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THE MONTHLY SMOKERS.

One of the pleasantest and most popular features of the Club in New York City has proved to be the series of "Smokers" which was inaugurated in December last. These "Smokers" are the means of bringing together the older and the younger elements of the Fraternity, and furnish opportunity for renewing the friendships of college days and bring the brothers into closer touch with the Fraternity. They are doing more than anything else, perhaps, to bring about the results hoped for in the foundation of the Club.

The first of these "Smokers" was held on December 18th, 1891. When President Holmes took the chair and opened the informal exercises of the evening, the brothers filled the large parlors of the Club completely. President Holmes introduced as the speaker of the evening the Hon. John W. Griggs, of Paterson, N. J., who said :

"It is certainly a pleasure for anyone who was brought up in the mediaeval days of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity to come to a gathering like this and see a few of the old boys and many of the new ones, better looking, better dressed, better educated, better behaved than we were. I am not the oldest Theta Delt in the room, but when I joined the Fraternity the Charge to which I belonged had only got to that position in the alphabet to be called Phi, single. Now you have doubled up with your Deuterons and all that sort of thing; and the Charges are twice as numerous, twice as strong, twice as influential as in those days.

"Brother Holmes is here. He is a kind of antediluvian member; and it is a pleasure to recognize now that throughout the length and breadth of the land wherever Theta Delts live, the energy and the influence of brother Holmes penetrate, keeping alive the interest of the brethren,

stirring up their attention to the efforts of the Fraternity, and doing work in a manner and with an energy and unselfishness that I think few of us would even assume to try to do.

"When I was an undergraduate Theta Delta Chi was a secret society, so secret that the then President and the then Faculty of Lafayette college prohibited, or, at any rate, passed a prohibitory law, which didn't prohibit, secret societies." But, as I have said, it was a secret society; and all the boys that were asked to join or did join were always hunting after the mystery that was in it. It was always where the rainbow rested on the tops of the mountains, where we couldn't climb. The beauties of friendship and of social intercourse, the mysterious bonds that bind one friendly soul to another were of that intangible kind that fastened and fed the imagination of the fellows. In those days we supposed that the home of Theta Delt was in Olympus where the great Thunderer ruled; and that it was from that place that all those influences were sent forth upon men, as the fire by Prometheus, in those same days. We, as I say, supposed that Olympus, the home of the gods, was the original home of the Theta Delt; that since then they had never gathered together but had a name. But in these latter days it is a matter of rejoicing to us that Theta Delta Chi has chosen a home beneath the stars, at the foot of Olympus; that here is a place where the gods can meet in assemblages like this, each one in his own estimation and in the estimation of his neighbor as good as Jove and as mighty.

"As Theta Delt, we in the world do not often meet. If we do meet, it is while the trains pass in the station, long enough to clasp hands and give the grip and then,—good-bye. We enter into the turmoil of the great world and Theta Delta Chi and its influences are forgotten until the postman leaves upon our desk a copy of the SHIELD and then we open its pages and if we are among the older fellows we look at the death roll, then at the personals and then at the reports of the Charges and then if we have a little more time, we look at the orations delivered at the dinners. And that again brings Theta Delta Chi nearer, more distinctly into our view, and revives with a freshness and zest that is exhilarating even to those of us in middle life all the hopes and aspirations and happiness of our younger days. These things, while they are talked about as intangible, are very near and are very easy to touch when we meet face to face and eye to eye as we do to-night.

"On these occasions the hope always swells in my breast that we will meet some great Achilles, some friend of former days, some hero that we worshipped when we were school-boys, some great and glorious Theta Delt that was our beau ideal of manhood, of everything upright, that was noble, that was exemplary in young life. And so we do. We meet them here on these occasions. And that they may not fail this element of greatness that our young imaginations clothed them with,—yet if to our imaginations they be Achilles, what matters it? They are Achilles, and

we meet them here. And you, my younger friends, some of these days after you have lived thirty, forty, maybe fifty years more will come to this Club House, or some greater one, more gorgeous in its decorations, more ample in its appointments,—and there some of our old friends will meet you as the Achilles of their younger days.

"Now, to this Club and to these my younger brethren I give my most auspicious wishes and my happiest greetings."

President Holmes followed this talk with a few remarks and then introduced brother Mortimer C. Addoms, who, after a few words, said that he was a believer in order, and wished to see the program carried out. He would like to hear that original song that brother Benjamin C. Potts, of Media, Pa., was to sing. So Brother Potts sang his song to the great enjoyment of all. This was followed by a few selections by the Banjo Club which is made up of Theta Delts at the College of the City of New York and Columbia. The club executed a number of selections in very fine style.

A collation was served at half-past ten, and the remainder of the evening was spent in that kind of good fellowship possible only among a crowd of men connected by the bond of a Fraternity.

The second "Smoker," which was held on January 15, was quite as successful in every way as the first. Brother Holmes, however, found it impossible, at the last moment, to be there, and in his absence brother Seward A. Simons, ex-President of the Grand Lodge, acted as chairman. Brother Simons opened the exercises by a few happy remarks and then called on brother Webster R. Walkely. Brother Walkely responded in a speech that was a beautiful expression of the ideals and the present character of Theta Delta Chi. What he said was addressed mainly to the undergraduates; he strove to show what were the influences for good that surrounded a young man by reason of his connection with Theta Delta Chi, and what each Charge should endeavor to make of itself in order to perpetuate and heighten those influences. At the close of his talk Brother Walkely read three of his charming poems, one of them composed especially for Theta Delta Chi and which had never been read before.

The Banjo Club followed by a few selections. The exercises

were suspended at this point as it was announced that the collation was ready. While partaking of the good things Brother Hetherington appeared on the scene and was heartily welcomed. The brothers had been waiting for him all the evening, so nothing would suit but that Brother Hetherington should begin his talk then and there. It is unnecessary to say that all were interested,—he never talks but that he fastens the attention of every hearer. On returning to the parlors all joined in the singing of the old familiar fraternity songs. Brother Franklin Burdge, as the representative of the older men in the Fraternity, indulged in some reminiscences of the brothers of former days, many of whom had long since passed to the Omega Charge. This led Brother Hetherington to tell some stories of "Bill" Merriam. Merriam was a most unique character and the stories of some of his exploits were extremely good. After brief speeches by Brother Brookins and others, Chairman Simons declared that the next business in order was an informal good time.

The third "Smoker" occurred on Friday evening, February 19th. Although a stormy night, the parlors were well filled. A delegation of six active members of the Phi Charge were present. President Holmes, who came to New York expressly to attend the "Smoker," presided. Bro. Hetherington had expected to be there in this capacity but was unable to come. The exercises were entirely impromptu. Bro. Max. A. Kilvert of Iota, '89, Bro. James Cruikshank of Alpha, '51, Bro. C. M. Stead of Zeta, '61, and Bro. Remer, Rho Deuteron, '90, made short speeches. The Glee Club rendered a number of charming vocal selections. Some music on the zither was greatly enjoyed. The boys adjourned to the banquet room and there enjoyed the customary collation.

We desire to compliment Brother Brookins for the successful manner in which these pleasant social gatherings have been managed. The collations or what might more aptly be called "spreads," have been no small feature of each of the occasions. The Club have been decidedly fortunate in their selection of a caterer. While the variety has not been extensive or elaborate everything has been delightfully toothsome, and the best com-

pliment we can extend is that everything disappeared as rapidly as though a cyclone had struck it. The quiet chats which occur after the spread over the fragrant "Havana" and the "historic pipe" are perhaps the most enjoyable part of the evening. They certainly are to the older men who congregate there. Each evening brings surprises. You never know just whom you will meet, but some of the older representative men are there on the look out for some one who can talk about "the days of yore." These "Smokers" are surely a success. As they come regularly, the brothers can always know just when the third Friday evening in the month comes and make plans accordingly. It is, or should be, understood that they are free to all Theta Deltas. Everybody is expected and all are welcome.

Our Club has been running now four months and has thus far met with all the success which its promoters anticipated. When first proposed some of the brothers were a little doubtful of its ability to succeed. The favor with which it is received is shown by the character of the men who have joined since its organization. The membership is constantly increasing and represents nearly all the states. Examine the list of members as published in this number of the SHIELD, and if you do not find your name there, make haste to join the procession. We need your help to continue the successful operation of the house. There is no question about the important bearing this Club House is to have on the future history of our fraternity. The very men who were most ready to criticize it when the project was first talked of are now its strongest supporters. The club is being conducted on high moral principles, which makes its atmosphere homelike and beneficial.



THE OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

The fact that the President of the Grand Lodge is required by law to visit each Charge during the official year seems, in the abstract, to be quite a burden and perhaps a useless task. We plead guilty to having entertained that opinion in a certain degree. It requires one-twelfth of the calendar year to make the round with only one night devoted to each charge. Feeling it our duty to make the effort, a beginning has been made. As a result of our experience on a week's trip, during which six charges were visited, we are led to confess our surprise at the difference in the views entertained on the subject. The fact is very potent that no man can do complete justice to the duties of the office without visiting all the Charges and getting in touch by personal acquaintance with the active members. Hereafter we shall be decided in our expression that it is the duty of the President to visit every charge. We admit that the labor and time involved is more than most men can spare, but the office should be accepted only with these duties in sight.

The trip referred to took in the eastern Charges. On Monday afternoon, February 8th, we landed at College Hill and first gazed upon "old Tufts" which looms up grandly as we climb the winding pathway. A visit to the various buildings occupied the afternoon. After supper the boys all congregated and the line of march was taken up which led finally to the Old Hall, of which Kappa boys need no description. The exercises were conducted in the general manner of the regular meetings. The customary literary program was rendered and for the first time a correct idea of the "famous literary" work of our eastern Charges was witnessed, vocal and instrumental music of a high order was pleasantly interspersed. We were especially pleased with the vocal efforts of Bro. Hawkins, who is a tenor singer of no mean order. He fills a part in the quartette of a leading church in Providence every Sunday. After the regular exercises and the address of the President of the Grand Lodge, an informal lunch and a social visit filled the evening.

On Tuesday we were delightfully entertained by Bro. Seth P. Smith, visiting the public buildings and other points of interest. At six o'clock we dined with Lambda at her Charge House. The boys gathered early for the meeting, and with them a number of graduates, filling the parlors to their utmost capacity. Owing to the number of brothers present the regular exercises were curtailed and after the President's address, speeches were made by the following visiting brothers : Seth P. Smith, Omicron Deuteron, '82; H. D. Brookins, Chi, '80; F. L. Palmer, Mu Deuteron, '85; C. S. Wright, Eta, '91; F. W. Plummer, Omicron Deuteron, '91; H. K. Stiles, Mu Deuteron, '91; J. M. W. Farnham, Mu Deuteron, '91; M. M. Johnson, Kappa, '92; Geo. L. Taft, Lambda, '84, and H. J. Bickford, Lambda, '89. After adjournment a social visit rounded up the evening as one of great enjoyment, apparently, to every one present. Nine o'clock Wednesday found us whirling out of Boston on our way to Brunswick, Me., where we arrived at 2 p. m. As we passed out from the depot our first glance, "to take in the town," discovered floating proudly on the flag-staff of one of the imposing buildings, a tri-colored flag, the familiar black, white and blue, Eta's loyal welcome to her guest. The day was beautiful and although the snow lay nearly two feet deep on the ground and the air was very crisp to our tender digits, the town was not neglected. The evening brought several of the graduates. After the regular business of the evening, the President addressed the Charge followed by the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, and Bro. J. B. Reed, '83, H. E. Cole, '83, F. J. Brown, '85, P. T. Haskell, Epsilon Deuteron '91. The Charge responded to the brothers through Bros. Hull, '92, Barker, '93, Pickard, '94 and Kimball, '95. The meeting then resolved itself into a social gathering. A light lunch was served and amid jolly songs and pleasant chat the time passed rapidly till midnight.

Thursday morning at 7:45 we left for Amherst. A blinding snow storm kept us company all day. At six o'clock we reached Amherst and paddled through the snow to Mu Deuteron's home, which indeed looked to us like a haven of rest. After looking about and admiring the cozy house, the business

of the evening engaged our attention. Here, much to our relief, Bro. Kimball was called upon to speak first, then a talk by Bro. H. K. Whitaker, '90, was followed by the President's address. After adjournment a social visit in the parlors completed another delightful evening.

On Friday morning good bye was regretfully spoken to Bro. Kimball who had kept us company all the week, and at eight o'clock we started "cross lots" for Hanover, N. H. Two o'clock brought us to the college among the mountains. It was too cold and wintry to do much going about. A pleasant afternoon was passed in the library and state museum. The evening brought another delightful treat. The customary literary program, with its speeches and music, was highly entertaining. After the "official talk" the rest of the evening was spent in social intercourse. Saturday morning we attended chapel and visited with the boys till at eleven o'clock the train was again boarded with our compass set for Williamstown, where we arrived at six o'clock. An informal but most enjoyable visit with Iota Deuteron quickly whiled away the short evening and at nine o'clock we took the night train for home. Sunday morning at six o'clock we ended our first trip.

This in brief is the history of a solid week devoted solely to fraternity work. Much was accomplished. The results of the week's experience will crop out in many of the articles which will appear in this and subsequent issues. There were so many good things which can be said alike concerning the entire six Charges that it did not seem best to comment upon the condition of each individual Charge, but to speak in general of the impressions which we wish to carry to the fraternity.

First of all, any brother who has the remotest doubt in regard to the character, both moral and intellectual, of the young men who constitute the eastern Charges of our fraternity, needs but to visit these six Charges to convince himself that he can rest perfectly content. No fraternity in this broad land can set up an equal number of Chapters which will be found superior in any way. If we had discovered anything worthy of criticism we should not hesitate to apply it freely. Of course the boys were on their good behavior; so was the President of

the Grand Lodge. A careful scrutiny, however, would have revealed the lurking seeds of glaring faults had any existed. We were decidedly satisfied with everything we saw. Each evening seemed to develop something more impressive, and yet, all were so filled with gratifying revelations that it can be said of none that it was best. We had hardly expected to find so much harmony in Charges containing so many members. It had always seemed that no Charge could comfortably exist having more than fifteen members. This is probably due to our early education. That they do is beyond cavil. We find that there is a necessity for it. As it was in Rome, so it is in the different colleges. The thermometer of membership is regulated by existing conditions. There has always been a feeling among some of the members of Charges located in the central district that the eastern Charges were losing sight of the fundamental principles of our social fraternity existence by the embodiment of literary work in their regular meetings. We confess to having entertained a similar feeling in the past. The fact is, like all the rest who have thought so, we knew nothing of the facts or necessities existing and were disposed to condemn unheard. We went, we saw, but *they* conquered. We desire to be put on record as decidedly and emphatically approving literary work by any Charge such as we witnessed.

There are several grounds for it. The day of "literary societies" per se seems to have gone by in all colleges, except such as Princeton, where undue antagonism exists against fraternities. That the literary work performed by the fraternities is more effectual than that of the old time literary societies is indicated by the fact that the highest honors are taken by fraternity men. The rapid advance which is made in this direction is undoubtedly due to the absence of "class feeling" inside the fraternity hall. We remember our own experience. We had no show in the society hall during our Freshman or Sophomore year. As a Junior we lost the ever present awe of upper classmen, but only as a Senior could we get anything like the full benefit of debate. Stage fear is the greatest enemy of forensic eloquence, and under classmen entertain it in a surprising degree. In the fraternity circle, however, nothing of

this kind exists. Every member is ready to extend the helping hand and the graceful manner in which the Freshmen performed their parts, was a surprising revelation of the truth of our statement. In this way the younger men under the influence of their surroundings, come rapidly to the front, and the honors are more easily captured. This condition of things is alone sufficient to compensate a man for all the financial expense incident to membership in a college fraternity.

All the Charges were pleasantly located. Williams and Amherst were the only institutions where Chapter Houses are the rule. At Bowdoin, Tufts, Dartmouth, there are no Chapter Houses as yet. We might write of many things which we saw and heard, but we have far exceeded our limit, and leave the rest for some future occasion.

THETA DELTA CHI.

AIR.—"Scots who have with Wallace bled."

We are Brothers of a band,
 Joined together heart and hand;
 By the sacred holy tie,
 Of the Theta Delta Chi.

Friendship; strong and love is pure,
 Hearts are knit in bonds secure;
 We'll raise our notes both loud and high,
 To the Theta Delta Chi.

Golden chains are forged by love;—
 Strength, we seek it from above;
 We'll laugh and sing, yet never sigh,
 For our Theta Delta Chi.

Friendship love and trust shall be,
 Emblems of our victory;
 The chorus rings from earth to sky,
 Long live Theta Delta Chi.

W. R. WALKLEY.

THE WASHINGTON BANQUET.

The Sixth Annual Banquet of the Southern Graduate Association was held at Willard's Hotel in Washington, D. C., on the evening of Feb. 26, 1892. Preceding the banquet a short business session was held at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Hon. Daniel N. Lockwood of Buffalo; Vice-President, Wm. G. Raines of Washington, D. C.; Sec'y and Treas., Rev. Alex M. Rich of Riestertown, Md.; Executive Committee, the officers above named and the following: R. A. King, Thos. E. Rogers and Chas. W. Curtis of Washington, D. C., Geo. E. Boynton of Baltimore and Dr. Geo. T. Atkinson of Crisfield, Md. The members present pledged themselves to pay five dollars each year to insure an annual banquet, the money to be paid whether present or not. Geo. H. Childs of Harper's Ferry presided at the banquet. The table was beautifully decorated and covers were laid for twenty-one. The menu was excellent and good fellowship prevailed. After the inner man was loaded the intellectual began to unload. Bro. Rich acted as toastmaster. To the Alpha, Bro. Lockwood responded in a feeling manner and it is a matter of deep regret that we cannot record the beautiful utterances. Bro. Raines responded to the Chi, and another eloquent effect is lost to the records, owing to the reporter's absence. Following these toasts speeches were made by Bros. King, Curtis, Hopkins, Atkinson, Sterrett, Cassady, Earle and Shipley.

Seldom are Theta Dels privileged to listen to such eloquent and enthusiastic speeches as those made at this banquet. Those who were absent missed much. The editor of the SHIELD had made every preparation to be present but at the last moment sudden illness prevented, and a glorious treat was regretfully given up. The Southern Graduate Association has never had such a rousing banquet. It will infuse new energy into the graduate brothers living in the south and we look for a much larger turn out next year. The following is a list of those who were present: Hon. D. N. Lockwood, Alpha, '65; W. M. Stockbridge, Beta, '88; C. W. Curtis, Beta,

'88; Wm. L. Stranahan, Beta, '90; Thos. Earle, Delta, '87; Frank S. Curtis, Theta, '89; A. J. Hopkins, Mu Deuteron, '85; O. P. Baldwin, Nu, '73; C. B. Cassady, Nu Deuteron, '90; R. A. King, Xi, '62; W. G. Raines, Xi, '70; Rev. Alex M. Rich, Xi, '85; G. H. Child, Omicron Deuteron, '77; Thos. E. Rogers, Sigma, '66; Dr. G. T. Atkinson, Sigma, '68; Chas. R. Wright, Sigma, '69; E. W. Byrn, Sigma '70; Rev. G. W. Shipley, Sigma, '93; J. A. Tanner, Sigma, '95; H. M. Payne, Phi, '81; Rev. J. MacBride Sterrett, Chi, '67.

KIMBALL'S ORCHID GARDEN.

Some of the SHIELD readers may be interested in flowers and might be entertained by a brief description of what we saw on a recent trip. While in Rochester with a party of college girls we visited the orchid house of Bro. Wm. S. Kimball. Most of the brothers know him as one of the largest manufacturers of cigarettes in this country. We had supposed we were to see an ordinary every day conservatory. Imagine our surprise when we reached the place to find not only one but perhaps a dozen large green houses, or rather glass houses, covering a number of acres, (at least so it looked to us). Surprise turned to astonishment as we wandered through one after another of these hot houses and gazed upon the rare tropical exotics, listening with rapt attention to the lucid explanations made by Bro. Kimball who seemed to be perfectly familiar with every plant. While we are never "up on flowers," the following fact we can safely assert. This conservatory contains 1,500 distinct varieties of orchids with a total of over 20,000 plants valued at something like \$100,000. There are 350 varieties of cypripedium alone, the most extensive collection and greatest display in this country with probably nothing on the continent equal to it. Ten years have been consumed in making the collection and rare and costly plants have been obtained from all parts of the known world. One very diminutive specimen was pointed out valued at \$650.00 the only one of its kind known to exist. This sum had been

offered by foreign gardens and refused, other species worth \$200.00 or more were shown. Many of the plants were in bloom giving a fragrance and beauty to the display which made it look like a veritable paradise. One massive orchid loaded with blossoms was particularly noticeable, as being the largest and finest in this country. We are not equal to anything like an adequate description of so magnificent a display. It is well worth a visit, and hundreds of people come from long distances for the opportunity. Bro. Kimball takes great delight in this garden and adds to it any species he can find different from those he already possesses. It is maintained entirely for his personal gratification. His friends are welcomed, and any Theta Delt who will take the trouble to visit it will be doubly repaid, in the beautiful plants and the cordial welcome extended by Bro. Kimball.

FRATERNITY EXTENSION.

"Extension" is at present an exceedingly popular word. Within the last two years it has caught the public ear and each month the tone in which it is uttered becomes louder and more aggressive. Conservative and liberal alike seem to be infatuated. The few voices lifted in opposition have long since ceased to be heard or else have become merged in the general uproar. There is something peculiarly catching and striking in the idea—perhaps that captivating element of *activity* which it implies. The true reason, however, for the popularity of "extension" does not rest on mere blind sentiment but on a solid basis of facts. Our country is a growing country. We are in the midst of an era of unparalleled prosperity. Business enterprise and professional activity are continually stretching out into new fields. The very spirit of the age is liberal. The human horizon is constantly broadening and the human intellect grasps and *solves* problems from which a century ago it would instinctively have shrunk. How has this affected the idea of "extension"?

One of the most noted as well as one of the most recent

educational movements is that known as University Extension. Starting in a modest way in the old country, it has crossed the seas and in an incredibly short time has permeated our entire educational system. In fact the college or higher institution of learning which does not speedily come to recognize the value of this department will be out-classed by its rivals. University Extension has passed the experimental stage and has so ably and completely demonstrated its worth, that it may already be considered a permanent fixture. And again our whole system of educational institutions both in their requirements and numbers occupy a far higher plane than formerly.

As we look at college fraternities we find analogous conditions prevailing there. New fraternities are springing into existence and the older ones are sharply on the watch to increase their Chapter Roll. The cry is extension, extension, and many a Grand Lodge or Arch Chapter is being puzzled and perplexed over the answer.

At such a time and in such an age to neglect this cry is suicidal. Strict conservatism is fatal. If fraternities or other organizations do not grasp what opportunities are presented to them, they will be very likely to miss success. But just here is *the* question. What is *the* opportunity?

In what has been said the writer has tried to show that extension is not only desirable but necessary, however, his mission will be unaccomplished, if at the same time, he does not show that extension must be conservative—conservative in its truest and best sense. It surely is not the true spirit of conservatism, according to all accepted authorities, to halt and hesitate before the wave which if taken “at the flood will lead to fortune.” But in the great pressure which is brought to bear in favor of extension, the greatest care must be used in not over-stepping the bounds of prudence. Mere numbers will have very little genuine influence in placing our fraternity on the topmost pinnacle of fame. The world still looks to quality rather than quantity. It is doubtless with a feeling of pride that the fraternity man points to a long list of names reaching into the thousands but does he have the same personal interest as when his brothers are numbered by the hundred?

To have a brilliant charge roll comprising only the best institutions in the land is vastly more important than to have a long list of almost unknown institutions. A fraternity unquestionably loses—not gains—by such wholesale extension. Far better to bend all energies on improving existing charges! Should this plan be adopted, no fear need be taken as to the condition and standing of Theta Delta Chi at the birth of the new century.

But there are institutions of recognized Theta Delta Chi grade at which no charge exists, and others are constantly rising to the same exalted position. Should these colleges and universities be left unchallenged to rival fraternities or else to barbarian darkness? Shall territorial limits and such restrictions be imposed upon our fraternity which was destined by its founders to be universal—to be national—to be American? Most emphatically, No! May the time speedily come when the "Theta Delta Chi" anthem shall be heard in every typical American College and University from the shores of the Atlantic to the land of the setting sun!

E. W. BISHOP, I^a.

CHAPTER HOUSES.

A Phi Kappa Psi letter from Leland Stanford University says Senator Stanford will build them a Chapter House according to their own plans to cost \$8,000, and give the Chapter a perpetual lease at a rental of about 10 per cent. How much better such a course is than for a Chapter to build and incur a debt to be saddled on succeeding generations.

This question of Chapter Houses is one which would puzzle a yankee lawyer. That they are a necessity in many places is true, more necessary in fact for new Chapters than for old established ones. It is not just to expect that a recently organized Chapter of any fraternity can at once erect a house. With rare exceptions it is hardly possible for even an old established Chapter to raise sufficient funds to erect a suitable house. At Williams the fraternities have exceptionally fine

houses. They are really much more elaborate than is necessary or wise. What spoils their inherent beauty to the writer, is the fact that each one of them, so far as our knowledge extends, is mortgaged for nearly all its costs. Nominally the Chapters own them; really they do not. One was pointed out which had a mortgage of \$40,000 hanging over it. No such lien can ever be lifted by that Chapter unless the fraternity at large come to the rescue or some wealthy brother takes pity and pays it off. In the meantime consider the interest which of itself is a burden of expense. This taken with the current cost of maintenance, must impose upon each member a severe tax. A day of retribution must some day come upon such a condition of things.

We have noted carefully all the articles which have appeared from time in the different Journals on this subject, but have as yet seen no plan which promised a practical solution of the difficulty. The only possible way in which Chapter Houses can be successfully maintained seems to be in a manner similar to that suggested in Phi Psi's plan.

We suggest the idea that the wealthy men of our fraternity are the ones upon whom this burden must eventually rest. As we see it just now, a plan after this sort might work well. Let some wealthy brother buy land and build a house such as is needed, and then rent it to the Charge at such a figure as will pay him six per cent, taxes and insurance. Then let the Charge maintain it and pay for wear and tear. This would be a good investment and the deed would revert to the credit of the brother and the entire fraternity as well. A further suggestion would be that the property be willed to the fraternity at large, and then when the brother dies he leaves a monument to his memory which the ages cannot extinguish. Who will be the first to act on this suggestion. There is nothing to be lost in the venture, and much to be gained.

WHAT IS A DEBT ?

A debt is a debt the world over, whether it be large or small. There are as many kinds as there are sizes, but the moral obligation attaching thereto is the same in every instance. We have no desire to enter upon an abstract dissertation upon this very comprehensive subject. If in the few stray thoughts presented some person may be roused to the importance of the theme our aim is accomplished. It is safe to assert that every person, who has arrived at the age which admits to college halls, knows, alas too well, the meaning of the terrible word "debt." It is equally as certain that very few realize the important bearing which early education on this subject has on their subsequent career and success in life. A debt is a promise. Every honorable man regards a promise as a sacred compact to perform his part of an agreement entered into when the debt is incurred, therefore our treatment of the promise affects directly our character and personal standing. Debt is the greatest curse of the nation, and yet a blessing to many a benighted creature. Life would be much happier to the great majority of people if debt were a thing unknown. It seems, however, to be a necessary evil and as such we accept it. Our misery is produced by the thoughtless disregard we pay to the promises we make. College students seem to be peculiarly addicted to the habit of incurring debts without any previous consideration of their ability to liquidate them. This tendency seems to be the same the world over. Now boys, pause a moment and reflect. It is in our nature to desire to keep pace with our fellows. Unfortunately the financial ability of students differs widely. Some have every desired resource at their command, others hardly sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of their course. It is not to be expected that the same pace can be maintained by both. To accomplish it the latter must cover himself hopelessly with debts. A firm but respectful denial of the expensive pleasures to which such an one is tempted is far more honorable and wins the highest respect of the very ones who would lead him into extravagance. Such a course lays the firm foundation of a prosperous career. Such

become the self made men of the world who command the highest regard of rich and poor alike. The college boy who can say "no" when the pleasures or pride which exceed his pocket-book, stare him in the face, is a greater hero than Alexander the great who, in looking for other worlds to conquer, fell at the same shrine. If you default in meeting your college promises; the stigma will follow you to a greater or less extent through life. There is but one palliation for the crime of an unfulfilled promise. If, as the time approaches when the promise matures, you find that you will be unable to meet it as agreed, confess it manfully before the time actually arrives, and ask for an extension to such time as you can feel reasonably sure of meeting it. In this way only can you maintain your honor. It matters not what the character of the debt is. A debt to your best friend or your fraternity is just as sacred and, indeed, more so, than to the stranger. The confidence of a brother is quite as easily shattered by failure to fulfil a promise, and when once shaken is more slowly recovered than from the stranger who does not have the same reason to depend upon your word. Does your conscience prick you as you read these lines? Remember then the importance of being prompt. To-morrow does not mean next week or next month. Follow the rigid rules which prevail in commercial transactions. Meet your obligations manfully and promptly. If you have any doubt of your ability to pay to pay as agreed, don't contract the debt. Let this be a part of your college education. Never make any promise which you cannot perform in strict accordance with the understanding entered into.



Our Graduates.

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

Hon. W. W. Thomas, Jr., Eta, '60. The following extract from the *New York Sun*, February 11, 1892, is of interest: "We have had histories of Sweden, and we are all familiar with the poet Longfellow's description, published half a century ago, of the manners and customs of the Swedish peasants in a single province. What we have lacked was a minute and comprehensive account of the country and its people as they are now. This want is now made good in a quarto volume of more than 700 pages, entitled "Sweden and the Swedes," by William Widdery Thomas, Jr. What one wishes, of course, to learn about a book of this kind is whether the author has had adequate opportunities of observation, and whether he was qualified to avail himself of them by education, a sound judgment and unremitting industry. It is satisfactory to find these conditions answered in the case of Mr. Thomas. It is now nearly thirty years since he first set foot in Sweden, having been sent as consul to Gothenburg by President Lincoln. Subsequently he conducted a colony of Swedes over the ocean and founded a settlement known as New Sweden in the forests of northern Maine. His relations to this colony led him to make frequent visits to the Scandinavian peninsula and to employ his leisure in the study of the Swedish language and literature. He was made Minister to Sweden and Norway by President Arthur, and is now holding the same office by the appointment of President Harrison. He tells us—and this volume is full of proofs of the assertion—that during his many and long sojourns in Sweden he always carried a note book in his pocket and jotted down on the spot whatever struck him as novel or characteristic. In the revision and correction of his manuscript he has been assisted by his father-in-law, a member of the upper house of the Swedish Riksdag, and by a number of Swedish scholars and statisticians. We may add that of the innumerable illustrations which enrich the work, many are reproductions of Scandinavian landscapes, buildings and conspicuous persons. Taken altogether, the book should be welcomed as supplying much needed information concerning a country from which we are annually drawing a large and important element of our population."

Rev. Lewis Halsey, Xi, '68. We are glad to reproduce the following tribute to Dr. Halsey, which appeared in a Seneca County paper: "Rev. Dr. Lewis Halsey for eighteen years pastor of the Baptist church at Farmer Village, having recently accepted a call from the Baptist church at Castile, Wyoming county, severed his connection with the church at Farmer Village. Last Sunday evening the reverend minister preached his farewell sermon prior to his departure for his new field of labor. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, scarcely standing room being available, and the sadness of the occasion will long be remembered by many who were present. In severing his connection with the church at Farmer Village, Mr. Halsey ceases a remarkably successful ministerial charge. Industrious, enterprising, energetic; large-hearted, liberal-minded and honest, he endeared himself not only to the people of his church but to the people of the entire community. Dr. Halsey is a self-made man. In early life with characteristic realization he comprehended the meaning of the self-evident truth that every man is the architect of his own fortune, and single-handed and alone he commenced the battle of life. In the year 1864 he was graduated from the Trumansburg, N. Y., Academy; went through a regular course of study at Hobart College, Geneva, and was graduated from there in 1868. He then entered the Rochester Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in the year 1872. He was ordained as a minister of the gospel at Ogden; Monroe county, where he remained as pastor for two years. On the first of February, 1874, he accepted a call from the Farmer Village Baptist church and entered upon his duties as pastor of that society. Under his guidance and careful management, sustained and supported by a congregation in harmony with himself, the church increased in numbers and grew in strength, and at the present time ranks among the first churches in the Baptist denomination. Dignified and able in the pulpit, devoted and earnest in the prayer-meeting, comforting and consoling at the bedsides of the sick and dying, the light of the social circle, Dr. Halsey, in the fullest sense of the word, has filled the measure of his duty in his high and sacred calling. Courteous alike to all, living what he professed, his good influence was felt in his long daily walk of life. He took a lively interest in the school and for twelve years was a member and president of the board of education. During Mr. Halsey's ministry at Farmer Village two hundred and thirty-eight persons have united with the church; he has performed the marriage ceremony on two hundred different occasions and has officiated at over three hundred funerals. In the year 1890 Hobart College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity and the year following he was elected a member of the board of Trustees of Hobart College, of which Hon. Levi P. Morton, vice-president of the United States, is chairman. Dr. Halsey is the only member of that board of trustees who is not a member of the Episcopal church. Dr. Halsey is the author of several literary works, notably a history of the 'Seneca

Baptist Association,' and has acquired an enviable reputation in the lecture field and as a writer in the literary world. Dr. Halsey carries with him to his new home the best wishes of the citizens of Seneca and Ontario counties."

Virgil G. Curtis, Kappa, '66. The following extract from the *Popular Educator* in regard to Bro. Curtis, superintendent of schools in New Haven, Conn., is worthy of careful thought: "Superintendent Curtis, of New Haven, is putting himself on record as an educator up to the times, full of sensible, solid ideas, calm, clear-seeing. In his recent excellent report he says of manual training, 'Any means or system of training which will help to overcome the growing dislike of work and the disposition to do things carelessly and imperfectly is of great educational value. We want manual training combined with intellectual training. We want its influence upon the mental faculties, upon the physical development, upon the whole character. Manual training carried on with such plans and under such supervision would not prove the waste of time and the drawing away from intellectual interest that in some schools it has proved to be.' In regard to the grammar school question, apropos to President Eliot's remarks, Mr. Curtis says, 'In preparing students for high school and college, there is laid upon the grammar school a burden of responsibility such as is laid upon no other grade. A student must be well grounded in these fundamental requirements of arithmetic, grammar, geography and history if he hopes to make progress in the higher walks of learning. He must have developed a love for study, and a degree of mental and moral discipline which will carry him on into advanced work. Strong teachers are required in the grammar grades. * * * * Grammar school geography work must give a fair knowledge of the races of men, the countries they inhabit, and the resources they command, with some ability to reason upon geographical facts; a considerable knowledge of the history of our own country, and some ideas on historical cause and effect; a fair understanding of the underlying principles of republican government as contrasted with the monarchical forms; a knowledge of correct grammatical forms, and a fair degree of skill in the expression of thought; some acquaintance with the best authors, and a growing taste for good reading. This is right; and in order that such work may be carried out in grammar schools, the old idea that anybody that can 'discipline' will 'do' for grammar school teaching must go down and out. There was a time when anybody would 'do' to teach a, b, c. That is gone by—'way by. Now let the time come on apace when disciplinary powers plus the broadest college culture are considered none too good—but actually necessary.'"

James A. Murtha, Jr., Rho Deuteron, '91. The Brooklyn *Eagle* of February 24th contains an elaborate account of the young Democrats of the twenty-third ward. A picture of Bro. Murtha is given and the following pleasant words, which will be of great interest to all who know

our genial and only Murtha : " The secretary, Mr. James A. Murtha, Jr., is also a lawyer, having recently been made a member of the well-known legal firm of Wingate & Bullen. Mr. Murtha is a graduate of public school No. 9, and of the Larchmere Academy, and also of the Columbia College law school. While in college Mr. Murtha was an active member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. During the last campaign Mr. Murtha established a reputation as an orator of great capacity." The president of the club is a Zeta Psi, and the vice-president is E. J. McCrossin, whom the editor assumes is Bro. E. J. McCrossin of Rho Deuteron '89.

Edwin A. McMath, Psi, '70, formerly residing and practicing law at Grainfield, Kan., decided that life on the prairie was not conducive to his best interests, so he has located permanently in Topeka, Kan. He has opened an office at 631 Kansas avenue. Several Theta Deltas have recently settled in this sprightly western city.

M. L. Kimball, Eta, '87, changed his residence at the beginning of the year, from Norway to Ellsworth, Me.

Major P. D. Vroom, Delta, '62, is now Inspector General of the Department of Texas, with headquarters at San Antonio, Texas. He was transferred February 1st, from Chicago. We clip the following from a St. Louis paper : One of the most distinguished men, in point of looks, in the United States army is Major and Inspector General Peter D. Vroom. He is six feet four inches in height, and built on general proportions. To a military friend in St. Louis he said recently : " I see you do not wear your Loyal Legion button. You are sensible. I don't wear mine, for I don't want everybody to know how old I am."

J. P. Houston, M. D., Omicron Deuteron, '84, has recently sold out his practice in Somonauk, Ill., and is contemplating a six months trip to Germany for rest and study. At present his address is Sandwich, Ill. More definite information will be given in the June SHIELD.

Chessman P. Hutchinson, Lambda, '87, is attending the Brunswick Medical School. He spends his vacations at the Maine Hospital in Portland.

F. J. Brown, Eta, '85, is a surgeon in the Maine General Hospital located at Portland, Me.

M. C. Webber, Lambda, '89, is located at 52 Wall street, with the famous law firm of Evarts, Choate & Beman.

Rev. Willis P. Odell, Lambda, '80, formerly of Malden, Mass., removed in October, 1890, to Buffalo, N. Y., and is pastor of the Delaware Avenue Methodist Church. His address is 79 Tupper St.

Rev. Edwin L. House, Lambda, '86, is pastor of the Methodist Church at Skowhegan, Me.

Rev. J. MacBride Sterrett, Chi, '69, of Washington, D. C., has had the attention of philosophers again attracted to him because of his recent

article in the *International Journal of Ethics* for January., "The Ethics of Hegel." It is a comparison of the two giants of German thought, Kant and Hegel, with a full exposition of the latter's *Philosophy of History*. The article is clear and exhaustive, and written withal in a style easily interpreted even by those little versed in philosophic lore. Dr. Sterrett is one of our most prominent thinkers and we congratulate him and his fraternity upon his place among the philosophers of America.

Edwin A. Start, Kappa, '84. We clip the following from the *Boston Christian Leader*, of Jan. 28, 1892. "It will be sad tidings to the many friends of Mrs. Edwin Start to learn of her death in Middletown, N. Y., on the 21st inst., after a short illness of scarlet fever. In accordance with her earnest wish, and agreeably to her husband's desire, her remains were brought to Brooklyn on Friday last for cremation. The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Crematory. Mrs. Start was the daughter of the Rev. Clark R. Moor of Cambridge, and her husband is the son of the Rev. W. A. Start of the same city. The sincere sympathy of our people will go out to these friends in this distressing and sudden bereavement, which will bring a shadow to many hearts." Bro. Start has been ill since that time but is slowly recovering. His present address is No. 3, Front St., North Cambridge, Mass.

Russell Sage, Jr., Delta, '59, died at his room in the Windsor Hotel, New York City on Feb. 4, 1892, at 11:15 a. m., from meningitis. We clip the following from the Associated Press despatches in the *Advertiser*. "Russell Sage, Jr., is the nephew of the famous Wall street millionaire of the same name, with whom he has always been a great favorite. He was 53 years of age, unmarried, and possessed a handsome competence of his own, which it has been generally expected, would be enormously increased at the time of his uncle's death. Although the elder Sage brought him into close relationship in numerous important financial enterprises, he has shown little ambition for business and no passion for piling up money. He has been living at the Windsor Hotel, staying much indoors, enjoying himself by playing billiards, and sometimes on a stretch of six months at a time not venturing out of doors. His health has never been robust, but he was not considered an invalid until just after the day when his uncle's Wall street office was blown to pieces by the crazy dynamiter Northrop. The shock of this affair overcame the younger Mr. Sage, who was attacked immediately by a nervous fever, and for weeks he lay in a delirious condition, pursued in his visions by enemies bent on doing him physical harm. There has not been much hope of his recovery entertained at any time. A few days ago he exclaimed, 'Oh, that I could toss every dollar aside, just to get one day of real health!'"

Hon. W. S. Paine, Chi, '68. The following clipping concerning the dinner given to the State Trust Company, of New York, is of interest. "The Hon. Willis S. Paine, the genial president of this young but power-

ful and rapidly rising organization, gave a dinner to its trustees to the number of about twenty-five at Delmonico's last week, on Thursday evening. It proved to be one of the most pleasant and enjoyable events of the year. Music and flowers were provided, and everything was done to make the event one long to be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present. Speeches were in order and were made by W. S. Paine, LL. D., and others."

Henry A. Gibson, Xi, '62, has completed his Great law book on "Suits in Chancery." In Tennessee this work has immediately taken rank as the leading authority on all chancery law.

W. W. Southgate, Gamma, '56, who for many years has resided in Rolla, Mo., left this place Jan. 1, 1892, and is now a resident of Washington, D. C. His health has been poor for some time. His address is No. 203, D. street, N. W.

Col. Chas. F. King, Omicron, '56, who was for many years attached to the Boston Custom house, died at his home in Somerville, Mass., Feb. 2, 1892, aged 60 years. He was a veteran of the civil war, having served in the Tenth Maine regiment.

J. George Robinson, Xi, '91, is attending the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Cambridge, Mass.

Charles R. Murphy, Beta, '89, is a rushing business man. He deals in fine undertaker's dry goods, 665 Prairie avenue, Decatur, Ill.

Frank S. Curtis, Theta, '89, is no longer at Mt. Vernon. He is in the Secretary's office, Navy Department at Washington. His residence is 1116 Fifteenth street.

Rev. A. L. Chase, Lambda, '87, was recently called to the pastorate of the Congregational Church at Foxcroft, Me. This church is one of the most influential in the state and was in charge of Bro. Wellington R. Cross, until his death.

Robert Willard, M. D., Lambda, '60, is successfully practicing as an eye and ear specialist at 120 Charles St., Boston, Mass. He is rapidly becoming famous.

Amos. M. Leonard, Kappa, '66, began service in the Boston high schools, immediately after his graduation from Boston University. He is now principal of the Lawrence High School, the largest but one in Boston. His name got somewhat mixed up in the Catalogue with that of C. B. Leonard, '76.

Byron Groce, Kappa, '67, has been elected President of the Appalachian club.

J. F. Albion, Kappa, '87, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Universalist Church at Fitchburg, Mass.

A. M. Edwards, Eta, '80, is Superintendent of Public Schools at Pittsfield, Mass. By constant and efficient work he has brought the school

system of Pittsfield from a low level up to the highest standard. He gives much personal attention to the work and his reward is the commendation of the entire community. His latest work is a compilation of the books which are in the city library and of most service in connection with the school work.

Prof. Albert W. Smith, Beta, '78. The following clipping from the *Sun*, Feb. 3, '92, is of interest to Theta Deltas: "Prof. Albert W. Smith, who was assistant professor in mechanic arts at Cornell, and who has been for the past year at the Wisconsin University, has received an invitation to the professorship of the mechanic arts from Leland Stanford, Jr. University. He has accepted the invitation, which will give him over twice the salary received from the Wisconsin University. He will spend the coming summer in the east and enter upon the work at Palo Alto next fall. His appointment adds one more to the Cornell colony at the Leland Stanford University.

Frederick V. Coville, Beta, '87, was recently elected Vice-President of the Cornell Alumni Association of Washington, D. C.

A. P. Little, Chi, '72, has been sadly bereaved in the death of his wife, which occurred in Rochester, January 18th, after a long and severe illness.

John Herbert Winans, Rho Deuteron, '89, has removed his law office from Temple Court to 93 Nassau street, rooms 704-706 Bennett Building.

Rev. J. Beveridge Lee, Psi, '86. A delicate little card announces the birth of Helen Lee, born Jan. 27, '92, to Rev. J. Beveridge Lee and Mrs. Lee. Bro. Lee's residence is 1526 Centennial avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

Maxwell A. Kilvert, I, '89, who has been located at Chicago, removed to New York city January 20th, 1892, and is now at 617 Fifth avenue. He is the eastern representative of the Drexel Car Coupler Company.

A. L. Bartlett, A, '84. A dainty little missive announces the birth to Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, on January 3d, 1892, of a son who is christened Arthur Lewis Bartlett, jr.

Rev. Frank L. Goodspeed, Lambda, '87. We clip the following from *Boston Journal*, Feb. 27th: "Rev. Frank L. Goodspeed, formerly pastor of Congregational churches in Mattapoissett, Hingham and Enfield, was installed pastor of the First Congregational Church of Amherst, Mass., last evening. Rev. Nehemiah Boynton, of Boston, preached the sermon, Rev. F. J. Fairbanks, Amherst, gave the address of welcome and President Gates also gave an address. This gives us two resident pastors in college towns where we have chapters, the other being Rev. Mr. Slade, Williamstown, Mass.

Frank S. Rice, Phi, '70, is at present located in Rochester, N. Y., connected with a law publishing firm. His address is 39 South Washington street. He will not probably return to Aspen, Col.

George W. Keeler, Xi, '84, has for the past three years acted as clerk of the surrogate's court of Schuyler county, N. Y., his father being the surrogate judge. During this time he has been a faithful student of the law, and his labors were rewarded by admission to the bar at a recent term of the general Supreme Court. He expects to enter upon the practice of his profession at once and will probably locate in Buffalo.

Sidney W. Petrie, Phi, '76, has left Little Falls and emigrated to Buffalo, N. Y., joining issues with Bros. Pardee and Timmerman. This makes a good triplet; all Psi boys, and if the fur does not fly now it will surely be no fault of theirs. Their law offices are located at 36 Niagara street.

D. W. Horning, Psi, '73, is a practicing physician with a lucrative business, located on Nicollett avenue in the city of Minneapolis, Minn. By some error in information the catalogue says he is a lawyer in Wisconsin. He writes that he has practiced medicine eleven years in Minnesota.

Col. Wm. L. Stone, Zeta, '57, continues to be the recipient of well-deserved honors. On January 12 he was elected an honorary member of the New Jersey Historical Society, a distinction which few men receive, as the society is extremely conservative.

G. H. Larrabee, Eta, '88, is now principal of the Pennell Institute at Gray, Me. This is an old school with an established reputation. For the three years subsequent to his graduation Bro. Larrabee was principal of the high schools at Buxton, Me.

Irving N. Gere, Psi, '84, did not find his residence in Virginia conducive to his personal or financial happiness. He very wisely decided to return to his old stamping ground and is again located in Syracuse, at 109 Green street.

Otto Kueffner, Beta, '87, is engaged in the practice of law in Minneapolis, Minn. He has recently removed his office from the German American Bank building to Rooms 31-33, St. Paul, Fire and Marine Insurance building.

Frank W. Plummer, Omicron Deuteron, '91; John M. W. Farnham and Herbert R. Stiles, Mu Deuteron, '91; Charles S. Wright, Eta, '91, and Frank E. Bateman, Kappa, '87, have entered the Harvard Medical school.

Gustave R. Tuska, Pi Deuteron, '88, has left the Link Belt Eng. Company of Philadelphia and returned to New York. He has accepted a fine position as bridge engineer and inspector on the Long Island Railroad.

Geo. B. Chandler, Eta, '90, is now principal of the Milford, Mass., High School with a salary of \$1,500 per year. He left the principalship of the Franklin High School to accept this position.

Irving W. Horne, Eta, '86, has been elected principal of the high school at Quincy, Mass., with a salary of \$1,800 per year.

Luman P. Norton, Alpha, '52, Bennington, Vt., is suffering with a severe attack of "la grippe." The SHIELD wishes for him a speedy recovery.

Horatio McIntyre, Kappa, '60, has for a long time been supposed dead by the Charge. A letter was recently received from him which gives the pleasant information that he is still in the land of the living. He is now examiner of pensions at South Bend, Washington. He was formerly a captain in the regular army. He is a practicing physician and resides at Riverside, Pacific county, Washington.

George Williamson Smith, D. D., LL. D., Xi, '57, president of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., was born at Catskill, N. Y., prepared for college at Rochester and graduated from Hobart College, Geneva, in 1857. He spent three years in Maryland in charge of an academy and then moved to Washington, D. C. Having studied theology under the direction of Rev. Charles H. Hall, D. D., now of Brooklyn, he was ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church in 1860, and while a clerk in the Navy Department assisted the rectors of various churches in Washington until he was commissioned chaplain in the navy, July 2, 1864. After a short service on the Blockade he was ordered to the Naval Academy as acting professor of mathematics. The following year he was made chaplain of the school, with duty as instructor in ethics. In 1868 he was ordered to the United States steamship Franklin, flagship of the European Squadron. On his return in November, 1871, he was put on waiting orders and accepted duty in Grace Church at Jamaica, L. I. After some brief terms of naval duty he resigned his commission in 1876 and became rector of Grace Church. In 1883 he became rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, and in 1883 president of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. He has been elected bishop of Easton, and assistant bishop of Ohio, but declined both elections and remained at Trinity. During the eight years of his presidency the trustees have greatly enlarged the course of instruction, have erected a president's and professors' houses, built a well-appointed gymnasium, the St. John Observatory and Jarvis Hall of Science. Considerable additions have been made to the library apparatus and scientific collections. The faculty has been increased to meet the wants of the situation thus created and to care for the growing number of undergraduates. The friends of the college have provided the funds called for by these changes, and a respectable sum has been added to the endowment. Next year three prize scholarships worth about \$600 each per annum, become available from the income of the Holland Memorial Fund of \$50,000, left by the late Mrs. Francis J. Holland, daughter of Bishop Brownell, the founder of the college, in memory of her husband.

—*Mail and Express.*

Lincoln J. Bodge, Eta, '89, is now a member of the firm of Stryker & Bodge, attorneys, Minneapolis, Minn.

C. A. Byram, Eta, '86, is principal of the high school at Pittsfield, Mass. His influence upon the school is felt in increased attendance and a higher general tone. His enthusiasm and earnestness, taken in connection with Bro. Edwards' hearty co-operation, reflect great credit upon both, and Pittsfield may be thankful for two such noble Theta Delts.

David B. Wilson, Pi, '60, whose whereabouts for a long time have been unknown, has for a long period been connected with the regular army. He is a captain in the 25th U. S. Infantry. At present he is detailed on recruiting service and is located at 94 Niagara street, Buffalo.

ROBERTS—HANDY.

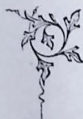
Perry B. Roberts, Beta' '87, was married to Miss Handy, of Canton, Miss., December 27, 1891. Bro. Roberts is a son of Prof. Roberts, of Cornell University.

JOSLIN—DAVIS.

Ralph Edgar Joslin, Kappa, 86, was married to Miss Fanny M. Davis on the afternoon of February 8th, at the home of the bride in Hudson, Mass.

COCHRAN—TROWBRIDGE.

J. Edwin Cochran, Nu Deuteron, '81, was married to Miss Mary Trowbridge at the residence of the bride's parents in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., December 30th, 1891. The happy couple after a delightful wedding tour settled themselves down quietly at their home No. 519 Ninth avenue, west, Ashland, Wis., and were "at home" to their many friends after January 15th.



In Memoriam.

JACOB, SCHWARTZ,

CLASS OF '75, HOBART COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, Our brother, Jacob Schwartz, has departed this life and rests from his labors ;

WHEREAS; By his death we have lost a faithful and honored brother ; be it

Resolved, That though humbly submitting, we as a brotherhood, deeply mourn his loss and extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That we offer to our Heavenly Father our grateful acknowledgment of the blessings vouchsafed to our Fraternity and to society through our deceased brother.

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

For the Charge,

J. ERWIN BRODHEAD,
DWIGHT A. PARCE.

In Memoriam.

JOHN WESLEY SPENCER,
CLASS OF '91, BOSTON UNIVERSITY, C. L. A.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in His infinite love and wisdom has called home our beloved brother, John Wesley Spencer of the Class of '91, of the College of Liberal Arts, Boston University, and

WHEREAS, By his death our Fraternity has lost one of its most zealous and loyal brothers, Boston University a most promising son, and the church a most gifted and sincere servant, therefore

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost in him a son and brother.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, to THE SHIELD, to the *University Beacon*, to the several Charges of Theta Delta Chi, and be entered upon the records of Lambda Charge.

FRED. WINSLOW ADAMS, '92.
T. SNOWDEN THOMAS, '93.
GEORGE B. ADAMS, '94.


JOHN WESLEY SPENCER.

It is seldom that the *Beacon* is called upon to make so sad an announcement as that of the death of John Wesley Spencer, at Northfield, Vermont, on the evening of November 28th. Although for nearly two weeks the event had been almost daily expected, the final shock to his wide circle of friends was none the less severe. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church, at Northfield, December 1, the pastor, Rev. Joseph Hamilton, assisted by several well-known ministers of the Vermont Conference, officiating. Rev. A. J. Hough offered prayer, and Dr. W. E. Huntington delivered a deeply sympathetic address, dwelling especially upon the characteristics manifested by Mr. Spencer during his college course. A. L. Jones, C. J. Bullock, H. J. Bickford and C. B. Tewksbury acted as bearers. There were beautiful floral offerings from Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, Lambda Charge of Theta Delta Chi, the class of '92, and from many other friends.

Mr. Spencer was born at Groton, Vermont, July 12, 1868. He received his early education in the various Vermont towns in which his father was pastor. He fitted for college at the Vermont Methodist Seminary at Montpelier, from which he graduated with credit in 1886, entering Boston University the same year. At the end of his Freshman year he accepted a position as teacher at South Royalton, Vermont, and during the following summer he preached at Johnson, Vt., where his efforts in the newly chosen work to which he had dedicated his life were eminently successful.

Upon his return to college in 1888, he entered enthusiastically into the varied interests of university life. He was eminently a leader and an organizer, and as the life of the college broadened with its growth, and its interests became more varied, he found abundant opportunity for the exercise of these qualities, although he carried the double burden of studying and preaching. There is hardly a college institution or organization which does not bear his imprint. One of the most peculiar and successful features of that literary society in which his greatest interest centered, grew out of his suggestion, the entertainment of prominent literary men. He was a man of great courage and persistency, and highly honorable in all his methods of accomplishing a desired result. He thus became a leading factor in the life of the college, and his selection as alternate commencement speaker upon graduation was but a fitting recognition of sterling worth.

Within the narrowed circle of his fraternity these qualities in Mr. Spencer were the more marked because less trammelled and better understood. Here, too, he gave freely of that strong, true friendship of which his large nature was capable, and received in return that for which it craved. Truly, a brother has departed from our midst.

His success as a teacher was attested by the strong impress which his positive nature made in so short a time upon trustees, associate teachers, pupils, and the community at large.

But it was in the church that he displayed his greatest promise. He was instinct with a true and vital religion. For his chosen work his fitness was unquestioned. He possessed great capacity for work, moral fervor, breadth of mind, and gave rare promise of oratorical gifts.

Much as we like to dwell upon these outward and visible successes of our departed friend, our greatest interest centres in that inward process of character building of which we were permitted to catch occasional glimpses. It was this that gave the stamp of genuineness to the work he was permitted to accomplish, and touches in us the deepest note of sorrow. Untimely as his death may seem, can we say that he had not fully accomplished his mission on earth?

“ Heaven is in God's will;
And doing that, though for a space
One heart-beat long, may win a grace
As full of grandeur and of glow
As Princes of the Chariot know.”

The above tribute from the pen of Bro. H. J. Bickford, Lambda, '89, appeared in the *University Beacon* of Dec. 24. In the issue of December 10th we find the following :

So we find him active in the Athletic Association; a manager of the Glee Club of '89 and '90, the first club that had been organized in college for over four years; one of the most active in founding the Monday Club; and manager of the college annual of '91, the first published for five years.

His connection with these and various college publications showed an unusual amount of business ability. The first work done in this direction was the management of the *Beacon* in '87 and '88. At this time, our paper's finances were in a very serious condition, and it was generally thought best to give up the paper; then Mr. Spencer took the management and at the end of two years placed the paper upon a paying basis. During his junior and senior years he published the *Index* unaided, and in place of selling it as had his predecessors, gave to each student a copy free of charge.

In all the other walks of college, he was equally active. In the Philomathean and Debating Club's meetings he did earnest work; was unusually persistent in attending the class and college socials; and took an active part in the prayer meetings and Christian work in the school. In his studies he gained distinction, being the alternate commencement speaker of his class.

Thus, briefly have we reviewed the college career of our fellow, who in all his work was devoted to the institution and a gentleman to his

associates. The college mourns its loss and sympathizes deeply with the two brothers who have been with us, and the afflicted family.

From the *Vermont Watchman and State Journal* of Dec. 2, 1891, we take the following :

In the death of Professor J. Wesley Spencer, principal of the Northfield Graded School, a great shock is given to an unusually large circle of friends. The second son of Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Spencer, he was born in Groton, July 2, 1868, but had lived in Montpelier three years while his father was pastor of Trinity church, and four years later, while his father was presiding elder of Montpelier district. During this latter residence here he pursued a course of study at the Vermont Methodist Seminary, from which he graduated with distinction. After a partial college course he served for a year as principal of Royalton Academy, where he did excellent work and won hosts of friends. Resuming his course at Boston University, he worked his way through and graduated last summer, being second in his class and having an alternate appointment as commencement speaker. Converted at a camp-meeting at Northfield, he was soon licensed as a local preacher, and supplied one vacation at Hyde Park and Johnson, and another at Island Pond, and was intending to join the Vermont Conference the coming spring. Professor Spencer was a remarkable young man and seemed to have before him a future of great promise. He was manly, his piety was without cant and without pretense, but so honest and earnest that it made itself felt by all who knew him. The few months of his preaching at Johnson were productive of a great revival, and it was with the greatest reluctance that the large parish of Island Pond relinquished his services, last fall. He took an interest in whatever interested his friends, and was never so happy as when doing some one a favor. Genial, hearty, and unaffected, he was the sunshine of the home circle and bound all his friends to himself with hooks of steel. In addition to his scholarship and social qualities, he had good business abilities and was always successful in the various enterprises by means of which he worked his way through college. A college mate bears evidence to the high esteem in which his character and judgment were held by all classes, and the good sense which he always displayed in carrying through the various measures he had at heart. Though he had been at Northfield but a short time, he had mastered the situation, and harmony and prosperity were attending his administration. Professor Spencer had such a rounded and complete development of all desirable qualities, and such an utter absence of any disagreeable characteristics, that he was everywhere looked upon as a young man with a future of great usefulness before him. The grief of his friends is deep and universal and his stricken parents will have loving sympathy from multitudes all over New England. The funeral was attended from the Methodist church at Northfield, at two o'clock on Wednesday, and every token of respect was

shown. The stores were closed during the services. The school had not been in session since his death, and the flags of the village had hung at half-staff for two days. At the church, where the body had lain in state, the casket was covered with floral emblems. From St. Albans, Chelsea, and Lawrence, Mass., Methodist church societies, from classmates of Boston University; from the college society, and from various other sources emanated these tokens of esteem and love. Services at the church consisted of singing, reading of the Scriptures by the Rev. O. D. Clapp of Woodstock and the Rev. C. H. Farnsworth of White River Junction. Dr. W. E. Huntington, dean of the Boston University School of Liberal Arts, then gave a very feeling and appreciative eulogistic address, having reference to Mr. Spencer's student-life at the University. Professor Booth of Northfield, representing the trustees of the Northfield Graded School and Academy, offered interesting and appreciative remarks concerning his work as a teacher. The Rev. G. O. Howe of Waitsfield spoke of the circumstances of his conversion. The services at the church closed with a few kindly words from his pastor, Rev. Mr. Hamilton, and the closing prayer was made by the Rev. George E. Smith of St. Albans. The members of the school led the long procession to the train, where a special car was in waiting, by the courtesy of the Central Vermont Railroad. The body was taken to Montpelier for burial, where the funeral service was concluded in the presence of a large concourse, the Rev. A. J. Hough and Rev. A. B. Truax officiating.

We may be pardoned for publishing so extended an account. It is our desire to preserve for our records all that may be said of so worthy a brother. The SHIELD in its own behalf desires to add that Bro. Spencer possessed our warmest affection and admiration. Among the notable friendships which we have formed during the few years of our official work, none was more instant or striking than that which possessed us on our first sight. We mourn with the bereaved family. We believe that Theta Delta Chi was made better and nobler by his membership. We wish we might have known him longer and better, so that our own pen could have paid the last tribute of respect entire. Many lessons may be taken from his short but eventful career. John Wesley Spencer is not dead. His tired body but sleepeth. His beautiful influence will live to strengthen those who knew him best. What a blessing we have in the memory of such men. Their deeds do indeed live after them, and if we cherish their memories we have the hope of a better future because they have lived.

Correspondence.

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.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 5, 1892.

DEAR BROTHER :—How about my subscription for the SHIELD? Is it due? For heaven's sake don't discontinue sending it, but let me know the tariff. The baby cries for it. Yours, etc.,

HOWARD S. NEIMAN.

BUFFALO, Wyo., Jan. 8th, 1892.

DEAR BROTHER :—Enclosed find draft for seven dollars, subscription price of volume eight of the SHIELD and the Catalogue. I would not miss the pleasure I derive in perusing the SHIELD for four times the amount of the subscription price. Fraternally yours,

J. H. LOTT, Phi, '73.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 1, 1892.

DEAR BROTHER :—I enclose check for \$2, in payment of subscription to SHIELD for one year. I have been so busy with other matters that I have neglected fraternity matters. Your painstaking efforts deserve success. The SHIELD is a splendid publication and the Catalogue leaves little to be desired. I hope I may be able to keep in closer touch with the old society in the future. Yours fraternally,

C. W. FRENCH.

CHELSEA, Mass., Jan. 12, 1891.

MY HONORED BROTHER :—The Catalogue is a very convenient and important publication for our fraternity. You deserve the highest gratitude of every Theta Delt. I never should have taken the SHIELD, had I not learned what you were doing for the fraternity through it. I hope you will be president of the Grand Lodge and editor of the SHIELD as long as you live, and I hope you will live a very long time. In twenty-five years we should have the grandest fraternity in the world.

January 18th, I take the principalship of the Quincy, Mass., High School, at a salary of \$1,800. Smith, my classmate, was my closest com-

petitor, but as he was a *Ψ T*, I easily worsted him. Therefore, my address after January 18, 1892, will be Principal of High School, Quincy, Mass.

Yours fraternally,

IRVING W. HORNE.

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 14, 1892.

MY DEAR BROTHER HOLMES :—I have been greatly pleased with the December SHIELD. It is so voluminous that I have just finished reading it. I am particularly pleased with the full reports of the sayings and doings of the convention, and with Dr. Gregg's oration. I hope that the SHIELD will keep out of its pages the literary (?) work of fledgling orators and scribes. We look to our distinctively literary journals for that. In my opinion the SHIELD should confine itself to the recording of the history present and past of the fraternity, and the opinions of its leaders. That you are capable of conducting the SHIELD on that plan is amply shown by the excellent volume just closed. It ought to be newsy and bright, and it is. That is why I subscribe. I like to take it up when I am tired, and read the convention talk or the editor's running fire of comment and criticism. It rests me like a talk with an old friend.

Yours fraternally,

WM. P. KELLY.

DEFIANCE, Ohio, Dec. 20th, 1891.

MY DEAR BROTHER HOLMES :—I feel that I must write and tell you what an inspiration the last number of the SHIELD was to me. Both you and the fraternity are to be congratulated on having brought our official organ from mere nothingness to the leading place in the Greek world.

To those of us who were not fortunate enough to be able to attend the convention, this issue of the SHIELD is indeed a God send. It seems to me, both from the overflowing loyalty and good-fellowship there experienced, and from the unusually enthusiastic and hopeful tone of the Charge letters that we are entering upon a year of unexampled prosperity. It is needless for me to tell you how gratified I was at your reelection, thus showing that your untiring efforts for the advancement of our beloved fraternity have been appreciated. Believe me, most sincerely and fraternally yours,

EDWARD HENRY NEWBEGIN.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 31, 1891.

MY DEAR FRATER :—I must confess to a considerable degree of negligence in college fraternity matters. The quarter of a century that has elapsed since I have set my foot in the college campus has had something of a tendency to cool my youthful enthusiasm in that direction, particularly since, as the fates decreed, most of my time has been spent at a remote distance from my Alma Mater, and as I have chanced to meet but few society men. A perusal of the SHIELD, however, greatly revives my

interest and I should have attended the Convention in New York November 18th, had not an important engagement prevented.

I think I have neglected to remit subscription price for the *SHIELD* for '91, and therefore I enclose four dollars for '91 and '92, inclusive. Will order and remit for the Catalogue later.

Allow me to add one more to the many well deserved compliments which you are constantly receiving. You have done a noble work for the Fraternity which seems to be duly appreciated, and which, I trust, in time will be amply rewarded. I am, yours fraternally,

VIRGIL G. CURTIS.

OUR CALIFORNIA LETTER.

"CHATEAU DE CLAPBOARD," March 3d, 1892.

MY DEAR BROTHER:—The heavens are a-leak to-day, the good wife and boy are at the Bay visiting friends and I am here running a "growlery" all by myself. While the rain is dropping golden twenty dollar pieces into my vineyard, I am in mood to drop a few lines "jeweled o'er with golden thoughts" into your sanctum, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith to the editor that your correspondent doth sometimes correspond. (Please capture that last sentence; stuff it and put it on a perch among your other rare birds.) What I am endeavoring to translate "out of honesty into English," is the rare fact that herewith enclosed is fifty cents—current coin of the realm—wrenched from the capacious and rapacious maw of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company—(that, to us, corporate and visible impersonation of the adversary of souls)—as freight overcharge on raisins sent to the last convention. I send it to you, as it came to me, the more readily because of certain cabalistic letters thereon which the paying teller slowly conned, be-puzzled, spelled, and drawlingly remarked, "O—A—X!" That's a— of a way to spell "Oaks," ain't it! (downward inflection.) I was so engaged at the time signing therefor a bundle of vouchers about the size of an illustrated family Bible that I forgot to suggest to him that it had probably sometime been associated with some member of the impecunious order of $\Theta \Delta X$ as his sole representation in monetary circles, and had been thus marked in a dim hope of meeting again on earth. I send it to you—it is yours—treasure it as you would a pocket corkscrew or an extra collar button—something very handy to have in an emergency and when you earnestly desire to emerge.

Of course you have information from Bro. A. L. Bartlett, past president of the Grand Lodge, concerning the fruitfulness of the "Bartlett pair" in the vicinity of Riverside, California. Crop matured January 3d, 1892, and is named Arthur Lewis, "forninst his dad." Imagine that rubicund old back number with Falstaffian gait doing the "paregoric act" these balmy nights clad in a flowing *robe de nuit*, batting at mosquitoes and

mingling calm, unimpassioned abjuration with the potion twixt infantile squalls. If production keeps on at this rate we can soon start a Charge on this coast of strictly home productions. I believe you are allied to a political party pretending to foster such interests—that is in a manufacturing way.

Now let me waft you a zephyr. Out with your note book. "Mem: A suggestion." I remember with great pleasure anecdotes related by older members in my college days concerning various members of the fraternity. Many of the lips that laughed then are forever silent—the story perhaps is forgotten, though memory treasures well the merit of those men. There are stories, incidents, thoughts and songs that should be preserved in print in a special part of the SHIELD. They would run the whole gamut of human sympathy—from grave to gay,—from boldest daring on battle fields to blandishments of a ball room, and yet all wrought of stuff too precious to be wasted. Much that is necessary to publish in the SHIELD is, while important, evanescent. The grave is capturing many of our treasures that should be preserved. My idea is best expressed by an incident. Two officers were standing at the clerk's desk of the Astor house, when hale Charlie Stetson, of Delta, was Jupiter thereof. A $\Theta \Delta X$ convention was in session. One of them asked me if Beverly St. George Tucker, (Epsilon of Virginia) was present. I informed him that the gentleman on crutches approaching down the corridor was the man. He observed Brother Tucker keenly as he hobbled by in conversation with another Theta Delt, then turning to his companion said slowly and with emphasis: "There's a man that would fight the Devil red hot from home. He was a man to be afraid of in a fight, too!" As they walked away I asked the omniscient hotel clerk their names. He said, "The one who spoke to you is General Phil Sheridan—the other"—well,—was the name of a naval officer that will be forgotten when Trafalgar does not suggest Lord Nelson and Mobile the person I refer to. Now no member of the fraternity is aware of this incident save myself. The gallantry of Bro. Tucker as a Confederate officer in the late war was of a character to call forth from "Little Phil" this soldierly compliment—it should be made common property through print, in the SHIELD. Sabe? Now brothers, W. L. Stone, Franklin Burdge, Port C. Gilbert, Lewis Halsey, Luman P. Norton, John Little, Ben Potts, Jake Spahn, and all those "old" fellows who are in heart so young that they hardly dare to vote at general elections because of a feeling of nonage, could contribute columns of most entertaining historical notes, etc., that would be of rare interest and use to us all. I, most of all, and first of all, turn to the "personals" in the SHIELD.

Now that I've got my mouth open (you know I suffer from an impediment of speech, can't talk ALL the time) I propose to be reminiscent. I read with pleasure Bro. R. S. Green's remarks at the Club House opening in New York. His remarks recall the fact that the brother to whom

the Psi Charge owes much if not most of its success, is rarely mentioned. He set the standard, "I want a man that I am willing to sleep with," as the test when we were discussing the qualifications of candidates. He was then a boy of rare good judgment; quiet, considerate, very gentle and dignified. To an outsider he would be thought cold and uncompanionable, but among the brethren he was known as a sly wit, sharp in repartee and a most lovable and loyal man. He is a lawyer now, practicing in Kansas City, and in all unchanged. I refer to Brother Henry French. Old Peter Blake, the Irish janitor of the College, and the best judge of men I ever met, once said of him, "Frinch in that deviltry? Don't you belave it! Frinch couldn't do a dirty, mane thing loike that if he wanted to!" That seems the opinion of all, concerning his strict integrity. It has been the policy of the Psi Charge from its origin to have an exclusive boarding house, and we all recall the happy hours spent as trenchermen together. During my freshman year our lot "fell" in unpleasant places. The "hash" was below par and "things were not what they seemed." The purveyor had struck a pay streak of corned beef and was working it for all it was worth. It came in every shape and out of shape and with a regularity that put the town clock to shame. There were at that time some sixteen of us, of whom eleven devoted their lives to theology. At meals "the head of the table" suggested some one to say grace before meat. This was done by direct request or a nod, after all were seated. Brother French, then new in the fraternity was rooming with Rev. T. D. Jester, now located at Landsdowne, Pa., I think, and by reason of his serious and reserved manner was supposed to have holy orders in view. At dinner one evening we haled the old, familiar smell of corned beef and cabbage in the distance. French quietly expressed to me intense disgust thereat. We sat down; Brother Wetmore glanced down the table, nodded and said quietly, "Brother French," and we bowed our heads while he should "say grace." He said it; said it slow. It came in this fashion and with a solemnity and unction that would startle a deaf and dumb asylum. "The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews; thirteenth chapter and eighth verse. Amen." Now to say that we were an astonished community does not express the situation, but no one commented. The future doctors of divinity did not care to acknowledge unfamiliarity with any cardinal text of holy writ, and we three or four who did not belong to the fold and were staked out in the goat pasture, likewise looked wise and said nothing. But before the dessert came on one brother stepped into the library and consulted "King James' edition" and found Hebrews, xiii: 8, to read as follows: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and to-day and forever." I need not add, except to conserve the facts of history that during his college course French was called upon but once to "say grace," and further that we changed our boarding place the next week. Beside we all awoke to the fact that there was abundance of pearls in that oyster. He was ever our

conservative counselor who sought nothing save the good of the fraternity, was always in the background furnishing forth the material for us loquacious fellows to make the fight with. He would probably to-day deny that he had done any of these things, out of his sheer innate modesty. Now there are Green, Knox, Cunningham—well see the Catalogue, I mean all of the old boys—that I have in my mind to write up, in time, to say nothing of "Curly" Hetherington, Luman P. Norton, P. C. Gilbert and others. Take this for a starter, cut out what is worth printing and get those other "old" boys started. We want to hear from them and about them. I'll never see them all face to face again, but I want to "swap yarns" with them and about them.

With kindest regards, my dear boy, to you and to all the craft, and hoping at some time to see you either here or there, I am as ever in the fraternal bonds of $\Theta \Delta X$. Yours faithfully,

NATHAN LAFAYETTE BACHMAN,

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Editorial.

THE SHIELD has reached a position in fraternity journalism which enables the editor to issue a number without burdening its readers with extended apologies for things contemplated, but not realized. A number of leading articles were "put to soak" a long time ago. Each of them depended upon information to be contributed by others, which has failed to materialize, so rather than delay the issue, we have prepared an extended account of official work, which will doubtless interest subscribers quite as much as a history of some college, or abstract themes. Our policy, at least, for volume eight will be to do as our fancy may indicate. If such a course meets the approval of the subscribers it will continue. Sometimes there is an abundance of interesting exchange matter, when notes and comments will predominate. Again we may be fortunate enough to get an unusual supply of personals. We hope our readers will express their opinions candidly, so we may know whether we are filling the measure of satisfaction or not. This number is what we would call a nondescript conglomeration of anything we can lay our hands on at the last moment. We confess to a strange sense of physical and mental weariness which has existed since the Catalogue was completed, and Convention over. In fact, the detail work of the year was hard to grasp. It just seemed as though we must get away from our sanctum and rest for a month. A pressure of every day humdrum business for a year has precluded even a day's vacation. We have tasked our weary brain into working condition and now the mill grinds quickly but not wisely. How do you like it for a change?

READERS of the SHIELD will notice the absence of advertisements from this number. This is in accordance with our determination expressed at the last Convention, As the SHIELD

is not published for any revenue which might accrue therefrom, but in the interest of the fraternity at large, it did not seem just the thing to depend upon outside assistance to balance the annual account. The reception of the last volume seemed to indicate an interest in the SHIELD by older graduates, sufficient to justify the eliminating of this foreign feature which is present in all other magazines. So here we are, stripped of all the outside props and dependent entirely upon the support of Theta Deltas. It remains to be seen whether we are flying our kite too high or not. One thing is absolutely certain, if the brothers do not rouse themselves and stand loyally by the standard we have raised, our ambition will wax dim and the SHIELD sink into a state of oblivion. So long as we wield the editorial pen the SHIELD will not be open to advertisers. If we see fit voluntarily to blow the horn for some first class Theta Delt industry, it will be our privilege, without hope of fee or reward. It shall be our aim to give just as much or more reading matter, and directly in proportion to the receipts from subscriptions will be the size of the volume. If it be a success it will be the first journal ever published without advertisements. We leave it entirely in the hands of the brothers, and without any urging on our part expect the subscription list to increase sufficiently to make up the loss. It will take just two hundred subscriptions at two dollars each to do it. Our faith is strong. The fraternity has never yet failed to respond readily and amply. Will you support your fraternity journal in this original move?

MUCH time which would otherwise have been occupied in improving the general body of the SHIELD has been consumed in the preparation of the Catalogue changes which appear in this number. It should be borne in mind that very many of these corrections are for changes which have occurred since the Catalogue went to press, and in many cases information due before that time has since been received. The list of initiates has also been added, so that this list taken with the Catalogue gives a perfect record of the fraternity. In order to

economize room and yet make as complete a record as possible, only the correct address or information will be inserted. It is understood that the Catalogue record should be so changed as to agree with the SHIELD list. The same order will be preserved. Under each change the year is given at the left hand, and the name, if originally in error, is repeated in full. The address follows as it is *now*, with any explanatory note which may be desirable.

SUBSCRIBERS will not understand the absence of illustrations to mean that we have dropped this feature by any means. We have several articles under way, one of which would have appeared in this number could the cuts have been procured in time. Heretofore the SHIELD has usually paid for all the plates it has used, depending upon the income from advertisements for this expense. We prefer to drop both rather than continue the advertising feature. It is usually possible to obtain the loan of cuts, and whenever we can do this we shall produce them. We do not regard illustrations as a necessary feature, believing that the brothers subscribe for the reading matter. As we are not competing with any other periodical, but just doing our level best for the fraternity's sake, we do not regard them as an element of success or failure.

SINCE the first forms of the SHIELD were in press the Grand Lodge have made several visits. Beta, Epsilon Deuteron, Zeta and Delta have welcomed the President. These charges are in a very flourishing condition. The class of men now in the charges would be a credit to any society, and the Grand Lodge are glad to chronicle an extremely satisfactory condition of affairs. The Charges not already visited will soon be seen.

THE Kappa Charge has recently made an aggressive move in the matter of securing a Chapter House at an early day. A communication has been sent to every graduate which speaks for itself. Kappa readers are earnestly requested to come at

once to the front and give the boys the assistance they so richly deserve. You owe it as a duty not only to the Kappa Charge but to the fraternity at large. Things are changing rapidly, and we must keep pace with the age or fall into the background.

WHEN you stop to consider the fact that the Grand Lodge have had eight applications for new charters or renewals of old ones, since the Convention, it would look as though Theta Delta Chi was holding her own in the race for supremacy. There is a surprising activity in the college world which has been coming on apace for two or three years. There is a much greater percentage of attendance at all the educational institutions, and as a result, more fraternity timber is in the market than can readily find takers. It is not to be wondered at that some of the younger and less select societies are growing like mushrooms. Even the oldest and most exclusive societies are on the war path and have adopted extension as their motto. We believe in quality rather than quantity, but there is no good reason why we should stop growing when such offerings reach us as those which have been tendered recently. Their quality is all that could be desired. The general average of college students to-day is vastly higher than it was some years ago. The same may be said of most of the fraternities. Theta Delta Chi stands ready to lend her best efforts to the elevation of fraternity influence.

Now that the SHIELD has discarded advertisements, it behooves every brother to make it his especial business to get one more subscriber. We must have a considerable increase in our list to hold our position. It costs you nothing and consumes a very small portion of your time to say a few words to some brother who perhaps knows nothing of his fraternity periodical. It might not be amiss to mention the fact that if you know some item of interest about a brother and will contribute it, we can make a personal of it which will be of interest to all the other readers of the SHIELD. Very few personals are contrib-

uted. We have to do a great deal of fishing to get the personals we present. Don't forget that it helps us to make a good journal if we can get from you some item.

ONE of the Charges which we visited on our recent trip had a very excellent safe of moderate dimensions in which they deposited all of their documents, Charge records and other matters of historic importance. The idea struck us forcibly as being a very wise precaution, not so much as a protection against thieves as against loss by fire. The burning of a Phi Delta Theta house and the loss of all her Chapter records brings the matter home, as one of no inconsiderable importance. The value of Charge records is more than can be estimated, especially if the same be destroyed. Money can not replace them. The cost of a safe is of very small moment as compared with the preservation of important historic records. For a matter of thirty to forty dollars any Charge can get a safe which will give them security against loss by fire or otherwise of their documents. We earnestly recommend to all the Charges who are not thus secured to consider the matter. The President of the Grand Lodge will be pleased to negotiate for any Charge the purchase of a first-class safe at much less than the ordinary prices. This seems a legitimate and necessary expense, yet the subject is one not thought of until it is brought directly home by loss. Do not pass the subject by.

THE Grand Lodge has adopted an official steel plate cut for use in all college annuals and other publications in which it is desirable to make use of a plate. This cut was designed and owned jointly by the Lambda, Mu Deuteron and Omicron Deuteron Charges. The Grand Lodge purchased from them their interest in the plate and it is now the property of the fraternity at large. The cuts will be at once copyrighted and left with L. Dreka, 1131 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Any Charge is at liberty to order impressions from this plate for their use, and it is expected that they will use no other design for the purposes mentioned above. Should it become desirable

for any reason to place the plate with any other engraver, due notice will be officially given to all charges.

MANY of the graduate subscribers to the SHIELD have not yet taken a catalogue. There are plenty of catalogues and it is your duty, as it should be your pleasure, to order one and help square up the fund. The editor paid every dollar that the catalogue cost on the day it was completed—November 1, 1891. Some of the brothers who subscribed have had their catalogues now almost six months but have not yet remitted—but more than this. Those brothers who have not subscribed at all for the catalogue can console themselves with the fact that the editor who gave eight months of his time to do the work without one cent of remuneration stands now six hundred dollars out of pocket, and with the catalogue in his possession which you ought to have ordered and paid for. That is the reward of fraternity work very often. There is no wonder that so few enthusiastic workers can be found. We console ourselves that the debt and the odium are all within the fraternity circle. In addition to all this the same editor pays for printing the corrections which appear in this number, from the same pocket which stood the first burden. We made a promise and propose to keep it at whatever cost. What we have said to the graduates should not escape the eye of the under-graduates. The coat fits a goodly number of Charges. Put it on. It has more colors in it than Joseph's coat of old. Who think you will get up the next catalogue?

UP to the present time the SHIELD has not been the recipient of any of the college papers issued in the institutions where we have Charges. How do you suppose we gather in the news for the SHIELD? Did you ever think of the fact that it was your duty to do something for its welfare? Now it is or should be the plain duty of every Charge to see to it that the SHIELD receives regularly their college publications and the college annual. These should be paid for by the Charges. The SHIELD is supplied to you at less than the cost of printing. It would

not cost you a very great amount to subscribe for the college papers for the SHIELD, while if we were to do so it would amount to a very considerable sum. Do not forget the duty you owe your fraternity.

WE WERE very glad to receive a letter from Bro. Bachman just in time to put it in Correspondence, several points in this letter are worthy of attention. We hope the older graduates will be interested in his remarks about the little reminiscences which go to make up history. There is nothing of greater interest to the entire fraternity and we wish we might be favored with anecdotes and sketches embodying the experience of the older brothers. Time is rapidly rolling along and soon they will be lost to sight and the pleasant stories will be buried forever. The half dollar referred to we regard as a great trophy. It is of the issue of 1857. The characters have been cut in with a flat narrow punch about three-eighths of an inch wide. The Δ is directly in the centre and the other characters above and below it respectively; evidently it has been a number of years since it was marked. No one knows where it has traveled. Caught up by accident on the Pacific Coast, it is sent to the SHIELD. Who did it? Can anybody tell? Let us trace its history.

The SHIELD is very grateful to Bro. Bachman for the interesting articles he has contributed from time to time. We all like to read them and want more of the same kind.

As many requests for information have been received in regard to where Theta Delt flags can be obtained, the editor would announce that he is now negotiating with several parties in regard to some arrangement whereby we may at a reasonable rate obtain flags of the regulation pattern. As soon as a satisfactory place can be found due notice will be given. If any of the graduate readers know of any good house which makes a business of manufacturing flags and banners, please communicate the information to the editor.

LAMBDA CHARGE has recently been called upon to mourn the loss of two of her strongest men. It is not often that two such noble men as John Wesley Spencer and John Hopkins can be found. It was our pleasure to know them personally and with Lambda we mourn their loss. We give in this number an extended notice of Bro. Spencer. The Lambda letter in the December number makes fitting reference to Bro. Hopkins. Why men of such ability and sterling character are called so early in life, when their days of usefulness seem to be only just begun, is not for us to attempt to decipher. We bow to the will of the Father who doeth all things well. Their memory will live in our hearts to make us better men.

THETA DELTA CHI is noted for her teaching force. A goodly number of brothers are superintendents of schools. We have a number of college professors, and many principals of high schools. A graduating brother from one of the best Charges asked the editor a few days ago if we knew of a good high school opening he could get for next fall. The idea suggests itself that often our graduate brothers who are interested in school positions might get hold of a desirable teacher through the SHIELD. We will be very glad to lend our assistance in any way which will assist the boys in securing good situations. We can vouch for the inquiring brother as amply competent for any high school position. Who knows of a possible opening for him?

ALL subscriptions are now due for volume eight. Will the brothers please remit promptly, several have already paid and are correspondingly happy. We regret to state that a considerable number have not paid for last year. It is needless to state that it takes money to keep things in running order.

WE wish some of the subscribers to the SHIELD might have the same disease which at present troubles Bro. Neiman, whose letter we publish in correspondence.

We note the lack of interest displayed by recent graduates in the SHIELD. If every graduate would continue his subscription we would have, within five years, the greatest journal in America. Now don't think that the absence of your subscription makes no difference to the SHIELD. It is keenly felt. The SHIELD should be indispensable to you.

THE work of making official badge patterns proceeds slowly, several houses are working on a pin. Already the following have approved patterns: John F. Newman, 19 John street, New York; Wright, Kay & Co., Detroit, Mich., and Norling & Bloom, 386 Washington street, Boston, Mass. From any of these parties pins can be obtained.

BRO. SETH P. SMITH recently unearthed half a dozen of the old 1875 Catalogues, which he has very kindly turned over to the SHIELD to be sold for the benefit of the Catalogue fund which is considerably in arrears. We will be very glad to supply one of these catalogues to any brother who desires to complete his set, for \$5.

ANY brother who can put us on track of Marc Cook's poems will confer a favor. Several of the brothers wish to purchase the book and the editor would be glad to get a copy for his library.

THE THETA DELT BANNER.

Air—LITORIA.

Our royal banner waves on high,
 Swe-de-le-we-dum-bum.
 Where all the emblems may espy,
 Swe-de-le-we-dum-bum.
 It waves for Friendship pure and true,
 Swe-de-le-we-ju-hi-ra-sa
 And bids us social joys renew,
 Swe-de-le-we-dum-bum.

CHORUS—Litoria, Litoria,
 Its Theta Delta Chi, Rah, Rah,
 Litoria, Litoria,
 Swe-de-le-we-dum-bum.

The black, the white, the blue enfold,
 Swe-de-le-we-dum-bum.
 Mem'ries better far than gold,
 Swe-de-le-we-dum-bum.
 These colors symbol joy supreme,
 Swe-de-le-we-ju-hi-ra-sa,
 And ev'ry year they brighter gleam,
 Swe-de-le-we-dum-bum.

CHORUS—Litoria, etc.

The letters on the banner too,
 Swe-de-le-we-dum-bum,
 Present our motto to the view,
 Swe-de-le-we-dum-bum.
 Displayed alike on flag and shield,
 Swe-de-le-we-ju-hi-ra-sa,
 The precious thought there stands revealed,
 Swe-de-le-we-dum-bum.

CHORUS—Litoria, etc.

Then three times three, huzza, my boys,
 Swe-de-le-we-dum-bum,
 For banner, shield, and all our joys,
 Swe-de-le-we-dum-bum.
 For Friendship's cause in gladsome praise,
 Swe-de-le-we-ju-hi-ra-sa,
 All Theta Delt their voices raise,
 Swe-de-le-we-dum-bum.

CHORUS—Litoria, etc.

V. O. TAYLOR, Kappa, '68.

Editorial Notes and Comments.

A UNIFORM BADGE.

Conspicuous among the numerous reforms in the recent history of our Fraternity is the adoption of a uniform pin. The design chosen by the last Convention to be worn by each member of $\Delta K E$ in the future, was modeled after the first of $\Delta K E$ pins ever worn—that belonging to a founder of the Fraternity, the Hon. W. B. Jacobs. Much thought, study and consideration were given the subject by the council, and a unanimous decision was reached in favor of the present model.

The above from the *$\Delta K E$ Quarterly* will be interesting as proving the fact that the action taken by our fraternity in regard to a uniform badge is along the line of reform, which is necessary. Theta Delta Chi is not the only fraternity which is improving with the age. We are glad to see other fraternities looking about to see where they can improve their condition. College fraternities have a grand scope in the economy of intellectual and moral civilization. In a convention editorial of the *Quarterly* the following is suggestive of the line along which all high-class fraternities are operating.

“It is a satisfactory spectacle to see the dignitaries of the church and of law and medicine mingling with the college lads; to see the devotees of our busy marts again aglow with the old time enthusiasm. It does them all good. The young fellows need advice, encouragement, and often criticism. The old boys need a laugh, a song, a cheer, and they get them too, and that right merrily, at a $\Delta K E$ convention, as they live over again the dear old days that lie faint and far across the misty meads of Time.”

We enjoy nothing more than to see our able clergymen at the reunions and conventions. Such men as Dr. Gregg, Dr. Green, Dr. Sterrett, and Dr. Demarest, little realize how great an influence for good they cast upon our gatherings. The last convention was made notable by their presence, and who knows how far reaching will be the words of love and wisdom they uttered?

"Those who appreciate a streak of humor will enjoy the wording of an advertisement in the *Phi Gamma Quarterly*. It says: 'Cyclopedia of Universal History.' 'A full and authentic account of the leading events in the career of the human race from the beginnings of civilization to the present time from recent and authentic sources.' Another advertisement in the same periodical, however incites disgust instead of amusement. It is that of the American College of Arts and Sciences offering to confer degrees for any profession or calling of distinction to those furnishing evidences of proficiency. Such advertisements as the latter may have a place in the world, but that place surely is not in the publication of a college Greek letter society.' "

The above is copied entire from the October number *Kappa Alpha Journal*. It is a just criticism. We can appreciate it because we have been criticised mercilessly in the past when there was not the same good ground for it. As a matter of business, however, if a journal has to depend for its existence upon outside assistance, and takes advertisements as a pecuniary measure, it is not possible to discriminate always against objectionable matter. The advertiser, if he has made his year's contract, has a voice in the matter. We were poor once ourselves, and know whereof we speak. Now that we have cleaned out our sanctum and acknowledge no one as our master we can clearly assert that we are publishing the *SHIELD* for the *Theta Delta Chi* fraternity, and with *Theta Delta Chi* money. If anything hereafter appears of an objectionable character the only thing to do, will be to "fire" the editor. To those who scored us so bitterly in times past, and from whom we did not expect or merit such treatment we can say we have to thank you for your *unkindness* as it has led us to make a move which no other journal has ever had the pluck to try. Greek journalism has no business to ask aid from outsiders.

LITERARY EXERCISES.

To revert to a venerable subject, but one that has lost not a whit of its potency, let me ask you—has your chapter any definite object in view when it assembles for its weekly meetings? We have often wondered what a relative importance would be attached to the Chapter meeting by various members of the fraternity if all were called upon for such an expression. There is no question of doubt about the importance that it

ought to hold, but there would be shades and shadows of shades of difference when it came down to how near this or that one's chapter came to furnishing a meeting of this ideal importance. This question opens up a topic that has been discussed time and again by the *Scroll* and by its fellows in the field of fraternity journalism, but no fiat ever went forth to settle the mooted points, and now that a new generation of Phis has taken up the lines of Chapter work, it will not be out of the way to have a little family talk over the matter again.

What is *your* Chapter meeting for? To give proper attention to your business affairs? Yes. But what else? To enjoy the fellowship of those with whom you are associated? Yes. But how do you propose to enjoy this? Is fellowship something that feeds and thrives on nondescript conversation and aimless diversions? In short, will you not better accomplish the purposes for which you meet by introducing some systematic program plan into the evening. It is well and good to have the members of the Chapter meet for friendly intercourse. No meeting is a success without it, and we would say nothing to belittle its importance. But just so much as this is a fact, just so much is it true that you must not depend on it alone as a means of making the Chapter hall an attractive place and the meetings a source of pleasure. There should be something gained—earned from the hour, and this cannot be done without previous planning and forethought.

It's the old question of literary exercises in the Chapter that we are bringing up, some will say. Others will reply that their Chapter already has a regular program plan directing its energies in this that or another direction. All right, we know that, and it is not to them that we are giving advice. We are indorsing these and endeavoring to get some dilatory sinners to go and do likewise.

All are agreed that the Chapter meeting should be made so attractive that the members will look to it as one of the best hours of the week. This can only be done by giving them something in return for their coming—something that they can look back to afterward and feel that it was gained there. You may call it "Literary Exercises," "Debating," "Reading," "Dramatic," "Scientific Research," or whatever club you wish. We have no one plan to recommend as an exclusive; but we want to see every Chapter that has not done so, settle itself down to some work. Discuss the thing in your meeting and appoint a committee of your most experienced workers, who shall use their best ability to present the plan best adapted for their particular chapter. If the Chapter has before confined itself to merely a business routine, care should be taken not to attempt one involving too much time or work. The members will not take kindly to such a radical change, and the consequences might be its abandonment after a few trials, and the Chapter would be much worse off than if it had taken up something less extensive. When you have adopted a program plan abide by it though the heavens fall, until you find something that you know is better.—Editorial in *Φ A Θ Scroll*.

The experiences of the recent past have brought this subject to our attention in a new light so forcible as to induce its introduction into the SHIELD. The above very sensible remarks of Editor Brown convey an impression so like in its tone to our present feelings that we recommend it to the careful consideration of those Charges of our fraternity, which look upon anything beyond purely social work as inimical to the best interests of any fraternity. We are not disposed at the present time to enter upon any extended discussion of the subject. Later on as the subject matures in our mind we will give vent to such thoughts as seem fitting. If any brother has any opinion to advance let him speak his mind. The SHIELD welcomes the expressions of the brothers whether in sympathy with their views or not.

DELTA UPSILON CREED.

While we have no desire to open again the discussion of Vol. VI on this subject, we find that the creed as published in the Catalogue of 1891 so completely proves our position that, with all due respect for Delta Upsilon, we can not refrain from giving it entire. It is as follows :

THE FRATERNITY'S CREED.

"Every organization that has a life worth the living has a principle worth the telling. The Delta Upsilon Fraternity assumes to be such an organization, and its vital purpose, stated briefly, is to secure the union of college men of kindred tastes for the promotion of social, intellectual, and moral culture *on an open basis*.

"In the main its aims differ little, perhaps, from those *apparently professed* by the secret college fraternities. It is in its principle of conduct toward outsiders that its position is unique. On this line it can be said without blatant Phariseism the fraternity has no rival. For while other fraternities differ from each other in achievements, in closeness of organization, in degree of extension, *Delta Upsilon differs from the rest in a fundamental idea expressly declared in its constitution*.

"The Delta Upsilon Fraternity is an *open, non-secret organization*. By these words, open and non-secret, is not meant that the proceedings of its Chapters are necessarily to be published in the college papers. Nor does it mean that its meetings are open to all, with or without invitation. On the contrary, it means first of all, that the fraternity constitution is open to such persons as care to read it. It means that no man joins the frater-

nity knowing nothing of what the final pledge requires. It means that the pledge puts on the initiate no obligation to keep from any one information regarding the Chapter or Fraternity that he may wish to impart.

"Here we may be met by the statement that whatever our professions may be, in practice the members of Delta Upsilon talk no more in public of fraternity affairs, than do members of other fraternities. Supposing this is so, what then? There is no coercive principle involved. There is no unwritten law or established precedent to prevent a member divulging what he pleases. And which course is on the high level, to keep silent because under a pledge taken in ignorance, or to keep silent from a personal and thinking choice?

"In its practical workings this spirit of freedom has its noteworthy effects. The Chapters of Delta Upsilon can and do invite friends and members of other fraternities into their meetings. *Having nothing to conceal*, they do not conceal it, while not proclaiming all the fraternity's affairs from the house-tops. Does any other fraternity practise such a course?

"The fraternity's creed has been a progressive one. When other college fraternities were arrogant and unjust, (?) *Delta Upsilon opposed them. When they learned moderation in college politics, it dropped the sword and declared a truce.* So far as they cleave to high ideals in college life, it can sympathize and aid. So long as they work on a false and unbecoming basis, it must discourage and give its decided dissent. *It holds fast to the belief that secrecy is not essential* to the best aims of college fraternity—so proven by the statements of secret society advocates that the secrecy really amounts to nothing, and so proven by all the dictates of common sense and right reasoning. The success of the Fraternity, whether admitted to be moderate or great, sets the seal of approval upon its guiding principle."

The points which we desire to emphasize are in italics. Without any desire to enter into argument or to decry aught of the high moral sentiment expressed therein, we note the following points which are absolute facts as we have always contended. Delta Upsilon is not a *secret fraternity* like the other Greek letter college fraternities but a *non-secret* society or an *open* secret fraternity, were such a thing possible. It is, as it says, entirely different from *all other fraternities*, hence, according to our position, should not be classed with fraternities but rather on a plane by *itself*. Our own views of fraternities embody a certain veil of secrecy which imparts a powerful charm not otherwise attainable. The facetious speech of Bro. Griggs at the first smoker draws such an admirable picture of that "peculiar something" that if you will refer to the article

and read it carefully, a clear comprehension of the point we wish to make, can readily be obtained. We have not one word to utter against Delta Upsilon, but we do object to her being ranked with the "simon pure" Greek letter fraternities whose original foundations embodied something so different from Delta Upsilon's in her inception. It may be true that during the years these aims may have degenerated in the hands of some of the fraternities, but the Greek press of to-day is doing much to restore all that has been lost sight of, and is also adding to the high moral tone which is becoming an important factor in the growth of college fraternities. As a matter of fact, Delta Upsilon in her present history embodies something so similar to other fraternities that the "creed" is really farcical. She found that the antagonistic attitude displayed in her early history was suicidal and the truce which she waved was her only hope for life. To-day the fraternity world can count upon Delta Upsilon rather as a friend than an enemy.

THE DICKEY CLUB.

Owing to misrepresentations in the press of New York City and Boston, the editors desire to publish the fact that "The Dickey" society at Harvard has no connection whatever with the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. The editors ask all exchanges to copy this notice. *

The above editorial note from the last number of the *Quarterly* is gladly copied. Much has been written in the different Greek journals about "The Dickey Club" and apparently in many instances with a desire to bear down upon the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. The SHIELD has not copied any of these questionable articles. We regret that the fraternity has been submitted to the disgrace of the slurs, to say nothing of the club itself. What this club has done should not reflect upon the fraternity at large and we trust no Theta Delt will so far forget himself as to attach any of the stigma of "Dickey" to the fraternity.

EXTENSION.

"Such ancient and hide-bound fraternities as Sigma Phi, Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Kappa Alpha, Delta Psi and Alpha Delta Phi, have recently enlarged their chapter rolls."

The above extract from the *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, while not pretty, is expressive of a fact which is becoming more evident every day. After an apparent sleep of nearly two decades all the old line fraternities are arousing to the fact that it is necessary to progress with the age. Colleges have made wonderful strides in the past ten years. The civil war put a sudden quietus upon all American colleges, from which they did not seem to recover for many years. Once having started to progress, their development and growth has been phenomenal. Never in the history of this country has there been the same opportunity for fraternity growth. It is therefore fitting that even the most conservative should expand. The moral tone of all has seemed to improve in direct ratio with this expansion. It is a source of much gratification to know that the college world gives as much attention to Theta Delta Chi, as to the "hide-bound fraternities" so called by our friend of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

MODERN ATHLETICS.

We have often been obliged to confess, though it sometimes requires some courage to do so, that we are of the number of those who are skeptical in regard to the great benefits to result to society and to the state from the great modern revival, if it be such, of athletics in schools and colleges. That a liberal proportion of vigorous physical exercise is indispensable to the student of every degree, goes, of course, without saying.

It is, we suppose, quite in accordance with the tendency of mankind to be always in extremes, that we have now alighted upon a time when in many a university athletics have usurped the place of honor, and the highest ambition of the average student is to get a place in some team of players or rowers. A slight indication of a change for the better is, we may hope, to be found in the fact that the two oldest universities in America, Harvard and Yale, which have hitherto found their only means of contact in their athletic contests, are now devising opportunities of comparing themselves with each other intellectually, and arrangements have been completed, we are told, for a series of intercollegiate contests on the debating floor. We cannot but regard it as a distinct step toward elevating the character of intercollegiate contests when a meeting in the intellectual instead of the physical arena has been arranged for.

The above article appeared in the *Brown Daily Herald* of March 9, as an extract from the *Toronto Week*. Whether the fact that it was inserted implies that Brown University endorses the sentiment or not we cannot say. The article proves that the subject is being considered by other writers in the

same light as that assumed by the SHIELD which has heretofore seemed to stand alone, and possibly subject to criticism as antagonistic to college politics. We are in favor of athletics, both physical and mental, but not in such a degree as to be an *excess*. It seems to be time for the strong institutions of the land to take the matter in hand and restrict physical athletics to such a degree as will not injure the body. If the attention be diverted to the intellectual channel the intense interest recently displayed in athletic meets and football may be lessened. It is to be hoped that some national action may be taken which will lessen danger to life and limb.

FRATERNITY RESTRICTION.

At Iowa Wesleyan a man must have reached the Sophomore ranks, and maintained an average of 85 in his studies before he can become a fraternity man.—*The Record*.

This statement is worthy of more than a passing glance. While such a plan seems to be beset with untold difficulty in its execution, any action by college faculties which tends to elevate the standard of fraternity membership is entitled to consideration. Phi Beta Kappa membership is a mark of honor, showing the possession of literary attainment beyond question, since all recipients must be honor men, this standard being determined by the college grade. Now if a similar moral and social status could in any way be created which in its operation would be as efficient, then the fraternity badge would mean something vastly more than at present. It is one of the problems not easy of solution, and we leave it as a seed cast into the ground, and await its fruition in the years to come.

"One of the corridors in Mammoth Cave is known as Fraternity Hall. It contains pyramids of stones representing fourteen different fraternities. Each visitor adds one stone to the pile representing his fraternity."—*The Record*.

We were not fortunate enough to be shown this hall when we visited the cave, neither do we know if we are numbered among the fourteen. We do know that our cabalistic symbols may be found embedded in the most hidden recess of the largest Egyptian pyramid.

Exchange Cleanings.

[Our exchanges are requested to send two copies of their journal to the SHIELD at Elmira, N. Y., and one copy to Homer D. Brookins, 117 East 35th St., New York City. In exchange we will send three copies wherever requested.]

There seems to be a painful malady laying hold of Greek journalism of late. Scarce a single one has been received on time during the last six months. When we get a journal in January which is dated November something must be wrong. They are all from one to three months behind. No, not all. The SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi can congratulate herself on promptness, if nothing else. Thus far during the present management of three years not a single number has been more than ten days behind her regular date. We expect to issue on the 15th of the month. Sometimes we get out on the 10th and occasionally it will be the 29th. This is one of the times when we will be a few days late owing to unavoidable delay resulting from absence on a fraternity tour. We have a number of exchanges on our table which should have had attention in December, but they came in as laggards after we had locked our forms.

The first number of the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* under the new editorship is considerably smaller than those of Editor Downey. One hundred pages was last year's average. This number has seventy-two. It is a convention number, and the scope of the new pen can not be well taken. The account of the fifty-fifth convention and banquet is of interest to Dekes. The Chapter letters are not numerous and the personals very meager. The exchange department is not as full as it has been. This could hardly be expected in the first number. The following is the closing remark and shows that the editor

has his mind on the subject and is paving the way into the good graces of the "editorial staff," so that when he gets his first attack of "editorial sarcasm" he will not be severely scored by brother editors.

"The exchange editors ought to assist each other—give a helping hand, administer a just criticism now and then. We are all working along the same lines. Let us remember that the standard each attains for his own publication cannot fail to have a marked effect on the others."

The SHIELD agrees with these sentiments. We have no desire to criticize the new aspirants for "critic honors" but can not refrain from reproducing the highly artistic effort to be funny over the SHIELD.

"The SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi puts its lance in rest and tilts boldly at three institutions of college life that are widely recognized. These are football, Theta Nu Epsilon and the present system of 'rushing' or 'trotting' men for fraternities. We admire their frankness and acknowledge there is much truth in what they say, but we also think arguments are evident for their opponents. The SHIELD goes rather far, we think, when it advises the society man to sleep with the candidate to ascertain whether he be companionable. Suppose, O Knight of the Shield, he should perchance snore! Scarcely then could he be dubbed companionable, and yet he might have the manners and self poise of a Chesterfield, or the muscles of a Hercules, or the brain of a future Webster, and be a great power in the Fraternity. Do not, O Shield, condemn the trembling candidate because of one careless, youthful, reckless, inadvertent snore. Play with him, eat with him, test him as you will otherwise, but forgive a thoughtless snore."

Whether the editor misinterpreted our "figure of speech" or purposely saunters off on a funny strain we can not determine. The idea we wished to be conveyed might be expressed in other ways, but there seems to be nothing more emphatically expressive. If the editor could see all the mistakes which have been made by rushing and the subsequent disadvantages resulting therefrom, he might desire to perform the literal experiments before approving of his fellows. The editor promises to devote more space in future numbers to a broader range of topics which demand the attention of the student. The only advice we would proffer is, don't try the literary act. It is not the highest aim of fraternity journals.

After a continued absence we are again pleased to greet the *Quarterly* of Sigma Chi. The first number of Vol. XI., issued under date of November but not received till the December SHIELD was out, is an excellent one. It opens with a very excellent address delivered by an eminent divine at the Gettysburg Chapter. Other excellent articles make a full literary department. Pan Hellenism and a fraternity congress at the world's fair constitute the chief editorial topics. Several fraternity journals have already taken up the subject of the World's fair and a representation in Chicago. The SHIELD has not had much to say on the subject, not from any lack of interest but because so many pressing topics of present interest have drowned it out temporarily. A new feature is introduced called "Letters from Alumni Chapters." The usual number of Chapter letters and a few brief personals complete the first number of 78 pages.

The February number reaches us March 7th as we are going to press. This number is a very excellent one for Sigma Chi, but has absolutely nothing in it about general college news or other fraternities. There are two biographies with half-tone plates; the one representing a leading Alumnus; the other an obituary. Both are interesting, as showing that good men do live and flourish and when they are called home words of honest praise indicate that they still live in the hearts of their fellows. Accounts of banquets and the new Chapters and letters make up the contents. A forcible editorial on the recent Catalogue indicates that a heavy deficit exists which the Alumni are called upon to make up by taking copies of the Catalogue. In describing it the editor states that the *University* magazine pronounces *it* and the Catalogues of Psi U and Kappa Alpha the best fraternity catalogues published, *ergo* they must be. Since when, pray, did the *University* magazine become a standard on fraternity subjects? While we do not presume to question the fact that Sigma Chi's Catalogue may be very fine, we do object to an advertising directory being quoted as supreme authority on fraternity publications. We have never seen Sigma Chi's book, but we have a number of others on file received through courtesy exchange which are quite as fine as

the other two mentioned. We would be glad to exchange Catalogues with Sigma Chi. It is poor encouragement for a committee to get up a Catalogue, giving of their time and brains, and then have it received with apathy and a debt left for some one to shoulder. History repeats itself. All fraternities resemble each other in this respect. We regret that we can not hold up our right hand and say Theta Delta Chi is not in it. The SHIELD is about the only thing we know of in the fraternity world which is paying its own way without begging.

The *Delta* of Sigma Nu for January maintains its increased size and is a great improvement over its last volume. Its leading article is a sketch of Leland Stanford University. Purdue University is illustrated in connection with an account of the establishment of a Chapter at that institution. The exchange notes would indicate that Editor Herrington did not take kindly to our little outburst on "soap-bubbles." He pays his respects to the SHIELD and Theta Delta Chi in this wise: "The editor of the SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi is a man of very pronounced views, which he proceeds to air at every convenient opportunity," and making a quotation from the SHIELD on the subject of the craze for extension which possesses some of the fraternities goes on to say:

It is characteristic of the eastern college man to look disparagingly upon anything which comes from west of the Alleghenies and President Eliot's declaration that "the west as a mass is incapable, dense, ignorant and wrong," finds too ready a belief among men who cannot seemingly realize that "the lion of the tribe Judah long ago pitched his tent in the valley of the Mississippi." The time was when the eastern fraternities had a monopoly of the field, but their failure to keep pace with the growth of colleges and the developments in student life called other organizations into being, which are rapidly outstripping them in numbers and influence. A careful comparison of Baird's third and fourth editions gives ample proof of this. These "soap bubbles" realize the force of Senator Ingalls' remark, "that the future triumphs of the Anglo-Saxon race are to be wrought out in the valley of the Mississippi" and are taking possession of the land, and when the bursting time comes Vanderbilt, Central, DePauw, Leland Stanford, Jr., and the great State Universities of Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Alabama and Ohio will probably compare

favorably with Kenyon, Hobart, Hamilton, Lafayette, Bowdoin and other equally as great institutions of learning where Brother Holmes boasts Chapters.

The metaphor would seem to the "eastern" mind a little mixed, though we know some theologians claim that America both east and west was peopled by the lost ten tribes of Israel. We do not dispute the greatness and growth of the State Universities, but even if Macaulay's famous New Zealander, after viewing the ruins of London, should extend his travels to this country, we hardly think he would find at one of these seats of learning and letters a grave and reverend "Sig." trying to decipher the cabalistic inscription on a Theta Delta Chi badge, dug up from the ruins of Hobart or Hamilton.

In that day we hope the editor of the *Delta* will not practice extension among our editorials and give credit therefor to the *Record*. The editorial in the September SHIELD, on College Aristocracy, has been widely copied. This is a matter of some satisfaction to the editor, for it indicates that leaders in other fraternities agree with him on the subject, and goes to prove the truth of his assertion that the standard of all high class fraternities is substantially the same. The editors of the fraternity journals are heartily welcome to make as many extracts as they please from the SHIELD. Indeed, we are so glad to know that the editor of the *Delta* endorses our views, whether in this case "very pronounced" or otherwise, that we forgive him for crediting to the *Record*, and only suggest that he read the SHIELD a little more carefully next time.

The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta is as usual a good number. The editor of the SHIELD has often thought that possibly his lengthy editorials might get tiresome to its readers. As we examine the *Scroll* we note that Editor Brown is quite as prolix as Editor Holmes. No other journal outside the SHIELD has half as much editorial matter, with the single exception of the *Scroll*. We have read the editorial talk of Editor Brown to the Phi Delta Theta boys and confess that of all the exchanges examined none have interested us in anything like the same degree. What is good talk for one fraternity is quite

apt to fit any other quite as well. We have reproduced the greater part of the leading editorial, which conveys our sentiments in a way quite as forcible, and relieves our brains of just that much labor. The subject was on our mind and we are indebted accordingly. We are impressed with the fact that possibly our own talks are appreciated and so we keep them up. The contents of the *Scroll* consist largely of Chapter letters and convention notes. Several half-tone portraits appear which are so far above the average style of those usually appearing in the *Scroll* that they are particularly noticeable. They grace the book. The *Scroll* has a blue cover. Are blue covers in any way connected with success in fraternity journalism? The *Scroll* is certainly a successful journal, well edited and high in its tone. We know of another blue covered journal—but modesty forbids. Some of the journals which have experienced changes have not held their own recently.

The Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* for January was practically on time. It reached us February 5th. It contains an account of the forty-third convention, some war retrospects, biographies, an account of the founding of their Delta Xi Chapter at Leland Stanford University, with a frontispiece half-tone of the charter members; an account of the establishment of Pi Iota Chapter at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Chapter letters. Table talker is not heard from. A few editorials and hellenic happenings, with a list of initiation returns completes a very readable number. The editor mourns about their Catalogue in the following terse remark :

“The Catalogue of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity was presented to the fraternity at the last regular convention by its compiler, Clay W. Holmes, the editor of the SHIELD. The entire publication was compiled and printed in the incredibly short space of eight months, and yet Phi Gamma Delta has been laboring over hers for the past three years, and it is still far from ready for delivery.”

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* for December arrived *promptly on time*, date February 4, but it is a good one. The editor gets \$300 a year for doing it, and why should it not be good? We

wonder who guarantees his salary. If the *Journal* treasury is like that of several other Greek periodicals he would have to wear out his lips whistling before it materialized. Two very excellent cuts of the University of Missouri and a half-tone of Richmond College embellish the number. Among the numerous contributions, "A World's Fair fraternity headquarters" suggests having a house in Chicago to be maintained by fraternities as a home during the Exposition, an extended article on the establishment of Chapters indicates that in the past the executive council had the power to grant new charters without any consultation with any of the Chapters. By a new law adopted at the last convention a restriction is placed upon the council requiring them to gain consent of the Chapters in the state where the new Chapter is to be located. If no Chapters exist, then upon the petition of four graduate members the council can grant. If Theta Delta Chi allowed her Grand Lodge as much scope as the last requirement permits, what a harvest of Chapters we could reap if we were so disposed. We advise Kappa Alpha to make it even stronger. If as lax measures exist in all the fraternities we do not wonder at the discord which seems to prevail in some of them.

The editorials are quite extended and sensible. The number winds up with exchange notes. The editor goes off into a sort of rocking horse, slide down hill style, not at all unpleasant by the way, and after devoting quite a liberal space to a few favorite periodicals ends up with the following:

"There are still on the table two SHIELDS, but one is very lean and green, and the other is very fat and blue—both bearing evidences of inherent disease, and they will be religiously left alone for fear that their diseases might prove contagious and contaminate the *Journal*."

We regret our inability to discern the difference between tweedledee and tweedledum, and so leave its solution to Editor Van Cleve. Evidently the editor had forgotten the pleasant comment he had editorially noted, but we produce it, with our gracious permission for the *Journal* to follow the ideas which he gives us the credit of originating:

"In the latest issue of the THETA DELTA CHI SHIELD—which, by the way, is colossal in appearance, and a cursory review impresses us as

quite meritorious—the editor proposes to publish in each issue of his magazine corrections of any errors that may be in the new Catalogue just issued by Theta Delta Chi. This is not only novel, but it is admirable. It will enable an owner of a catalogue to note errors, and he will thereby enhance the value of his book. If the editor of the SHIELD will allow it, the *Journal* will adopt the same plan; and in anticipation of the permission, it is requested of Kappa Alphas to forward corrections to the *Journal*, and they will be published in each number under a suitable heading.

The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for January looms up pleasantly and is full of interesting news. The convention held in Atlanta Christmas week occupies a considerable portion of the number and is well edited. We note a pleasant incident connected with their banquet. At each plate was laid a beautiful, button-hole bouquet of violets and hyacinths with a card attached, inscribed, "Many good wishes for S. A. E.'s, from Mrs. Loulie M. Gordon." Mrs. Gordon is the widow of a former Atlanta Sig. Truly the love that lives in the wife's heart for the friends of her husband is a beautiful sentiment. A touching tribute to the friendships of his lifetime.

A half-tone portrait of the delegates to the convention is another feature worthy of much commendation. Nothing will so indelibly fix in our minds the memory of a happy convention as a group picture of those who together have enjoyed the occasion. Biographies and Chapter letters with a good collection of general news make up a successful number. Editor Cowan is apparently no fledgling in journalism.

The February number of the SHIELD of Phi Kappa Psi is devoted principally to a report of the active membership of the fraternity during the year. This consumes 24 pages, from which we elicit the following statistical facts: The total number of active chapters, 36; total attendance for 1891, 512; total number initiated, 197; expulsions, 6; resignations, 4; deaths, 15. Total present membership, active and graduate, 5,030. The active membership is divided up as follows: 120

Seniors; 146 Juniors; 102 Sophomores; 120 Freshmen. In addition to this very elaborate compilation of records which includes a relationship calendar, are the usual Chapter letters and a few personal notes.

The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta seems to be improving in many particulars. Better paper and cleaner print add much to the looks of the journal. The January number gives the "Rainbow History" and goes into ecstasy over "Our Flower—the Pansy." An editorial refers to the Chapter recently established at Williams and indicates much pride over the new Charge. If their Chapter is anything like the Iota Deuteron of Theta Delta Chi they may well be proud, as it is a great step in advance for Delta Tau Delta.

The *Key* for December appeared January 21st. It opens Vol. IX, and the changes in editorship do not seem to affect the general character of the journal which is always good. We note the usual run of subjects, but nothing of general interest to any except Kappas. The scissors do excellent duty. The selections are good. Evidently the *Key* has nothing to fear in its present volume.

The second number of the *Trident*, for February, comes smilingly on time, February 29th. Lucky for *Trident* that it was leap year or it would have been March. The reputation of the journal is in no wise weakened by this second number. It has much in it worthy of note. It illustrates Boston University and gives an accompanying article on student life in that institution; a pretty little story about the mission of flowers, a monograph on *Modesta*; some excellent correspondence, ocean breezes and personals. A section "a la Pan-Hellenism" gives extracts from other journals in regard to *Trident*. We confess our genuine enjoyment of the entire number. It seems to be taking a "blue cover" rank among the sorosis magazines. By the way, we have not for a long time seen a copy of Kappa Alpha Theta's periodical or *Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

After sending a spasmodic first number, nothing more was heard of *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, till now comes number one of Vol. II. This number opens with a history of the fraternity in journalism. After having had many vicissitudes the journal is now located in Philadelphia. A historical account of several Chapters, and Chapter letters make up the first number.

The Delta Upsilon Quinquennial Catalogue issued in 1891, is received through the courtesy of its editor, Mr. Wilson L. Fairbanks. This Catalogue is an extremely neat, plain Catalogue, or rather a biographical note book. Bound in cloth, it has a substantial, every day, home like appearance which we admire. Its typography is plain throughout, printed on a good quality of book paper, with a number of very fine steel plate portraits of prominent men scattered through the book. It has 672 pages. We learn from it the following facts. Delta Upsilon was founded at Williams in 1834. She now has 32 Chapters, 4,196 living members, 867 deceased, total 5,063. Theta Delta Chi meets her at ten institutions. The book has much in it of great value to members. A history of the Chapters; a complete roll of officers and delegates of each Convention since 1884; a record of the *Quarterly*; a classified residence directory, and other features of minor importance. It was evidently a work involving a great amount of labor and the editor may well be proud of his achievement.

It seems that the best of us have ups and downs. We had supposed Chi Phi to be strongest among the mighty, but a change has evidently come over her since Mr. C. N. Ironside resigned the quill. We hardly know the history of these changes. In November, 1890, we received number four of Vol. XV, Chi Phi *Quarterly*. During the year 1891 nothing was seen of the *Quarterly*, but in January, 1892, the Chi Phi *Chakett*, Vol. IV, number two comes to hand, issued from Newark, N. J., with Herbert Ballentine as business manager. We had supposed Chi Phi had withdrawn her journal from the

exchanges. What its history was during the silent year we can not say, nor can we reconcile the retrograde movement in volume number, but we are glad once more to welcome Chi Phi to our table. The *Chakett* comes in a new dress. The January number is a Convention number, full of an account of the Convention and banquet. Henry W. Grady's memory is a prominent subject. His portrait appears as a frontispiece. A half tone of the Convention delegates is the only other plate in this number. The entire number is well edited. A history of Southern Chi Phi is promised for future numbers. The Dickey Club receives extended comment. We note the following clause under that head.

"Whatever the faults of the Harvard society system they can not be charged to the Greek Letter Fraternities since no secret fraternity has been able to preserve its characteristics in Cambridge. Many have tried it and all that have lingered on have existed as clubs, tolerated with difficulty by the fraternities with which they have a nominal connection, or, in the case of the Dickey, repudiated openly. Harvard is the only institution where local tradition has proven strong enough to withstand the Greeks, converting them to Islam, when it has not slaughtered them. Whether this is a destruction or the reverse, it is not becoming in the Greeks to decide."

There is much solid truth in this statement and it forms an obstacle which keeps Theta Delta Chi from again entering Harvard. The old Iota was withdrawn rather than she should be sacrificed to the "Gods of Harvard." It was a wise move. Periodically we are besought to revive it. A very strong pressure has been brought to bear within the year by a number of the finest young men in Harvard, but the barriers seem insurmountable. We regret the loss of the brilliant men who could be added to our number, but better this than to endanger them to the "Dickey" influences.

Acting under the offer expressed in the last SHIELD several Catalogues have been received. The Kappa Alpha History and Catalogue is a handsome volume of 430 pages, bound in fancy cloth with gilded edges, and neatly printed on fine paper. A history of the order occupies fifty-five pages. Following this is the roll of Charges, premised by a history of the Charge.

Thirty-two illustrations embellish the volume, representing the shining lights in the order and a number of the insitutions where Chapters are located. In general character the book is a pleasing success and should be gratifying to every member of the order. As a constant book of reference it will not take rank. To our minds this is more of a history and biographical record than a Catalogue. The geographical distribution is lacking. If less money were expended in creating elaborate books, and more frequent editions consisting of a simple roll of members and a geographical index were issued, greater practical good would result to the fraternities.

The first Catalogue of Sigma Nu was issued in 1889, twenty-one years after its birth. This Catalogue is small but neat, contains 160 pages. It shows twenty-five Chapters, with 850 members. A short sketch of the fraternity precedes the regular Chapter records. The Catalogue is unassuming but accomplishes all the purposes for which such a book is intended.

The tenth general Catalogue of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, issued in 1888, is received through the courtesy of Mr. Albert P. Jacobs of Detroit, Mich. This Catalogue is the famous one which came so near precipitating Psi Upsilon into bankruptcy. It is a massive book and one of which the fraternity may well be proud. One thousand and thirty-eight pages are filled with matter, statistical and otherwise. It has an alphabetical list and geographical distribution, and in addition, statistical tables showing how many were in the opposing armies, classified professions and business pursuits. The summary shows in March, 1888—nineteen Chapters with a total of 6,778 members. Since that date one or more Chapters have been added to the list. Probably this Catalogue is the most elaborate in contents of any fraternity Catalogue published. It is really more so than there is any need for, still it is extremely nice to have it for statistical reference. The amount of labor necessary to produce a book must have been prodigious. The editors are entitled to much thanks and a large amount of salary for such self sacrificing work.

We have been favored with several copies of the *Ariel*, a sixteen-page journal, published at the University of Minnesota, weekly during the college year. It is in its fifteenth volume. No weekly college periodical has ever met our views of satisfactory college editing, until we saw the *Ariel*. It is certainly a very newsy periodical. Current topics, literature, society notes and everything which goes to make up a readable magazine may be found in it. A series of articles on college fraternities evidently written by a "barbarian" indicates that the Greek letter societies are being felt there in the literary work of the University. We solicit the *Ariel* for our regular exchange list.

In the *University Magazine* of January we note the following paragraph:

"Theta Delta Chi seems to be snugly at home in their pretty Club House at No. 117 East Thirty-fifth street, although I grant it must be odd to gaze upon the faces of the family portraits looking down from the walls belonging to the owner."

At first sight we were disposed to be indignant at the covert sneer. In looking over *The Rainbow* we discovered the following reprint which we had not before seen :

"College men thronged the corridors of the Hotel Marlborough yesterday, where the forty-fifth annual convention of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity was in session. There were seventy-five delegates present, representing twenty colleges.

The convention, which was presided over by Clay W. Holmes, President of the Grand Lodge, will last three days. To night there will be a banquet at the Hotel Marlborough.

The new Club House of the fraternity—the only fraternity Club House in the country as distinct from a Chapter house—was opened with a big house-warming last night. The club was incorporated last May, and met for a time at 343 Fifth avenue. Then it secured the private residence, 117 East Thirty-fifth street, taking it already furnished, family portraits and all. The ancestors of the former occupants looked down from the walls in astonishment last night on the festive scene.—*N. Y. Tribune*, Nov. 20, 1891.

It is quite probable that the editor got his information from this source. As we are quite familiar with the manner in which the news of the daily press is gathered in, we cannot lay up

anything against the *Tribune*, and so it becomes necessary to overlook the slur in the *Magazine*. We wish, however, to inform the gentleman that there are no family portraits attached to the Club House furniture. The few paintings left in the house by its owners would grace any Club House, and therefore are no detriment to the cheerful interior of our delightful temporary home. Perhaps the editor of the *University Magazine* lives in a rented house. We suggest that it is just as sacred to him, and quite as dear so long as it is his home. Home is where the heart is.

It has never been the purpose of the SHIELD to open its pages to a general review of the books of the period, but it is clearly its province to present such as emanate from the pens of brother Theta Delts. A few days ago there came a book entitled "Abraham Lincoln the Liberator," a biographical sketch by Charles Wallace French, Omicron Deuteron, '79.

On our regular evening for editorial work the first thing presenting itself happened to be this book. Before attempting to review, it seemed necessary to give it at least a cursory examination, so settling back in our easy chair the first pages were closely examined. Our interest became fixed on the book and the purpose of review was lost sight of in the intense interest created in the book itself, and page after page was eagerly perused, till the night was well nigh spent. Further comment would seem almost unnecessary. We have read several accounts of Lincoln's life, but never before was such a vivid picture of the martyr hero's beautiful character presented:

"Numerous so-called biographies of Abraham Lincoln have been published, but many of them lack the true spirit of biography, because the man is merged into the exciting times in which he moved—the principal figure—and his personality is often lost in the events in which he participated. Many of these works are histories of the Civil War, rather than biographies of the man of the war, the great President—histories of the emancipation of the slave rather than biographies of "Lincoln the man who freed the slave." While his personality is presented, perhaps, on a scale commensurate with its importance as the principal figure in the great historical picture, yet, his true character as a man is often over-

looked as we fasten our gaze upon the many personages that gather around him. Abraham Lincoln's personality was so unique, so grand, so strong, that it not only opens up a vast field of research, which the author has explored carefully and lovingly, but also furnishes one of the most interesting ideals of true American manhood. This book tells the story of his life, that life, in its simplicity and grandeur hardly ever equalled, never excelled."

We recommend this book to all who desire a reliable life of Lincoln. Its price is \$1.50, and it can be obtained through any book-seller.

Since the *Arrow* came down from its extraordinary size, it has improved wonderfully in appearance. Better paper, a neat cover and trimmed edges give it an aristocratic appearance entirely lacking before. It now ranks easily with the best in external appearance.

The *Campus* is published every Wednesday during the college year by the students of Rochester University. It has a board of seven editors. The *Campus* is a creditable journal.

Christian Thought for December contains a very able article from the pen of Bro. Duncan C. Lee on "The Intuitionism of Locke."

Col. Wm. L. Stone, Zeta, '57, is one of the contributors to "The Memorial History of the City of New York," recently issued.

College Notes.

The following clipping from a New York daily is of interest :
President William R. Harper, of the Chicago University, is at the Murray Hill Hotel. He has been in the East engaging professors and has already secured some of the shining lights of Harvard, Yale and other colleges. Head professors at the Chicago University will get \$7,000 a year, and the policy of the institution will be to spend its income more in the direction of procuring first-class talent than in the erection of costly buildings. "Money will not make a college," said President Harper yesterday, "but eminent teachers will. We have started under splendid auspices and within ninety days will have \$5,000,000 cash endowment. We already have over \$3,000,000 of this in hand. Mr. Rockefeller first gave \$600,000 on condition that we raise \$400,000, which was done. Then, in September, 1890, he gave \$1,000,000, and now another \$1,000,000 in bonds bearing 5 per cent interest in gold. Among those who have been engaged is Prof. William G. Hale, now Professor of Latin at Cornell, and formerly Assistant Professor at Harvard. Prof. Laughlin, formerly Assistant Professor of Political Economy at Harvard, will take that chair at Chicago, and Prof. William L. Knapp will be Professor of Modern Languages, after holding a similar position for thirteen years at Yale. President Albion W. Small, of Colby University, will be at the head of the department of social science, and Prof. Von Holst, author of the "Constitutional History of the United States," will teach history. "The University," said Prof. Harper yesterday, "will be Baptist, as Yale is Congregational. We have twenty-seven acres adjoining the World's Fair grounds, and the two buildings now in course of construction at a cost of \$150,000 each will be finished on September 1. Stagg, of Yale, comes to take charge of our athletics." President Harper was graduated from Yale in 1876 and was a professor there for five years.

President Bartlett, of Dartmouth, has tendered his resignation to the trustees, to take effect at the close of the current college year. The trustees have invited him to remain at Dartmouth as lecturer on Bible and Christian evidences at half his present salary. This lectureship would require only about 100 hours a year in the lecture room, and so would give him leisure for the literary work which he has long contemplated. Prof. William J. Tucker, of the Andover Theological Seminary, has

been elected president of Dartmouth College to succeed him. Prof. Tucker was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1861, and Andover Theological Seminary in 1868. In college his rank was of the highest, his literary work being especially good. He was for some years in pastoral work and in 1880 accepted a chair at Andover.

Alpha Tau Omega is crying for a Catalogue.

Rumor has it that Delta Upsilon will soon begin the erection of a Chapter house at Union College.

Dartmouth College students have pledged \$1,000 for the support of their base ball team this season.

The Yale Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa held their annual initiation and banquet in New Haven March 4.

Phi Delta Theta has had a Catalogue under way for a long time. It is promised during the coming summer.

The University of Chicago gets an additional gift of one million dollars from John D. Rockefeller, the Standard oil king.

The *Lambda News Letter* is a bright little sheet and a source of much pleasure to the graduates. It keeps their enthusiasm red-hot.

Trinity College Alumni had their annual dinner at the Thorndike, in Boston, February 11th. President Smith made an eloquent speech.

The Brown and Tufts Glee Clubs gave a joint concert in Pawtucket February 28. After the concert Zeta entertained the Kappa boys right royally.

The faculty of the University of Wisconsin have abolished examinations and all excuses for absence except when class standing is below 85 per cent. or absences more than 10 per cent. This is a radical innovation and seems somewhat questionable.

It is rumored that the law department of the University of Pennsylvania will have a very complete post-graduate course by next year. It will include admiralty, municipal law, international law, etc. Students satisfactorily completing the extra year's work will receive the degree of L. L. M.

The *College Man*, a paper published in New Haven by divinity students, has been suspended on account of lack of support.

Hazing is not healthy business at Lafayette under the admirable management of President Warfield. We would advise the Sophs not to meddle with the buzz-saw.

Professor Small, of Colby University, has been elected professor of social science in the University of Chicago. He resigns his position at Colby to accept this new honor.

Prof. Wm. G. Peck, Ph. D., LL. D., for thirty-five years professor of mathematics and astronomy in Columbia College, died suddenly at his home in Greenwich, Conn., on the evening of February 7th.

Mr. John Bell Keeble was re-elected editor and manager of the *Kappa Alpha Journal* at their recent convention, and allowed a salary for issuing five numbers, of \$300 per annum. He is given four associate editors. The query arises, what does Mr. K. give in return for his salary if the four associates do anything?—*Φ K Ψ Shield*.

A horrid rumor comes from Boston that the barbarities of Harvard's Dickey Club initiations have been only half disclosed, and that besides being branded on the arm with a cigar stump, the blinded neophyte is compelled to eat raw oysters sugared. And still Dr. Eliot says that public opinion is the only effectual remedy!—*Rochester Union and Advertiser*.

A Columbia College letter in the New York *Times* of January 31 contains the following in reference to Brother C. V. Mapes' son:

The committee in charge of the Herbert Mapes Memorial Fund reports great success in the collecting of subscriptions. No sum of money, however small, is refused, as the memorial is to be the gift, not of a small portion, but of the whole body of students. The committee recently received the following letter from President Low:

I have been pleased to learn of the steps that have been taken toward the erection of a suitable memorial of the late Herbert Mapes, one of Columbia's students whom all loved and admired, and who represented in a marked way the best college spirit of his Alma Mater. I hope the committee will meet with success in their efforts, and I take pleasure in subscribing \$100 as an evidence of my own interest in the matter.

Respectfully,

SETH LOW.

Sigma Nu has entered Purdue University.

Columbia will not have a 'varsity crew this spring.

Beta Theta Pi has entered Yale on a university basis.

Delta Tau Delta loses her two best men at Kenyon this year.

Theta Nu Epsilon tried to enter Boston University but failed.

Tufts College has petitioned for a Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has adopted the violet as the fraternity flower.

The cap and gown has been adopted at Dartmouth as class day dress.

Colgate University now has an endowment fund of \$1,234,000.

Phi Delta Theta has withdrawn from the College of the City of New York.

Psi Upsilon loses six men at Kenyon this year, leaving three for next year.

Delta Upsilon will enter Ohio Wesleyan University, so says Mother Grundy.

All the fraternities at Boston University exist under the most harmonious relationship.

President Carter of Williams has just completed a new volume on the life of Mark Hopkins.

West Point is to have a \$100,000 gymnasium. It is now in process of erection at Uncle Sam's expense.

Out of eight Seniors at Tufts who are entitled to commencement parts, six are members of Theta Delta Chi.

The last Convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon voted that they would not hereafter initiate any honorary members.

Psi Upsilon will erect a \$15,000 Chapter House at Brown University. This will be the first fraternity house at Brown.

Prof. Lincoln Hulley of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., received a call to the pastorate of the Temple Baptist Church of Philadelphia, which was declined.

The University of Rochester has received a gift of \$50,000, from the estate of John B. Trevor.

University extension has reached Denmark and Austria. France is also investigating the English method, with a view to adopting it.

The Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* will introduce into the March number, a symposium. Fraternity Chapter Houses will be the topic.

The Wisconsin University Chapter House of Phi Delta Theta was destroyed by fire in December. All of the Chapter records were lost.

Ex-President E. G. Robinson, D. D., of Brown University, '38, has been elected Professor of Philosophy in the University of Chicago.

Sigma Chi has recently established a Chapter at Vanderbilt and Leland Stanford, and revived an old Chapter at the University of Illinois.

Alpha Delta Phi established a Chapter in the University of Minnesota, in February. The initiation ceremony took place at the West Hotel.

Lehigh University was benefited by the great Philadelphia and Reading deal. Her endowment is in Lehigh Valley Railroad stock and the income increases \$30,000 per year.

Phi Gamma Delta has a Club House in New York City. It contains a billiard room, parlors and meeting room for the New York Chapters, beside a limited number of rooms for visiting brothers.

Phi Gamma Delta has formally established her Epsilon Chapter in the New York University. Seventeen men were initiated as charter members, eight being from the medical department and two from the law school.

The Minnesota State University is to lose its favorite, Prof. Judson, who has occupied the chair of general history for some years; he goes to the same chair in the Chicago University, which institution seems to be plucking the choicest fruit from the world's educational orchard.—*Examiner*.

The world needs earnest men, of broad culture, keen intellect, vigorous bodies, more to-day than ever. The colleges of the country must be the chief source of supply for the men of affairs of the coming years.—*Editorial Φ K Ψ Shield*.

There is to be a change made in the management of the *Lehigh Burr*. Heretofore the board of editors kept control of the paper until the end of the college year, but hereafter the new board will be elected in March and take control on April 1.

Lambda Charge has quite a strong grip on the commencement speakership. Theta Delta Chi has captured it as follows: I. W. Higgins, '77, W. P. Odell, '80, S. I. Bailey, '81, G. R. Jones, '83, J. T. Draper, '84, L. H. Dorchester, '86, F. S. Baldwin, '88, C. L. Bullock, '89, C. T. Snow, '91, C. B. Tewksbury, '92.

Allegheny College possesses a set of petitioners who are aiming at Sigma Chi. From the present crowded condition of the institution it is to be doubted if another Chapter would reflect any great honor, either on the fraternity itself or the Greek world.—*Φ Γ Δ Quarterly*. This may refer to the young men who petitioned Theta Delta Chi last year without success.

The New York Alumni Association, of Lafayette College, recently gave a complimentary dinner to the new President of the college, Dr. Ethelbert D. Warfield, who assumed control of the institution at the beginning of the present college year. Dr. Warfield was graduated at Princeton, was for some years a Fellow at Oxford, and is already doing good work for Lafayette.

The following item, discovered too late for introduction under personals, was taken from *The Examiner*, Minnesota correspondence. "Woodland Park, while not ten years of age, is one of the most healthy and prosperous of the St. Paul churches. Possessing a membership of nearly 300 and situated in the most desirable part of St. Paul, it is destined to be in the future one of the largest and strongest churches in Minnesota. It is cared for by the Rev. W. W. Dawley, (Psi '75) who ranks among our most effective pastors and speakers in this state."

Alpha Delta Phi, in accordance with dame rumor's report has issued from her conservatism and entered Minnesota University. This is the second chapter Alpha Delta Phi has granted in many years, the last being her Johns Hopkins Chapter, chartered in 1889. Just what is the import of the recent westward movements of Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi, it is difficult to determine. It is significant that even they are coming to realize that as the centre of population and wealth pursues the setting sun westward, the Western college must rise to greater influence and power, and that the New England colleges in a few years must resign the eminence which they have so long held.—*Phi I J Quarterly*.

Grant W. Harrington, the faithful editor of the *Delta*, of Sigma Nu, was married January 21st, to Miss Hattie Gref, of Hiawatha. The SHIELD wishes the newly wedded couple many years of happiness and trusts that his new relations will not seriously interfere with his admirable fraternity work. Mr. Harrington is one of the most enthusiastic fraternity men of the age, and Sigma Nu without him would be like a ship without a rudder.

A very pretty custom exists in the Elmira College. The Junior class each year entertains the Seniors by a trip which usually occupies two or three days. This year it fell to the happy lot of the SHIELD editor to accompany the party as business manager. The trip took in Rochester. While there, the girls by special invitation visited Bro. Wm. L. Kimball's orchid conservatory and were delightfully entertained.

The directors of the Chicago University have just concluded the purchase of the most valuable library in the European market of the present time. Pope's famous library was collected by Dr. Simons, who has been untiring in his efforts during a long period of years. It is composed of 350,000 volumes, and 120,000 pamphlets. The cost is \$75,000.—*Phi I J Quarterly*.

Among the extension rumors it is currently reported that Delta Upsilon will enter Ohio Wesleyan; Sigma Nu has entered Purdue University.

Delta Tau Delta is said to have entered Williams College. Leland Stanford University already has over 400 students. The oratorical contest at De Pauw was won by Miss Nelson, *K K I*.

Vassar has a fund devoted exclusively to giving the girls a good time.

Delta Kappa Epsilon has just completed a catalogue costing \$16.—*Record*.

Kappa Kappa Gamma is building a Chapter House at the University of Wisconsin.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon now issues a "secret publication" as a supplement of the *Record*.

The 65th annual convention of Sigma Phi was held at Delmonico's in New York January 5.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be properly represented in the Greek letter display at the World's Fair.

A new gymnasium is being constructed at Washington and Jefferson College, which will cost \$30,000.

Phi Kappa Psi holds her annual convention at the Burnet House, Cincinnati, O., April 20, 21 and 22.

The Alpha Delta Phi Club of New York city hold monthly smoking concerts which are very successful.

A University Club was organized in Boston in January. A Club House will probably be secured within a few months.

Zeta Psi, Phi Delta Theta and Phi Gamma Delta have entered the Leland Stanford University. Phi Kappa Psi is ready to enter.—*Record*.

The new Catalogue of Kappa Alpha clearly cites that southern Kappa Alpha has no connection, even in conception, with our northern order.

The faculty of the University of Illinois have decided to admit fraternities. It is said that Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Psi stand ready to enter.

In the last fifteen years Yale has won the foot-ball championship seven times, Princeton five times and three times it was not awarded.—*Record*.

Iowa State University has a new Y. M. C. A. building which cost \$35,000, and a new \$50,000 chemical laboratory. Her roll of students numbers 850 in all departments.

Kappa Alpha has had four catalogues, 1873 showing 277 members; 1875 with 375; 1878 with 594; and the one of 1891 showing 2,233, with 366 active members. This includes both living and dead.

The plan of instruction in the new University of Chicago is very unique. There will be no vacation, and the year will be divided into four terms of twelve weeks each. A lower college will consist of the freshman and sophomore classes, and the higher college of the senior and junior.—*Trident*.

The *Record* says Theta Delta Chi has graduated her last man at Kenyon. This is an error. We have two good men there still and more to hear from. The same article says Beta Theta Pi has become extinct in this way. Under the light of the former statement there is room to doubt this also, but it may be a fact.

Alpha Tau Omega is agitating the establishment of a Fraternity Club House at Chicago to be kept open during the World's Fair. Phi Gamma Delta already has a committee on the field to secure such headquarters, which shall serve as a rendezvous for all Deltas who may journey thither during the celebration.—*Phi I' A Quarterly*.

Prof. Gilmore, of Rochester, is delivering a course of lectures on American literature at the University of Rochester. The public are admitted to these lectures, and they have become so intensely popular that the University chapel will not meet the demand. A large hall has been hired in that city.

The editor acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend the wedding reception of the daughter of Bro. Webster R. Walkley, Miss Mary Emeline, who was married on January 14th, 1892, to Mr. George Lawrence Irvin. The reception was given at the residence of Bro. Walkley, No. 578 Washington avenue, Brooklyn. The newly-married couple will reside in Baltimore.

Theta Delta Chi is probably better represented in the Boston school force than any other fraternity. In the Grammar schools we have M. T. Pritchard, master of Cowin's School; W. E. Eaton, master of Harvard School; A. M. Leonard, master of Lawrence School; G. W. M. Hall, master of Allston School, and G. R. Keene, sub-master of Quincy School. In the High schools, Byron Groce, master of Boston Latin School, and N. S. French, junior master in Roxbury High School.

By reference to the letter from our Chapter in Iowa State College it will be noticed that fraternities in that college are under the ban of the faculty. We question the wisdom of any college faculty at this late day to oppose such organizations. Yet there may be cases where the source of this opposition lies in the fraternity. A recent instance is the expose of the doings of the D. K. E. Club at Harvard. But outrages like those indulged in at that college have arisen from a perversion of the aims of fraternities in general. We must win respect by exemplifying true fraternity principles, which will at once be recognized as powerful factors in the right development of character. The means of overcoming the opposition to fraternity extension rests with the different orders. To give Delta Delta Delta power in the colleges we must build up strong individual characters, and choose as our successors only those worthy of fellowship.—*Editorial in Trident.*

It has been a source alternately of amusement and annoyance to us, during the past year or two, to note the different points of view from which the everlasting woman question has been discussed. Thirty years ago, the topic of universal interest was the emancipation of slaves; to-day, the world is agitated over the problem of the emancipation of women. The slaves were emancipated; arguing from analogy, the women will be. We long for the time when the struggle shall be over, not so much from an unsatisfied desire to vote for something besides a school board, as for the relief it will afford us, to be able to pick up a daily paper or periodical without being confronted by such head-lines as "To what Kingdom does Woman belong," "Literary view of Women," "Women as Snobs,"

"Have Women Brains," "Enlargement of Women's Sphere," etc., etc., *ad infinitum*. Noting the attention now bestowed upon woman as a "problem," an observer from another sphere might conjecture that woman was a modern invention displaying great ingenuity on the part of the inventor, whose only mistake had been a failure to definitely explain the use of his contrivance. It is difficult to discover who are most interested in the fight, the men who are afraid the women will be emancipated, or the women who are afraid they won't be.—J I *Anchora*.

It is a matter of much wonder how the University of Berlin with its six thousand students and scores of famous professors can meet all expenses from an endowment of only \$750,000. Many of our universities would be very seriously hampered with so small an endowment, whereas the University of Berlin seems not to lack facilities at all. In America the question of endowment is an important one and colleges are pretty apt to take rank in proportion to the amount of endowment. This is by no means an unsafe criterion, for increased endowment means better facilities and better instructors and as a consequence more effective instruction.—*The College-Man*.

Doubtless quite a large number of fraternities will choose Chicago as the seat of their Convention in 1893. Why not all and by concerted plans meet at the same date? Designate a certain day for Pan-Hellenic exercises which may be as elaborate as desired. In what better way could Inter-Fraternity Equity be advanced than by such a meeting? Let a man see that there are a few desirable men outside the pale of his organization, that their ideas are the same as his own, and much of the present ill-feeling will be removed and real Pan-Hellenism will be advanced more than by countless Conventions of editors or by associated publications.—Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly*.

At almost all of the colleges of the present time there exist certain local societies claiming to be fraternities. These societies have no Chapters, no fellowships beyond the bounds of the local college. They frequently compete with the chaptered fraternities, and try to impress the young collegian with the

idea that there is no special gain or advantage belonging to these genuine fraternities. If, indeed, fraternity life is to end when one receives his diploma, then the reasoning is valid. But if that life is to continue beyond the college walls it is signally invalid. One great benefit of the genuine fraternity is that its influence is not confined to the undergraduate, nor are its friendships circumscribed by the halls of one institution.—*Δ K E Quarterly.*

The college men of the United States are but a small fraction of one per cent. of the voters, yet they hold fifty-eight per cent. of the highest offices. The above statement if it argues anything proves that a person's chance for a public office is sixteen hundred or more times better if he has taken a college course than if he has not. This alone for aspirants to office should be a conclusive argument in favor of college study.—*The College-Man.*

One-third of the university students of Europe die prematurely from the effects of bad habits acquired in college; one-third die prematurely from the effect of close confinement at their studies; and the other third govern Europe.—*Guizot.*

Wooster University prohibits participation by its students in inter-collegiate athletic games or contests of any character.

Charge Letters.

[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.]

BETA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

We are pleased to announce that Beta continues to flourish as of old, and that we are now perhaps stronger than ever before. Since the last issue of the SHIELD, we have initiated Bro. Du Bois of Hudson, N. Y., and Bro. Wilcox of Sandusky, Ohio, both of whom have already proved to be enthusiastic Theta Delts. Our quota from the Freshman class now numbers four, all of whom are deeply interested in the welfare of the fraternity. We have a number of men in view, from whom we expect to pick some good material.

Within the last few months, we have lost three excellent men. Bro. G. C. Perkins, '93, having been troubled with his eyes for the last year, was advised by his physician to leave the university. Bro. E. D. McConnell, '94, who last summer undertook the study of civil engineering, has accepted a position in a South American enterprise. His idea is to return to the university after having received a few years of practical experience. Bro. C. A. Cleaver, '94, is at present in the west superintending the shipment of onyx, in which business his father is engaged. All three men intend returning to the university to complete their courses.

The Junior ball was held early in term and was as usual a great social success, about two hundred couples attending. The armory was tastefully decorated, and two orchestras furnished excellent music. No pains were spared to make it the most brilliant society event ever held here.

We are now experiencing the usual disturbances coincident with the Freshman banquet. The new library tower is the

center of interest; both of the under classes making it an object to display their flags from that point of view. At present the Freshmen are trying to discover who are circulating bogus banquet tickets. If discovered, they threaten the guilty parties with the penalty of the law.

During the early part of the term Bro. Nichols, Psi, '81, visited us while here on business connected with the university. Bro. MacLaren, '91, has been engaged here for the last few months, in the construction of a test engine, to be used in Sibley College. Bro. Stuart, '91, stopped with us for a few weeks while completing some special botanical work. Bro. Morrison, '90, who is teaching in Wilmington, Del., has been here to see us a number of times. Beta's greetings to all.

LEWIS S. LOUER.

GAMMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Although Gamma Deuteron opened house at the beginning of the year with but three men, we expect to have it filled before the year is out. We have just pledged a man whose father and uncle belong to another fraternity. We have two others on the string whom we hope to introduce to the brothers in the next SHIELD.

Our new men are all true blue. Bro. McColl would take all the honors if there were any to get. Bros. Gaylord and Woodbury are on the Freshman Glee Club. Bro. Gaylord is a great bicyclist. He expects to do England on a wheel during the summer vacation. Bro. Woodbury stands a good chance of a place on the 'varsity ball team.

On the evening of January 22d we had a most enjoyable time at the house of Bro. Ross Whitman. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Whitman opened their elegant new house, one of the finest residences in Ann Arbor, to the fraternity. Representatives of all the sororities in college were present. Dancing was continued till two o'clock. Elaborate refreshments were served during the evening. Those present all united in declaring this one of the most delightful evenings they had ever spent in

Ann Arbor. Gamma Deuteron was thus enabled to do herself proud, and regard this recognition on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Whitman as a flattering compliment to the Charge.

Grover Cleveland's visit to Ann Arbor on Washington's birthday was the occasion of a reception which has surpassed anything of the kind which has occurred in Ann Arbor for a long time. The university was crowded. The platform was filled with "moguls." Theta Delta Chi was represented by Bro. Lawrence T. Coles' grandfather, ex-Governor Field, Bro. Whitman's father, and General Withington, the father of Bro. Withington of Theta Deuteron.

The Yellow and the Blue, the fraternity organ, is to be re-organized. Gamma Deuteron will be represented on this board.

ARTHUR VEYSEY.

DELTA.

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

The subject of a Charge house still absorbs the most of our attention, but a large undertaking takes a large amount of time, so things move slowly.

Affairs at the Institute are in a most satisfactory condition and the future is more promising than it has been in the last ten years. After the removal of an exceedingly disagreeable director, the question of his successor came up and for some time appeared difficult to answer. Name upon name was proposed, but finally after over eight months of indecision on the part of the trustees, we were overjoyed at the announcement of the election of Prof. Palmer C. Ricketts to the vacant position. He has experience, ability and interest in the work and it is no light task to be head of an institution like this. He is a member of the Theta Xi Fraternity, of American Soc. C. E.'s, and numerous other societies.

The Institute will doubtless prosper under its new management and we have no doubt that hereafter the classes will number from *eighty upwards* instead of *sixty and below*. Besides this, the preparatory schools are to be worked, and in consequence, a better class of men will come here. With good men and many of them, fraternities must necessarily improve.

There are now three Charge houses here, ($\Delta \Phi$; $\Theta \Xi$; and $X \Phi$) and unless Delta also has one, we fear we will have a hard row to hoe, as the difference between rooms and a finely furnished house, is very great in the eyes of a Freshman.

A scheme is on foot now, however, and if our graduates will only come forward with the small amounts which will be asked, we think that $\Theta \Delta X$ at the R. P. I. will be still in the lead.

As to the brothers, Delta will lose quite a number this year; Bro. Arosemena will take two degrees, C. E. and B. S., while Bros. Posada, Cox and Birch expect to take the degree of C. E. However, it will add a greater number of *graduates* to Delta's list than has been added in some years.

It was indeed unfortunate that the Syracuse banquet did not occur, but when we had information that two Charges refused to participate in the joys and sorrows, we felt that we could not "go it alone" and were forced to drop it. This is not the place in which to drag out the affair, but we have mentioned it in order that those who may not already know our reasons, can now be enlightened.

Cremation of *Calculus* has come and gone. It was the usual liquid affair and was a howling success as of old.

A new club called the Nova Luna Club has been formed and has a banquet shortly after each new moon. It now consists of Juniors only, but will be made a Senior and Junior club next year. At present it consists of fourteen members, of whom four belong to Delta, viz: Bros. Cram, Palacios, J. D. Ringwood and Brohm.

The Freshman sleighride has not occurred and we doubt if it will now take place at all.

"Sporting blood" at the R. P. I. seems to be deteriorating in quality, but it is hoped that it will, like the Institute itself, take a change for the better. Come and see us.

CHAS. E. BIRCH.

EPSILON DEUTERON.

YALE UNIVERSITY.

Affairs at E^2 are in a very prosperous condition, and from the present outlook will continue to be so. Three new men have been taken in since my last letter to the SHIELD, Bro. F. L. Hatch, of Springfield, Ill.; Bro. E. P. Smith, Chicago, Ill., and Bro. J. M. Boden, Pittsburg, Pa., and the prospect of getting more in the near future is very promising, one being held off already. Very much to our regret Bros. Selover and Sedgwick were unable to return to us after the Christmas vacation on account of illness.

Bro. Ricketts, who has served us so faithfully for a year as corresponding secretary, has been obliged to resign on account of his college work and his place is now filled by Bro. Van Huyck.

Bro. Brookins favored us with a short visit a few weeks ago, which we enjoyed very much and needless to say we tried our best to make the feeling mutual.

The "Prom," held as usual in the armory, was of course "the best one yet," (I believe the last one always is the best) and so were the class Germans and the concert of the Glee and Banjo Clubs, all of which were held in the same week, a week when studies are forgotten and every one devotes himself to having the best time possible.

The defeat of our crew by Harvard last year will have the effect of making the men all the more earnest in their training this year, and we expect them to make a different showing at New London next June. They have already gone to the training table and Bro. Van Huyck accompanies them.

We shall all be glad when the base ball season opens and relieves the monotony of the longer term. Everyone is pleased that at last the representatives of Yale and Harvard have come to an agreement whereby we are to have once more the Harvard games which we missed so much last year. The team is practicing daily and some very promising candidates are reported from '95. Bro. Hatch represents us in this branch of athletics.

F. E. Stow.

ZETA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

The twenty-ninth of February comes but once in four years and Zeta, or rather one of Zeta's brothers did not forget that a day of such rarity should be celebrated. On the night of the day in question the combined musical clubs of Brown and Tufts gave a concert in Pawtucket, under the auspices of the Garfield club. Of the Brown students at large there were but few representatives in the audience, but every Theta Delt was present and in the front row. There were six brothers from Kappa on Tufts Glee Club and two of Zeta's men with the Brown boys, hence it was naturally considered a Theta Delta Chi evening, both on the stage and in the audience. The concert was but preliminary to one of the pleasantest affairs in the history of the Charge. Bro. Newell, Brown, '94, (a member of the quartette) became host for the entire party, and Kappa and Zeta are indebted to his fraternal spirit for an excellent supper. Bro. Hopkins, Zeta's Chesterfield, showed how toasts should be properly called for, while Brothers F. E. Kimball, W. S. Gray, W. A. Hawkins, W. H. Goodrich, F. S. Walker and C. D. Clark, of Kappa, and several from Zeta spoke for the particular features of college life in which they were interested. Bro. Kimball, of the Grand Lodge, responded to the toast, "Theta Delta Chi," and Bro. Clark told a couple of stories which should be published in the SHIELD.

On the way from the concert hall to the supper room (showing all the entertaining historical points of Pawtucket) the party was invited into the residence of Judge Tillinghast, of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, and given a nice little reception (and some good cigars) by the judge's family. The whole thing was one of those rare occasions (rare for Zeta at any rate) on which two Charges are brought together and a better opportunity is given each one to see the breadth, the deeper significance of fraternity. Aside from the good-time element such meetings are beneficial and after participating in one every Theta Delt realizes more fully what it is to wear the SHIELD, which is the guarantee of good will and honest friendship wherever he may meet a brother.

We have added one more to Zeta's membership since the issue of the last SHIELD, Frederic P. Ladd, '93, of Connecticut. To use a phrase which has lost none of its force because it has become so familiar. Bro. Ladd is a valuable acquisition for the fraternity.

Brown's thorough waking-up in athletics has passed from the "boom" stage and is a fixture for which the college owe more to Theta Delts than to any others.

Bro. Parker, of the faculty has developed to their fullest extent the advantages of the new gymnasium and the public shall see the result in the athletic exhibition to be given by the students March 15. Bro. Sexton, captain of the nine, has thirty men under him hard at work, in such a thorough course of training that victories on the diamond are an assured thing.

In common, probably, with our sister Chapter, we have at present as the chief topic of Charge-room discussions, the Minnesota question, with a growing interest in the request from Harvard.

But such questions are not for the pages of the SHIELD.

CHAS. A. SELDEN.

ETA.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Eta is so distant from her sister Charges that she seldom has the opportunity of welcoming brothers from the other Charges, either graduate or undergraduate. Indeed even the members of the Grand Lodge are infrequent visitors, so it was with very great pleasure that Eta heard of the intended official visit of Bros. Holmes and Kimball. Although they were with us only one day they managed with the aid of the brothers to make themselves at home, and we trust they carried away as good an impression of the Eta as we retain of them.

Present with us during the visit of the Grand Lodge were Bros. Reed, '83; Cole, '83; Brown, '85, and Haskell, ex-Yale, '92.

The annual Sophomore Declamation came off December 17th. Of the twelve speakers two were Theta Delts, one of whom,

Bro. Nichols, was excused on account of absence. Bro. Merrill, however, was equal to the occasion and took first prize.

In the Junior class elections Bro. Bucknam was elected president, and Bro. Howard chaplain. Bro. Bucknam is also a director in both the base ball and boating associations.

Bro. Abbott, '92, who has been teaching, has returned to college, and Bro. Nichols is expected soon.

The base ball men are hard at work in the Gym., about twenty in all. Indications seem to point to a fine fielding team, but whether the men will do good work at the bat remains to be proved. Bro. Chapman, '94, who was substitute on last year's nine will probably secure a position in the regular team, and Bros. Leighton, Wylie and French, all of '95, are also among the candidates.

The oarsmen are in regular training under Bro. Poor, '92, Bros. Bryant and Kimball, '95, among them. The latter may also secure a place on the Tug-o-war team.

Bro. Ridlon, '91, has entered the Medical School and is a welcome guest at our meetings. Bros. Noyes, '91, and Horne, '91, are studying this year at Andover. Both have paid us brief but enjoyable visits this term. Bro. P. C. Newbegin, '91, also spent a few days with us in January, while enjoying a brief vacation from his work at Tech., where he is taking an engineering course.

Although but little of general interest is taking place this term, the Charge is in first-class condition in every way. The meetings are interesting, and the recent initiates are taking hold well and proving themselves good and true Theta Delts.

Eta sends her greeting to all the Charges, and especially requests that any brother who travels this way will give us a call. A hearty and fraternal welcome is assured for all.

F. W. PICKARD.

THETA DEUTERON.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE TECHNOLOGY.

The boys are all back for a second term at the Institute although the examinations which were given in January were masterpieces of cunning on the part of the Professors who evi-

dently intended to thin out the ranks of the corps of students, but we are glad to say no $\Theta \Delta$ suffered such an ignorable fate.

Most of the boys went home after the vacation that we enjoyed after the examinations and did not get back to Boston until about the 10th of Feb., at which time we heard that Bro. Holmes was in town and all hoped to see him, but were deprived of the pleasure at the time owing to his again coming to Boston at the time of the New England banquet when he has promised to call on us.

The base ball season is now drawing on, and the indications point to a good team for the Institute and for an exciting game between the Sophs and Freshmen, which, with the foot ball game and rush in the fall, are the only times in the year when the two classes have a chance to show their powers.

There is to be a Freshman exhibition drill to come off next month in which we have great expectations for the success of Bro. Wirthington who is one of the captains.

Theta Deuteron expects to graduate four men at the end of the year, which will be one third of the total charge, which we think is a good percentage to graduate.

The senior class day elections took place in January. Only a few of the officers were fraternity men, and we are sorry to say that $\Theta \Delta X$ is not represented among the officers.

Next month the Junior class expect to get out their annual the *Technique*, and if rumor be true it will be one of the finest annuals ever got out by any college.

The faculty at Tech are becoming interested in athletics as they have made some improvement in the gymnasium and have appointed an instructor in gymnastics, both of which were much needed for the welfare of all who exercise in the gym.

We have not yet a house to invite any brother to when he is in Boston, but are always glad to see any at 26 Pierce building, Copley Square.

A. P. NEWMAN.

IOTA DEUTERON.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

The last three months have been months of prosperity for Iota Deuteron. We have been boarding together this term, having a room by ourselves, and find that it adds a great deal to our fraternity interest and enjoyment of college life.

At the end of last term another fraternity entered Williams. The Sigma chapter of Delta Tau Delta was established, with a membership of eight, equally divided between the junior and freshmen classes. They took possession of a chapter house at the beginning of this term.

Last December a party of ten of us drove over to North Adams to attend a concert by the Lotus Glee Club, and early in February a number of us enjoyed a sleighride, and an entertainment by Marshall Wilder.

In the athletic meet in the gymnasium on Feb. 27th., two college records were broken, both by Bro. Towne, '94. In the pole-vault he made nine feet ten inches; the previous record of nine feet five inches had been made two years ago by Bro. Person, '91. In the "hitch and kick," Bro. Towne beat by two inches the college record of eight feet two. He also won the standing high jump, at four feet, five and one-third inches.

The tug-of-war between the sophomores and freshmen was won by '94 in two straight heats. Bros. Sawtelle and Towne were on the sophomore team, of which Bro. Sawtelle was anchor.

In the senior elections, Bro. Peabody was chosen class secretary. Five of the seventeen sophomores that received special mention in oratorical work last term were Theta Deltas. Bro. Sawtelle is the sophomore director of the athletic association, and treasurer of the dramatic association. Bro. Peck, '95, has had two excellent short stories in recent numbers of the *Lit.*

Two Theta Deltas have been elected to the editorial board of next year's *Gulielmsonian*. Ninety-three's *Gul.* will probably come out about the fifteenth of March, and Iota Deuteron will be glad to exchange with the other charges.

We received a visit from Pres. Holmes about the middle of last month. It was very brief, however, and we hope that next time he comes he will stay longer with us.

A photograph has been taken of the charge, and another of this year's senior members.

We have chosen an Alumni Secretary, and intend to keep in correspondence with our graduates, believing that the prosperity of the fraternity depends very largely on the interest of its graduate members.

The college year has so far been pleasant though rather uneventful. President Carter is taking an extended European trip, and will not return until September. Prof. Fernald is acting president.

The new Thompson chemical laboratory is approaching completion. It will be fitted up and ready for use before the opening of the next college year.

The Thompson lecture course this year is extremely interesting. The last entertainment was a concert by Miss Mary Howe, assisted by Mr. Claude Fisher. We have also had readings by Prof. Churchill and lectures by H. H. Ragan, Pres. Andrews of Brown and Geo. R. Wendling.

The college glee and banjo clubs have been re-organized this year, and are rehearsing regularly, with the intention of taking a trip through central New York during the Easter vacation.

Iota Deuteron sends greeting to the other Charges, and wishes them all prosperity.

OLCOTT O. PARTRIDGE.

KAPPA.

TUFTS COLLEGE.

Before the next issue of the SHIELD shall reach us we, who now bear upon our shoulders the honors and responsibilities of Seniority and before whom the underclassmen bow with so much reverence, will have descended from our lofty pedestals and once more assumed the garb of mere mortals.

The ladder up which we have climbed affords no retreat, for

every round is filled with the advancing host and we are forcibly reminded that our time is short. A hasty survey; a choice made; and we find ourselves battling with the conflicting currents of life's ocean. Then it is that the training and experience which has been ours gives us courage to persevere. The future with its possibilities lies outstretched before us and whether we shall lay the course and guide our own ships or allow them to drift with the current depends upon ourselves.

Thoughts such as these crowd one another in rapid succession, and this afternoon as I am writing Kappa's letter to the SHIELD, and realize that it is my last opportunity to distinguish myself in the capacity of Charge editor; they force themselves upon my mind with more than usual significance.

The work has been pleasant and notwithstanding the awful thought that I may be alone in my regret, it is hard to suppress a sigh as another steps forward to assume my role and I am delegated to the regions of desuetude and oblivion.

Day by day the ties are strengthened that bind our boys to the fraternity and to each other and the utmost good will prevails throughout our college world.

Kappa has reason to be proud of the ever-increasing number of men who, in their own success, make her name glorious among her associates in the Greek world.

She counts among her sons the presidents of the four classes in the college of letters, and besides, of the eight men entitled to prepare parts for commencement there are six who wear the shield.

Should you be interested in athletics you have but to look into the gymnasium any afternoon to see Bro. Randall and his stalwart braves chasing themselves around the track in a way that would do your heart good. Woe to the spheres which come in contact with their bats next spring; they will one and all lose themselves in the vast recesses of space.

At the recent indoor meet of the T. C. A. A. Brother Clark proved his ability to run away from anything. We would not for a moment, however, wish to insinuate that Brother Clark would ever exercise his mercurial talent except in a good cause. His courage is unquestioned, for tradition has it that once upon

a time down on the pond he braved the withering glances of a Medford maiden, whose chaperone was momentarily expected, by offering his services in the adjustment of certain troublesome skates.

Brother Johnson, whose brilliant record as an authority on all matters of jurisprudence relating to college politics, and whose decisions like those of the famous Colorado judge are infallible, will occupy the judicial chair at our mock trial which is on the docket for April. It is unnecessary to state here that we consider him a rising young lawyer.

Brother Perkins, '91, has been chosen president of the re-organized Mathematican Society.

Brother Johnson has been actively engaged in the work of instituting a Chapter of $\Phi B K$ at Tufts and we hope ere long to see his efforts realized.

On the afternoon and evening of February 6th we had the pleasure of entertaining the president of our fraternity and to say that his words were encouraging and helpful would but feebly express our sentiments.

Kappa is glad to hear of the uniform prosperity which pervades the fraternity.

She is proud of her connection with it, she is proud of its successes in every field. The SHIELD, the Catalogue and the Charge Roll all manifest the wisdom and fidelity of a splendid leadership.

The recommendations of the Grand Lodge are worthy of serious consideration and their policy should receive our hearty and most loyal support.

The annual letter which Kappa sends to her graduates is now prepared and if this SHIELD letter seems lacking in local news it is because the editor has endeavored not to encroach upon the ground of the graduate circular.

We number thirty-five men at present, all of whom are active members.

We have proved in our own case at least the unsoundness of the cry against large Charges and find in our numbers the genesis of much enthusiasm.

The annual banquet of the New England Association occurs

in April and will be an occasion of pleasant reunion. No Yankee Theta Delta can afford to miss this opportunity,

Kappa sends fraternal greetings to all and best wishes for continued good fortune.

FRANK A. NORTH.

A telegram just received announces the death of Bro. Charles P. Darling of the Kappa Charge at his home in Roxbury, Mass., Thursday afternoon, March 17. Particulars will be given in the June SHIELD.

LAMBDA.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

And it came to pass in those days that the fame of B. U. grew and became exceedingly great, insomuch that many came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom thereof. But the class of '95 was nobler than those of preceding years, so that the various fraternities did earnestly desire to increase their membership from its ranks. Then did the Grand Master of $\theta \lambda \chi$ summon a council of his brethren and thus spake he unto them: "See you not how our ranks are thinned by the loss of those who have gone out from our midst? Behold, now, this band of Freshies is fair to look upon. Let us take, therefore, from them such as may be deemed worthy to fill the places of our brothers departed. Go to, now, every one of you, and get unto yourselves a move, that our enemies prevail not against us. Be also of good courage, for it shall come to pass that ye shall receive no harm, because of the shields which ye have on." Thus it seemed good unto them to do even as the Grand Master had spoken and they rushed to the fray. And it was so that when other

fraternities saw that they could prevail nothing at all they fell back, even unto the back seat. Then did the victors choose from the Freshmen twelve noble youths, whom they initiated into all the mysteries of their order, and behold the outlook for Θ J K in the institution was very bright. Since this infusion of new life the Charge meetings, of course, have been much improved. The literary part of the evening begins to show better preparation, while at the same time the social side is by no means neglected. To those of athletic turn of mind—oh, would that the power of vivid description were mine to portray some of the games introduced by Brother Rogers, '94, from the logging camps of Maine, where his Christmas vacation was passed. For the most popular "hotace" imagine a "victim," trousers tightly drawn, grinning crowd, horny (?) hands, great hilarity, etc.; until victim's mother-wit rescues him from the embarrassing situation by guessing the then-guilty assailant.

Like all true Bostonians we would cultivate Sullivan as well as Browning. The bouts with boxing-gloves between Brothers Smith, '94, and Wyman, '95, are for all the world like the valiant struggle of Don Quixote with the windmill. Brother Fuller's "reach" is wonderful to behold, while Brother Rogers, "the giant of his class," is fast becoming the terror of all.

According to precedent the new initiates must furnish entertainment one evening during the year, and so February 3d we were favored by a comedy whose epilogue was a spread.

February 9th was the occasion of the visit of Brothers Holmes and Kimball to the Charge. It is needless to say with what delight they were welcomed. Among the Alumni present were noticed Brothers Seth P. Smith, president of the New England Banquet Association; H. D. Brookins, manager N. Y. Club House; F. L. Palmer, '85, *M*^a; C. S. Wright, '91, *H*; F. W. Plummer, '91, *O*^a; H. R. Stiles, '91, *M*^a; F. M. W. Farnham, '91, *M*^a; M. M. Johnson, '92, *K*^r; G. L. Taft, '84, *A*, and H. J. Bickford, '88, *A*, all of whom made rousing Theta Delt speeches. The boys lingered long after adjournment, loth to bid good-bye to our loved and honored president. Brother Kellogg's idea of a news-letter to be published semi-occasionally and sent to all our Alumni was a happy thought. His

labors have been rewarded by letters of appreciation from every quarter.

The lease of our club house expires this year and a change is now under consideration. The brothers hope to secure, if possible, something more commodious and conveniently located for next year.

I am glad to record that the inter-fraternity feeling in college was never more kindly than at present. A mass meeting was recently held to consider ways and means of promoting social life and bringing all the men in college closer together.

Theta Nu Epsilon sought admission to B. U. in vain this fall.

The Young Men's Republican Club, organized for work in '92, is slowly getting into shape.

The Philomathean Dramatic Club, under the management of Brother F. W. Adams, '92, has greatly improved this term. Brothers Pierce, Meredith and Flower, '95 men, made their debut a short time since very creditably. The prize contest in expression, held under its auspices, proved very interesting. Brother Gregg, '95, the only Theta Delt who contested, did himself proud, although, as was just, yielding to an upper classman the palm of victory.

The Monday Club was honored February 8th by the presence of Professors Hayes and Kittredge, of Harvard University, at their banquet. The club is certainly deserving of high praise in that it can command the presence and wisdom of such men from time to time during the year. There promises to be quite a rivalry among candidates for admission this year.

The Klatsch Collegium, the social event of the year, occurred Friday, February 5th. This is the occasion of a reception by the young ladies of Gamma Delta to the men of college as well as outside friends. The presence of quite a number of Harvard fellows was noticeable this year.

The B. U. Glee Club favored us with an enjoyable concert February 12th in Jacob Sleeper Hall. It was assisted by Clarence Alton Hall, reader, and the Euterpe Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club and Philomela Quartet.

Word has just reached us that our worthy faculty, in council

assembled, has voted to abolish the Ph. B. course. This will not affect those who have already matriculated.

The students of the Law School and C. L. A. department are watching with eager interest the outcome of Mayor Mathews' plan to convert the territory bounded by Somerset, Ashburton, Bowdoin and Beacon streets into a site for the proposed new city hall. This will of course necessitate a change of location for the two above-mentioned departments of B. U.

But I am sure that personals are in order by this time. As I come to this part of the letter I am indeed saddened by the memory of our brother who so recently departed from our midst. On the evening of November 28th, 1891, Brother John Wesley Spencer, '91, passed on to the silent majority of Omega, leaving behind him the memory of a true, noble and consecrated life. In college Brother Spencer won not only the respect but also the admiration of all. He was the recognized leader among the students, so that it has been truthfully said, "There is hardly a college institution or organization that does not bear his impress." Throughout his college course he carried the triple burden of preaching, studying and college enterprises of all kinds, some of them arduous in the extreme, and to say that he was successful is but to prove a versatility of mind and a power of will that could rise superior to every obstacle. He was manly in bearing, firm in his convictions, which he was ever ready to maintain by argument, and brilliant in conversation and repartee. But I would not further attempt the eulogy which our departed brother so richly deserves, for Brother Holmes has prepared extended notice elsewhere in the SHIELD.

I cannot close, however, without a word concerning his relation to the more sacred circle of the Charge. Here Brother Spencer was ever an inspiration to us all. We learned to love him for the nobleness of his character and for the love which he in turn felt for us. We can never forget the last meeting Brother Spencer ever attended. It was on the morning of commencement day last spring. He rose to give us some parting words. As he thought of leaving the loved fraternity asso-

ciations his feelings overpowered him and he broke down. How sacred is the bond of true friendship?

A very pathetic scene occurred at his bedside shortly before he passed away. He had been very low and partly unconscious for some time, when his brother, thinking to cheer him up, said, "How are you, old fellow; give me the grip." Brother Spencer raised his hand and tried several times but had forgotten it. At last it came back to him and he returned a hearty pressure. It is hard to lose a brother so beloved and one who, in the prime of life, gave such promise of a brilliant and useful career. The ways of Providence are past finding out, and while we cannot understand them always yet we must learn to submit in the darkness as well as in the light, trusting in the wisdom of Him who said: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

We deeply sympathize with Brother Kellogg in the bereavement that has come to his home in the death of his father, the Rev. S. G. Kellogg, who was called home, ripe in years and the good deeds of a long pastorate.

Brother C. B. Tewksbury has been elected speaker of '92 by a unanimous vote of the faculty. This honor, we find, has been conferred on a Theta Delt ten times in the last fifteen years and the remaining five times the other fraternities have shared with the ladies,

Brother F. A. Balcom, '92, is now in the medical department.

Brother Will Spencer, '93, has just published a complete index of the Law School and College of Liberal Arts.

Brother E. E. Heckbert, '93, is not only leading his class but is also doing some very successful amateur art work. The other day we were surprised to find a large oil painting hanging on the wall of the men's study and supposed some kind friend had opened his heart and made us a present. Still greater was our surprise, however, to learn, a few days later, that Brother Heckbert had hung one of his own paintings to hear the criticism upon it. Prof. Dorchester has pronounced it "a work of art."

Brother C. N. Tilton, '94, has left to become principal of a school at his home in Raymond, Vt.

Brother F. C. McDuffee, '94, calls on us occasionally. He is out of college this year earning the wherewithal to continue his course, but we hope to give him the grip of welcome in the fall.

Brother W. F. Rogers, '94, distinguished himself by shooting a caribou Christmas week. The boarding club also was in luck, for he brought back a large haunch with him. He is now University quill-driver for the Boston *Journal*.

Brother Harry G. Butler is attending the theological school.

Brother C. T. Snow, '91, is teaching mathematics and science in the Delaware Literary Institute.

Brother John Wenzel, '91, is at the law school, still retaining his office of assistant librarian at the C. L. A. department. You have doubtless heard through former letters of Brother Wenzel's book entitled "A Comparative View of the Executive and Legislative Departments of the United States, France, England and Germany." I cannot forbear to mention words of high praise received from reviewers in Berlin, London, Quebec and throughout the United States. The book is scarcely more than a pamphlet in size, yet is unique in every way and its flattering reception proves that it has struck a popular want.

Brother Wenzel, together with Brother Butler dropped in at the Charge meeting a few weeks ago and read some very interesting extracts from the pen of Brother W. B. Locke, '90. The latter is preaching at Landaff, N. H., and is, withal, very lonesome. He says as much and pictures his lonely surroundings. Furthermore he believes it is not good for man to be alone. This also he affirms, dreams a little and then resolves. We hope to tender our congratulations soon.

Brother F. S. Baldwin's record is worthy of note. At the age of fourteen he graduated from Berwick Academy, carrying off two prizes, one a gold medal, the other \$100 a year for the four years of his college course. He has since received the fellowship in the university and is now instructor of English in the college.

Brother Frank J. Metcalf, '86, has charge of the department of science in the Leicester Academy, Leicester, Mass.

Brother G. L. Taft visited the Charge a few evening since. He has lost none of his old time ardor and delighted us with some of his experiences at the deaf mute school at Rochester, where he has been teaching for the past seven years. He is now attending Harvard medical.

Brother George H. Fall, '93, has just begun a course of lectures at the law school on development of law. They are elective for juniors.

Brother S. I. Bailey, '81, just returned from South America, is now in charge of the astronomical observatory at Harvard. Friday, February 19th the college was favored with a stereopticon lecture illustrative of his experience in Peru which was exceedingly interesting. We are all looking forward to the fulfillment of his promise to spend an evening with us at Charge meeting in the very near future.

In conclusion now I would simply reiterate what has so often been said before, namely, that our address is No. 39 Holyoke street, and let no brother dare to come to the city without coming around to see us.

GEORGE B. ADAMS.

MU DEUTERON.

AMHERST COLLEGE.

Almost the very day on which the last number of the SHIELD appeared some of the hopes expressed in the Amherst letter were realized. It is not often our good fortune to receive a visit from five of our alumni at the same time, and we enjoyed in no slight degree the welcome presence of Bros. Marsh, Camp, Walker, Whittaker and Avery. The occasion of this visit was a meeting of the corporation which was called to discuss certain urgent questions of finance. The results of the meeting have already reached the alumni, so there is no need to mention them here. Suffice it to say that our money problem was simplified and the business affairs of the corporation were placed on a surer basis. But this gain was not all. The op-

portunity of freely discussing the aims and ideals of the fraternity with those whose experience extends beyond the circle of college life cannot be too highly estimated. Such conferences always tend to tone up the Charge and to guide its activities in the right direction, and so on this particular occasion those who enjoyed the privilege of meeting the above-mentioned brothers certainly enriched their idea of the fraternity and received a new impulse to preserve and advance its interests to the utmost. It is no small advantage to us to have Bro. Whittaker near at hand as principal of the Amherst High School, and we have every reason to be grateful for his assistance and advice. He often favors us with his presence of an evening and is always sure to be a welcome guest. During the last few weeks the fraternity has been re-enforced in the town in the person of Rev. F. W. Goodspeed, who has taken charge of the Congregational Church. The gentleman was a student in the academic department, Theological School, at Boston University, where he was enrolled in the Lambda Charge, and was afterward graduated from the academic department at Harvard. It is our hope that his duties will not be so confining but that we may often enjoy the pleasure and profit of his friendship.

As we look back over the Winter term, however great the lack of variety may seem, there has been plenty of earnest, faithful work both in the Charge and College.

Among those who have done heroic work in study, Bro. Haskell especially deserves mention. The same energy and skill that marked the brother's foot-ball playing in the Fall, has been transferred to his books and the result is truly praiseworthy.

The younger brothers from '95, find pretty steady employment in the work of the Freshman year, the more so, as an additional course in rhetoric has been supplemented to the regular studies under the direction of Prof. Frink. This is only one of the many changes which will soon be introduced under the revised curriculum. The Catalogue which is supposed to contain a great many mysteries this year has not made its appearance, though it is every day expected.

As usual we have the strong man of the College. The

giant this time is Bro. E. Platt Smith, and he has waxed even greater than Bro. Allen, '91, raising the record for total strength above one thousand. The ball team this season will remain the same as last with the exception of first-base and pitcher. As the Spring vacation extends over two weeks the team will take a trip through the Middle States, playing the various college teams in that part of the country. An extra impulse was given to the interest in athletics by an exhibition of club-swinging, ring work, and sparring given by experts from away. A benefit for the base ball association is to take place very soon in the form of a nominating convention for the presidency, similar to that held in '88, which proved so great a success.

The social life of the fraternity has been vigorous this Winter. We are certainly developing on that side and have every reason to believe that the growth will not cease. In the house there is much to encourage us. During no time we have occupied it has there been more freedom of intercourse and mutual good-fellowship among the brothers as a whole than at present. Whatever reason we may have had to complain in the past at the absence of brothers that room outside of the house, all such grounds are now removed with perhaps the exception of one or two cases. The practice on the part of the various delegations of entertaining the Charge on Saturday evenings, which was attended with such good results in the preceding year, has again been resumed with no less success. In fact there has been a marked increase of genuine courtesy and thoughtful consideration in all our social relations, a thing that we gladly record.

The great event of the term has been the visit from the president and treasurer of the Grand Lodge. As would naturally be supposed, such an occurrence is almost always full of interest to undergraduates, but this is surely not all that could be said of this special occasion. The genuine feeling of satisfaction that we experienced from the intercourse with these representative men of the fraternity at large, settled in our minds beyond a doubt the value of such visits and we certainly regret that they so seldom occur. Our career has been so brief

and our alumni are consequently so young that it is a peculiar privilege for us to meet men who, though our seniors in years are still our equals at heart. It is not surprising then, that the feeling is rife that as often Bro. Holmes may turn his face toward Amherst he shall receive a warm welcome. The same thing will apply to Bro. Kimball, of Tufts. It was our good fortune that this brother could remain with us for more than a day, and we hope the friendships then formed may draw him here again.

With the approach of the Spring term comes the question of new men. This is always a serious problem with us as the delegations are made up very hastily on account of the active competition of the many fraternities, and we often have too little time to judge. In view of these facts I venture to make the request that those who know of students that are coming to Amherst next year and are eligible for our fraternity, will communicate with us, stating the names of such students and whatever will aid us in forming an opinion of them. Such information would be invaluable to us in making our decisions and we should be greatly indebted to the giver.

In concluding my letter and my duties as correspondent of the SHIELD I can honestly say that within my knowledge, Mu Deuteron has never been so well grounded on the principles laid down by her founders, that she has never stood so high among her rivals, and that she has never been so strong a support to the whole fraternity as she is to-day.

W. B. PERRY, '92.

NU DEUTERON.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

The second term is well under way and finds everything moving smoothly along at N². Since the last SHIELD letter was written we have initiated Bro. Wm. R. Stinemetz, '93 into the mysteries of the Theta Delta Chi. He is a good student, a first-rate fellow, and an enthusiastic worker.

The concert given by the Glee and Banjo Clubs, and the University minstrels, February 27, was a great success finan-

cially as well as socially. Bro. Powers represented us on the Banjo Club, and Bros. Beaumont and Post in the minstrels.

In a few weeks Lehigh will have two athletic fields instead of one. Work has been commenced on the second field and will be rapidly pushed to completion. The base ball and lacrosse teams have gone into active training. Bros. Gearhart, Williams, Powers and Marsh are trying for positions on the nine. Bro. Gearhart will certainly hold down first base, and Bro. Williams is reasonably sure of catcher's position. Bros. Powers and Marsh have good chances for the outfield.

Bro. Post, of *E^a*, stopped off for a few hours on his way home Christmas week and found the writer alone in the house.

Bro. Morris, *N^a*, '91, spent New Year's day with us, returning to Sparrow's Point, Md., the following morning. Bro. Heilig, '91, has since accepted a position at the same place. Owing to illness Bro. Holcombe, '93, did not return to college in January, but hopes to be with us next year. February 12th we were greatly pleased to have Bro. Sterrett, *X*, '67, with us. He gave us a very pleasant talk, and seemed to have lost none of his interest in $\Theta \chi \chi$. Fraternally yours,

G. A. GESSNER, Jr.

OMICRON DEUTERON.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Another term is half gone. The winter term is especially productive of good results to our Charge, as naturally more time is given to society work. For the whole year our literary meetings have been very successful and all are striving to derive as much benefit from them as possible. We gladly welcome back to our society rooms, Bros. Smith, R. W. Bartlett, Murphy, Piper and Flint, who have spent the winter away teaching, also Bro. Hayes who has been temporarily editor of the *Great Falls Free Press*.

Bros. Griffin and Morse have left college.

Candidates for the 'varsity base ball team began training in cage the first of the term. Bro. Shurtleff, captain, is meeting

with much favorable comment on account of the vigorous training which he is giving the nine. Although the team is not as yet made up, it is probable that Bro. Thompson will retain his old position on first base.

Bros. Potter, Lewis, Bugbee, Wilson and Pollard are training regularly for the Athletic team.

In the elections of the Senior class, Bro. Belknap was chosen permanent class president, Bro. Thompson has the "campus address" and Bro. Lakeman is to be floor manager at Commencement ball.

In other departments, Bro. French was chosen editor on the staff of *The Dartmouth*.

Bro. Shirley has read '92's Junior history this term.

Sophomore class-supper was held at Brattleboro, Vt., February 22d, Bro. Allen acting as toastmaster. Bro. J. H. Bartlett was the orator of the occasion. This is the fourth successive year that Omicron Deuteron has furnished the Sophomore toastmaster. Bro. Pollard responded to a toast "The Ladies" at Freshman class-supper at Manchester, N. H., Feb. 24th.

Bro. G. C. Smith represented us on '93's *Ægis* board, being its managing editor. The *Ægis* made an unusually prompt appearance and stands among the best of our college annuals.

We are to have our yearly prize speaking, March 23d. Much enjoyment and profit is derived from these contests.

Since our last letter President Bartlett has resigned. His probable successor is still a question.

We received a visit from Bro. Holmes who inspired us anew with Theta Delta enthusiasm, and by his satisfactory report of the work done by other Charges, so nearly like that of our own, made us feel more strongly than ever that we are a part of the united whole. Accept Omicron Deuteron's best wishes for all the Charges.

J. P. GIFFORD.

PI DEUTERON.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

There have been few changes in college since our last letter to the SHIELD. President Carr of the alumni has lately become instructor in Mathematics.

The Lacrosse teams practiced a little this winter, having had the use of one of the armories; we are expecting great things from the college team this spring, and when it is recollected that we lost but two games last fall, and those to the New York and Manhattan Athletic Clubs, it will be seen that we have some basis for our expectations.

The Cross Country Association is doing active work, and they are now preparing for their annual run. Bro. Remer, '94, is on one of the committees, and Bro. Seufert, '92, is captain of the association; in the annual run last year Bro. Seufert took third place.

Friday, Dec. 14, 1891, was the evening of the Ninth Shephard prize debate. Bro. Seufert presided for Phrenocosmia.

The election of officers for the second term Senior class came off Feb. 5th. The first ballot for President resulted in a tie between Mr. Moss and Mr. Baruch, both non-fraternity men. Mr. Baruch received it on the second ballot, one of Mr. Moss' supporters having left after the first ballot. Next came the election of Grand Marshal; Bro. Schulz was unanimously elected, so the brothers will see that Theta Delta Chi holds this year the highest office held by a fraternity man.

Fraternity work at college is at present very active, and might even be said to be quite exciting.

Beta Theta Pi seems to have fallen through, or if it does exist it exists sub rosa.

Phi Delta Theta which has been inactive for nearly, if not quite two years, has become very active, and the indications are that they will have an initiation soon. Alpha Delta Phi have initiated three men since September. Delta Kappa Epsilon have lost their most ardent worker, Mr. Tracy, '94, having left college. Phi Gamma Delta is rejoicing over the establishment of a new Chapter at the New York University; the charter members were initiated Feb. 19th.

Our work this year in pledging men has been of the best, we having pledged fifteen for our Freshman class next year, Phi Gamma Delta five, Delta Kappa Epsilon four, and Alpha Delta Phi so far as can be learned, none.

It is very pleasing to hear the good reports, and see the life,

and energy which is characterizing Theta Delta Chi to-day. Within the last month a Psi Upsilon man, who graduated at Hamilton last year, was asked which he considered the best fraternity, he replied that he considered Psi Upsilon first, and Theta Delta Chi second. That statement simply shows that our Psi Charge is an honor to the fraternity. One of our pledged men last fall asked his cousin (who lives at New Haven) what fraternity had the finest men at Yale, and received the answer that in his opinion Theta Delta Chi had. Add to such compliments the fact that our fraternity has received within the last year seven petitions for the establishment of Charges, that of the seven we have as yet only granted one, (that at Williams College), and it will be seen how we rank in the college world to-day.

On the evening of Feb. 19th, the Third Monthly Smoker was held at the club house. It is the first Smoker that the writer has attended, as the first was held on the same evening as the Ninth Shephard prize debate, and the second on the Friday evening before the review examination commenced. Bro. Holmes was on from Elmira, and as President of the Grand Lodge the pleasant duty of introducing the speakers of the evening devolved upon him.

It was with true pleasure that we listened to the words of Bro. Cruikshank, LL. D., Alpha, '51, as he told us of the time when Union was in her glory, and Alpha was the head of the fraternity, and it was with the greatest pride that we saw high up on the lappel of his vest, the ever cherished pin of Theta Delta Chi.

Bro. Stead, '61, spoke a few words for Zeta, and no one having seen and heard him could be surprised that Brown University has graduated so many distinguished sons of Theta Delta Chi.

Bro. Kilvert spoke for the old Iota of which he was a member, and gave us his opinion as an eastern man upon western extension, upon the solid character which the fraternity would assume there owing to the mature age of the western college men, of the nearness of New York to Chicago, (it being less than twenty-four hours) and of the danger of being too conservative.

After a few words by Bro. Remer, Bro. Holmes described very briefly his visit to our eastern Charges, and also spoke of the old Alpha.

A large number of the Phi were on which made it especially pleasant for Bro. Holmes, besides adding much to the pleasure of all present.

Between the speeches the brothers were entertained with college songs by the C. C. N. Y. Quintett.

Many thanks are due to Bro. Schulz and Alsdorf, the friend of Bro. Alsdorf and Mr. Rainey, and Mr. Volgenan, two C. C. N. Y. Phi Delta Theta men, who are members of the Quintett. Mr. Volgenan also beautifully rendered three selections upon the zither which were very much enjoyed.

The influence of the Club House towards consolidating the fraternity is beginning to be realized. One of the pleasant meetings occurred Feb. 16th, three brothers who had not seen each other for thirty years, met accidentally at the Club House, and with story after story of the by gone days they lived over again their college life. Such meetings only renew the enthusiasm of college days.

PERSONALS.

Bro. Geo. K. Cummings, '86, has married, and settled in Chicago; his address is, Phoenix Building, Chicago, Ill.

Bro. Tuska, '87, has been at engineering work in Philadelphia during the fall, but has returned to take the position of Bridge Engineer for a Brooklyn Construction Company.

Bro. Gonzalo de Quesada, '87, was one of the six on the committee for the reception, Feb. 20th, in honor of Venezuela, by the Sociedad Literaria Hispano Americana.

Bro. Alsdorf, '88, is practicing law.

Bro. Anthon, '90, is at Columbia Law.

Bro. Whitehorn, '92, is doing considerable art work.

Bro. Bogart, '91, will soon be an Episcopal clergyman.

Bro. Schulz, '92, last term received the highest mark for the delivery of his oration, given to any member of the three upper classes. Bro. Schulz last year won the prize speaking; he spoke "The Death-bed of Benedict Arnold."

Bro. Corbet, '93, has a very good chance for the Presidency of the Senior class, second term, next year.

Bro. Richardson, '93, has a Sunday school class in the Episcopal church.

Bro. Butler, '93, is at Princeton, and has found a number of good Theta Delts there.

Bro. Bogart, '94, is at the New York University.

Bro. Wilkens, '95, has taken a leave of absence, he intends to travel through the west.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity, Bros. Wright, '95, and Harington, '95, they are brothers of whom we are proud, and who have shown that they have the true interest of Theta Delta Chi at heart.

S. CARLETON HAIGHT.

SIGMA.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Sigma greets her sister Charges through "our glorious SHIELD" with heartiest good wishes. The time since our last writing has not been productive of much change. One of our number, Emery G. Hitchins, '94, has left college since the holidays. He has changed his location from Dickinson to Columbia, from Sigma to Rho Deuteron.

But as soon as his chair was made vacant in our circle another was at hand to fill his place. Bro. Samuel M. Heim, '94, of Reading, Pa., is now the baby of the Charge, and a remarkably promising infant he is.

The College Glee and Banjo Clubs have met with their usual success this season. They have taken several extensive trips through Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia and everywhere have been enthusiastically received.

This success is largely due to the energy and business capability of the genial manager, Bro. Clarence Balentine.

Bro. Sprenkle is leader of the Banjo Club with Bro. Bish. Pettinos a close second. Bro. Balentine plays the piccolo and Bro. Underwood second banjo. Bros. Pettinos and Under-

wood also sing on the Glee Club, of which organization Bro. Pettinos is president. So you see, in musical circles at Dickinson Sigma is well represented.

The base ball season is just opening with promise for a crack team. Here also we will come in for our share of the honors. Bros. Brandt and Pettinos have already earned enviable reputations in this line of college sport and there are younger brothers who have strong hopes for future distinction. The time is now fast coming when we will begin to feel that another college year is drawing to a close.

We graduate this year Bros. Fletcher, Brandt and Pettinos in the collegiate and Bros. Rettew and Webbert in the law department. These will be sadly missed when September comes again, but we have no doubt their places will soon be filled by others just as loyal who will add more glory to our beloved Charge than it has had in the past. Fraternally,

C. W. WEBBERT.

PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

Mid-winter cannot ordinarily be called a time of great activity, yet the members of Phi have not been idle during the past three months. Prosperity has continued to smile on us and all are happy.

Before the close of the winter term we increased our membership by the admission of Bro. S. A. Hovey, of Troy, Pa., to our ranks. Bro. Hovey is a popular member of the class of '95, being the vice-president of that class. A number of fraternities wanted him, but he very wisely concluded that $\theta \perp \chi$ was the best. We expect to admit another member or two before the end of this year.

At the close of the foot-ball season Bro. Voigt, '94, was rewarded for his valuable services as quarter-back, by being chosen captain of the team for next season—an honor rarely conferred on any but a senior. There is little doubt that he will hold the captaincy until the end of his course, as he is not only a strong player but a clear, shrewd thinker. Bro. Voigt is also a member of '94's Calculus Committee, which has

the supervision of the writing and rendering of the class' Calculus play for commencement week.

At the Senior class elections held early this term Bro. Jones was elected class prophet, and Bro. Loux was chosen class historian.

The Lafayette Freshmen had a hilarious time in their class supper held some weeks ago at Belvidere. On that occasion Bro. Barker responded in a very humorous speech at the toast, "Politics."

At the Sophomore banquet, which occurred but recently, Bro. Drake responded to the toast, "In Prospecta," which, though last on the list, was by no means least, and acquitted himself nobly.

On the College Glee Club, Phi has two representatives, sustaining the two extremes—first tenor and second bass—Bro. Loux and the writer.

One of the pleasantest experiences we have had for a long time was the privilege of being present at the last smoker held at the Club House in New York. Phi sent over a little delegation of six men, consisting of Bros. Loux and Jones, '92; Voigt, '94; Barker and Hovey, '95, and the writer. The experience is one we will not soon forget; The occasion was a very enjoyable one. We made the acquaintance of a member of Π^a and Γ^a boys, to say nothing of the older members. The speeches of the latter—full to overflowing with love for the dear old fraternity—were especially delightful. So impressed were we by the sentiments there expressed that we all came back more convinced than ever of the importance of $\Theta \Delta X$, and more earnestly resolved to devote our efforts to her advancement.

All are now looking forward confidently to a successful base ball season. The applicants for places on the nine are hard at work training daily. Bro. Drake, '94, was our representative on the team last Spring, and it is highly probable that he will cover centre-field again this year.

May honor and glory surround all our sister Charges; may abundant success crown the efforts of every loyal Theta Delt.

WILL GRANT CHAMBERS.

THE CATALOGUE.

Corrections and Changes Revised to March 1st, 1892,
and New Initiates of the Current Year.

The following names were omitted by mistake or otherwise. All supposed to be members, but information deficient. Any one who can supply will confer a favor.

Rev. Chester Meridith, Omicron Deuteron.

E. S. Griffing, Iota.

John W. Newton, Gamma.

Asa Boothby, Omicron.

Wm. M. Robertson, Pi, '62.

T. Le Clair Jaques, Pi Deuteron, '88.

E. P. Horne, Delta, '57.

Henry W. Maur.

James May, Iota, '58.

E. E. Van Auken, Chi, '75.

If any other names have been omitted, please supply information for the records.

In case of corrections, whatever appears here is correct. Anything in the Catalogue which differs is incorrect, but not mentioned here to save space.

ALPHA.

60, Samuel W. Hall is dead.

62, Edwin O. Gibson, So. New Berlin, N. Y.

64, James L. Seward, lawyer, Vincennes, Ind.

BETA.

71, Daniels should be struck off.

78, Otto Kueffner, 31 St. Paul St., Fire and Marine building, St. Paul.

83, E. L. Oatley died Nov. 1, 1891.

84, Rev. W. N. Freeman, Sherburne, N. Y.

85, H. G. Simpson, No. 2. So. Broad St., Atlanta, Ga.

90, T. J. McReynolds, Allensville, Todd Co., Ky.

93, E. W. Wilson, 1520 29th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

94, L. S. Lourer, Woodlawn Park, Chicago, Ill.

94, C. A. Cleaver, 302 49th St., Chicago, Ill.

NEW INITIATES.

- 95, John M. Dodson 3737 Stanton Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 95, Walter C. Drier 4627 Lake Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 95, Paul T. DuBois Hudson, N. Y.
 95, Merritt S. Wilcox 325 Decatur St., Sandusky, O.
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GAMMA.

- 55, Andrew J. Perry is living—99 State St., Chicago, Ill.
 56, W. W. Southgate, 203 D St. N. W., Washington, D. C.
 57, Rev. H. P. Cutting, Franconia, N. H.
 57, P. O. Edson, M. D., Roxbury, Mass.
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GAMMA DEUTERON.

- 92, E. R. Cole, Watrousville, Mich.

NEW INITIATES.

- 95, Thomas D. McColl Jackson, Mich.
 95, Augustine S. Gaylord Bay City, Mich.
 95, Walter W. Woodbury Jefferson, O.
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DELTA.

- 57, Charles Macdonald.
 59, O. W. Follin not dead—supposed to be in San Jose, Cal.
 59, Maj. F. G. Smith, Fort Adams, Newport, R. I.
 59, Russel Sage, Jr., died Feb. 4, 1892.
 62, Maj. P. D. Vroom, Insp. Gen'l Dep't Texas, San Antonio, Texas.
 72, Macfarlane, 1610 Third St., Louisville, Ky.
 73, Shippen is Sup't Hoboken Gas Works. Resides 9 Elysian Place, Hoboken, N. J.
 87, I. C. Blandy, Bennington, Vt.
 89, E. M. Wilkins, city engineer's office, Pittsburg, Pa.
 91, J. C. Hallock, with Troy Iron & Steel Co. Present address, 110 First St., Troy, N. Y.
 90, Arosemena should be in 91.
 91, Posada should be in 92.
 92, Yznaga should be in 95.
 93, C. V. Rice, Sharon, Pa.
 94, T. D. Ringwood should be in 95.

EPSILON DEUTERON.

89, M. S. Bradley, M. D., at present on surgical staff, Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island, New York City.

90, Frederic Carter, Riverside, Cal.

91, E. Y. Ware, at present taking post graduate course at Cornell. Address No. 1 Quarry St., Ithaca, N. Y.

91, Law should be in 92.

93, Lee D. Selover, 293 Sibley Avenue, Cleveland, O.

NEW INITIATES.

92, Frank L. Hatch Springfield, Ill.

94, Charles R. Pratt New Haven, Conn.

95, Edward P. Smith 509 Dearborn Ave., Chicago, Ill.

95, John M. Boden 105 Fourth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

ZETA.

58, Patterson was in Elizabeth, N. J. when last heard from.

64, F. A. Pierce, 20 Maiden Lane, New York.

65, H. D. Bullock, 20 Yarmouth St., Boston.

71, G. N. Campbell was at 4 Pine St., New York.

77, Julius Palmer, 20 Maiden Lane, New York.

NEW INITIATES.

93, Frederick P. Ladd Plainfield, Conn.

94, William C. Hill Malden, Mass.

94, Morton C. Stewart Quincy, Ill.

94, George H. Eiswald 21 Chestnut St., Providence, R. I.

95, Will E. Gardner Nantucket, Mass.

95, Lucien E. Taylor 98 Whitmarsh St., Providence, R. I.

95, Herbert F. Hill Warren, Mass.

95, Charles H. Walling 8 Adelaide Avenue, Providence, R. I.

ETA.

58, Osceola Jackson died at Barracoa, Africa, June 27, 1888.

59, G. W. M. Hall, master Allston High School, Allston, (Boston) Mass.

61, Rev. W. R. Cross died October, 1891.

61, B. S. Grant resides at Newtonville, Mass.

63, G. M. Pease died December 18, 1873.

64, E. C. Ingersoll, died December 24, 1883.

65, L. O. Merriam, manager R. R. Transfer Company, Minneapolis, Minn.

- 76, Rev. C. A. Perry, East Taunton, Mass.
 76, C. H. Clark, Principal Sanborn Seminary, Kingston, N. H.
 76, Rev. G. F. Pratt, Berlin, Mass.
 77, E. A. Scribner, Elizabethport, N. J.
 85, F. I. Brown, M. D., surgeon in Maine General Hospital, Portland, Me.
 86, Irving W. Horne, Quincy, Mass.
 86, C. M. Austin should be 87.
 86, M. L. Kimball should be 87, now resides at Ellsworth, Me.
 89, F. H. Hill, Cape Elizabeth, Me.
 89, J. R. Clark, with G. Rasmussen Pub. Co., 235 Fifth ave., St. Paul, Minn.
 91, F. E. Parker, now instructor gymnastics in Brown University.
 91, C. E. Riley is professor mathematics in Drury College, Springfield, Mo.
 92, H. W. Poor, South Bridgton, Me.
 93, H. S. Baker, Bridgton, Me.

NEW INITIATES.

- 95, Burt L. Bryant Bethel, Me.
 95, Herbert J. Dudley Pembroke, Me.
 95, Fred L. Fessenden South Bridgton, Me.
 95, John S. French Norway, Me.
 95, George L. Kimball South Waterford, Me.
 95, Wm. E. Leighton Deering, Me.
 95, Frank H. Mead Bridgton, Me.
 95, Arthur H. Stetson Bath, Me.
 95, Harvey W. Thayer Limington, Me.
 95, Arthur G. Wiley Bethel, Me.
 95, Ernest R. Woodbury Castine, Me.

THETA.

- 55, M. P. Andrews died March 7, 1878.
 61, E. R. Warfield, killed accidentally in 1888.
 63, Carneal A. Warfield, planter, Greenville, Miss.
 83, J. R. Crawford, M. D., Assaria, Kan.
 89, F. S. Curtis, secretary's office, navy department, Washington, D. C., residence 1116 15th street.

NEW INITIATE.

- 95, Will R. McKim.

THETA DEUTERON.

94, R. Clough Anderson is correct name.

NEW INITIATES.

- 93, William S. Resor Clifton ave Cincinnati, O.
 93, Parker H. Wilder Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O.
 95, Philip H. Wirthington 228 Wildwood ave, Jackson, Mich.
 95, James W. Raynolds Las Vegas, New Mexico.
 95, Wm. H. Greenfield Baltimore, Md.

IOTA.

- 60, O. F. Wadsworth, M. D., 139 Boylston street, Boston, Mass.
 60, A. F. Wadsworth, L. L. B., 5 Lounsbury square, Boston, Mass.
 89, Max A. Kilvert, 617 Fifth ave., New York.

IOTA DEUTERON.

NEW INITIATES.

- 92, James E. Peabody Ashburnham, Mass.
 95, James R. Craighead Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
 95, John H. Peck Pittsfield, Mass.
 95, John A. Sampson 169 Second street, Troy, N. Y.
 95, Richard P. Ward 3 Fourth street, Troy, N. Y.
 95, John I. Zoller Little Falls, N. Y.

KAPPA.

- 60, H. McIntyre, M. D., examiner of pensions at South Bend, Wash.,
 resides at Riverside, Wash.
 66, A. W. Leonard, master Lawrence High School, in South Boston,
 resides United States hotel, Boston.
 73, C. W. Allen is dead.
 76, J. O. Frost, Huron, South Dakota.
 79, A. C. Dickinson, 102 Boston block, Denver, Col.
 81, C. J. Leonard is dead.
 81, E. W. Powers, lawyer, at 45 William street, New York.
 82, Gerould does not reside at Middletown, Va.
 84, E. A. Start, 3 Frost street, North Cambridge, Mass.
 86, Frank B. Wilson, Barre, Vt.
 91, Stephenson is at 83 Myrtle street, Boston, Mass.

- 92, F. D. Lyon, Poland, Me.
 92, A. Everett Peterson, Monson, Mass.
 93, Eaton should be in 95.
 94 J. S. Eastwood, West Brattleboro, Vt.

NEW INITIATES

- 94, Arthur L. George Lebanon, N. H.
 94, Isaac B. Hersey South Hingham, Mass.
 94, Sprague H. Perkins Roxbury, Mass.
 95, C. Neil Barney 22 Chatham street, Lynn, Mass.
 95, William H. Godfrey 22 Nicholas street, Lynn, Mass.
 95, Harold B. Fobes 72 Emery street, Portland, Me.
 95, Harry C. Folsom Oakland, Me.
 95, Charles D. Clark St. Albans, Vt.
 95, Frank E. Sanborn Roxbury, Mass.
 95, Charles L. Ricketts Monson, Mass.
 95, Frank T. Linde Williamstown, Vt.
 95, *Charles P. Darling Roxbury, Mass.
 Died March 17th, 1892.
 95, Bert D. George East Calais, Vt.

LAMBDA.

- 77, Pritchard, now at 125 School street, Boston Highlands, Mass.
 80, Rev. W. P. Odell, 79 Tupper street, Buffalo, N. Y.
 81, N. S. French, Boston Highlands, Mass.
 86, Rev. E. L. House, Skowhegan, Me.
 87, Rev. A. L. Chase, Foxcroft, Me.
 89, James A. Lee is an error. Strike it out.
 89, M. C. Webber, 52 Wall street, New York.
 91, J. W. Spencer, died December, 1891.
 92, Fred W. Adams, Portland, Me.
 93, J. L. Hopkins, died in October, 1861.

NEW INITIATES.

- 95, Jewell Flower 316 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass.
 95, Altus D. Flower " " " "
 95, Clifford F. Gregg Chattanooga, Tenn.
 95, Eugene M. Bosworth 36 Bloomfield street, Boston, Mass.
 95, Edward C. Wyman Hyde Park, Mass.
 95, Herman Harding Chatham, Mass.
 95, Albert B. Meredith Stoneham, Mass.
 95, Herbert H. Yeames 6 Pacific street, Boston, Mass.
 95, Walter W. Buck Somerville, Mass.
 93, Charles W. Pierce Ashland, Mass.
 95, George B. Deane 153 Worcester street, Boston.
 94, Warren F. Low Essex, Mass.

MU DEUTERON.

- 86, Woodward's address changed to 383 Pleasant street.
 88, James G. Riggs, principal of the high school in Watertown, N. Y.
 91, N. P. Avery, principal Yates Union School at Chittenango, N. Y.
 94, Strike out Frank M. Munson, Greenfield, Mass.

NEW INITIATES.

- 93, Milton S. Lacey Southport, Conn.
 95, Clinton E. Bell Northampton, Mass.
 95, Edward H. Bliss Franklin, N. H.
 95, Carleton A. Kelly Burlington, Iowa.
 95, Henry W. Lane Keene, N. H.
 95, Theodore A. Penny Wallace, Idaho.
 95, Jonathan A. Rawson, Jr. Amherst, Mass.
 95, John P. Trask Beverly, Mass.
 95, Frank C. Wolf Denver, Col.

NU DEUTERON.

- 89, George W. Harris, Elk Horn, W. Va.
 91, Strike off William P. Ely's name.
 91, Beaumont should be in '92. His address is 125 South 7th street, Scranton, Pa.
 91, H. T. Moore is at Sparrows Point, Md.
 91, F. A. Merrick is now with the Thomson-Houston Electric Co. at Lynn, Mass.
 91, J. S. Heilig is at Sparrows Point, Md.
 92, J. G. Hearne is now chemist in Carnegie's steel works, near Pittsburgh, Pa.
 93, Lee S. Harris, Elkhorn, W. Va.
 94, Marsh should be in '95.
 94, Clifton C. Knorr should be in '95.
 94, Strike off Audrey C. Lewis. See Omicron Deuteron, '94.

NEW INITIATES.

- 95, Harry C. Whitaker Wheeling, W. Va.
 95, Paul W. Powers Youngstown, O.
 95, Wilburt C. Williams 120 Summer street, Scranton, Pa.
 95, George S. Post *133 N. Franklin street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
 95, Arthur S. Clift Croton Falls, N. Y.

XI.

- 67, Rev. Albert C. Bunn, address changed to 464 Herkimer street.
 68, Rev. Lewis Halsey removed to Castile, N. Y., Nov. 1, 91.

- 70, Wm. G. Raines resides at 1209 Rhode Island avenue, Washington D. C. He is a lawyer. Office at 930 F street.
- 75, Jacob Schwartz died December 5, 1891.
- 78, Henry S. Tuthill is at Penn Yan, N. Y.
- 80, Rev. G. E. Gardner died November 6th, 1891.
- 83, Rev. F. T. Eastment is at Troy, Pa.
- 85, Davis should be 87.
- 86, Pearson should be 85.
- 88, Beers should be 89.
- 88, Foss should be 87.
- 88, Herendeen should be 87.
- 88, McDowell should be 89.
- 90, A. P. Guion is correct.
- 90, C. T. Pearce is at 113 E. 28th street, New York, but his permanent residence is Maysville, Ky.

NEW INITIATES.

- 95, P. M. Davis Delafield, Wis.
- 95, C. W. New Batavia, N. Y.
- 95, J. S. Boyd 100 Grand avenue, Milwaukee, Wis.
- 95, Henry Blatchley Wellsboro, Pa.

OMICRON.

- 56, N. Nickerson, M. D., should be 55. Resides in Meriden, Conn.
- 56, C. F. King died February 2, 1892, at Somerville, Mass.
- 39, Samuel Emery still living. Resides Lisbon, N. H.
- 60, W. L. Bodwell, color sergeant Co. C., 27th Conn. Vols., mortally wounded at Gettysburg. Died July 5th, 1864.
- 60, Rev. C. S. McReading died May 21, 1875.
- 60, Charles Raymond said to be alive. Resides Evanston, Ill.
- 60, G. C. Webber now lives at Millbury, Mass.
- 60, John Young, lawyer, Derby Lane, Vt.
- 61, Rev. W. D. Bridge reported as residing at East Douglass, Mass.
- 61, Rev. W. J. Bramblee died June 10, 1868.

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- 76, E. K. Blanchard. Walker, Mo.
- 76, Arthur Hay, 227 So. Clinton street, Chicago, Ill.
- 76, P. T. Marshall, Horseheads, N. Y.
- 77, Rev. A. A. Robertson, 199 Willoughby avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 77, Schultz supposed to be dead.
- 78, J. M. Moses, Northward Ridge, N. H.

- 79, W. H. Cummings, principal Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H.
- 79, C. W. French, principal Hyde Park high school, 57th street and Monroe avenue, Chicago, Ill.
- 82, A. V. Goss, M. D., Butler Hospital, Providence, R. I.
- 83, W. H. Marble, M. D., 67 Rush street, Chicago, Ill.
- 83, E. C. Willard, superintendent of schools, Stamford, Conn.
- 84, E. Howard, on editorial staff Springfield *Republican*. Springfield, Mass.
- 84, A. E. Marden, M. D., Mescalero, New Mex.
- 84, G. W. Woodward, Milford, N. H.
- 84, J. P. Houston, M. D., Sandwich, Ill.
- 85, Rev. A. H. Armes, North Londonderry, N. H.
- 85, D. O. Bean, teacher, 81 Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.
- 85, E. A. Kimball, lawyer, 115 Monroe street, Chicago, Ill.
- 86, W. P. Kelly, teacher in Worcester Academy, Worcester, Mass.
- 86, W. E. Marden, now in theological seminary. Present address 16 Canal street, Princeton, N. J.
- 86, Rev. Samuel Rose, Boise City, Idaho.
- 86, Leslie P. Snow is correct.
- 88, W. F. Gregory, teacher of Latin in high school, Hartford, Conn.
- 88, N. M. Hall, professor of Latin in Grinnel College, Grinnel, Iowa.
- 89, J. C. Hyde should be 88.
- 91, J. F. Allison, Mendon, Mass.
- 91, F. W. Plummer. Williamsburg, Mass.
- 92, Henry C. Allen, Brookfield, Vt.
- 93, Willard G. Aborn is correct.
- 94, Fred. C. Allen, Hopkinton, N. H.
- 94, J. P. Gifford, East Randolph, Vt.

NEW INITIATES.

- 94, Aubrey C. Lewis Wickford, R. I.
- 95, Harry W. Newell Derry Depot, N. H.
- 95, John E. R. Hayes Great Falls, N. H.
- 95, Walter L. Kelso New Boston, N. H.
- 95, Albion B. Wilson Ascutneyville, Vt.
- 95, Edwin R. Davis Laconia, N. H.
- 95, Arthur G. Bugbee Hartford, Vt.
- 95, Wallace H. Terbell Bedford, N. H.
- 95, John W. H. Pollard Haverhill, Mass.
- 95, Carroll A. Davis Glover, Vt.
- 95, Homer A. Flint Northfield, Vt.
- 95, Edward S. Watson Pittsfield, N. H.

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60. W. T. McCune died Aug., 1887.
 60, David B. Wilson, Captain 25th U. S. Infantry, now detailed in recruiting service at 94 Niagara St., Buffalo, N. Y.
 61, N. E. Dickey is alive.
 61, W. J. Gibson, Jr. died Jan. 22, 1870.
 63, W. J. Snodgrass, coal merchant, Camden, Pa.
 64, Rev. W. F. Brown should be stricken off.
 65, Rev. David Gregg resides at 180 Washington Park, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 65, Rev. A. P. Kelso, Saharapur, India.
 68, S. A. Wise died Oct. 3, 1874.
 69, E. W. Oglebay now resides in Cleveland, O.
 71, C. B. Doty is dead.
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- 86, D. B. R. Chapman, The "Spaulding," Duluth, Minn.
 87, F. S. A. Govin, 341 Lexington Avenue, New York.
 88, G. R. Tuska, 223 East 18th St., New York.
 90, F. R. Trafford should be 91.
 92, Seufert's address 516 East 152d Street.
 94, John Irwin should be stricken off.

NEW INITIATES.

- 94, John W. Remer 66 W. 119th St., New York.
 94, Ernest A. Rundlett 114 W. 16th St., New York.
 95, Carl Wilkin 176 W. 105th St., New York.
 95, Reeve Turner 129 E. 29th St., New York.
 95, W. L. Jacques 217 W. 14th St., New York.
 95, Alfred A. Wright . . . 163d St. and Sheridan Avenue, New York.
 95, W. L. Harrington 222 W. 23d St., New York.
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- 89, E. Echeverria, M. D., 109 E. 28th St., New York.
 89, J. H. Winans, office, Room 704, 93 Nassau St., New York.
 91, G. L. Douglass should be in 92—Resides at Corning, N. Y., present address 50 W. 93d St., New York.
 92, J. H. Pollock died 1891.
 92, E. C. Ehlers, present address 40 West 12th St., New York, will be Katonah, N. Y., during summer months.
 93, Agramonte, 134 West 49th St., New York.
 93, Archibald Jones now at Baker mines, Carroll County, Va. Resides permanently at Pulaski City, Va.

NEW INITIATES.

- 92, Clarence N. Fenner "Oaklawn," Patterson, N. J.
 93, Robert G. Dillenback 109 West 69th St., New York.
 93, Charles R. Smith 493 Lexington avenue, New York.
 94, Albert I. Piercy 248 West 11th St., New York.
 93, Edmond Jewett 2 Chelsea Square, New York.

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First date should be 1862.

- 63, Roberts should be in 64.
 65, Howard S. Hodson, Salem, Md.
 67, T. W. Ahl should be 68.
 86, Rev. Ralph T. Coursey is correct.

NEW INITIATES.

- 94, J. A. Underwood Shepardstown, Pa.
 95, J. A. Tanner 3208 U St., Washington, D. C.
 95, C. D. Pickens Quiet Dell, W. Va.
 95, S. M. Heine 342 Fifth St., Reading, Pa.
 95, E. G. Hetchens 1257 Bedford St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

UPSILON.

- 68, I. F. Overholt, Pineville, Ky.

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- 79, H. L. Wilson, Spokane Falls, Washn.
 80, C. P. Colburn, M. D., Richmond, Ind.
 81, H. A. Ritter, 902 Owings Building, Chicago, Ill.
 81, H. S. Armstrong is dead.

PHI.

- 66, R. D. Douglass should be 65.
 75, W. H. Wright, 412 South Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 78, C. D. Marvin resides 170 South Oxford Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 80, F. E. Bachman, Mg'r Salem Iron Furnace, Salem, Va.
 80, R. P. Patterson is manager Dora Furnace, Pulaski City, Va.

NEW INITIATES.

- 92, David L. Hower Salladasburg, Pa.
 95, Olin G. A. Barker Ebensburg, Pa.
 95, Reuben J. Glick Girardsville, Pa.
 95, Albert F. Hovey Troy, Pa.

CHI.

- 67, Rev. J. McBride Sterrett, D. D., now resides at "The Cochran,"
 14th and K Sts., Washington, D. C.
 69, A. W. Morehouse, Port Byron, N. Y.

PSI.

- 70, E. A. McMath, 631 Kansas avenue, Topeka, Kan.
 73, D. W. Horning, M. D., 608½ Nicollett avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.
 76, S. W. Petrie, 36 Niagara St., Buffalo, N. Y.
 86, Rev. J. B. Lee, 1526 Centennial avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.
 86, M. E. Powers, Plainville, Conn.

NEW INITIATES.

- 95, James H. Foster Verona, N. Y.
 95, J. Irwin Frause Canandaigua, N. Y.
 95, Clarence S. Burns Delhi, N. Y.

The Charges are requested to examine carefully the list of initiates and if any errors appear, report them at once for correction, before they become a part of the official roll of membership.



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