerous nights of toil and the haggard days of recitation which "followed fast and followed faster like unmerciful disaster" upon the night. Aye, we will live out our money wildly, madly, and not the less superbly like some gay cavalier or frivolous Prince Charley; and the boys of our provincial little town shall hear of us, recite our awful doings in envious whisper, tell of our lurid larks in words of wonder and truly begrudge us the genius of knowing how to summon forth the King of Sheol and make that royal personage howl so the welkin rings and the very ground quakes with fear beneath our jumping feet. Yes, to-night "we'll merry merry be, and to-morrow we'll grow sober."

So we build palaces, we rear us idols, we send argosies out upon the placid and sunny seas where the deep blue waters seem to hold forth never a threat of a storm. But a day comes when our palaces lie in ruins, our idols are shattered, our argosies are stranded upon the beach, wrecked irreparably. The same tempest has swept across and destroyed them all alike. Faith, but the day before unbounded, is now gone. Sable clouds hang over and envelope our luckless and despondent souls.

Hopeless, we hang our heads and beat our breasts and tear our hair.

Oh, Protean misfortune! A false woman loved too well; a laboriously acquired fortune swept suddenly away; the loss of a true wife; a reputation wrung with the toil of years from stubborn fame blasted in a brief hour; the base ingratitude of adored children; the luckless venture that comes to no fruition and swallows all—privation, ill-health, sorrow, despair, mayhap even heredity—alas, what does not urge toward the flowing cup? And this same cup, that raised our hopes so high, that fed our faith so lustily, that tinted the world so brightly, that seemed to make this life worth living beyond any doubt, is drained again to bring surcease of sorrow; to cheat the addled brain, to ease the bitter pangs of disappointment, to drown remorse, to banish regret, to stupify the pain-sensing senses, to stimulate the flagging spirits, to raise the drooping soul, to still the bitter woe of a breaking heart, to draw a veil over the past, to court, aye, death, even death itself. The poor blear-eyed wretch finally creeps to the welcome poison of the cup, shivering, miserable, lost, yet yearningly seeking therein relief, even as would a famished mendicant held in the clutches of incurable disease seek suicide in the slow drug that kills as it composes his shattered nerves. And so the dark tomb becomes a welcome bourne at last, at last!

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Ah, Commencement, glorious day. In after years when the brown

color has faded from his hair, when his white locks are thin, and brilliant successes are stale experiences to him, when, perhaps, he stands out a commanding figure surrounded by an adulating crowd, a sole dictator to the mighty, amid the pomp of power, he will recur to this day and declare to himself out of his very heart of hearts that it was the proudest among all the proud days which Providence vouchsafed to him. Then for the nonce again and truly, was and is life worth the living so far as it concerned his single self. Here rounds an epoch to ripe completion—one of the seven stages pictured by the poet—likewise the beginning of the end.

Now, O college graduate, new fledged alumnus, if thou be of the average kind, avert thy tear-suffused eyes from Alma Mater's beloved walls, and turn their gaze outward and before thee. One brief moment more shall be thine for repining over the dead, then shalt thou have resurrection and the life—where? Upon thy future field of labor—a prosaic toiler for daily bread, a hustling contender for better place, a fighting soldier in the ranks. Endless struggle for existence! Stony, sterile field! Look at its broad expanse! There, seeming indeed boundless, it stretches out strangely and inhospitably before thy strained optics. Art thou surprised at the sight? Is it appalling? Ah, thou hast made the mistake of all thy callow predecessors. Like them thou didst suppose while kindly Alma Mater spared thee the dread knowledge and held thee aloof from it between her four great walls, that this terrain would prove a sunny land of pretty amateurs and playful dilettantism ruled over by that ever-smiling queen, Good Nature—a land where distinguished honors gratuitously seek thee out and tender themselves to thee upon the servile salver; where wealth flows unbidden to thy purse and in a meed out-measuring thy most extravagant whims solely so thou mightest realzie their unstinted gratification; where coy Fame, so difficult at all times to win, becomes thine without court, minne-service, supplication or genuflection and pleads upon her bended-knee for a salute and an embrace from thee, obdurate man; where thy slumbers always refresh, and each succeeding morning breaks in upon them with the congratulations of an applauding world ringing upon the air for thy easy conquest of Glory and Power over night—a beauteous land where plenty unfailingly prevails while soft music toys with the lazy senses and sweetly lulls the careless soul to roseate dreams; where the happy population owns perennial contentment and lightly whiles away the hours in merry Maypole romping till gentle weariness invokes repose under the cool shadow of umbrageous trees, each succeeding day a holiday; a land, moreover, that knows not gusty storm, nor icy blast, nor inclemency of winter, nor war, nor famine, nor pestilence; where glee blends with glee, gay *Gaudeamus* with lissome *Lauriger* in melodious chorus every sleepy

afternoon; where Mirth woos Gladness and jolly poets recite bucolics in approved classical meter every festive evening; where Orpheus and the salacious fawn still dance to the dulcet notes of the passion-entrancing flute and enrapture sticks and stones as well as lads and lassies; a pastoral land peopled by folk wholly irresponsible, yet, notwithstanding, always dancing and delighted, a folk of fandangos and boleros whose fleecy flocks grow, tend and shear themselves as they multiply amid unfailing clover with never any blizzards, nor predatory wolf or other unmuzzled thing about to threaten danger; a lotus land of slumbrous musing and idle meditation, of supernal ease and joyous revelry, of voluptuous loves ever new and radiant women ever varying their fascinations; nor that alone, but of haleyon days and royal feasts and Bacchic Saturnalia—sans any headache—in short, a sensuous hasheesh land, a spectacular dream, delight, a very vision of gorgeous pageants and endless holidays amid pillared palaces and imposing temples suffused with all the glorious iridescence of the prism to which is never any sickening aftermath.

Behold, however, the stern reality. You who care to inspect the awful theatre of human operations closer, who wish to reconnoitre the field of battle, will make discoveries as bizarre as appalling. You will see through the rifts of smoke, many-windowed walls in lofty stories tower toward ever stormy skies, and these enormous piles block all the avenues of escape for the combatants and oddly terminate the highways by which the field is reached and which concentrate from the most widely diverse quarters of the compass in upon the common center of contention, so each road ends as a veritable *cul-de-sac*. The structures are not palaces, nor temples, nor anything that may please the eye or delight the soul; but jails, mad-houses, prisons and penitentiaries. Enthroned over all sits the Penal Law grim and potential as Zeus himself and around it are arranged the paraphernalia of earthly justice (a poor substitute for the real article) with its fallible judges, its busy bailiffs, its mighty tip-staves, its cunning constabulary, its logic-wracking, fact-warping barristers, bag-wigs, gowns, criers, codes, pandects, institutes, tears, terrors, vacuous vaporings, wise saws, modern instances, and owl-eyed ceremonials, simulacra of equity that never give any sure relief—that are mainly fatuous and wordy humbug. Behind these finally, looms up the hangman. And the motley whole constitutes the cogs, clamps, wheels, belts, shafts, beams, boilers, valves, pistons, pulleys, governors and what not else of the cumbrous and complicated machinery designed, with much curious ingenuity of the red-tape sort, to make crime dangerous, to interrupt, intercept and apprehend it, to sift, macerate, pulverize and destroy it utterly, all of which was never fully accomplished in any clime by any power under the fathomless heavens. For crime, the sleek fellow,

but too often slips through the holes of the curious sieve used to catch him; but too frequently works his way out from between the loosely woven meshes of the poor net used to entangle him and the *innocent* are not infrequently made to suffer in "duly" wise and strictly according to law. Ha, ha! It is an intensely sardonic affair—this life now; and even hospitals, receipts, nurses, nostrums, prayers, petitions, promissory notes, bad accounts, cent-per cent., computation and very variegated responsibilities of all sorts which never occupied the soul or freighted the head and heart before, trip cheerily into sight like the merry maskers of a carnival whether you like it or not. They come to own an importance more thrilling than the drama, more fascinating than games and theatres ever possessed in college days. The spell of these things is beyond all powers of resistance. Smile in your sleeves here, gray-beards, you know it all too well. Nor is your smile anything but demoniac and such as might wreath the blistered lips of doomed wretches.

I know not why, on this hotly contested field, all engaged are alike implacable to the death and Bedlam-proof to any reason. Oh, it is a horror-laden land of insensate commotion, world without end, where the combatants seem daft and where the wisdom which holds aloof from and deprecates the crazy carnage, is anathematized, annihilated and alone reckoned to be folly, while no lofty, nor laudable nor yet disinterested inspiration ever actuates, nor anything truly good ever rewards the powers of the Christly conscientious. As Bunyan but too faithfully portrayed it two hundred years ago, this world still abides intact and were the Christ to reappear on earth and set himself up against the wrong and injustice that have survived the disruption of the Feudal System, to oversway them with sermons and christian advice, he would again suffer humiliating defeat. He might, perhaps, escape crucifixion; yet he would not be so sure of escaping the halter; because, now, indeed, the cold diamond-edged logic of worldly wisdom in the maxims of La Rochfoucauld and La Bruyere as well as the skeptic, pseudo-wit of cynics like Voltaire are the recognized rules of war and constitute the code of moral ethics among the cunningly utilitarian folk who always cast their anchor to the windward and vindicate all the abominations of the snaky Macchiavelli. Perfect honesty is impolitic, because the naked truth shocks earthly modesty. And what is the end of all when all is done? Listen, gentle auditors: Man leaves the ceaseless struggle at last shiftless, getting ill, dull, awkward and weak, wholly useless for further fighting. By a grim yet not entirely unpoetic retribution, he is compelled to surrender not only his life, but his all, however toilsomely got. In ghastly exchange for his honors, his riches if he has such, and mayhap his fine feathers if any there be accumulated, he must take a shroud and a coffin, that being the poor, cheap and pitiful end of the bitter business, be the

funeral rites thereafter never so pompous or never so imposing. Aye, death comes at last, bare and cheerless upon a life fiercely tossed out and fretted away in fray and fever! Death grim, grinning and hideous I repeat. Here it is idle to ask: "Why is the bootless war waged thus to remain essentially grotesque in all its terrors and its tragedy? Let him answer who may. This, at least, is beyond peradventure, and the common concession of the creeds, viz.: The struggle was foreordained on high and raged among all living things, with a slight traditional exception dating from Adam's first few days in Eden, since the remote beginning. It rages still and will rage forevermore wholly without meritorious justification that any human mind has ever divined. An illustrious man of our race, but recently dead, Darwin, spread the sad fact upon the curious record of things and proved it, though long before his day and data the world's great poets and philosophers had imaged it forth in words that lived. Yet slow and stupid science with the blinkers of religious denominations before her starry eyes stubbornly refused to accord it any place among the eternal verities till the last half century, disporting herself in all things like a beautiful but witless woman. Idle here, too, is the question: "Why is the puzzling, implacable, idiotic and eternal struggle?" God only knows. Surely man's little season on earth, might, by the same inscrutable fiat from on high which ordains it to be wretched and turbulent, have been established blessed and elysian while it lasted its brief spell.

In this broad land of liberty, there is no royal road which opens to any lucky accident of birth and guarantees success in the fierce strife for fame and fortune. The chances of every man are almost even, I dare maintain they are greater for any man who craves success, be his pedigree whatsoever it may, then anywhere else on the face of the earth. Yet here as everywhere among men here, though under fairer auspices, under social institutions that are designed to be equitable, under political conditions never so free in all the world before, where humanity is claimed to be respected for itself alone and where the various races of men, in all their inequality and diversity, stand equal before the law, even here in this progressive and beneficent land, thou, Oh fresh fledged college graduate shall note what? That men are stubborn to reform; that while civilization has repressed some crime it has not repressed vice; that there is limitless ignorance, puerility and dishonesty. The but too common attitude among human creatures which I have deprecated as fast as I was able to depict it, still persists. Every man's hand is raised against his fellow in the sordid contention for gold and honors. It is over and over again the grim, the inevitable, the primordial struggle of the weak with the strong for the survival of the fittest physically, *but not the most worthy*, to whom forevermore with but too scant exception, go and shall go the prizes of

the earthy earth. Neither right nor justice always sit in judgment over the competition for them and the distribution of them. Neither merit nor desert always enter the field to strive, nor toil or crave for and expect to attain them. But they go mainly whithersoever Cunning, Dishonesty and Lack of Scruple, three bold, quick and stalwart fellows, armed to the teeth, casqued, cuirassed, greaved and bucklered, fierce as very gladiators, strong as lions and as courageous, indiscriminately maim, mutilate and kill for them. These sinister gentry do all this bloody mischief for the prizes, and never hesitate to ruthlessly wrest them from the very hands of those laid stark in the universal war of life. Alas, was it not just said that it is decreed that man, created in the image of his Maker, shall nurse the furies in the cockles of his wicked heart, down even unto the shadow of the tomb, for no visible or tangible good to his race or himself and make a steaming hell broth of this life ?

Oh, thou poor college graduate with some of the divine afflatus in thy soul, with a heart still to be seared by a knowledge of these things, with a conscience still to be calloused by the wisdom of experience, when thou discoverest all, (now that it is still a *terra incognita* to thee thou mightest be most happy in thy ignorance,) what pain, torture and terror are in store for thee? Bitter indeed the revelations still undisclosed in the trough of the stormy sea over which thou must ride to glory, if glory be thy quest, to place, if place be thy ambition, to power, if power thou wouldst own, to wealth, if wealth thou covet? Oh what faith thou must abandon, what virtues thou must surrender, what sacrifices thou must make, what dear losses thou must sustain, how thou must harden thy heart and beat out thy humanity before thou gain the things thou cravest, the disappointments deemed prizes in this melancholy vale of disastrous victories? Struggle on undismayed, however, there is for even thee a niche in the great temple of time; and all thou hopest for may be thine out of misfortune, out of cruel wrong and checkered fraud. These are mighty obstructionists all. Yet these, too, be it known, have cravenly given way to perseverance many and many a day. What if thy claims are now scouted, what if the elect now slam their doors in thy very face when thou comest, a too meek supplicant for admission to place among them? Persist in confidence, assert thy rights and finally defy them all and knock again. I say return and even force admission (learning the lesson of the worldly wise) if so be thou care to have it, since it will come to thee no other way. Meanwhile, I adjure thee to thank God, the race is not always to the swift, less plodding poverty might never emerge out of thraldom and fling his iron shackles in the sea, while affluence folds her gold embroidered robes over grimy shoulders and makes a king of humble toil. Thank God, too, the fight is not always to the strong, lest the sacrifice on Calvary's holy hill had been in vain and

the sweet lesson which regenerated a world, and crowned charity noblest of all the virtues, had been left unwelcome and untaught. In every century since that imposing day, great souls have sanctified the hallowed lesson by good deeds; and clearer shines the sun in a horizon that is broadened and from which the clouds are slowly being swept into oblivion's night. I do see a groveling race rise; and there may still be wings for it to soar, sinless and beautiful, in the blue empyrean toward an unpeccable and a perfect future. Titled kings there still be, and so is caste. Sodden creatures still are born to lofty place in lands across the sea where liberty is fought and her lofty rights are denied; but our own soil is free, rescued forever from the domination of exploded dogma, and now stands forth luminously, the bright heritage of humanity. In its broad lap reposes an infant, young but gigantic, whose chubby and dimpled fingers hold in their grasp the political salvation of the race. Thank God for all that. And though vicious be our people's short-comings, though there be still unpunished wrong and unrequited good among us, though virtue find it as sore a task to make patriots and statesmen of politicians, to make humanitarians and philanthropists of jobbers here as she has ever found it elsewhere. Yet we, last born of time, the people of the great American Republic, are a nation favored of heaven and destined to outstride all the slow and older rest in the splendid march to glory. So struggle on, poor college graduate, unit among a mass so fortunate. Thine may be yet all that is worth the having; all that is worth the living for; nor is the highest worth the getting, save by honor. And mark thou here, the gods themselves enjoin it, preserve this thine HONOR, pure and unsullied and the white robe of angels, lest mighty Jove, to whom is no blacker sin than treason, blast thee with his lightening and thou enterest the tomb foresworn, condemned and accursed for evermore.

“ Since the mills of God grind slowly,
But they grind exceeding sure.”

And if misfortune make it thy sad lot to perish in the struggle, the poet has even a poem to defeat, dedicated

“ To those who have failed in aspiration vast,
“ To unnamed soldiers, fallen in front, in the lead,
“ To calm, devoted engineers, to overardent travellers,
“ To pilots in their ships,
“ To many a song and picture without parturition.”

And this good soul lifted the music of his verse still loftier, singing:

“ To these I'd rear a laurel-covered monument
“ High, high above the rest, to all cut off before their time.
“ Possessed by some great spirit of fire,
“ Quenched by an early death.”

THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION.

On the morning of Wednesday, November 16, in one of the parlors of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, the forty-second annual convention of our fraternity was called together by President Bartlett. All the charges except Theta and Sigma were represented, and the list of delegates was as follows:

Beta—A. J. Coville, Wm. R. Webster, Wm. Morrison.

Delta—I. C. Blandy, E. S. Brown, J. C. Hallock.

Epsilon Deuteron—M. S. Bradley, Fred Carter, L. C. DuBois.

Zeta—F. A. Herendine, H. J. Spooner, jr., E. C. Frost.

Eta—W. T. Hall, jr., F. M. Russell, J. L. Clark.

Iota—F. L. Jones, Max A. Kilvert, L. Burrows, jr.

Kappa—H. C. Taylor, C. L. Reed, E. J. Crandall.

Lambda—L. H. Dorchester, A. L. Janes, H. J. Bickford.

Mu Deuteron—W. O. Conrad, E. C. Camp, W. G. Reynolds.

Nu Deuteron—E. D. A. de Lima, L. H. Ely, J. G. Hearns.

Xi—E. W. Jewell, H. J. Beers, W. E. Carr.

Omicron Deuteron—S. P. Smith, W. S. Sullivan, J. T. Sullivan.

Pi Deuteron—Gonzalo de Quesada, E. K. Waterbury, E. G. Alsdorf.

Rho Deuteron—Dr. C. M. Burrows, Fred E. Soudern, R. G. Dilworth.

Psi—J. B. Huber, J. H. Pardee.

The proceedings throughout were marked by an air of business which augured well for the accomplishment of the plans set on foot by this convention.

The delegates were prompt in their places and ready for whatever work fell to their share, while throughout the business sessions there reigned a complete harmony which tended greatly to success. One of the pleasantest

features was the presentation to the fraternity of a flag by the Pi and Rho Deuteron charges. The flag which was made of black and white and blue and contained the letters $\Theta \Delta X$ was floated during the remainder of the session over the hotel and attracted a great deal of notice from the passers-by.

The reports from the charges showed that all were in good condition and far more prosperous than ever before, while much of the new legislation expressly tended to the increased advancement of our brotherhood.

During the convention many of our older graduates made their appearance on the convention floor, and among them none were more popular nor more heartily received than Col. Jacob Spahn, of the Chi, and the Rev. Ebenezer Thompson, of Pomfret, Conn.

The session ended on Friday afternoon with the election of officers for the ensuing year. These are: Grand Lodge President, Arthur L. Bartlett, Lambda; Secretary, A. L. Covile, Rho Deuteron; and Treasurer, Frederic Carter, Epsilon Deuteron. Committee on Catalogue, Ozora S. Davis, Omicron Deuteron. Editor of the SHIELD, Frank L. Jones, Pi Deuteron.

The convention was followed by the banquet which was held in the same hotel and which proved a most enjoyable occasion. After the menu was discussed the literary exercises followed. The Toast-Master was Rev. Ebenezer Thompson, of Pomfret, Conn.; Orator, Col. Jacob Spahn, of Rochester, N. Y.; Poet, Rev. Lewis Halsey, of Farmersville, N. Y., and Biographer, Seth P. Smith, of Boston. The toasts replied to were:

The Grand Lodge	A. L. Bartlett, Lambdo.
The Fraternity	M. A. Kilvert, Iota.
Prospective	I. C. Blandy, Delta.
Retrospective	Dr. E. L. Plunkett, Phi.
THE SHIELD	F. L. Jones, Pi Deuteron.
The Ladies	J. H. Pardee, Psi.
Athletics	L. H. Ely, Nu Deuteron.
Omega Charge	in silence.

OUR BANQUETS.

THE NEW YORK GRADUATE ASSOCIATION.

On the evening of February 20th the Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi held its annual reunion and banquet, at Sieghortner's, in New York City. While the attendance this year was not as great as that of last year, the dinner was marked by a cordiality and "homeness" which spoke greatly for the advancement of the Association. A short business meeting was held, at which Hon. Willis S. Paine was elected President for the ensuing year. The members then sat down to a dinner, which certainly deserves the highest praise. At its conclusion, the retiring President, Bro. Charles R. Miller, editor-in-chief of the *New York Times*, delivered a very bright and witty opening address. Afterwards, acting as toast-master, he introduced the poet of the evening, Bro. Webster R. Walkley, whose production met with the heartiest applause. The orator of the occasion was Hon. John W. Griggs. In his speech he contrasted the college student of to-day, with the one of former times, and then drew in a few words, yet eloquently enough to stir every heart that was present, the picture of our grand fraternity—its causes, its result. No more just or glorious tribute could have been paid her, than he gave in saying: "It is the embodiment of all sentiments of honor and truth. When a man joined Theta Delta Chi, he had all his innate principles of honor and justice fostered and increased by her loving care. We were secret, yes, secret, because the college faculty prohibited us. Theta Delta Chi's secret is the placing of a young man before the mysteries of the great world, which he cannot see alone; the inculcating of friendship, fidelity, truthfulness—those things which will carry him onward and upward in the battle of life; the resolve that never through him shall the cause of honor, truth and country suffer shame.

These are the secrets—these the glory of Theta Delta Chi, and this it is that causes a thrill wherever and whenever Theta Delta Chi is mentioned."

Bro. Gonzalo de Quesada responded to the toast of "Our Younger Brethren," and broached the subject of a graduate club in this city. The idea was enthusiastically received, and a committee appointed to consider ways and means to that end, and report as soon as possible. Bro. Charles V. Mapes responded to "Agriculture," F. L. Jones to "The Shield," and E. W. Powers to "The Bar."

Among those present were Charles D. Marvin, Jacques B. Juvenal, Benj. W. Douglass, Robt. D. Douglass, Hon. John W. Griggs, Charles Stewart, Clay W. Holmes, A. H. Sherrerd, J. M. Sherrerd, and Clark Fisher, of Phi; Sam. Huntington, Jr., Augustus W. Nicoll, and Daniel Leech, of Alpha; D. Chapman, G. de Quesada, George N. Grass, and Frank L. Jones, of Pi Deuteron; Professor Benedict, of Psi; A. L. Coville, of Rho Deuteron; E. D. A. de Leina, of Beta; Robert Eddy, of the old Lambda; Webster R. Walkley, of Omicron; Charles R. Miller, of Omicron Deuteron; Col. Rodney Smith, W. S. A., of Gamma; Charles V. Mapes, of Iota; E. L. Plunkett, of Sigma, and Ed. W. Powers, of Kappa.

THE CENTRAL NEW YORK ASSOCIATION BANQUET.

The Eighth Annual Convention and Banquet of the Central New York Association of Theta Delta Chi was held at the Globe hotel, Syracuse, February 21st, under the auspices of Delta Charge.

A business meeting was held before the banquet, with Brother Jacob Spahn presiding. At this meeting it was the good fortune of the Brothers present to meet Brothers A. H. Green and D. Pardee, of Alpha. Brother Green was one of the charter members of Alpha and consequently one of the founders of our noble fraternity.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. D. Pardee, *A*, '52; Vice Presidents, A. H. Green, *A*, '49, Ivan Powers, *X*, '72; Secretary and Treasurer, R. B. Perine, *Ψ*, '90.

It was decided by vote that hereafter arrangements for the annual banquet of the association should be in the hands of a committee of four, one representative from each charge in the association.

After the meeting, an attack was made upon the viands, and following the usual course, the gathering was soon ready to hear Brother Spahn introduce the orator of the evening, Brother Ivan Powers. At the close of his excellent speech Brother Spahn commenced the toasts of the evening with a few merry remarks, and the following toasts were offered and received with the characteristic Theta Delt eagerness :

“Delta,”	Bro. E. S. Brown.
“Xi,”	Bro. Carr.
“Psi,”	Bro. Lee.
“Beta,”	Bro. Stewart.
“The Ladies,”	Bro. J. H. Pardee, <i>Ψ</i> .
“College Life,”	Bro. C. C. Palmer, <i>Ξ</i> .
“Liquids in Motion,”	Bro. W. E. Hills, <i>Ξ</i> .
“Our Professors,”	Bro. C. C. Hoff, <i>Ξ</i> .
“Athletics,”	Bro. Stranahan, <i>B</i> .
“The Omega Charge,”	drank in silence.

The banquet broke up at an early hour—in the morning—and but few took the trouble to retire at all.

The following are some of the letters received from brothers who were unable to be with us :

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.,
Jan. 27, '89.

Bro. Hallock:

Your invitation duly received. Owing to circumstances, I am afraid I cannot meet with you, but if I can will do so. I would be much pleased to meet our boys once, and especially with our old charge.

Respectfully,
J. W. TROTT, '69.

BOSTON, Mass.

J. C. Hallock, Theta Delta Chi, Globe Hotel, Syracuse:

We send congratulations, best wishes and love. Are with you to-night in spirit.

A. L. BARTLETT, Pres. of G. L.
SETH P. SMITH.

REISTERSTOWN, Md.

*From the Southern Graduate Association of Theta**Delta Chi, to the Central New York Association, Greeting.*

DEAR BROTHERS:—We extend our hearty congratulations and best wishes for a successful and jolly banquet. Give a hearty grip for us to every one of the brothers present. How we wish we could be with you, but it is impossible this year.

We extend to all of you a most cordial and pressing invitation to be present at our Third Annual Banquet, Monday, Mch. 4th, at 11 p. m., at Wormley's Hotel, 15th and H streets, Washington, D. C. Please notify me at once if any of you will come.

Yours in the bonds,

ALEX. M. RICH,

Secy. and Treas.

LANSINGBURGH, N. Y.,

Jany. 25, 1889.

DEAR BRO.:—I have your kind invitation to the Theta Delta Chi banquet at Syracuse, Feb. 21st, but as I expect to be in Baltimore on that day I cannot accept it. Hoping you will have a pleasant time and thanking you for the invitation, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

WARREN T. KELLOGG.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.,

Feby. 19, '89.

Mr. J. C. Hallock, Troy, N. Y.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.:—We have sent to your address, account Globe Hotel, this day some cigarettes for the banquet Thursday evening.

I regret that I cannot be present in body, but will be with you in spirit. I know that it will be a jolly gathering of good fellows, as all Theta Deltas are. With kind regards, I am

Very cordially and fraternally,

W. S. KIMBALL.

MEDIA, Pa.,

Jan. 26th. 1889.

Mr. J. C. Hallock, Troy, N. Y.

DEAR BROTHER:—Your cordial invitation to the banquet in Syracuse makes me home-sick to be with the Theta Deltas once more, but I must give up the hope again. Give my best love to all the boys, and believe me

In the bonds,

BENJ. C. POTTS.

THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION BANQUET.

On Monday, March 4th, at Wormley's hotel, Washington, D. C., the third annual meeting of the Southern Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi fraternity, was held, followed by a banquet. There were ten charges represented, every one enthusiastic concerning the merits and probable future of the Association.

The business of the meeting was simply routine, save the appointment of a committee on resolutions on the death of Bro. James A. Dale, of Carlisle, Pa., and the adoption of the following resolutions commendatory of the services of Secretary and Treasurer, Alex. M. Rich, the latter of which brought out the speech of the evening, a bit of polished and fervent rhetoric by Bro. Wm. R. Alexander, of Winchester, Va.

WHEREAS, It is to the untiring energy and strenuous efforts of Bro. Alex. M. Rich that the Southern Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi owes its permanent organization; and

WHEREAS, By the exercise of that same energy we are now celebrating our third anniversary in a style and with a degree of success that shall occasion pride in recalling it;

Resolved, That the Association has cause for congratulation in having secured the services of a Secretary and Treasurer so active and self-sacrificing in its interests; and

Resolved, That accord with these sentiments be attested by re-electing him with a rising vote.

Bro. E. O. Graves, Chief of Bureau of Printing and Engraving, Washington, D. C., was re-elected President, and Bro. Alex. M. Rich, of Reisterstown, Md., was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer. Bros. Gordon T. Atkinson, of Crisfield, Md., Ed. W. Byrn, of Munn & Co., Washington, D. C., and Chas. E. Cassell, of *The Clarion*, Mechanicstown, Md., with the President and Secretary, form the Executive Committee. The Association adjourned to meet next year in Baltimore, the date and place to be arranged by the Executive Committee.

At eleven o'clock the members took their places at the banquet, and for three hours "dull care" was relegated

to the demnition bow-wows, while the flesh and the spirit were reinforced by the substantials and ethereals of Wormley's charming menu.

The new song books were produced and the denizens of Washington, Northwest, were subjected to an inundating wave of Theta Delt melody.

The rippling harmony supplemented by the flowing bowl in a brief measure of time banished nervous reserve and the banqueters became pleasantly communicative, poetic, patriotic, eloquent and fraternal. The resourceful and courteous president directed the "flow of soul" with a master hand, and a pleasant re-union ended with hearty expressions and a deepening feeling for the welfare of the Southern Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi.—Mechanicstown (Md.) *Clarion*.

A SECRET SOCIETY BANQUET.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The third annual banquet of the Southern Association of the Theta Delta Chi college fraternity was held at Wormley's Hotel, at eleven o'clock last night. After the usual business meeting and election of officers, the dinner was served. Letters of regret were received from the following prominent members: Bishop A. M. Randolph, Hon. Daniel Lockwood, William Leete Stone, Hon. Henry R. Gibson, of Knoxville, Tenn.; C. R. Miller, of the *New York Times*; S. Douglas Cornell, Buffalo; Rev. George Williamson Smith, president Trinity College; Hon. William Lamb, ex-Mayor of Norfolk, Va., and Hon. Alviro F. Gibbens, and Hon. William Paine, Albany, N. Y. Among those present were: Hon. E. O. Graves, superintendent engraving and printing; Edward W. Byrn, Frederick B. Coville, Charles W. Curtis, Rudolph A. King, of Washington, D. C.; Gen. W. B. French, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Morris Sherrerd and T. C. Van Storch, of Scranton, Pa.; Thomas Earle, of Philadelphia; James Hallock and William Miller, of Troy, N. Y.; Dr. James Ward Scott and J. Royston Stifler, of Belair, Md.; Dr. Gordon T. Atkinson, surgeon of the post, Crisfield, Md.; Hon. William R. Alexander, of Winchester, Va.; Dr. B. R. Davidson, of Maryland; Charles B. Cassady, Alexander M. Rich and J. H. Foss, Baltimore; Charles E. Cassell, of the *Catoctin Clarion*, Mechanicstown; Messrs. Hanley and Rittew, Carlisle, Pa.; Messrs. Kelkner and Hutchinson, Harrisburg, Pa., and Frank L. Jones, New York City.—Special to the *Baltimore American*.

EDITORIAL.

THIS number completes the fourth volume of **THE SHIELD** and completes its record of success—for the past year has brought success to our quarterly. Better in style, in matter, in news, than it has ever been before, **THE SHIELD** can now easily take its place among the leading fraternity magazines in the country. Nor is this all. We feel that whatever else it may have been or may not have been, it has been an aid to our fraternity. And yet we have only as yet gone a step in this direction. With increased facilities financial and literary, that is fraternally literary, we can and will make our journal a record which more clearly portrays the success our Charges are achieving or the failures which need remedying. There is a higher, better sphere in which to devote the work and influence of our journal. Higher and better because of its more lasting good and benefit. We refer to the awakening and securing of our graduates' interest in the active work of our fraternity. Manifold have been the discussions as to the cause of their loss of interest in every college fraternity that has ever existed and manifold have been the remedies suggested; but among them all we consider the best, because most expedient, that of placing in the graduates' hands a constant reminder not only of the active fraternity but of the graduate. Where the alumni are, what they are doing, old college yarns, old reminiscences, all will chain his attention and rivet it as no literary matter could do. Let one portion of the paper, however small it may be, be given to this and the graduate will be interested enough to subscribe, and better than that, to read it after he has subscribed. This is a factor which is too important to be overlooked, and which we shall endeavor to the best of our ability to make a distinctive feature of **THE SHIELD**. In concluding this volume we wish again to express our thanks to the Charge Editors for the faithful

manner in which they have performed their duties. Thanks to their efforts we have had a department of Charge letters equal to if not better than any other magazine. May the good work continue and increase in the new volume.

PHI is alive and Theta is *not* dead. Such news ought to spur us on to new efforts in our own sphere while extending the cordial grip of welcome to our new brothers at Lafayette and the one of earnest love and assistance to our faithful brother at Kenyon.

WILL not each Charge exchange its annual with THE SHIELD ? You will have a copy for the lodge rooms and we will have an encyclopaedia of our active members. Bear this in mind, Charge editors, and let us hear from you at once.

It should not be forgotten that at the last Graduate Reunion and Dinner at the Murray Hill Hotel, after remarks by Brother Hetherington of the Upsilon and Brother Paine of the Chi, and the question being put by Brother Miller of the Omicron Deuteron, it was unanimously resolved that the emblematic jewel or precious stone of Theta Delta Chi should be the Ruby.

Our brotherhood was the first to publish a magazine or journal devoted to its interest, of all the Greek letter fraternities ; the first to adopt emblematic colors and is now the first to adopt an emblematic stone. It is an open secret that the fidelity of a "Ruby" to our fraternity caused this action at that reunion. She is one of the leading society ladies of the city of New York, and her husband is one of our most prominent surgeons.

She was in her girlhood days the most brilliant star in the famous galaxy known as the Chi Theta Delta sisterhood of the Troy Female Seminary, a sisterhood which was at its zenith in the year 1859. If any evidence is needed to convince our younger brothers of the truthful-

ness of this last statement, we call as witnesses Brother Huntington of the Alpha and Brother Vroom of the ancient Delta.

It may be added that one of the rings worn by the members of this sisterhood is still in their possession and it was exhibited to those who were present at that dinner. It is in the shape of a shield composed of blue and white enamel. In the center are the letters $X \Theta \Delta$, above is a representation of a dove and arrow, and beneath these letters a sword and heart.

It is so seldom that a good word for fraternities is spoken by a complete outsider and disinterested observer that we quote with pleasure the following article from the *New York Truth*.

"I am often asked by anxious papas, 'What good is a secret society for a boy in college?' The form of the question suggests the idea that the papa is not likely to have any personal experience either of the one or the other; but the answer is plain. The secret college fraternity organizations of the better class have come to be an established power in American colleges; and in proportion to their merits, they exercise an influence for good or evil upon the career of every student that is, in the average, not much less important than that exerted by Alma Mater herself. As an influence it is stronger while it lasts, and, as a rule, lasts much longer. It is no more a question, 'Shall I permit my son to join a fraternity?' The question is, 'Can I hope that my son will be accepted by one of the best?' A curious instance of their practical workings has been recently told me on good authority. A Southern gentleman more than twenty years ago joined one of the institutions. Soon after this, his chapter became extinct. He himself became in turn a teacher, married and reared a family of children. He was industrious and worthy in every way, but the recent yellow fever panic in the South deprived him of his only means of support. The wolf was at the door. The last resources of economy had been exhausted. In his despair he address a letter, detailing his circumstances, to the fraternity at large, asking aid. A telegram to the president of a Southern college was answered with a satisfactory indorsement, and within a few hours a sum of money was on its way to the unfortunate one which was quite adequate to his immediate needs, and for which he has the satisfaction of knowing he is not indebted to organized charity, but to organized love."

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

“O wad some power the giftie gie us.”

Theta Delta Chi has forty-four under-graduates in Bowdoin College. There are only twelve neutrals in the whole college.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

The Cornell chapter of Theta Delta Chi has been incorporated under the name of The Beta Charge of Theta Delta Chi, and seven trustees have been elected. Subscriptions aggregating over \$2,000 have been received, and a chapter-house will be built speedily.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

The Shield of Theta Delta Chi is one of the aforesaid creatures of caustic proclivities. Its habitation is one of glass; it should not forget that when inclined to use the catapult.

We do not see any particular call for its criticism of the organ of Phi Kappa Psi, for example.

The latter is spoken of as “our namesake,” although in the ninth volume, while the journal of the crazy-quilt cover is only in its fourth. Yet there is something good, something generous in this splenetic journal’s disposition. Witness the courtesy and compliment characterizing its mention of the *Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*. Verily this redeems it.—*The Rainbow*.

“It is not yet known with certainty or authority, but it is generally conceded among the students that Theta Delta Chi has again given up the ghost. This is only the inevitable result of a chain of events which began a year ago. Since the last issue of *The Rainbow*, Delta Kappa Epsilon has lifted the only remaining hope of Theta Delta Chi, and the chapter is now no more. And amidst all this general slaughter and ruin, Delta Tau Delta is still on deck.” Thus writes the Kenyon scribe

of Delta Tau Delta to *The Rainbow*. The Kenyon scribe of Theta Delta Chi, on the other hand, infers that the gentleman still on deck may soon go below, but does not inform us how Theta Delta Chi will weather the storm. He writes as follows:

"The Delta Tau Deltas lost one of their men the beginning of this term, leaving them now with but one man, a Junior, and from the present outlook that fraternity will have to die here when he leaves.

The Beta Theta Pi chapter here surrendered its charter the beginning of this year on account of too few members. They had but two men, and they preferred that manner of leaving to dying out. The number of students in Kenyon is so small, that it is only a question of the survival of the fittest. At present there are active chapters of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Tau Delta and Theta Delta Chi in Kenyon, and all have a hard struggle for existence.—*The Shield*.

The Shield for May reached us in August, soon after the February number came to our table. The color of the cover has been changed.

From blue blazes the progression is toward red fumes. The new color will probably please the Harvard correspondent, who writes of the February issue: "In Cambridge the opinion is that the inside is capital, but that the outside is rather wild." The May number is in all respects better than its immediate predecessor. We notice some typographical errors, among them seven instances of "wrong font" on page 60. But the excellence of the contributions is general. "The Family Circle" is a poetic production read at a late banquet. After a prologue, announcing the occasion of the gathering, the writer discusses the fraternity at large, and then comments upon each chapter. There is a vein of intentional absurdity running through the whole poem, so perhaps we should not cavil at the remarkable result,

when, by a procrustean method, "Traversing wastes of pine" is made to rhyme with "We hail thee, Bowdoin," or when we read "Every man with Artz doth skillfully the base-ball hurl * * * Up at happy Dartmouth." Amherst chapter gains this recognition from the poet :

" From pure and righteous college shades,
Where favorite drinks are lemonades,
In virtue freely versed,
Come men, to study much inclined,
But Theta Delt's of finest kind,
Greeting! men of Amherst."

"Memories of Marc Cook" is a very interesting account of the life of a young journalist of New York city, whose ready wit and charming lines have pleased many. At a time when climate, in its relations to pulmonary disease, was discussed widely by the laity, Cook's article "Camp Lou," in *Harper's Monthly* for May, 1881, and his book entitled "The Wilderness Cure," popularized the Adirondack region among the phthisical and rendered his name familiar. After a gallant fight he fell a victim to pulmonary disease at last. A few of Cook's verses are quoted at length in the article.

The proper character of a fraternity journal is discussed by contributor and editor, with the usual result ; both concluding that it should primarily subserve the purposes of the order, next provide general fraternity news, and lastly, if at all, attempt purely literary flights. Twenty pages are well devoted to sixteen excellent charge-letters. There are five pages of personals, and two fraternity songs find place between the letters and personals. There is no mention made of exchanges.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

The Theta Delta Chi's, acting on the "come one come all" principle, have initiated eight '92 men, just half of the class. The Freshman who asked a classmate who

had recently become a "Theta," if the thirty pearls in his pin represented the number of men they could take in at one time, hit the nail pretty much all over the head.
—*Tufts letter in Delta Upsilon.*

To say the Theta Delta Chi *Shield* is startling is putting it very mildly. Only the wildest delirium or the blackest nightmare could have inspired the designers of that cover. It suggests the Inferno.

Taking into consideration the young person in the cut and the some three or four love songs which the *Quarterly* contains—to say nothing of the fair young contributor—it seems reasonable to conclude something as to Theta Delta Chi's summer. But although it is doubtless much safer to find a vent for one's sentiments, and although the confidence is extremely interesting to the rest of the Greek world, we have doubts about the propriety of it, which refuse to be stifled.

Be these things as they may, we are sincerely glad to welcome what has been so long a secret publication. The leading editorial is a *chef-d'œuvre*, disarming criticism by its modesty and leaving only room for commendation.

The strictly fraternity tone of the *Shield* is noticeable, and the chapter letters have a heartiness and an air of good fellowship about them that is refreshing after the dead-and-alive character of that department in some of the other exchanges. But is it wise either to write or publish such a sentence as this: "If the readers will pardon the candid opinion of your humble correspondent, he would say that he considers our crowd much above the others in quality"?

There are degrees of Theta Delt-ism which it would be unpardonable to pardon.—*The Key.*

COLLEGE NOTES.

At Washington and Lee University Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Psi occupy the same lodge rooms.—*Zeta X Quarterly*.

Will Carleton, the poet, is a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, having joined the chapter at Hillsdale College, where he was a member of the class of '69.—*Chi Phi Quarterly*.

The property of the ten largest fraternities in the United States aggregate a value of one million dollars.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

It is rumored that the chapter of Alpha Delta Phi at Western Reserve may soon give up its charter, as there are but three members. The Dekes also are weak there, having but four men; but they are working hard to regain their former position.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

Amherst has sent out two hundred college professors and presidents, and twenty judges of the Supreme Court. Dartmouth has graduated four hundred and thirty-seven college professors and presidents.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.

The "bran-new" Amherst chapter of Phi Delta Theta designates the order as "the National Fraternity of America."—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

The total membership of the Greek Letter Societies is nearly 75,000.

Stevens Institute of Technology, at Hoboken, N. J., will add a building for the preparatory department, to cost \$50,000.

The University of Michigan will enroll a total of nearly 1,900 this year.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.

The beginning of this college year witnesses a decided change among the societies in Sheffield. In the first place $\Sigma \Delta X$, better known as Book and Snake, took formal possession of their magnificent brown-stone house, near South Sheffield Hall. A cut of this house may be seen in September number of the *Century*. It is probably the finest college society building in the world. $\Theta \Delta X$, a new fraternity here, moved into the old cloister on Elm street.—*Yale letter in Chi Phi Quarterly*.

The following fraternities have chapters at Lehigh University, those in italics occupying chapter-houses: Chi Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, *Delta Phi*, *Psi Upsilon*, *Theta Delta Chi*, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Nu, Phi Gamma Delta, *Sigma Phi*, Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta. The Delta Phi and the Theta Delta Chi houses are rented. Sigma Phi is building a new house, which is much larger than the one they now occupy. Phi Delta Theta will occupy a rented house next spring.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Columbia has 1,829 students this year, distributed as follows: arts 380, "mines" 239, law 461, medicine 809, political science 61, library economy 30. This is said to be a larger number of students than can be found on the roll of any other college in the country. Harvard comes next, with 1,690; then the University of Michigan, 1,649; Oberlin, 1,302; Yale, 1,134; Northwestern, 1,100; University of Pennsylvania, 1,069, and Cornell, 1,022, making 10,621 students in these eight universities.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

This year's attendance at the University of Michigan, as shown by the registration books on October 12, is 1,649 as against 1,481 last year, distributed as follows: Literary department, 795; medical, 358; law, 329; pharmacy, 106; dental, 101; homeopathic, 70; showing a gain

in every department except the dental, which has the same attendance as last year; the freshman class in the literary department numbers 356, and is the largest in the history of the University. Last year 227 students entered after the opening of the term; if the same relative ratios are maintained this year, the total attendance will in all likelihood figure up more than 1,800.—*The Rainbow.*

The Yale Chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta, which was founded in 1875, has been re-established. The appearance of the chapter is most favorable, and it seems likely that it will soon become one of the leading fraternities. About fifteen men have thus far been initiated into the Yale Chapter. The appearance of this society is in one respect a departure from the Yale society system, it is the only society to which members of all the various departments in the University are eligible. All other societies are class institutions or are confined to the academic or scientific or law departments of the university, as the case may be. The Phi Gamma Delta is an old fraternity and has many illustrious members, among whom may be mentioned Gen. Lew Wallace. There is talk among the Yale members of building a chapter house, and is not unlikely that one may be built in the spring.—*Ex.*

College journalism originated at Dartmouth in 1800, with Daniel Webster as one of the editors. After a space of nine years the *Literary Cabinet* was established at Yale, followed shortly afterwards by the *Floriad* at Union, and *Harvard Lyceum* at Harvard.

We were very much pleased to have Bros. Papson and McComas, of Dickinson College, with us for a few hours one day in the fore part of November. They came here for the purpose of aiding in instituting the Theta Nu

Epsilon Sophomore Society. The Charge here is composed entirely of members of the ϕ K Ψ fraternity. They wanted a number of Sigs. to join with them in this new departure, but we, for good reasons, declined with thanks.—*Bucknell letter to Sigma Chi Quarterly.*

The course of journalism at Cornell is open only to post-graduates, seniors and juniors who are editors of the college papers. There are nineteen pursuing this course.—*Ex.*

The Stanford University is intended, as Senator Stanford said in a recent interview, for instruction in every useful art from making shoes and clothing to painting and sculpture. Every student will have quarters as good as those in Oxford, Cambridge or Harvard, and good board will be furnished at remarkably low rates. It is expected that the individual expenses for the year will reach a minimum of \$150 or \$200. The study of literature and languages will not be neglected.—*Ex*

President Smith, of Trinity, has declined the assistant Bishopric of Ohio.—*Hobart Herald.*

A pleasant feature of college life at Northwestern University is the inter-fraternity banquets which are frequently indulged in, the last being of the Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi Societies at the Avenue House, Evanston. In most colleges the rivalry among the fraternities is so sharp and often so bitter that such fraternal unions would be impossible.—*Mail and Express.*

Gamma Chapter, of Kappa Kappa Gamma, at Wooster University, gave a pleasant soiree at the home of Dr. Eversole. The invitations were sent out in peanut shells tied with the fraternity colors.—*The K-ey.*

Harvard gave its first degree of L. L. D. to George Washington.

One of the most interesting features of college life at Amherst is the development of the college senate. This is a body of college students composed of four seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and one freshman, elected by their respective classes, whose president is the president of the college, and who decides upon all matters that pertain to order or college decorum. Their decision is not valid without the approval of the president; but with his approval it is binding upon the entire college. Gradually the president and faculty have found increasing advantages to give power to this institution. The members chosen by the classes have thus far been remarkably well selected, and their decisions are accepted by the college with similar acquiescence. Any expression of opinion on the part of the senate is sure to carry with it the opinion of the college, and this attempt at self-government has been manifestly attended by an increasing self-respect and manly self-restraint on the part of the students. The good order which prevails at Amherst, the freedom from disturbances of classes and contests of student and faculty are largely due to the college senate.—*N. Y. Mail and Express.*

LETTERS FROM CHARGES.

BETA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Eighty-nine is upon us, and we extend hearty congratulations to all the brothers for the new year. There is, however, one thing about '89 which we hardly like, and that is the prospect of losing four of our best and brightest lights in the charge. Murphy, Stern, Parker and Timerman are going to leave us next June, as they are in the graduating class.

Since the publication of the last number of *The Shield* we have had visits from several of the old men of Beta, and one or two from other

Charges. Colouon, '87, who paid us a visit last term is now in Chicago, where he has a position with the Union Stock Yards Company as engineer. He wished to remind the brothers that he will always be glad to welcome any Theta Delta who happens to be in Chicago.

Beta has now fourteen men and several more in prospect. We hold the belief that, while it is not best to appear behind the other fraternities in choosing men, that a man should be carefully looked over before being decided upon, and so a good deal of our rushing is left until the winter and spring terms.

F. F. Sewall, of Milwaukee, joined our ranks the last week of last term. Sewall entered last fall as a Sophomore, but has decided to double up his work here in the university and graduate with '90.

Brother Stranahan, '90, who was unfortunate enough to hurt his leg in playing football in October, has left the university and accepted a position in Newark, New York. The brothers were sorry to lose Stranahan as he was always very popular with them and everybody who knew him in the university.

We are well represented in the Cornell battalion by one of our senior members, Stern, who acts as lieutenant-colonel. This position is the highest which is held by a student.

Colnon, a member of the class of '92, is training for the crew of '89. If he succeeds in getting on it he will sustain our reputation for putting a man on the crew every year. We had two men on the four of '85, one on that of '86 and two on '87's. Collegians of the time will perhaps remember the Saratoga College regatta of '76, in which Beta was represented by Waterman and Smith. Waterman was the first man to cross the line in the '76 regatta which made Cornell so famous. Of course, Beta does not pretend to take men in because they are athletes or especially good at some particular branch of study, but because they are *men*, in every sense of the word.

Parker, '89, is the editor-in-chief of the daily paper here, the *Cornell Sun*, and we expect to have one or two other men on before the year is at an end.

Socially, Cornell is rather outdoing the events of previous years. The Junior ball, which was held February 8th, is the greatest event of the season and arrangements were made upon the very largest scale possible. The young ladies of Sage College had a fancy dress party on the first of the month which was a success in all ways. It is whispered that another party is to be given during the term up at Sage which will outdo the last one. *AAΦ* gave a reception the week of the Junior ball and on the following night Cornell's Glee and Banjo Clubs gave a concert. Once in a while during the year we have had a military hop at the armory. These hops are largely attended and usually a success financially.

as well as in other ways. The officers of the battalion manage the hops and usually a number of uniforms are to be seen flitting around among the dancers.

Recently the students at Cornell have been much excited by a case of sickness among the Sage girls. The announcement was made to the boys that as a certain party in the university had the small-pox, all the students would be required to be vaccinated immediately. Excitement ensued, during which several individuals fainted. During the following few days the physical lecture room was full of students waiting their turns to be vaccinated. As a consequence, all those whose vaccinations "took" have scars on their arms which make quite an appearance in the gymnasium. The young lady who created such a scare is now well and will soon return to her studies. It seems she did not have the small-pox but only a very mild form of the disease known as chicken-pox, or as some one has unkindly suggested, the hen-pox, since it affected one of the S-e members of the university.

Cornell's prospects are exceedingly bright this year. Although she did not win the Fiske-McGraw suit she is putting up buildings which will cost in the neighborhood of half a million dollars. The new civil engineering building is now nearly completed and very handsome. The blasting for the foundation of a new library building is almost done and the plans are out for a new chemical laboratory.

Beta wishes to announce that a hearty welcome will be given to any and all Theta Deltas visiting Cornell. Somebody will always be found during term time at Sprague Block, Ithaca.

DELTA.

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

We gladly welcome No. 4 of our worthy little periodical and only regret that it has been so long delayed.

Since the issue of the last number, we have been favored with a visit from Brother DuBois of Epsilon Deuteron, and we wish that we might record more visits from Brothers of the other charges. Delta Hall is always open to a Theta Delt, and its occupants eager to do their best at playing host. Visitors from the sister charges serve to kindle afresh the Theta Delt enthusiasm of the active members, and to develop more of a real Fraternity feeling among the charges themselves. For this reason alone, if not for the pleasure which such a visit brings, the idea of visiting among the charges should be encouraged.

Brother Pitcairn, '90, left us in the early part of December to accept a position on the P. R. R., and is at present located at Pittsburgh, Pa.

On December 12th our number was increased by one, and this time our

choice was a representative of the "Blue Grass" state, whose every day name is Leonard M. Cox, of Louisville, Ky. Passing over the customary compliments showered upon the new members with the first appearance of their names in the SHIELD, it will suffice to say that he is fully competent to sustain the reputation of both his charge and his native state, and above all is a most enthusiastic Theta Delt.

At the time of writing we are in the middle of our winter vacation, and consequently old Troy is not as lively as it might be. Not that it ever moves from its old well-worn rut and allows a little excitement to creep into its limits, but then a few students will often keep one from going to sleep entirely—as is strongly asserted by a few maiden ladies who consider us "perfectly awful." But in the Institute itself, nothing of any importance has happened, with the exception of an accident which lately befell our worthy Director. Icy pavements, for which Troy *should* be noted—the cause, and a broken leg—the result. It was broken below the knee and so badly that it will probably be some time before he is able to resume his duties. In politics, the same unsettled condition prevails, and seems proof against all efforts to re-establish anything like the old system. One fact, however, stares us boldly in the face, and that is, unless something is done, and shortly too, R. P. I. will not be represented on the base ball diamond this year. To effect some settlement, the Grand Marshal has ordered that after due deliberation on the matter, each Fraternity on our side of the combination shall appoint a delegate or delegates to a grand caucus, and there everything will probably be decided. Until then we can do nothing, being uncertain as to how we really stand. At present it would appear that the neutrals are the deciding vote. The side to which they go, as a body, will have a majority, and thus be able to please themselves in the arrangement of Institute affairs.

We were much pleased to have Brother Hawley, '86, with us once more, and are happy to say that he made this his head-quarters while East. He came from Chicago, where he is located at present, on a trip which combined business and pleasure, and we were very glad that his business kept him here long enough to give us the pleasure of his attendance at two of our regular meetings. When he left us he intended going to an R. P. I. Alumni meeting at Pittsburgh, with Brother Groesbeck, '89, and quite a number of graduate brothers. Theta Delta Chi will be well represented at the gathering.

It is to be regretted that this copy is a little too early and the next as much too late to give an interesting account of the Banquet of the Central New York Association, of Theta Delta Chi, to be held in Syracuse on February 21st. An account now would be a little premature, and in the next issue a little old.

The President of the Grand Lodge is working with untiring energy and enthusiasm, and it is to be sincerely deplored that he receives so little assistance from those on whom he depends the most, the Corresponding Secretaries of the different charges. He cannot do all, and a few minutes spent in preparing the monthly reports promptly, would aid him more than one would imagine.

We are in receipt of a cordial invitation from the Southern Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi to a banquet and reunion, to be held in Washington on March 4th. An opportunity to have a combined reason for attendance, but it may be impossible for Delta to send a representative.

EPSILON DEUTERON.

YALE UNIVERSITY.

The new year has dawned upon us and finds us in a very promising and flourishing condition, in spite of our misfortunes last term. Things looked rather blue then, but now we have entirely recovered from the blow and are on a much firmer foundation than we were then.

Since the last number of the SHIELD we have had the misfortune to lose several brothers. Brother Ware was taken sick after he had been in college only two weeks. He was sick over a month and left about the middle of October. He will return however next fall and enter '91 S. Brother Carter has left college on account of his health, but will not return. Brother Gunckle is now traveling in California for his health. He was elected a member of the Yale Banjo Club, but was compelled to give up his place and consequently did not accompany them on their holiday trip although his name was on the program. He will return next fall and enter '91 S.

Since our last report we have initiated

Charles B. Spruce, '90.	Waterbury, Conn.
Frederick C. Strong, '90	Winsted, "
Edwin Rowe, Jr., '90	New Haven, "
George M. Sidenberg, '91	New York City.
Charles M. Robinson, '91	Middletown, Conn.
Pearl T. Haskell, '91	West Falmouth, Me.
Walter W. Law, '91	Yonkers, N. Y.

We are "sizing" up several freshmen and hope to initiate them before long. Our plan is to take eight men from each class and now our membership is fourteen. Brother Caldwell is trying for a senior appointment and there is no doubt of his success. He was elected historian of the Chemical Course and will read the history at the senior class supper, which is one of the big events of the senior year.

All interest now is centered in athletics, and the different teams have begun training. Our prospects for the championship in base ball are not very promising on account of the loss of so many of last year's team, but our crew will be an excellent one. Brothers Robinson and Haskell are training for the freshman crew and probably one of them, if not both, will succeed in getting a place in the boat. Brother Sidenberg is trying for the mile run on the Athletic team, and has fair prospects of making a good runner.

ZETA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Since the last number of *THE SHIELD* was published, the greatest event of the year has occurred. Reference is of course made to the forty-second annual convention. Probably *Zeta* has not had enough experience with conventions to be a really competent judge, and besides, as *Dogberry* says, "Comparisons are odorous." But this convention was so much better managed and altogether so much pleasanter than the forty-first that we cannot help believing that there have been few, if any, more successful ones ever held. Our delegation certainly enjoyed it as much as possible, and came away having an even greater love for the fraternity than before. Indeed, there is probably nothing that gives one so true an insight into the real character of the fraternity as the convention; and for this reason, if for no other, every one who can should always attend them, whether sent as a delegate or not.

Since I last wrote, Brother Traver has left college to study medicine in his father's office. He will probably go to the College of Physicians and Surgeons ultimately, and will then have an opportunity of entering again upon active fraternity life. We have also initiated another member, Brother A. D. Tucker, '92, of Pawtucket, R. I. So our number still remains the same.

In my last letter I alluded to the subject of college politics at Brown and it may be that a few words more upon the same subject would not be wholly without interest. There has always been considerable rivalry between the different societies here, and this has sometimes been carried to absurd lengths. Thus good ball players have been refused positions on the nine because they did not happen to belong to the society which was for the time being in the ascendancy. The glee club and other organizations, which are supposed to represent the college rather than a clique, have also at times been under the control of one or two societies. At present, however, the politicians devote their energies mainly to the securing of officers. The Senior class elections have always been regarded as the most important of any, and they have usually been controlled by the societies. In the present Senior class, however, the *oudens*—as the

non-society men are called—made a revolt and founded a society called ΣP . By combining with one or two of the fraternities, they succeeded in electing a ticket which had the merit of being unique, if it had no other. This result naturally still further aroused the hostility of the other societies against the ΣP 's, and especially against the Dekes, who had united with them and secured a good share of the offices. It was soon after this that the Base Ball Association election, which I referred to in my last letter, occurred. In this a strong combination of fraternities was formed and the opposition was utterly routed. We received two of the offices, each of the other societies in the combination receiving one, and the *oudens* one. It would be interesting to speak of the wire-pulling that has already been done for next year's Senior election; but it would perhaps be better to wait until we are able to see the result. It may be said, however, that we do not intend to let the same thing happen to '90 that happened to '89.

The ΣP 's, elated with their success, initiated a few members from the other classes, and, it is said, applied to a western fraternity of the same name for a charter. In this, however, they were unsuccessful. The members were probably not all of them congenial, the *raison d'entre* of the society was now gone, and it soon died a natural death. From its ashes, however, has just sprung up a new chapter of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. There was one representative of the fraternity in the Senior class already. Several others came from other colleges and initiated eighteen men. It is said that they have about half a dozen more pledged. It is rather hard to say at present how the society will stand in college. They have not put on pins yet, so it is difficult to tell now even who the members are. They have secured rooms and furnished them. In numbers they are also well off, although a large proportion of the members are Seniors. But they will doubtless have a hard struggle before them, as they have no graduate members, and have nine other societies to fight against. It may be that the influence of President Harrison will be sufficient to carry the society along for four years, or even longer. It was a surprise to almost all society men here when they heard that the new chapter was to be established. They knew what probably most of the *oudens* do not know, that there were enough, if not too many societies here before. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ will probably have little effect upon us. Yet, nevertheless, it will be interesting to observe its fortunes. It may live; but if it does, it will be only by very hard work on the part of its members.

ETA.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

In spite of everything we can but exclaim that life becomes a little slow and monotonous at Bowdoin in the long and cold winter of Maine's

rigorous climate! But why lament? Why wish for sunny skies and the world's choicest variety of pleasures all the year round? Sitting before the open fire in the dusky twilight of our early winter evenings, drifting withersoever our notional meditations may lead us, and wishing that we might casually see other faces—for the vista of pleasant reminiscences affords hopeful youth some of the happiest of ideals—and join the round again of other days or mingle for just an hour in the merriment of other circles, there comes stealing over us from among the crispy pines, over the white-mantled snow-fields, and creeping to our cosy firesides, a comfort which we cannot dispute but means satisfaction to us after all. If it be frigid without and no sports of interest beyond hall-doors, yet within college walls we work and find pleasure therein. Activity assures this as well as amusement. This quietness and low-tide of winter life is universal throughout the college, consequently Eta, partaking of the general college spirit, has very little news to tell her sister Charges.

This being the last number of Vol. 4 of the SHIELD, or of the first under the new *regime*, we hope and feel assured that it has been satisfactory to every Theta Delt, and that it approaches much nearer to the ideal of a fraternity magazine than ever before, and yet to well compare with other society papers as it should. Enlargement would still better the present good work, and as it continues we have every reason to believe that it will grow with increasing years.

We were glad to welcome with us recently President A. L. Bartlett and Treasurer F. S. Carter, of Yale. With the zeal and ardent interest manifested in the way in which President Bartlett assumes the duties of the administration, nothing but a prosperous year and renewed success can await Theta Delta Chi in her onward and upward course. Eta feels much strengthened and has reason to take pride that the Grand Lodge has a leader so enthusiastic and so thoroughly versed in the workings of the order.

On the same night that President Bartlett visited us we initiated into our secret councils Gould Alexander Porter, of '91, who promises to be a loyal member and valuable addition to our '91 delegation.

At the recent Sophomore Prize Declamation we were represented by Brothers C. S. Wright and F. E. Parker, and though they did excellent work upon the rostrum the prizes took their usual capricious flight and went in other directions.

Brother W. W. Poor has lately been elected to help swell the *blast* for the class of '91 on the editorial board of the *Bugle*, Bowdoin's college annual. We cannot but remark that this is the second board of the kind now on duty but as yet no issue.

At the last Convention held in New York city, Eta sent Brothers W. T. Hall, Jr., '88, Graduate Delegate; F. M. Russell, Senior Delegate,

and J. R. Clark, Junior Delegate. Brother H. C. Hill, '88, also went, being Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

Brother H. H. Haslings, '90, has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors for Field Day, by the Athletic Association, and Brother F. E. Parker, First Vice President of the Association.

Theta Delta Chi can well claim a high standing in the social circles of Brunswick Society, and it is noticeable in college circles that the Theta Deltas are "numerous" wherever the *elite* assemble on festive occasions, particularly when worshippers of Terpsichore meet

"To chase the glowing hours with flying feet."

To take a retrospective glance, Eta is well satisfied with her progress and peaceful condition internally, and with her high standing in Bowdoin. She has no occasion to record misdemeanor, but rather of honorable action by her members. No deaths have occurred since the last issue of the SHIELD, and glowing reports hail us frequently of our Brothers who have taken their turn in the grand race of the world for position and accomplishment.

THETA.

KENYON COLLEGE.

I have received the copy of the article in the *Δ T Δ* Quarterly concerning the condition of Theta, and which was given as coming from the chapter correspondent here. I spoke to Mr. H. Eberth, *Δ T Δ* and he denied that he had written any such statement, but he has not yet proved his denial as he said he would.

The two men spoken of as being "lifted" from us by Psi Upsilon, were once pledged to Theta Delta Chi, but on account of a personal quarrel among the *pledged* members last year, deserted. About a month afterward they were pledged by Psi Upsilon.

Without a doubt Theta is in a bad condition. I am the only active member. After our trouble of last year we have, so far, been unable to recover our strength. This is, however, chiefly due to the condition of Kenyon College. There have been less than fifty students in Kenyon at any one time since my freshman year; and when you deduct from this number those who do not join a fraternity, you can see there are a very few left to be divided among six chapters.

Beta Theta Pi had trouble similar to ours, and for that reason gave up their charter.

We expect to form a Graduate Charge next June, to take charge of our lodge house, and watch for a chance to revive Theta at Kenyon, if not next fall at least in a year or two. I am now looking after three or four men, and it may be that the charge will not die after all. At least I shall do all I can to prevent it.

KAPPA.

TUFT'S COLLEGE.

It is a fact rather unfortunate for the success of a charge letter, that there is the least to say when there is the most to enjoy. The task of adequately describing the undisturbed flow of our happy and uneventful fraternity life is much more difficult than that of portraying the excitements of factional strife, or it might be internal conflict. But we are confident that our brothers in Theta Delta Chi will be better pleased with what must, looked at from a literary point of view, be a tame letter than with a letter charged with the vigor of passion and strife. "Happy is the charge that has no history," would be a true transposition of a familiar phrase, and Kappa greets her sisters in a very placid and contented frame of mind. Her little flutter of maternal excitement and solicitude attending the birth of her sons last fall, has subsided into a matronly calm as she watches the rapid growth of her lusty progeny.

We are told that a prophet is without honor in his own country, but the writer of that phrase could not see into the future as far as the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, or he never would have made so unqualified a statement. In this land of College Hill the prophets—meaning of course the Kappa men—surely have great honor, inasmuch as every class has selected one to preside over it. The brothers so selected are the following: Senior class, Charles L. Reed; Junior class, William H. Chapman; Sophomore class, Arthur W. Grose; Freshman class, Arthur E. Peterson. Of the base ball team, Brother Harry C. Bascom, '89, is captain, and a majority of the players will be Theta Delts. The crack pitcher and mainstay of the nine is Brother Frank C. Burrington, '92, while Brothers Chapman, '90, and Rounds, '90, will do yeoman service in their positions. We have among our Freshman delegation some men who have won laurels on the diamond before coming to college, and it is safe to say that when the new players are selected next season, Kappa will have more representatives on the nine than she has at present.

One of our brothers who has served with distinction in many fields is Brother Crandall, '89. He has had more than his share of "hard work" offices—secretaryships and treasurerships—and this year when the students wanted a Business Manager of the *Tuflonian* that would lift the debt from that publication, they naturally turned to Brother Crandall, and the unanimous verdict of the entire college is that they chose the right man. The advertisement columns are filled as they have not been filled for years, and if the next editorial board does not take the paper free from all incumbrances, it will not be the fault of Brother Crandall.

Although Kappa might fairly be satisfied with the number and kind of new men taken in last October, she was not disposed to be too con-

tented; and accordingly when she saw another good man she took him also. This latest accession is Melvin M. Johnson, of the class of '92, and his initiation took place January 21, 1889. Brother Johnson is a valuable addition to Kappa in particular and the fraternity in general. President Bartlett was present at the initiation in an unofficial capacity, and he gave the new brother a warm welcome.

One week from this evening, on January 28th, President Bartlett, accompanied by Treasurer Carter, paid his official visit to the charge. We will not attempt any description of his remarks, as every charge, or nearly every charge, has probably been visited by this time; but there was not a single brother in whose heart the consciousness was not deepened of the fact that we had a President who was worthy his high office, and that the extent to which Brother Bartlett's views were put into practical operation would be the measure of our prosperity as a united fraternity.

Brothers, let us realize President Bartlett's ideas. Let us be one in purpose, one in aspiration, one even in the practical details of our fraternity work. We do not meet our brothers from other charges as often as we wish we might; but let us remember that while our fraternity life will for the most part be associated with some one charge, yet we are members of a fraternity whose spirit is above all charge limitations, and whose current of sympathy only flows through the sacred hand-shake of Theta Delta Chi. This is the message Kappa sends to her sister charges, and with it she says "Good Bye," and bring this too long drawn out letter to a close.

LAMBDA.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Lambda takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity, through the columns of the SHIELD, the ten brothers initiated into the mystic bonds since the last number of the SHIELD appeared: H. W. Hardy, '91; C. I. Snow, '91; J. A. Balcom, '92; A. C. Downs, '92; A. A. Estabrook, '92; W. F. Gilman, '92. J. W. Luce, '92; A. R. Paull, '92; I. H. Sylvester, '92; C. B. Tewksbury, '92. Although they have been members of our grand old Fraternity but a few weeks, they are already imbued with that spirit of enthusiasm, and loyalty, and love, that characterizes every true Theta Delt. Why is it that our new men catch this spirit so quickly? It is because our Fraternity stands for something, because it supplies a demand of our natures. Here we find friendship that is true and lasting.

All of our men who attended the Convention came back with a wider knowledge and a deeper love for Theta Delta Chi. On the whole, we

are well pleased with the work of the Convention. We are, of course, especially pleased with the Convention's choice of a Grand Lodge. Brother Bartlett's well known loyalty to the Fraternity, and his long and intimate connection with its affairs, make him particularly well fitted to fill the office of President. Brothers Covill and Carter are true Theta Deltas in every sense of the word, and what other recommendation is needed? The prompt and thorough attention to business which has characterized the Grand Lodge deserves hearty commendation. It should receive the willing co-operation of every Charge in its efforts to bring the Charges into closer union.

We are glad to announce that Brother Charles J. Bullock has been elected the Commencement Speaker for the class of '89. This is but a just recognition on the part of the faculty, of his high standing as a student and a man. His loyalty to Theta Delta Chi is shown by the fact that, during his entire course, he has missed but one Charge meeting, and that on account of sickness.

Brother John Wenzel is cataloguing the library of about 6,000 volumes that the University has lately acquired. He is using the Dewey System.

Brother A. L. Janes, '89, has been elected Vice President of the Athletic Association, and McWebber, '89, Director for the College of Liberal Arts.

Already we begin to hear some talk about the New England Banquet. I am sure that all who attended last spring will be found at this gathering of New England Theta Deltas next April. Every Director should be arousing his Charge on this subject. Let us make it a greater success than ever before.

Brother F. N. Adams, '91, has returned to college this winter after an absence of a year.

Last Tuesday evening we received a visit from the President and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge. President Bartlett gave us an address full of excellent advice. Kappa sent over a good delegation. F. L. Brooks and W. P. Biglow, of Iota, were present. Eta Kappa and Mu Deuteron have also been favored with the presence of the Grand Lodge. Brothers Hobson and Janes accompanied the Grand Lodge to Amherst College.

The favorable impression we received of Brother Carter at the Convention has been strengthened by his visit here. We had the honor of entertaining him while he was in Boston, and a most enjoyable occasion it was. We hope to welcome him again in the near future.

MU DEUTERON.

AMHERST COLLEGE.

Since our last communication was written not much has occurred at Amherst to interest the readers of *THE SHIELD*. We have held no receptions and given no entertainments; nor have there been in college any oratorical contests, nor indeed public exercises of any sort, if we except the "platform meeting" held last October. This, by the way, was quite a successful affair. Almost the whole college was gathered in old College Hall to listen to arguments on behalf of the two great parties then contending for the presidency. The chairman, a Senior, opened the exercises with a brief speech stating the object of the meeting and the importance of the issues to be discussed; then followed five speakers upon each side, a Republican and a Democrat alternately. The speeches were bright and quite varied in style, and were received with uproarious applause by the partisans of each side, who with banners and transparencies, occupied the floor of the hall. Previous to the speaking there was a torchlight parade by the college Harrison and Morton club. The proceeds of the entertainment were divided among the athletic organizations. Combined interest in politics and athletics led the base ball management to secure the hall again on the evening of election day and arrange to receive and announce the returns there.

After election we settled down to work again until Thanksgiving. We have a recess of only three days at that time; consequently, many of the brothers remain in town during the holiday. We Seniors decided that something ought to be done to celebrate, so under the direction of Brothers Chamberlain and Spaulding a "candy pull" was arranged for. Wednesday evening found a lively company assembled in the Theta Delt parlors, and with the assistance of young lady friends, molasses candy was made in an approved style, and an impromptu literary and musical program was carried out with marked success.

We were favored last term with a call from Brothers Baehr and Lakenman, of Omicron Deuteron and the Dartmouth foot ball team, who brought us good news and greetings from the brothers at Hanover. Brother Baehr was then on his way to convention, whither our own delegates, Brothers Camp and Reynolds, had already gone. As we thought of the work to be done, and the various pleasures to be enjoyed in connection with a convention, we wished we could all accompany him. If only we could all be delegates—if a whole charge could attend a convention, what an impetus would be given to the fraternity spirit in that charge! But we must be content to gain what we can through our delegates, and learn from their accounts what we cannot hear for ourselves. The reports brought by Mu Deuteron's delegates on their return from the

forty-second convention were eminently complete and satisfactory. We rejoice at the work there accomplished for *ΘΔX*; may it be carried forward from year to year with increasing prosperity to our beloved fraternity.

Our work here in college the past term has been on the whole satisfactory: of our eight freshmen six are pursuing the academic course, and of the six five have been assigned to the rank division. As the division itself numbers only twenty-seven, while the whole class has ninety-three members, Theta Delt would seem to be holding her own in '92. The position taken by the other delegations, though not susceptible of a like numerical statement, is equally creditable.

The Amherst Glee Club seems to be assured of at least financial success this year, as outside parties have undertaken the management of the spring trip, guaranteeing to the club \$300. Brother Farnham, '91, is one of the "first tenors."

Last term Brother Humphrey, '89, was appointed by the Senior committee on committees to serve on the photograph committee. The heaviest part of the work of this committee has devolved upon Brother Humphrey, and it is largely owing to his energy and business capacity that the numerous sittings of individuals and groups, as well as other dealings with the photograph company, have been so promptly arranged.

At the last class elections of '89, Brother Camp was re-elected vice-president, a position which he has held throughout the entire course.

Among the men who have recently gone into training for the coming base ball season, are Brothers Stewart and Stiles, '91, and Smith, '92.

Brother Daniels is also training for the inter-collegiate athletic contest, which occurs next May. It will be remembered that Amherst won the championship in this contest last year over Dartmouth, Williams, Brown, Wesleyan, Trinity and Worcester.

The Sophomore class celebrated the close of their required work in mathematics last term by the trial and cremation of "Anna Lyt." The cremation and torchlight parade were not different from the usual run of such celebrations, but the trial and the seizure of the prisoner by armed cow boys were new features and were well executed. Brother Knight presided as judge, Brother Avery was counsel for the defense, and Brother Cooley crier of the court.

A quartette composed of Brothers Farnham and Woodworth, tenors, and Stiles and Sibley, bassos, gave a concert not long since at a church sociable in a neighboring town, and reported a large and enthusiastic audience. It is said that the audience supposed they were listening to the Glee Club. Whether their enthusiasm grew out of this mistaken idea, or was the occasion of it, is not yet clear to the members of the quartette.

We had the pleasure recently of a visit from Brothers Bartlett and Carter, of the Grand Lodge, and Hobson and Jones, of Lambda. Word had been received of Brother Bartlett's intention to pay us a visit, but the brothers who went to the station to meet him were surprised—and very agreeably so—to see also three other Theta Delts. Their stay was greatly enjoyed by the brothers here, especially by those who escorted the visitors about the college, and had an opportunity to hear the stories of which our official brethren in particular seemed to have an unlimited fund. Brother Bartlett's visit has done much to increase our enthusiasm for $\Theta\Delta X$, and we congratulate the fraternity upon having such a capable and energetic man at the helm.

NU DEUTERON.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

This issue of the SHIELD finds Nu Deuteron in a very healthy and prosperous condition, and we hope the other charges are enjoying the same good fortune. Our delegates to the last convention gave us glorious accounts of the good work done there. We are all highly pleased with the newly elected Grand Lodge and feel sure that under Brother Bartlett's administration our beloved fraternity will enjoy the height of prosperity.

We take great pleasure in announcing to the fraternity that we have initiated into the mysteries of $\Theta\Delta X$ Harry T. Morris, '91, of Pottsville, Pa. Brother Morris a typical Theta Delt and is vice-president of his class. Brother Merrick, '92, who was obliged to leave college for a short time on account of sickness, is back with us again. Bro. Farguson, '92, did not return this term, having been taken ill at his home in Memphis, Tenn.; he expects, however, to return next year. We now have ten active members, and the best of good will prevails. We were delighted to see Bro. Palmer, of Xi, who made us a visit a short time since; and we extend a cordial welcome to all Thetas who will honor us by a visit.

Delta Tau Delta was re-established a short time ago. A charter of this fraternity was held by the Sigma Phi Chapter here until about five years ago, when some dissention arose and the members resigned from the fraternity. The Sigma Phis have moved into their new house which is by far the handsomest house at Lehigh. They have a number of wealthy residents here who have spared no expense to make the house a beautiful one. The Phi Delta Thetas have taken a house which makes the fifth chapter house at Lehigh, the following fraternities occupying houses: $\Psi\Upsilon$, $\Sigma\Phi$, $\Delta\Phi$, $\Theta\Delta X$ & $\Phi\Delta\Theta$.

XI.

HOBART COLLEGE.

The Xi Charge of the Theta Delta Chi was instituted June 29, 1857,

with George Williamson Smith, John Y. Barclay, Lewis Moss, S. Douglas Cornell, Ralph L. Goodrich, Chester Roy, Philip O. Yawner, David David Brooks, and T. James Rundle, as charter members.

The founder of the Charge was William K. Logie, who left Hobart in 1857 to enter the Senior class in Union College, where he became a member of the Theta Delta Chi.

On his return to his home in Geneva, he suggested to his former associates of the Phi Chi local society, the advisability of applying for a charter of the Theta Delta Chi. The application was granted, and the charter members were initiated at the old Mansion House, a banquet following the innitiation. The Charge became at once strong and prosperous, enrolling as members many of the most brilliant men of the college, including a majority of the students from the Southern States.

The breaking out of the civil war was almost the death blow of this Charge of the Fraternity.

In the famous class of '62 there were nine Theta Delts; seven of them enlisted in the Northern or in the Southern army. In the class of '63 were six Theta Delts; five of them entered the military or naval service. Every member of the Charge who enlisted received a commission, and many of these officers rose to high rank.

The Xi has a military record honorable alike to the Charge and to the College. From the class of '57, G. Williamson Smith was Chaplain, U. S. A.; W. K. Logie, who fell at the head of his regiment, at Atlanta, July 20th, 1864, aged 26 years, was Colonel of the 141st N. Y. S. V. From '58, Ralph L. Goodrich was Lieut. C. S. A.; Henry E. Henderson, now a trustee of Hobart College, Adjutant General C. S. A.

From '59, B. F. Lee was Captain 126th N. Y. S. V.; T. Innes Randolph, Quartermaster C. S. A.

From '60, T. James Rundle, Adjutant, 158th N. Y. S. V.; T. W. Miller, Surgeon U. S. A.; George L. Yost, Lieutenant 126th N. Y. S. V.

From '62, Henry R. Gibson, a member of Gen. Hooker's staff; P. C. Gilbert, Captain, 50th N. Y. Engineers; George E. Pritchett, Captain, 126th N. Y. S. V.; Wilberforce R. McKnew, Major, C. S. A.; J. A. Johnson, Lieutenant, 50th N. Y. Engineers; Rudolph A. King, Major, C. S. A.; W. D. Pringle, Adjutant 9th N. Y. Arillery.

From '63, Charles M. Graves, Master's Mate, U. S. N.; John L. Amsden, Lieutenant, C. S. A.; Henry L. Slossen, Engineer, U. S. N.; Thos. T. Hunter, Lieutenant, C. S. N.

From '64, Frederick L. Tremain, who fell, mortally wounded, while gallantly rallying his men at Hatchers' Run, Feb. 6th, 1865, Colonel, 10th New York Cavalry.

Upon the roll of Xi Charge of Theta Delta Chi, are two starred names, which ever will be held in honored remembrance, names of men who

died as heroes, though not upon the field of battle: Louis Sandford Schuyler, and William L. Baldwin.

Louis S. Schuyler, *clarus et admirabile nomen*, the loyal Theta Delt, the faithful friend, the devoted priest, died at Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 17, 1878.

A special and unique memorial, inserted in the college catalogue by request of the Associate Alumni, reads as follows:



LOUIS SANFORD SCHUYLER,
Class of '71,
WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR PRIESTLY WORK
DURING THE PESTILENCE AT MEMPHIS,
AND THERE
GAVE UP HIS LIFE FOR OTHERS.

Dr. William L. Baldwin, the beloved physician, died of yellow fever at Jacksonville, Fla. Though weakened by disease, and though warned of his danger by his fellow physicians, he refused to leave his suffering friends, and fell at his post.

There Baldwin stands, with glory crowned,
His name throughout the land renowned,
He did his duty—and he died.
Of old such men were deified.
Now, better taught, the Christ we see
In lives of holy ministry.

Although scholarship is not regarded as the most important qualification for membership in Theta Delta Chi, the Xi Charge has many members who wear the Phi Beta Kappa Key.

A distinguishing feature of the Theta Delta Chi, is the affection cherished for the Fraternity by its graduate members. The fraternal ties which unite their hearts seem to grow stronger with increasing years.

The Xi has had her days of darkness, as well as her periods of unusual brilliancy, but the star of her fame, though dimmed at times by fleeting clouds, shines always the brighter when the clouds have passed away.

On her roll of honor are such names as these:

George Williamson Smith, President of Trinity College, and recently elected Assistant Bishop of Ohio; Lewis Moss, President of the Straitsville Mining Company; S. Douglass Cornell, proprietor of the Cornell White Lead Works, of Buffalo, one of the most enthusiastic of Theta Delts, and ex-President of the Grand Lodge; the Hon. Henry R. Gibson, of Tenn.; the Hon. E. O. Graves, late Assistant Treasurer of the United States, Chief of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving; the Rt. Rev. Mahlon N. Gilbert, S. T. D., Assistant Bishop of Minn.

Since its establishment in 1857, the Xi has held a high place among the Charges of the Fraternity. No Charge has borne with more honor its glorious shield. The Xi has won the admiration of friends and the respect of rivals.

The Xi was the founder of the flourishing Charges of the fraternity at Hamilton College and at Cornell University. The first president of the Grand Lodge of the Theta Delta Chi, was a member of the Xi. A handsomely printed Fraternity song book was published by the Xi in 1869, and many of the songs were written by members of this Charge.

The first college Fraternity journal published in the United States was THE SHIELD, "the organ of the Theta Delta Chi," established in 1869, and edited by a member of the Xi.

The lack of a complete file of catalogues and *Echoes*, prevents the writer from giving a list of all the honor men. Among them, we note the valedictorians: C. L. Arnold, '75, W. P. McKnight, '77, and C. A. Harstrom, '86; salutatorians: H. R. Gibson, '62, R. C. Scott, '70, C. A. Pool, '72, D. P. Mann, '83; Third honor: H. B. Cone, '69, C. A. Cummings, '76, J. M. Frost, '84; Master's Oration: C. H. Hibbard, '76.

Horace White Medalists: B. F. Lee, '59, H. R. Gibson, '62, Lewis Halsey, '68, Cameron Mann, '70, Charles A. Pool, '72, William P. McKnight, '77, Alex Mann, '81, Carl A. Harstrom, '86. White Rhetorical: W. P. McKnight, '77, Louis A. Kedney, '78, George E. Gardner, '80, S. A. Watson, '85; Cobb Medalists: Lewis Halsey, '68, 1st and 2nd, Cameron Mann, '70, F. B. Cossitt, '71, James Abercrombie, Jr., '72, Alex. Mann, '81.

Sophomore exhibition prizemen: D. O. Kellogg, '57, S. D. Cornell, '60, A. H. Viele, '64, C. C. Burns, '65, James Abercrombie, '72, George F. Kelley, '76, Joseph M. Frost, '84.

Greek prizemen: H. E. Henderson, Cameron Mann, C. A. Pool, Pierre Cushing, Carl A. Harstrom.

Latin prizemen: Cameron Mann, C. A. Pool, F. P. Harrington, Pierre Cushing.

English prizemen: Charles H. Hibbard.

Prizes have been awarded at two Junior exhibition, one of the prizemen being Charles A. Cummings; President's prize: F. P. Harrington.

LEWIS HALSEY.

OMICRON DEUTERON,

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

It is with pleasure that Omicron Deuteron "stands up to be counted." We are all here—thirty-three fellows, who believe that Theta Delta Chi is the best thing of the kind in the world and willing to work for her. We are doing our usual amount of literary work. Brother Benton spent

the summer abroad and has given us two very entertaining lectures on his trip; another brother is carrying on a series of half-hour talks on literary subjects; and we shall close the present term with a burlesque operetta. We have thought best to try to introduce these special features into our literary programs, and thus vary the monotony which they have heretofore been liable to assume. We are expecting Brother Bartlett to visit us before long and, of course, are very anxious to greet him. In the Alumni lecture course conducted by the *Dartmouth Literary Monthly*, Brother Charles R. Miller, '72, of the *New York Times*, will deliver one of the lectures. This course owes its existence to Brother Sullivan, '89, an editor of the *Lit.*, who has carried out the necessary details as well as having been the author of the plan. The lectures are free and all delivered by prominent Alumni.

Brother Belknap, '92, has been teaching in West Topsham, Vt., Brother Clark, '92, in Marshfield, Vt., Brother Perkins, '89, in Wells, Me., and Brother Upham was conducting a successful term in Franklin, Vt., when called home by the very sudden death of his mother.

Brother Shurtleff responded to the toast "Our Instructors" at the Freshman class supper; Brother Hopkins was Toastmaster, and Brother Plummer responded to "Societies" at the Sophomore supper.

Brother Benton has been elected Junior editor of the *Dartmouth* as a result of competitive work. The charge editor of the SHIELD for the next year will be Brother Merrill Shurtliff, '92.

Brothers A. H. Baehr, Knight, Watson, Thompson, Lakeman and E. A. Baehr are training in the new cage under Leon Viau, of the Cincinnati's, for the 'Varsity team. Brothers Potter and Weston, '92, are working for positions on the Athletic team for the Spring meet at Worcester. The appearance of "Dartmouth Lyrics," a collection of undergraduate verse, was a prominent feature in the literary life of the college. The volume shows a large per cent. of work done by Theta Delt. Brother Ingham is at work for special honors in Physics and Chemistry. We shall also, undoubtedly, gain a special honor in English.

There is very little to be noted in the line of general interest. Hanover is a quiet place at best. We feel the advantage to be gained from the nearness of the Mass. and New York charges, which renders a visit quite within the bounds of ease. However, Omicron Deuteron is in the most flourishing condition she has been for three years, and with this message of cheer I will close this the last letter of my term of association with Brother Jones and the SHIELD.

PI DEUTERON.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

With the close of the mid-winter examinations at college, everything

looks lovely for the new term. Pi Deuteron comes up with as jolly a set of boys as were ever gotten together. All the classes are proportionately represented in the eleven active men we now have and we expect to initiate two more new men during the month of February. We have four sub-Freshmen pledged, but according to a rule among fraternities here they will not be initiated until their Freshmen year, so that we shall have to defer presenting them to the fraternity until that longed for time arrives. In the affairs of the college the following will show that Theta Delta Chi more than holds her own. At the recent Senior class elections Brother Ferentes was unanimously elected Grand Marshal for Commencement, and Brother Alsdorf, Prophet for Class-Day, while Brother Waterbury, the second honor man of his class, will be found on one of the first committees. In athletics, Brother Patterson holds the office of Secretary of the College Association. Brother Nelson is considered second to none on the lacrosse team, and Brother Fuentes, captain of the baseball nine, is the best pitcher in college. We made quite a hit in the appointment of Brother Inesada to fill the position of tutor in Spanish during the absence of the regular instructor. This appointment gave great satisfaction to all the students, with whom Brother Inesada was very popular as shown in his unanimous election as Vice-Commodore at our annual regatta last summer. At the Dramatic Entertainment the other night the several fraternities occupied boxes, and in the *New York Herald* of the next day it spoke only of the "jolly boys of Theta Delta Chi."

We are now in our new rooms at Theta Delta Chi Hall, holding them with our sister Charge, Rho Deuteron, so that we seem like one large Charge; and while we have separate evenings for our meetings, we always welcome the Columbia Boys and are in turn welcomed by them, an example which might be followed by certain other fraternities in New York city.

Our meetings are largely attended not only by the active men and our Charge graduates, but by a number of the graduates of other Charges. Brothers Geo. Grass, Taft, Brookins, Valdes, especially do we always welcome for the interest they have taken in our prosperity—a prosperity which they have helped to promote in many ways.

Through the efforts of Brother Geo. Grass our Christmas reunion lacked no essential to make it a complete success. Many of the brothers of other Charges, in addition to our own, were present, and after Rho Deuteron had initiated several men we attacked the spread prepared for us with the true Theta Delta Chi spirit, and with speeches, stories, jokes and songs we "whooped things up" until well into the small hours of the morning.

A few weeks ago we had the pleasure of welcoming Brother Bartlett, the President, and Brother Colville, the Secretary of the Grand Lodge,

at our rooms. Brother Bartlett gave us some good wholesome advice that savored of business and left no doubt but that in the efficient hands of President Bartlett the interest of Theta Delta Chi would be well taken care of and that we shall not only hold but improve the high position taken by $\Theta\Delta X$ among other fraternities.

Theta Delta Chi turned out as fine a set of men at the 42d Annual Convention last November as ever met in New York, and it was very pleasant to hear the favorable comments passed upon them by outsiders. Our great flag of black, white and blue which waved so grandly over the 5th Ave. Hotel attracted the attention and curiosity of every passer by and brought us into more prominence than ever before, especially among college men.

We were very much pleased to find in the last SHIELD, which by the way was in fine shape, that all the Charges were doing so well and trust their prosperity will be ever on the increase. Our active men at present are:

- '89—Ezra K. Waterbury, Edw. G. Alsdorf, Ventura Fuentes.
- '90—F. H. Raterson, F. R. Trafford, G. T. Dutcher, Dean Nelson.
- '91—Geo. Goebel, E. Ehlers.
- '92—A. B. Cole, M. S. Parker.

RHO DEUTERON.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Rho Deuteron is at present well, happy and flourishing, notwithstanding the fact that the dreaded intermediate examinations have just taken place, and our reports have not as yet been posted. Our rooms, at No. 13 West 42d St., are neatly and cosily furnished, and we now occupy them in conjunction with Pi Deuteron. During convention week we were enabled to show delegates from some of the other charges our new quarters.

Since the last issue of the SHIELD we have been very busy. We have initiated five men in the School of Law and two Freshmen from the School of Mines. We have other men, from both the Arts and Mines, in view.

At our last meeting in January we were honored by the presence of the entire Grand Lodge, with the exception of Bro. Carter, of Epsilon Deuteron. Bro. Bartlett struck us at a very favorable time, and during his visit we had the pleasure of initiating Bro. Chas. F. Walker, School of Mines, '92.

During the meeting Bro. Bartlett addressed us, and gave us some very useful working points. He related his experiences on his visits to other charges and said that he was going to speak to us, not as a flatterer, but

as the true friend who chides. He criticised many points, and heartily urged us to carry out our plans of getting a house next year.

We also received a very pleasant visit not long ago from Bro. Cook, of Eta.

There is a movement on foot in our charge to get up a Theta Delt camp to go to Lake George next summer and spend a month in which we are very much interested.

Our officers are the same as last term.

SIGMA.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Sigma has enjoyed one of the most prosperous years in the history of her existence. We have eleven men, among whom allow us to introduce to the fraternity at large, Brother C. J. Hepburn, '92, Brother J. A. Brandt, '92, and F. C. Fletcher, '92, all good and loyal brothers.

Brother Baldwin, who left unexpectedly last year, has returned.

Brothers Wallace and Hanly represented Sigma on the foot ball team, and Brothers Heberling and Hanly on the glee club.

With four good men pledged for next year's class, a new and comfortable suite of three rooms ready for us immediately, and every hope for a charge house in the near future, we feel justified in saying that should a brother happen to wander into this neck o' land we will try and give him a royal reception; and we are sure Brother Bartlett will testify as much after visiting us.

PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Not dead, only slumbering; only hoarding our strength for the effort which will put Phi in her old place of honor and glory in our grand old fraternity. Phi dead? Not a bit of it! We are alive—very much alive, thank you, and kicking, or rather we are ready to kick if any one doubts our vitality. We just waited for a chance to get there, and needless to say we are here. When all was ready, down to Lafayette came President Bartlett, Secretary Coville and Treasurer Carter, of the Grand Lodge; E. A. Kimball and C. J. Bullock, of Lambda; S. S. Wallace and J. R. Heberling, of Sigma; John Reneer, of Rho Deuteron, and the entire Nu Deuteron charge. The visitors were met by Brothers Frank W. Stewart, Phi '69, and Dr. H. D. Michler, Φ , '76, and then the initiation took place. The present active members of Phi are: J. G. Woods, '89, F. R. Fretz, '90, C. K. Read, '90, R. C. Bryant, '91, A. E. Keigwin, '91, W.

L. Sanderson, '91, A. J. Weisley, '91, E. A. Loux, '92, W. A. Jones, '92, H. D. Oliver, '92, C. H. Werner, '92, W. Dumont, '92.

With the aid of Brothers Stewart and Michler we now occupy rooms which are cosily yet elegantly furnished, and we extend a most cordial invitation to all our brothers to visit us and see them.

Among our members we have the first honor man in '89 and '92; best violinist in the college and city; best heavy athlete in college; President, Vice-President and Marshall of '92, and more yet. So we have come to stay, and are going to make a name for ourselves from the very start.

PERSONALS.

BOWDOIN.

Levi Turner, Jr., '86, is Representative in the Maine Legislature from Somerville.

O. R. Cook, '85, is Principal of the High School, Warren, R. I.

H. C. Hill, '88, will teach the spring term of Patten High School, Patten, Maine.

W. T. Hall, Jr., '88, is studying law at Richmond, Maine.

C. F. Hersey, '39, is supplying the Congregational pulpit at Falmouth.

C. L. Mitchell, '88, is supervisor of schools at Freeport, Me.

W. C. Kendall, '85, will accompany a scientific expedition into the Gulf of Mexico this winter.

'60—W. W. Thomas, of Maine, who was formerly Minister to Sweden, will doubtless be reappointed, as he is indorsed by almost everybody of influence, and received his original appointment through the influence of Mr. Blaine.—*N. Y. Press.*

KAPPA.

'60—President Capen was recently elected a member of the Massachusetts State Board of Education.

'61—Judge Charles G. Pope was chosen mayor of Somerville, Mass., for the year 1889.

'68—Professor Charles E. Fay is obtaining an enviable reputation as a lecturer. He gave an illustrated lecture Dec. 8, 1888, before the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Historical Society on "The Song of the Nibelungs." He delivered another lecture in Brooklyn the same week on "Mountaineering on the Crest of the Continent." Both were highly praised by the city press.

'70—Rev. J. Coleman Adams, D. D., of Chicago, was the recipient of a Christmas gift of \$1,000 from four gentlemen of his congregation.

'77—D. R. Brown, M. D., of Brooklyn, has become a specialist in lung disease.

'79—W. M. Perry is in the insurance business at 4207 S. Halsted St., and 204 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

'80—W. W. Leach is a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, from Palmer.

'81—E. E. Powers has removed from Boston to New York, and is situated at 235 N. 22d St. His office is in the Potter building.

'82—C. W. Gerould has given up his school at Stoughton, Mass., and is traveling in Germany, where he intends remaining about a year.

'86—Ralph E. Joslin has been chosen superintendent of a Sunday School in Hudson, Mass.

'87—E. E. Metcalf is the secretary of the Newton Musical Society, and his address is 19 Milk St., Boston.

'87—Charles H. Patterson was married Nov. 19, 1888, to Miss Amy Bonner, of Somerville. He is principal of the High School at West Newbury, Mass.

'88—George A. Bailey has taken a trip south to Fort Parpre, Alabama.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

'88.—Bro. C. W. Blockett has entered the Boston University School of Theology.

'88.—Brother Emerson A. Kimball is teaching St. Luke's School, Philadelphia, Pa.

'88.—F. Spencer Baldwin is reporting the proceedings of the Vermont Legislature for the *Montpelier Watchman*.

'88.—Wales R. Stockbridge, Jr., is in the employ of the Oriental Tea Co., 85 Court St., Boston.

'88.—F. R. Magee has occupied a position all summer in the Atlas National Bank, Boston.

'91.—F. N. Adams expects to return to college in the winter.

'90.—Geo. H. Spencer is preaching in Chelsea.

Luther Freeman, '89, has been sick, but is about college again.

C. B. Tewkesbury, '92, is ill at his home.

Wales Rogers Stockbridge, '88, is to start for California soon where he has a business opening.

John C. Ferguson, '86, has been elected to the presidency of a college in China.

Rev. John D. Pickles spent the summer and early fall in Palestine.

C. D. Meserve, '87, is teaching in Hollis, N. H.

F. Spencer Baldwin, '88, is connected with the *Vermont Watchman*, a paper printed at Montpelier Vt.

Emerson A. Kimball, '88, accompanied by Brother Aiken, Omicron Deuteron, gave us a visit a short time ago. They are both teaching in Philadelphia.

AMHERST.

'85.—C. H. Longfellow is a Senior in Hartford Theological Seminary.
'85.—J. W. Morris is in his third year at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York. Address 306 W. 53d street.
'86.—E. G. Adams, of Owatonna, Minn., was chosen at the last election Superintendent of Schools for Steele county.
'89.—G. M. Brockway has entered the Buffalo, N. Y., Medical College. Address 84 West Ave.

HOBART.

Brother James H. Hoslett, M. D., '83, has been appointed county physician of Seneca county.

Brother Clarence H. Chase, '86, was admitted to the bar in January and is now practicing law in Buffalo, N. Y.

Brother John O. Chace, '88, has accepted a position in the office of the Buffalo Cartage and Storage Co.

Brother Calvin W. Starbuck, '90, has left college.

Brother W. E. Hills, '91, spent his Christmas vacation with Brother Guion in Omaha, Neb.

Brother Carr, '90, had a very narrow escape during the severe wind storm at Niagara Falls, on the 9th ult. He has returned, bringing some startling stories of the storm.

Brother C. C. Palmer, '91, spent a couple of days at Bethlehem with the *N* *A* charge. He found the boys very comfortably fixed in the charge house, and is now studying out a plan for the *Xi*.

Brother Satterlee Saltonstall, '91, has returned from his Christmas vacation, and did not leave college, as was erroneously stated in the *Herald*.

DARTMOUTH.

'86.—Brother Vaughn is studying law with Hon. Ira Colby, at his home in Claremont, N. H.

'86.—F. P. Batchelder has a fine position as principal of the high school at Junction City, Kan. He has four teachers and 250 students under him.

'86.—Brother Thurston responded to the toast "Our Greek Professors," at the Dartmouth Alumni banquet in Chicago in January.

'87.—Brother Ross contributes a poem to the last number of the *Dartmouth Literary Magazine*.

'87.—Brother Bacon is Professor of Chemistry and Physics in Ripon College.

'88.—Brother Gregory is principal of Sawin Academy, Sherborn, Mass.
'88.—Brother Hall is a Junior in Andover Theological Seminary.
'88.—Brother Lawrence is teaching in Harrington, Del.
'88.—Brother Shapleigh is at present in a newspaper office in Great Falls, N. H.
'88.—Married, in Mansfield, Mass., December 4, at the residence of the bride's parents, Miss Cora V. Chase, daughter of G. G. Chase, to Charles H. Morrill, principal of Haverhill Academy, Haverhill, N. H.

OUR GRADUATES.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

James Watson, '70, is practicing law in New York, his office being at 59 Wall street, and residence at 98 Fifth avenue.

WASHINGTON AND LEE.

Howard Martin, '73, left New York late in September last, to assume the duties of Secretary of the U. S. Legation at Pekin, China. We congratulate him on his appointment to a position he is so admirably adapted to fill.

HAMILTON.

A. Gardiner Benedict, '72, who so acceptably replied to the toast to "Our Educators," at the late New York Graduate dinner, is Principal and Proprietor of the Houghton Female Seminary at Clinton, N. Y. This is one of the best and most flourishing ladies' schools in the State, having a hundred and sixty resident and day pupils. We are glad to chronicle his success in life.

WESLEYAN.

Webster R. Walkley, '60, is the New York manager of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co. This is one of the largest wholesale hardware houses in the country and the business fully engrosses his time. One would hardly think such surroundings would conduce to poetical thought, yet the poem delivered at the recent reunion of the New York Graduate Association was a gem, and surprised those who were so fortunate as to be present and listen to it. If published it would give him high rank in literary circles.

KENYON.

Judge Wm. Lawrence, '71, of Cambridge, O., took an active part on the Republican side in the late campaign. His address before the Farmers' National Congress at Chicago last November on the American Wool Interest, was issued as a campaign document by the National

Republican Committee, and given wide circulation, effecting important results in determining the vote of those engaged in agricultural pursuits. The Judge deserves and should have important recognition from the incoming administration, and we look for his obtaining it.

HARVARD.

Charles V. Mapes, '57, is Vice-President of the Mapes Fertilizer Co., 158 Front street, New York. The passing years have no effect on him, his spirits being still as buoyant as when a college boy. At the last Graduate's dinner he, Col. Smith and Griggs, made a jolly trio at the table, and he has since expressed himself as never having had so much enjoyment in his life before. He is particularly interested in the movement to establish a fraternity club in New York.

COLUMBIA.

Dr. Charles F. Stokes, '84, has recently been appointed Assistant Surgeon in the U. S. Navy, and assigned to the S. S. Minnesota, now lying in New York Harbor. We wish the Dr. the rapid promotion his skill and abilities have shown him to merit.

W. L. Stone, Jr. '84, is a practising lawyer at West Superior, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM AND MARY.

Col. Wm. Lamb, '53, of Norfolk, Va., was the leading candidate for elector-at-large from his state, on the Republican ticket, at the recent Presidential election. He is a warm friend and admirer of Gen'l Mahone and a powerful factor in Virginian politics. Those who have met him at the New York reunions feel that he is deserving of all the good things the gods can provide.

Wm. J. H. Ballard, '58, is now located in New York city. His business head-quarters are with W. S. Nichols & Co., bankers, 33 Wall St., and his residence is Staten Island. It is only necessary to state he was one of the old William & Mary College men, so celebrated in the fraternity circle since before the war.

TUFTS.

Wm. E. Savery, '65, is head of the firm of John Savery's Son & Co., manufrs. of iron hollow ware, 97 Beekman St., N. Y. He is actively interested in prison reform and the prevention of the competition of prison with free labor.

Edmund W. Powers, '81, has left the shades of Boston and located in New York where his legal abilities can have wider scope. His speech at the late reunion dinner indicates that his clients are fortunate in securing him to guard their interests. His address is the Potter Building.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

'54—Col. Rodney Smith, Senior Assistant Paymaster General U. S. A., is Chief Paymaster of the Division of the Atlantic with headquarters at New York city. His duties keep him busily occupied as his jurisdiction extends as far west as the Mississippi river. General Howard, commanding the Division of the Atlantic, in a recent conversation said that he considered Colonel Smith to be one of the finest officers in the service. We were glad to witness his evident enjoyment and appreciation at the recent dinner of the New York Graduate Association.

'54—William Smith has recently been promoted to a lieut.-colonelcy in the Pay Department U. S. A. and is stationed at St. Paul, Minn.

JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

'60—Alvaro F. Gibbens is editor of the *Prominent Men of West Virginia* with his office at Charleston, W. Virginia. He still takes a lively interest in Theta Delta Chi.

LAFAYETTE.

Hon. John W. Griggs, '68, of Paterson, N. J., is one of the best after-dinner speakers we have ever had the pleasure of listening to, rivaling the famous Chauncey Depew. He is a man of feeling, and thoroughly understands the principles that actuate the fraternity relation. He said he was not a candidate for the cabinet, but we feel sure President Harrison could not have found an abler or better adviser nor one who could be more satisfactory as one of his official family.

Benjamin Douglass, Jr., '71, chairman of the executive committee of the N. Y. Graduate Association, is a very busy man. He controls the law and collection department of R. G. Dun & Co.'s Mercantile Agency throughout this country and in Europe. The business was established by his father, and its magnitude may be judged by the fact that in N. Y. City alone it gives employment to about 450 clerks, printers and binders. The members of the association feel deeply indebted to him for his efforts in their behalf, the success of the last two reunions being due to his liberality and management.

Alexander H. Sherrerd, '70, is chemist for the Lackawanna Coal and Iron Co., at Scranton, Pa. His robust physique indicates the climate of the Wyoming valley agrees with him.

BROWN.

'58. The *Pall Mall Gazette*, with reference to the rumor that Mr. John Hay is to succeed Mr. Phelps, which it discredits, says it is certain that the author of "Little Breeches" would be extremely well received, and that he would be popular in London, where he is already well known.

His great wealth would be no disqualification for the post of Minister, either from an English or American point of view. Wealth, I will add, is absolutely essential to any American Minister in London who does not renounce social life. No Minister can or ever did live on his salary, except by practicing miserable economies.—*G. W. S., London letter to N. Y. Tribune.*

'60. Congressman H. J. Spooner, of Rhode Island, although rarely heard of in public life, is a lucky dog. In earlier days he was the political protege of Senator H. B. Anthony when that famous statesman and editor controlled the fortunes of the minature Commonwealth. When Anthony died Spooner inherited his political guardian's power and popularity, and these sent him to Congress, where he has been ever since. Yet he is never heard of in connection with any significant movement or measure, and probably he never will be. But in Washington his name is a familiar one, for there the quiet, Quakerlike Congressman, who is not afraid to spend the wealth his cotton manufactory has brought him, disburses more money for delightful dinners than the rest of the Rhode Island delegation, the Senators included, combined. He is a fast friend of Perry Belmont, and, more than any other member of the lower house, will miss the presence in Washington of the New York banker's aspiring son. Spooner is making a brief stay in this city before going to the capital.—*N. Y. World.*

'61. Charles M. Stead, of New York, left in January for a three months' visit to England. We expect that he and Geo. L. Herrick, Brown, '64, who resides in London, are as usual, visiting the sights of that ancient city together.

HOBART.

Charles C. Burns, Hobart, '65, is practicing law in New York City, his office being at No. 1 Broadway.

Mortimer C. Addoms, Hobart, '62, was recently elected President of the Young Men's Republican Club of New York City. We congratulate him, and shall look for the announcement of his further political advancement, which is sure to come.

'68. Rev. Lewis Halsey contributed the following to the *Hobart Herald*:

LEVI P. MORTON.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hobart College.

SALVETE!

Friend of our college and our commonwealth,
Salvete! 'Tis the nation's hope and health
To call to high estate each worthy son,
And thou art worthy of thy honors won.

Salve! Statesman, diplomat, and sage,
 Thou brave knight-errant of this later age!
 Honored in other lands as in our own,
 Thy name is loved and blessed wherever known.
 The starving sons of Erin's isle have heard
 That name, in many homes a household word.
 The young Republic of the East thy name
 Holds high in honor, and thy country's fame
 Shines brighter where, in lands beyond the sea,
 Thy hand upheld the torch of liberty.
 Friend of the poor, ambassador to France,
 Doctor of Laws, and Master of Finance,
 Long may thy life to bless our land be given,
 Late may the Master call thee home to Heaven!

Farmer Village, N. Y.

LEWIS HALSEY.

Ralph H. Brandreth, Hobart, '81, is on the staff of Gov. Hill, of New York, with the rank of Brigadier-General. The General is the most popular officer on the staff, as those who know him can well understand.

UNION.

Judge A. A. Yates, '54, is again active in the N. Y. State Senate, in the interest of prison reform. The adoption of his bill at the last session gave him an extended reputation in the State.

Daniel Lerch, '59, since leaving the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, has become connected with the New York Life Insurance Co., in New York city. He is reputed to be one of the best informed men on the subject of life insurance in the country, and he certainly is possessed of wonderful powers of explanation and persuasion. Any one wanting a policy will do well to consult him.

W. M. Rexford, '62, is engaged in fulfilling a contract for building an important line of railroad in Ohio. He will be absent from New York most of the year, but letters will be forwarded to him if addressed to the University Club.

General John C. Graves, '63, is now president of the Frontier Elevator Co., Buffalo, N. Y. He returned from a tour in Europe some time ago, and during the late campaign took an active part in politics, being particularly desirous of the election of Warner Miller as governor of New York, they having been in college at the same time.

UNIVERSITY OF N. C.

Wm. M. Coleman, '58, formerly Attorney General of North Carolina, is practicing law at Washington, D. C., but resides at Forrestville, Prince George's county, Md. Notwithstanding the demands of his profession he devotes much time to his favorite literary work. He is one of the few remaining of the old cordial University of North Carolina men, more

than half of whom have already gone to join the Omega Charge. Long may he live.

Allen S. Bower, '61, is now assistant Postmaster at Natchez, Miss. He writes a feeling letter, and we would like to meet him and give him the grip.

Thomas C. Thompson, '61, is President of the Thompson Drug Co., at Galveston, Texas. James P. Johnson, of the same class, is a wholesale grocer in the same city.

R. P. I.

Charles Macdonald, '57, president of the Union Bridge Co., New York, has returned from his visit to Australia, with health greatly improved. He reports the bridge over the Hawkesbury river almost completed; the difficult part of the work, due to the extraordinarily deep foundations of the piers, having long since been successfully accomplished. The result is quite a triumph for his skill, especially as his plans were accepted in preference to those submitted by the most accomplished engineers of France, Germany and England. His bridge over the Hudson at Poughkeepsie is already finished.

Clark Fisher, '58, of Trenton, N. J., was in his usual happy vein at the last graduates' dinner in New York, and the shout of welcome that went up as he entered the hall indicated the pleasure of those present at seeing him there. He intends making a short visit to Europe the coming summer to attend the Paris Exposition.

Wm. P. Anderson, '60, is residing at Cincinnati, Ohio. He is largely interested in the Standard Oil Co., and actively engaged in managing his other important interests. Many of his fraternity associates express the desire to revive old reminiscences with him again.

Peter D. Vroom, '62, late captain 3d Cavalry, U. S. A., has been appointed by the President, Inspector-General with the line rank of Major, his appointment dating January 17, 1889. The Inspector-General's department is a staff department, and all officers are called Inspector-General. The General has an enviable reputation in the army, both as an officer and a gentleman, his brother officers speaking of him in the highest terms. His former undergraduate intimates and the entire fraternity rejoice in his advancement and success in his profession.

J. Lawrence Rathbone, '64, has proved a very popular representative of his country in the position of consul-general at Paris. We presume the turn of the political wheel now impending will soon cause him to return to his home in San Francisco, Cal.

Edward G. Gilbert, '68, vice-president of the Gilbert Car Co., of Troy, N. Y., passes about half his time in New York city. His office is in the Drexel building, cor. Wall and Broad Sts., and his residence when in the city at the Murray Hill Hotel. He is as companionable and popular as of old.

WANTED FOR THE CATALOGUE.

The Committee on the Catalogue desires information concerning the following brothers:

Information should be sent to O. S. Davis, Hanover, N. H.

ALPHA.

Pursell, John H., '50

BETA.

Cook, Charles B., '79

Herrick, M., '74

Durkee, J. H., '74

Palmer, A. W., '74

Shoemaker, M. M., '74

GAMMA.

Andrews, Thomas A., '56

Perry, Andrew J., '55

Case, Isaac P., '57

Simons, William B., '56

DELTA.

Adams, William A., '72

May, Charles, '59

Camp, John Jr., '56

Pierce, George H., '58

Cooke, Sidney E., '64

Powell, William D., '56

Dunn, Charles C., '57

Smith, James G., '55

Hughes, Andrew L., '65

Story, Peter F., '55

Lloyd, Horatio G., '55

Trott, John W., '69

MacFarlane, Graham, '72

Upson, Stephen, '57

EPSILON.

Ballard, W. J. H., '58

Hart, George H., '54

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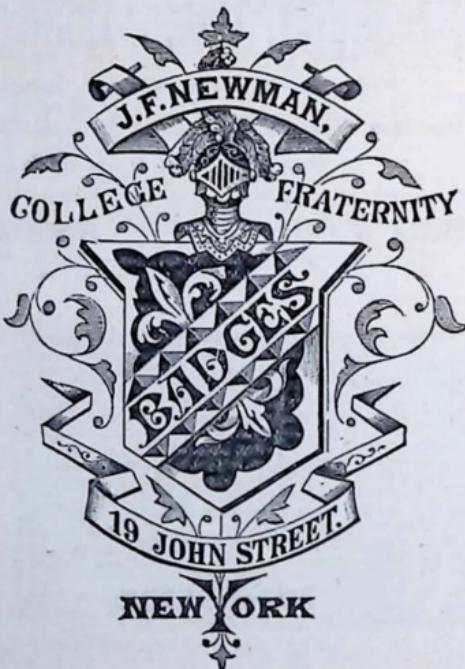
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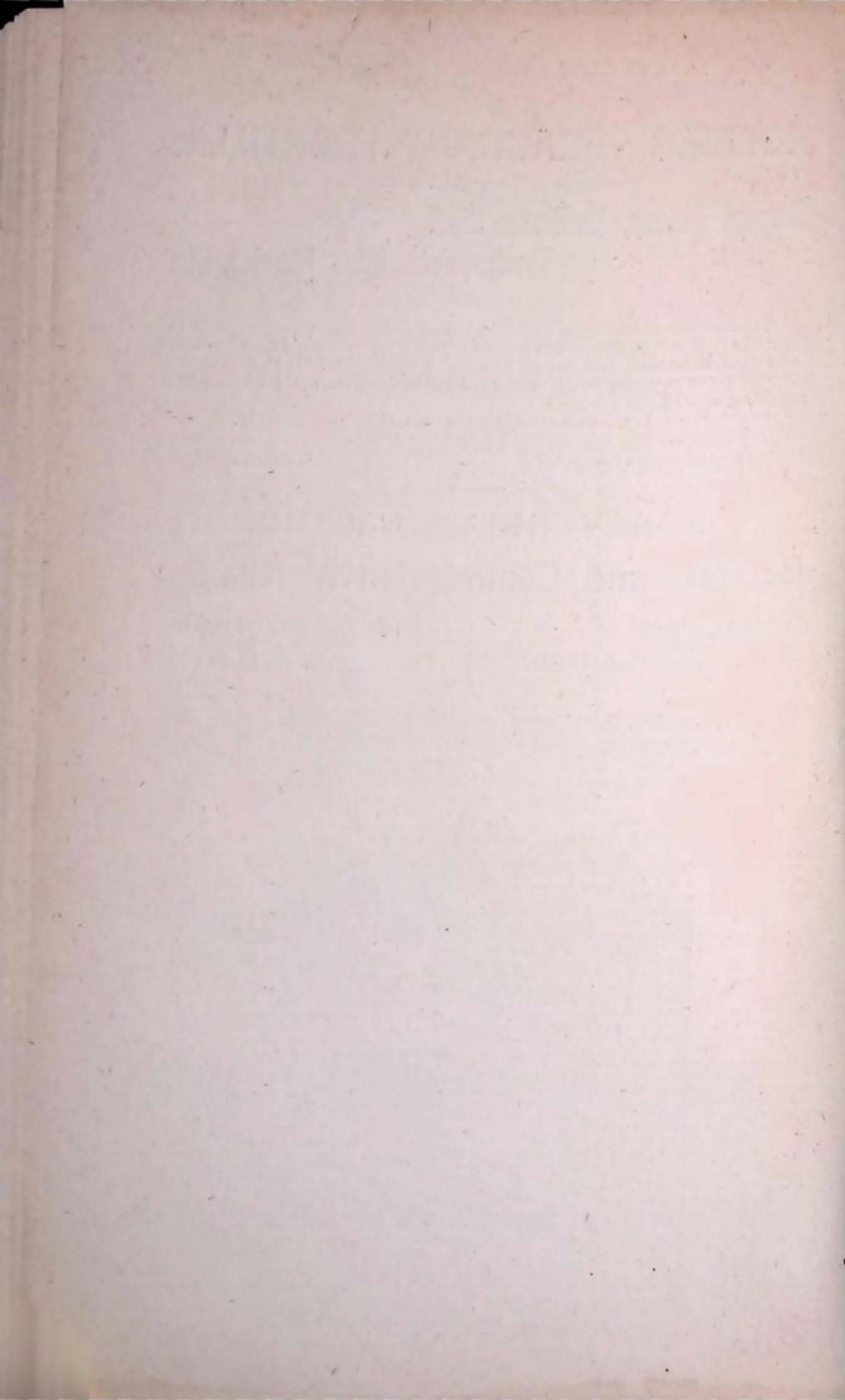
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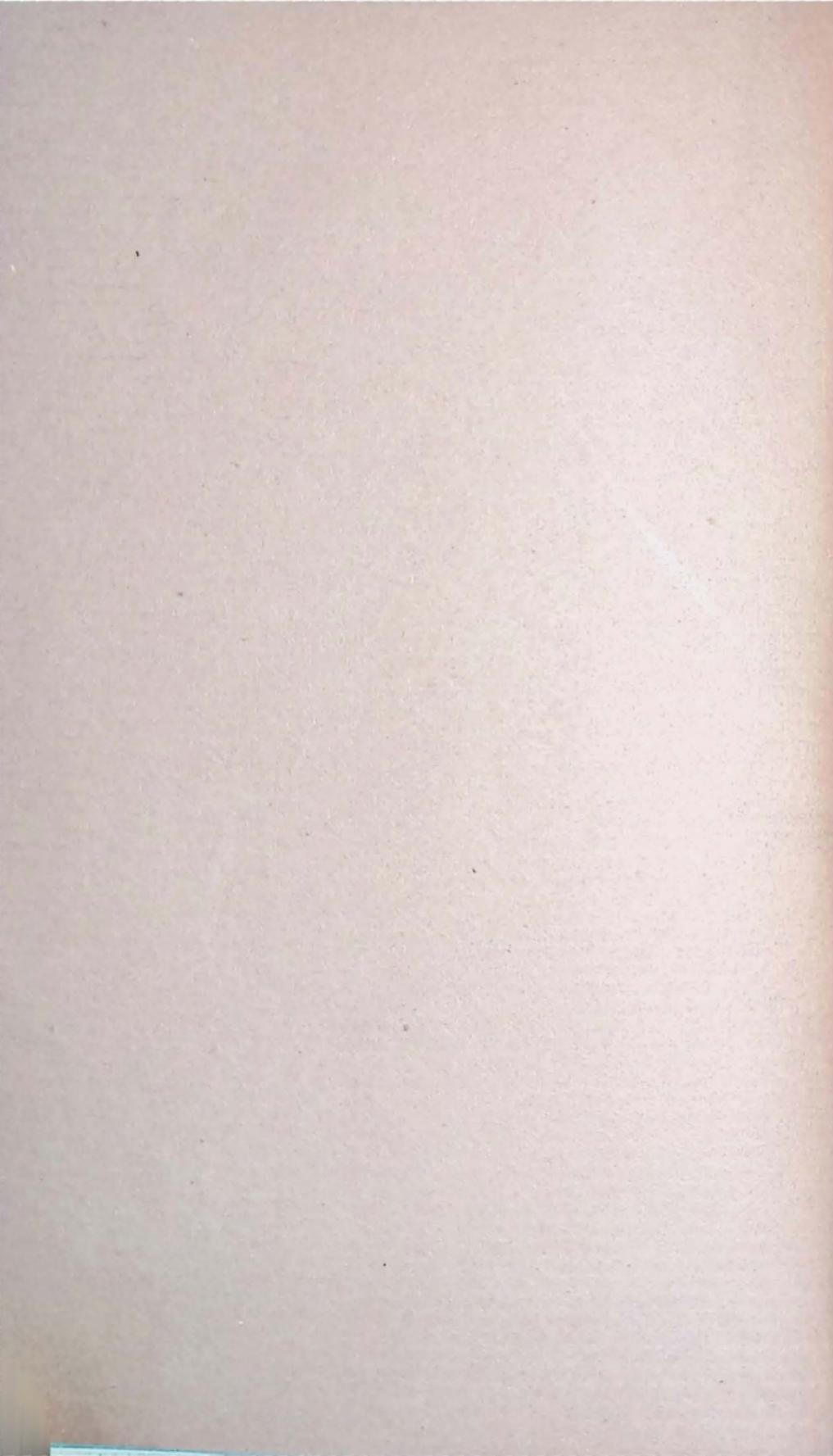
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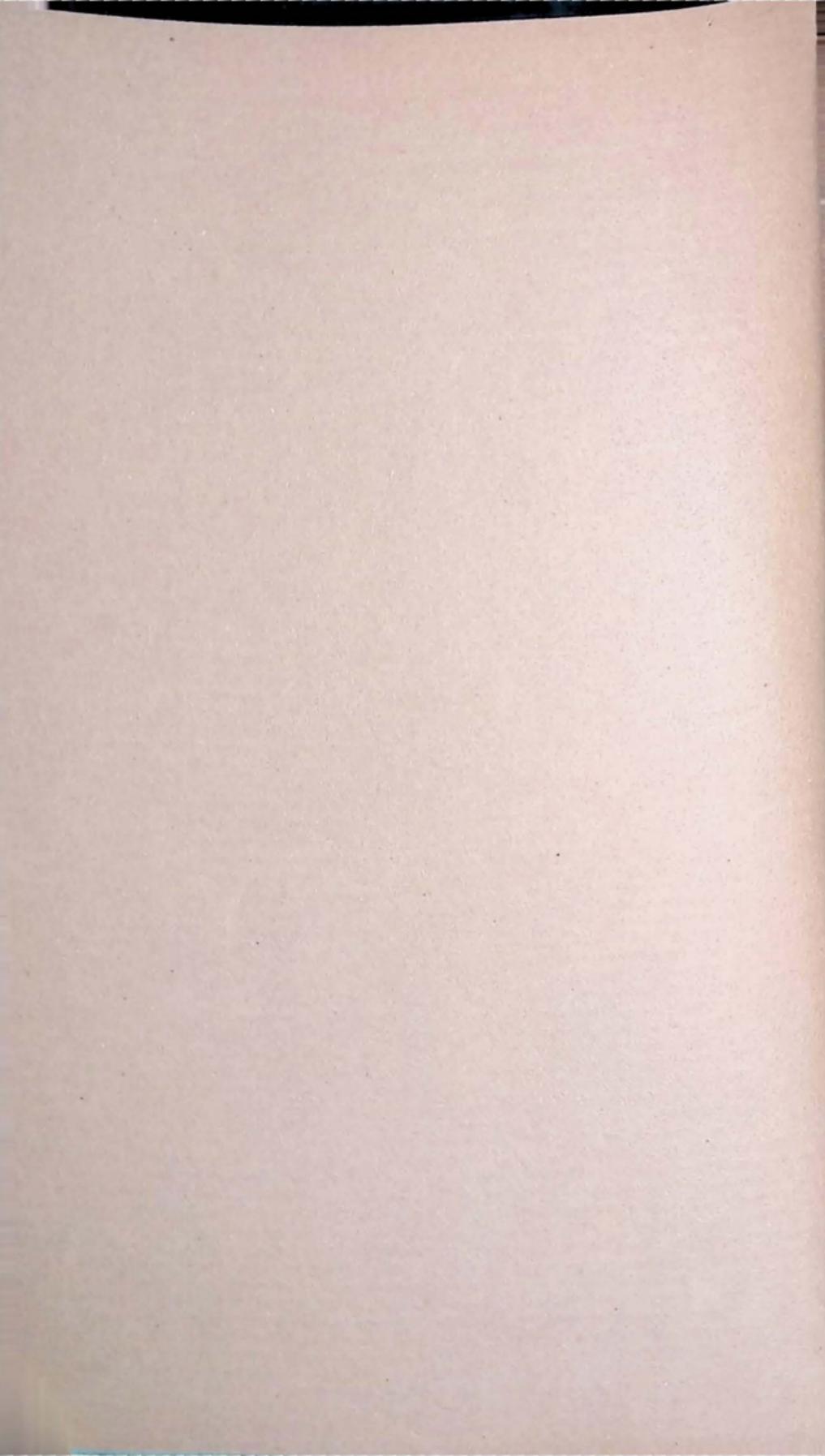
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