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<i>Beta,</i>	-	-	-	1870	<i>Cornell University.</i>
<i>Gamma,</i>	-	-	-	1852	<i>University of Vermont.</i>
<i>Gamma Deuteron,</i>	-	-	-	1889	<i>University of Michigan.</i>
<i>Delta,</i>	-	-	-	1853	<i>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.</i>
<i>Epsilon,</i>	-	-	-	1853	<i>College of William and Mary.</i>
<i>Epsilon Deuteron,</i>	-	-	-	1887	<i>Yale University.</i>
<i>Zeta,</i>	-	-	-	1853	<i>Brown University.</i>
<i>Eta,</i>	-	-	-	1854	<i>Bowdoin College.</i>
<i>Theta,</i>	-	-	-	1854	<i>Kenyon College.</i>
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"FOR WHILE THE ETERNAL STARS, NIGHT'S PURPLE ROBE
BEGEM, WHILE SWINGS IN SPACE THE PENDENT GLOBE,
FRIENDSHIP MUST LIVE! AH! MAY ITS IMPULSE HIGH
STILL GUIDE AND GUARD THE THETA DELTA CHI."

JOHN BROUHAM

INTROSPECTION.

Tell me, my soul, canst not thou speak?

What lies beyond this vale of tears?

Why is this body here so weak

It scarce endures its threescore years?

When thou'rt released from prison cell,

Where wilt thou soar on eagle wing?

Where is the place where thou wilt dwell?

Where is that world without a sting?

Where is the heaven of which we're told?

Where is thy home beyond the sky?

Where is the place whose streets are gold?

What means it all? thou canst not die?

The worm enshrouds a golden wing,

A captive bound, it cannot fly;

Released, it soars with birds that sing,

And mounts from earth up toward the sky.

Tell me my soul, what art thou like?

With all my thought I cannot find

Of me thou art, yet thou art not

Of body part—nor of the mind.

Art thou of God—like unto Him

Who breathed Life's breath when He formed man

In image like unto Himself?

Tell me, my soul, speak whilst thou can.

—W. R. WALKLEY.

THE CONVENTION.

The forty-third annual convention assembled in Young's Hotel, Boston, November 20th, and was called to order at 10 A. M. by President Bartlett. A Committee on Credentials was at once appointed, consisting of Bro's. G. H. Spencer *A*, W. L. Kimball *H*, and E. L. Ehlers *II^a*.

The committee reported the following delegations as already present: Delta Charge, Rensselaer Polytechnic—Graduate, S. P. Smith; undergraduates, J. C. Hallock, F. W. Plummer. Epsilon Charge, Yale University—Graduate, Louis DuBois; undergraduates, E. G. Ware, F. Carter. Zeta Charge, Brown University—Graduate, Rev. S. U. Shearman; undergraduates, Edward Stiness, Herbert F. Gould. Eta Charge, Bowdoin College—Graduate, W. L. Kimball; undergraduates, H. M. Webb, C. E. Riley. Kappa Charge, Tufts College—Graduate, F. W. Hamilton; undergraduates, Stephen Rounds, W. L. Ricketts. Lambda Charge, Boston University—Graduate, F. G. Wheat; undergraduates, G. H. Spencer, Albert Candlin. Mu Charge, Amherst College—Graduate, W. V. Gray; undergraduates, H. K. Whitaker, U. P. Avery. Omicron Charge, Dartmouth College—Graduate, R. S. Bartlett; undergraduates, J. B. Benton, G. M. Watson. Pi D. Charge, College City of New York—Undergraduates, F. H. Patterson, E. C. Ehlers. Rho D. Charge, Columbia College—Graduate, A. L. Coville; undergraduate, James A. Murtha. Sigma Charge, Dickinson College—E. S. Griffing; undergraduates, C. W. Webbert, S. S. Wallace. Phi Charge, Lafayette College—Graduate, Clay W. Holmes; undergraduates, George K. Hertzog, W. A. Jones. Psi Charge, Hamilton College—Graduate, Sherman Brown; undergraduates, Robert B. Perine, Duncan C. Lee.

After the convention was thus organized all persons not members of the fraternity were excluded from the room and the business was begun. The Committee on Credentials reported the arrival of the delegates from Beta Charge, Cornell Univer-

sity—William R. Webster and Thomas B. Van Dorn, undergraduates.

The following graduate brothers were introduced to the convention and spoke words of love and interest for the fraternity of their college days, affirming that the friendships then formed still follow them : Clay W. Holmes, business manager of the Elmira Advertiser ; Rev. Fred N. Upham, Reading ; Henry C. Meserve, assistant clerk of the superior court.

The following were appointed a Committee on the Minutes of the last convention : Clay W. Holmes, J. C. Hallock, William R. Webster.

The regular business of the convention was then proceeded with in order. The new constitution ratified by the different charges was taken up for final passage and adopted. The charges rendered full and flattering reports, showing all to be in a prosperous condition. Several charges reported the prospect of chapter-houses in the near future. Especial enthusiasm was aroused by the Epsilon Deuteron report. They acknowledged the gift of one thousand dollars from Bro. Frederic Carter of the Grand Lodge as a beginning. Several subscriptions have since been made and we predict that Yale will soon add another chapter house bearing upon it our mystic emblems.

During the sessions of the convention old graduates continued to drop in and were introduced, all showing by their presence and good words that their love for Theta Delta Chi was still their guiding star. Among those presented were, the Hon. Augustus S. Miller, speaker R. I. House Representatives, who said that he had expected to be present at our banquet, but finding that it would be impossible, he had come to spend the day with us as a proof of his love for the good old fraternity which even the excitement of political life could not eradicate; Gen. Henry G. Thomas, U. S. A, Portland, Me.; E. D. Kimball, Wichita, Kansas ; E. L. Peltier, Troy, N. Y.; O. S. Davis, White River Junction, Vt.; G. M. Granger, St. Paul, Minn., and many others, including nearly all the resident graduates of the Lambda Charge, were in during the progress of the convention. The reporter depended on the minutes of the

convention to get the full list and is obliged to use his memory as the minutes have not yet been issued and the *SHIELD* being already overdue, must go to press. Those whose names are not mentioned will please accept this explanation.

Much business was transacted during the three days of the convention. Entire harmony reigned and the attendance was flattering. All the delegates were in their places at every session, many visitors were present and the room was crowded during the entire time.

A full report of Vol. IV and V of the *SHIELD* was rendered and referred to a committee consisting of Bro's E. S. Griffing, Duncan C. Lee and J. C. Hallock. This committee reported that they had examined the report and found it entirely satisfactory. They recommended that the entire management of the *SHIELD*, both editorial and financial, be entrusted to Bro. Clay W. Holmes for a term of five years without restriction of any kind. The report and recommendation were adopted unanimously.

At the last session all other business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the election of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Brother A. L. Bartlett was re-elected President; Bro. Frederic Carter, Secretary and J. C. Hallock of the Delta, Treasurer. Their installation followed and after the customary complimentary resolutions had been passed, the forty-third convention was closed in due form at two o'clock on Friday afternoon. This convention will pass into history as the most successful ever held since the establishment of the Grand Lodge—or we may safely say—of the fraternity. Much of this is certainly due to the ability of the presiding officer, whose familiarity with parliamentary law, and prompt decisions saved much time and discussion. The Grand Lodge of 1888 and '89 have reason to be proud of the success which attended their administration, and the fraternity at large should congratulate themselves that such material can be found in our ranks. We bespeak prosperity and success for our fraternity during the current year.

THE CONVENTION BANQUET.

On Friday evening at 8:30, a double file of Theta Deltas, eighty strong, headed by President Bartlett and Toast Master Holmes marched into the room which had only been vacated by the Convention late in the afternoon. The sight which met our eyes was soul inspiring. Directly in front of us on the opposite side of the room was placed upon the table of honor a jewel of great brilliancy, which evoked a spontaneous and hearty cheer from the boys as they filed into the hall, and could the fair maidens, whose love for Theta Delta Chi prompted the presentation of so beautiful a gift, have been present, they would have been fully repaid for the delicate and affectionate token. The tender glances which the Lambda boys cast upon it revealed the delight which filled their bosoms, and there seemed to be more Cupid's arrows in the room than those which glittered on the emblem. The jewel referred to was a beautiful floral shield, representing the badge of Theta Delta Chi, and was presented by the Eta charge of the Alpha Phi fraternity.

When the vociferous cheer had subsided, and the places had been assigned, while yet standing, Bro. Hamilton invoked the Divine blessing, and the boys took their places at the tables, which were richly spread. The Lambda song books, and the menus were laid by each plate,—and such a menu,—only excelled in beauty by the floral shield, a folded parchment, bound by a silver cord, bearing upon its face a typical design, painted in the highest style of art, so beautiful that with one accord they were laid aside as souvenirs of the occasion. No greater proof of their elegance need be cited than to state that not one was left behind after the banquet was over.

After three courses had been served, with Bro. J. B. Benton presiding at the piano, one of Lambda's songs was sung, and the spirit with which it was rendered proved that every one was happy. During the entire banquet, various other

songs were given with the same happy zest. It is needless to dwell upon the eating portion. Those who were there will, I think, testify that everything was as fine as the most fastidious epicure could desire.

At eleven o'clock, after the feast was over, President Bartlett called to order, and in a few well chosen words introduced as the orator of the evening, Gen. Henry G. Thomas, Eta, '58, who entertained his hearers with a witty speech on College Reminiscences. He referred to the athletics of the present day as compared with the gymnastics of the yager and hen roost in his time.

The poet of the evening, Bro. O. S. Davis, Dartmouth, was introduced, and treated us to a poem; the product of an hour, delivered in his usual happy style. The text will be found on another page.

After another song, President Bartlett, expressing his regret that the toast master appointed for the evening was unable to be present, called upon Bro. Clay W. Holmes to perform the duties of the occasion. Bro. Holmes, after a few introductory remarks, presented the following post prandial soup.

The Lambda Charge, responded to by Bro. G. H. Spencer. Bro. Spencer, after relating a Hardshell Baptist story, said that Lambda charge was represented by twenty of her active members, and had turned out thus strongly to welcome the Convention. He referred in touching words to the beautiful emblem presented by Alpha Phi, and with such forceful eloquence that some of his hearers breathed the cruel suspicion that perhaps the Eta charge of Alpha Phi contained some jewel whose heart some day would beat in one accord with his own, and an Alpha Phi be transferred to the ranks of Theta Delta Chi. The same sentiment seemed to be shadowed in the fond gaze of other Lambda brothers. We refrain, however, from giving away their names. In concluding his very happy response, he presented on behalf of the Lambda charge to the visiting brothers the Lambda song books which were on the board.

The Grand Lodge was responded to by President Bartlett,

who in a few well chosen words expressed the kind feelings which exist between the charges of the fraternity and the Grand Lodge. He also reviewed the work of the past year briefly, and expressed his hopes for the coming executive year.

Our Legal Brethren, responded to by Bro. Seth P. Smith. It was the opinion of those present from the facetious remarks made by Bro. Smith that he had eaten too much soup.

Our Professors and Teachers, responded to by O. S. Davis, who related some school yarns which were so funny that the amount of laughter created drove all ideas from the reporter's brain and pen, so that no record can be handed down to posterity of this wonderful speech.

The Alchemist's Crucible, responded to by Bro. Frederic Carter. Bro. Carter had glasses on which enabled him to see in the crucible many things unknown to us. One thing we could all see, however, and that was that behind the glasses there was much wit.

The Fair Sex, was responded to by Bro. A. H. Webbert. Reference was made to the old Chi Delta Theta chapter of ladies, and a number of pleasant incidents in connection therewith were related.

At this point the following letters and telegrams were read from absentees:

SYRACUSE, Nov. 20, 1889.

To the Officers of the Banquet at 43d Annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi:

GENTLEMEN—I regret very much that I cannot attend the Convention or Banquet, an invitation to which has been kindly sent me.

Wishing those present every enjoyment, and heartily sympathizing with the objects and associations connected with the occasion, I beg leave to offer the subjoined sentiment, and am

Fraternally and faithfully yours,

A. H. GREEN, A '49.

Here's a health to Alma Mater!
Here's to Theta Delta Chis!
They will ne'er betray nor barter
Love for gain beneath the skies!

REISTERSTOWN, MARYLAND, Nov. 20th, 1889.

Dear Brothers in Θ Δ X :

The Southern Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi sends love and fraternal greetings to the Brothers now assembled in Convention at Young's Hotel, Boston, and wishes them all a very happy time. May we all year by year warm up to a deeper and truer love and appreciation of our fraternity and inspire in our younger and undergraduate Brothers, that undying love for the fraternity, which will prevent all ruptures, and will guard that sacred vow. One and all of you are earnestly invited to attend our Fourth Annual Meeting and Banquet to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, early in January. All who would like to be present then or have any idea of attending, will have full particulars sent them in due time if they will send their names and address to

Yours fraternally, ALEX M. RICH,

Secretary and Treasurer of the Southern Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22, 1889.

Theta Delta Chi Banquet, Young's Hotel, Boston:

Business detained me. Heart with you. Love to all.

Fraternally, F. GOODWIN.

Our Future, responded to by Bro. A. L. Coville. Our Absent Brothers, responded to by Bro. M. L. Kimball. The hour being late, the hotel authorities requested that the banquet be closed, therefore all other toasts were omitted. A rising vote of thanks was tendered to Eta charge of Alpha Phi for the beautiful floral emblem, also to Bro. Kimball, of Rochester, for the customary Convention cigarettes, without which our Convention would be a failure.

A resolution of fraternal good will was offered for the boys at the University of Michigan so soon to be adopted into the fraternity under the banner of Gamma Deuteron, which was adopted with the loudest applause. The banquet then rose, and in silence drank to the Omega charge, after which the boys quietly dispersed and repaired to Bro. Bartlett's room, which by the way was general headquarters during the Convention, and when the writer left, the "wee small hours were crowding close upon the morn." The good byes were said, and thus ended the most successful Convention which Theta Delta Chi has ever had.

THE IDEAL IN AMERICAN LIFE.

POEM DELIVERED AT THE 43D CONVENTION BANQUET, YOUNG'S HOTEL, BOSTON, NOV.
22D, 1889, BY OZRA L. DAVIS, (DARTMOUTH).

With wine and with wassail the feasts of the Saxons were crowned,
A wreath and a song made the runners at Elis renowned
And ne'r will the voice of the minstrel and singer be mute
Though the roar of to-day dim the sound of the lyre and the lute.
Sweet spirit of song from the wayside rose-dashed by the June
And cloudlands of fancy, I'd fain catch the exquisite tune
That steals with its sweetness and strength o'er hearts that are weary
And lessens or lightens the days that are darkened and dreary.
In blindness the masters of men lead the ranks of the blind.
Unjust is their judgment and feeble the force of their mind
If only the Here and the Now are the goals that they see,
For the worth of mankind lies in what it is striving to be.
Transcending the sphere of the sense and the world of the real,
Resplendent with truth is the land of the perfect ideal.
Its visions and voices more valid, its message more clear
Than those which the world gives the heart or the mind or the ear.
The present's strong hope and the pledge of the future is here,
Though critics may carp and the many pass by with a sneer,
With flintlock and psalm book the Puritan sat in his pew,
The sermon was long and its theme had a sulphurous hue.
'Twas thus the foundation was laid with a grimness and force
Which years have found stable and strong in their hurrying course.
Supreme was his faith if the width of horizon was small:
Serene was his conduct wherever duty might call.
That others were chosen and free he had never believed,
Yet his zeal was sincere and he never was false though deceived.
Years fled, but the seed that was sown by the Puritan's hand
Bore fruit when the minute man's shot had been heard thro' the land.
Again at the cry of the wronged came the contest for right
Till freedom emerged from the gloom of that terrible night,
Unscathed in the conflict, bare-browed to the beams of the sun,
Regirded with strength since the heat of the battle begun.
To-day when the sword has been bent to the shape of the share
Fraternity crowns with its garlands what war has laid bare,
Philosophy too blended beauty with rapine and waste,
Enabled the slave whom his merciless brothers abased.
With zeal Transcendentalists followed the plans they had laid,
And learned that a thistle will prick, that a spade is a spade.
The world of their dreams disappeared when they met face to face,
For they failed to bridge over the space between gingham and lace;
And yet with the moonshine and words of an ominous roll
They stood for the worth of the man, the dominion of soul.
The wind had a song and a voice had the boisterous sea,
Through which from his maker they learned that the creature is free.
To freedom add justice and culture that clothes and conceals
Like ivy the patches of shade that time always reveals,
And flushed by the sunshine resplendent a picture we gain
Of the fairest ideal Americans fain would attain.

The miller sees mills, while the farmer sees fields in the stream,
 And each at his labor is chasing a favorite dream;
 The smith at the anvil is shaping the shoe of his thought
 And never is wholly content with the work he has wrought.
 For poet and ploughman alike is the rest of the life,
 A something to gain at the cost of their turmoil and strife,
 Though homely the virtues and simple the goal that they place
 With more rugged vigor and less of an elegant grace,
 Americans facing the future view prospects as grand
 As e'er tempted the wish of the heart or the work of the hand.
 Free, honest and true to one's brother, to self and to God,
 What pathway more noble and lofty has man ever trod.
 Long search after truth, or repose without seeing or knowing
 The mist in the valley or tints on the mountain tops glowing,
 The choice between these is the choice that a wise giver gave
 To fix the broad distance, that separates hero and slave,
 The years of endeavor are long, but attainment is longer
 The force of the present is strong, but the future is stronger;
 The hour that unmans shall be spent of its strength in an hour
 Unseen and yet real are sources of infinite power.

THE GAMMA DEUTERON.

No event has occurred, since the establishment of the Epsilon Deuteron in 1887, so replete with honor to the fraternity as the establishment of the Gamma Deuteron at the University of Michigan. President A. L. Bartlett and Secretary Frederic Carter, of the Grand Lodge, accompanied by an embassy consisting of Bros. C. N. Kendall, Ψ , '82, F. M. Kendall, B , '78, and Clay W. Holmes, Φ , '69, reached Ann Arbor on Friday, Dec. 13th. The welcome received from the three resident members and the gentlemen who had petitioned for the charge was all that could be asked for, and at once settled the question as to the desirability of a charge in Ann Arbor.

In the evening ten Theta Deltas,—comprising the Grand Lodge, the embassy, and visiting Brothers, Louis C. DuBois, Lorenzo Burrows, John H. Winans, Charles A. Whittemore and Wm. M. Miller, assembled in the rooms of the new charge and proceeded to initiate the seven charter applicants,—which was successfully accomplished in due form and with much im-

pressiveness. The President presented to the newly made brothers their charter and declared the Gamma Deuteron formally established. An organization was at once effected with the following charter members:

Edward S. Warner.....	Jackson, Mich.
W. H. Butler.....	Allegan, Mich.
George Rebec.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Geo. T. McGee.....	Jackson, Mich.
Clarence E. DePuy.....	Jackson, Mich.
Lyman B. Trumbull.....	Sandstone, Mich.
Edward R. Cole.....	Vassar, Mich.

Officers were chosen and an adjournment taken to the banquet hall.

At eleven o'clock seventeen happy brothers assembled around the festive board, and after grace had been said by Bro. Kendall the dainty viands were attacked and overcome in good style. After the various courses had been served President Bartlett introduced Bro. C. N. Kendall as the toast master of the evening. Bro. Kendall after a few fitting remarks called upon Bro. Bartlett who spoke to "The Theta Delta Chi," Bro. Whittemore "The Eta as the Eastern Boundary of Our Fraternity." Bro. Holmes "Love as seen in Theta Delta Chi." Bro. F. M. Kendall "The Beta Charge." Bro. Winans "The Coming Event." Bro. Carter "The Epsilon Deuteron." Bro. DuBois "The Pacific field." Bro. Miller "The Delta Charge." Each one of the newly created brothers was also called upon, and their ready and able responses indicated that a high order of ability was concentrated in the charge, which only requires time to develop this charge into one of the most brilliant stars in our glorious horizon. Time passed swiftly and not until four o'clock did the wit cease to flow. Every brother present had "toasted" and being too late to begin over again good nights were said and the first banquet of Gamma Deuteron was over. It has never been our privilege to spend a happier evening, and this seemed to be the universal expression.

COLLEGE LIFE.

An oration delivered at the Initiation Banquet of *O^A* Nov. 1, by
W. C. BELKNAP.

In the issue of the Dartmouth for Oct. 4, I find a paragraph to this effect: One-third of the students of Europe die prematurely from the effects of bad habits acquired at college; one third die prematurely from the effects of close confinement at their studies; and the other third govern Europe.

I will in no way vouch for the truthfulness of the statement, yet I was struck with the *multum in parvo*. It put me a wondering what becomes of the thousands of young men loosed from American colleges. Are they doing all they might and ought? If not in what respect are there short-comings? In what spheres are we, a chapter of a mighty fraternity, to trim and burn our feeble lights?

Then I thought we are as yet in a fitting school preparing for entrance into a higher institution which I have christened the University of Life. The catalogue is so voluminous that I can mention but a few of the advantages which are to be ours.

It is needless that I expatiate on the wonderful growth of this institution, its unfailing endowment, its unsurpassed situation, and the renown of its faculty. Every man of us has in some measure an appreciation of these characteristics and with just pride has said: "This is my own, my native land."

That two-thirds die prematurely, may not be true of American collegians, but it is true that college men govern. I am told by student friends of the higher university that many enter poorly fitted: they are sadly conditioned, handicapped for life, and too frequently their deficiencies are never made up. But the college man by reason of his superior fit generally gets "first division" and becomes a leader among his fellows. He is first in the newspaper world; first in the pulpit; first on the rostrum; and first in the supreme judiciary. He is the moulder and director of public opinion: And when we reflect that the school whither we are tending has an increased attend-

ance of ten millions per decade we scarce marvel at all that the demand for true and patriotic men is imperative.

The prospectus of that higher university makes mention of an increased number of competitive prizes. We, as young men of some experience know that these prizes are not to be had for the asking; the test is rigorous, and in the long run the man best fitted, the one unencumbered with deficiencies, is the first to the goal. You and I answering to the summons of a nation are in training for that competition. One day we are to enter as freshmen in the great University of Life. Our success then will not depend so much on the ability to "blow our horns" as on personal character and the tension of our brains.

But few, however, of this college fraternity will enter as or ever become *facile principes*, except in a restricted sense. In other words the college product is but mediocre talent furbished somewhat by mental gymnastics. As men of talent and not of genius, then, our lot is cast among the common people. Neither rich, nor poor, nor illiterate, nor profoundly learned, both by nature and by environment we are fated "to hold the even tenor of our ways" at the most to expect but a limited influence and a local notoriety. To every one of us who will prove a figurehead for the ship of state, there will be five hundred to take far less conspicuous stations. Nor ought we of the five hundred to lament our lot. By far the larger number of the truly noble of earth are identified with the great middle class, while the class as a whole has ever been the governor of humanity, regulating alike the arrogance of the rich and learned and the fanaticism of the poor and ignorant. It was this class, which checking the furious frenzy that throttled a monarchy and beheaded the monarch, gave a lasting impetus to the cause of English liberty. It was this class that brought order out of chaos and laid firm the foundations of the French Republic. This class in our day champions universal liberty and American institutions. If then, our nationality ever is imperiled, it will be through the indifference or corruption of the class of which you and I and the whole fraternity as professional or business men are members.

In that higher university we shall come under the tuition of a very complete corps of instructors. The greatest teachers of all time, the patient researches of centuries are to augment our own feeble efforts. Some of these instructors speak as in an oracle, but there are others whose blatant disciples are heard in private and in public; at times opportune and inopportune. Young men may well be incredulous: their sonorous periods have too much of the sounding brass. Some speak to us from behind the curtains of the past even from prehistoric times; others address us with the directness and fascination of the present. The features of some are awry with deceit and cunning, but those of others are radiant with very truth. Ours will be the task to choose between the false and the true.

The institution of which we are speaking has no record of a student who has mastered every science and language and literature. The curriculum is too varied, life is too short, the day of graduation hastens apace. But there are a few studies on the thorough understanding of which depends our own happiness and preservation of the university itself from confusion and anarchy. We are to struggle with such knotty problems as the growth of mammonism, illegal balloting, the use of money in elections, the desecration of the Sabbath, the race question, and greatest of all the saloon vs. civilization. These are a few of the problems educational and social of vital import daily becoming more portentous.

Our chief text book will be man, the living man with whom we daily associate. The work as a whole comprises a series of object lessons arranged on the inductive plan. We have no need, however, of being taught from this or any other source that the American people have an insatiate thirst for gold, we know it; that education, religion, the ties of kinship, and the public weal are sacrificed in the vain attempt to gratify an ever increasing passion; that there are thousands in every state and city, devotees of mammon, leading a life selfish and unworthy free men of a republic, the perpetuity of which depends largely on the public spirit of its citizens.

But we need the ability to discriminate between the miser

and the philanthropists, a pernicious and a benevolent tendency. Too much stress is put, nowadays, on the desirability of getting a good start in the world, which is always construed as meaning, get all the money you can. A young man may form ever so good resolutions, he is influenced by friends, by society, by the spirit of the times, and soon finds himself in the vortex. He becomes one of those too diligent business men. He is honest so long as it is the best policy and no longer. Can it be done with impunity, he does not hesitate to exact the penny and oppress the poor. He has no time or money for the support of so antiquated an institution as the church. He has forgotten his early religious instruction save one convenient text, "the man diligent in business shall stand before kings," and this is a searing iron for his conscience for every violation of honor and uprightness. From lack of time and inclination he is ignorant of public polity and is easily made the tool of cabals and lobbies, and consequently a menace to the state. But when we go outside the business world and find those high in authority so intent on their own aggrandizement; so diligent in business as to betray their trust for a consideration, what lesson ought it teach young men?

Now of all others it might be expected that the ministers of the gospel would steer clear of this maelstrom; but too often we fear, they too, the young men especially, have an itching palm for the patronage of Mammon. To be sure, they spare no eloquence or learning in denouncing sin in the abstract; they lament the remissness of the church in standing for the enforcement of law; they heap imprecations on the heads of Carnegie, Sheridan Shook and the saloonists; they wax grandly eloquent over the general relapse of morality and virtue, but how many have the courage to say "Thou art the man?"

Men, modern men, very diligent in the pursuit of riches we are to mingle with, learn of, and be influenced by. May the Benign Parent above give us wisdom.

A peculiar faculty, a vague curriculum, and strange students has this University of Life. Our matriculation is close at hand. Soon we are to lead and to think for the shepherd-

less and the unthinking. Then as never before will life be earnest and real. Then shall we need all the discipline that analytics and Greek syntax can afford, and all the robustness of character which right living and noble aspirations beget. And on graduation day whenever it comes we shall receive diplomas from the Creator of life, passports to the elysian fields beyond the river of death.

A BROTHER OF ZETA TO THE DELTA IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF HER RECENT COURTESIES.

Two twin stars shone with glorious light
 In the starlit heavens clear and *blue*,
 Though a spangled dome spanned the *black* of night,
 A milk *white* path where the stars shone thro',
 And stars shed such halo of lustrous light
 Like *arrows* their beams shot straight and *true*,
 That as men looked up none dared to say
 Which, most adorned the dome of *blue*,
 Yet two had gleamed ever side by side
 As though they loved to unite their sheen,
 And, like lover's strong arms that encircle his bride,
 Their love as faithful and true had been.

Like a planet whose fires have ceased to glow,
 The Zeta was missed in the azure sky;
 And the Delta's bright rays went out in turn,
 Through all the charges was heard a sigh.
 But, as oft a cloud for awhile doth veil
 The radiant face of the god of day,
 Then, brighter than ever, the hill and dale
 Are lit with the new and conquering ray;
 So the Delta sprang forth in strength and power
 And again in the heavens her ray appeared.
 But, alas, the Zeta still waits her hour
 Surrounded by mists, all chill and weird.

Men tell us the moon with light of her own
 Once studded the heavens, an orb of fire,
 But now to a sterile planet grown
 A thing of death; on her funeral pyre.
 And yet she is fair, with a borrowed beam,
 As the sun in friendship lends his ray,
 And a brother of Zeta rejoiced in the gleam
 While the Delta again made bright his way.
 Long life to the Delta loyal and true,
 May her well loved sister soon again add her light
 And Theta Delt cheers shake the dome of *blue*,
 As the rays of these twin stars again unite.



HON. DANIEL B. POND, MAYOR OF WOONSOCKET, R. I.

The subject of this sketch, the Hon. Daniel B. Pond, was born in the town of Smithfield, Mass., October 21, 1830, where he lived until he was ten years of age, when his parents moved to Mendon, Mass. He enjoyed the best educational advantages that New England, the educational center of those days, afforded, and to this thorough training may no doubt be attributed a part of his subsequent success. When he was fifteen years of age, he entered Phillips Academy, at Andover, Mass., to fit for college, in which institution he continued for two years. He finished his preparatory course at a private school in Concord, Mass., where he remained a year. During this time he made the acquaintance of Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau, a distinction which many of their admirers would consider as great as the degrees he afterward so honorably earned at the university. He next entered Brown University, then under the presidency of Francis Wayland, for a classical course, graduating in 1857 with the degree of A. B. Here he entered the ranks of Theta Delta Chi, and Zeta Charge in those days held a brilliant galaxy of stars. Among others who have

achieved distinction were Wm. O. Stone, '57; Franklin Burdge, '56; Hon. John Hay and Egbert C. Carman, '58. He next entered the Albany Law School, from which he graduated with the degree of LL. D., and soon afterward was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the state of New York. In 1859 he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Massachusetts.

About this time the law firm in which he was a partner opened a law and collection office for the whole United States, on State street, Boston, of which he had the entire charge for one year. The firm established a central office in Wall street, New York City, where an immense business was entered for collection, but as many of the claims were against Southerners, the breaking out of the war in 1861 destroyed it.

He then left the active practice of the law, removing to Woonsocket, R. I., where he commenced a manufacturing business which was successful from the start. The failure of debtors, however, in 1873 rendered it unprofitable, and he then resumed the practice of his profession, at the same time taking an active part in politics, identifying himself with the laboring classes as against the corporations. From that time to this his history has been so closely connected with the history of his city and state that one could hardly be written without mention of the other.

He was for three successive years elected to the lower house of the General Assembly of Rhode Island, and is now a member of the State Senate. Besides this, he has been closely identified with the progress and the best interests of the city of Woonsocket, so much so that he has been recognized as its guiding spirit, serving his townspeople in various public capacities, and has just received additional proof of the estimation in which he is held by being elected mayor of the city, by an overwhelming majority.

He stands high in the councils of the political party to which he belongs, having been chairman of the State Central and Executive Committees, and also one of the candidates for presidential elector at the last election. It is rumored that the shadow of gubernatorial honors hangs over him, but whether this be true or not, laying party politics aside, all Theta Dels rejoice in the successes and honors that have fallen to the lot of a loyal member of our fraternity.

OUR CALIFORNIA LETTER.

RANCHO DE CLAPBOARD,

NEAR FRESNO, CAL., NOV. 15th, 1889.

Arthur L. Bartlett, Θ Δ X, No. 19 Milk St., Boston, Mass.

MY DEAR "UNWEANED":—I see by a stray copy of the SHIELD that you are still living on Milk—street, as the honored President of the Grand Lodge. All this gives me great pleasure. I am in receipt of your invitation to the convention and regret my inability to be there and participate. I wish you success and the progress of Θ Δ X. As you sit down to the banquet and lift the "jolly old oyster-bird" from the half shell, and later on, when you have reached the wine and raisins, you may imagine me out here in my raisin vineyard with my head down in the midst of the vines gathering grapes, the after part of my anatomy doing service as a sun dial,—and wishing I were with you at a bottle of "Chateau Yquem." Give my best wishes to all the boys and assure them of my devotion to the shield of Θ Δ X. I am pleased to note the spread of the fraternity to a number of fine colleges since I bore the burdens of Grand Lodge duties. Especially do I hail Zeta restored.

Some two or three years ago I paid my back subscription to the SHIELD. The manager evinced good business sense by at once stopping it. I supposed that it had again resumed the chrysalis state, when here comes No. 3 of Vol. V, with a delightful batch of news, to say nothing of handsome Seth P. Smith's big chunk of "taffy" at that reunion. I desire to say to you, confidentially, that I am not only pleased to know that Brother Nathan F. Dixson, of Rhode Island, has been elected to the U. S. Senate, but am hugging myself with delight that no one took occasion to refer to him as "a self-made man." That He in His plenitude of power and infinite wisdom refrained from creating those two nondescripts,—the "self-made man" and the mule—relieves an all-wise Providence from grave responsibilities. If there is anything that the average creature whose genealogy runs back to the ark, desires to avoid, it is one or the other of those ill-bred hybrids, but of the two, I prefer the mule. The mule has been much abused. It has a capacity to absorb large areas of abuse—likewise it is the storm center of vigorous and unprophetic language. I may mention that it has other capacities, and, but for the fact that throughout all time it must associate and be classed with the "self-made man," its innate cussedness might be justly condemned. However, the mule is modest: it does not refer to its origin in loud staccato tones. In fact, when it does lift up its voice in song, it usually affords the general public some relief from the immoderate mouthings of the "self-made man." It, therefore, should not be needlessly abused. It would be to the eternal credit of the mule if, on each occasion when it lifted up its heels and knocked a hole in the welkin, that it stuffed a "self-made man"

through the aperture. There is a mule that is a sort of a pensioner on my rancho. He has not been re-rated by Pension Commissioner Tanner on his pension, however, I have recently attended to that myself. I am also afflicted with a large contingent of "self-made men." One of them informed me the other day that he was a "vet-nury surgin" (that was the way he wrote it), and said the mule was sick. The mule did not deny it. The self-made "surgin" prescribed a large, able-bodied pill for the mule—one about the size of an English walnut, composed of aloes, rhubarb, jalap and a few other motive powers. He hauled the mule's head up into the second story of the barn and endeavored to blow the bolus down its throat through a tin tube about two feet long. I think the "surgin" will be able to get around town in a very pale and emaciated condition about ten days hence. The mule blowed first.

You can readily comprehend from this brief, but pertinent, incident why the mule and the "self-made man" are indivisibly associated in my mind, and also the reason for the modification of my antipathy towards the mule. I am, therefore, relieved to find that a brother Theta Delt has achieved an honorable position without being dubbed a nondescript and classed with a hybrid. I should seriously regret and deplore the association in my mind of a modern politician of any degree with the mule, though I have no compunctions whatever in dubbing most of them infernal asses, in whose heads there are not three more ideas than exist in the head of a flax-brake.

But enough of prating. Next year, the gods being propitious, I will either be with you or send my regrets in the shape of raisins, etc., grown on my own vineyard. If you wish to see the future great raisin center—the greatest in the world—come to Fresno, where vineyards pay from \$100 to \$300 per acre annually.

Give my regards to all the boys, and with the assurance that my yearning to be with you is of that intense nature which a Rhode Islander has for a Quahog clam, I am in the bonds of $\Theta \Delta X$,

Yours fraternally,

NATHAN LA FAYETTE BACHMAN, Ψ , '72.

P. O. box 422, Fresno, Cal.

Our Graduates.

NOTE.—This department we intend to make a special feature of THE SHIELD, and to insure its completeness we desire *every graduate* to aid us by contributing such items of information—no matter how trifling they may seem—about members of the fraternity, the current happenings with themselves or their families, or matters affecting their interests, as promptly as they occur or come to their ears. We would like to keep *au courant* with and pleasantly mention every graduate member and will be glad to do so if our wishes are fulfilled.—EDITOR.

Rev. J. Beveridge Lee, Hamilton, '86, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church, Princeton, Indiana, was married November 5th, to Miss Minna Greenman of Albany. The happy event occurred in Albany at the First Reformed church. A large number of friends and guests witnessed the ceremony. T. H. Lee, Ψ , '83, was best man to the groom and John C. Mason, Ψ , '86, and Duncan Lee, Ψ , '91, were two of the ushers. Bro. Lee and his bride go west followed by the congratulations and best wishes of a host of friends.

William Leonard Nicoll, R. P. I., '67, late Chief Engineer, U. S. N., who died at Southampton, L. I., July 2d, 1887, was a native of Newburg, N. Y., where his mother, Mrs. Leonard Nicoll, still resides. He was a cousin of Augustus W. Nicoll, Union, '59, a warm friend of Clark Fisher, R. P. I., '58, and was made a member of the fraternity at the convention held at the Astor House, New York, in 1867. At the time of his decease he was chief engineer on the receiving ship Vermont, stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He was a polished gentleman, of warm instincts and generous nature, and his comparatively early death was severely felt by a large circle of friends, both in and out of the navy.

Thomas P. Roberts, Dickinson, '63, of Renovo, Pa., is superintendent of the middle division of the Philadelphia & Erie R. R. (Penna. R. R. Co., lessee), a position he has held for several years. The heavy traffic over the road keeps him fully occupied, and his financial condition is evidently better than when he uttered the words, "With all my worldly goods I thee endow," at his marriage over twenty years ago—an occasion to which he still laughingly refers. He is as full of life as of old, enjoying a joke on himself as much as on another, but always able to retaliate in kind. Located amid such surroundings as Paddy's Run, Young Woman's Town, Kettle Creek and Muttontown (which he christened), it would seem as if he ought to enjoy life. Some of his old friends would be glad to see him again.

Hon. Hosea M. Knowlton, Tufts, '67, received a district-attorneyship at the last Massachusetts election.

Dr. Daniel Pardee, Union, '52, is about to take a sailing trip of about two months to the Bermudas for his health.

Hon. Henry J. Spooner, M. C., Brown, '60, is chairman of the House Committee on Accounts of the present (51st.) Congress.

Hon. Nathan F. Dixon, Brown, —, took the oath of office as Senator from the State of Rhode Island, at the convening of the Senate, Dec. 2, and is now one of "the grave and reverend seniors" of which that body is composed.

President Elmer S. Capen, Tuft's, '68, has been confined to his home recently by a severe and painful attack of illness. For a time he was thought to be in serious danger, but he fortunately recovered and resumed his collegiate duties.

Rev. Cameron Mann, D. D., Hobart, '70, of Kansas City, Mo., was a member from Missouri, of the House of Deputies at the Triennial Convention of the Protestant Episcopal church held in New York in October last. We are glad to note he has become a doctor of divinity, and congratulate him on this evidence of advancement in his profession.

Rt. Rev. J. H. D. Wingfield, D. D., LL. D., of Benicia, Cal., president of St. Augustine College and Missionary Bishop of Northern California, made a visit to New York in October to attend the late Triennial Convention of the Protestant Episcopal church. He was a member of the House of Bishops, a position to which his episcopal office entitled him.

Thomas H. Lee, Hamilton, '83, of New York City resigned the office of Law Clerk to the U. S. General Appraiser, Sept. 1 last, and is now engaged in the practice of law at 45 William Street. He has formed a partnership with Edmund W. Powers, Tufts, '81, and the amount of business the firm is already doing is very gratifying and augurs well for its future success,

Fred S. Nixon, Hamilton, —, of Westfield, N. Y., has again been elected a member of the Assembly from the first district of Chautauqua County. This is the third time he has been sent to the Legislature and is gratifying evidence of his popularity with the people of that locality. He will be the only member of the fraternity in that body this year—while last year there were three.

Rt. Rev. Mahlon N. Gilbert, Hobart, '70, of St. Paul, Assistant Bishop of Minnesota, represented his diocese at the late Triennial Convention of the Episcopal Church held in New York City. Those who met him there say he is little changed from his college days, the characteristics which made him so highly esteemed as an undergraduate becoming only more prominent as the years advance.

Hon. John W. Griggs, Lafayette, '68, of Patterson, N. J., was particularly active during the late political campaign in his state. He was the leading speaker on the Republican side and the object at which were mostly aimed the arguments and anathemas of his opponents, overshadowing in that respect the candidate of his party for governor. His leading position in the state senate for several years and commanding abilities have naturally forced him into the most prominent place in his party, while his political enemies concede him to be the ablest politician against them in the state, occupying on his side the same position that Governor Abbott and Senator McPherson do in the Democracy. He is generally spoken of by his opponents as the "Young Senator," an appellation which with his popularity indicates that with his party's supremacy his advancement to important political positions may be confidently expected. He occupies the same position at the bar as in politics, his practice being large, mostly in corporation cases, and with a full measure of success, both pecuniarily and professionally.

Hon. Willis S. Paine, Rochester, '68, of New York City, has entered upon his duties as President of the State Trust Co., the offices of which were recently opened at 50 Wall Street. The company has a capital of \$1,000,000, of which \$500,000 is already paid up, and is composed of and directed by able, conservative men experienced in financial affairs. His wide knowledge and familiarity with banking, coupled with the continuance of the care which distinguished his seven years management of the Banking Department of the State of N. Y., cannot fail to be highly beneficial to the company's interests and early give the institution a leading place among the financial institutions of the country. To those having need of the facilities such an institution affords we heartily commend it.

William M. Leonard, Amherst, '88, is a teacher in the Royal Normal College for the Blind, London, England. This institution, writes Brother Leonard, occupies about ten acres of ground, on a western slope, in the highest point of London, seven miles from Charing Cross. The place was once the estate of a Baronet, and is a beautiful location. Brother Leonard has classes in Latin and Mathematics, besides some work in gymnastics. The College enjoys the patronage of the Queen and numerous other titled personages whom Brother Leonard irreverently alludes to as "Tommoddys," and has at present about 175 pupils.

J. H. Pardee, Hamilton, '89, who for some time has been located in Syracuse, has removed to Buffalo, and may hereafter be found at the law offices of Williams & Potter, 220 Main street. He will enter actively upon the study of Blackstone and soon we may expect to see his name increased by the termination "Esq." By the way, this same office seems to have a peculiar charm for Theta Delta Chi. Not long ago Brother Chase launched his legal bark from 220. Brother Zimmerman is also located at this office.

Dr. C. M. Burrows, Columbia, '88, has recently accepted the chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the College Physicians and Surgeon, Chicago.

H. F. Lewis, Harvard, '86, after studying at the Harvard Medical School for three years, went to Chicago, where he has an excellent position in the Cook County Hospital.

Henry Wirt Butler, Brown, '61, was engaged in business for some years after leaving College, but is now devoting his attention to prairie farming. His address is Springfield, Ill.

M. A. Kilvert, Harvard, '89, is in Chicago, at present holds a position as cashier in the stockyard department of the Hammond Beef Co. He has been with the firm since leaving Cambridge.

H. N. Pearce, Tufts, '80, has removed from Moorhead, Minn., where he was a teacher in the State Normal School, to Newburgh, N. Y., 72 Grand street. He is teaching sciences in Newburgh Academy,

J. J. Squire and Fred P. Peirce, Hamilton, '87, after being admitted to the Bar at the September term of County Court at Binghamton, followed Horace Greeley's advice, and are now located at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Rt. Rev. A. M. Randall, W. & M., '55, of Richmond, Va., by virtue of his office of Assistant Bishop of Virginia, was a member of the House of Bishops at the late Triennial convention of the Episcopal church in New York.

J. H. Winans, Coll. City N. Y., '89, who recently went to Ann Arbor to take a post graduate course in Law has been admitted to the Bar, and is now an assistant instructor in the Law department of the University.

Hon. Charles G. Pope, Tufts, '61, has just been reelected Mayor of Somerville, Mass. Mayor Pope served his first term in a highly satisfactory manner, the evidence of which may be seen in the fact that no candidate was put up against him.

Judge Charles W. Sumner, Tufts, '62, received the office of District Attorney in Massachusetts, in the state election of last November. Brother Sumner was engaged in a hot fight with his Democratic opponent prior to the election, and the strain told on his health so much that he has not been able to enter upon the performance of the duties of his office.

D. B. Colton, Tufts, '85, is located with the well known Acme Stationery and Paper Co., of New York. He spent but one year in the college but in that time made many strong friends who will be glad to hear something of him. He was a good Theta Delt, and one of the best tenors in the Glee Club of that day. Soon after leaving college he married and entered the stationery business in Pittsfield, where he still retains his residence.

William W. Southgate, U. V. M., '56, of Rolla, Mo., is now a clerk in the Pension Bureau at Washington, D. C. He is a Democrat and one of the recent civil service appointees of President Harrison. His pronounced abilities fit him for any office within the President's gift and we hope his present position is only a stepping stone to one more advanced and better suited to his calibre. He is established in bachelor quarters at 515 F street for the winter, his family remaining in Missouri until they join him early next season. The separation from home he finds something of a hardship, as he is a very domestic man, obtaining his greatest pleasure from its associations, and this is only the second time he has ever been away from his family a week at a time. For the information of his old college intimates, we will state that though his health is generally good, he is suffering from a slight lameness which his two hundred and fifty pound weight makes decidedly unpleasant. That his heart is still young is evidenced by his recently mentioning the fact that "a few summers ago I met a lot of boys up in N. H. who sported the badge—boys that I knew as little fellows who were then Juniors and Sophomores at Dartmouth—who were delighted to learn I was an old timer with them." We hope some of our Washington men will look him up and help cheer his loneliness.

Major Peter D. Vroom, R. P. I., '62, Inspector General, U. S. A., now stationed at Omaha, Neb., has an enviable record as an officer. He entered the volunteer service Aug. 13, 1862, as First Lieutenant and adjutant of the First New Jersey Infantry; and Sept. 25, 1863, was appointed Major of the Second N. J. Cavalry. He was breveted Lt. Col. and Col. of Volunteers for gallant and meritorious services during the war, March 13, 1865, and honorably mustered out Oct. 24, 1865. In the regular army he was appointed Second Lieutenant, Third Cavalry, Feb. 23, 1866; First Lieutenant July 28, 1866—serving as Adjutant from Dec. 28, 1868, to May 15, 1871; Captain, May 17, 1876, and Major Inspector General Dec. 10, 1888, the last appointment being confirmed by the Senate Jan. 18, 1889. He is now the Senior Major in his department, and as there are only six officers above him his rapid promotion may be looked for—we hope eventually to the chief place. In appearance he is the ideal of an officer, commanding in figure, with a bearing that would grace the General-in-Chief. He is as popular in the army as he was when at the Institute, and his further promotion will be a source of gratification to a large number out of the fraternity as well as in it.

Rollin M. Richmond, U. V. M., '57, when at College was one of the most popular men in the institution. He was attractive in person, bright, witty, with the faculty of drawing others to him and keeping their friendship ever after, and his early death caused deep regret among the large number who knew him. Southgate in writing to a friend, says: "While visiting Bellefontaine Cemetery, at St. Louis, last summer, I

came on the grave of Rollin Richmond unexpectedly, (as I thought he was buried in Kansas), and do not remember that I was ever so completely overcome by anything as I was by that, "I am not easily broken down, but it was too much for me. Poor old Roll, he was the best boy I ever saw." Such an exhibition of feeling, after the lapse of so many years, is a high tribute to the qualities of him who inspired it, and creditable to the warmth of heart of the one who experienced it.

John D. Cary, Hamilton, '84, was chosen by the committee of the Faculty of Hamilton College, to deliver the second lecture in a students' course. He chose for his subject, "Marc Cook," (Ψ '74), his life and writings. The address was delivered to a crowded house, Dec. 8th, and was received with unbounded enthusiasm by the audience. Especially was it interesting to Theta Deltas, to whom it meant a great deal more than to the others, though all were loud in their words of praise.

Dr. L. Burrows, Coll. City N. Y., '89, now residing at Ann Arbor, is assisting the Professors of Ophthalmology and Otoiology in the Medical Department of the University. Bro. Burrows spoke at the Banquet Gamma Nu. on "The Coming event," which being explained is that he is to be married Dec. 18th to Miss Nellie L. Saunders, of East Saginaw, Mich. As full particulars could not be manufactured in advance, we are unable to say anything more in this issue. If well wishes make happy marriages, Bro. Burrows is certain to be happy—as well as his bride.

Col. Wm. L. Stone, Brown, '57, of Jersey City, N. J., has recently suffered a loss in his family, which occurred under particularly distressing circumstances. His second son, Arthur, was married early in October to an estimable young lady, and immediately after the couple took a bridal trip of some weeks' duration. Upon their return the bride was attacked with typhoid fever, and after a short illness died Nov. 20th at her father-in-law's house. She was buried on the day her wedding cards designated as the one upon which she was to hold her first reception of their friends after the return. We extend to the family our sincere condolences in their bereavement.

Commander B. P. Lamberton, U. S. N., Dickinson, '61, in command of the training ship Jamestown, finished his summer cruise to European waters at Newport, R. I., October 1st. During the voyage he touched at Cherbourg, France, Cadiz, Spain, Tangier, Africa, Gibraltar and Funchal, Madeira, in the order named. His young son, Paul, accompanied him. Shortly after his return he was ordered to proceed on a cruise among the Windward Islands, West Indies, remaining at sea at least twenty-five days before making any port, and to continue the cruise until March, going as far south as Trinidad, and returning to Hampton Roads about April 10th next. He is a very efficient officer, and as some of the naval apprentices under his command speak of him as "a very nice man," it is evident he is the right man in the right place.

Gen. Winsor B. French, Tufts, '59, delivered a historical address at the dedication of the monument on Bemis Heights, Gettysburg, Oct. 16. Gen. French was in command of the regiment at the battle of Bemis Heights. After the address his daughter unveiled the monument, a massive sarcophagus. Gen. French, who is a prominent member of the New York bar, and at present holds the office of Vice President of the United States Mutual Accident Association, of New York, and is counsel for the company, does not in the press of other affairs forget Kappa and his old associations there. He was last June elected orator for the next annual meeting of the Tufts College Alumni Association.

Prof. Oscar H. Perry, Tufts, '83, has, in partnership with his brother, Rev. G. W. Perry, the State Geologist of Vermont, opened an English and Classical School in Rutland, Vt. Professor Perry was for a time connected with Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass., one of the first academies in the state, and he brings to his new work natural capabilities of a high order, and which have been trained by experience. The school opens under very favorable auspices, being the outcome of a long standing demand, and Bro. Perry will undoubtedly meet with success in his new venture. In a prospectus recently issued there are warm testimonials to Bro. Perry's skill as a teacher and worth as a man from Prof. L. L. Burrough, principal of Dean Academy, from the pastors of all the churches of Canton, N. Y., where he was at one time located, and from the New York State Board of Education.

E. Harrison Austin, Brown, '62, of New York City, leaves for Honduras the last of December on a business trip to be absent about three months. He has lately become interested in some thirty-six square miles of territory in the Olancho district of that country, on which are said to exist large deposits of carbonate ore rich in silver, (similar to that found at Leadville, Cal.) and it is for the purpose of examining the property and opening mines the trip is made. He takes with him a half a dozen chemists, mineralogists, miners, etc., to assist in the work; and goes first to Truxillo, thence on mules 100 miles south to the headwaters of the Aguan river near which the property is situated. Those who are familiar with the deposits believe them more extensive and richer than those which have made Leadville so celebrated, which if proved true will produce an agreeable effect on his fortunes. As he will take forty mules from the coast to the mines to bring back a quantity of the ore it is evident he is himself well satisfied of the result. In this connection an incident of his youth may not be inappropriate. When a boy at home one of the family possessions was a horse which had an aggravating habit of balking at times. His pious mother kindly remonstrated with him for his strong language and free use of the whip which such occasions sometimes called forth and suggested gentler measures should be used to overcome the difficulty. One Sunday, however, she desired to go to church some distance away

and to do so the horse was brought into use, with Harry as driver. On the way the animal, true to its habit, stopped and would not move in spite of urging both by the voice and jerking the reins—gentle measures Harry saw fit to use in the maternal presence. Annoyed at the lengthening delay his mother exclaimed: "Why, Harry we will surely be too late," to which he innocently replied, "I know we will, but what can I do?" You see the horse won't go." More urging proved ineffectual and unable to endure it longer, she called out, "Harry, give me that whip," and proceeded to lash the animal's flanks, much to her son's amusement. After a long delay the horse started and had proceeded some distance along the road, when the good lady who had been quietly occupied with her own thoughts for some time, suddenly burst out with. "*If he hadn't gone I believe I WOULD HAVE SWORN TOO. I don't care, he shall go just as far as if he hadn't made us too late*"—a resolution she proceeded to put in force by taking a long drive. As Harry was for some reason particularly averse to attending church that morning and had before learned that by jerking the lines the horse could be made to balk at any time, some people might be unkind enough to accuse him of having had something to do with causing the trouble. Any such accusations we would indignantly repel for our knowledge of him warrants us in affirming he would not be guilty of such an act—unless he had a chance. We hope, however, there will be no balk in this Honduras enterprise, and as there is an absence of motive on his part to produce such a result we may feel assured no effort will be spared to make it a success—an end we sincerely hope for.

E. E. McMath, Hamilton, '70, is located at Grainfield, Gove county, Kansas, in the real estate business. Although he has been out of college nearly twenty years, he has not forgotten the good old fraternity. The sight of a recent copy of the SHIELD elicited the following: "The sample copy of the SHIELD received a short time ago, was a revelation to me of the fraternity's progress, and stirred the old memories of Theta Delta Chi so effectually that I must hereafter at least read the SHIELD regularly. Please see that I have a chance to do so." [The editor hopes many more of the graduates will be stirred in a similar manner.]

George Lawyer, Hamilton, '85, and a graduate of the Albany Law School, is practising law in New York City and fast becoming well and favorably known. Since his admission to the bar he has conducted several important cases with marked ability and has practised successfully before the court of appeals. He is counsel for several large business houses, and is regarded as a formidable antagonist, and unusually successful as an advocate.

Clark H. Timmerman, Hamilton, '87, was admitted to the bar at the general term held in Rochester, October 3d, '89. He is now managing clerk for Williams & Potter, 220 Main Street, Buffalo.

Lt. Col. William Smith, U. V. M., '54, Deputy Paymaster-General, U. S. A., upon leaving college went south and taught school in Kentucky and Mississippi until seeing the political storm of 1861 gathering, he concluded a northern climate was healthier for one of his decided union proclivities. Shortly before the outbreak of hostilities he came north and in July, 1861, was appointed additional paymaster in the army. His first assignment to duty was in Washington, but finding operations there too slow, in a military sense for one of his tastes, early in 1862 he applied for and was given service with the army of the Cumberland, where things were livelier. He was present at the battle of Pittsburg Landing and the siege of Corinth, and for two years after had charge of over fifty paymasters in that department, paying troops in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. During this period he paid the forces under General Thomas, with whom he was a great favorite. In 1866 he was ordered to St. Paul to pay the troops then operating against the Indians, upon the completion of which, in July of that year, he was mustered out of the volunteer service. In January, 1867, he received the commission of paymaster in the regular army with the rank of major, his appointment dating from July 28, 1866. He has since served in the department of the South, stationed at Louisville, Ky.; several years in the department of Texas; a like period in the department of Dakota; two years at headquarters of the division of the Missouri; and again in the department of Dakota, where he is now chief paymaster, stationed at St. Paul. In September, 1888, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and Deputy Paymaster-General, his present rank. In physique he is below the medium size, weighing about 125 pounds. He married in 1872 and has three interesting children, a daughter of fifteen and two younger sons. In the army he is extremely popular and has more warm personal friends than any other officer of his corps. A curious thing in connection with him is the fact that though a man who never used intoxicants of any kind, he is known throughout the army as "Drunken Billy" Smith and is addressed and spoken of in that way by every officer, especially those having the highest regard for his personal qualities. This sobriquet has become so universal that the Secretary of War, who has the highest esteem for him as a man and an officer, recently used it in sending a verbal message through another to him. He is a brother of Col. Rodney Smith, assistant paymaster general, and the latter calls him the ablest officer in his corps, not excepting himself, an evidence of the pleasant relations existing between them. It would give us great pleasure to meet him, and we hope to be so favored in the near future.

Lucien B. Stone, Brown, '62, is now connected with the firm of Ackerman, Deyo & Hilliard, Insurance, 41 Pine Street, New York. He is married and resides at Rutherford, N. J. He was one of the leading spirits among the Brown boys about 1860-2, and is full of amusing stories relating to our men of that college and time. It is very interesting to

listen to his thrilling descriptions of the convention dinners at the Astor House, (New York) years ago when 200 surrounded the table, among whom were, Brougham, Merriam, Bate, Tilghman, Burdge, Mark Smith, O'Brien, Noyes, Kellogg, Stetson, and a host of others well-known and often quoted in the fraternity circle. Though he now is a grave man of business, the fire of youth stirs his blood when he recalls those scenes, making him forget the lapse of time and his increasing years. His health is generally good, but an occasional twinge reminds him that in physique he is no longer a boy, if he is in his feelings. We are glad to know his business is satisfactory and profitable.

Charles S. Thompson, Brown, '62, is superintendent of the American District Telegraph Co., in Brooklyn, N. Y., a position he has occupied for the last twelve years. He was one of the witnesses to the horrible death by electricity among the wires of the telegraph lineman Feeks in New York in September last. On reaching the office of the company in Montague street, Brooklyn, after the event, he undertook to describe the details to the president. When he came to tell of the slow burning, by the wire, of the poor victim's flesh the words seemed to choke him, and, clutching at his throat, he fell in an apoplectic fit. He was taken unconscious to his home, 746 Herkimer street, and was very ill for some time after, but has since improved. Before the occurrence he was regarded as a man of vigorous health. He has our sympathy and our hopes for a complete restoration to health.

Rev. Clarence L. Bates, Hamilton, '83, was recently ordained at Titusville, Pa., by the Bishop of Pittsburg, a large number of other clergymen assisting in the ceremony. The sermon was preached by his former rector, Rev. Dr. Purdon, from the text. "They that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus." The ceremony was followed by an elegant lunch in the Sunday school room. One of the interesting features of the occasion, which shows plainly the regard in which he is held, was the presentation by Dr. Purdon, on behalf of the friends of Bro. Bates, of a beautiful silver communion set.

Brothers F. W. Hamilton, '80, and Charles H. Puffer, '83, having become disgusted with a layman's life, entered the Tufts Divinity School this fall. Brother Puffer had attained considerable experience as a teacher of elocution in the West before entering the Divinity School, and has formed some classes at Tufts in that subject. He is giving great satisfaction.

A. H. Gillis, Lehigh University, is pleasantly located at Elmira. He is master mechanic of the extensive machine shops of the N. Y. L. E. & W. R. R. located there. Bro. Gillis is one of the loyal Theta Deltas who greets a brother in the true style.

F. C. Spaulding, Tufts, '86, is in Chicago as the agent of the Ellis Lubricator Co.

Rev. Charles T. Burnley, Hamilton, '73, may now be addressed at Hudson, St. Croix county, Wisconsin. He is pastor of the Presbyterian church.

E. J. Crandall, Tufts, '89, has entered the Boston University Law School. Bro. Crandall is agent of the Massachusetts Benefit Life Insurance Association.

Guy M. McDowell, Hobart, now living at Warren, Ill., was married Dec. 4th to Miss Dode Head. He visited Troy, Pa., where he formerly resided, on his wedding trip. A reception was tendered the happy couple by his parents and friends.

George H. Braley, Tufts, '86, is president of the Spokane Furniture Co., Spokane Falls, Washington. His concern was almost the only one remaining untouched by the late disastrous fire which destroyed nearly the whole business section of the town.

Lee Hamilton Parker, Cornell, '89, is now dubbed "Professor." Having a natural tendency that way Bro. Parker has developed marked ability on electricity. As a natural consequence he obtained a "chair" in the New York State Reformatory located at Elmira. He has charge of the electric light and motor plant, lectures to the convicts, and will soon introduce a manufacturing department to supply his pupils with occupation. His popularity in the institution is sufficient evidence of his success. Evidently Bro. Parker has a bright career before him.

Thomas O. Marvin, Tufts, '85, who graduated from Tufts' Divinity School in 1888, and who entered upon a course in Natural Science in Tuft's College, entered upon the pastorate of All Souls Universalist church, Albany, N. Y. Brother Marvin has cause to feel highly gratified with this call, coming as it did with perfect unanimity, and those who know him feel sure that he will be most successful. Brother Marvin is a Theta Delt, loyal to the core, and we feel sure in saying that he would be delighted to have any brother who might happen to be in Albany call on him. His church is on the corner of Joy and Swan streets, and his residence is 126 State street.

Dr. Charles F. Stokes, Columbia, '84, Assistant Surgeon U. S. N., now attached to the S. S. Iroquois, sailed from Mare Island (Cal.) navy yard Sept. 16 and arrived at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, Oct. 13. The length of the voyage was caused by the extreme slowness of the vessel, eight knots being its greatest possible speed. His ship sailed from Honolulu Nov. 18 for the Samoan Islands, to relieve the U. S. S. Adams at Apia about Dec. 1. We sympathize with the doctor in his banishment to that remote region, and trust he will escape being served up to satisfy the ravenous appetite of the cannibals of the South Pacific while there. He is much better at carving than being carved.

Rev. Henry C. McCook, D. D., W. & J., '59, of Philadelphia, is the author of a very interesting article in the September number of the *North American Review*, entitled, "Can the Mosquito be Exterminated?" We would suggest to him that the question can best be decided by experiment—two varieties being sufficient for the purpose. The Louisiana mosquito is a peculiarly healthy and vigorous article, but for toughness and general efficiency those found on Staten Island cannot be excelled. The former is so strong as to be able to get up on trees and bark; but the latter is found attending to business in the coldest weather, and to its efforts, it has been said, is New York harbor indebted for a ship channel through the ice during the winter months. If he should obtain successful results with those varieties further discussion will be unnecessary, and we can promise that New York will erect a statue in his honor beside which that of Liberty Enlightening the World will be a pygmy. Insect life is a favorite study of the genial clergyman, and he has been known to carry his investigations so far as to go hunting for bugs with a lantern in the Colorado underbrush at night. The same enthusiasm he carries into his church work, which accounts for his success and popularity in the latter field.

Henry Harley, R. P. I., '58, died Dec. 5, 1889, at his residence 90 St. Mark's avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 50 years. He graduated from the Polytechnic Institute with high honors as a civil engineer, and was soon after appointed to the position of Assistant Engineer on the Troy and Boston R. R., and Hoosac Tunnel. He performed his duties with so much ability that a few months later he was appointed principal assistant engineer of the entire works, and placed in immediate control of the great work of the Hoosac Tunnel, holding this responsible position until the work was suspended at the breaking out of the war. He served in the army on the staff of the engineering corps. He afterward became widely known as one of the pioneers of the petroleum business, being very prominent in its early days. He built the first pipe line through the oil regions of Pennsylvania, and from his extensive operations in this direction became known as "Pipe Line Harley." These enterprises were not carried through without opposition. During the construction of one important line, the teamsters formed a large fraction of the population of the vicinity, and as successful pipe lines meant the destruction of their business, they exerted every effort to defeat them. They set fire to the tanks, sought to destroy the line by breaking the joints, and even sent to Mr. Harley letters threatening him with assassination if he did not abandon his scheme. He persevered, however, in spite of all obstacles, and extended his lines until he held the key to the whole pipe line situation. He was afterward superintendent of the oil traffic of the Atlantic, Great Western and Erie Railways, but resigned in 1872, and of late years was interested in private enterprises. He had been living in Brooklyn

only a few months, his former home being in Pittsburg. He leaves a widow and one daughter. He was a man of warm heart and generous instincts, and one of those cordial R. P. I. men who were so noted back in the "fifties." We deeply regret his death, and extend to his relatives and friends our sincere condolence.

Henry W. Maier, Hamilton, '92, who was of the class of '92 last year at Hamilton, has entered Syracuse University for a year's work preparatory to a theological course.

Rev. E. Wilmot Cummings, Hamilton, '71, is now settled as pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Barre, Vt.

J. G. Woods, Lafayette, '89, is at present attending the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

H. C. Bascom, Tufts, '89, is a student in the Boston University Law School.

George E. Draper, Hamilton, '68, is now practising law at Sidney, Iowa.

Charles L. Reed, Tufts, '89, is teaching at Bethlehem, N. H.

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—Bro. F. E. Tuttle, '89, is married and is teaching in Pennsylvania.

—Bro. J. J. Walker, teacher at Sing Sing, N. Y.

—Bro. E. E. Camp is in insurance office, Springfield, Mass., address 528 Union Street.

—Bro. H. V. Gray is at Newton Seminary, Mass.

—Bro. R. R. White, '89, is at Union Seminary, N. Y.

—Bro. L. A. Bunap, '88, is at Hartford Seminary, Conn.

—Bro's. Marsh and Garfield, '88, are at Yale Seminary.

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—Bro's. Fuentes and McIntyre, '89 and Ehlers, '90, are attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

—Bro's. Waterbury, '89, and Dutcher, '90, are with Snow, Church & Co., attorneys-at-law, in this city.

—Bro. Quesada, '88, has been appointed secretary to the Argentine Republic Legation, and is now at Washington.

—Bro. Jones, '88, is on the *Rural New-Yorker*.

—Bro. Bogart, '90, has decided to study for the ministry. Though

he has left us in the pursuance of a good cause, we are very sorry to lose such an earnest worker and loyal brother. We wish him success in his new calling.

FOND FAREWELL TO DELTA.

Air—"Ah me, my poor Freshie."

Ah me, Fraternity,
Ah me, sweet mystery,
How great the bond so strong and sweet
That makes us brothers ere we meet.
But now 'tis stronger grown
In days so quickly flown,
For sorrow fills me through and through;
The hour has come for leaving you.

Ah me, how oft the thought
With sweetest mem'ries fraught,
Shall bring again each Brother's face,
Each loving act and courteous grace;
So Brothers, fond farewell,
I may not stay to tell
How, though I turn me to the Xi,
I leave the Delta with a sigh.

—GALBRAITH B. PERRY, Z.



In Memoriam.

Edward Martin Nesmith,

B. U.; C. L. A., '81.

WHEREAS, It has seemed good to our Heavenly Father, whose ways are veiled in mystery, to take from our number a brother, EDWARD MARTIN NESMITH, deceased, July 16, 1889, and

WHEREAS, In his death we have lost a faithful and earnest brother, who has ever been deeply interested in the welfare of our Fraternity, therefore,

Resolved, That as a brotherhood we mourn his death, and to his sorrowing friends extend our warmest sympathies in their bereavement.

Resolved, That in the death of our brother, EDWARD MARTIN NESMITH, Lambda Charge has lost one of its most valued and enthusiastic members, and the Fraternity, one whose loyalty and truth won the respect of all.

Resolved, That printed copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the relatives of our late brother, to the Grand Lodge, to each Charge, and to the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD for publication.

For the Charge,

JOHN WENZEL, '91.

ALBERT CANDLIN, '91.

T. HARRY SYLVESTER, JR., '92.

Lambda Charge, Boston, Oct. 2d, 1889.



Editorial.

This number closes the fifth volume of our SHIELD and with it my labors as editor-in-chief. I cannot lay aside my pen without a feeling of sadness at parting with what has for two years been to me a source of interest and care, and if I may be permitted to say so, a constant and increasing source of pride. For we to-day have made more improvement in our line of work than any other fraternity magazine published. When I began my labors there was but a record of non success in the past and but little prospect of success in the future.

Our paper began as best it could, feeble and very incomplete at first, but by steady hard work by the aid of our graduates and by the earnest enthusiasm of our younger members a constant improvement manifested itself, both in the character of the contents and the manner in which they were presented to our readers. And now to-day as I am looking back over what has been done and bidding it all good-by, I can feel that we have gained greatly in our work. Yet much as has been done, it is only a small step in the right direction, for the SHIELD must be a more important factor than it has been. To make our publication the means of conveying accurate and early information to *all* our new members; to interest each and every graduate in the work of our fraternity; to open in it a field for the discussion of fraternity topics and so make it a useful guide in the fraternity councils, these are a few of the more important questions which the journal must handle, and its success will demonstrate its usefulness to our members.

As I said before we have only begun this. Shall it go on or shall we stay where are? This is for you to answer my brothers, for you to say whether you will give this undertaking your earnest careful thought and support, or whether with

careless indifference you will throw the burden on the shoulders of Bro. Holmes. If you each do only a little how rich and valuable such a magazine as ours would be? It would be so easy. It is in your power, won't you do it? And now I must say a few words for only a very few are needed about my successor, Bro. Holmes. It has cheered me indeed to feel that our SHIELD is to be in his keeping for five years. He will take good care of it, I will warrant.

To you who have been my Charge editors during the past I give my earnest and sincere thanks. Our relations have always been cordial and I shall ever carry pleasant memories of those who have worked so faithfully with me.

In conclusion permit me to express the hope that the good work will go bravely on and that each succeeding quarter will bring more and renewed proof of success.

FRANK LAWRENCE JONES.

IT is with a feeling of great responsibility that we take up the editorial pen. In the absence of the overwhelming personal sentiment which was expressed at the convention and the unanimous action which gave over the entire control of the SHIELD, both financially and editorially, for a term of five years, we should hesitate long before assuming the editorial garb. Feeling, however, that we possess the confidence and love of those who tendered this expression, the task is assumed and an earnest effort will be made to do our full duty as it shall appear, and to make the SHIELD a true exponent of the sentiments and aims of our beloved fraternity—yea, more, it will be our ambition to make the SHIELD the type of what fraternity periodicals should be; we shall not pattern after any publication, preferring to establish our own ideal and aim to reach it. If others find in the SHIELD anything worthy of mention, the fraternal spirit embodied in the present policy will offer it to them freely and cordially. It seems to be fitting to give an outline of our policy so that hereafter explanations will be unnecessary.

The SHIELD will not be a literary magazine. Students in college get enough of literature, and graduates have the whole list of such magazines to select from. What all want is fraternity news—personal items, and such they shall have—we, therefore, give notice that no criticism concerning the literary standard of the SHIELD will be received kindly, as it has none and wishes to keep as far from such an appearance as possible. If a brother Theta Delt delivers a meritorious oration, or writes a good poem, we will publish it; not to show off the oration, or poem, but to let the fraternity see what sort of men we have and what we may hope for when they go out from college halls.

The SHIELD will be a fraternity periodical, pure and simple, with no pretensions beyond. The editor is a business man, full of work and with more of it on hand than two men ought to attempt, working every day at least sixteen hours, yet willing to give midnight oil to the task of sorting up matter and writing for a periodical which is for the benefit of a band of brothers whose aims are one. The editorials will be plain, blunt statements of honest fact and feeling, based upon life as we see it and have felt it for twenty years of struggling effort. Do not expect to find the newspaper or magazine style. No time will be spared in polish, life is too short and other duties crowd too hard upon time which nature demands for repose for any such attempt. Your indulgence is therefore craved. When you feel disposed to criticise the language in which an idea is clothed please refrain. Any well meant comment upon the idea intended to be conveyed in the homely garb, will not only be thankfully received, but if wrong in the premises it will at once be retracted.

The SHIELD will treat all questions of a business nature from a business standpoint, all fraternity matters upon the standard that Theta Delta Chi is not, perhaps, any better than other fraternities, but that our fraternity is to us the only fraternity. It is our world, and when we speak of it as "the best" or "the only," we do not do any discredit or injustice to any other fraternity. On the contrary, while we wave our

standard from the highest peak on this mundane sphere, we concede a place beside us to any other of the Greek letter societies whose aspirations justly entitle them to it. The SHIELD cherishes for its aim the continuance of the brotherly affection so successfully planted and watered during college life, by keeping Theta Delta Chi prominently before the graduates, who, without a regular and persistent reminder, are liable to lose somewhat of interest. For the under-graduates, who, during their college life, are laying the foundation upon which in later years the superstructure shall rest, we trust our pen may be so wielded that every Theta Delt may be led to see the beauty of holiness and build on the rock of ages. Our prayer shall be that we may never prove a stumbling block to any brother or cause him to halt between two opinions. We recognise the power of the press and are deeply sensible of the responsibility. Should the Grand Lodge or the convention object to our policy or conduct of the SHIELD, if our position can not be honestly defended, we shall yield.

Having thus crudely delineated our proposed policy, we cast our frail bark on the waters and only ask your brotherly consideration. We depend on the charge editors to do their full duty, and upon every brother to lend a helping hand. Whenever you have anything, especially a graduate personal, which you think would be of interest, send it at once, we will be glad to give it a place. Remember that anything you contribute is for the fraternity, and not solely to help fill our columns.

THE SHIELD will be issued on regular dates, unless the Charge editors are derelict in their duty. Number one will appear April 1, containing reports of winter banquets. Number two July 1, containing all college commencement news. Number three October 1, containing accounts of college openings. Number 4 December 15, containing convention news. These dates are arranged so as to insure a different class of news for each number. All matter should be in the hands of the editor as long before this date as possible. The dates named are

those upon which the SHIELD will go to press. It takes about ten days to print and mail each number. Charge editors will be sure to get their letters ready at least ten days in advance of dates named.

A fraternity directory, containing the names of all residents of the largest cities would be of incalculable advantage to any one who might wish to find a brother when traveling. The labor of compiling such a directory is very great. We have New York City about ready to print. It will be first printed in the next number of the SHIELD, to be followed by other cities and, as soon as completed and corrected, will be published in book form at a nominal cost.

The Catalogue is slowly drawing near. Considerable of the work is ready for the printer. The cuts are being prepared and it is confidently expected that we will soon be ready to go on with the work. Information is earnestly desired concerning the list of names published in the SHIELD. If you know anything about any one of the names in the list, send information at once to Bro. Davis or the SHIELD. As soon as the list can be completed we will push the printing.

HEREAFTER the SHIELD will endeavor to give in each number as a frontispiece the portrait of some noted or prominent member of the fraternity, and a sketch of their lives. The first number of Vol. 6 will contain the portrait of Abel Beach, and the second number that of Andrew H. Green, the only survivors of the memorable band who founded our glorious fraternity. The subject matter for Bro. Beach's sketch is now in hand, and also some poems of his production, which are reserved for the March number. Any Brother who can give any incidents in connection with Bro. Beach's college or fraternity life, will confer a great favor upon the editor by sending them at once so that the first of these sketches may be a great success.

WE would urge upon our graduate brothers the necessity of giving prompt attention to their subscriptions. The following extract from a letter just received, explains the situation perfectly :

"Enclosed please find \$1.25 for my subscription to the SHIELD. I have delayed sending it entirely through negligence, and think the same is the case with others. I believe heartily in the support of the fraternity journal and I congratulate you on the true worth of what you have issued."

Remember that negligence on your part scores one point against the SHIELD. If all are not prompt in their own remittance and zealous in their effort to awaken an interest in others we might as well shut up shop. It is not interesting for us to publish the journal for unappreciative readers. It takes much time and a large amount of very hard work, and this year has cost the writer a cash outlay of over \$300, which he has contributed for the good of the fraternity. No better fraternity journal is published. There certainly ought to be no delay on your part to contribute the small sum asked for. If all who receive the SHIELD subscribe for it, the success of the journal is assured beyond question for as many years as you will keep up your subscription. If you fail to respond it will cease to exist after the next year. A blow against the SHIELD reflects with more than double strength against the fraternity. Send in your subscriptions now for the volume just expiring and also for the next one.

IT is a self evident fact to the publishers of fraternity periodicals that advertisements are absolutely essential to their existence. Readers of the SHIELD will find in this number as fine an array of advertisements as can be found in any fraternity journal. We call especial attention to them because the greater portion have been obtained from our personal friends, and the goods are well known and can be vouched for by the editor. It is our purpose not to insert any adv. which can not be vouched for and recommended to our readers as worthy of attention. Therefore you are urgently requested when in need of anything which may be advertised in the pages of the SHIELD

to give first choice to it. Remember that you owe it as a duty to the best interests of the SHIELD to reimburse the advertisers who contribute so largely to our success, by giving your influence and patronage to them. In this way they are repaid for the outlay, and we are enabled to give you a better journal. Read the remarks on new advertisers on a subsequent page.

It is our desire to establish in our advertising pages a professional and business directory, devoted exclusively to Theta Deltas. A very moderate charge is made—the benefit is double. The SHIELD is assisted and valuable information contributed to the brotherhood. Any Theta Delt in need of professional service, would put himself out of the way to go to a brother. Any brother in business or professional life should send in his ad. without solicitation. Help the SHIELD and without knowing it you will benefit yourself.

THIS number completes Vol. V. An index will be found at the close, and also, the index for Vol. IV, which we were unable to compile when the last number of Vol. IV was issued. A very limited number of copies of Vol. IV are on hand; any brother who desires can procure bound volumes, containing Vols. IV and V, for \$3.50, or a bound copy of either for \$2.00. At this price the binding will be neat and substantial. Every charge should have bound copies for their halls—we hope to receive many orders from graduate brothers for bound copies. They will make a desirable addition to your libraries, and the revenue from such sales will relieve the indebtedness now existing.

THE graduate personals make the most important and interesting feature of the SHIELD and will be the key note to its success. Thus far one or two enthusiastic brothers have supplied the greater part of all the personals—devoting much time and pains to the work. We are very grateful to them as

they have done much toward the popularity now smiling upon us. These personals can be made still more interesting if every brother will contribute at least one. Don't be too modest. If you can not get a personal of some other brother send one about yourself. Send newspaper clippings about any brother which may reach your eye. Do not send the full newspaper, but cut out the extract. We get many newspapers which contain items not marked in any way. The inevitable destination of such papers is the waste basket, with their mission a failure. Mark the item distinctly or cut it out, but don't fail to send everything you see which pertains to any member of our fraternity.

ALL subscriptions expire with the present number. A number of the charges have not remitted for Vol. V. This is not as it should be. Please make up your remittances at once for Vol. V. Payment for Vol. VI should be made before March. If attended to early it will not be forgotten. Graduate members who have received the present volume and have not responded, are requested to signify whether they wish the SHIELD continued or not. The subscription price is small but every little aids materially toward the support which we must have to maintain the high standard we have aimed to reach. Send in your remittance for Vol. V and the next volume before it is forgotten. A blank may be found in advertising pages which you can tear out and send with money. Can you afford to let so great a power for good to our fraternity die, from lack of your support and encouragement? We think not.



Fraternity Gossip.

Alpha Tau has two men in the university crew at Cornell, one rowing stroke.

Alpha Tau Omega is endeavoring to establish a chapter at Vanderbilt University.

The fifty-fifth annual convention of Delta Upsilon was held in Syracuse, Oct. 23, 24 and 25.

The new Chi Phi catalogue is announced for January, 1890. It is to be a book of 480 pages.

The Chi Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority was recently established at Syracuse University.

A popular lecture course has been organized by the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity at Wesleyan University.

It is said that the Psi Upsilon chapter-house, at the University of Pennsylvania, will cost about \$40,000.

Governor Foraker of Ohio, has presented to the Phi Psi's at Swarthmore, a handsomely framed portrait of himself.

Ex-Governor Hugh S. Thompson, who has been appointed civil service commissioner at Washington, is an Alpha Tau.

Phi Kappa Psi is working to re-establish the chapter at the University of Pennsylvania on its old footing of influence.

Ann Arbor enterprise is always driving at something new, and generally discovers it. When our package came from there we were unable to decide whether we had gotten an edition of stale butter, or an installment of a tannery. On opening it we found the *Palladium*, whose unique cover carried with it the perfume of the tannery. This cover is the oddest we have yet seen. It is of tanned, unfinished leather, with two narrow strips of the same material looped in one, each face, which, tied together, clasp the book.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll.*

The Eta Chapter of Alpha Phi held its annual initiation, Friday evening, November 22d, at the house of Miss Harriet Sawyer in Cambridge. The following are the initiates: Alfreda Noyes, '89; Annie Hersey, Clara Laycock, Harriet Sawyer, 2d, Bertha Hill, May Nute and Sarah Windsor, all of '93.

President George Williamson Smith *θΔΧ*, of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., has been very successful since he took hold of that institution some years ago. The college under his guidance has grown rapidly and now has the largest number of students in its history.—*Syracuse Standard.*

By keeping our running expenses as low as possible and avoiding extravagance, we are enabled to initiate men who might otherwise be deprived of fraternity advantages, and to give to *A. T. Ω.* the honor of their membership.—*Hillsdale College Letter in Alpha Tau Palm.*

The new cover of the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD is a joy to the beholder. We foresaw that the former decorations were doomed.—*Kappa Kappa Gamma Key.*

The Minnesota Alumni Association of Phi Kappa Psi was organized in Minneapolis, November 8th, with forty-four members in attendance at the banquet.

One of the chapters of Alpha Tau Omega confers the degree of "Bachelor of Ugliness."

Beginning with 1891, no student over twenty-one years of age will be allowed to compete for a scholarship at Cornell.
—*Ex.*

The Cornell Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi has elected trustees and appointed a committee to consider a suitable site for building a new chapter-house.

The Union College Alumni Association of New York met at Delmonico's December 9th, for the annual banquet, with 125 members in attendance.

The Sigma Delta Pi, a secret society in the Chandler Scientific department at Dartmouth, has recently been changed into the Dartmouth Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, and will hereafter sail under fraternity colors.

The Iota Chapter of Chi Phi are occupying new quarters, a removal made necessary by the burning of the block in which their chapter hall was situated. The fraternity records were saved but the furniture, etc., was almost wholly destroyed.

Phi Delta Theta has in New York, besides its chapters at C. C. N. Y. and Columbia, about 200 graduate members. About 100 of the alumni representing twenty-three different states were present at the recent alumni banquet.

Zeta Psi expects soon to build a chapter-house at Yale, where that fraternity entered college as a junior society last year. The Cornell Chapter has a considerable fund which will be applied to building as soon as it is large enough to suit Zeta Psi ideas of what constitutes a lodge. An attempt will be made, it is said, to out-do the other chapters which own or are about to acquire homes in Ithaca.—*Chi Phi Quarterly*.

The Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* in its October number offers a fraternity badge not exceeding in price \$50.00 as a prize for the best article—either affirmative or negative on the two questions:

1. Should Greek fraternities in American colleges be tolerated?

2. Is Pan-Hellenic Consolidation practicable and expedient?

We hope the *Palm* will publish the articles so that others may have the benefit of them. There is no doubt as to the importance of at least the first question.

We are glad in this connection to quote from the Rev: Dr. Robert S. McArthur, who writes in the *Christian Inquirer* under date Oct. 10, as follows:

"There are six chapter houses at Cornell, representing the various college societies. One of them attracted our special interest. We believe these societies are capable of doing very much toward holding the students together, and inspiring them for better work while in college, and in attracting some of them back for a post-graduate course. College presidents and professors are wise in utilizing these societies for the best interests of the young men, and the good of the college as a whole. In this respect President Adams follows the example of Dr. M. B. Anderson. It is folly, pure and simple, to oppose these societies. It is not inappropriate in this connection, in view of the fears some have expressed, to remark that the writer never saw so large an attendance at the religious services, or the religious interest so marked as on this occasion. The religious atmosphere is much warmer and much more evangelical than in former years. This fact gives sincere joy to earnest Christians everywhere."

The Phi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma initiated the following young ladies, Friday evening, November 22d: Miss Parker, '92; Misses Hitchcock, Smith and Casey, '93. The ceremony occurred at the home of Miss Kingsbury, Chestnut Hill.

Alpha Tau Omega is taking active steps toward the building of a chapter-house at the University of North Carolina, also one at Charleston.

Leaders in college will be leaders in fraternity. The good, quiet, faithful workers in college will be faithful in fraternity work. And the shiftless do-nothing in college proves of no account in fraternity. In encouraging college interest, then, a chapter is laying the foundation for its own continued welfare. A chapter is known by its fruits. And of these, not the least fair is the wide-awake college spirit that makes the four years of study four years of symmetrical growth and real culture.—*Kappa Kappa Gamma Key.*

The recent convention of Kappa Alpha Theta, held at Bloomington, Ind., was very successful, more work having been done than at any previous convention. The next meeting of the national body will be held at Burlington, Vt., in the fall of 1891. The journal will be published by Upsilon Chapter, at Minneapolis, Minn.

The Sigma Mu at Lehigh University are talking about a chapter house in the near future.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has entered Simpson Centenary College with ten members.

Delta Psi has withdrawn her Washington and Lee charter, leaving two men behind it.



SONG OF THE THETA DELTA CHI.

AIR—Old Dog Tray.

Come, boys, with all your power,
 While friendship rules the hour,
 Essay the joyous song and swell the chorus high
 To "Delta" we should sing,
 And make the heavens ring
 With the Paeans of the Theta Delta Chi.

CHORUS.—The $\Theta \Delta X$, oh, we love her;
 We'll cling to her until we die,
 To her we love to sing, our offerings to bring
 To the shrine of the $\Theta \Delta X$.

When the skies are overcast,
 And roars the raging blast,
 We'll give little heed to the tempest sweeping by;
 For here 'tis ever bright,
 And Friendship's golden light
 Shields the halls of Theta Delta Chi.

CHORUS.—

We are brothers, tried and firm,
 And each morning's fresh return
 Beholds our joys increase and all our sorrows fly:
 For pleasure ever blends
 With the intercourse of friends,
 United by the Theta Delta Chi.

CHORUS.—

Our affections ne'er shall cease,
 But ever shall increase,
 Like the morning light in the clear azure sky;
 And our heart's unchanging love
 Shall nestle like a dove
 'Neath the altars of the Theta Delta Chi.

CHORUS.—

Then it is unto the Delta,
 May she, like the banyan tree,
 Extend her branches o'er this land of fine men and of free,
 And may she ne'er cease flourishing
 While o'er is the sky,
 And God preserve from every ill the Theta Delta Chi.

—Composed by J. K. Jones, $\Theta \Delta X$, Kenyon College, Ohio.

Our Exchanges.

[All Fraternity magazines are requested to exchange with THE SHIELD. Three copies should be sent to Mr. Clay W. Holmes, Editor SHIELD, Elmira, N. Y. In return three copies of THE SHIELD will be sent wherever directed.—ED.]

The Hartford *Times* of Nov. 27th has in its supplement a Thanksgiving sketch which was evidently penned by a Theta Delt, and we strongly suspect Bro. Fred Perrine of perpetrating the same. Neatly interwoven in the pedestal may be seen upon close inspection the mystic symbols $\Theta \Delta X$, yet we presume none but a member of the fraternity would see them. Bro. Perrine is one of the able reporters on this paper, and does considerable sketch work for them besides.

The *Sibyl*, edited and published by the Senior class of "The Elmira College," is one of the handsomest periodicals which grace our table. Its make-up combines literature, poetry and spice, as young ladies are always deeply interested in weddings, the "married" column is replete with news. The only thing the college seems to lack, is a real genuine up and up fraternity. Our sister fraternities are hereby assured that Elmira College is a first-class institution and a chapter located there, would in no wise cast reproach on any fraternity. It's a splendid chance.

There could have been nothing written more applicable to the SHIELD and its position at the present time than the extract from the Chi Phi *Quarterly*, in which, speaking of the efforts of several members of the fraternity to increase the subscription list, the editor says:

"Our hearty thanks go out to all these brothers for their kind co-operation and we trust many others may follow their example. The

management spares no effort to make the *Quarterly* interesting to its readers and valuable as a record of current fraternity life. Strenuous efforts have been made to secure and publish information about the older brothers and the number of them who have been attracted to the *Quarterly* is surprising. There are many remaining, however, whom the magazine ought to reach, and there are many who would subscribe if asked to do so by some enthusiastic brother. In many of our cities are collected large clusters of the brothers who are easy of reach to residents, and we trust that before many months go by, most of them will be induced to send in their subscriptions. Will not some enthusiastic brother in every city take the matter in hand and secure additional subscriptions to the *Quarterly*?"

In the same line is the following from the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi :

"We have the names of more than 600 alumni upon our mailing list, a number far in excess of many of our contemporaries, and yet we miss the name of many and many a brother who in the earlier days was wont to find pleasure in recounting the joys and sorrows of himself and chapter in our pages. We presume, in the ten years of our connection with the *Shield*, there have gone forth from colleges where our chapters have been located, 200 men. All of these ought to have taken our journal immediately on leaving college, and have kept taking it ever since. A habit of reading your college secret society journal will do more than all other things to keep your enthusiasm alive, to retard the wheels of time and to keep you young."

It is impossible for the editor to reach all the alumni, without help from those who are already subscribers. If you know of a Theta Delt alumnus, send his address and we will be only too glad to send him a sample copy.

We clip the following from exchange editorial, in November number Chi Phi *Quarterly* :

"The August number of the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* gives to its exchanges the place of honor, devoting the usual space to its chronic quarrel with Delta Kappa Epsilon. If the outside world were to judge the organs of these two Greek Letter societies by the opinion of each regarding the other, imprisonment for life would be the lightest sentence passed on the editors of either publication."

This clipping is published as an illustration of what it is the settled policy of the SHIELD to avoid. All exchanges are

hereby notified that if we can not say something pleasant about their contents we shall keep silent, and we commend the same policy to them as the first step in the course of the establishment of a fraternal regard between different Greek Letter societies. This world is large and we all can enjoy a happy existence without making others miserable. Quarrels, either "chronic" or otherwise, are too childish for college bred men to engage in.

The Chi Phi *Quarterly* of November, says :

"The SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi is in new hands and, although its cover suggests a seed catalogue, there are improvements in the text which place this periodical among the best fraternity magazines in typographical appearance. The early pages of the July number are devoted to accounts of reunions and personal information. The chapter letters are well written and the selections are made with care. The publication shows marks of careful editing."

We thank the *Quarterly* for the kind words and while we admit that our "seed catalogue cover" is not so æsthetic as hers, no words can better express the true aim of the SHIELD. It is not exactly a "seed catalogue," but a "seed sower" and the editor's mission will be fully accomplished if the seeds scattered in the SHIELD shall take root and bring forth fruit—in accordance with the policy outlined in our "editorial introductory." The SHIELD will lack æstheticism entirely. Its cover conveys to Theta Deltas a hidden meaning—beautiful to them but blank to all others. Its pages are prepared for the express purpose of giving news of particular interest to the fraternity. If, however, those outside the mystic circle can draw from its pages any food for thought, we shall be doubly paid for our efforts.

"As is intimated in Mu's chapter letter, Chi Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Kappa Alpha, at the University of Georgia, have been having a breezy time over an article in the July Chi Phi *Quarterly* entitled "Initiation of Non-Collegians," in which some uncomplimentary notice was given to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Alpha chapters there. The author was thrashed by a Sigma Alpha Epsilon and had a fight with a Kappa Alpha. Thereupon the Chi Phi chapter challenged the Sigma

Alpha Epsilon chapter to pick a man to fight a duel. The faculty then interfered and squelched the three warring chapters for this year. As the faculty is rather hostile to fraternities it is feared that this foolish brawl will lead to restrictive regulations. The *Delta* would suggest that the mothers of the belligerents be called in and requested to administer sound spankings. Peace and quiet would thus be restored in short order." —*Delta, December, 1889.*

Unkind words and bickerings very harmful to the fraternity world are often brought on by jokes or careless statements. The fraternity press should be careful not to agitate such strife for several reasons. Chiefly because it has always been the uppermost factor in the opposition to fraternities by college faculties. This opposition has been of late years on the wane, because fraternity men have been accorded chairs, and are exerting their influence in behalf of fraternities. The press being a powerful factor in the education of undergraduates, we should be very careful of our words. This article is only quoted for the lesson it teaches—drop animosity. There is a good place in the world for all of us.

The November *Sibyl* contains the following expressive odes which show that Hallowe'en is not neglected by the girls:

"OWED" TO THE SOPHOMORES.

Oh, thou wise fool, whom nature hath endowed
With subtleties uncommon to frail minds,
Go to the ant, thou Soph., or any insect small,
And learn that she knows more than beans
To put in beds, and rice and salt,
And be not wroth if words serene
Remind thee of thy sport bereft,
And ask if on one Hallowe'en
Thou ever didst get left.

SOPHOMORE RESPONSE.

Ah, fresh young souls, had ye but pondered well
The tale that Wordsworth wrote of Peter Bell,
Who, in the prim-rose by the river-side
Naught but a simple, yellow flower descried,
Ye had seen more in salt, and beans and flour.

The bean, "kin to Pythagoras," would show
Your philosophic bent of mind, you know
For "philosoph" comes from a Grecian source
And signifies you love the Sophs. of course,
Who loving you so well, forego the dinner-hour.

By salt, we would imply your trenchant-wit,
Which knows well on occasion how to hit;
And by the flour—sad that we must explain
Our compliments,—we meant to make it plain
You were the Elmira Female College Flower.

We thank you much for your attentions kind,
And since you followed there *our* turn of mind,
We think we understand you. Are we right?
Molasses means sweet-temper—that our class sticks tight
To one another, both in weal and woe.

The pepper—yes, we blush, but still we know
You meant by that the fire of genius. Oh
Surely 'tis only in the Sophomoric soul
Sweetness and genius join to form a glorious whole.

The following poem published several years ago in *Judge*,
has been carefully preserved for a fitting occasion. It seems to
be apropos at this particular spot :

COLLEGE REVISITED.

He was a guileless college youth
That mirrored modesty and truth;
And sometimes, at his musty room,
His sister called to chase the gloom.
One afternoon when she was there,
Arranging things with kindly care,
As often she had done before,
There came a knock upon the door.
Our student sensitive to fears
Of thoughtless comrades' laughing jeers,
Had only time to make deposit,
Of his dear sister in the closet;
Then haste the door to open wide;
His guest, unbidden, stept inside.
He was a cheery faced old man,
And with apologies began
For calling, and let him know
That more than fifty years ago,
When he was in his college bloom,
He'd occupied that very room;
So thought he'd take the chance, he said,
To see the changes time has made.
"The same old window, same old view—
Ha, Ha! the same old pictures too!"
And then he tapped them with his cane
And laughed his merry laugh again.
"The same old sofa, I declare!
Dear me! it must be worse for wear,

The same old shelves!" And then he came
And spied the closet door. "The same—
Oh my!" A woman's dress peeped thro';
Quick as he could he closed it to,
He shook his head, "Ah, ah! the same
Old game, young man, the same old game!"
"Would you my reputation slur?"
The youth gasped, "That's my sister, sir."
"Ah!" said the old man, with a sigh,
"The same old lie,—the same old lie."



Charge Letters.

[Charge editors are again requested to write on only one side of the paper and to assume a style somewhat more expansive than a telegraphic communication. The next letter is due on March 1st, 1890, and should be as long as possible. Write legibly.

BETA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The brothers of Beta were very much pleased with the last issue of the SHIELD. There is a marked improvement in the look in every respect, and we look forward to greater improvement under its new management. We have always felt that the SHIELD might be made the book that it now promises to be, and we are thankful that our desire is now to be realized.

We have had an initiation, and Beta has been reinforced by good men from the Freshman class, and we have several others in view. Brother McCall, of Lehigh, entered Cornell with the class of '92 this year. We have just passed a Thanksgiving vacation of five days which was enjoyably spent by a majority of the brothers with their relatives and friends at home. Those living near New York and the delegates to the convention, took this opportunity to witness the Yale, Princeton game at New York on Thanksgiving day.

Brother Colnon, by the way, has developed into a valuable member of the 'Varsity eleven which has only been defeated twice this year, and those times by Yale. Brother Colnon will probably resume his place in the 'Varsity eight next spring, which eight will probably carry off the honors on the Thames as it did last June. Brother McLaren was elected editor-in-chief of the '91 Cornellian board and is hard at work on the production of the yearly publication.

Among our graduates, Bro. Vedder, '87, was married last fall, and is now residing in Ithaca, filling a responsible position in the Civil Engineering faculty of the university. Professor C. D. Marx, '78, one of our esteemed graduates in the faculty, is now engrossed with the care and joy of a little boy. Brother Hyatt, '86, was recently married to one of Ithaca's charming daughters whom he took to his home at Lansingburgh, N. Y., where he will welcome all Theta Delt. Brother Timmerman, '89, Law, is practising in Buffalo very successfully for so short a time. Brother Stern, '89, is a promising architect of Rochester, N. Y.; Brother Murphy, '89, is connected with a leading mercantile house in Decatur,

Ill.; Bro. Parker, '89, is progressing satisfactorily in electrical engineering with the the Brush Electric Co.; Max. McKinney, '91, left the university at the beginning of the year, to accept a promising position in the brokerage business in Rochester, N. Y.; Bro. Stuart, '91, is with his father in the nursery business in Newark, N. Y.

Members of the fraternity are at present preparing for the fall term examinations, and consequently there is a lack of fraternity news and gossip. However, by the next issue, a better account of the doings of Beta may be obtained by your correspondent. Apologizing for this brief letter and trusting that all members of Theta Delta Chi will see fit to call upon Beta, whenever in the vicinity of Ithaca, this letter must close.

DELTA.

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Welcome, and a hearty one, to the first issue of the SHIELD under its new management. Judging from the past, what more is needed to assure its success and longevity? Delta's sincere congratulations to Brother Holmes on the honor and the task, the convention so gladly bestowed on one so worthy. Apropos of convention, are we not to be congratulated on the grand success of both the business and social sides of this meeting? What fault could possibly be found with the arrangements of either, unless, perchance, it be the "early closing" law of our "Hub"?

We consider ourselves honored in being allowed to introduce to the fraternity at large our '93 delegation as it now stands. Brother T. B. Cram of Washington, D. C., leads the list, with Brothers C. V. Rice of Sharon, Pa., and J. D. Ringwood of Ilion, N. Y., following. Fortune favoring us, we have not yet completed our delegation for the year, but will await the next issue of the SHIELD for further introductions. Some say nothing ever happens in this world that has not its opposite to counter-balance the effect produced. While we are rejoicing over our '93 delegation, we feel deep regret in being compelled to chronicle the departure of Brothers Miller, '91, and Yznaga, '92. Brother Miller has entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, just in time to be of material assistance in starting Gamma Deuteron on the road to prosperity, and for Delta, he can give the warm welcome into our circle we would accord her. Brother Yznaga has returned to his home in Cuba, and his last letter expressed doubts as to the probability of his completion of the course at the R. P. I. His college training is not entirely lost, however, as he is already playing on a base ball team composed of the society swells of his native city. On returning this fall, we found, as another cause for regret, that illness would prevent Bro. Bradley, '92, from being with us this year. We sorely miss the life and good-nature of our "Shorty," and hope with all our hearts next fall will find him with us, as gay and healthy as ever, ready to finish the course so well begun.

Delta still keeps up her list of visitors but wishes that it could be larger. Since the last SHIELD, Bro. S. D. Cornell of Xi, Bro. Powers, Kappa '81 and Bro's. D. C. Lee and R. B. Perine of Psi, have honored us, but each, with only a short call. All Theta Dels passing anywhere near us should remember that Troy belongs to them if they will only stop over long enough to see it.

The Freshman flag-rush this year has given the two lower classes more prolonged excitement than any rush for several years back. Two attempts at a rush have been made and according to the Grand Marshal, the rush has not yet occurred. First, the Freshmen had their flag securely fastened at the top of a tall tree in the St. Joseph's cemetery. The local authorities not liking the idea of a "students' rush" among the tombstones, sent a squad of police, twenty-eight in number, to induce the Freshmen to change the locality of their proposed battle-field. Student-like, they would not be induced until, persuaded by oaken arguments, short and blunt, that they had made a mistake, and about 10 P. M. they left the field and flag in the possession of Troy's "finest." The Sophs. arriving a few hours later with the intention of taking the flag for themselves, found—nothing. Thus ended the first attempt and the second was not made until several weeks later. Then, late one afternoon, the Sophs. discovered the Freshmen had their flag flying from the smoke-stack of a tug which was cruising around above the state-dam with the Freshman class on board ready to defend their banner. After vain skirmishing for a boat all that night, the Sophs. postponed action until the following day but it was not until afternoon that they succeeded in procuring another tug. Considerably delayed at the lock, it was but a few hours before evening when they passed into the water above the dam. The Freshmen steamed off and the Sophs. attempting to follow, found they could not, their tug drawing so much more water than that of the Freshmen. In this shoal water the Freshmen remained until "time" was called, and no amount of jeering by the upper class-men could induce them to give the Sophs. a chance. The Grand Marshall decided "no rush" on the ground that the flag should have been kept in one spot the entire twenty-four hours and not sailing up and down the river as did the Freshmen. A few days later the Freshmen being dared to celebrate their so-called victory and aroused by the guying of the upper classmen, started to parade through the streets headed by a drum-corps. It was just what the Sophs. wanted and for five minutes the principal street of the city was one of the most animated "rushes" that ever occurred. After soundly drubbing each other for awhile, all parties seemed to feel relieved and but little has been said about the matter since.

EPSILON DEUTERON.

YALE UNIVERSITY.

Since the last issue we have initiated four Freshmen, Messrs. Edward Harrison Post of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; William Reynolds Ricketts, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Ralph William Sprague, Chicago, Ill., and Harry Taylor Stoddard, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., swelling our number to twenty. Last Thursday night will be long remembered by those present as one of the most enjoyable occasions of their college course. Brother Ruthven, formerly of '90, was with us, and his presence in our midst once more, added greatly to the pleasure of the evening.

We confidently expect to initiate at least four more men before, or immediately after the holidays.

Epsilon Deuteron fully appreciates the honor she in a measure shares with Brother Carter in his election at the recent convention to the secretaryship of the Grand Lodge, and we congratulate the fraternity on their happy choice, as we are sure Brother Carter is the right man in the right place.

Nothing of local interest is at present going on, as since our unfortunate loss of the football championship the University at large—or small—has settled down to hard “plugging” for the semi-annual exams.

We expect to be represented at the founding of the new Charge at Ann Arbor by Brother Carter and Brothers Caldwell and Du Bois, '89.

We expect to graduate but four men this year, which will leave a goodly number to begin the coming year, which we trust will be even more successful than this has, is, and will be.

In closing, we wish to congratulate the fraternity on her Christmas present, Gamma Deuteron; may she be a strong healthy child, and an honor to her parent.

ZETA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

In writing from Zeta, your correspondent would first like to reply to the question which first naturally arises: “How is Zeta getting along,” and I can do no better than to quote the words of an eminent “divine” of Providence, who on being asked the same question, replied: “I think I’m as well as one can possibly be who has been soaked for the last eight months.” Now don’t let some imaginative person stretch the meaning of that word “soaked;” I simply wish it to be known that it has been one continual season of rain here at Brown for the last eight months. But, nevertheless, no one thinks that the weather has had any damp’ning influence over Zeta’s love for the fraternity at large. At no time since $\Theta \Delta X$ was established at Brown was there ever a more congenial “band of brothers” than is found in the present charge. In scholarship, and class honors we have as high a standard as any secret society in college;

and though we can not boast of our athletic attainments, still if there's any brother who thinks that we are physically weak, let him visit Zeta, and I guarantee that he will receive as hearty and firm a "grip" as he will in any college of the country. But to be a little more serious, we have nothing to complain of, and everything to be thankful for.

Our delegates reported a highly satisfactory convention at Boston, and one of the pleasantest banquets they ever attended. One of the features of the convention which pleased us exceedingly was the resolution to have a new song book. There are a number of good songs float-around in different charge-books, and when these are collected and printed in a fraternity song book we will have something of which to be proud.

One might think from the renewed vigor which seems to have permeated Brown since the occupation of the presidential chair by Dr. Andrews, that our good old university is entering upon a new era of its existence. Wilson Hall or the new Physical Laboratory, which is to be equipped in the most thorough manner, is rapidly approaching completion, and promises to be a very stately building. Plans have been completed, and a site selected for the Ladd Astronomical Observatory, the gift of our worthy governor. And, best of all, we are assured by those who ought to know, that the erection of that long-looked for, long-hoped for, long-needed gymnasium, will surely be begun in the spring.

There has been very little of a society nature going on here at Zeta which would interest other Charges since my last letter. We hold our regular meetings every Friday evening and the attendance is excellent. We can truly say that all is quiet along the line as far as our pickets reach. We are strong in numbers, in college influence, and everything bids fair for a successful year in the history of Zeta Charge. All the brothers unite in sending their best wishes and fraternal love to the other Charges, with a hearty invitation to visit us at any or all times here in good old Brown.

ZETA BANQUET SONG.

Tune, "O, my Darling, Clementine."

In a far-famed eastern college
Lives a band of jolly boys,
Full of learning, wit, and knowledge
Of this world and worldly joys.
Theta Delta, Theta Delta, Theta Delta Chi's the name
Of this band of jolly fellows, Zeta's comrades known to fame.

All the damsels sing the praises
Of this band of brothers gay,
All the world the song upraises,
Theta Delta Chi for aye!
Theta Delta, Theta Delta, Theta Delta Chi we love,
See her star so brightly shining in the starry heavens above.

Round the festal board, together
 Raise your glasses to the toast,
 Theta Delta Chi forever!
 Name of which we proudly boast.
 Theta Delta, Theta Delta, Theta Delta Chi, once more
 Fill the glasses to the lassies, whom the Theta Delts adore.

Dear fraternity, forever
 We will sing of thee and thine,
 Naught from us the thoughts can sever
 Of our fellowship divine.
 Theta Delta, Theta Delta, Theta Delta Chi then sing,
 Raise your voices, brothers, cheering, louder let your praises ring.

—G. H. W.

KAPPA.

TUFTS COLLEGE.

It was the advice of an experienced clergyman, you remember, to a young ministerial brother who was seeking assistance as to the best way of writing a sermon, "to chop off the introduction, chop off the conclusion, cut down the middle, and then give it to them." I think that with equal pleasure to myself and my readers I may follow this recommendation and content myself, by way of opening, with an expression of best wishes and fraternal greetings to all our sister charges from old Kappa.

Now then, as to our initiation. In accordance with our intentions, as stated in the last issue of the SHIELD, we were back on College Hill this fall, early, and ready for business. We had information of several men intending to enter, and with this to start on began our rushing campaign. As the result of our endeavors seven men decided that Theta Delta Chi was the best fraternity in Tufts College, and were initiated on Friday evening, October 23d. The names of these new brothers are: Frank H. Stephenson, '91, Hudson, Mass.; J. Murray Hollister, '92, Plainfield, Vt.; Albert O. Thayer, '92, West Somerville, Mass.; Joseph B. Groce, '93, Roxbury, Mass.; A. Percival Thompson, '93, Middleboro, Mass.; Thomas Whittemore, '93, Cambridge, Mass.; Charles G. Kipp, '93, New York City. The initiation was very successful and very enjoyable. As usual, our graduates were present in good number, and by their earnest words and heartfelt testimony to what the fraternity had done for them, they gave the new members as vivid an idea as it is possible for anyone to receive outside of the actual experience of what the Theta Delta Chi spirit really is. Among the graduates present and speaking were W. C. Ireland, '65, the well-known manufacturer of safes and a constant attendant upon occasions of this kind; F. W. Hamilton, '83; C. H. Puffer, '83; D. B. Colton, '85; S. W. Mendum, '85; J. F. Albion, '87; Rev. T. O. Marvin, '89 pastor of All Soul's Universalist Church, Albany, N. Y., and E. J. Crandall, '89. After the ceremony was completed the company partook of a spread, and in the genial spirit produced by such

an occasion, renewed old acquaintances and fastened the first links in the chain that was to bind our new brothers to our beloved fraternity. In the course of time the tables, arranged but a short while before with so much care, presented a scene of desolation and chaos that was frightful and terrible to see, and so, after the last man had had his fill, the company adjourned to the college grounds to awaken the sleeping students to the fact that Theta Delta Chi had increased her family circle. It is an old custom of two of the societies at Tufts, instituted many years back and still religiously observed, to sing fraternity songs and give the fraternity cheer in every dormitory after the initiation is over. We did not fail in our observance of this custom, and in every hall we made the echoes ring. How the old pieces did sound out! Every man, whether he was ever guilty of sounding a note before or not, lent his voice to swell the tide of song (?), and however much hoarseness may have detracted from the musical value of our efforts, they served our purpose in awakening all who were not deaf or dead. Enthusiasm, fortunately, is proportional to quantity, not quality, of sound, and in the enthusiasm we certainly were not lacking. The brothers then separated and Kappa's annual initiation was over.

But, although the initiation with its flood tide of fraternity activity is passed, its influence still remains. The quickening of the spirit in all of us, and particularly the impetus given to the growth of our fraternity idea in the new brothers, have not passed away. All who have been in Theta Delta Chi two or three years know that this growth is not sudden; they know that they cannot appreciate in all its force the central idea, the living truth that gives our fraternity power; they know that one brother cannot give it to another, but that each must experience it for himself; and they know that the way to experience it is not to stand aside, a disinterestedly critical observer, and wait for it, but to enter into close relations with the brothers themselves and to engage heart and soul in all the activities of fraternity life. And it is the fact that our newly initiated brothers do take this active interest in all our work, which gives us great joy, and assures us that in due time they will be true Theta Delts in all that the name implies.

In college affairs we are well represented. Brother W. F. Leighton, '90, has been elected manager of next year's base ball team. Brother A. W. Grose, '91, is making a great success as business manager of the *Tuflonian*, having obtained more advertisements by this time than his predecessor of last year—another Theta Delt, by the way, Brother Crandall, '89—obtained for the entire season. Brother F. W. Perkins, '91, is editor in chief of the Junior Annual. Brother M. M. Johnson, '92, is president of the Tennis Association, and Brother W. S. Gray, '92, vice-president of the Base Ball Association. Brother J. B. Groce, '93, is captain of the Freshman base ball nine. We are represented in many other ways in all the activities of college life, and everywhere with credit.

But, I am afraid that if this letter were to be lengthened out any farther, Brother Holmes would repent ever having taken upon himself the conduct of the SHIELD, and so I must hurry to a close. At the convention most of our men were in attendance at some part of the time or other, and they are all agreed in according it high praise as a practical, working body. The despatch with which business, and that important business, too, was disposed of was worthy of the highest commendation and merited the gratitude of every member of our fraternity. May it serve as a model for future conventions.

And now, again expressing a wish that success may have lighted on the banners of all our sister charges, I bring this letter to a close. Whatever good fortune has befallen any in our fraternity, the sons of Kappa feel have befallen them; and that all may be enjoying the prosperity which they are enjoying, is the sentiment with which they say "Au Revoir."

LAMBDA.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Lambda Charge is just closing the first prosperous term of a happy new year. As the glimmering twilight of a fair day calls attention to the "forget-me-nots of the angels," so, perhaps, a little darkening of our horizon has occasionally made more clear the stars of our order. If so, well. But there is not any unpleasant news to chronicle. Indeed if we had not anything more substantial to live upon than convention enthusiasm good news would be the only burden of this letter. What a convention it was! We think about as good as is possible and, judging from Charge correspondence, others think that there was never any better. The banquet is still talked of and business re-discussed. We were rather sorry not to get many of the brothers up to our house. However, next time the delegates assemble here we hope to have a new house whose very reputation will draw all to it. To build a Charge house in a location and style perfectly satisfactory is a quite difficult task in Boston, but such a house will certainly be built—and that too before very long.

We have more men to do it than we had at the date of the last letter—eleven more, right royal Theta Delts from birth. Just look over the list of names and see. Fred W. Adams, a wee little man but a *get there*, adds greatly to our literary accomplishments. He is a member of '92, and is something of an elocutionist, as exponent of a quantity of the famous Delsarte plates, he raises it to a very high power. At any rate he and they are co-efficient to afford us a great deal of pleasure. John H. Fuller from Augusta, Maine; Edwin LaF. Noble from Chelsea; A. L. Pitcher, E. E. Heckbert, C. R. Hamlin, J. G. Wyman, W. S. Hawkins, Fred B. Kellogg, John L. Hopkins and W. S. Spencer are the others, wonderful men and fresh.

The Freshmen gave their program yesterday at the annual Freshmen Philomathean to a crowded house. Under circumstances made very uncomfortable by the Sophomores, they carried through in an entirely satisfactory manner a long and interesting program. Four of our men were on the program, Bro. Hawkius as a soloist, Bro. Spencer as a tenor in a quartet, Bro. Pitcher as "Mr. Tittlebat" and Bro. Kellogg as "Mr. Walsingham Potts-with-two-t's" in the farce, "Trying It On." The ladies took a considerable part; the other fraternities—their claims to supremacy long may they waive—did well also, furnishing two men among them. Brother Kellogg as the "star" of the farce fairly wallowed in glory.

To end the day almost everybody went to the first college social of the year in the evening. Among the features of the evening's literary work may be noticed the toast for '91, responded to by Bro. F. W. Cobb, who has this year returned to us after a year's absence in that distant country—Brockton.

Other college news will not be very interesting. As distinctively Charge news we are pleased to refer to two very pleasant visits of delegates to Amherst and Hanover to attend initiations of *M^A* and *O^A*. The brothers all report a meeting of just such Theta Deltas as we ourselves have. At our own initiation we had a delightful time, nor could we have had else with that company of seventy men. President Bartlett was here in Bro. Spencer's place, he having been summoned to the sick bed of his sister. Among our honored guests were, Dr. Gregg, pastor of the Park St. Church and Rev. C. L. Goodell, pastor of the Winthrop St. Church, Seth P. Smith and many of our alumni as well as those of other Charges.

These men and others are constantly "dropping in" upon us. Brothers Bullock and James called during Thanksgiving week and reported successful beginnings of a teacher's life. Brothers Hobson, Webber, Freeman and Backett, are in town, the first two in Law school, the others in the Theological department. Brother Clifford is in a knitting establishment at Stoughton, Mass. The "Log-Book" of '89, just out, says that Bro. Freeman and Bro. Clifford expect soon to "double up."

We are sorry to have to report the resignation of Bro. Emery as corresponding secretary and take pleasure in introducing his successor, Bro. Fisher.

Thirty-three names are on our roll-book at present—their owners are all well and happy. They send Christmas greeting to all Theta Deltas.

MU DEUTERON.

AMHERST COLLEGE.

With pleasure Mu Deuteron sends her Christmas greetings to the fraternity from her new home. During the term now nearly ended, we have made some progress, having moved into our newly purchased lodge

house, improved it by the introduction of electric lights and last we have pledged and initiated eight men from '93, who are all fine fellows. Bro. H. H. Baker from Hyannis, Mass., will make a powerful debator; Bro. F. D. Edgell, a fine declaimer; while Brothers M. T. Baldwin, F. W. Cole, G. H. Fisher, I. G. Paul, W. A. Ross, A. V. Woodworth will also strengthen $\Theta \Delta X$ in Amherst. Brother Fisher, '93, ranked highest in his class in the entrance examination, taking the Porter Prize, a fact of which we are all quite proud. Five of the brothers from '93 were appointed to the "rank division" in their class, which gives us a larger proportion than any other society here. Thus our high standard of scholarship is to be maintained by '93. Brother Whitaker of '90, who is junior monitor was selected as Freshmen tutor in Greek; Bro. Daniels, '90, tutor and assistant in Physics. Both Bro. Whitaker, '90, and Avery, '91, who represented us at the convention at Boston, brought back encouraging and stimulating reports of the Grand Lodge.

In the college world our position is rising and our influence is ever widening. This year in the senior elections we have Bro. Reynolds, '90, elected to be the Grove Orator, Bro. Whitaker, '90, Senior Senator; in '91 Bro. Knight retains his place as "vice gym. captain;" Bro. Avery was elected unanimously to be Senator and platoon captain; Bros. Stiles and Henderson are on the Guitar and Banjo club; Farnham as one of the first tenors on the Glee Club for '92; Bro. Smith, Senator; Bro. Fairly because of faithful work has been promoted to the "rank" in his class.

Amherst has been very successful in her football, playing a strong and close game with all teams we met except Dartmouth, and much of this credit belongs to Theta Delt's, because of their work in the rush line. Here Bro. Allen, '91, playing right tackle did great work. He is the strongest man ever in Amherst college, and one of her best football players. Bros. Stewart, '91, Knight, '91, and Daniels, '90, were also members of the "Varsity." White, Rose and Baldwin played in the Freshman team. The four custodians of the "gym." are $\Theta \Delta$'s, which shows how thoroughly men of Mu Deuteron are trusted.

The munificent gift of a new athletic field to the college pleases every one, but especially Theta Delt's, because the value of our Lodge-House is greatly enhanced by being so near to the field. When completed, the college will have some twenty acres of ground for athletics and recreation. It is to be connected by foot bridge over the W. C. R. R. with our old Blake field. The heavy grading is already finished and in the spring the diamond will be laid out and sodded. A quarter of a mile oval race course, a 300 yards straight-away race course, a football field, tennis courts, besides reserving ample grounds for walks and ornamentation. It will be the finest campus possessed by any college and will boom our athletics.

Such, in brief, is the record of a term of quiet, steady growth. From it we have every motive to press on to a larger and more useful life.

"For class may come, and class may go,
But our Charge shall live forever."

OMICRON DEUTERON.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Since our last letter to the SHIELD, Omicron Deuteron has received an addition of ten new members from '93, and the fraternity at large, ten loyal Theta Dels. Our initiation was held Friday evening, November 1st, followed by a banquet at "The Wheelock," at which Brother W. T. Abbott, '90, acted as toastmaster and the following toasts were responded to: Omicron Deuteron, Shurtleff, '92; Our Literature, Brother Benton, '90; Our Graduate Members, Brother Davis, '89; The Ladies, Brother Thompson, '92; Our Youngest, Brother Miller, '93; Our Fraternity, Brother Bacon, '90; The Departed, Brother Colby, '91. The oration was by Brother Belknap, '92, and the poem by Brother Hopkins, '91. Brothers Candlin and Paull from Lambda, were with us at the initiation and responded to informal toasts at the banquet.

The brothers from '93 already begin to show some literary talent and the delegation is as good as any, if not the best, delegation from the class. Brother Fletcher has already been elected a member of the Glee Club. We have had with us this year Brother Tráver from Zeta, who has entered Dartmouth Medical College. He aided us very much during the chiming season and also aided Brother Watson, '91, in arranging about the organization of the Omicron Deuteron Banjo and Guitar Club, which is made up as follows: Brothers Turner, Watson, Fletcher, Thompson, Aborn and Jarvis.

We were represented at the convention by Brothers Abbott, Benton, Dearborn, Mills, '90; Plummer, Watson, '91; Potter, Shurtleff, '92, and Aborn, '93. Brothers Abbott and Watson being our delegates, while Brother O. S. Davis, '89, was our graduate delegate. For those of us who were unable to attend there remains the New England banquet next spring, which is next to the convention in importance to the Theta Dels of New England colleges.

The operetta company have already commenced rehearsals for their new operetta which will be presented about the middle of February.

We would like very much to see all members of ΘΔΧ who may be able to be with us on that occasion.

Brother Belknap will have charge of the High School at West Topsham, Vt., this winter, and Brother Jarvis will teach at West Concord, Vt.

PI DEUTERON.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Since the last letter to the SHIELD, many changes have taken place in Pi Deuteron; but during that time nothing has so effectively inspired in us so much zeal and fraternity interest, or given us such an impetus to future prosperity, as the report of our delegates. We were very glad to hear of the grand success of the convention, of the welfare of the

fraternity at large, and the establishment of another sister Charge, while the choice of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year was most unanimously seconded.

We are now in our new rooms at 574 Fifth Avenue, holding them in conjunction with Rho Deuteron. The rooms, besides being in a fine locality, have been newly furnished, making them cozy and pleasant. Each Charge has a separate evening set apart for its meeting, but we always welcome any member of our sister Charge and are in turn welcomed by them.

Through the kind efforts of Bro. C. V. Mapes, *I*, '57, a *Theta Delta X*, club has been formed, the object of which is not only to interest the graduates in New York and vicinity in the establishment of a club house in the near future, but to seek their aid and co-operation. The plan has been decided upon to have monthly dinners during the winter and thus gradually bring the graduates together, and we earnestly hope that the affair may prove successful.

Brothers Patterson and Goebel are now presidents of their respective classes, and Bro. Trafford is on the staff of the foremost college paper, *The College Mercury*. On the glee club, we are represented by Bros. Alsdorf, Patterson and Schulz.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity five new brothers: G. M. Schulz and F. A. Whitehorne, '92, and C. Collins, W. Corbitt and G. Richardson of '93. We soon expect to "swing" two more men, and are having our pick of the new class. The active men at present are as follows:

'90—F. H. Patterson, Dean Nelson.

'91—F. R. Trafford.

'92—G. C. Goebel, Charles Hibson, G. M. Schulz, M. A. Smith, F. A. Whitehorn.

'93—W. H. Butler, C. S. Collins, W. H. Corbitt, G. B. Richardson.

RHO DEUTERON.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Rho Deuteron is still alive and flourishing, although through the negligence of her charge editor, she has failed to be represented in the last two numbers of the *SHIELD*. The editor will not offer an excuse for his neglect, although he might find one which would pass muster with a little pushing. He prefers to accept with resignation the censure which he deserves. He will try in future to make up for his neglect by prompt attention to his duties.

At our last Commencement, we graduated six brothers. From the Medical School, Brothers Coville, Sondern and L. Burrows, were sent out into the world to practice their quackery upon the unsuspecting public. From the Law School, Brothers Landes, Wimans and Linington

left us to try their oratorical powers upon the public. This made quite a hole in our numbers, and at the beginning of this year, we discovered that we had but thirteen brothers left. The more superstitious of our number began to despair, but the rest went to work with that determination which cannot fail to succeed, and before long we had enrolled five recruits to our ranks. They are not ordinary men either, they are the best to be found in the college, and they are made of the right stuff to make first-class Theta Delt.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity our new brothers: Bro. Arthur Hay, '92, Mines, is one of the best students in his class. His uncle was an old *Z* man, graduating in the class of '56. Bro. Halbert Powers Gillette, '92, Mines, is also a very good student. Bro. Ignacio Ernesto Agramonte, '93, Mines, is a resident of Cuba, and a jolly good fellow. Bro. James Hepburn Pollock, '92, Law School, and Bro. George Arthur Scofield, '93, Arts, from Connecticut, complete our list.

Rho Deuteron occupied her new apartments at No. 574 Fifth Avenue at the beginning of this term, and great praise is due Brothers St. John and Jones for the efficient manner in which they have furnished them. We would be very glad to meet any of our brothers who may happen to wander to New York, at our apartments, and show them the sights.

A few weeks ago we held a meeting for the graduates residing in New York, and formed a graduate club, which we hope in time will grow. Such a club would be a great benefit to the New York charges.

Honors have fallen to the lot of Rho Deuteron also. On the Columbian board, we are represented by Bro. Tuska, '91, Mines, who holds the office of treasurer. Bro. St. John, besides being president of his class, is president of the Bicycle club, editor of the Mines Quarterly, and a member of the Glee club. Bro. Jones holds the office of Vice President of the Natural History Society. Bro. Mora is Vice President of the Engineering Society. On the foot ball team, we are represented by Bro. Dilworth, who plays left half-back.

Our delegates brought back glowing accounts of the convention from Boston. We were glad to hear that there was a lack of all that unnecessary squabbling, which has so marked our conventions of the last two or three years. We congratulate Bro. Bartlett upon his re-election, feeling confident that the convention could make no better choice. We also extend our congratulations to Brothers Carter and Hallock, both of whom we know to be worthy of the high positions they hold. Rho Deuteron heartily endorses the action of the convention in regard to establishing a chapter at Ann Arbor, and we feel confident that Bro. Winans, one of our own Charge, at present at the university, will do all in his power to make a chapter there a success.

SIGMA.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Sigma bobs up serenely with twelve *beautiful* men. Prosperity is stamped on our countenance. Since September we have initiated four men, and these four are in every respect fitted for becoming ideal Theta Dels. They are all we wanted from the field in which we had to work. Their names are Chas. E. Pettinos '92, Wilbur F. Sadler '92, Dr. F. L. Barnum '91, Geo. W. Shipley '93. Our prospects for a Chapter house still grow brighter. We hope at no distant day to announce that we have it. The glowing report of our delegates to the convention concerning the fraternity at large, has filled us with new energy, and we are looking forward to times even more prosperous than we are now enjoying. With much love to brothers of other Charges, we close.

PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

This issue of the SHIELD finds us hale and hearty, much refreshed and encouraged by the glowing accounts of our recent convention. Our alumni representative at this convention was Brother Clay W. Holmes, '69, and our undergraduates G. N. Hertzog, '90, and W. Jones, '92, who spent several days in and about Boston brought excellent and encouraging reports to their charge of the good and social time they had with their brothers, whom they for the first time greeted, this being the first convention that has met since the re-establishment of Phi Charge. Our number has not been increased, but our spirit has risen higher and our work most zealously carried on. We are now reviewing for our examinations which begin Dec. 11th, continuing one week, and then we close for three weeks, holiday vacation, which is looked forward to with great interest.

We expect to increase our number before this term's close and have good prospects for next term.

Nearly all our boys spent Thanksgiving at home, and we hope all the rest of our brothers enjoyed the dinner which was universally partaken of as much as we did. Brothers Dumont, '92, and Oliver, '92, were on the college foot ball team the entire season, the former end rush, and the latter left guard, both did credit to the team and filled their positions admirably.

We hope if any Theta Delt ever is passing through Easton, he will be sure to stop off and see us. We will give a hearty welcome and good entertainment to anyone who comes.

As this issue of the SHIELD will be so near Christmas and the New Year, we cordially and heartily extend to all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and may the new year greet us all with encouragement and pleasure like to the last.

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HAMILTON COLLEGE.

The Thanksgiving holiday has come and gone—a day Theta Deltis throughout the Fraternity might have celebrated with as much sincere feeling as we of Psi. It was a gladsome day with us—the anniversary of so many pleasant informal reunions of our beloved Charge. As we gathered around our loaded board—with an occasional old face here and there—reviving happy memories and recounting historic scenes and events, how we realized that we had been blessed as a Charge during the twenty-two years of our existence; and how full our hearts were with gratitude! In unison we utter the prayer: May Psi and our grand old brotherhood see many Thanksgivings, and be blessed with peace and prosperity to endless generations.

When we returned to college at the opening of Fall term it was with anxiety, mingled with a feeling that might be thought akin to that of reluctance. We were not fearful for our Charge, but for ourselves as individuals. We realized what a burden we had received when the mantle of '89 fell upon us. The feeling that someone was missing was ever in our minds. The vacant rooms spoke volumes. It soon changed, however, and our spirits began to return when we found joined with us three new brothers from the Freshman class, who bade well to fill the places left vacant by those of '89.

This occurred too late to be noticed in the last issue of *our SHIELD*; but it is with much gratification that we now present to the fraternity our '93 delegation: Brothers J. Gailey Campbell, Delhi, N. Y.; George C. Hayes, Booneville, N. Y., and A. Boyd Gilfillan, Peoria, N. Y. We were pleased with our success and can report to all, that our Freshman brothers may be depended upon whenever spirit or loyalty is required.

As a Charge, twelve is our number—one being a Senior and two Juniors. Ten of us occupy the chapter house. We anticipate at the beginning of the coming term to add all the requirements of a boarding establishment and then we will be more nearly what we have hoped to be for years.

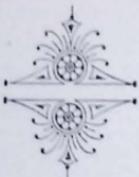
Before this appears in print, the students of Hamilton will be scattered and the brothers, one and all, will be enjoying the life which a holiday recess alone affords. We eagerly look forward to the winter term when we will again gather, sing our songs and work together to promote our common interests.

Visits from many of our graduate brothers have been made to this, the Mecca of Psi, during the last quarter. We have been glad to greet Brothers, S. D. Allen, '78 and wife; J. H. Pardee, '89; Rev. Dr. W. B. Lucas, '66; Rev. J. Beveridge Lee, '86; Charles Chapin, '89; W. G. Mulligan, '86; J. O. Rogers, '89 and S. W. Petrie, '76. We only regret that these visits are so infrequent and so hurriedly made.

In athletics, Bro. Northrup, '91 continues to be the popular catcher of the college nine and Bro. Lee is still prominent in the field sports.

Our delegates to the Boston convention return with glowing accounts of the great gathering, filled more than ever with zeal for our beloved fraternity. There is a power, and surely there must be a sincerity in the friendship that leads men, after twenty, thirty or even forty years to evince their love for their fraternity; and who of us does not know that in $\Theta\Delta$ is found a love which is true and steadfast. The conventions are the heart throbs of the fraternity life; and we only wish that every brother of $\Theta\Delta$ might have the hot blood of zeal and loyalty sent pulsating through his veins by the associations which they afford. We have felt it and know what such an experience is.

We wish all the brothers a Merry Christmas and our Fraternity, a prosperous New Year.



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