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Abel Beach,*

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<i>Alpha,</i>	-	-	-	1847	<i>Union College.</i>
Beta,	-	-	-	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>
<i>Theta Deuteron,</i>	-	-	-	1890	<i>Mass. Institute Technology.</i>
<i>Iota,</i>	-	-	-	1856	<i>Harvard University.</i>
<i>Kappa,</i>	-	-	-	1856	<i>Tufts College.</i>
<i>Lambda,</i>	-	-	-	1876	<i>Boston University.</i>
<i>Mu,</i>	-	-	-	1857	<i>University of North Carolina.</i>
<i>Mu Deuteron,</i>	-	-	-	1885	<i>Amherst College.</i>
<i>Nu,</i>	-	-	-	1857	<i>University of Virginia.</i>
<i>Nu Deuteron,</i>	-	-	-	1884	<i>Lehigh University.</i>
<i>Xi,</i>	-	-	-	1857	<i>Hobart College.</i>
<i>Omicron,</i>	-	-	-	1857	<i>Wesleyan University.</i>
<i>Omicron Deuteron,</i>	-	-	-	1869	<i>Dartmouth College.</i>
<i>Pi,</i>	-	-	-	1858	<i>Jefferson College.</i>
<i>Pi Deuteron,</i>	-	-	-	1881	<i>College of the City of New York.</i>
<i>Rho,</i>	-	-	-	1859	<i>University of South Carolina.</i>
<i>Rho Deuteron,</i>	-	-	-	1883	<i>Columbia College.</i>
<i>Sigma,</i>	-	-	-	1861	<i>Dickinson College.</i>
<i>Tau,</i>	-	-	-	1863	<i>College of New Jersey (Princeton).</i>
<i>Upsilon,</i>	-	-	-	1866	<i>University of Lewisburg.</i>
<i>Phi,</i>	-	-	-	1866	<i>Lafayette College.</i>
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## WILLIS S. PAINE.

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The writer recently met the gentleman who occupied the position of Postmaster General in the Cabinet of ex-President Cleveland. During our conversation the statement was made that it was impossible to prophesy an undergraduate's future from his conduct in college. The student who led his class in its studies often times found his after existence a failure, but this was not by any means necessarily the case. Mr. Vilas replied, "the statement is true, but nevertheless there is one feature in the career of the college student that invariably indicates a young man's future. When a youth is successful in college politics; when, in short he succeeds in influencing his fellow college students to recognize him as a man of affairs, so that he is leader among them, that youth is the successful man of the time to come. The college world is a pure democracy. The possession of wealth of itself gives its owner no control of his fellows unless joined with force of character."

We are led to repeat this remark because of the college career of the subject of this sketch.

It was on New Years day in 1848 that Willis S. Paine first saw the light of day in Rochester, N. Y. His parentage was of patriotic New England stock. Nicholas E. Paine, his father, a very prominent lawyer, was related to Robert Treat Paine, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The mother of Willis, formerly Miss Abby M. Sprague, was a descendant of the Ante-Colonial Governors Bradford and Prince. In 1862 Willis entered the Rochester Collegiate Institute.

His course in this school was honorable and he was distinguished by an appointment as Valedictorian of his class. Upon the completion of his academic course he entered the University of Rochester. A deep and assiduous student, he was not slow to receive preferment and graduated with honors in 1868. While in college he organized a debating club which after a time decided to apply for a charter of a Greek letter society. After a discussion as to the relative merits of several leading fraternities, it was resolved to become identified with Theta Delta Chi. This result was accomplished through Brother Paine's efforts, and he was led to take this action, because, among other reasons, the father-in-law of Bro. Wm. S. Kimball of the Delta charge was a near neighbor and warm friend of Brother Paine's father, both having been elected to the office of mayor of Rochester by the same political party. In a brief time after correspondence had been commenced, Willis and two other members were initiated by the Xi charge. Soon after a charter was received and the Chi charge duly established. Shortly after a local society at Hamilton College, known as the Zeta Phi, petitioned the Grand Lodge for a charter. Brother Paine took a deep interest in the project and was authorized by his charge to look into the standing of the embryonic charge. After proper investigation he concluded that the applicants would make desirable members of our brotherhood. He at once went to New York where he met Brother Johnson, President of the Grand Lodge, and gave a favorable report. The Grand Lodge granted a charter to the applicants and authorized the Chi charge to proceed to Hamilton College and initiate the petitioners, and deliver the charter. Brother Paine was chairman of the Embassy which carried out these instructions creating the Psi Charge.

Brother Paine was the only Theta Delt in his class. At the final class election for permanent officers he was chosen president. Before completing his college course he enrolled himself as a law student in the office of Sanford E. Church, who was afterward Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. His father removing to New York city in 1868, Willis accompanied him and pursued his law study in the office of the late Charles

A. Rapallo, also subsequently a judge of the Court of Appeals. In the spring of 1869 he was admitted to the bar and at once began to practice his profession with Judge Rapallo. In 1874 Bro. Paine's real life work began, when he entered the field of commerce in which he was to distinguish himself. During this year the legislature passed a law authorizing the Bank Superintendent to appoint examiners whose duty it should be to examine annually into the condition of the trust companies of the State. Brother Paine was selected as one of the examiners, and entered at once upon the duties of the position. He displayed peculiar aptitude for the work and was eminently successful during that and the subsequent year. In 1876 The Bond Street Savings bank, the largest institution of its kind that has ever failed in this country, was closed by the courts and Paine appointed receiver. His duties in connection with this work were severe and none but a man of the utmost determination could have accomplished the satisfactory settlement reached by the faithful labor of this ardent expert. Twenty-three banks failed in New York city and vicinity about this time but none of these receiverships paid so large a percentage as this one. The court said of him, at the final close of his labors that "the duties of this trust had been administered by the receiver with rare diligence, fidelity and discretion." In 1880 the legislature passed an act for the appointment of commissioners to compile and revise the banking laws of the State. Mr. William Dowd, President of the Bank of North America, and Brother Paine were appointed as commissioners under this act and in 1882 submitted their revision which was adopted, and a vote of thanks extended for their services. This by the way was the first vote of thanks which had been passed since the civil war. The vote of thanks was all the remuneration received for these valuable services. In 1883 Gov. Cleveland nominated Brother Paine as Superintendent of the Banking department, and an immediate and unanimous confirmation by the Senate followed. He filled this highly responsible position with the same quiet dignity and masterly success which enabled him to surmount lesser obstacles and now we find him looked up to as the highest authority on banking in the State. Dur-

ing his career in this office he found time to prepare and publish a thoroughly exhaustive treatise on "Banks, Banking and Trust Companies," a third edition of which has just been published, as well as a work on "Building and Accumulating Fund Associations." In 1884 President Cleveland tendered Brother Paine the position of Sub-Treasurer in New York city, which was declined owing to its confining duties. In November 1889, after having held the office nearly twice as long as any of his predecessors, he resigned the Bank Superintendency to become President of the State Trust Company of New York city. He still holds this position and the institution is highly successful.

For many years Brother Paine has been a member of the Bar Association of the State and of the City of New York, and has served on some of the most important committees of the last named association. His position to-day in the banking world is one of honor, and decisions on the fine points of banking law and practice rendered by him are regarded as the highest authority. Brother Paine was married April 5, 1888, to Miss Ruby S. Tilden, a niece of ex-Governor Samuel J. Tilden. In 1874 he was the convention orator. In February, 1889, he was elected President of the New York Graduate Association and was re-elected in 1890. In the year of 1885 Brother Paine received the degree of Doctor of Laws from Manhattan College, and enjoys the distinction of being the only Protestant in the United States who has received this degree from a Catholic college.

Brother Paine is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa club of New York city, also the Manhattan and Tuxedo clubs. Although always a busy man Brother Paine belongs to the class of men whom one delights to meet, congenial to all. Let those, who are just entering upon the field of life's usefulness, emulate the example of such men. To them Theta Delta Chi owes her proud and honorable position in the college world.

## FRATERNITY STATISTICS.

A study of Baird's new work on American fraternities gives data, which condensed and tabulated, present in a bird's-eye view many interesting facts. Such points have been carefully worked up and are here presented in a form which enables the reader to see at a glance just what relation the fraternities bear to each other. The figures representing membership are in some cases estimated. The fraternities have given Mr. Baird as much reliable information as they possessed. Imperfect records prevent an absolutely accurate record.

There are twenty-six general fraternities in active and flourishing condition. To Union college belongs the conception and propagation of the fraternity system. The first fraternity, Kappa Alpha, resulted from a social club formed in 1823, and to a very worthy divine, the late Rev. John H. Hunter, D. D., of Yonkers, N. Y., belongs the honorable distinction of being the projector of the idea of a secret order. The idea was accepted by this literary social club which in 1825 resolved itself into a secret fraternity. Although this society met with opposition, in two years two other societies were founded. Sigma Phi planted herself in Hamilton and opposition created Alpha Delta Phi. Psi Upsilon resulted from a combination created for election purposes. Beta Theta Pi sprung from opposition to Alpha Delta Phi at Miami. Chi Psi seems to have had a natural birth. Delta Kappa Epsilon's birth was due to the fact that of several companions in the Junior class, at Yale, some were elected to Psi Upsilon and others not. The fortunate ones would not accept the election and so resolved themselves into the new society. Zeta Psi and succeeding fraternities seem to have resulted from opposition to Phi Kappa Psi at Bethany. Pi Kappa Alpha sprung from the sterling friendship of several comrades in the Confederate army who afterwards became students of the University of Virginia. Sigma Nu resulted from opposition to Alpha Tau Omega. Delta Upsilon has been classed with the fraternities although until 1864 it was openly non-secret and not in any way connected. Independent societies had been formed

in various colleges, made up of men bitterly opposed to the secret fraternities, and another class—consisting of those who saw the benefits of close union and fraternal sympathy—but objected to “secrecy.” About 1864 these individual anti-secret associations joined issues and formed Delta Upsilon. In 1881 the anti-secret was changed to non-secret. Now it is a secret, non-secret society.

The accompanying table gives a record of active and inactive chapters, date and place of founding and number of members.

AMERICAN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

	FOUNDED.	ACTIVE.	EXTINCT.	MEMBER-SHIP.	WHERE FOUNDED.
Kappa Alpha . . . . .	1825	4	2	997	Union College.
Sigma Phi . . . . .	1827	4	2	1,820	Union College.
Delta Phi . . . . .	1827	11	4	2,205	Union College.
Alpha Delta Phi . . . . .	1832	19	8	6,236	Hamilton College.
Psi Upsilon . . . . .	1833	17	2	7,124	Union College.
Beta Theta Pi . . . . .	1839	60	19	6,995	Miami University.
Chi Psi . . . . .	1841	16	9	2,930	Union College.
Delta Kappa Epsilon . . . . .	1844	34	13	10,353	Yale University.
Zeta Psi . . . . .	1846	20	10	3,950	University of New York.
Delta Psi . . . . .	1847	9	10	2,504	Columbia College.
Phi Gamma Delta . . . . .	1848	40	23	4,244	Jefferson College.
Theta Delta Chi . . . . .	1848	19	16	2,817	Union College.
Phi Delta Theta . . . . .	1848	66	17	6,803	Miami University.
Phi Kappa Sigma . . . . .	1850	11	15	1,878	University of Pennsylvania.
Phi Kappa Psi . . . . .	1852	35	16	5,302	Jefferson College.
Chi Phi . . . . .	1854	21	23	3,147	Princeton College.
Sigma Chi . . . . .	1855	38	24	4,001	Miami University.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon . . . . .	1856	31	33	2,342	University of Alabama.
Delta Tau Delta . . . . .	1860	39	26	4,044	Bethany.
Delta Upsilon . . . . .	1864	26	6	4,871	· · · · ·
Kappa Alpha (Southern) .	1865	26	12	2,057	Washington and Lee.
Alpha Tau Omega . . . . .	1865	34	21	2,051	Virginia Military Institute.
Kappa Sigma . . . . .	1867	22	20	2,048	University of Virginia.
Pi Kappa Alpha . . . . .	1868	4	7	310	University of Virginia.
Sigma Nu . . . . .	1869	20	7	971	Virginia Military Institute.
Tau Delta Sigma . . . . .	1889	6		61	Chattanooga.
Total . . . . .	635	345	92,061		

Beta Theta Pi has the greatest number of active chapters. Fourteen fraternity journals are now regularly issued. Of this number all are open journals except the Chi Psi “*Purple and Gold*,” which is restricted to its members. Psi Upsilon started

the *Diamond* in 1878 but it was short lived. Alpha Delta Phi published *The Star and Crescent* for several years, but it is now sleeping. Zeta Psi published a monthly for a short time. Of the fourteen regular periodicals now published eight have been suspended from one to three times. At present all seem to be flourishing, and several have made rapid strides during the past two or three years. Many other historical facts are given in Baird's book which are of interest, but space prohibits their reproduction.

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### WHAT THE RECORDS SAY.

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As there is considerable difference of opinion in regard to the exact date when Theta Delta Chi was founded, and by whom, the SHIELD wishes to set all doubts at rest by stating the facts as they appear on the original records of the old Alpha. The first page of the original minute book of the Alpha (now in the editor's possession), contains the following statement, apparently in the handwriting of William Hyslop:

"Though the subject, for the settlement of which the first meeting of our Fraternity was held, had been under consideration some weeks previous, it is believed by the founders of our Fraternity that the first active steps may properly date from the fifth of June, the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and that day is accordingly recommended to the Fraternity as the anniversary of its foundation."

This statement is signed by the following names: Theo. J. Fonda, W. G. Akin, Abel Beach, William Hyslop, T. B. Brown, Andrew H. Green, J. D. Fonda, Samuel F. Wile.—Dated June 5, 1848. The signatures are autographs.

The minutes of this meeting of organization, held on the evening of June 5th, give, beside the names above mentioned, the following: Robert L. Dodge, Francis E. Martindale, Newton B. Sherman and Abram Walrath; and show that these twelve proceeded to resolve themselves into a secret society, and took upon themselves an oath of secrecy. After this oath had been taken, "a constitution was presented for consideration, drawn up according to previous arrangement by Sherman, Hyslop and Green." After its adoption they (Sherman, Hyslop and

Green), were appointed a committee to prepare a form to be hereafter observed in the initiation of members. A model of a badge was presented by Abel Beach and adopted. This meeting was held at No. 5 Front street, occupied by the family of Gov. Yates.

With these facts before us, the mooted question as to whom the real founders were may be settled at once and forever, the only question being whether we regard the founders as "the charter members" or the original progenitors of the ideas which culminated in the organization. Now, it cannot be supposed that the conception of this "fraternity idea" took place simultaneously in the brain of each of the eight or the twelve. It must have been conceived by one individual first and then promulgated to his most intimate friend. From the two it spread by communication to the twelve, when it crystallized. It may reasonably be supposed that the original idea belongs to some one of the first eight, and probably to one of the first signers. Since, however, the term founders might easily and naturally be supposed to mean those who founded or organized the society, it would seem just and proper to give the credit to the entire twelve who were certainly present and assisted in the organization, and no one of them can be separated from this organization. The minutes show that Sherman took a prominent part in the first work delegated by an informal gathering before June 5th, but his name does not appear as a signer of the communication, therefore we cannot say that the eight who did sign it were the sole founders, because Sherman was one of the preliminary workers. From these facts it seems to be clearly incumbent upon us to acknowledge equal honor to each of the twelve, and hand their names down to posterity as the founders of the fraternity. George D. Cowles was the first man regularly initiated into the fraternity. He was then a resident of Syracuse, which is still his home. Charles J. Rogers was the second man. Both were initiated the same evening. The fraternity seal was designed by Martindale and Beach, who were appointed a committee at a meeting held June 12, 1849. The first death was that of Israel Proseus. A set of resolutions were spread on the min-

utes. The colors of the fraternity were officially adopted at a meeting held May 24, 1854, although they had been in use ever since the establishment of the fraternity.

These facts are given so that in case of future disputes there may be an accessible record which shall be accurate and final. The editor vouches for these statements as matters of fact and record.

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### A TOKEN OF HONOR.

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In foreign countries it is customary for Knights of the Legion of Honor to wear their badge conspicuously displayed. Their pride in exhibiting it is proverbial. The fraternity badge in America is quite as much a mark of honor. It seems passing strange that so large a number of society men lay aside their much loved pin, as soon as they leave college, or if they wear it all it is modestly placed where it is seldom if ever seen. Why is it? Does it seem childish to adhere to the dear old pin? Do you think men of the world will laugh in their sleeves and call you a school boy? Do you wish to escape the recognition of your fellow brothers? Do you wish to forget as soon as possible your college associations and the vows you take upon you of eternal faithfulness? Do you confess that you regret the step you took, and acknowledge that fraternity associations are of no account? Let us analyze the subject. The man who has regard for his college life and follows out the true fraternal spirit engendered there is always respected, yea even envied by the thousands who have been denied the privilege.

A college society badge is indication of a refinement and inherent ability in the wearer, which is not found in men of the world who have been deprived of the advantages of a college education. This fact makes it equivalent to the badge of the Legion of Honor, and it should be proudly worn in a place so conspicuous that none may fail to see it. It keeps a man's heart constantly alive with the vestal fires of his active college days. To the fraternity the graduate's badge is a constant

advertisement. It spreads the name, as well as the reputation of the fraternity. It attracts the young man, gives him a wholesome regard for the society, and when he enters college, he is already prepossessed with the advantage and standing of that fraternity whose badge he has seen on the graduate's breast. It becomes the duty then of every old member to swing his colors. It is the one thing which will contribute most to the growth and prosperity of our fraternity. But there are other reasons why a graduate should wear his badge, chief among which is the fact that in this he enables the brothers to recognize him at once. Could all the incidents which have come to the editor's notice within one year be accurately recorded in these pages, it seems as though no Theta Delt would ever lay aside his badge. Hundreds of delightful experiences have occurred which would have been lost without the badge. If you love your fraternity show it by constantly wearing its badge. If you have none get one. The first time you are greeted by a brother you will feel repaid for your zeal.

#### RETROSPECT.

My friend, did you ever go back to review  
 Some much beloved spot you in infancy knew,  
 To find it so shrunken that you charge as untrue  
     Your memory's sweet picture of it?  
 The hills seem down the vallies have crept,  
 That once you thought Alps, where thunder-storms slept;  
 Its bowers down-broken, its hedges unkept—  
     How sadly you view it—and love it!

The sweet faces you knew are wrinkled, or gone;  
 The trees have grown taller, and grayer the stones  
 By the graves—now thicker by many a one,  
     Since the time you last trod the heather.  
 But the friend you recall wears the childish grace;  
 The blushes and roses never fade on that face;  
 It never grows old—never grows commonplace,  
     Youth and Age you have brought together.

Our memories will run back to the frolics, the mirth,  
 Of those days ere we knew there was sorrow on earth;  
 Ere sadly we learned what a day may bring forth;  
     Or how high hopes are blasted.  
 When passionate love lent a sweetness to living,  
 And lofty ambitions their impetus giving,  
 We battled for Fame as the goal of our striving;  
     'Twas beautiful while it lasted.

—*Nathan LaFayette Bachman.*





Platinum by Yours  
R. Northway





James  
R. Stothway

## WILLIAM R. NORTHWAY.

As the world is now looking toward the great metropolis of the west where in the near future will be held the great World's fair, and it is expected that many Theta Delts will visit Chicago during its existence, it is fitting that we should record the history of a western brother. Chicago has quite a resident population of Theta Delts, among whom perhaps none has occupied a more important position than the subject of this sketch.

William R. Northway was born in Utica, N. Y., November 3, 1834. His boyhood was spent in private schools and the old Utica Academy, then quite a feeder to Union College. When young William had arrived at the age of sweet sixteen his father told him to weigh his future career carefully for six months and decide what calling he wished to follow. Civil engineering seemed to be the bent of his inclination, so he was sent to Union College to take the technical course under Prof. Gillespie. His boyhood acquaintance with Andrew H. Green decidedly prejudiced him in favor of Theta Delta Chi, and he fell an easy prey to the gallant rushers of our fraternity. Among the number were James Demarest, "Governor" McMurtry and the ubiquitous "Bill" Merriam.

Brother Northway's college life was comparatively uneventful. He was a faithful student and always maintained a high standing in his class. After completing his course in 1853 he very soon secured a position in an engineering party on the Utica & Black River R. R., under D. C. Jenne. In October, 1854, when work was suspended on this line, he entered the service of the state in the construction of the dams and reservoirs at the head waters of Black river, and was employed there till November, 1856. In December, being overcome with "the western fever," he sallied forth and landed in Chicago. Early in the spring of 1857 he received an appointment on the Dubuque and Pacific R. R., through the influence of Col. Roswell B. Mason, the father of Bro. George Arnold Mason, whose life was recorded in the last SHIELD. The panic of 1857 caused suspension of public work throughout the entire

country, and Brother Northway returned to Chicago, where his parents were then residing, and remained until the following spring, when he secured a position on the Hannibal and St. Joseph R. R., where he remained till 1859. From that time till the breaking out of the civil war he tried farming. Shortly after the organization of the Internal Revenue bureau, he received an appointment in this service. In 1865 he entered the Quartermaster's department and remained till 1867, his principal duties being in the engineering line. Tiring of this he, in company with a friend, tried the business of furnishing ready made, portable houses for towns on the Kansas Pacific R. R., but too late for the first boom, and too early for the next. They managed to sink their capital, and Brother Northway was obliged to fall back upon his profession. In 1868 he had charge of construction on the Chicago and Southwestern R. R., from Leavenworth, Kan., to Platte City, Neb. From here he went on to the Missouri, Kansas and Texas R. R. as Principal Assistant engineer, and in the fall of 1869 took charge of the party which made the explorations and preliminary surveys through Indian Territory and Texas. In 1872 he was engaged on the Michigan Central R. R. which was undergoing the process of double tracking. During 1873 he had charge of the four tracking of the New York Central R. R. between Rochester and Buffalo. In the spring of 1874 he was engaged on the construction of the Rochester water works, remaining there three years till their completion. In 1877 he returned to Chicago and engaged in the coal business with a brother. Again he found business unsuccessful, and gave it up to enter on the construction of a branch of the Wabash Railway in 1879. In August, 1880, he received an appointment as one of the engineers in the City Engineering department of the City of Chicago. After serving for seven years he was appointed City engineer. In August, 1890, after having spent a little more than ten years in the engineering department of the city, Brother Northway resigned and since that date has been in private practice as civil and consulting engineer. His office is Room 806, Chamber of Commerce building.

Brother Northway may be well called one of the earnest

workers. Faithful to every trust, he has always commanded the regard and esteem of his fellow workers and now in the prime of his manhood, he is prepared to pass his declining years in peace and quietude, possessing the reputation of good citizenship in the great metropolis. Brother Northway is an enthusiastic Theta Delt. He has always been an ardent supporter of the SHIELD. At the organization of the Central Association in Chicago last April, he was elected its first President.

The SHIELD is indebted to *Fire and Water*, a magazine published in New York City, devoted to the science of engineering, for the excellent portrait of Brother Northway and here-with tenders thanks for the courtesy extended.

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#### SHALL LADIES BE ADMITTED TO REUNIONS ?

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The editor of the SHIELD has, during the past two years, made special effort to attend every reunion banquet, and has been present at all except when two were held in different sections on the same evening. All these gatherings have seemed to lack some essential ingredient in their make-up. A few enthusiastic spirits are always on hand; a few of the older graduates are drawn in, who perhaps have not in years before attended any fraternity gathering. They are warmed up and enthusiastically declare that not a reunion shall be missed in the future. When the time rolls around for the next one business cares have sapped all the enthusiasm and the good brother is missed, unless perchance some one has followed him up closely enough to re-awaken his sleeping enthusiasm. What element is lacking in these reunions? A careful study of the subject convinces us that it is not a lack of inborn love for the fraternity. No graduate who has attended any of the reunions of the two years referred to, has ever been heard to say that he *regretted* having attended. On the contrary, all have been loud in their exclamations of joy at being able to renew their social Theta Delt joys around the festive board.

It has been remarked, by those who have studied the attendance at our reunions for years past, that many brothers who were the most active in their charges during their college course, attending all conventions and banquets, have kept up their interest after graduation so long as they remained single. When in the natural course of human events a wife has been taken, then the home circle becomes the magnet, and Theta Delta Chi has only the memories of his college days to cherish, and the brother is missed from the banquet board. We cannot censure the brother for thus dropping out of the mystic circle. He is only doing that which is natural and right. His first affection goes out to the wife of his bosom, and he cannot be tempted to leave her even to meet his old chums around a Theta Delt board. Speaking from personal experience we are free to assert that the brothers who assume this attitude are among the most loyal and zealous members Theta Delta Chi has ever had. So long as no greater claim was laid upon them they were ever found in the front rank of the workers for their fraternity's best interests. A nearer and dearer claim is placed upon them, and like the good brothers they are, faithful to their new trust, the fraternity must suffer their loss.

The all-absorbing question is, what inducements can be held out which may for a brief space of time draw these brothers from the home circle? It is easily answered, but since it involves the introduction of an innovation, which at first thought *may seem* to be antagonistic to the first principles of college fraternity life, it needs to be carefully considered before being set aside as untenable. It does not follow, because a custom has *never* been practiced that it is, or would be, pernicious. On the contrary, this is the day of advancement, and fraternities have not kept pace with the times. Until fraternity journalism became a living factor in Greek affairs all fraternities were rigidly adhering to the tenets of our forefathers, and as a natural consequence were dropping slowly but surely in the estimation of the public. Indeed, many of the older fraternity men looked upon college fraternities of the present day as unworthy the high standard of former years. The Greek press came to the rescue and more has been accomplished in the past

five years than might ever have been, in the work of restoring college fraternities to the loftiest pinnacle of American society life. Now but one move is necessary to give a grand eclat to graduate fraternity work and insure the perpetuity of the college society. Let the wives, daughters, sisters and mothers be admitted to all social gatherings of every fraternity. It is a move which will some day become necessary. The sororities first conceived but a few years ago, are developing apace. They are becoming rapidly numerous and are making unto themselves an honorable reputation, which is growing with a pace greater even than their numerical strength. Although so young a factor in the fraternity world the Greek press bows to them as being relatively the leaders. In proportion to their numbers they have more and better journals than their male leaders. Every sorority, so far as the writer knows, has a fraternity periodical, and any one of them would do no discredit to the oldest fraternity. Look at Alpha Delta Phi, one of the oldest and best fraternities in the college world. With a membership of 6,236 it has not ambition enough to keep up its journal, *The Star and Crescent*. Look again at Alpha Phi, a sorority founded in 1872, with a total membership of only 348, yet maintaining one of the handsomest and best of the sorority journals. Such ambition as this will in the near future demand recognition. It is not, however, on this ground that we would advise a change so radical. It has long been our belief that the admission of the ladies to our banquets would at once increase the attendance and surround the gathering with a sweet and hallowed influence. The proposition admits of so many arguments in its favor that we cannot in this number do justice to the question. We assert our position as being strongly and persistently in favor of admitting ladies to *all* social fraternity gatherings. The husband can then take his wife, who will be a sharer in his enjoyment and Theta Delta Chi will be the more loved and appreciated in the household. As matters now stand, the wife being excluded, looks upon the fraternity as a far-distant, forbidden luxury, in which she has no part or lot, and naturally the attraction is negative. This cools the ardor of the Theta Delt husband and soon

Theta Delta Chi becomes a practical nonentity, being buried under the nearer and more attractive conjugal life. It has always been admitted that the presence of ladies adds a halo to any social gathering which protects it from many unhallowed temptations. The mother always feels safe when her son is spending his evening with the girls. Any one can trace the point in this argument and deduce from it the writer's second and perhaps strongest argument for opening the gates. The inspiration, for springing at this time this subject, which has for a long time been under consideration, was obtained from witnessing from afar the reception given by Phi Kappa Psi to their lady friends in the Globe Hotel at Syracuse. It was a lovely sight. Such charming girls would never lead our boys astray. Space forbids further consideration of the subject now. Later on it will be continued and more points presented which have a favorable bearing upon the question. In the meantime correspondence is invited pro or con, which will be given with editorial remarks.

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### CENTRAL NEW YORK ASSOCIATION BANQUET.

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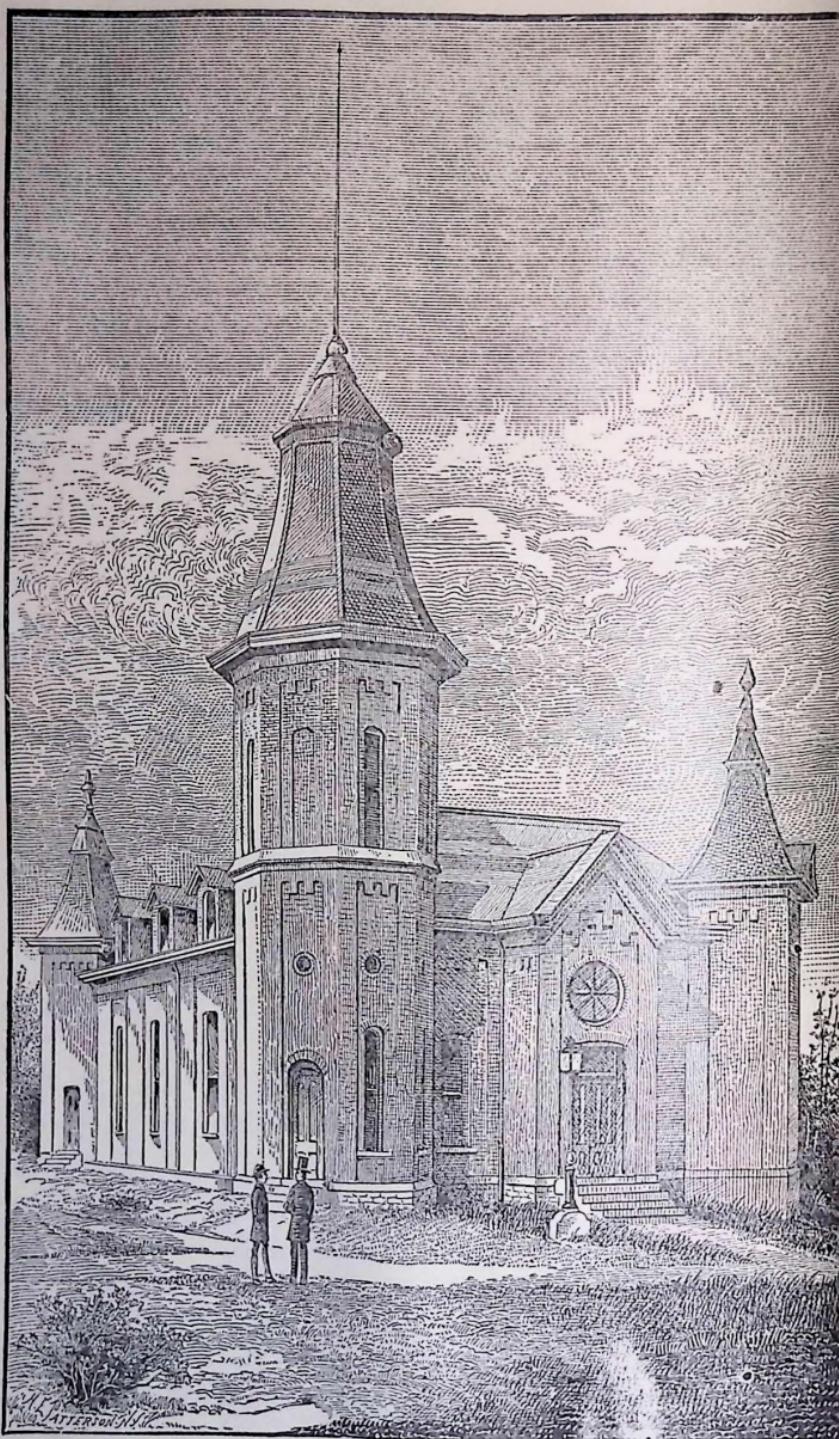
The Tenth Annual Banquet of the Central New York Association was held, under the auspices of the Beta charge, at the Globe Hotel in Syracuse on the evening of February 20th at 10 o'clock. The business meeting was presided over by the President, Andrew H. Green. After transacting the regular routine business, the following officers were elected: Andrew H. Green, President; Jacob Spahn, Vice-President; Tim B. Crane, Secretary and Treasurer. The banquet of 1892 will be held under the auspices of the Delta charge. After some remarks pertaining to the pleasure afforded by the presence of one of the founders of the fraternity—Brother Green—an adjournment was taken to the dining room after bidding good-night to the venerable president, whose physical condition prevented his remaining with us. The banquet was, as all our banquets are, first class, and enjoyed by all present. Bro. Fred W. Thomson, Beta, '87, acted as toastmaster. In place of

the customary orator, Bro. Clay W. Holmes gave an informal talk on "Fraternity,"—at its conclusion the regular toasts of the evening were given with responses as follows :

The Ladies . . . . .	Jacob Spahn.
Xi Charge . . . . .	C. S. Hanks
The Delta Charge . . . . .	E. P. Brown.
The Mu Deuteron Charge . . . . .	J. G. Riggs.
The Psi Charge . . . . .	N. P. Willis.
The Beta Charge . . . . .	E. C. Haggett.
The Church . . . . .	W. N. Freeman.
The Omega . . . . .	In Silence.

Very fitting remarks were made by Brother Freeman concerning several well-known brothers who had been called home, to the Omega charge. The banquet then dissolved after having voted thanks to Bro. Wm. S. Kimball for his faithful remembrance of cigarettes, without which no banquet would be complete. The attendance at this banquet was not up to the usual number. No word was sent by the delinquents who were probably detained by unforeseen circumstances. Those who were there certainly were well repaid for their effort, and those who failed to show up missed one of the pleasantest banquets in the history of the Central New York Association. Bro. Jake Spahn, the most faithful of the tribe of Gad has not missed one of the Central Association banquets, and always tries hard to keep his end up. Full of mirth and good cheer—only that, and nothing more,—his facetious remarks roused the boys to a high degree of hilarity. Bro. C. S. Hanks had not attended a reunion in eighteen years. He hardly knew he was a Theta Delt or not till he had joined in two or three of the good old songs when the ice broke and he said he was rejuvenated and was glad to be there. Brother Riggs and Brother Freeman threw off their clerical reserve and were boys again. Their presence was much appreciated. The mingling of the old graduates and the undergraduates at these banquets is a source of mutual benefit. It makes the old fellows younger, and the young men have a chance to become acquainted with the earlier history of the fraternity.

The following brothers were present and registered : Clay W. Holmes, Phi '69; Jacob Spahn, Chi '70; C. S. Hanks, Chi '73; W. N. Freeman, Beta '84; J. G. Riggs, Mu Deuteron '88; E. S. Brown, Delta '92; E. C. Haggett, Beta '91; N. P. Willis, Psi '92; Henry E. Merriam, T. B. Van Dorn, and Walter I. Vose, Beta '92; George C. Perkins, Frank L. Connard, and J. F. Barker, Beta '93; Ed. D. McConnell, Beta '94.



THE GYMNASIUM.

## LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

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It is with a feeling of pride and inherent satisfaction that the editor announces himself as a son of Lafayette. In attempting a history of alma-mater he may be pardoned if the colors employed in painting the picture are a trifle bright. There may perhaps be those who can describe with cold formality the days of their youth and the cradle in which they were nurtured and fitted for the strife of the world, but as the years go by we look back with greater longing and affection toward the spot where we were trained.

Lafayette College was first conceived on the evening of December 27, 1824, at an enthusiastic meeting of the best citizens of the then small town of Easton, Pa. It was named after the famous general, at that time an honored visitor, paying his last respects to this country, whose brave deeds and heroic career were fitting symbols of the institution then contemplated. A memorial was prepared and transmitted to the legislature. At that date Dickinson College and the University of Pennsylvania were the only chartered colleges in the state. A charter was granted March 9, 1826, to the new college. The board of trustees was organized May 15, 1826. Dr. George Junkin was elected its first President in 1832. A farm of some thirty acres was leased. The work of fitting up the premises was at once begun, and on May 9, 1832, the first regular exercises were held. Forty-three students were enrolled. Very soon efforts were made to procure a permanent site and six acres of land were purchased on a high bluff overlooking the town. Work on a college building was at once begun, and on July 4, 1833 the corner stone of the first college building was laid with appropriate ceremonies. Dr. Junkin had broken first ground—and Judge Porter, president of the board of trustees, laid the first stone. The building was pressed to completion and ready for occupancy in May, 1834. This building, which has since been the hallowed abiding place of many of the nation's honored citizens, was a substantial four story structure—112 feet front by 44 feet deep with a recess of 17x49 feet. It contained six recitation rooms,

a chapel, refectory hall, apartments for the president and other officers, and about fifty students' rooms. An old-fashioned "hip roof" covered with slate covered the building, surmounted by an open dome fourteen feet in diameter. Although finished in a style of severe plainness it was the pride of Easton. The day of its completion was a gala day. The citizens joined the students in a round of festivities, and the college was a fact.

The ceremonial inauguration of the president and faculty took place in the College hall, May 1st, 1834. The faculty was not large—only four men, whose names were not perhaps known to fame then, but since then have been accorded an exalted position.



LAFAYETTE COLLEGE IN 1850.

Rev. George Junkin, A. M., President and Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy, etc.

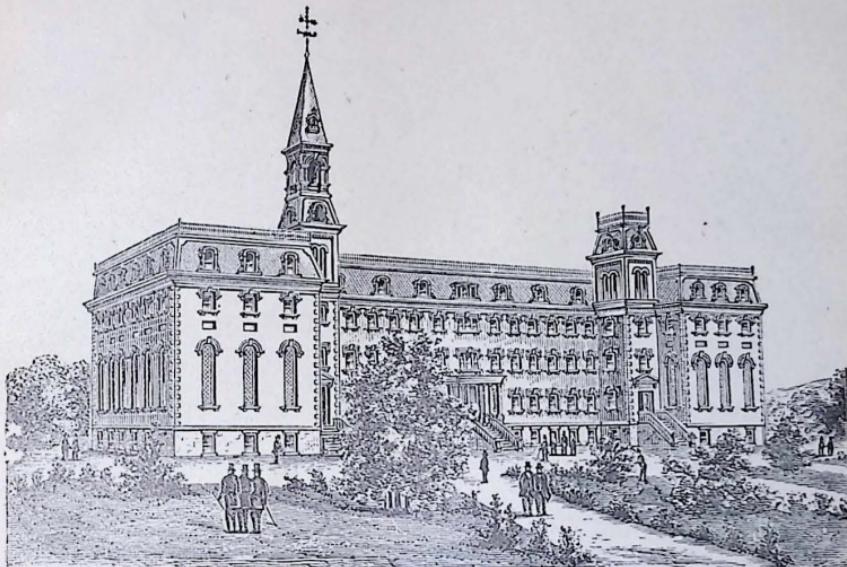
Charles F. McCay, A. B., Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

James I. Kuhn, A. B., Professor of the Latin and Greek Languages.

Samuel D. Gross, M. D., Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Botany.

The history of the college from this time till 1850 may be given in a few words. It was a continued struggle for existence. Dr. Junkin worked faithfully till 1841 when he resigned to become President of Miami University. In 1844 he was recalled and again toiled till 1848, when he again resigned and assumed the Presidency of Washington College,

Virginia. Of the honorable and distinguished men who labored with Dr. Junkin during these trying years, but one is at this writing connected with the college. The venerable Dr. Traill Green who was elected Professor of Chemistry in 1837, has for fifty-four years been a member of the faculty. Honored and loved by every student who has attended Lafayette during more than half a century, his counsel has always been valuable to the faculty. The writer desires to express his grateful remembrance of the kindness bestowed upon him by Dr.



SOUTH COLLEGE.

Green, who was the kind and thoughtful physician, always caring for the sick students without hope of fee or reward, in addition to his duties as Professor. Even now we remember the cheerful countenance and pleasant word with which he always entered our sick room, and the expression grows more hallowed as the years go by. None could know him but to love him. Who can tell how great has been the influence of his beautiful christian character upon the hundreds of boys who have sat under his teaching. The resignation of Dr. Junkin in 1848 threw the college into a condition of embarrass-

ment. The attendance dropped from 82 in 1848 to 25 in 1850. With no resources and many loans which holders were pressing things looked decidedly dubious, and everybody became disheartened. Although the college had hitherto been undenominational, its presidency had been occupied by Presbyterian



#### ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY.

clergy—and the majority of its professors were of the same faith.

The only hope now seemed to be centered on the Synod of Philadelphia. Application was made to this body for succor and in 1850 the college was formally taken under its care and patronage, and its charter amended by the legislature to correspond. The Rev. D. V. McLean, D. D., was at once

elected president and a vigorous effort made to secure an endowment from the sale of scholarships. In less than two years \$100,000 had been secured. This success brought the college again into favorable notice and in 1856 the roll had reached 106 students. We present a view of the college as it appeared at this time. The financial success was temporary. The scholarships cut off most of the revenue from tuition, so that



JENKS CHEMICAL HALL.

the increase in the number of students was a burden rather than otherwise. In 1857 Dr. McLean resigned and the trustees found themselves worse off than ever. This condition grew worse until the breaking out of the war in 1861, when added to the pecuniary loss—the call to arms depleted the attendance so much that the college was almost without students. In 1863 there was no commencement. In 1863 President McPhail

resigned and a special meeting of the board of trustees was called, in Philadelphia, to see if it were advisable to suspend altogether. We drop the thread to note that the war record of La Fayette was honorable. Of the regular graduates living at the time and not beyond military age, over twenty-six per cent. entered the service. The roll of honor shows 226 members of Lafayette—many of them officers and some distinguished. Yale sent twenty-five per cent. and the other New England colleges twenty-three, so our Lafayette led the procession.

A special committee was appointed by the trustees of this memorable meeting to confer with the faculty in regard to the



PARDEE HALL.

future. To the three self-sacrificing professors, Coffin, March and Coleman, who promised to run the college another year at all hazards, no doubt is due a great share of the subsequent success of Lafayette College.

At this critical juncture attention was directed to the Rev. Wm. C. Cattell, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Harrisburg, who had formerly been a member of the faculty, and he was tendered the presidency. His pastorate of three years had been successful and with deep regret he accepted the call under the conviction that he was called to a higher work. Dr. Cattell was inaugurated in the college chapel July 26, 1864.

New vitality was at once infused into the college and from this day dates the ever onward and upward career of Lafayette. During this year the most remarkable revival in the history of the college took place, which seemed like the seal of God set anew upon the institution.

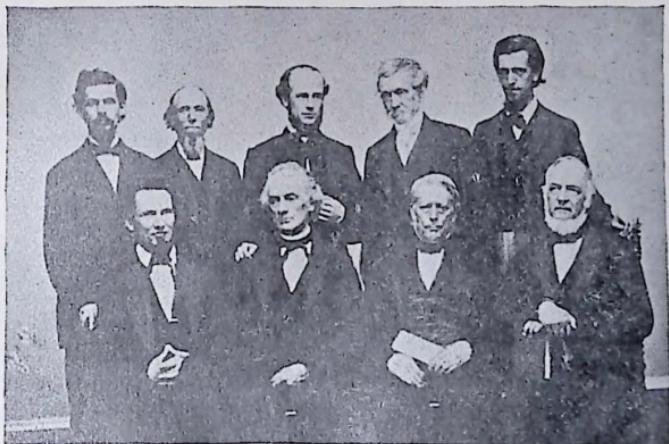
At this time there were forty-six students enrolled. The year 1865 however witnessed the first solid enthusiasm among the students. At the opening of the fall term fifty-one students registered, the class of '69 polling twenty-two, the largest class which had entered for some years. Very well does the writer remember how, going to Easton an entire stranger, he was impressed with the lovely town, and when for the first time he gazed upon the grand bluff surmounted by the college with its lovely surroundings, his being was infused with rapturous delight over the thought of spending four whole years in the midst of so much grandeur. More vividly still can he recall the awe which possessed him at first sight of "the faculty," and how his knees shook when tremblingly he tried to answer the questions of the preliminary examinations. The history of Lafayette from that time to the present day is a living realization, and if what may be recorded here shall seem out of place the writer's love for the cradle of his youth must be his plea for overstepping the bounds. As effort is made to call facts pertaining to the sunrise and career of the college, come surging recollections of good times that have been, loved companions now scattered far and wide, or numbered with the sleeping majority; venerable and much loved professors, some of whom have been called home to receive their reward for the good deeds done in the body. All these and much more wells up, a strange mixture of sadness and sweet memories, to drive away the thoughts which struggle to assume shape. A recounting of personal connection with the college will be reserved for a history of the Phi charge now in course of preparation, which will appear in the June number.

At this time the college appeared substantially as in 1850 and was known as East College—a smaller building known as West College had been built a short distance to the south. These were the only buildings existing. Dr. Cattell had taken

hold of his work with a vim which could only terminate in success. He devoted the vigor of his middle life to the laborious task of building up Lafayette. Meeting much to discourage the most ardent laborer, never faltering when surrounded by the darkest gloom, severely criticised by his warmest friends for his seemingly wild ideas, the noble man kept on, toiling day and night, soliciting money and friends for the college, until finally after twenty long and faithful years of unceasing toil he had the supreme satisfaction of seeing Lafayette rise to a position of commanding eminence, and when in 1883, with a broken constitution and rapidly failing health, he laid down the reins of office, he fondly gazed upon one of the best institutions of learning in America, and could have truthfully said, "Behold the fruits of my labor which by the blessing of God and the co-operation of a faithful faculty has become one of the best and most famous colleges in the land." The world will read in the work itself the fittest praise of the energy and ability of President Cattell, whose best work will not be recorded in written history, but in the hearts and lives of the hundreds of students whose characters were moulded under his personal influence, and who now occupy positions of honor and trust all over this broad land, and are disseminating the truth as received from him. Among the relics of college days the picture here presented of the faculty as it existed in 1865 was found. It will recall to every alumnus of the sixties who may chance to see it, many memories. Photography had not attained its present perfection in those days, and the picture is yellow with age. The reproduction faithfully represents it and recollections of yore will easily replace all that is lacking.

The college grounds have been enlarged by successive purchases till they now cover thirty-three acres, upon which many improvements have been made. Beginning the stage of improvement, the Astronomical observatory was erected in 1865. It is located in the rear and east of the main building—is built of limestone, cost \$15,000 and was the gift of Dr. Traill Green. It consists of a tower and two transit rooms with lecture room attached. Jenks' Chemical Hall was also started in 1865. Its position is east of the main building and partly

down the bluff. This building originally designed exclusively for chemical work is built of limestone, two stories high, containing numerous laboratories and lecture rooms, and cost \$32,000. Extensive repairs were next made to the main building, and its name changed from "East College" to "South College." A wing was added to each end. East wing contains "Eastonian hall," the library and reading rooms. The first floor with two galleries (occupying the space of the second floor) makes a commodious and convenient library. Above are the President's rooms and three lecture halls. The cost of this wing was \$23,000. The west wing contains the chapel (a



THE FACULTY OF LAFAYETTE IN 1865.

double story) numerous lecture rooms, and professors' private rooms. Cost \$33,000. The clock tower connects this wing with the main building. The view will complete the description. Old West College has been refitted and contains the treasurer's office and a vault for the college archives, also Prof. March's lecture room on the second floor.

Pardee Hall, one of the most magnificent college buildings in this country, begun in 1871 and completed in 1873, occupies a commanding position east of the astronomical observatory. Space forbids an extended description. The picture will convey some idea of the elegant structure. It was a munificent gift to the scientific department by its founder, Ario Pardee.

The building cost \$300,000. It was fitted throughout with the most perfect modern appliances for scientific instruction. On the evening of June — 1879, a fire destroyed this grand structure. It was at once rebuilt, externally the counterpart of the former building, but with improved interior arrangements. The building was reopened and dedicated November 30, 1880. One of the most distinguished parties ever present at any college exercises were present on this occasion. The President of the United States, the Governor of Pennsylvania, Members of the Cabinet, etc. Prof. Francis S. March, LL. D., delivered the oration. A large number of "students' homes," as the dormitories are called, have been built for the convenience of the students. It is a remarkable fact that Lafayette has never received a dollar by direct bequest until within the last three months. The total value of the college property now is \$817,414.75, of which \$559,435.37 is in buildings, land and apparatus. This colossal sum has been contributed by the citizens of Easton and the numerous friends of the college who are interested in education. To Dr. Cattell belongs the credit of interesting these friends and securing the greatest portion of the funds. The best friend of the college however is the much respected Ario Pardee, who in addition to his munificent donations of money has given three noble sons to the College and Theta Delta Chi. In 1865 Mr. Pardee gave \$20,000 to the struggling college in the time of its sorest need. From time to time he has continued donations till they now reach half a million dollars. The writer well remembers the joy which filled the hearts of both faculty and students when the first sum was received. It dissipated the gloom that surrounded the institution and it has since been prospered continually. The attendance has increased steadily since 1865. At present the average attendance is 300. The faculty numbers twenty-five. The curriculum is of the highest order.

Of the fraternities the earliest to be planted in Lafayette was Phi Kappa Sigma which established her Gamma Chapter in 1853; then Delta Kappa Epsilon with her Rho Chapter 1855; Zeta Psi with her Tau Chapter in 1857. These were all the fraternities represented in 1865. Delta Kappa Epsilon at that

time only had one man. Zeta Psi was the leading society with about ten members. The faculty were somewhat opposed to fraternities and contemplated following in the footsteps of Princeton, where the "edict expurgans" had just been passed. Everything was done "sub rosa." The faculty decided in 1866 not to interfere and shortly after Theta Delta Chi was established. About the same time Delta Kappa Epsilon blossomed out afresh and swung openly several good men. In 1867 Sigma Chi was added to the list. The fraternities began to be felt in college politics. They swung out boldly and the faculty tacitly acquiesced. In 1869 Phi Kappa Psi was added. As the years rolled on and students increased so also did the number of fraternities. As is generally the case, with a large number of students and much strife, the standard of all the fraternities was lowered. Between 1865 and 1869 the fraternity men of Lafayette were the pride of the institution and her main stay. A healthy rivalry existed, lacking entirely the acrimonious strife of later years. Theta Delta Chi became the popular society in the town, with Zeta Psi and Sigma Chi following closely in the wake. All however were friendly and a pleasant harmony existed among all except Phi Kappa Sigma, which was composed of a class of men not congenial. From them all the other societies kept aloof. Phi Kappa Sigma became extinct in 1882 and Sigma Chi in 1887. At the present time there are nine fraternities having chapters at Lafayette. The following is the list in the order of their establishment, the number of members taken from last year's *Melange*:

Delta Kappa Epsilon . . . . .	1855 . . . . .	18
Zeta Psi . . . . .	1857 . . . . .	11
Theta Delta Chi . . . . .	1866 . . . . .	14
Phi Kappa Psi . . . . .	1869 . . . . .	9
Phi Delta Theta . . . . .	1873 . . . . .	14
Chi Phi . . . . .	1874 . . . . .	13
Delta Tau Delta . . . . .	1874 . . . . .	8
Phi Gamma Delta . . . . .	1883 . . . . .	11
Delta Upsilon . . . . .	1885 . . . . .	15
Total membership,		113

There is also a chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon, having fifteen



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members; Sigma Gamma, a senior honorary society founded in 1887; Tau Epsilon, ninety-one class society, and Delta Chi Delta, ninety-two class society. Baird's work credits Lafayette with the Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. No mention however is made in the *Melange*, therefore it is presumed that no chapter is active at this time. The *Melange*, Lafayette's College annual, is well up to the general average of these high class publications. A monthly literary periodical has for a number of years been issued by the students, and so far as the writer knows is still being published.

It would hardly seem just that this already too long history should be closed without a word in regard to the beautiful town in which the college is located. Easton is a lovely city lying in the Lehigh valley at its termination—"the forks of the Delaware." The Lehigh empties into the Delaware and forms the eastern and southern borders of the city. The Delaware separates it from New Jersey and the large town of Phillipsburg. The Lehigh separates Easton from South Easton. Extending to the westward is the picturesque Lehigh valley; bordered on the north by the high mountain at whose base runs the Bushkill Creek. Across this stream and on a broad plateau some 250 feet above are the college grounds, a grand and sightly spot, from which can be seen the entire surrounding country. Still back of this is a high mountain on whose dizzy heights is located Paxinosa Inn, a famous summer hotel. The scenery of this entire region exhibits the grandest and most sublime beauties of nature and adds to the teaching of science and art, that of God's wondrous works. In the balmy days of the writer's experience the student was awe struck by the dizzy scaffolding of stairs, which extended from the foot of the hill, up, up, and still up by steep and still steeper flights, containing by actual count 276 steps from the bottom of the hill to the chapel floor. Years can never efface the memory of stair climbing. Thousands of times, at all hours of day and night, did we make the wearisome journey, but all that has now passed away and as we return to view again the scenes of our college days our heart yearns for the old hemlock stairs with the polished hand railing—polished by the many hands gliding

over it on the lightning flights down these giddy stairs—on which were carved the cabalistic symbols and familiar names of men who have since become familiar to the world as famous and honored scions of old Lafayette. We find instead a beautiful and picturesque winding pathway, with occasionally a few massive stone steps, which makes an easy and attractive approach. Or standing at the old square—the trysting place so familiar to every student of the college, and in fact the only place in town which remains exactly the same—we can take the electric road and in a twinkling be whirled around the hill and landed on the plateau just north of the college grounds, surely easy but lacking the charms of the old way. The recollections of by gone days crowd in upon the brain so fast that this sketch almost knows no end. We leave the memories, and cheerfully testify that each of the many years which have elapsed since the halls of old Lafayette ceased to know the sound of the writer's voice, has but added to his love for Alma Mater, and to-day he is proud to exhibit the square of parchment which confers upon him the honorable title of A. M. It is also a firm conviction that every member of the Phi charge who peruses this rude sketch will join in the wish that the honor of Lafayette may never grow less so long as the sun shall rise and set.

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Another California Letter.

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ON THE VINEYARD NEAR }  
FRESNO, CAL., December 30, 1890. }

MY DEAR BROTHER: Your several favors, card, SHIELD and menu, came duly to hand. I am under many obligations to you for them. The menu is a very handsome affair. The SHIELD is better than ever, I remit herewith for the same. I congratulate you on the good work you are doing and also upon your election to the presidency of the Grand Lodge. I wish you success and feel that the continued advancement of the fraternity is assured.

Along with your favors came another,—a selection of almanacs with the cabalistic letters "ΩΔΧ" appended and marked *personal*. It is a rainy day and as I can do little else I'll assume you guilty of the almanac affair and vent my spleen on your devoted head. When a small boy I

was reared under very blue Presbyterian influences, I was compelled to an observance of the Sabbath that would have made a limited term in states-prison preferable. It was a day devoted to sectarian observances and the mastication of cold victuals. After my youthful limbs—my “too substantial” feet hanging about six inches from the floor—had for two mortal hours more been racked on one of those instruments of torture called a “pew,” a maiden relative took me home and in hand. She looked upon life as a solemn procession marching ‘twixt cemeteries. She would seat me upon a Windsor chair—first cousin to that other instrument of torture, a “pew”—and proceed to pump me full of catechism. Even now imagination pictures the ecclesiastical skeleton, scythe in hand, chasing a horribly frightened boy and underneath, the admonition “Time cuts down all, both great and small.” Unfond memory recalls the picture of a much-maligned mother, Eve—in very full dress—standing under a dwarf crab-apple tree, handing Adam an apple about the size of a Hubbard squash. I remember, too, that Adam had his hair barbered after the style of a certain very select and exclusive “set” at Sing Sing. Nor was I allowed to stray into the broad and forbidden pathway by wandering out on the green sward among the rose-bushes with some entertaining book to read. In that far-off mountain home, at the age of seven years, I was furnished with literature which was thought not to be of too light a nature,—such as Doddridge on Regeneration, Edwards on Original Sin, Baxter’s Saints Rest, and Call to the Unconverted and Nelson on Infidelity—which I innocently called “in-fiddle-ty” to the pious horror of my moral guardian and teacher aforesaid.

I had a longing for Fox’s Book of Martyrs but it was deemed of too light a nature for Sunday reading,—especially as it was profusely illustrated with baneful representations of the different style of martyrdom. Probably a disposition on my part to render the martyr business dramatic was the true cause of its retirement. On a certain week day this devout female found her pet tabby stretched on the cross arms of a saw-buck in the woodshed—a la St. Andrew—and yours truly, with Fox’s Book of Martyrs, laid open upon a box, for a guide, shooting her full of arrows. I was getting along pretty well for a young practitioner in archery until an accumulation of unforeseen events (not laid down in Fox’s guide book) led me to conclude that this maiden relative was not so entirely free from the leaven of unrighteousness but that she could, when occasion required, indulge in the free and forcible use of buccaneer language and loose barrel staves. From that moment I lost interest in that text book on practical theology,—dropped the subject of martyrs out of mind and the cat into a neighboring well.

It was during that period of pious imprisonment when the declining sun of a Sabbath “moved on with the slow, relentless tread of a man working by the day,” that I acquired the vicious habit of reading almanacs. Sunday afternoon I would purloin the family almanac, secrete it in my

garberdine, stealing away to some secluded spot where, laying aside those metaphysical works on pre-adamic-sin, I could plunge into those wild, weird stories retailed by the maker of calendars. There was John Muldoon,—hadn't been able to stand on his rheumatic legs for ten years,—one bottle of Longname's Liniment, and Muldoon was able to run—run for alderman—carried his ward by a large majority. He writes his recommendation of this liniment from some town in Canada. Then I would ponder over the Waterbury movement of the man whom Josh Billings referred to as "sacrificed upon the altar of Zodiac." Then there was the wondrous lung-restorer—vouched for by Congressman Biglie—had completely run out of lungs during the last campaign—had to draw his breath with a string—was about to let go the string—one bottle of lung-restorer and he could blow the bottom out of a bottle of \* \* \* Hennessy Brandy and had a breath that would burn a hole in a rubber blanket. Then there was the testimonial of Dr. Dosem on the Liver Regulator. He had been an invalid for fifteen years—his liver had been of no practical use to him—wasn't worth carrying home—his constitution had been completely destroyed and he had lived five years on the by-laws—one bottle of the liver regulator and he had his constitution amended, the by-laws revised and liver to let.

Now, you will agree with me, my dear boy, that it is fearfully hard for an active, healthy boy, possessed of a modicum of the original Adam, to keep strictly in the path of rectitude when there is nothing funnier in the house than an almanac. However, this is much like *pate de foie gras*,—you like it when you get used to it. I therefore desire to thank you—or—if not your act—the brother who sent me this choice selection of almanacs, with the assurance of my gratitude as long as they are current and if they keep me posted on the "dark of the moon" when my neighbors' watermelons are ripe, gratitude will continue to ooze from my system.

Enough of this! Now let me waft you another zephyr. I am obliged to you for your very complimentary notice of myself in the last SHIELD. I will say that you married me off too young. I was married Sept. 22, 1884 (not 1874)—and again, I captured the oratorical prize in Junior year (not Senior.) I think you put the praises on pretty strong—my dear Holmes, that is considering the subject you had in hand. I could not believe all that flattering notice—that is, not without stimulants.

Don't fail to notify me when my subscription is due. Consider me a permanent subscriber. With the best wishes for your success, and the assurance of my regards believe me in Θ Δ X. Yours faithfully—with tonics,

NATHAN LA FAYETTE BACHMAN.

## Our Graduates.

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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 *an courant* with and pleasantly mention every graduate member and will be glad to do so if our wishes are fulfilled.—EDITOR.

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Rev. Wallace B. Lucas, D. D., Hamilton, '66, was born in Cortland, N. Y., January 28th, 1843. He prepared for college at Cortlandville Academy where he graduated in 1862. The fall of the same year he entered Hamilton, graduating in 1866 as a high oration man. After graduating he took the full course of three years in Auburn Theological Seminary and was chosen as one of the speakers on graduating day. Before leaving the seminary he had been elected pastor of the Presbyterian church in Meridian, N. Y., and entered upon his work in May, 1869. For eighteen years he occupied that position with great acceptance to the people. The house of worship was rebuilt and enlarged, and the membership increased from 140 to 208. In the spring of 1887 the synod of New York chose him as the Synodical Superintendent of Weak and Vacant Churches and Mission Fields for the western half of the state. For nearly four years he has discharged the duties of that office without interruption. During that time he has traveled 37,619 miles, visited 441 churches and preached 622 sermons. Six new churches have been organized, several vacant fields occupied and the general work of the Presbyterian church strengthened. Dr. Lucas feels the need of relief from the responsibilities of his office for a few months and has arranged to take a trip to Egypt and Palestine, in company with Prof. Jas. S. Riggs, D. D., of Auburn Theological Seminary, and a number of other clergymen. They sailed for Antwerp on Westernland of the Red Star line, February 18th, 1891.

—The SHIELD wishes Brother Lucas a safe voyage, a delicious rest, a happy time all around and a safe return. Brother Lucas has paid the SHIELD several short calls which have been greatly enjoyed. He is one of those whose hearts burn with love for the good old fraternity, and who spread abroad the glory of our order by the honorable place he holds, and the good work he is doing.

J. Frank Lemon, Hamilton, '88, one of the brightest minds and most loyal spirits ever known to our fraternity died at Asheville, N. C., November 27th, 1890. A favorite with everyone, he was especially beloved by those of Psi who knew him as a college student. Possessed of a

striking figure and bearing and a conversational power truly wonderful, his presence inspired every one with good feeling and jollity, and no one could know him but to love him. He left Hamilton before his course was completed and his Bachelor's degree was taken at Colgate University. Journalism was his chosen profession. He at once entered Harvard to obtain the final preparation for his life work, for which he had taste and ability. At this time, a fine physique and strong voice bespoke for him years of good health. But ere long the marks of disease were upon him and he was compelled to give up his purpose. He sought renewed health in the salubrious climate of California; but climates or physicians could not stay the progress of the dread destroyer. To avoid the dangers attendant upon the northern winter he went south with his mother, and there, watched over by her hovering love, passed away on Thanksgiving morning. He was laid to rest at Westmoreland, New York, only a few miles from the scene of his college joys. Members of Psi Charge were present and paid a tribute of love to his memory. His life was full of promise and the ideas he set for himself and the fraternity were lofty and noble. None of us can tell what he might have wrought out for himself had he lived, but we know it would have been something exalted and useful. His ideas of life and his loyalty to Theta Delta Chi are worthy of emulation.

C. M. Melden, Boston University, '80, is pastor of the Flint Street M. E. Church, Somerville, Mass. After graduation he labored in Byfield, Lawrence, and Northampton. Besides this pastoral work Brother Melden has been identified with the Chatauqua movement, lecturing before several assemblies, and has been active in temperance work. He is now pursuing a post graduate course in Boston University.

J. P. Fox, Lambda, '83, managing editor of the Boston Courier, was elected President of the Boston University Alumni Association at the last annual meeting.

W. P. Odell, Boston University, '80, as is perhaps known to many of the brothers, after a very successful pastorate at Malden, received a flattering call to the Delaware Avenue Church, Buffalo, N. Y. Brother Odell, with his characteristic push, however, amid his many pastoral cares and the pursuit of a post-graduate course in the School of all Sciences, succeeded in undermining his health to some extent. So before resuming active work in his Buffalo charge, he is recruiting at the home of his parents at Lake Village, N. H. We expect and hope to report in the next SHIELD Brother Odell's complete recovery.

S. I. Bailey, Boston University, '81, is still in the tropics in charge of the Harvard Astronomical expedition in Peru. We hope to print in the near future a personal from Brother Bailey's own pen. An article, however, appeared in the *Boston Herald* of January 5th from which I glean that Brother Bailey has moved his observatory from Mt. Harvard to Vincaya in the neighborhood of Arequipa.

**H. H. Newton**, Boston University, '83, has been practising law for about a year at 19 Milk St., Boston. With much reluctance the School Committee at Wellfleet released Brother Newton from his engagement as Principal of the High School in that town; he was also at this time licensed as a local preacher, and in company with the village pastor, helped on a sweeping revival of religion that embraced nearly the whole town. Thus in many ways the town's people were forging the chains to keep him there; but Brother Newton had his mind made up to apply at the bar, and to Boston he came. With the vim that always conquers, he has since applied himself to his profession, as well as continued teaching in the evening High Schools of East Boston and Waltham. Bright and busy would describe Brother Newton to-day.

**A. R. Archibald**, Boston University, '83, has just returned east from his pastoral charge in Minnesota, and is employed in the office of the *Christian Witness*, McDonald Gill & Co., 36 Bromfield St., Boston.

**G. H. Fall**, Boston University, '83, received his A. M. in '84 and graduated from the Law School in '87. In '84 he married Miss Anna Christy also of the class of '83. Since 1885 Brother Fall has been on the Boston University faculty as Lecturer on Roman Law. Mrs. Fall had the honor this year of being admitted to the bar before the completion of her course in the Law School, and in conjunction with this course practises at the office of her husband, 33 Pemberton square. Brother Fall contemplates petitioning the legislature for permission to form a co-partnership.

**C. D. Jones**, Boston University, '86, after serving for a year on the medical staff of the New York Insane hospital, moved to Malden, Mass., where he is now rapidly gaining a name in medicine.

**A. L. Bartlett**, Boston University, '84, as all know, is at Riverside, Cal. News reaches us that he has just opened a law office. Success to our honored ex-president.

**C. W. Blackett**, Boston University, '88, has the pastorate of a fine church in Natick, the First Methodist, from which have gone out Dr. Dorchester as Superintendent of Indian schools, and Dr. Gracey as Minister to China. We hope that for our sakes Brother Blackett will not accept similar state appointments, although he has struck such a strong current of official favor. He occasionally drops in on Lambda, and in return for the hearty welcome given him, raises the mercury in our fraternal thermometer many degrees.

**F. R. Magee**, Boston University, '88, is engaged in business at Room 21, 113 Devonshire St., Boston, with R. D. Wilson & Co. Brother Magee is making a specialty in electrical securities, and particularly at present is exploiting an enterprise of a new telegraph system, which is commended by all who have seen it, and which Brother Magee enthusiastically says will be known to the world in a short time, the Essick Printing Telegraph System.

**W. D. Woodward**, Boston University, '83, immediately after graduating in '83, entered the Theological School of Boston University, graduating in '86. He was stationed that year at East Blackstone, Mass., and the next three years in Hope Valley, R. I. Here he found "the best girl in all the world," and was married May 23d, 1889, to Miss Ida J. Gray. A little baby girl, Edith Irene, gladdens their home life. In April, 1890, he removed to Rockland, Mass., and became pastor of the Rockland M. E. Church.

**Frank S. Rice**, Lafayette, '71, has been spending some time in the East in the interest of the Gold Bug Consolidated Mining and Milling Co., of which he is President. Bro. Rice spent some time in Elmira. Mrs. Rice and their two children accompanied them. While here, one of the children, a lovely boy about two years old, was taken violently ill with diphtheria, and in less than a week their hearts were bereaved by the call of the death angel, and the return to their home in Aspen, Col., was a sad home going. Bro. Rice is one of the loyal and enthusiastic Theta Deltas who wears his pin where none can fail to see it. He says he does not propose to let any brother get away from him. In the West, or any far region, all graduates should be especially careful to wear their pins. What more honorable token can a man display than a college society badge? Take pattern from Bro. Rice.

**W. R. Stockbridge, Jr.** Boston University, '88, has recently been appointed Secretary of the Employés' Accident Insurance Co., of Boston. The company, although recently organized, is doing a large business, and Bro. Stockbridge, although devoting his time to its success, still has plenty of leisure to greet brother Theta Deltas and extend a cordial invitation to all brothers visiting Boston to call and see him. His office is very central, being at 13 School street.

**Emerson A. Kimball**, Boston University, '88, has been teaching since graduation in St. Luke's School, located at Bustleton, Pa. He has charge of the classical department.

**F. L. Baldwin**, Boston University, '88, is located at Bustleton, Pa. He is instructor in French and German in St. Luke's School.

**A. L. Janes**, Boston University, '89, is Principal of the High School at Middlebury, Vt.

**H. O. Aiken**, Dartmouth, '87, is Principal of the High School at Northfield, Vt.

**John Van W. Reynders**, R. P. I., '88, is at present located with the Pennsylvania Steel Co., at Steelton, Pa. The SHIELD received a short but delightful call from Bro. Reynders in December. His blood boils hot for the old fraternity. LATER.—Since above was put in type, word comes indirectly that Bro. Reynders has been appointed engineer of the new bridge construction department of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, and that his address is Box 119, Harrisburg, Pa.

**Henry R. Gibson**, Hobart, '62, is Chancellor of the Second Chancery Division of Tennessee, located at Knoxville, Tenn. In a recent letter he pays the SHIELD a graceful compliment.

**A. L. Livermore**, Dartmouth, '88, is practicing law in Houston, Tex. He is associated with Perryman and Gillespie. Bro. Livermore was married October 21, 1890, to Miss Henrietta J. Wells, daughter of Judge Henry J. Wells, of Cambridge, Mass.

**W. P. Kelly**, Dartmouth, '86, resigned his position at South Hadley, Mass., in the spring, and is now instructor of English in Rugby Academy, St. Louis, Mo., a new school that opened this year with ninety pupils and nine teachers.

**L. H. Ingham**, Dartmouth, '89, is a member of the faculty of Kenyon College, Gambier, O.

**Fred. R. Shapleigh**, Dartmouth, '88, after graduation became local editor of the Great Falls (N. H.) *Free Press*. He left this position in September, 1890, to accept a place on the staff of the Boston *Herald*. In November last he was tendered a fine position with the Rogers Typograph Co., and now is with them, located in their main office, 21 Seneca street, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Fred. B. Coville**, Cornell, '87, is Botanist of the expedition sent out to explore the "Valley of Death." This interesting spot is an alkali desert extending from the Wasatch to the Sierra Nevada mountains, covering Utah, Nevada and part of California. It is a valley shut in between gigantic ranges, which rise ten thousand feet high, while the plain is 125 feet below the level of the sea. The temperature is constantly above 100 degrees. Bird and animal life are scarce. To determine what animal and vegetable life does exist in these great wastes is the object of this expedition. It consists of thirty people, and is sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture. Bro. Coville has thrilling experiences before him in this work. He recently spent a summer in Arkansas performing similar duties.

**John W. Little**, Union, '60, is located at 10 Wall street. Since 1867 he has been a Registrar in Bankruptcy, and also a United States Commissioner since 1870. Bro. Little compiled the first catalogue of the fraternity in 1859, and the original manuscript is well preserved in the archives of the Grand Lodge. An error occurred in his record as it appears in the New York Directory. Please refer to corrections on another page.

**Fred. L. Johnson**, Bowdoin, '81, has been connected with the United States Signal Service since January, 1882, having held positions at different places. From 1882 to 1883 he was assistant observer at Washington, D. C., and in Virginia. From January, '84, to March, '84, he was observer in charge at Barnegat City, N. J. From March, '84, to June, '87, he was assistant librarian at Washington, D. C. From July, '87, to June,

'88, he was assistant observer in Rochester, N. Y. Since then he has been observer in charge at Wichita, Kansas. He is a member of various literary and scientific societies of Wichita. He was married Nov. 14, 1889, to Miss Augusta Lee Hoyt, a grand niece of Gen. Robert E. Lee. He received the degree of M. D. from Howard University in 1887, after three years study. Address, 523 The Sedgwick, Wichita, Kansas.

Frank J. Metcalf, Boston University, '86, is in the field of journalism. At present he is engaged on *Light*, a society journal published in Worcester, Mass. He has just completed a history of the Ashland High School, from its beginning in 1856 to date. Judging from the look of this neat and well arranged pamphlet he would be a capital man to take up and finish our new Catalogue. There is the appearance of much labor displayed, and Bro. Metcalf is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts.

Edward L. Swazey, Bowdoin, '81, left college in the first part of his sophomore year and became engaged in stock raising in Wyoming and Colorado until 1887. Since that time he has been in the same business in Elk county, Kansas. While a resident of Carbon county, Wyoming, in 1886, he was a candidate for the legislature. He was married in 1882, at Manchester, N. H., to Miss Harriet I. Scott. His present address is Howard, Elk county, Kansas.

Charles P. Addams, Dickinson, '84, is a rising member of the Cumberland county, Pa., bar. He is actively engaged in politics and has been chairman of the Republican County Committee so long that they think of making it a life office for him.

Lincoln J. Bodge, Bowdoin, '89, was admitted to the bar at Minneapolis, Minn., December 1, 1890. Bro. Bodge was one of the eight candidates for admission, and stood first of the four who were successful.

John R. Clark, Bowdoin, '89, resigned his position as Principal of Kennebunk, Me., High School in December last, to accept a desirable situation with the Maine Banking Co., Kansas City, Mo.

Fred. C. Russell, Bowdoin, '89, has just completed a successful term as Principal of Pembroke, Me., High School. This school has been taught successively by eight Theta Deltas.

Prof. A. E. Rogers, Bowdoin, '76, now Professor of Modern Languages in Maine State College, was admitted to the Penobscot county bar at Bangor, Me., Jan. 24, 1891.

Edward W. Byrn, Dickinson, '70, is a patent attorney and mechanical expert. His address is Washington, D. C.

Frederick L. Smith, Dickinson, '86, is engaged in the practice of the legal profession at Hazleton, Pa.

Hon. Joseph Bennett. Bowdoin, '64, is a member of the Massachusetts Senate.

**Joseph R. Swan**, Kenyon '72, was elected president of the Utica Herald Publishing Co., of Utica, N. Y., on the reorganization of that corporation in October, 1890. The company publish that bright and influential Republican paper the Utica Morning *Herald*, the editorial pen of which has for many years been wielded by our much beloved brother, J. H. Cunningham, of the Psi. Brother Swan is a lawyer of lucrative practice, and is largely interested in street railway matters in the city of Syracuse.

**Irving N. Gere**, Hamilton 1883, removed from Syracuse in December last to Middletown, Va., which has become his permanent residence. He is secretary and treasurer of the Middletown Carriage Company. Brother Gere clamors for a new catalogue so he may find out if there are any Theta Deltas in his region. Any brother residing in that part of the country will find it worth his while to visit Brother Gere. The SHIELD can assure him a most rousing welcome.

**Alex M. Rich**, Hobart '85, was ordained to the ministry September 21, 1890, and is located at Harrisonville, Md. His residence is at Reisters-town, eight miles distant.

**Franklin Sheble**, Cornell '88, is now engaged in the expert department of the Thompson-Houston Electric Co., at Lynn, Mass.

**Lee H. Parker**, Cornell '89, is at present in the employ of the Short Electric Co., at St. Louis.

**S. A. Sherman**, Amherst '83, has left the Pennsylvania Charter high school in Philadelphia, and is now teaching in Providence, R. I.

**A. W. Crockett**, Amherst '90, is principal of the Northwood Seminary at Northwood Ridge, N. H.

**C. J. Humphrey**, Amherst '89, is in the investment business at Wellington, Kan.

**Frank L. Jones**, Columbia '88, is at present in the advertising department of the *Mail and Express*, No. 23 Park Row. Brother Jones has become tired of wagging his weary way alone and rumor has it that in the balmy month of May he will take unto himself a wife.

**Edward S. Brown**, R. P. I. '92, has been elected supervisor of Wheatland, N. Y. He made the very best run of any candidate on the Republican ticket.

The engagement of Ricardo M. Arango, R. P. I. '87, to Miss Beatrice DeRoux, both of Panama, South America, is announced.

**G. S. Groesbeck**, R. P. I. '89, has resigned his position with The King Iron Bridge & Manufacturing Co., of Cleveland, and is at his home in Lansingburg, N. Y.

**W. J. C. Wakefield**, Dartmouth '85, of Ludlow, Vt., has been appointed Master in Chancery for the district of Washington by United States Circuit Judge Lorenzo Sawyer and United States District Judge Cornelius H. Hanford.

L. M. Kendall, Cornell '78, formerly superintendent of schools at Leavenworth, Kans., has removed to Chicago to take a responsible position with Giinn & Co.

W. O. Waters, Hobart '82, holds the position of curator of Hobart Hall at the University of Michigan.

H. M. Gillett, Cornell '74, is a prosperous lawyer at Bay City, Mich.

James H. Bradbury, Tufts '79, is at present with the Jarbeau Opera Troup.

Dr. Lorenzo D. Burroughs, Columbia '89, is established in practice at Saginaw, Mich.

Robert Perine, Hamilton '90, has resigned his position with the Lansingburgh (N. Y.) Academy and has entered the Auburn Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y.

P. B. Roberts, Cornell '87, is now located near Canton, Miss., engaged in stock raising. He has recently been north on a visit to his father, Prof. Roberts of Cornell.

E. J. Brown, Dartmouth '74, is practicing medicine in Minneapolis, Minn. His address is 24 South Fourth street.

H. O. Aiken, Dartmouth '97, read a paper at the Vermont Teachers' convention at Montpelier. Brother Aiken is principal of the Northfield high school.

W. F. Gregory, Dartmouth '88, has been appointed instructor in Latin in the Hartford, Conn., high school at a salary of \$1,400. His address is 815 Asylum avenue.

Warner J. Hutchinson, Dartmouth '84, is practicing law with the firm of Wadsworth & Son, Buffalo, N. Y.

Egbert L. Carman, Brown 1858, still continues his career as a producer of much that will add to the permanent horticultural history of the country. At the annual meeting of the Society of American Florists, held in Boston last fall, Brother Carman read an essay on "Crossing and Hybridizing," which was greeted with a tumult of applause. A new and valuable book on "The New Potato Culture" has just been published, which will be an authority among raisers of this favorite fruit. Extended comments on scientific works of this character are altogether out of the editor's sphere, so we leave it, glad to know that our brother is adding to the many laurels which already crown his brow.

John Markle, Lafayette '80, of Jeddo, Pa., is becoming famous in coal mining. Those only who have lived in the coal regions can fully appreciate the difficulties, dangers and annoyances of this precarious business. The editor having spent eight years of his life in the midst of such scenes appreciates the kind words which are spoken of Brother Markle, one of Phi's most popular members, and is pleased to reproduce the following from the *Hazleton Sentinel* of Nov. 24, 1890. "One of the greatest en-

gineering exploits in the mining history of the world is about to be begun. It is nothing less than the commencement of the Jeddo Tunnel, which will be built for the purpose of draining the flooded mines of Harleigh and Ebervale. It will restore these now almost abandoned mining villages to more than their early prosperity and will open up coal deposits hitherto unavailable. The articles of incorporation necessary to the organization of the company to build the tunnel were filed on Friday and the company will be known as the Jeddo Tunnel Company Limited. The office of the company will be at Jeddo, and Mr. John Markle is the president of the company and the projector of this, one of the greatest engineering feats of the age. The magnitude of the work is hard to be estimated. The cost in money of the work of driving the five miles of tunnel is almost incalculable. The scheme of tunneling through the mountain, draining the mines and opening apparently inexhaustible coal deposits originated with Mr. John Markle, the president of the Jeddo Tunnel Company and one of the members of the firm of G. B. Markle & Co. For the past ten years he has been the manager of the coal interests of the firm, and to his ability the signal success of the firm is largely due. The firm of Markle Bros. & Co. have always been the foremost in any movement that would really tend to advance the direct interests of Hazleton, and in this gigantic undertaking they have shown another evidence of their great public spirit, for it is an undertaking without a precedent in the world's history. About one year ago efforts were begun to secure the right of way in Butler Valley and from that time on the preliminary work has been pushed by Mr. Markle and the company now organized will push the work on to rapid completion."

Wilbur H. Burnite, Dickinson, '66, of Felton, Del., is filling the important office of treasurer of his native state. Bro. Burnite is one of the prominent business men of Felton. It is quite evident that Delaware has a good treasurer. His examination of the securities of the state funds has developed the fact that bonds and other securities, amounting to nearly \$700,000 are missing and have been for many years. Being not transferable, the State has continued to receive interest upon them, but no one had discovered their absence.

James Verner Long, Lafayette 1870, of Allegheny, has just received the appointment of Consul to Florence, Italy. The Pittsburg *Dispatch* of February 27 contains the following :

James Verner Long, of Allegheny, was yesterday appointed Consul to Florence, Italy, at a salary of \$6,500 a year. Mr. Long is one of the best known of the younger citizens in society, club and art circles. He is about 35 years of age, with a possibly more youthful appearance. He is a graduate of Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., and took a further course of study at Dresden, later at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. On leaving there he traveled through Europe, studying with minuteness all the great public and private art galleries. A part of his time was spent in Florence, where he now goes as Consul. Of late years he has been giving most of his time to the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, of which body he is an active and leading member. At the same time he has been pursuing a certain amount of art study and library work. He was one of the founders of the popular Art Society of Pittsburg, and for a number of years has been its Secretary. He also represented the State of Pennsylvania in the American Fisheries Society, and is at present a member of the Executive Committee.

Although commanding strong political influence in his candidacy for the Florence Consulate Mr. Long can scarcely be called a politician. He was backed by C. L. Magee, John Dalzell and a number of Pittsburg manufacturers.

Florence is one of the most desirable consulates in the gift of the President and Premier. It is not only one of the most important cities of Europe but one of the most beautiful and brilliant capitals of the world. There are a large number of resident Americans, besides many English, French and Russians who pass most of the year there to avail themselves of the charming climate and fine educational and artistic advantages of this beautiful city.

RUSSELL—WILSON.

Frank W. Russell, Bowdoin '89, was married December 18, 1890, to Miss Mary T. Wilson, at Somerville, Mass.

HAWLEY—NEWTON.

On Christmas day, 1890, Bro. W. C. Hawley, R. P. I. '86, was married to Miss Nellie Newton, of St. Louis, Mo. The ceremony took place at Ferguson, Mo., and Bro. M. R. Sherrerd, R. P. I. '86, acted as best man.

JONES—JEFFERY.

Bro. G. R. Jones, Boston University, '83, was married on September 10, 1890, to Miss Helen Blanche Jeffery. Brother Jones is rising to prominence in the profession of law; has an office at 5 Tremont St., Boston and resides at Melrose, Mass.

TURNER—SAMSON.

The marriage of Hon. Levi Turner, Jr., Bowdoin '86, to Miss Elizabeth Samson, was celebrated at the bride's residence in Waldboro, Mass., February 4, 1891. Brother Turner is at present superintendent of schools in Rockland, Mass. He is well known and much respected in the entire state. He was admitted to the bar in 1890. He was a representative in the last legislature. Miss Samson was the daughter of James Samson, of Waldboro. She has for some time been a teacher in the public schools of Thomaston. She was much loved by her pupils and highly respected in the town. Both have many friends who will wish them unalloyed happiness. They take up their residence in Rockland at the termination of the bridal tour.

LEE—McMAHON.

Thomas Hamilton Lee, Hamilton '83, was married to Miss Hannah McMahon, of Brooklyn, in the West Thirty-fourth street United Presbyterian Church, New York city, March 11. The Rev. J. J. McMahon, of Haverstraw, father of the bride, officiated, and the Rev. J. B. Lee, D. D., father of the bridegroom, assisted in the ceremony. Miss Mollie Knight acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Duncan C. Lee, '91, was the best man. It was quite a fraternity wedding, for in addition the four ushers were Theta Deltas: Julius C. Schreiber, *A*, '86, Dr. A. L. Coville, *B*, '85, John H. Grotecloss, *B*, '84, and Feliciano I. Valdes, *IT<sup>A</sup>*, '86. The church was crowded with the friends and relatives who joined in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Lee and expressing their good wishes for their happy trip south and prosperous journey through life. Brother Lee, who has for some time been a member of the firm of Powers & Lee, dissolved his connection therewith January 28th, and is now located at No. 19 and 20 Equitable Building, 120 Broadway, where he will be glad to welcome his friends, at least as soon as the honeymoon trip is over.

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**In Memory of****THOMAS WHITTEMORE**

CLASS OF '68, TUFTS' COLLEGE.

*Whereas*, It has pleased our kind and loving Heavenly Father to take from our midst THOMAS WHITTEMORE, who was ever a true brother in Theta Delta Chi and a loyal son of Tufts College ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That by his death, Theta Delta Chi Fraternity loses a valued member, and Kappa Charge one who was ever zealous in furthering her interests.

*Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with his afflicted family and all those to whom he had become endeared.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be placed upon the records of Kappa Charge, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family, to each charge of our Fraternity, to the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD, and to the *Tuftsian*.

A. G. RANDALL,  
H. J. PERRY,  
H. H. HOYT,  
} COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

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**In Memory of****LUMOUS WILLIAM BRIGHAM,**

CLASS OF '93, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our number our esteemed brother, Lumous William Brigham, and

WHEREAS, In his death we have lost a faithful and especially earnest brother, it is eminently fitting that we should pay our tribute of respect to his memory; therefore,

*Resolved*, That although humbly submitting to the decree of Almighty God, we mourn his death, and extend to his bereaved friends our warmest sympathy.

*Resolved*, That in the death of our brother, Omicron Deuteron Charge has lost one of its most valued and enthusiastic members, and the fraternity one whose loyalty and upright character won the respect of all.

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of our deceased brother, to the Grand Lodge, to each charge, and to the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD for publication.

For the Charge,

H. E. COLBY '91.  
V. A. DOTY, '92.  
F. W. MILLER, '93.

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HANOVER, N. Y., March 16, 1891.

## THE BUNG-STARTER'S TOAST.

TO THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SCIENTIFIC BUNG-STARTERS.\*

Boys we meet while stars are winking;  
 Night is young !  
 And with well-filled glasses clinking,  
 Songs we've sung.  
 'Tis no time for sighs or sadness,  
 Nor for melancholy madness;  
 But with hearts aglow with gladness—  
 Start the bung !

Hit it once for old-time pleasures;  
 Night is young !  
 And once more for happy measures,  
 We have sung.  
 Strike again for merry hours,  
 Spent in Youth's ambrosial bower;  
 Who hath tasted joy like ours?  
 Start the bung !

Gathered here are spirits peerless;  
 Night is young !  
 Scions of the grim and fearless;  
 Songs have sung.  
 Songs of them of days of old;  
 They who came in quest of gold;  
 In honor of the brave and bold;  
 Start the bung !

Youth and Life lies all before us;  
 Night is young !  
 And the soft winds catch the chorus,  
 That we've sung.  
 Now beneath the sounding rafter,  
 Let us pledge 'twixt tears and laughter;  
 Sires before and sons hereafter—  
 Start the bung !

Ah ! let's quaff each brimming measure;  
 Night is young !  
 Fellow of each vocal treasure,  
 That we've sung.  
 Here's a health to the '49er;  
 And here's to her—there's none diviner—  
 Celestial halos should enshrine her—  
 The joy of every hearth and heart—  
 The wife who rears, of each a part,  
 The little elf who years hereafter,  
 Shall feast, and then mid song and laughter;  
 Start the bung !

—Nathan LaFayette Bachman.

\*The "Bungstarters" is a funny mock degree conferred by the Native Sons of the Golden West—a social and philanthropic order—very popular here. This was read at a supper given after the degree had been conferred in AMPLE form.

BACHMAN.

## Correspondence.

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As many letters are received which are best communicated to the readers of the SHIELD in their natural condition, this department has been organized. Letters are invited on any subject of interest to the Fraternity. Suggestions or opinions on current fraternity topics and reminiscences, or personal history of any Theta Delt, will be welcomed. The opinions advanced are not necessarily approved by the editor. Everyone is permitted to speak his mind.

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ST. PAUL, Dec. 29, 1890.

MY DEAR BRO.: The SHIELD more than fills expectations. The fraternity should be proud of it and give it hearty support. I heartily commend it in every way.

Most truly yours,

M. N. GILBERT.

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BOSTON, Dec. 24, 1890.

DEAR BRO.: Your kindness in forwarding me sample of SHIELD is thoroughly appreciated. Our fraternity ought indeed to be proud of such a volume. I should consider myself unworthy of bearing the name of Theta Delt were I not to subscribe for this disseminator of our fraternity news and thought.

Yours cordially in  $\Theta \Delta X$ ,

W. R. STOCKBRIDGE, JR.

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BELLEVUE, Pa., Feb. 23, 1891.

MR. CLAY W. HOLMES—*Dear Sir:* Inclosed please find payment for SHIELD. Pray allow me to thank you for the pleasure the SHIELD affords me. I only wish it were a monthly instead of a quarterly journal. It should not be read by Theta Delts alone. Every American citizen would be benefited by a careful perusal of the pure and lofty sentiments expressed within the "dainty blue covering."

Most cordially yours,

MARGUERITE ELIZABETH BRADLEY.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
BUREAU OF STEAM ENGINEERING,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11, 1890. }

MY DEAR SIR: I inclose \$2 in payment for a new volume of the SHIELD. Since I have been receiving the publication I have heard more about my old friends and school-mates than since I left Troy, in '62, and it has been very pleasant to hear from them again. Wishing you all sorts of luck, I am

Very truly and fraternally yours,

JAMES H. PERRY.

BUSTLETON, Pa., Jan. 11, 1891.

DEAR BRO.: Enclosed find my belated subscription and a few personals. The last number of the SHIELD was "out of sight." My mind wandered back to the attenuated copper-colored pamphlet that mis-represented the fraternity during my freshman year. I never subscribed for it, as I considered it would be a blessing to the fraternity if the poor thing starved to death for want of support. I'm heartily glad that you have led the SHIELD out of Egypt into the promised land. It is now leading the procession of fraternity publications. "Long may it wave!"

Yours in the bonds,

F. SPENCER BALDWIN.

STANHOPE, N. J., Dec. 10, 1890.

MY DEAR HOLMES: Five minutes ago I received the SHIELD of December. On opening, the first thing I found was the green slip. If promptness in replying to it can be accepted as a token of my appreciation of your work, kindly accept it as such. I congratulate the fraternity on your being now the President of the Grand Lodge. To-night I will devote the time to gleaning the news of the good fellows, dead and alive, and when I have finished the last page I will commence to wish for the next number at once. With a merry Christmas to you and a happy and prosperous new year to our SHIELD,

I am as ever fraternally,

I. P. PARDEE.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., March 3, 1891.

DEAR BRO. HOLMES: Your letter of February 12th received, and I was happy to hear from you. I did make a visit in New Haven for three or four days during January. I went East the latter part of December and returned the latter part of January. I expect to make this place my home, and I think there is no place like Southern California. Fred. Carter, his brother and myself have a ranch of about 60 acres here, set out with orange and lemon trees, and also vines for raisins. I think we can compete with Old Fate in the latter. Bro. Bartlett did have an interest in the ranch with us, and lived here with his wife, but I bought him out, and he has moved up town, where he is practicing law. At present I am living here all alone in a big twelve-room house, my only companion being a small bull pup. Of course it is rather lonesome, but then there are neighbors quite near whom I can go to see evenings, besides a show up town once in a while, and then the Lodge meetings, which I attend regularly. Carter and his brother are coming out next October, and then we shall keep house and have a very pleasant time. While I am writing this the thermometer stands 70° in the shade. I

can't see how any one can live in the frigid East when there is a country like this in the Union. Jim Ruthven, who is located at Allesandro, has been elected Secretary of the Bear Valley Irrigation Co., a very good position indeed. He is only 28 miles away, but I seldom see him, for he is busy and so am I. A great number of tourists from the East spend a day or two here, and they all drive through our ranch, for the Casa Blanca ranch is one of *the* best in the valley. Now, if there should happen to be any Theta Delts who go through here and do not stop, I finding it out, their days will be numbered. If they see a man with a pair of blue overalls on, a flannel shirt and a sombrero, looking rather tough and considerably like a tramp, do not let them hesitate to inquire for the "*foreman*." They will find him, probably not in suitable attire for a fancy dress ball, or a "Junior promenade," but dressed as above. He is a Theta Delt, though, and his heart is shaped like a Shield. Well, time is precious just now, so I must close. Yours in the bonds,

LOUIS C. DUBoIS.

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HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 9, 1871.

DEAR BRO.: I duly received all the numbers of Vol. 6 of the SHIELD and herewith enclose New York draft of \$2.00 for Vol. 7.

I had not seen the magazine for some time, and was much pleased with it. It is certainly worth the subscription price. I was surprised to learn from it that so many Theta Delts have recently settled on the Pacific coast. Fate Bachman, Barber and Jim McLachlan, Hamilton men, in California—their names are as familiar to me to-day as ten years ago. Fitch, once of Hamilton, is President of one of Tacoma's most prosperous banks. You ask me for some of my personal history. I haven't any—worth publishing. Am trying to live in such a manner that some day it will be. You shall have it then. I have been a year in Washington and most of that time connected with the Hoquiam National Bank.

Fraternally yours, C. M. PARKHURST.

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EASTON, Pa., Jan. 2, 1891.

DEAR BRO.: Before renewing my subscription for the SHIELD for 1891 I wanted to make a comparison with some of the other fraternity magazines. Through a friend I was enabled to see seven different ones, and am now prepared to state the following truth: The SHIELD is in every respect superior to any or all of them. As to the workmanship there is no comparison in any way. The literary merit is much above the others. And that which is most to be desired in a fraternity organ

is only in the SHIELD to any great extent, viz.: Personals; short notices of and the doings of our graduates. I knew the right man got hold of the helm over one year ago, but I confess the success is marvelous. Hoping the working of the Grand Lodge may be as successful as the SHIELD is, and will be so long as all loyal Theta Deltas hold up your hands, I am

Yours in the bonds,

FRANK W. STEWART.

CAVALIER, N. D., Jan. 27, 1891.

DEAR BRO.: The December number of the SHIELD is a dandy and well worth the whole price of the year's subscription. It gave me a piece of news which was nearer home than any other when it told me that Hon. C. F. Templeton, Judge of our district, was a graduate of Dartmouth and a  $\Theta\Delta X$ . All kinds and conditions of men bear witness to his ability, honor and justness as a judge, and while I never have yet met the Judge and am opposed in politics to his party, I voted for him on the strength of his reputation as a Territorial Judge when we were admitted to the Union and he was a candidate for the Judgeship of this district under the State constitution. I take pleasure in adding one more to the list of those who can testify to the esteem in which he is held by those who have come in contact with him both officially and socially. I also take great pleasure in enclosing \$2 for the next year's subscription to the SHIELD.

Yours in  $\Theta\Delta X$ ,

F. H. WILDER.



## Editorial.

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Under exchanges mention is made of Baird's American Fraternities. This is a most excellent work. The editor proposes to take up several points contained in this book from time to time, and enlarge upon them, for the benefit of under-graduate members—the idea being to provide them with reasonable and unanswerable arguments in support of fraternities in general, and our fraternity in particular. The SHIELD has two missions. One to keep the graduates in touch with the fraternity and posted on its changes and advances; the other, the stimulation of under-graduates to place their fraternity standard very high. The SHIELD is the evidence which charges may legitimately use in their endeavors to convince "prospective candidates" that Theta Delta Chi is a fraternity which merits their approval. We are known by our works. The history of our honored men—those who have made a name for themselves and their fraternity—finds ready place in its pages. The editor's effort is to make each number of such a standard that any charge may take pride in presenting it to a desirable candidate as the representative of the character of the charge, and also of the fraternity at large. Use it then for this purpose. Tell the boys to send it to their parents for examination. If they do not think it worthy their homage, then let them seek greener pastures if they are to be found.

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A little meeting occurred in New York in January which ought not to be lost to history. The editor of the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly*, the Pan-Hellenic *Palm* and the SHIELD had an informal visit and talk. Mr. Daniel did most of the talking and we were good listeners. What Editor Downey thought of the interview can not be stated here. Probably it may crop out in the *Quarterly*. The SHIELD with all due deference desires to give a public opinion, rather as explanatory of its

future course than to reflect upon Editor Daniel. The discovery made by the SHIELD was that Mr. Daniel wanted the various journals which had seemed friendly to his little scheme, to come into a pool and *pay the expense of publishing his pet Pan-hellenic magazine*, which he should edit and get the glory for, if there should be any. He proposed that the SHIELD pay over to him fifty dollars as a first installment, of a fund to be met in equal amounts by the other journals. His plan was all very nice—for him—but we did not just see it in that light. Without any remarks we quietly retired to think it over, and here is our opinion. If Editor Daniel wishes to cover himself with glory as the projector of the fraternity millennium, the realization of which shall crown his grey hairs with unalloyed pleasure,—in short and abrupt English—if he wishes to dance he must pay the fiddler. The SHIELD will run its own little Pan-Hellenic magazine, just as it always has done, independent of the rest, and foot the bill. We have no spare cash to contribute to the vagaries of a deluded imagination. We would prefer to denote it to some of our worthy chapters for a new house. Adieu, Pan-Hellenism.

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We are under continued obligation to Bro. Fate Bachman. His letters which have occasionally appeared in the SHIELD, have been a source of great pleasure to its readers. And this has been acknowledged in numerous personal letters. We give in this number a fresh outburst. The "Chateau" is lost sight of; the mule is evidently dead, or turned out to pasture, and our old friend looms up "on the vineyard." He is very modest on that subject, however, whether because he is a good boy generally or he has not the moral courage to "hawk his own wares," the editor is unable to state. We will blow our fog-horn with a gentle toot. Brother Bachman is deeply absorbed in the raisin business. He hopes to raise enough of his raisins to spread them all over this fair land—and fill his pockets with sheckels. We publicly tender our thanks to the good brother for the only substantial eatable contribution which has ever graced the editor's table. That the first remembrance should be so magnanimous and from such a

loyal brother will be pleasant to remember long after they have disappeared. A whole box of raisins and two bottles of beautiful and pure grape wine as a *tonic* for the stomach's sake. The raisins are certainly delicious and guaranteed to be pure Theta Delt raisins, stems and all. The wine looks good—and our lips grow dry and husky as we gaze upon it. It is well protected by glass and we will preserve it in its pristine beauty, as a means of remembering the raisins when they are gone. As we propose to give a biography of Brother Bachman, we will omit further comment on raisins until that time, simply noting that no finer or handsomer raisins were ever seen or tasted by the writer. We will also state that we were not guilty of the almanac joke perpetrated upon our innocent brother. Almanacs make good reading, when one can't get anything else. They are useful as books of record and give an accurate account of the moon's changes, but perhaps they do not have any moon in Fresno. So brilliant a son as Fate Bachman would render its shimmering rays unnecessary. We protest, however, against his attempting to include any of their stale jokes in his letters, unless he gets them from a California almanac.

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THE editor wishes to apologize for whatever shortcomings may appear in this number. He pleads guilty to having taken a rest. Vacations have not for many years been a component in his make-up, but he felt that after twenty years' hard work it was an earned pleasure. So he stole away quietly and sojourned for nearly a month in the beautiful land of orange groves. The usual time for publication had almost arrived when he returned. Not a line was prepared, and in the midst of pressing business which had accumulated during his absence this number has been "a forced put," as it were.

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AFTER much effort the promised pocket directory of Theta Deltas residing or doing business in New York city has been completed and mailed to every subscriber of the *SHIELD*, and all other brothers so far as addresses were known. Any one who has not already received a copy can have one by writing

to the SHIELD. It would hardly be possible to issue such a book without some errors creeping in. These will be noted in the SHIELD, as well as changes, and if the brothers will note them in the book as soon as received, the directory will be of value for some time, at least. The following errors and changes have already been discovered: John W. Little, class of 1860 instead of 1890; the name of James B. Beveridge, Union '57, residing in Brooklyn, was omitted; J. C. Fitzpatrick, not Union '59. Change address Thos. E. Lee to 120 Broadway; address of Wm. G. Coffin, Edwin C. Frost and Frank E. Jewett not correct, mail to that address being returned "unknown."

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Our song book is assuming definite shape and the largest and best song book ever published by the fraternity will soon be issued. If any brother has any of the good old songs which ought to appear in the collection, send them at once to the SHIELD. The book will be in press before the next SHIELD appears. Every graduate brother should subscribe for this book or contribute something to the fund. It is proposed to publish selections from this book which may be used at the banquets. These will be supplied without charge. The book will be supplied for one dollar per copy, which will be the actual cost of printing. Contributions from some of the brothers are needed for the extra selections. Let your heart be moved and send a liberal subscription to the SHIELD at once.

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UNDER the head of correspondence will be found in each issue many indications of the work which the SHIELD is doing for the fraternity. These letters are not inserted with any spirit of vainglory, or to blow our "business trumpet." This fact should be self-evident. The SHIELD is not conducted as a money-making project. Better lessons can often be taught by a chance utterance in some personal letter than could be reached by pages of argument. Such letters as that of Bro. Wilder in this number are particularly pleasant to contemplate, a confession of pleasure derived from the graduate information

of a former number. We are certain our honored Bro. Templeton will have his heart warmed when he reads it. The unsolicited evidence of the honor in which he is held by an entire community points to another star in the constellation of our fraternity's fame, and so the SHIELD as the standard-bearer leads us all to strive for a more honorable position in this life and testifies to the goodness of the "Father in Heaven," who has permitted us to enjoy so many good things in the past.

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THE next number will contain a history of the Phi charge promised for the present number. Owing to the editor's extended absence from his post of duty, as well as inability to secure desired illustrations in time, it is necessarily omitted. A biographical sketch of N. Lafayette Bachman was prepared for this number also, but owing to delay in securing a half-tone plate, it will find a place in the June number.

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THERE can be no more convincing proof of the good work which our fraternity is doing than the sentiments expressed in a letter from the mother of our lamented Bro. S. H. Bradley. Once before has the SHIELD received a letter from a loving mother, expressing her love for the society which had won the heart of her boy, and when the son of her old age was called to that higher and better home, she remembered the loving words for Theta Delta Chi uttered on his death bed, and turned to us with a heart filled with love for the brothers. Her expressions seemed almost too sacred for public gaze. Here comes another, reflecting the same love in kindly expression for the SHIELD and the work it is doing. We may be pardoned for giving it publicity. The perusal of it may help some brother, even as much as it has strengthened the editor. Turn to the Correspondence and read it carefully, then read the articles referring to ladies being admitted to our social reunions. Mrs. Bradley's letter is a powerful argument in favor of the innovation.

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A RECENT letter from Bro. Abel Beach, the older of the founders of our fraternity, contains the painful news that his

health is rapidly failing, and the fear is expressed that before many months have passed we shall be called upon to record his name in history as one of the honored departed. We hope that Bro. Beach's fears may prove groundless and that he may be spared to us for many years.

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THE Southern Graduate Association will hold their fifth annual banquet on the evening of Friday, April 3d, at the Hotel Rennert, Baltimore, at 9 P. M. Bro. Rich, the enthusiastic Secretary, authorizes the SHIELD to extend the invitation to all Theta Deltas, and adds: "If you cannot attend can you send us a donation towards keeping up our association, or towards the establishment of a Theta Delta Chi club house in Baltimore?" The editor has so often urged the graduate brothers to attend every banquet within reach that it seems unnecessary to second this appeal. Go, everybody who can.

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THE New England Association will hold its annual banquet at Young's Hotel in Boston, on the evening of April 3d. A letter from the President, Bro. Seth P. Smith, contains a most pressing invitation for every brother who may see this to be present. It is almost impossible to reach every one with an invitation. The SHIELD is importuned often to supply addresses, but life is too short. Don't fail to be there. The editor of the SHIELD expects to be there, Providence permitting, and will set himself up as a mark to be shot at. Come, brothers, and have a good time.

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WORD reaches us just as we go to press that the New York Graduate Association will hold its annual banquet at Delmonico's in New York city, early in April. Date not fixed at this writing.

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ANY brother having an extra copy of No. 4, Vol. II, will confer a lasting favor on Bro. N. Lafayette Bachman by sending it to him—Box 422 Fresno, Cal. He lacks this number to complete his set.

WHILE sojourning at Winter Park, Florida, the editor paid a visit to Rev. Bro. J. McBride Sterrett, who is having a quiet rest at a little villa about a mile from Winter Park. He is temporarily Rector of an Episcopal church and very pleasantly located in Bishop Whipple's residence. We found Bro. Sterrett doing the fisherman's act on Lake Maitland. The visit was very much enjoyed.

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EVERY charge should have a copy of Baird's American Fraternities in its library, and every graduate who desires to know the status of the fraternity world should get the work. The price is very reasonable for the amount of work involved, being only \$2.00. By exchange of courtesies with the editor, if you send your subscription to the SHIELD you contribute a portion to its exchequer. Be sure, therefore, to order it from the SHIELD.

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IT is with decided pleasure that we present a full array of charge letters. Gamma Deltaron is favored with two. The December letter was one day late, but as it contains much news which should go on record, it is included. The charge editors have materially assisted in the matter of personals in the present number.

## Editorial Notes and Comments.

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Under the caption "Recent Fraternity Catalogues" the December number of *Beta Theta Pi* gives an excellent article. It first gives a few epitomized remarks on the fraternity catalogues issued, and follows with some very excellent and pointed remarks styled reflections of a serious nature suggested by the large and handsome volumes published at great expense. We would like to reprint the article entire. The essence of the subject is contained in the following extract :

In fact, the great defect in the more recent publications of this class is the amount of space given to trivial biographical details about unimportant personages, so that really prominent members are comparatively obscured in the large mass of the seemingly distinguished. Every man in public has, of necessity, positions of trust conferred upon him which are of no absolute interest. Nearly every lawyer in good practice is an author or trustee of important corporate interests, but if his reputation is more than local his name will be known without the addition of such details, which serve to belittle it.

The remedy, we think, for the difficulties arising from the position into which fraternities have been led in this respect, is a return to the simplicity and brevity of the earlier catalogues, and the publication of historical, biographical and statistical information in other books especially devoted to such matters and having a more permanent nature. We do not deprecate the value of collecting and preserving full biographical data concerning fraternity members, and to this end we would advocate the publication, say every twelve years, with the larger fraternities, of biographical dictionaries of the members, the data for which could be carefully and leisurely collected, with a division of the labor lightening the work. Then, every four years, there should be published a small catalogue of the members. In the case of a majority of the fraternities, this could be done at an expense of not over one dollar per copy. Added to this each year there should be published, as a supplement to the fraternity journal, a list of all the new members, together with corrections and new data concerning the older ones. At the end of the fourth year, the catalogue should again be reprinted. The expense would be slight and it would pay. The Psi Upsilon Epitome, which embodied an idea carefully set forth in detail before the Beta Theta Pi convention of 1881, but which was never carried out; namely, the publication of a manual of

information containing an account of the history, laws and social life of the fraternity, is a model of what the third class fraternity publications should be. The material for such a book has no proper place in a fraternity catalogue, though each fraternity ought, nevertheless, to preserve and publish it. The system of publications outlined above would be cheaper, and, at the same time, more useful and efficient than the bulky and expensive catalogues recently published or in preparation.

The suggestions contained in this extract give the real reason why catalogues are not oftener published. It is patent to all, therefore unnecessary to be disguised, that active chapters of any fraternity have numerous calls for money for actual and necessary uses. These contributions are often a strain upon the members. Such a thing as an expensive catalogue is out of the question unless the graduates bear the the burden. It is a fact that the elegant biographical catalogue issued by Psi Upsilon nearly bankrupted the fraternity. How great a strain the other elegant books have made upon the chapters none can tell. One thing is true, a neat, plain book containing the names and residences of all members of a fraternity accomplishes every purpose for which a catalogue is actually needed. Such a book is within the means of any society. If a biographical record can be published once in ten or even twenty years, well and good, but to do without the catalogue simply in the vain effort to combine both is folly. Theta Delta Chi has been without a catalogue for years on this very account. No catalogue of any fraternity ever issued, is more chaste than the last one issued in 1875. It subserved every purpose and another of the same kind will fill all the needs of our fraternity. Bro. Franklin Burdge, to whom the fraternity is most largely indebted for that catalogue, has been strenuous in his arguments for a catalogue based on almost the identical ideas advocated in the extract quoted. The SHIELD agrees with him and proposes to advocate issuing at once a catalogue of the members after the manner of the old catalogue. After this is done if sufficient funds can be raised, let us have a biographical account of all whose histories can be secured in a separate book. The SHIELD can contribute many biographies and a number of portraits with which to embellish the volume.

As many people are antagonistic to all kinds of "clubs" the following extract, which gives the views of the celebrated Dr. Lyman Abbott in his own language, may present some new ideas.

"The club idea has come to play an established and useful part in our social life. As a matter of fact, clubs are growing in every direction in New York. There are women's clubs, boys' clubs, working girls' clubs, scientific clubs, church clubs, actors' clubs, literary clubs, philosophical clubs, athletic clubs, and political clubs. In every one of these the social element—in a word, *clubability*—is the corner-stone. The 'Congregational Club' meets once a month to discuss religious topics, but it has a dinner first. The 'Reform Club' is doing an important work in disseminating the principles of the new political economy, but it has a comfortable house with an excellent restaurant. The 'Union League Club' is one of the strong holds of the best elements in the Republican party, but it is well provided with every convenience for social comfort. Of course there are clubs for club men pure and simple, in which the billiard, card, and wine rooms and the lounging places in the front windows are the chief features. But, notwithstanding these, there are many clubs in New York, I think, which are founded for useful purpose.

"In my own parish I find the club idea very valuable in the social work of the church. We have several clubs connected with the Plymouth Church, through which we are enabled to do work that could not be otherwise accomplished. In my own literary work the club to which I belong affords me a place of refuge from interruption, which makes it, as it were, my literary castle. Some of my best writing I do in the quiet library of my club. A man with as many demands upon his time as I have must have a place to which he can retire, and into which not even his own family can follow him.

"A club man and a clubable man are two entirely different characters. A *club* man is a man who frequents clubs—a moneyed man of indolence—one who prefers the life of a club to that of the active man of affairs. A *clubable* man—a term invented by the great Dr. Johnson—is one who is possessed of those qualities of temperament and character which draw about him a social circle of his fellows, or which makes those fellows welcomed in such a circle already formed. He is cultivated, well informed, an agreeable conversationist, high-minded, sweet tempered, generous, possesses a sense of humor, and is honorable in all his dealings."

This is evidently a broad analytical view. The narrow-minded man will doubtless scout the idea. This is a day of broad and charitable views, and we must give the subject careful consideration before condemning the true club idea. As fraternity men we are taught that a cultivation of the best

social element of our nature is highly advantageous and contributes the true essence of a happy life—not happy in the boisterous exuberance of convivial mirth, but in the quiet comfort of a pleasant home, loving friends and a cheerful disposition. There is nothing connected with the higher idea of a club, which prevents us from leading a pure christian life, or will cause us to neglect home or business. Who, that has experienced the pleasures of attending our Theta Delt reunions, will say that he has not received therefrom many thrills of delight and been brought nearer to the brothers, dear in college days, but who were gradually going out of his life from lack of association. These reunions are vitally essential to the perpetuity of any fraternity. Graduates must sometimes drop business for a little while, to renew in union the social joys, if they would retain their youth. We grow old and morose altogether too fast when absorbed entirely in the cares of business, we must once in a while let in the sunlight. We are glad that arrangements are nearly perfected whereby we are to have a permanent club-house in New York city, a home where we can go when we visit the big city instead of wandering about homeless and unknown. How good it will seem to drop into a cheerful house where we will find the old familiar symbols and be sure to meet some one who will welcome us. The only obstacle to the permanency of such a home is the guarantee of a continuous fund for the proper maintainance of the house. The SHIELD suggests that non-resident brothers become members of the club and pledge themselves to pay certain sums annually as dues, not less than ten dollars, and be entitled when in New York to all the privileges of the house. We are ready to subscribe. Who will follow suit? The resident members will find themselves drawn nearer to each other by the more intimate association. Visiting brothers will enjoy the welcome and contribute to the general weal of the fraternity, by such accidental reunions.

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Fraternity courtesy is increasing. At the reception given during the Delta Kappa Epsilon convention in New York in November Mrs. Joseph H. Choate represented Alpha Delta Phi, and Mrs. Colonel Daniel S.

Lamont appeared for Delta Upsilon among the patronesses.—Delta Upsilon *Quarterly*.

And so it should. We see no reason why the ladies should not be included in fraternity receptions and banquets. It is the editor's firm conviction that the reason why many graduate members of all fraternities grow cold, is that after marriage their wives can not share in any manner the social pleasures attached to fraternity life. Personal experience leads to this conclusion. It has not been the privilege of the writer to meet the wives of more than ten brothers perhaps,—and not to become really intimate in the family circle of any. Wherever the privilege of being introduced into the family circle has been accorded, a responsive cordiality has been extended by the wife, which seemed to say, my husband's brother shall be my brother. It seems strange to hear a brother, with whom we have been very intimate during college days and whose secrets were shared, speak of his wife and family, and we talk of ours. There are no responsive chords—and we rather drift away from each other, because a divided kingdom can not stand. We will be loyal to our wives. We lose active interest in the banquets, conventions, and even in our old charge because it is a subject which is mooted, as it were, in the household. Our wives would talk about it but what is there to say. They know none of the secrets, and we can not, nor do we desire to tell them. If they knew some of the brothers or had ever attended any of the social meetings, an interest would be aroused in their hearts which would bloom into greater love on our part for the fraternity. To attempt any argument on the question of how far our wives would endeavor to make it pleasant for our brothers is useless. Every married brother who reads this article will agree with us when we assert that the wife will do everything which lies in her power to contribute pleasure to her husband, even without the asking. It has been our custom of late to invite any visiting brother into our home circle. The result has been decidedly pleasant and cheering. It gives common topics for discussion—and bring Theta Delt life nearer the heart, because home is where the heart is. All these remarks by the wayside to bring

us to the point we desire to promulgate, nothing would please the writer more than to see the ladies attending the social reunions and banquets of our fraternity, more especially the graduate reunions. Perhaps others have thought of the same thing. We surmise one objection to such a course will be raised by some who desire to make these reunions more of a convivial feast. They are from home and feel a freedom to go back to the questionable "carousal" of college days, in the belief that they can have a good old-fashioned time only in that way. We desire to ask any one who has this feeling if, after having tried the experiment, he felt any better or nobler because he had done so. A good rule to follow is, let these banquets witness no word or deed which any would be ashamed to have his wife or children see, and if the SHIELD can inaugurate the custom which shall preclude the possibility of such occurrences, and awaken in the bosom of some our "sleeping brothers" a renewed interest in Theta Delta Chi, we shall feel amply repaid for the hours of toil which have cheerfully been laid upon her altar.

Noting but good can result from the more intimate association of ladies with all social gatherings. Their presence will give a refining influence and place fraternity life upon the highest plane. It is our candid belief that such an innovation adopted by all fraternities would do more to bring about "the pan-hellenistic idea" than all other agencies combined. Its influence would be far-reaching. The next generation of active fraternity members would be taught the true principles of fraternity ethics, while yet in the cradle. The wives and mothers seeing the beautiful things which cluster around the social hearth of our fraternity altar fires, would be led to look upon fraternities not as agencies of evil to ruin their boys for all time—but the helpful aids to a purer and better social life. Do not let the subject die. If any brother can advance a good reason why Theta Delta Chi should not make such a move, submit it. The SHIELD will gladly give it place and perhaps criticize it. Unless our present ideas can be changed by weighty and well-founded arguments, we shall agitate the question at every opportunity. We believe the general weal

of our fraternity would be advanced if the effort was made to bring our wives, sisters and mothers more into touch with the fraternity. We would delight in seeing ladies present at every social banquet. We would go farther and follow the example noted in the extract quoted. Let our courtesy go outside of our ranks. It is a graceful way in which to recognize the Greek world. We are not their enemies, neither are they our foes.

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The Psi Upsilon and Sigma Phi societies deserve the praises of the students, not only because of the pleasant time which they gave their guests on the occasion of their respective receptions, but more especially for thus reviving this highly commendable custom of gathering together in a social way the different secret societies of the College. There is at present in Union College far less of the so-called society feeling, or more aptly termed, ill-feeling, than has been the case for some time, and these "stag parties" will tend to eradicate what little of this spirit is left, and will help very much to preserve the good feeling which is now so general among the societies. It was a happy thought of the members of the Psi Upsilon Society, and happily carried out by them and by the Sigma Phi Society, both of whom receive from us a hearty—well done.—*Concordiensis.*

Herein lies the true secret of the future success of the Greek world. Competitors in business never benefit themselves or the world by being enemies. If they work together, as it were hand in hand, they become happier, more prosperous, and the world at large is benefited. So it would be with fraternities. The destiny of nations does not hang upon the attitude of the chapters of college fraternities toward each other. None will be harmed by more familiar association. Rather is it true that a higher opinion of manhood in general would be engendered by such a course. Boys, follow the teachings of your graduate brothers who, as their minds become broadened by intermingling in society, greet members of other societies with hearty freedom. The animosities of college days are forgotten and we feel that we meet on a common vantage ground. We are all members of a grand social organization elevated by education from the commoner mass of humanity. The Greek world holds the destiny of this country in its grasp. Let your regard for other fraternities be founded on the wholesome

charity which gives them an equal place in this world so long as they strive to reach a common goal.

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A new student should treat with the utmost suspicion any one organization that might seek to secure his pledge by casting slurs, by maligning the men, by attacking the standing of any other. Fraternities of reputation have long since spurned methods that by mud-slinging and lying would seek to instill prejudice and hatred. It is a misconception of words, it is a contradiction of terms, to say that any organization is a brotherhood, that any fraternity is a fraternity, that seeks to thrive by so foul a course. Better that such a perverted organization should go to the wall than prolong a miserable existence by such nefarious means. The fraternity that is willing to stand or fall on its own merits; that will give you an opportunity to investigate for yourself; that will refuse to say an adverse word of any rival organization, possesses at least the elements of manhood, can command your respect and as a rule be safely trusted.

When deception is wholly spurned, prejudice is blotted out, exclusiveness and selfishness are put to scorn, when the ideas of fellowship are duly exalted, our beloved fraternities will fulfill more perfectly the purposes of their existence.

The above excerpt from a well-written article headed "We Spike," "Are Spiked," which appears in the February number of *The Scroll*, is a beautiful tribute to fraternity journalism. A simon pure Pan-Hellenic doctrine, which touches the root of all the evils at which *The Palm* has so long and loudly hammered. What more beautiful sentiment? What higher aim can fraternities possess? Theta Delts in college are asked to study this extract carefully and emulate the principle therein portrayed. It is the policy your ancestors followed, and so far as the editor has seen is the present policy.

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In searching the archives of Alpha recently, we chanced upon a letter bearing a Japanese post-mark, and in it the following incident, which should be repeated about our hearth-fires until we realize, with these sisters, what magic hides beneath our badge, what subtle power lies in our grip. "A few weeks ago," says the writer, "we entertained a party of newly arrived missionaries who were going through to China. I went into dinner weary and worn with my work and feeling no particular interest in the strangers. As we were introduced I caught sight of a badge at the throat of one of the young ladies. Could it be possible! I looked closer. *Yes!* It was an *Alpha Phi* pin with a *Beta* guard! My own

badge caught her eye, and as our hands met in the good old grip our hearts beat 'heart to heart,' and we realized, here in far-away Japan, the blessings of Alpha Phi."

This reminds us to question our Alumnae as to their fidelity in wearing the badge—that badge which says to pupils, to companions, to friends, to strangers, Do you see in me aught of womanliness, of culture, of purity, of truth, of earnest endeavor? It is because all these were made beautiful to me and worthy of attainment through Alpha Phi.

The above extract from a leading editorial in *Alpha Phi Quarterly* is given as a clinching argument in support of our article, "A Token of Honor." Who knows the magic which is unfolded by a little piece of symbolic gold worn upon a manly or womanly breast?

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A NEW work relating to the Revolutionary War, entitled "Revolutionary Letters," translated from the German by Col. Wm. L. Stone, is about to be published by Joel Munsell's Sons, Publishers, Albany, N. Y. Price, \$3.00 in boards, \$5.00 in half calf. This is one of a series of valuable historical works on the American Revolution which have been prepared by Bro. Stone. Rev. Morgan Dix, D. D., writes to Bro. Stone as follows:

"I have much pleasure in putting my name on the list of subscribers to your new work relating to the Revolutionary War. I read your "Peuch's Journal" with intense interest. It opened my eye to facts on which I had long been without information, and I shall look with impatience for further information from the original sources."

The value of such works as Bro. Stone has prepared can not be estimated until they have been read. No American library is complete without them. Every brother should become interested in them, not only on account of their intrinsic value, but also because they are the handiwork of an enthusiastic and warm hearted Theta Delt, who will appreciate deeply any interest which may be exhibited on account of personal friendship. Subscribe for this new work.

## Our Exchanges.

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

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The history of the Greek Press for the year 1890 was one of success and advancement, greater than of any previous year. What will be recorded of the year 1891 is as yet unknown. Changes in editorial management are numerous and possibly vital in some cases. We are not disposed to assert that the new editors will fail in their new sphere of usefulness; on the contrary we have hopes that there may be improvements. New blood sometimes works wonders. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record*, which for the past three years has been so ably handled by Editor Capers, passes now into the hands of Mr. H. H. Cowan, and will be issued from Pittsburgh, Pa. The Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* will hereafter be issued from Baltimore, Md., and Mr. Frederic C. Howe will be editor-in-chief. After two years hard work the *Palm* and *Pan-Hellenic* supplement have separated. Editor Daniels has resigned the *Palm*, so that he may devote more time to his *Pan-Hellenic Magazine*. A review of the contents of the editor's table seems to be a herculean task. We find there some quarterlies which should have been noticed in December, but they were late in appearing. Delta Upsilon keeps up her enviable record for promptness. The Holiday number marked November, 1890, was received January 13, 1891. The *Palm* of November came in but little in advance. The most marked feature perhaps of the year's changes is the possible merging of several monthlies into quarterlies. The Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* sits on the fence and croaks that soon she will be the only monthly. It is hard enough work to make up a good quarterly, let alone any attempt at

monthly work. The SHIELD is importuned for a monthly issue, but there is no chance of doing so. To edit a monthly means a salary for the editor. No man can give his whole time to such work without substantial reward. There has seemed to be evidence in all of the journals recently received of lack of time to prepare matter, exchange notes being left out almost entirely. As reviews are of general interest we make a few hasty sketches so that we may keep pace with the current of events.

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*Baird's American College Fraternities*, fourth edition, came from the press in December, and is one of the most interesting books any fraternity man can peruse. It is full of interest. The book opens with a general history of fraternities, their inception, development, the various methods of government, society publications, chapter houses and Pan-Hellenism. Following this is a general history of the general fraternities, local societies, ladies fraternities, professional fraternities—honorary, and extinct fraternities, and miscellaneous societies. Tabular lists are given of college annuals, colors, college directory of chapters, legal status of fraternities, a discussion on the rights of fraternities to live, and closes with comparative statistical tables. There is no book in the editor's knowledge which contains so much valuable information in such condensed style. It is invaluable to the college man as a book of reference. The arduous labor involved in its preparation is depicted on every page. Such a work entitles its author to the lasting gratitude of every man who is a member of any college order. In no place is any favoritism exhibited which might call for censure. We bespeak for the book the very large sale its intrinsic value merits.

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The Kappa Alpha *Journal* is a new but most welcome addition to our exchange table. It is a handsome journal, chaste in external appearance, well printed on good paper, and rich in its contents. Ten numbers are issued each year, averaging about sixty pages each. The December number has among

its leaders "The Editor's Dream" and "Chapter Meetings," also a comparative article on "Journals in General and Particular," which attracts our attention from some of its sensible remarks about the high moral standing of the Greek Press. The editor also refers to the cost of printing, stating that nine numbers of the journal cost over five hundred dollars. To the SHIELD that seems a small sum. If we can get off with one thousand dollars for four numbers we regard ourselves as peculiarly lucky. A large list of initiates for the year past consumes a large amount of space. It hardly seems desirable to submit to the expense of printing such lists. They do not have readable interest to old graduates whose support is necessary to maintain the journal, and serve no purpose except as a matter of temporary record. A large number of interesting chapter letters fill the remainder of the number. The January number is likewise very interesting, articles on chapter houses and American college fraternities are the main leaders. The Greek Press is well edited. The SHIELD receives a liberal amount of space and graceful compliment. The resolutions in reference to the SHIELD, adopted at the last convention, are commended highly.

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*Beta Theta Pi* still flourishes like a green bay tree. December gives a digest on fraternity catalogues, of which an extract appears under another head, a new vocabulary, short but spicy, relating to the different terms used at various colleges, an editorial on Dorg Clubs and the usual interesting chapter letters. Under exchanges a kindly notice is made of the September SHIELD, agreeing with us on our position in the *Star and Crescent* question. We quote :

A protest is rightfully made against the Kappa Sigma Journal taking the name of *Star and Crescent*, which belongs to the old Alpha Delta Phi magazine, of blessed and honored memory, the revival of which would be hailed with pleasure by every old and new fraternity editor. The good old name should certainly not be pirated by a very much younger organ and fraternity.

The January number while up to the usual standard has nothing which strikes us so forcibly as the scathing article entitled "A Phase of Pan-Hellenic Journalism," to which

three full pages are accorded. The editors of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Sigma come in for their share of the pudding. The article closes with the following extract, which will be better understood by referring to the remarks on the *Palm*:

Such biographies—or autobiographies, as they appear to be—would be quite incomplete without portraits of the unconscious victims. And fortunately the portraits are present in fine style. The editor of the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* leads the way (at least in the *Palm's* supplement) with a full page likeness of himself, the other six follow in his wake each occupying a half page, and in a half reversed posture.

It seems to us that the promise that "The Pan-Hellenic Supplement" would prove "fresh and interesting," has been kept. In its biographical department, at least, is it not fresh, ay, very fresh? But, however this may be, when one reaches the end of this Supplement he is convinced that in it, at any rate, this is recognized as a truth, that some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some are made editors of fraternity magazines. Such appears to be the first practical result of pan-hellenic journalism.

While the concealed point of this burlesque criticism may be true and well founded we do not think the article in good taste, on the following ground. The editors of the other journals were induced to allow their biographies to appear, embellished with a portrait, more through a desire to testify to their interest in the principles of Pan-Hellenism, than for self laudation. It rather looks as the editor of the P.-H. Supplement was in it for the money there may be in it as well as the glory. Suppose it is so, it is his privilege, and cannot be criticised as such. We are disposed to let him fire his gun as often as he likes. He will not be supplied with powder by the SHIELD it is true, still we wish him well in his impossible undertaking.

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Delta Kappa Epsilon comes to the front with the January number of Volume IX right on time. We surmise that one reason for its early appearance was that the genial editor had it in mind to steal away and bask in the sunny south for a time. We heard of him in Florida. The number is replete with good things for Dekes. The convention, with its banquet and

speeches, very appropriately consumes considerable space. Editor Downey apologizes in advance by the following paragraph :

"Undoubtedly our editorial *confrères* will feel like criticizing us for giving so much space to banquet speeches, etc. That we may save them the trouble of dipping their pens in sarcasm, we will state right here that these speeches were not reported or printed for them (though if they read them they will undoubtedly be profited), but for the benefit and enjoyment of our alumni and under-graduates who were unable to enjoy the convention festivities in *propria personae*. We do not expect a "barb" or a rival Greek to be much interested in our family gathering, but every Deke will read the record with pleasure."

This is just the statement which fits us all. Our journals are not expected to be enjoyed by outsiders, except in so far as they contain that which gives evidence of meritorious social or moral advancement. The editor is glad to see his exchanges full of fraternity news. The SHIELD is always open for the fullest account of any social gathering or convention of our boys without the slightest idea of interesting any one but Theta Delts, and the Greek editor who criticizes it, is cold blooded indeed, and not entitled to the courtesy of an exchange. We join hands with our brother-editor on everything except his apology. We are sorry to see his excellent exchange and news departments crowded out by the pan-hellenic supplement, and don't believe the Dekes enjoyed that half so much as they would have some of their own news.

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The Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record* for January is mostly filled with convention proceedings. The editorial remarks are worthy an old hand. The need of a catalogue presses upon him and he wails the common wail of us all. In place of the customary general news appears the pan-hellenic supplement.

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Delta Upsilon's holiday number opens with an account of the Rochester chapter house, followed by an excerpt on Attorney General Miller from the *Cosmopolitan*. The Fifty-Sixth (?) Annual Convention is well reported. The first of a series of articles on the Revised Constitution is produced. Almost the first thing we read is :

For many years the several chapters were subject to no common law. Indeed it was not until 1852 that the Articles of Confederation, which mark the earliest attempt at unity of action, were satisfactorily formulated, and they amounted to little more than rules for Convention. They were superseded by the Constitution adopted at Middlebury in 1864.

Now according to the very best knowledge of outsiders—verified by statements made by some of their ablest members, the federation in 1852 was the first dream of any Delta Upsilon organization, and this organization was a sort of sour grapes attitude, not for themselves, but against everybody else. In 1864 comes the first anti-secret-secretness of the organization and Delta Upsilon at that time became in the eyes of the fraternity world an anti-secret fraternity, if such a thing be possible. The editor well remembers the situation of things about 1864. If Delta Upsilon would only stop trying to seem what she claims not to be, and yet insisting on having all the rights, privileges and attributes of fraternities (secret fraternities), while holding up her hands in holy horror at a secret. A secret won't bite and is not a sin if not sinful. Have one more revision of your Constitution and go the whole thing. As a matter of fact, Delta Upsilon has a Constitution and a grip, and possibly pass words. Do they pass them around for general inspection? Are they public property and posted on the house tops? What more is in any fraternity which is essentially secret. We read again :

Elaborate catalogues have been published which emphasize our present compass as contrasted with the narrow conception of the early days. The relation of Delta Upsilon and the past has been fixed on the basis of non-secrecy on which platform we stand, with no intolerance for such fraternities as prefer other means for attainment of brotherhood.

This statement indicates that they desire to work on a common line with other societies and is a commendable attitude. The first sentence proves the fact stated in our earlier remarks. Strange as it may seem the following clipping appears as the last item preceding the Revised Constitution and is quoted from the *N. Y. Sun* :

Golden gleamings from summer sunshine garnish the silken strands  
That the spider has woven so cunningly in a mesh of beautiful bands;  
Deep in the depths of the cone-curved cell, the spider, hideous, sits,  
Like to the spider's hideous truth are the hearts of hypocrites.

Methinks our contemporaries of college days, will need no explanation to recognize in this peculiar quotation a sentiment which was freely expressed in those days. The editor does not, under the light of maturer years, approve the sentiment as then applied. A very neat account of the Buffalo D. U. Club followed by the regular news notes and chapter correspondence complete the number. Now as a tail to the kite appears the same pan-hellenic supplement, which begins to look like "boiler plate" we have seen it so many times. It is "bound in" with the other advertisements and really is no part of the *Quarterly*. Taken as a whole the holiday number of the *Quarterly* is an interesting and praiseworthy number. Evidently Editor Crossett spends much time on its make up and certainly he can look with pride upon his publication. We earnestly hope you will not let the P-H-S supersede the exchange column or anything else in future issues.

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The *Phi Kappa Psi Shield* still continues to roll around with the customary regularity. The January number reads the boys an editorial lecture on "lifting." It voices noble sentiments and so clearly expresses our views that we give it in full—and ask for it careful attention and consideration.

The wretched, dishonorable business of "lifting" still continues in Greek circles, and we have had intimation that  $\Phi K \Psi$  is not free from the evil. The spirit and letter of  $\Phi \Psi$  law is against this miserable practice, and chapters guilty of such acts ought to be shown by enforcement of legal requirements what a sin they are committing.

The arguments, pro and con, on "lifting" have been uttered again and again, almost *ad nauseam*, and it is not our purpose to discuss the matter at any length, but offer a suggestion or two that may help to clarify the moral atmosphere.

We wish to ask the "lifter" if he has any regard for the sanctity of an oath? If so, how can a  $\Phi \Psi$  "lift" any man from a rival fraternity? "But," we have been answered, "must a man blight his whole college life by remaining with uncongenial companions when his choice is for other associations?" Certainly not, my dear brother, but you purpose to take him with sacred obligations resting upon him right out of the midst of his uncongenial surroundings and set him down, a perjurer, among congenial ones. How congenial an advocate of perjury and the perjured one must be!

A man fit to imbibe the principles of  $\Phi K \Psi$  in severing his relations with a fraternity where he does not feel at home, will, if he be not blinded to his higher nature pursue a far different course. First of all, he will ask for an honorable dismissal from the fraternity which he wishes to leave. Sometimes, often we might say, this is refused because the prejudice of the college boys causes them to see an advantage in declining a reasonable request in order to embarrass a rival fraternity. He, who would be released, may then appeal to the executive body of the fraternity for fair treatment. This we believe he will get, but granting that he may not, we say if he be refused, he can not in honor enter another fraternity.

If the law of the highest honor prevailed in such matters, fewer changes would be made from one fraternity to another, and as a result, indiscriminate and reckless rushing would decrease, for men would be more considerate in making choice who their associates will be.

The December number opens with a most sensible article on pledging sub-freshmen. The day is coming when the fraternity which initiates "Preps." must vacate the high standard of the old-line fraternities and grovel in the mob of latter-day societies, whose only aim is members and lots of them. Phi Kappa Psi has taken the stand at last and wiped out the privilege of initiating any man before he is matriculated. A good man may be pledged at any time, but should never be initiated into any college fraternity until he is actually a freshman. Let the good work go on.

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Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* for January appears in a new and surprisingly neat dress. Editor Howe is to be complimented on his good taste. Better paper, vastly better press-work, a neat but plain cover, and a trimmed book. How nice it looks. Delta Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Chi ought to see it. Perhaps they would be impressed with the fact that good paper costs but a trifle more and looks a hundred per cent better; and a neat, trimmed book, while much handsomer, saves so much time and gains subscribers without a doubt. There are busy men who would like to glance at their fraternity periodical, but when they find it necessary to cut the leaves, the waste basket gets it. If easily accessible, they open it, see an interesting item, and before they know it are lost to business and the whole book is read through before they stop, and there is a

revival in the man's heart. His youth is renewed and he watches for the next number with eagerness. The SHIELD is a stickler for cut pages. Scarcely a single journal was trimmed when the SHIELD first announced her determination to break away from the heathenish custom followed by the popular magazines, and to-day almost the entire Greek press, excepting the two journals above named, goes forth to its readers with cut pages. The contents of this number of the *Quarterly* include Convention news of peculiar interest. The regular account is followed by pen sketches from the Convention by a contributor. An illustrated article on the University of Virginia is also contributed. The editorials refer to Convention, chapter houses and song book. The Table Talker, silent for the past six months, is welcome again, although the review is brief. He opens up with the following :

Fraternity journalism seems to be passing from the so-called "stage of amateurism," and is rapidly assuming a semi-professional air. Such was the inevitable result from the placing of the magazines in the hands of experienced alumni with salaried editors.

The natural law of the survival of the fittest finds a striking illustration in the fields of journalistic effort, and the results in the Greek world are no exception to the rule.

We may almost say the publication of an organization is a fair index of its prosperity and progressiveness; and by an examination of the literature of the Greek world to-day, the conviction is forced upon us that the system never possessed such a strong hold upon American college life as it does at the present time.

We should think the air was *decidedly* professional. Where can one find any better professional publications? The salary of the editor does not make the difference, either, at least not with the SHIELD, the earnings of which are amply sufficient to pay all expenses, but no surplus. The editor does not care for it. He is working for the weal of the fraternity.

Referring to the *Rainbow*, Table Talker indicates his status on Pan-Hellenism in the following :

Practical Pan-Hellenism, as advocated by the *Palm*, receives extended consideration, and while not wishing ourselves to derogate the ethical principles involved in the movement, the proposals so far adduced have seemed to us too utopian and impracticable for consideration. Public sentiment is of slow growth, and no amount of legislation or resolutions,

if in advance of it, will amount to aught. Fraternities will work out their own salvation on this point, and are doing so at a rapid rate.

Phi Gamma Delta has always discountenanced the practice of lifting, and the *Quarterly* has ever endeavored to impress upon its readers the necessity of high ethical aims in the treatment of other and kindred societies, and heartily welcomes any plan which promises to elevate the moral tone of the fraternity world.

Table Talker, in his remarks on the SHIELD, seems to think the discussion conducted in October as to priority of publication had an *acrid animus*. Not so. Statements of fact and principle can be made without any acrimony. If there be one thing more than another which is lacking in the SHIELD it is the spirit referred to.

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The *Scroll* for December and February are of full size and ably edited. The greater portion of the December number is devoted to chapter correspondence. The circulation of the *Scroll* is proudly announced as 1,500 copies. Phi Delta Theta has 66 chapters and 6,800 members. Theta Delta Chi, with 18 chapters and 2,800 members, gives the SHIELD a circulation which crowds 1,000 very closely, and will soon exceed it, if subscriptions flow in as rapidly as they have lately. The January *Scroll* gives a very readable article on the chapter fireside, and an exhaustive review of Baird's new book covering seven pages. A communicated article on "Spiking" has much in it of merit. A well written article on the University of Vermont completes the symposium. The chapter letters, general news and Exchanges complete the number. The Exchange comments are given with a fairness and courtesy which should be appreciated by all editors. The SHIELD bows with modest thanks for the lengthy and flattering notice received. We beg, however, to correct an error in the following statement: "We doubt not the SHIELD's printing bill was placed at a figure such as its income could meet." The editor, as business manager of a large printing house, after sapping his vitality by over-time night work to edit the SHIELD, could not honorably govern its printing bill by the receipts. To relieve the *Scroll* and all other doubters, we wish to state that all *printing* is done by the *Advertiser Association* and paid for by the editor

at the same price *exactly* which the *Scroll* or any other foreign journal would be charged. No more, no less. We cannot sacrifice our business honor even for the sake of our fraternity.

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The *Delta* of Sigma Nu fattens her February number with the "Pan-Hellenic Boiler Plate."

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The *Arrow* has not yet changed her old-time garb, and will soon be an odd sheep. It is too bad that so well edited a book should not join the procession. Your uncut leaves hide much that otherwise would be appreciated.

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The Alpha Phi *Quarterly* for February is a beauty. As a frontispiece are half-tone plates of two of the Syracuse University buildings well executed. Women's clubs in New York and Boston show that the Soroses are getting right into line. The arguments made use of in our article on admitting ladies to our banquets are much strengthened by the facts given in these articles. The Woman's Press Club, the Wednesday Morning Club, the Pansy Club, the Home Club, the Working Girls' Club, and so on *ad infinitum*. The only thing now lacking is to merge all clubs. Methinks there is more of beauty in the women's clubs than in most of the men's. Less wine and more of something else would make the average club more creditable, to say the least. We are glad to see the ladies coming on to the carpet. Exchanges are neatly handled by the editor, and the entire make-up of the February number bespeaks a complete success for Alpha Phi *Quarterly* in her new home.

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Here comes the *Key* in a bran spangled new dress, and she follows her sister in assuming the regulation magazine size. A vast improvement on the *Key* of old, but one thing is yet lacking. The rough, untrimmed edge detracts much from the otherwise neat and tasteful periodical. Time flies on apace, and as we find all the news bound in by uncut pages we must pass it by. Sister editors, do trim your handsome book and let its glories shine forth on first glance.

The *Rainbow* for January continues the article on Extinct Chapters of the fraternity, a most valuable contribution to her permanent records. The number has much of merit in every way.

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We thought our task was finished, but here lie several books which merit notice, as well as straggling periodicals which reach us occasionally. Two very handsome college annuals have already come to hand. We reserve them for the next issue. The inaugural address of Hon. Daniel B. Pond (Zeta), Mayor of Woonsocket, R. I., is a neat pamphlet full of good things, more interesting, however, to the citizens of his own city, so we pass it with thanks for the kindly remembrance.

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And now our regular pile is exhausted except the *Palm*, which although last is not least. We learn that this is the last issue under the management of Editor Daniels. His life has merged into Pan-Hellenism and he has resigned the *Palm* to other hands, so that he may become a sort of Martin Luther, as it were, in the fraternity world. What the *Palm* may be in the future time will tell. In the past it has been so much of a conglomeration as not to be entirely satisfactory as a fraternity news medium, since an editor with only one hobby is likely to stick very close to his text. It seems quite fitting that the Pan-Hellenistic branch should sail on a separate craft. What the future has in store for the foundling none can foretell. We predict adverse winds and a shipwreck on the shoals of many opinions. We certainly wish our editor enthusiast smooth sailing and hope for him the success which his energy deserves. Our comments on his future writings will embody no personality whatever, but be based entirely upon the weal of our common cause.

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The *University Magazine*, which upon first sight charmed us, comes irregularly to our table. This irregularity seems to exist as much in its make-up as in the distribution. What the December and January numbers were cannot be told, as they

failed to put in an appearance. February looms up, a sort of a red, white and blue annex to the *Cosmopolitan*, with a great deal in it of its kind, but with no regularity or arrangement, such as one would look for in a high class magazine called "The University." "The Universal Magazine" would be decidedly more appropriate. It has a prolific number of illustrations, good, bad and indifferent, mixed up with advertisements and apparently paid "puffs," all of which make it a burlesque on college journalism. Its typography and make-up are so mixed up that one hardly knows what eccentricity to expect next. The much which was hoped for in it is lost in the maze, and we are led to predict that it will not meet with the support which a true university magazine would be entitled to claim.

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The William and Mary College *Monthly* is a new publication, inaugurated in November, 1890, and published by the literary societies of the college, with Mr. P. S. Stephenson as editor-in-chief. The initial numbers bespeak a very interesting production and a rising thermometer at good old William and Mary. No college in the land is more deserving of prosperity.



## College and Fraternity.

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The following, under the caption "Quite Remarkable," published in the *New York Times* of January 6th, is a powerful argument against football. The point is quite obvious:

Thirty-eight young men from Harvard College descended on the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday, arriving in time for breakfast. But for once the presence of a college crowd was not a synonym for noise, and the fact that such a crowd of unbridled youngsters was in the hotel was unknown to the other guests, unless they looked at the register. They didn't haunt the bar nor make the corridor resound with college cries. They differed from a college football crowd as gentlemen differ from untutored savages, and people at the hotel all remarked this fact. The gentlemanly students were members of the Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs.

"The William Hayes Fogg Art Museum" will be erected at once by Harvard. \$200,000 was willed to the University for this purpose by Mrs. Elizabeth Perkins Fogg, in addition the sum of \$20,000 for the care and maintenance of the museum, and also her elegant collection of antiquities. Mrs. Fogg's will also bequeathed to Yale \$40,000, the income to be used in aiding impecunious theological students.

Dr. Seaver, the Yale College physician and instructor in the gymnasium, has very sensibly advised the discontinuance of the tug of war team.

Dr. Austin Scott was duly installed as President of Rutgers College February 4th.

Zeta Psi's forty-fifth annual convention was held in Providence, Jan. 15th and 16th. A banquet at the Narragansett closed the convention.

The Syracuse University chapter of Phi Delta Theta has rented and furnished a chapter house.

Union College alumni held an annual dinner at the reunion in Albany, Jan. 27th. The Hon. D. C. Robinson, of Elmira, was toastmaster.

Phi Gamma Delta is soon to have an elaborate song book.

Seventeen per cent of all the students at Ann Arbor are women.

Amherst has just issued the first general catalogue published since 1878.

The University of Cincinnati receives a bequest from the late Matthew Thomas of \$150,000.

The grounds of the University of Virginia have recently been beautified by asphalt walks.

President Lamberton, of Lehigh University, will return from his trip through Palestine on April 11th.—*Evening Post*.

The University of Leipsic has been opened to women. This is the first of the German universities to take this step.—*Mail & Express*.

Alpha Delta Phi's annual convention will be held in Baltimore in May, with the recently established Johns Hopkins University chapter.

The Quinquennial Catalogue of Delta Upsilon is announced to be ready for distribution October 1, 1891.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

Bowdoin is to have an athletic committee similar to those in other colleges, with two members each from the alumni and faculty.—*Mail & Express*.

The Elmira College (female) has received from Mr. Solomon L. Gillett a gift of \$10,000 for the erection of a new building for the School of Music.

Williams College opens her library on Sunday afternoon between two and five—to furnish comfortable reading quarters. No business is done, however.

Wesleyan University gets \$25,000 and Cornell College, Iowa, \$10,000, by the will of the late Oliver Hoyt, of Stamford, Conn.—*Mail & Express*.

The students of Michigan University are working hard to raise the \$20,000 necessary to duplicate the like amount offered by Joshua W. Waterman, of Detroit, toward a gymnasium building.—*Mail & Express*.

The base ball team of Lehigh University has secured the services of Sharon, of the Atlantic Association, as trainer. Field practice has already begun.—*Evening Post*.

Bro. L. F. Potter, of the Xi charge, is Secretary and Treasurer of the New York Intercollegiate Athletic Association. His address is Box 19 Geneva, N. Y.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon held her thirty-fourth annual convention at Cincinnati, Dec. 29, 1890. Sixty delegates were present. The editor of the *Record* was elected to the chief office of the fraternity.

Ohio Wesleyan has reached an advanced stage of college "rushing." Not content with letting the men have all that kind of fun, the ladies have instituted a "girl rush," in which hat smashing is the main purpose.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

"*From Solomon to the Captivity*" is the title of a series of twenty-four sermons on the Sunday-school lessons of this year from January to June, published in book form. Sixteen out of the twenty-four were written by Rev. Bro. David Gregg, D. D., of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Prof. Edward Dickinson, Director of the School of Music connected with the Elmira College, Elmira, N. Y., has just had a unanimous call from the faculty of Oberlin College to fill the professorship of musical history in that institution. Prof. Dickinson prefers to retain his present position, because he thinks the Elmira School of Music has a great future. The SHIELD congratulates the Elmira College on her good fortune in being able to retain one of the finest musicians in this country. We also can certify to the flattering success of the School of Music.

The Porcellian Club, one of the oldest secret societies at Harvard, and composed entirely of graduates and students, has just moved into its new club house, which has been erected on the old site at a cost of \$32,000. The club celebrates its centennial during the present year, and older members will no doubt take much pleasure in the club's development since their day. Among its many distinguished members may be men-

tioned Wendell Phillips, at one time its President; Edward Everett, William Ellery Channing, Charles Sumner, John Lothrop Motley, Oliver Wendell Holmes and James Russell Lowell.—*Mail & Express*.

It has been discovered that Douglas Putnam, a grandson of the famous General Israel Putnam, and now a vigorous old man of eighty-four years, was a member of the class of '26, at Yale, of which there are now but six survivors. At a recent meeting of the corporation it was voted to admit him to the degree of B. A., and to restore him to the rolls of the class, he having failed to graduate because of circumstances beyond his control. The old gentleman is highly delighted because of the honor, and says he proposes to attend the commencement of '91, and tell the young fellows how young the heart of old Yale men can keep.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

A study has been made of the trend of the choice of professions in Lafayette. The matriculates have been divided into three periods, the first, beginning with the origin of the college and ending with 1863, embraces nearly 1,100 names; the second, under the presidency of Dr. Cattell, from 1863 to 1883, contains 1,430 names; and the third, coming up to the present date, has 1,036 names. It appears that in each of these periods about the same proportion, 17 per cent., has chosen the law; of those who have selected medicine, there has been a steady diminution from 11 per cent. at first to 8 per cent.; the candidates for the ministry have dropped from 20 to 11 per cent.; while the wide-spread growth of interest in the technical professions, such as civil engineering and chemistry, has led to an increase from 7 per cent. to 23 per cent.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

The question is sometimes asked whether college students are growing older than ten years ago. A census of the sophomore class at Lafayette shows that the present class averaged nineteen years, four months and eighteen days on entrance, while the class in college ten years ago averaged nineteen years, eleven months and twenty-three days at their entrance. The present apparent greater youthfulness finds a natural explanation in the fact that nowadays not so large a proportion

of the college men are pursuing the classical courses, which ordinarily require a longer preliminary school term by a year or two. At the end of the war it was predicted that the impetus then given to technical instruction would result in the lessening of interest in the old line of studies in Latin and Greek, and at the same time, by shortening the time of school preparation, cause youth to get into active life sooner.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

Rochester University has received \$120,000 and Rochester Theological Seminary \$170,000 from the estate of the late John B. Trevor of Yonkers, N. Y.

Syracuse was quite lively, in a fraternity way, on the evening of February 20th. Beta Theta Pi held a district reunion and banquet at the Vanderbilt. Psi Kappa Psi's New York Beta Chapter (Syracuse University), gave a reception and banquet to their lady friends—at the Globe hotel. During the program of this reception, which quite monopolized the public hall on the second floor, our Central Association proceeded to the banquet room. Everything, however, was harmonious and the Theta Dels were doubly careful not to encroach at all, out of respect to Phi Kappa Psi and their lady guests. Their reception was evidently a great success.

The will of the late Daniel B. Fayerweather, the millionaire leather dealer of New York city, bequeathes to colleges a sum exceeding two million dollars. The following comprise the chief bequests: Yale College, for Sheffield scientific school, \$300,000; Columbia College, \$200,000; Cornell University, \$200,000; Bowdoin College, \$100,000; Amherst College, \$100,000; Williams College, \$100,000; Wesleyan University, \$100,000; Hamilton College, \$100,000; University of Rochester, \$100,000; Lincoln, \$100,000; University of Virginia, \$100,000; Maryville College, \$100,000; Dartmouth College, \$100,000; Union Theological Seminary for the endowment of cadetship, \$50,000; Lafayette College, \$50,000; Elmira College (female), \$50,000. This is the first direct bequest ever received by Lafayette College.

## Charge Letters.

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[Charge editors are again requested to write only on one side of the paper and to assume a style somewhat more expansive than a telegraphic communication. The next letter is due on June 1st, 1891, and should be as long as possible. Write legibly,

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### BETA.

#### CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

We take pleasure in announcing that Beta still keeps up her old record for filling her ranks with excellent men. Since our last letter we have initiated Messrs. Charles A. Cleaver and Edward C. Ryan, both of Chicago, who have already proven themselves enthusiastic Theta Deltas. We have now five men from the Freshman class, who have already caught the true spirit of our fraternity, and entered heartily into its work. We have several more men in view, from whom we shall very soon select one to complete our representation from '94.

But we have one loss to report, Bro. M. N. MacLaren, '91, was taken sick at the beginning of the term, and after a serious illness of two weeks, was ordered home by his physician. This is hardly the place to express our sincere regret at Brother MacLaren's departure, but I do not hesitate to say that if there was one brother, whom above all others we were grieved to lose, that brother was Larry. As popular in his class as in his fraternity, always pleasant, he was a leading spirit in whatever he undertook. But for fear we shall be thought to be writing an obituary notice, we are happy to say that Brother MacLaren has improved very much since he reached home, and intends to come back next year to complete his course.

The Junior Ball, which was held about the middle of the term, was a great success. About two hundred and fifty couples were present. The Armory was tastefully decorated and two orchestras supplied excellent music. The elegantly furnished boxes, which were rented by the thirteen leading fraternities, were arranged along the sides of the hall. Everything considered, it was decidedly the most brilliant social event ever held at Cornell.

The usual under class disturbances attended the Freshman banquet. Class feeling had been stirred up considerably by a banner which had been placed on Sibley College by the Freshmen, but on the morning before the banquet, when it was reported that the Freshman toastmaster had been kidnapped by '93, the excitement was intense. Warrants were

sworn out against several men who were known to be implicated in the affair, and in order to prevent the matter from going before the faculty, they promised to return the missing man. Two hours late, after a parade through the streets of the city, he was turned over to the hungry banqueters, who were anxiously awaiting his return.

The first of the term we were favored with an informal visit by Brother Holmes, accompanied by Brother Winans. Beta is always more than glad to welcome any Theta Deltas, who come our way, and always feels benefitted by coming in contact with the other charges. Bro. Perry Roberts, '87, was with us for a few weeks during the first of the term, while visiting his father, Prof. Roberts of Cornell. Brother Roberts is at present engaged in stock raising near Canton, Miss., and while here gave a very interesting talk before the Cornell Agricultural Society on the condition of agriculture in Mississippi.

Brothers Carter and McKinney are now with us. With best wishes to the other charges from Beta.

EMORY M. WILSON.

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### GAMMA DEUTERON.

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

[This letter which should have appeared in the December number, was received one day too late. Although much of its news is old, it deserves a place on the records, and is accordingly inserted.—Ed.]

Gamma Deuteron is just approaching her first anniversary. It is with satisfaction that we look back over this first year of our fraternity life, and the hopes that we entertained for the future were never brighter. All of our charter members are still with us, though we miss the faces of some whose counsel and advice was most valuable to us during the first few months of our history. Brothers Winans and Burroughs, of Rho Deuteron, have both established themselves in practice, the former in New York, and the later at Syracuse. Brother Miller, of Delta, still remains with us and is an earnest and enthusiastic member of the charge. Gamma Deuteron has secured for this year a very comfortable and commodious house at 21 N. State street, where we are prepared to give a royal welcome to any brothers who may stray this way. At the beginning of the year we tried the experiment of running our own table, and found it such an improvement over "grub-house" board that we shall continue the practice throughout the year.

We have now but nine active members but we shall swell our numbers soon by at least four initiates.

Brother Kilvert, of Maclean & Co., a Chicago lumber firm, made us a flying visit a few week ago. Brother Kilvert's jolly and genial nature makes his presence among us a rare treat. We hope business will not be so pressing next time.

Michigan University is on the boom as usual. Unless our expectations are disappointed we shall have fully 2,500 students before the calendar

appears. The law school is especially crowded. Numerous extensions are a necessity of the near future. We still struggle along without a gymnasium and with little immediate prospect of getting one. Michigan's "haw-buck" legislature fails to see the importance of educating muscle along with mind.

The recent "street fight" has been much talked about by the press of this country, and there has resulted no little criticism unjust to the University. It is true that one of our students was killed on the street, but no one but a hot-headed militia company can be held responsible for this sad affair. As may be known the company, consisting of 30 men, were out on a charivari. The boys, attracted by the noise, turned out in large number, when suddenly the company charged on the boys with their muskets. The result was the death of one of the brightest members of the class of '94. Giving the college yell seems to have been the only offense of the students, and no blame can attach to the University.

The U. of M. has decided to pay more attention to athletics. A mass meeting of the students, a few days ago, resulted in a union of all the athletic societies to further the cause of athletics.

About 900 of our students went down to Detroit to witness the Rugby game between our team and Cornell. We acknowledge that Cornell did us up, but would take some hope for the future from the fact that the score 20 to 5 was a decided improvement on the 60 to 0 of one year ago.

Brother Depew is becoming quite prominent in engineering circles. His address before the Engineering Society the other evening on the subject of "Water Motors" has received much favorable comment.

It is more than probable that several of our brothers will attend the Holiday banquet to be given by Theta Delt graduates in Chicago.

Brother Butler comes back from the convention full of new enthusiasm for our beloved fraternity. He reports a right royal time at the hands of our eastern brethren.

Gamma Deuteron is well pleased with the selection of Brother Holmes. We extend to our new president our best wishes and congratulations. If any of our brethren happen out west don't fail to drop off and make a call on Gamina Deuteron. Theta Dels are not quite so thick out here as they are down east, but we assure you that we have a most cordial welcome for any brothers who may chance our way. We wish all a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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#### GAMMA DEUTERON.

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

Gamma Deuteron feels like a stranger in the SHIELD. Brother Holmes informs us that our last letter arrived just two days after the SHIELD had been mailed. We most humbly apologize for our remissness and promise that the "wild west" shall be heard from in the future. It is needless to say that we are pleased with the Convention number of the SHIELD. It certainly did great credit to Brother Holmes and to our fraternity.

Gamma Deuteron is now a little more than one year old. Perhaps you will call her a rather precocious child, yet we assure you that she has long since discarded bib and high-chair. She finds herself strong and healthy and gives every promise of a long and prosperous career. This year has been full of hard work and has seen some disappointments, yet we would say, and not boastfully, that Gamma Deuteron has made for herself a place among the fraternites of Ann Arbor which is the source of much satisfaction.

It is always uphill work for a new fraternity to get the best men when competition is as brisk as it is here, yet our efforts at rushing have certainly met with marked success. Although we shall lose six of our men by graduation this year still we have at the present time a strong working force for next year and there is every reason to believe that our number will be increased by several new members before many weeks.

There can be no better time to introduce to the brothers of  $\Theta \Delta X$  our five recent initiates. They are, Bros. Ross Whitman, Ernest J. Dennan, Lawrence Cole, Harvey W. Le Clear and Arthur H. Veysey. Dr. Geo. Conklin of West Superior, Wis., was also initiated by us just before the holidays. Brother Conklin was to have been a charter member, but leaving college just before the founding of our charge he was unable to join us until his return to Ann Arbor last December. Our initiates are all strong men and will make first-rate Theta Delt. We are especially pleased at the enthusiasm which they show in rushing new men.

We are especially fortunate in obtaining editorships on two of the leading college papers. Owing to the establishment of *The Daily*, the two weeklies, *The Chronicle* and *The Argonaut* were combined at the beginning of this year. The board is composed equally of Frats and Independents. Of the fifteen fraternities only six are on at once. It was our fortune to be given a place for the first year. Bro. Trumbull was our editor for last semester while Bro. Butler officiates in that capacity at the present time. *The Inlander* is a new monthly published by a board of eight chosen from the Faculty, the Independents and the Frats. We have been given a position on the board together with D. K. E. and Delta Tau Delta. Bro. Rebec was chosen as our editor but resigning on account of press of work a new election resulted in the choice of Brother Warner.

Gamma Deuteron can not boast of any class honors nor even any fraternity in the city. The Independents have a way of sweeping everything at class election.

Bro. Warner has just received a gold medal which he won in the fall field day walking match. As Bro. Warner took a similar prize last year, we are beginning to realize in him rare possibilities as a pedestrian.

Bro. Kilvert, Iota, '84, of Chicago, dropped in upon us a short time before the holidays. Bro. Fessenden, Xi, '82, and Bro. Bradbury, Kappa, '79, happened to be in town on the same day a few weeks since, and spent a very social evening at our house. Bro. Kendall, of Saginaw,

favors us with a call now and then. Bro. Waters, Xi, '82, holds the position of curator of Hobart Hall in this city. It is needless to say that he is frequently in our midst.

Bro. Depuy is in love. His affection is so strong for water motors that he may be seen most any day down at the creek making experiments with a member of the faculty.

We are please to note that a number of brothers have made us pleasant calls.

Just as we write comes the sad news of the death of N. P. Wells, for fifteen years Kent Professor of Law in our university. His death following so close upon that of our esteemed Winchell, casts an unusual gloom over the university.

The boys are all excited over the prospect of obtaining a gymnasium. A Detroit gentleman has given \$20,000 on condition that a like sum be added within two months. It need not be said that the boys are straining every nerve to make the gym. a go.

Gamma Deuteron is pleased that old Theta has been born again. It is pleasant to feel that we are no longer alone out here in "the wilderness."

In conclusion we give all the brothers a most fraternal grip. If any of you should ever chance out this way we would have you remember that the latch string of Gamma Deuteron is always out.

ANN ARBOR, March 6, 1891.

LYMAN B. TRUMBULL.

### DELTA.

#### RENNSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Ever since the last number of the SHIELD, visitors have been rather a scarce article and we are beginning to think it is because we did not put them *entirely* uner the table. Give us another chance is all we ask.

Delta is getting "pillier" every day, to use a piece of institute slang. All of its members are doing well in their humble way and it is hoped our expected "C E's" will arrive on time.

We are of the opinion that the institute is improving in some respects, especially by the course of lectures which Prof. Ricketts has inaugurated. The course consists of a lecture by some prominent graduate, or other engineer, every few weeks. These being delivered by men who are authorities upon their particular subjects, are of patent value to the under-graduates.

As is well known by this time, the old Athletic Association, and with it the Grand Marshalship, are entirely dead, killed by a party who was mad because it lost; it wanted the reins and because it was disappointed it "wouldn't play."

In its place however, has arisen the "R. P. I. Union," established for the same purposes as the old one, but with it there is no Grand Marshall. This union has been organized mainly through the efforts of '92; '91 has not

taken kindly to the idea as it is the only class now in the institute which was concerned in the old trouble; in the course of a year or so we hope to have our union as staunch as the old association was at its best.

The union gave a reception in the gym. recently and the affair was a decided success; another is now being thought of and will probably occur.

Through the efforts of the union a gymnasium instructor has been secured and for the first time since its erection, the gym. is now complete.

On a Thursday evening about a month ago, it was noticed that there was a decided scarcity of freshmen and upon investigation it was discovered that the sleigh-ride rush "was on" at last.

The freshies proceeded to Albany, had their banquet, etc., but were met by the sophs when half-way home. To say that the meeting was disastrous for '94 is about the proper thing as they were unquestionably, thoroughly, entirely defeated and the writer of this is not a '93 man either.

Matters with the charge are about the same, no arrivals, no departures from the charge.

A week or so ago, Frederic Carter, of Yale and the city of vest-pocket clocks, dropped in, but his visit was unlike himself,—it was short. "Our Fred" as he is to us, is too much occupied with business to suit the Delta as she suffers thereby on account of the lapse of time between visits.

Calculus Cremation was very impressive this year and passed off very satisfactorily. The invitation consisted of a poem written by Brother Cox, '92, and printed on the regular mourning paper.

It seems to be *the* thing to end up a charge letter by inviting every Theta Delt to come and visit, well, we will not do this time-worn thing but will simply say that if there is a  $\Theta \Delta X$  who does not know our "she-bang" is open to him, it is about time died.

CHAS. E. BIRCH.

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### EPSILON DEUTERON.

VALE UNIVERSITY.

Affairs at Epsilon Deuteron are in fine shape and our charge has been thriving since the last letter to the SHIELD was written. One new man, Frederick E. Stow, of Plantsville, Conn., has been initiated and Brother Caldwell, '89, has returned for a P. G. course in engineering; but we have unfortunately lost two genial brothers from '93, Bros. Dewell and Stults, being obliged to leave college on account of illness.

Brother Blair was obliged to give up his position of corresponding secretary, which place is now very ably filled by Brother Ricketts.

During the last three months we have been favored with visits from Bro. Carter, ex-secretary of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Du Bois, '89, Brother Saltonstall, and Bro. Whitney of Theta Deuteron. Needless to say they were most welcome and we endeavored to give them a reception worthy of a Theta Delt.

The appointment list was bulletined the middle of last month and the names of four of our six seniors appeared upon it, a larger percentage, I believe, than any other crowd in Sheff. had. The lucky ones were Bros. Blair, Robbins, Shepard and Ware. '91, though having the largest number of appointments ever given to a class in Sheff., did not secure as high a percentage as '90, there being only thirty-six out of ninety-one men.

Brother Van Huyck has been appointed temporary captain of the freshman crew and Bro. A. Sedgwick is also training for the same, while Bro. Robinson has been training for the 'Varsity.

At last the monotonous winter term is nearly over and the season of base ball and out door sports is near at hand.

The nine feels the loss of the famous Stagg greatly, but it will do its utmost to carry Yale's true blue to victory. The candidates for 'Varsity crew are already at training table, but the prospects for success have been dampened by illness and other reasons, there being but two of last years victorious crew in the boat this year.

"Prom" week was as usual a great success and there seemed to be more pretty girls than usual present. Studies were a secondary matter at that time for those who were entertaining friends. The Junior Promenade was held in the armory, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion and every class, with the exception of the freshman, gave a German. The Glee and Banjo Clubs gave their annual concert before a large audience, Brother Gunckel representing us on the latter.

Epsilon Deuteron's greetings to all.

E. V. WARE.

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ZETA,

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Since the advent of the new administration of affairs at Brown every branch of learning has taken a new start. Liberality of thought and action has not supplanted the old conservatism of this ancient college, but rather has become its ally.

October 23 Prof. Williams formally opened a German Seminar, in which are books of reference, dictionaries and the literary productions of Germany's most noted authors. This was followed by the other departments.

Brown's library, under the efficient management of Dr. Guild, who has held the position of librarian since 1847, contains about 70,000 volumes and adds about 1,000 each year.

Wilson Hall, recently built and furnished at an expense of \$100,000 or more, is fully equipped with standard mechanical tools.

The Astronomical observatory and instruments will cost about \$30,000. Of the movable instruments the most interesting, perhaps, are the sun-shine and pole star recorders which show the length of time the bodies shine during each day or night.

Although Zeta has not been re-established many years she keeps pace with the University. While she points with pride to the fact that she has among her alumni a United States Senator and Representative, the presiding officers of the State House of Representatives and Providence City Council, a mayor, and many others who stand in the foremost ranks of professional and business life, she is proud of her present and looks forward to the future with great enthusiasm.

We introduce with pleasure another new member, Bro. L. H. Newell, '94, who was initiated since the last charge letter to the SHIELD.

One benefit of a college fraternity is the opportunity under-graduates have of becoming acquainted with graduate members into whose society they would not otherwise be thrown. This advantage cannot be better enjoyed than at an annual banquet of graduate and active members.

Although some of the graduates were detained by sickness and other causes, Zeta's banquet held December 12, was a great success. We were pleased to have with us graduates from Lambda and Omicron <sup>a</sup>. The speeches of the evening were full of enthusiasm for ΘΔX.

The charge has found it of great social benefit to have a spread at the rooms two or three times a month.

Brother Lisle '91, is business manager of the Brown Magazine. Bros. Hall and Bennett are candidates for the Freshman base ball nine.

Among the graduates who have visited us this year are Brothers Martin, '62; J. H. Tower, '67; Watson, '70; Hamlin, '72; C. S. Tower, Stiness, and Frost, all of '90.

Brothers Home, C. J. Bullock, Lambda '89, and Wm. R. Conant, Omicron <sup>a</sup> '83, have called at the rooms.

January 29th Bro. Arthur H. Watson, B. U. '70, President of the City Council of Providence, gave a reception to Zeta at his residence. The cordial welcome of Brother Watson proved that a Theta Delt's kindly feeling toward the fraternity does not diminish after graduation.

The death of Prof. T. W. Bancroft has caused a deep feeling of sadness. Graduating in '59, he was called to Brown in 1868 to the professorship of Rhetoric and English literature. Besides writing several text books he was well known as the author of many hymns and poems. The success of many professional and business men attests his faithfulness. He has left with us the record of a pure, sincere, devout life, the remembrance of which death itself cannot destroy.

H. L. GARDNER.

#### ETA.

##### BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

We take pleasure in announcing that, since the last issue of the SHIELD, we have initiated Bro. Fred W. Pickard, of Portland, Me., member of the Freshman class. Brother Pickard would have been initiated in the fall, but was absent on account of sickness. He is an A No. 1 fellow and will make a loyal Theta Delt. Bro. L. M. Kimball, '87, was present at the initiation.

We have received the new Pocket Directory of the New York Theta Deltas, and are very much pleased with it. It is a capital thing and many thanks are due to the kindness of the brother through whose efforts it was prepared. It would be an excellent plan to have a similary directory of our Boston brothers. Such a list would be especially pleasing to our New England charges.

The most absorbing topic with us at present is our Athletic Exhibition which occurs the last of the month.  $\Theta\Delta X$  will be well represented.

Our boat crew has been in training for some time, and we hope to make a creditable showing in the spring. Brother Parker, '91, is captain of the "eight," and Bro. C. H. Hastings, also, will row. Bros. Horne and W. W. Poor, '91, and Nichols and H. W. Poor, '92, will be candidates for positions.

A tug-of-war contest has been arranged between Colby and Bowdoin, to take place at our athletic exhibition. Brother Horne, '91, will be Bowdoin's anchor.

A scientific expedition will be sent from here, next summer, under the direction of Prof. L. A. Lee, to the coast of Labrador for the purpose of investigating the marine fauna of the region and studying the geological formation of the country. Prof. Lee will be accompanied by his assistant, two from the faculty of Clarke University, and Bro. D. M. Cole, '89, who was his assistant in the expedition to the Straits of Magellan, four years ago, under the auspices of the United States Fish Commission. In addition, there will be several of our alumni and students. Many have applied for a chance to go and there is considerable curiosity to learn who will be the lucky ones. The expedition will leave Rockland, Me., the first of July and be gone about two months. A schooner of 100 tons is now being fitted up for the purpose, having sleeping apartments, laboratory, dark-room for the development of photographs, and other conveniences for the voyage.

Our observatory is finished and the instruments have arrived and are being put up.

Brother Horne, '91, represents the society, and Brothers Nichols, '92, and Nichols, '94, their respective classes, upon our college jury.

Bro. F. C. Russell, '89, stopped a few days with us when passing through here on his way home from Pembroke, Me., where has just finished a term of school.

Brother Hull, '92, has taken the place of Brother Hodgdon, '92, as managing editor of our Bugle, which will published "in two weeks." We will be glad to exchange for other college annuals where our society is represented.

Brother Nichols, '94, who has been teaching this winter at East Raymond, Me., has returned to college.

We received a pleasant call from Brother Stiness, Brown '90, the first of the term.

Bro. F. I. Brown, '85, is attending the Bowdoin Medical School this winter; also Bros. P. T. Haskell, Yale ex'92, and C. P. Hutchinson, Boston University '87. We are exceedingly glad to have them with us.

Eta is so isolated from the other charges that we rarely have the pleasure of meeting the brothers from other colleges, here at Brunswick. We hope that they will not forget us when they do come this way.

Arrangements have been made to light our dormitories with electricity.

Brothers Pettingill, '81, Kimball, '87, Davis, '85, Little and Clark, '89, and H. H. Hastings, '90, have called on us during the past term.

C. C. BUCKNAM.

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#### THETA DEUTERON.

##### MASS. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

DEAR BRO. HOLMES.—With this letter I step in to fill Brother White's place as charge editor for Theta Deuteron.

Here at Tech. we are now enjoying the halycon days of the second term and hard grinding with its accompaniment of midnight oil is not necessary at this time, which is undisturbed by the thought of approaching examinations. It is now several weeks since the semi-annual examinations were events of the past, and the Tech. student is happy in the consciousness of a clear record, or is not troubling himself over the conditions which he will be obliged to work off at the close of the term. Theta Deuteron bore herself remarkably well during the ordeal and flunks were decidedly the exception rather than the rule.

The only hard working men at present are the seniors, who are busy at their theses and begin to realize that the coveted sheep-skin with its S. B. is getting very close within their grasp. But on the whole this is a time of general relaxation and although there is plenty to do the pressure of institute work is at a minimum.

Since the last issue of the SHIELD the growing fraternity sentiment at the institute has been further exhibited by the appearance of two new chapters among us, namely Chi Phi and D. K. E. This makes the total number of fraternities represented here eight, which is a remarkable increase in three years, for in '88 there were but two, Sigma Chi and Theta Xi.

There is nothing of especial moment which is on the institute boards at present.

Our indoor spring athletic meeting, which occurred Saturday, March 7, is the event which has been recently occasioning the most agitation. The meeting was very successful but hardly as satisfactory as could be wished as most of the events were captured by Harvard men. Theta Deuteron was not represented in the list of entries at the winter meeting in December, however the charge was well represented by Brothers Anderson and Hawley. Brother Anderson distinguished himself by securing first place in the rope climb.

Theta Deuteron has entered upon the present term with prospects which are very bright for one so young, and it is very gratifying to observe that our influence in institute affairs is steadily increasing. We expect to initiate several new men shortly.

The banquet of the New England Association occurs in Boston on April 3, and of course we shall all be there notwithstanding the fact that the institute senior dinner is booked for the same night. Indeed April 3 seems to be a very popular date for banquets, as that of the Southern Graduate Association occurs at that time.

On the evening of the twenty-first of March Theta Deuteron will have consummated her first year of life. It will be our first anniversary and we propose to commemorate the occasion in an appropriate manner. We cannot but always look upon this date with the greatest satisfaction in realizing that we attained to something better and nobler in life when we became identified with ΘΔΧ.

Theta Deuteron sends best wishes to all the charges and especially to Theta, in whom, paradoxical as it may seem, we think we have a right to take a fatherly interest.

Yours in the bonds,

H. H. ENSWORTH.

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### KAPPA.

TUFTS COLLEGE.

Here is another catalogue letter. If you want literature, read elsewhere; this is a concise statement of what our men are doing and the position we occupy. Charge matters during the last few months have drifted quietly along, many meetings being rather poorly attended, owing to many dates of the Glee Club unfortunately coming on Monday, our meeting night. That organization, managed by Bro. Crandall, '89, and led by Bro. Hawkins, '93, in which several of our boys sing, has had marked success during the winter, having already sung to thirty-five audiences. Before this number of the SHIELD appears we shall have given a joint concert with Brown at Providence, R. I., where we hope to meet some of the Zeta boys.

Just now class banquets are the topics of conversation on the Hill; '91 held hers February 27th, and Bro. Perkins was poet; '93's committee, on which Bro. Thompson serves, has chosen March 27th as the night, when Bro. J. B. Groce will read a poem. Bro. Gray is chairman of '92's committee, and informs me that theirs will be on March 24th; Bro. Randall will be toastmaster and Bro. Johnson orator. '92 is also laying plans for a Junior Promenade, with Bro. North as chairman of the committee. Bro. Kimball, editor-in-chief of '92's annual, has the "Brown and Blue" ready for press. He has also on his hands the management of the base ball team for the coming season. May that time hasten! Bro. Hollister, '92, was in January elected President of the Base Ball Association and immediately succumbed to an attack of the measles, our winter epidemic.

Fully one-tenth of the college had them during January and February, but the above was the only instance of its attacking one of our boys. While writing on the general subject of athletics, I might add that Bro. Peterson, '92, is President of the Tennis Association, and both Brothers Peterson and Gray, '92, appear in the list of the ten strongest men in college, according to the examinations and tests made by Dr. Fremont Swain and lately announced. To-day, March 10th, an association has been organized to revive the Field Day, which the college has not observed for several years, although individual classes have done something in that line. Bro. A. W. Grose, '91, was chosen on the executive board. Of the coming Field Day, you will probably hear more in the next SHIELD.

Bros. Perkins and A. W. Grose are on the committee for '91's Class Day (June 12th), and Bro. Perkins is also Tree Orator of the occasion.

Bro. Needham, who has been pursuing a special course, with particular attention given to the chemistry of dyeing, has just left college to accept a position in the Pacific Mills at Lawrence, Mass. Perhaps it may be well to add here that one of the brothers has obtained the highest rank ever given in the history of the college in the prescribed course in Inorganic Chemistry.

As visitors on the Hill we have lately seen Bros. Eastman, '60, F. E. Bateman, '87, Reed, '89, Ricketts, '90, and Cushing, '89. In the charge we have had valuable letters and papers, written by well known graduates, on subjects of vital interest and importance.

With hopes that his successor may do better than he, this charge editor throws away this pen.

M. M. JOHNSON.

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### LAMBDA.

#### BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Another election has been held, and the present charge editor undertakes the pleasant duty of contributing Lambda's letter to the SHIELD. He counts it one of the greatest honors to represent his charge on the best of all fraternity magazines and to hold such a close connection with the universal brotherhood.

We can safely say that in no period of history has the fraternal spirit of Lambda been so fervent as now. Could you have dropped in at any of the charge meetings for the last few months, you would not wonder at my statement that no closer tie of love and friendship ever existed between brothers of flesh and blood.

Our last letter mentioned our representation at the Convention. Our delegates brought us a very interesting outline of the proceedings, and enthusiasm to the brim; but when the printed report was read recently, the hearts of all beat high at the evident progress that Theta Delta Chi is making. We note the encouraging report on the SHIELD and pledge our financial support and hearty co-operation.

I know that you are anticipating my personals, so I will immediately open fire.

Lambda takes everything on Commencement honors this year. As you know, these have been at the disposal of the faculty for several years. The faculty returned the names of Bro. Snow for speaker and Bro. J. W. Spencer for alternate speaker, to the intense satisfaction and approval of the brothers.

The class of '91 throughout the University held an inter-departmental dinner on February 10th. This is a new departure and proved a great success. Bro. J. W. Spencer was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

The *Index*, well known to all recent alumni, as being founded by Theta Deltas, which contains a directory of the faculty, students and alumni of the College and of the School of Law, has been ably edited for the second year by Bro. J. W. Spencer. The work is none the less valuable because given gratuitously.

I suppose that our Philomathean has become a familiar word among all college students, because of the Hub newspaper rumpus. I will keep you in suspense no longer as to the terrible (?) actions of B. U.'s sophomores. In the first place, much of the accounts that have been written are wind, or newspaper inflation. For several years it has been the custom to allow the freshmen to give an entertainment to the College, with the tacit understanding that the Sophs. might then have their little fun. In this case the entertainment by the freshmen consisted in a pantomime "Legend of Sleepy Hollow," in which Bros. Brady and Rogers took prominent parts, and Bros. Sweetzer, Smith, Adams, McDuffie and Woodvine minor parts. That of the sophomore competitors consisted in songs, speeches, torpedo firing and instrumental music (?), with the display of placards, with caricature and points of history. All were in perfect good humor during the performance. Later on, one of the Sophs. called in a policeman in order to increase the fun at his expense. The policeman did not take to the joke kindly, in fact considered it as lowering the dignity of the guardians of the peace, and hence the nucleus for newspaper bombast. The College is not a rowdy institution and is not likely to be.

The Philomathean Society is under the Presidency of Bro. Paull, '92; Bro. Sweetzer, '94, is Treasurer. At the last entertainment given by this society Bro. Hawkins, ex-'93, and now of Tufts College, favored us with several of his excellent songs.

The Glee Club Ideals, of whom mention was made in the last SHIELD, are having an unusual run of engagements, an average of about three a week, and are uniformly well received. Among many others we notice engagements at Wollaston, Bro. Luther Freeman's church, at Natick, where Bro. Blackett is pastor, and at Arlington Heights, the home of Bro. Sylvester. Their engagement at Fall River was very successful.

The program of entertainment billed Mr. H. M. Stanley to follow them the next week. It is needless to say that Mr. Stanley experienced more difficulty than usual in holding his audience.

Bro. F. W. Adams, '92, also sustained his role as reader very successfully in the annual concert given by the Glee Club at the College. Bro. Adams is what Bro. Smith calls a "rara avis." His rendering of the "Sentinel Flower" and of the familiar ballad, "Where are going, my Pretty Maid?" assisted by Miss Sylvester at the piano, was unique and pleasing.

The annual election of editor-in-chief of the University *Beacon* is approaching. The class of '92 has nominated three candidates, Bro. W. F. Gilman and one each from *B Θ Π* and *Δ Τ Δ*. What the choice of the College will be must necessarily be reported in my next letter.

Death has saddened the homes of two of our brothers. Bro. Heckbert, '93, and Bro. Snow, '91, have each passed through the dark shadow attending the loss of their truest friend—a mother. They have the sincere sympathy of brothers in whose hearts they hold a warm place.

Boston University is reviving an interest in athletics. At a mass meeting of the men last week it was arranged to place a base ball team in the field, to accept a challenge from Wesleyan, and to form bicycle, tennis clubs, etc. I notice the election of Bro. J. W. Spencer, '91, and of Bro. Rogers, '94, on the college committee. Also the entries of Bros. Balcom and Rogers for the indoor meet next month.

This is the year for musical companies at the College. Recently introduced to the musical world, although of sufficiently long standing to insure its success, is the Odeon Concert Company, composed of Bro. F. W. Adams, Reader; Bro. T. H. Sylvester, Harmonic Bells; Miss Sylvester, Pianist, and Mr. Slack, Baritone. Engagements filled at Boston, Newton Center, Waltham, Springfield, Arlington Heights and Hartford, N. H., have established a reputation for this promising talent.

I believe that the SHIELD has not yet had any account of our '90 men.

Brother Emery is Instructor in Mathematics, Latin and Greek, in the Medford High School. His address is West Medford.

Bro. W. E. Fisher is at home in Springfield, Vt.

Bro. G. F. Kenney is teacher of Latin and Greek in the Hitchcock Free School, Brimfield, Mass.

Bro. W. B. Locke entered the School of Theology last fall, but under a temporary disability has gone to his home in E. Concord, N. H., probably not to return this year.

Bro. G. H. Spencer is pursuing the regular course in the School of Theology and is preaching at Methuen.

Brother Tuthill is also a B. U. Theologe.

Bro. S. E. Whittaker is taking a course in Electrical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Now something about our graduate brothers. The event thus far this

year was the Klatsch Collegium, an annual reception given by the ladies of the college to the men and the friends of both sexes. We noticed as present, Bro. G. H. Fall and wife, Bro. Wheat and wife, Bro. Luther Freeman and wife, Bro. G. H. Spencer and lady, and Bros. Chenery, Bickford, Bullock, Whitaker and Locke. Brother Hobson was expected to arrive, but did not. These brothers have not forgotten how to give the grip by any means.

It is rumored very strongly that Bro. A. M. Kilgore, '83, at Duluth, Minn., is in a fair way to become the "Jay Gould" of the next decade.

That Bro. J. C. Ferguson, '86, President of the Nanking University, Nanking, China, is about to return to the states in the interest of that University.

Bro. Wales R. Stockbridge, '88, is taking a delightful sailing trip to South America for the purpose of general recuperation.

In conclusion let me assure the brothers in  $\Theta\Delta X$  universal that Lambda is all right. We already have our eyes on some good material that is coming to B. U. next year, and no doubt exists in our minds but that we shall come out on top.

As ever, there is a hearty welcome for any Theta Delt at 39 Holyoke street, and if you are in Boston, and do not come to see us, you had better keep it quiet.

JOHN L. HOPKINS.

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#### MU DEUTERON.

#### AMHERST COLLEGE.

They all say Amherst is a terribly monotonous place in winter term, but this year has been an exception. We have had a stiff, bracing winter, with two or three reminders of the traditional '88 blizzard; the real time for that, however, is only just at hand. The Amherst student has kept pretty wide awake this year, and yet, within your correspondent's observation, there has been fully as much hard work as ever.

President Gates is very well liked by the whole college, faculty and students, and has won the confidence of all. He has introduced two or three pleasant customs in morning prayers. If there is anything of interest about the business affairs of the college, such as a gift, he is sure to tell it. Besides the Fayerweather legacy, Amherst has been given \$100,000 for the general fund, on condition that \$150,000 shall be given for any purpose whatever. This \$100,000 to be called the Seelye Fund, in honor of ex-President Seelye. We are quite confident that President Gates was the great factor in getting this gift, and believe he will have the \$150,000 soon. President Gates is spending this year largely in getting acquainted with Amherst in all phases. He has attended several alumni dinners, and never failed to inspire enthusiasm. He has also been invited to speak in many New England cities, and his success has been such as to win for him already a place among the leading men of New England. One pleasant feature was his lecture at Dartmouth

College. The students warmly applauded him, and agreed it was the best they had heard for years. Such an exhibition of good feeling between the two rival colleges was very pleasant.

Amherst's new grand stand is progressing well, and will be about the best for a college of her size, large, convenient, handsome, commanding a fine broad view of the Connecticut valley and the mountains. It has large dressing rooms attached.

Mu Deuteron has been utilizing her new parlors by having more social life. We have had a "blow out" every Saturday night, with a little spread attached, and the result has been to bring us closer together than ever before. We are trying to have a reception before the term ends. Our house is doing very good service, as we who are quartered therein can testify. Eighteen of us are rooming here together. In the new part of the house, the "Sacred Five" keep open house, with hearty welcome to all. In the old part, the Fisher brothers keep ditto, by compulsion, being on the ground floor. Here you do not always get a welcome, though always a hearty reception. However, you walk right in and make yourself at home; for this is the council-room, lounging room, sparring room, entertainment room, auditorium, and circus ring for our whole side of the house. Besides the Fishers themselves, the great attraction is imported from the upper-story, in the *shape* of Brother Perry. Here also, after Sunday service, the preacher's effort is subjected to most searching scrutiny, and Brother Cooley's views, whatever they may be, are fully met and overwhelmed by argument.

The brothers had long felt the need of a patrolman to keep watch of all things about the house, and so Brother Baker, '93, was induced to room here. He may always be found walking around the halls or rooms, and no fire, crime, or disorder could escape his eye.

One of the lively features of the term was the Junior Prom., first introduced by '92, and proving a great success. The old dancers were busy beforehand putting grace into their facile gyrations, and the best fun of all (for us who are wholly onlookers) was to see the novices shuffling around at all places in attempted waltzes and polkas. These beginners have had opportunities to combine practice with fun at some Co. K. balls, where all the fair *élite* and otherwise of the town were present. Brother Avery, especially, tried his maiden toe at some of these gatherings. Even our practical Brother Sibley has been a wooer of Terpsichore.

Amherst has had two lecture courses this winter. The new one was held in the new Town Hall, and was gotten up largely by some members of the faculty as a kind of University Extension scheme. It embraces lectures by members of our faculty, the Aggie faculty, and outsiders, for instance Geo. W. Cable, and Gen. Howard. The admission price was made very low, only ten cents an evening. The course has drawn large crowds and proved a success.

The College Lecture course has not been so enjoyable for several years.

The last two evenings were occupied one by Will Carleton, and the other by Miss Mary Howe, with Schnecker, the harpist, and others. We looked forward to Mary Howe's appearance with great expectations. Standing room was sold for \$1.50. In spite of this, few were disappointed in the concert.

Our latest diversion was somewhat less classic in nature. It was a base ball benefit, in the shape of a mock trial, bringing into active participation as many of the fellows as possible, while the rest played the part of court room loungers. Many surprising costumes, male and female, adorned the halls of justice. Several of your brothers, being muscular and temperate men, were entrusted with police duty, and the result was—no riot. The case was the usual breach of promise. Brother Sibley questioned the witness for the prosecution, with great promise of his destined success in the profession.

It may seem that the above is rather a jovial aspect of winter term. There has been, however, a serious side. I read to-night in the *Hamilton Lit*, a statement to the effect that Senior year amounted to little, was mostly "padding." Now there are Seniors and Seniors, all the way from Brother Allen, who takes Latin, Pol. Econ, and "Doxology"—all three of which make very good "padding"—to Brother Farnham, who is kept at work incessantly on Geology and a stiff Philosophy course. Brother Stiles, '91, triumphantly "made" the second drawing of *Φ B K*; this, with our three first drawing men, gives us a better showing than any other fraternity.

Brother Avery, '91, besides his dancing achievements above hinted at, is a shining light in Psychology.

A selected division of the Freshman class has been made for advanced mathematical work. Bros. Munson and Putnam are in it.

The literary work of the charge has been taken up with zest. We have adopted a new method to encourage essay writing. Short sketches were required from every member of the two lower classes at once, and the best of these were read and freely discussed in charge meeting. We have had more system in training for declamations also—some one upper classman being permanently responsible for each Freshman or Sophomore.

Bro. W. J. Fisher, our representative on the '92 Olio, has been identified as the author of several spicy articles on the Faculty, Catalogue, etc. Brother Fisher has a peculiarly crisp way of "lighting on" any real absurdity.

One department of our charge work has been greatly improved this year. Brother Cooley, '91, as Alumni Secretary, has proved himself a "hustler." He has compiled the complete statistics of our alumni, got photographs of nearly all, and added to the memorabil book. He has procured a hektograph, and sent out two circular letter. Many of the alumni reply fully and we thus keep track of them, while we hope their interest in old Mu Deuteron is maintained. Almost all the graduate per-

sonals your correspondent can present to you were borrowed from this source. Bro. Cooley is a great compiler of statistics, and here is one interesting result which he has reached. Out of the six classes which Mu Deuterion has graduated, and the four or five brothers who have left before their class, we have 51 alumni. Their occupations at present are as follows: teachers, 17, post graduate students, 12; business, 8; clergymen, 5; physicians, 4; school superintendents, 2; one practicing lawyer; and two brothers loafing for their health.

I alluded above to the fact that Mu Deuterion's men are inclined to be muscular (as well as big-brained.) References—Omicron Deuterion's football players. An interesting series of facts regarding our muscle has just received a crowning addition. Here at Amherst, the student's strength is scientifically tested three times during the course. We have had the strongest men in several classes: Bro. Garfield, '88, Bro. Daniels, '90, Bro. Allen, '91, Bro. Smith, '92. For total strength Bro. Daniels, '90, in his Sophomore year made a record of 838 kilograms; Bro. Allen, '91, in his Sophomore examination raised this to 877; Bro. Daniels in his Senior year rose again, over Bro. Allen, to 941; but recently Bro. Allen has gone above all with 973.

Bro. Deane, '85, began with the new year to practice law in Willimantic, Conn.

Bro. Adams, '86, is superintendent of schools for Steele county, Minn. Address, Owatonna.

Bro. Conrad, '87, is also in Minnesota, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Blue Earth City.

Bro. Harriman, '87, is in business at Maynard, Mass. He owns a steam laundry there, and is building up a large business.

Bro. Brick, '88, is teaching Greek and the Sciences in the Augusta (Maine) High School.

Bro. Will Leonard, '88, after graduation, obtained a place as teacher in the Royal Institution for the Blind, London, England. After two years abroad he returned, and has entered the publishing house of Estes and Lauriat, Boston. His address is Newton Centre, Mass.

Bro. W. V. Grey, '89, has left the Newton Centre Theological Seminary to become pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church, Bridgeport, Conn. Besides a church, he has got himself a home. He was married, Feb. 9, to Miss Louise A. Sperry of Watertown, and is at home to all Theta Dels at 43 Black Rock Ave., Bridgeport.

Bro. C. J. Humphrey, '89, has turned his attention to the pursuit of lucre in the west. After graduation, he obtained a position as Examiner under the Sho Walter Mortgage Co. out in Kansas. "Spent most of my time travelling with a cart and Indian pony, subsisting chiefly on western sausage balls, and sleeping where daylight forsook me. I labored principally among those financially decrepid. July, 1890, I was elected assistant secretary of the company, and placed in charge of the Wellington office,

which place I held till November, 1890, when the court appointed a receiver for the company and placed him in charge. I now occupy the position of a humble private citizen, without income save what I can draw from the sweat of my pen." Bro. Humphrey is now in business as an investor's agent in Wellington, Kansas.

Bro. Young, '86, is pastor of a growing church in a growing town in New Jersey. This is Garfield, a new place near Passaic. The First Presbyterian church, of which Bro. Young is pastor, had a membership of 19 last June, at his start there, and is now 60 or above.

Bro. F. E. Tuttle, '89, is teaching Chemistry and Mineralogy at the Pennsylvania State College, Centre county, Penn.

Bro. Walker, '89, teaches Latin and English at Dr. Holbrook's Military Academy, Sing Sing. On account of poor health, and an accident in his family, he had to remain at home in Amherst for two months this winter, but has now returned.

Bro. S. A. Sherman, '85, left the Penn Charter school to accept a sub-mastership in the Providence (R. I.) High School. He has a very promising position, as the school is very large (about 800), and he is very near the head.

Bro. Haskell, '87, who was doing great work at the Boston City Hospital, has had an unfortunate set-back in a very dangerous attack of Diphteria, which has kept him from work since November. He is now at home in West Falmouth, Me., and getting better steadily, though quite slowly.

Bro. W. N. Bartlett, '90, has been travelling in the south. The winter he has spent at New Orleans.

Bro. A. W. Crockett, '90, who was teaching at Wells, Me., has now the Principalship of Northwood Seminary, a private educational school at Northwood Ridge, New Hampshire. ROBERT. S. WOODWORTH.

#### NU DEUTERON.

##### LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Nu Deuteron takes great pleasure in adding matter to the great worth of the SHIELD. She deems herself proud to be able to uphold as the standard of our glorious fraternity such a journal as this.

At this period of the College year everything is dull. There are no sports, no athletic games, no foot ball, base ball or lacrosse to relieve the monotony of mid-winter; although last week the winter indoor sports occurred, thus giving rise to a little pleasure.

Notwithstanding the dullness and gloom of the outside world Nu Deuteron's ten fine men revel, bathe and languish in the sunshine of their congeniality. One of the brothers sings his favorite song, ye ancient chestnut, "Coming Down from Bangor," at the execution of which he immediately receives a brickbat serenade.

The other day, during a blinding snow storm, a light suddenly broke in on our eyes, and upon looking we beheld emerging from out the snow our little sunbeam, "Kit" (D. G.) Hearne. He came in upon us unawares and made the surprise so much the more pleasant.

Bros. Morris, Ely, Merrick and Heilig are busy at work on their theses. Bro. Morris will without doubt make some original developments which will enlighten the technical world. Bro. Merrick is a little "foxy" in his work, but will nevertheless bring forth something new and original in thesis. Bro. Ely will make some astounding discoveries in chemical science, while Bro. Heilig is undecided which of his two prepared theses to select.

Bro. Harris is the same Deacon of former days. He is one of our best men and stands way up in the ranks of society. Bro. Holcombe is alive still, although he has been very quiet this term, due to his faithful application to sleeping.

Bro. Gearhart is the same lank 6 feet 2 inches as of yore. He will probably play on the 'Varsity nine this spring. Bro. Schumann won two prizes at the recent indoor sports—a first on the parallel bars and a second on the horizontal bar. Bro. Marsh is one of the efficient banjoists on the Banjo and Guitar Club.

We have had with us since our last letter Bros. Deans and Harris, '89, of New York city and Silver Brook, Pa., respectively. Bros. Dumont, Sanderson and Bryant made us a pleasant visit last week. Bro. Robbins, of Epsilon <sup>4</sup>, dropped in on us at a time when all the brothers had gone or were going to their homes to spend Washington's birthday. We hope to see him again. Bro. Beaumont gave us a pleasant surprise the other day by unexpectedly making us a visit. He expects to return to college next fall.

Without doubt the most pleasant affair indulged in by Nu <sup>3</sup> was the wedding of Bro. Johnson to Miss Estelle Borpek. The ceremony was held in the Moravian church, after which a reception was given at the bride's home on Broad street. The predominant element was Theta Delta Chi, and all the brothers joined heartily in making the affair a pleasant one. If there ever was a delightful wedding it was that of Bro. Johnson. In Mrs. Johnson Θ Δ X gains a loyal and devoted sister.

#### PERSONALS.

Bro. Deans, Lehigh '89, is with Sooy, Smith & Co., No. 2 Nassau St., New York city.

Bro. Johnson, Lehigh '89, Bethlehem, Pa., after leaving college went into the employ of the Bethlehem Government Works, where, after faithfully serving a little over a year, he received an important promotion. During the critical condition of his sickness all his relatives, friends and brothers waited expectantly for his recovery. On February 12th he was joined in wedlock to Miss Estelle Borpek and now resides on E. Church street, Bethlehem, Pa.

Horace A. Luckenbach, Lehigh '86, Bethlehem, is comfortably situated with the B. & A. Luckenbach Flouring Mill Co. He has been located here since his graduation, and is soon to become the possessor of a better half.

Bro. D. G. Hearne, Lehigh '90, Bethlehem, Pa., after his graduation took a post-graduate course at Johns Hopkins in electricity. He is again at Lehigh taking the degree of M. E.

Bro. J. G. Hearne, Lehigh '92, is at Johns Hopkins taking an advanced course in electricity. His present residence is 104 E. Franklin street, Baltimore, Md.

Bro. Amsden, Lehigh '87, Scranton, Pa., has been making an extended tour of the South and West, but is now at his home in Scranton. He expects soon to take up a lucrative position in the iron business.

Bro. Neiman, Lehigh '88, is at present with the Albany Aniline Works, Albany, N. Y.

Bro. Neill, Lehigh '88, Titusville, Pa., is reading law with Sherman & Grumbine.

Bro. Pratt, Lehigh '87, Johnstown, Pa., since his graduation has been holding an important position with the Johnstown Street Railway Company.

Bro. Williams, Lehigh '87, is holding a responsible position with one of the largest manufacturing companies in Chicago, Ill.

C. W. GEARHART.

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XI.

HOBART COLLEGE.

We are glad to report the continued prosperity of the Xi charge. On January 29th we initiated George Robinson, '91, formerly of the University of Minnesota; also T. H. Bachman, '94, of Geneva, N. Y. Bro. Robinson succeeded last year in capturing the highest Thompson prize, and will doubtless graduate second in his class. By passing the highest entrance examination Bro. Bachman obtained the first President's Scholarship—\$280.00 per year—and under Bro. Hill's able tutelage we expect great things of him.

All the brothers report a pleasant vacation and spent their time at the following places: Hills in New York and Hartford; Brush in New York and Philadelphia; McCabe in Cold Springs and New York. Bro. Brodhead was taken sick some time before the close of the term and was obliged to return to his home in Pennsylvania, where he soon regained his health and was able to return at the beginning of the Easter term. The writer spent his vacation under the genial warmth of a Kansas sun, looking out for the interests of the Farmers' Alliance.

At present Bro. Robinson has charge of Grace church, Lyons, and Bro. Parce is honored with the title of "Vicar of Romulus."

Since the last issue of the SHIELD we have been honored with visits from Bishop Gilbert, '69; Rev. John McKinney, '84, and J. O. Chase, '88.

We are glad to have our genial Bro. Hoff with us again, and by his presence are assured that the College and the Xi charge will be well represented in base ball and athletics. The N. Y. S. I.-C. A. A. voted to hold the Field Meeting at Hobart, May 30th. Bro. H. Z. Jenkins, of  $\Psi$ , was elected Vice-President of the Association and a member of our charge was made Secretary and Treasurer.

The fraternities of Hobart in the order of their establishment and in numbers are:  $\Sigma \Phi$ , 12;  $KA$ , 12;  $\Theta \Delta X$ , 9;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 11.

We are always glad to receive words of encouragement like the following, taken from a letter to the charge and written by P. C. Gilbert, M. D.: "I have just laid down the SHIELD for December, and I want to let you know that I rejoice exceedingly to learn that the collegiate year has opened so auspiciously for my old and always much loved Xi. I regret that I have no acquaintance with any of you, but I have an idea, which is almost conviction, that a word from one of the old boys will not be altogether unacceptable. For many years after my going out from Hobart it was my privilege to be frequently with the charge, and to be almost as closely identified with her as though still an undergraduate, but Providence has directed my steps, in these later years, so far from collegiate associations that until a few months ago I was unavoidably a fraternity heathen. I feel the necessity of penance, the propriety of making confession, *hinc illæ lacrimæ*. \* \* \* \* I am anxious to assure you of my happiness for your prosperity and I sincerely hope it will continue undisturbed until the end of all things. I hope to not lose my touch again with the fraternity, and especially with the Xi, around which cluster fond recollections of wars and combats with the heathen and memories of dear friends and happy hours."

I hope Bro. Gilbert will pardon us for publishing this letter without asking his consent.

#### PERSONALS.

F. A. Herendeen, Hobart '86, was married February 5, 1891, to Miss Annie Boynton, of New York, an accomplished and charming lady.

Rev. David Brooks, Hobart, is Rector of a church in Dwight, Kansas.

Rev. John McKinney, Hobart '84, has received and accepted a call to a church in Clifton Springs, N. Y.

H. I. Beers, Hobart '89, is employed as draughtsman of the Edgemoor Bridge Works, at Wilmington, Del.

L. F. POTTER.

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#### OMICRON DEUTERON, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

In this, our first letter of the volume, Omicron Deuteron joins with sister charges in good wishes to the SHIELD. Through it the thirty-five members of our charge send greeting to all the members of Theta Delta Chi

The work in the society during this term has been full of unusual interest and benefit. While our programs have been similar to those of the past, there never was shown such a willingness on the part of the brothers to perform such parts as have been assigned them. Besides, there has been a most decided improvement in the social life of the society. Hanover at its best is not very attractive during the winter months. To relieve the monotony of the long winter evenings there have been several gatherings of the fellows in the hall for a social time. Of course the social life among ourselves is not as it would be could we have rooms in the same building in which our hall is situated. This is made possible in Hanover in only two instances. Yet we are living in the strong hope of a building at no far distant day.

According to a custom prevailing at Dartmouth several of the brothers have been engaged in teaching during the winter months. Brother Jarvis, '93, taught at West Claremont, N. H.; Brother Smith, '93, at Epsom, N. H.; Brother Piper, '94, at Piermont, N. H.; Brother Schwarn, '94, who has been teaching at Chichester, N. H., has been obliged to leave college but will return next year. Brother Putnam, '94, has also been obliged to suspend his college work for a year.

Were anyone to ask in what special lines Omicron Deuteron seeks to excel, the answer might well be made, that she seeks excellence in all departments. As a literary society we avowedly hold first place among the societies represented at Dartmouth. In athletics we are strong. There are in training for positions on the 'Varsity base ball team, Bros. Watson, '91, Shurtleff and Thompson, '92, and Baelir '93. Bros. Potter and Weston, '92, are also in training for the athletic meet. What success these brothers attain will be known later. As the snow is so late in going from the campus, those colleges situated farther south have the advantage of us in early out-door work.

Our annual prize-speaking occurs on the evening of the 18th. More than usual interest is shown in this work, and we have reasons to expect an excellent contest.

'92's *Ægis* will be out soon and a copy sent to each of the charges. Brother Shirley was our representative upon the work.

Brother Potter represented Dartmouth at the convention of the Students Reform Movement for Foreign Missions, held at Cleveland in March.

The St. Johnsbury students of the college have formed a club, the object being to induce students of that academy to enter Dartmouth. The club held its first banquet at Newton Inn, Norwich, Friday evening, March 6. Brother Davis, '89, was present and responded to the toast of "Dartmouth."

The Lit. is giving this year a second course of lectures by Alumni. Two lectures have already been given by Hon. A. W. Tinney and Prof. J. K. Lord. This course with that of the Lecture Association gives the students opportunity to hear some of the best speakers of the country.

Brother Potter, '92, has been elected a member of the board of Dartmouth editors for next year.

The usual class suppers were held on Friday evening, February 20, the Sophomores going to Claremont and the Freshmen to Concord. At the Sophomore supper Brother Smith was toastmaster and Brothers French and Jarvis responded to the toasts, "Our Cranks" and "Base Ball" respectively. Brother J. H. Bartlett spoke upon "Dartmouth" at the Freshman supper.

Brother Jarvis has been elected a member of the Banjo and Guitar Club.

V. A. DOTY.

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### PI DEUTERON.

#### COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The number thirteen is universally considered to have attached to it elements of misfortune and the quality known as "bad luck." If any of the boys ever had any belief in the popular superstition, the belief has certainly been dispelled, for we have now thirteen active members and have witnessed, since the last issue of the SHIELD, a term of the greatest prosperity and success.

Shortly before the winter vacation the charge held its annual Christmas reunion at the rooms, No. 343 Fifth avenue. Most of the resident graduates and brothers from sister charges were present. After the regular meeting "grub" was served in an adjoining room. The committee, not the traditional landlord, were compelled to fill the "flowing bowl" several times, before the dryness contracted during the meeting disappeared from the brothers' throats. No accident occurred as last year. The boys had a jolly good time, and voted to have another reunion in the near future. These gatherings are very desirable in more ways than one; they serve as an excellent medium by which to acquaint the younger brothers with the graduate members.

The preliminaries for the establishment of a club house for the *Θ Δ X* Club of New York city have nearly been completed, and we may soon expect a fit gathering place for all Theta Deltas of New York and vicinity. Great thanks are due to the committee, through whose efforts nearly \$8,000 has been subscribed by both graduate and under-graduate members of the fraternity.

Some time ago a committee had been appointed to collect material for a catalogue of the brothers of *Π<sup>A</sup>*. The results of their labors are about to be published.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity, Bro. Samuel Haight, '92, who has already shown an active interest in the welfare of the Charge, and proven a valuable acquisition to our roll.

In closing we extend our heartiest fraternal greeting to all the charges. Brother Wetzlaufer, ex-'90, contemplates a trip to South America.

Brother Wenzel, ex-'90, is prominent in athletics at the Y. M. C. A.

Bro. "Billy" Bogart, ex-'90, is at the General Theological Seminary. He displays fine oratorical powers and promises to be a great divine some of these days.

Brother Collins, ex-'91, was recently admitted to the Bar.

Bros. Orray Taft, '64, and Frost, '90, of Zeta, occasionally visit us.

Brother Goodwin, '82, is still a member of the much maligned legal profession and always glad to shake hands with a Theta Delt. Bro. Goodwin is the founder of our charge and although pressed by business still takes an active interest in its welfare.

Brother de Cameron, '89, is at the Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn.

Brother McIntyre, ex-'89, is hard at work sawing bones. He promises to shine as one of the leading lights of the medical profession.

Brother Alsdorf, '89, is in a law office at 44 Broadway, and attending lectures at the Evening Law School.

GEO. W. KOSMAK.

#### RHO DEUTERON.

##### COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Since the last issue of the SHIELD Rho Deuteron has initiated two men, Edgar L. Roberts, '94, Mines, and Robert Van Iderstine, '94, Law. Both brothers are good men and have shown themselves to be right royal Theta Delts.

We are sorry to announce, however the loss of three good men. Bro. Murtha of the Law, Bro. DeGray of the Arts, and Bro. Walker of the Mines, have all left college. It will be hard indeed to replace them.

Brother St. John, '90, Mines, whose whereabouts we were unable to ascertain in time for the last issue, has been heard from. He has been in the laboratory of the Spiral Pipe Company at East Orange, and a few days ago was sent to Pittsburgh, where he is at present on business of the firm.

Monday, December 23d, a reunion and banquet was held in the charge rooms. There were present from  $\Pi^a$ : Bros. Trafford, '91, H. Nelson, '91, Goebel, '91, W. Collins, '91, Whitehorn, '92, Shultz, '92, Parker, '92, Bogart, '92, Richardson, '93, Corbitt, '93, Butler, '93, Kosmak, '93, Lee, '93, Lawson, '93, C. Collins, '94, Uterhart, '94; from  $P^a$ , Dodd, '91, Tuska, '91, Douglas, '92, Van Tine, '92, De Gray, '92, Walker, '92, Ehlers, '92, Roberts, '94. Graduates,  $\Pi^a$ , Bros. G. Grass, '85, L. Grass, '89, D. Nelson, '90. Quesada, '88, Jones, '88, C. Howe, '89, Wetlaufer, '89, McIntyre, '90, Patterson, '90, Alsdorf, '89, F. J. Valdes, Jr., '86;  $P^a$ , Coville, '89, Landes, '89, F. Goodwin, '83; also Bros. Frost, '90, Z, and Brookins, '80, X. Brother W. H. Wetlaufer was toast-master, and the toasts were as follows:

"The Fraternity," G. de Quesada.

"The Under-graduates," Willis H. Butler.

"Pi Deuteron," F. L. Jones.

"Rho Deuteron," A. L. Coville.

A similar banquet will be held Friday, March 13, at the charge rooms, No. 343 Fifth avenue. We would like to invite any brothers who may be in the city, but it will be too late when this reaches their eyes and besides they need not this assurance that they are always welcome.

The committee on the club-house report encouraging progress in getting subscriptions, and hope to get the house by May. They have their eye on a most desirable one next the Manhattan Club in Thirty-fourth Street.

The New York papers are straining themselves trying to find the reason why Prof. Dwight, the Warden of the Law School, has resigned. Their curiosity was by no means lessened by the resignation of Profs. Chase and Petty, which followed soon after that of Prof. Dwight. The New York *Herald*, being denied an interview with President Low, has since been publishing articles which would rank high as first-class fiction, but which cannot be considered legitimate news.

Since the beginning of the year attendance at chapel has been made voluntary. In addition to this the chapel has been improved by a better arrangement of seats, and, Chaplain Duffie having resigned, some of the most prominent clergymen of the city have been asked to take the services for a month in turn. The effect has been a very marked improvement in the attendance and in the interest manifested, the students appreciating the fact that they are being treated as men with opinions of their own, and not as school boys, who must continually be made to do what is right.

ARUHUR HAY.

### SIGMA.

#### DICKINSON COLLEGE.

It is with pleasure I begin my first charge letter for the new volume, for I know that we shall, before many days pass, again have the pleasure of seeing a new number of the *SHIELD*. Its arrival is always looked forward to with eager interest, and when it does arrive it is not merely glanced at and then thrown aside, but it is read through, for it is brimful of matter interesting to us and all other Theta Deltas. Another cause that makes us look forward to its appearance with great interest, is that we are eager to see what new improvement will be made over the last number, as so far hardly a single number has appeared which has not shown a marked improvement over its predecessor. May the new volume, which starts under such auspicious conditions, have as successful an ending as volume VI.

Since our last letter we have initiated Bro. Clarence Ballentine, '93, whom I now take the opportunity of introducing to the Fraternity. Bro. Ballentine by his genial disposition, inimitable drollness and general good qualities has already won a high place in our affections. However, all has not been pleasant for us. We miss the company of one of the best men Sigma ever had, Bro. S. S. Wallace, of the Law school. No

one in college was more popular than he, nor no one more beloved by his Fraternity. Bro. Wallace has returned home to enter business, and carries with him our best wishes for his prosperity.

The College Glee and Banjo Clubs took quite an extended trip through Central Pennsylvania during the Christmas holidays. Since then they have taken several shorter trips. The clubs have been a great success this year and have met with a good reception wherever they have appeared. This has been a red-letter year in their history, and never before has the college been able to put out so good a club. We have four men on the clubs, Bros. Heberling, '91; Pettinos, '92; Sprenkle, '93, and Ballentine, '93. Bro. Sprenkle is leader of the Banjo Club, and much of its excellence is due solely to his efforts. If a humorous song is to be sung Bro. Pettinos is the one to do it.

In the recent mid-winter sports Bro. Brandt, '92, won the running high jump and took two other seconds. Bro. Brandt is a good jumper, but would be better if he would do a little more training, but unfortunately for his record-making and the peace of a certain young lady, he prefers to go to Mt. Holly rather than to the gym.

We have lately had visits from Bros. Brandt, '87, and Hutchinson, '87, of Harrisburg, and Bro. Pattison, '86, of Clearfield, Pa.

F. H. Hutchinson, Dickinson, '89, has left Harrisburg for the "Sunny South," where he will enter business. Roanoke, Va., will be his future home. While at college he was an enthusiastic Theta Delt and a bright scholar, but his fondness for rackets caused the Faculty to dispense with his presence before the end of his Sophomore year. Leaving College had no effect on his interest for the Fraternity, and he still takes an active interest in it. He extends a hearty invitation to any of the boys that can to call and see him when in that part of the country.

F. H. FLETCHER.

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## PHI.

### LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Never were we in a better and heartier condition than that in which this issue of the SHIELD will find us. Nothing of uncommon occurrence has happened since the last issue.

We have been exceedingly fortunate in all we undertook. We have increased our number by initiating Charles Albertson of '93 into the mysteries of our fraternity, and we are going to increase our number still more before the close of the college year, so that we will, after the '91 brothers go out, still have a goodly number to begin and take up the work of the next year.

We have new rooms in view, and if we get them and have them furnished we can claim a foremost rank among the rest here, which is our

aim and intention. This would be one step further in advance toward our favorite project of establishing ourselves in a Chapter House of our own, since we have by no means (nor intend to) given up, and hope the day will not be far distant when we can do so.

We may work slow, though sure, and a favorable result cannot fail to crown our efforts. The "Melange of Class of '92" will soon make its appearance. Bro. Dumont, '92, is our representative on the board of said publication. Bro. Bryant, '91, is Prophet for our class day exercise this year. Bros. Dumont, '92, and Loux, '52, are contestants in the Junior Oratorial contest, which takes place March 9th, and we expect to take something, but this is only the preliminary, and so cannot say anything as to the finale, but are hopeful of success. The "Sophs" had their class supper on February 19th. There was quite a "racket" between the two classes. The "Sophs" marched from the college to the Hotel United States, where they had their "feast," amid the din and clamor of the Freshmen, who followed, numbering near one hundred (100). Bro. Chamberlin, '93, "our pianist," wrote their song and arranged their music, and at same time responded to a toast.

The college mid-winter sports took place on February 26th. Friday evening Bro. Voight, '94, took a couple of prizes, and Bros. Dumont, '93, and Honness, '93, were among the officials of the occasion. We are all "polling" for the "exams," which precede our spring vacation of two weeks.

Bro. I. Pardee was in town and paid a short visit.

Bros. Keigwin, '91, and Meyers, '92, Princeton, paid us a New Year visit.

Bro. Woods, '89, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, stopped a few days with us before he returned to pursue his studies.

We extend greetings and a hearty grip to all brothers.

W. L. SANDERSON.

#### PSI.

##### HAMILTON COLLEGE.

Heretofore a lack of room and necessary apparatus has compelled Hamilton's athletes to do most of their training out of doors. This has often been a serious drawback. Training could not be entered into with any degree of earnestness until late in the spring, and the benefits of indoor practice during the winter months were lost entirely. The insufficiency of the old gymnasium to meet the requirements of a deepened interest in athletics had thus come to be felt by faculty and undergraduates alike, and all anxiously looked forward to the time when some kindly-disposed alumnus would undertake to make the much needed improvement. When it was made known last fall that such an one had been found in the person of Hon. Alexander C. Soper, '67, of Chicago, enthusiasm ran high and found expression in bonfires, ringing of bells and

other kindred forms of student hilarity. Since then plans have been maturing, and it only remained for the Board of Trustees to accept them, when work would be at once commenced. As this has now been done the sound of saw and hammer will soon be heard in the land. Mr. Soper has kindly offered to donate the funds necessary for converting Middle College into a gymnasium, equipped in the completeness of modern demands. This college building, formerly a dormitory, has not been used for a number of years, excepting a single recitation room known as the Talcott Mathematical room, and the contemplated change will not only add to the facilities of the college, but will be an economic step in transforming a building, now practically useless, into a highly efficient campus adornment.

Inspired by this signal appreciation of the importance of athletic endeavor, Bro. Eugene H. Northrop, '91, as manager of the College Athletic Association, has already engaged in raising the money necessary to prepare the athletes for next season's work. The intercollegiate field meet is to be held under the auspices of Hobart College, May 30th, and Bro. Northrop has determined that the contestants he sends shall lack nothing that may conduce to the complete development of their several abilities. In securing subscriptions for the association he is meeting with marked success.

The college world beholds with wondering admiration the philanthropic spirit manifested by the late Daniel B. Fayerweather in his last will and testament. To those institutions which were so generously remembered by him his memory will be especially dear, and as one of such, Hamilton cannot fail to be duly grateful for its munificent gift. With increased financial support must come increased influence and usefulness, and as the college enters upon a new era of prosperity Psi experiences a feeling of self-gratulation for the indirect benefits which must, in consequence, be hers.

The Junior Whist Club has just ended a very successful tournament. The last of a series of eight games was played at Psi home, when the class championship was decided. The percentage by points gave Psi Upsilon first place and Alpha Delta Phi. Psi was represented by Bros. Nathaniel P. Willis and Charles T. Ives, and took an intermediate position.

The members of the Senior class have elected their commencement officers, and among them are Bro. Northrop as Chairman of the invitation committee, and Bro. Lee as member of the executive committee. Bro. Hooker, '92, was chosen to deliver the Junior response on Campus day.

Bro. Horatio Z. Jenkins, '92, has been elected vice-President of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Since the last issue of the SHIELD Bros. Edwin L. Rice, '94, and William W. Smith, '94, have left college temporarily.

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