

IN MEMORY OF
Charles Poche Darling,

CLASS OF '95, TUFTS COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, It has been deemed best by God, our Father to remove from our midst our dearly beloved brother and friend Charles Poche Darling, we, the members of the Kappa Charge of Θ Δ X trusting still in the loving goodness of God, bear witness to the deep worth of our brother, the noble influence of his life among us, his high ideals and upright character, his sincere friendship and his interest in the Charge.

We feel that we can but feebly express the pain and grief which this separation has produced in us, and extend to his family our heartfelt sympathies.

For the Charge,

F. E. SANBORN,
C. L. RICHETTS,
C. N. BARNEY.

March 17, 1892.

IN MEMORY OF
Benjamin DeWolfe,

CLASS OF '92, WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His mysterious Providence has seen fit to remove from our midst our dearly beloved brother Benjamin DeWolfe. We, the members of the Iota Deuteron Charge of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, wish to bear testimony to the deep esteem felt for our brother, to the true nobility of his character, to the warmth and power of his friendship and to his manly Christian qualities.

We feel that we have lost a dear friend and the fraternity a true brother, and we offer our sincerest sympathies to his family in their deep affliction.

For the Charge,

W. O. WARK,
E. W. BISHOP,
G. N. WRIGHT.

Benjamin DeWolfe.

IOTA DEUTERON, '92.

It is with feelings of deepest sadness that we are called upon to record the death of one of Iota Deuteron's brightest members. The following extract from the Williams College *Weekly* tells the story :

The college community was saddened on last Monday (May 23d) by the announcement of the death of Benjamin DeWolfe of the Senior class, at 11 o'clock on that morning at the home of his parents in North Adams. His illness was of short duration and his condition was not considered serious until the latter part of last week. The trouble began with a cold which he caught by sitting down with his coat off after a ball game in which he took part a week from last Friday. It soon developed seriously and death resulted from typhoid pneumonia.

He was one of the oldest men in his class, being born at Windsor, Nova Scotia, on May 12, 1863. When about eighteen, he entered King's college in Windsor, but after spending a year and a half there, came to North Adams with his parents. For the next six years he worked in North Adams at different employments, spending a portion of his time in learning the laster's trade, in which he became proficient. When about twenty-five years old he determined to make an effort to get a collegiate education and began to prepare under Prof. Pratt of Shelburne Falls. He entered Williams in the fall of '83, and has always been one of the most earnest and hard-working men of the present senior class. He was a good student, and early in the course took a high stand in his class. He received a commencement appointment, and if he had lived would have graduated with honors next month. His later work in college has been along scientific lines and his attention was especially given to chemistry, in which he had thought some of continuing his studies after graduation. His death was particularly sad, coming as it did at this time, only a few weeks before the end of the course which he had worked so long and courageously to complete. In all probability he had a career of usefulness and success before him, for he possessed capabilities for hard work and a degree of perseverance that are unusual even among college men.

The funeral services were held at the Baptist church in North Adams yesterday afternoon (May 25) and were attended by a large number of friends and many of the students and professors. The Rev. F. H. Rowley, pastor of the church, officiated, being assisted by Prof. Spring of the college. The music was furnished by the chapel choir who sang "Remember now thy Creator," and "Still with Thee." The Senior class in caps and gowns, and the members of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity attended in a body and occupied the central portion of the church. Among the many floral pieces were a large wreath from the class and a Theta Delta

Chi shield. The interment took place in the new cemetery. The bearers were C. L. Hibbard, E. W. Bishop, E. Bartow, '92, and L. P. Armstrong, '93, Theta Delta Chi, and Mr. John Howes and Mr. Louis Millard of North Adams.

The members of the class of '92 will wear a badge of mourning for thirty days in memory of their late classmate.

Bro. DeWolfe was a young man of high character and irreproachable life. From boyhood he had exhibited the manly traits which marked his riper years and by which he won the esteem and confidence of his professors and fellow students. The Hoosac Valley *News* thus speaks of him :

Little need here be said of the life and character of Benjamin DeWolfe. He was widely known in this community and all that knew him know the sermon of his life. Quietly and without pretension he lived as a man and a christian ought. Almost his last deed was the relief of a family of whose distress he had accidentally become cognizant. He never spoke an evil word of anyone, but with charity for all, went forward with a sturdy manhood, whose influence will long survive. His personal life was absolutely pure and without reproach. And with all this, he combined balance of mind that was one of his highest qualities. He was fond of society and popular everywhere. He was a member of the Baptist church and a consistent christian. He was a careful, patient student and an enthusiastic college man. He was devoted to his fraternity and yet found room in his heart for more friends than were included in that organization. He was a cheerful, happy man. During his last illness he made no complaint and when he knew that he must die, after a brave and manly struggle made useless only by his failing strength, he resigned himself to higher power without a murmur and without fear. He died as peacefully as he had lived.

The tale of Bro. DeWolfe's life would not be completely told without special reference to his connection with the fraternity. It was in his fertile brain that the idea of joining a national fraternity first presented itself while on a visit to Amherst, May 6, 1891, and he communicated it to his companions. From it grew the movement which resulted in the formation of Iota Deuteron. Being of mature age he naturally took the lead in the movement, and who can say just how much of the high standing attained by the Charge is due to his noble character. It has been our pleasure to know Bro. DeWolfe intimately and we know whereof we speak. To those who were privileged to meet him at the Convention last fall and very recently at the

New England Banquet, no words are necessary to convey a lasting impression of his nobility of character. To all who knew him the news of his death will come with startling suddenness and deepest regret. Iota Deuteron has lost her best man. The influence of his years intimate fraternity relation with them will live as an inspiring example for their future emulation. We mourn with Iota Deuteron over her loss, we extend to the sorrowing family our deepest sympathy in behalf of the entire fraternity which he loved so well.

Brothers, while we grieve we may be comforted by the blest assurance that our departed brother has entered the portals of a higher charge to receive his reward for the beautiful christian life he lived among us.

IN MEMORY OF
William B. Hawkins,
CLASS OF '78, BETA.

"Dr. William B. Hawkins, one of the most popular and well known of Rochester's younger physicians, died last Saturday evening, at his residence, No. 8 Oxford street. His death resulted from Bright's disease, which attacked him acutely eleven weeks ago and which in spite of the untiring efforts of his physicians soon assumed an incurable form. Dr. Hawkins was born at Macedon, N. Y., December 13, 1855. His early life was spent at Fairport, where his father, the late William P. Hawkins, was for many years in business. At the age of 18 he entered Cornell University in the class of '78. He left college in sophomore year to begin his medical studies and subsequently entered the New York college of physicians and surgeons, whence he graduated in 1881. After two years of hospital practice in New York city and the South he settled in Buffalo. In 1888, owing to the illness of his wife, he removed to Idaho Springs, Colorado, and from there to this city in 1890. Dr. Hawkins was married in 1887 to Miss Stella Van Alstyne of Brooklyn, who died three years ago. He was a member of the Rochester Pathological Society, the Monroe County Medical Society and the Theta Delta Chi college fraternity."

The above article which appeared in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle of May 23, is the only information which the fraternity has had as to the whereabouts of Brother Hopkins in a number of years.

IN MEMORY OF

Amos Coggswell Lyford,

CLASS OF '85, OMICRON DEUTERON.

We are indebted to the *Cadet*, published by the students of Jarvis Hall, St. John's College, Denver, for the following sketch of the life and character of Brother A. C. Lyford, whose death occurred May 3rd.

"By the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. A. C. Lyford, Jarvis Hall has been called to mourn the loss not only of a faithful and earnest head master, a cultured scholar and talented teacher, but, to most of the faculty, a valued friend. Of a somewhat retiring nature, he was really known and fully appreciated only by those who were brought much into contact with him. Those who knew him intimately only begin now to realize how large a space he filled in their thoughts and affections.

The gentleness of his nature was in marked contrast to his great force of character and resolute will. It pained him to be obliged to use harsh or stern language, and when circumstances necessitated a rebuke, it was administered in such a spirit that while accomplishing the desired end, it left no sting. This mildness secured for him an affectionate regard not only from the members of the faculty, but from the cadets under his charge.

Mr. Lyford entered Dartmouth college in the autumn of 1881 and soon took that high rank in his class which he maintained till in '85 he graduated as valedictorian with high distinction in most branches and final honors in Greek. He made many friends while in college and was a great favorite not only with the members of his fraternity (Theta Delta Chi) but with the students in general. He also earned the esteem of the college faculty and the testimonials he had from them were of a very high order. That from Professor Charles F. Richardson concludes with the remark—"I have never given a testimonial with greater pleasure or with more confidence in the recipient."

He was studious in his habits, early developed a taste for literature, and among his more intimate companions were men who are already known in the world of letters. On the editorial staff of the college paper, *The Dartmouth*, he did good work and early acquired that graceful style which characterized his articles published in some of the educational magazines and his stories written for *The Cadet*.

Having graduated he was immediately offered a position in the Holderness school, New Hampshire, and taught there with considerable success for two years. He was then removed to the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, Conn., where he held the position of instructor in classics. During this period he overworked himself, enfeebled his constitution and contracted that chest weakness which so completely clouded his other-

wise brilliant prospects and finally cut short his career at the early age of thirty. Four years ago he came to Denver in very delicate health, but rapidly improved, and after a short residence at Pitkin, he was appointed instructor in mathematics, entering upon his duties September, 1890. On the resignation of the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw to assume the position of warden of both schools of the Cathedral chapter, Rev. Lyford was appointed head master.

Though possessing a strong will and great powers of endurance, he had by no means a robust constitution, but his fortitude and uncomplaining endurance under great responsibilities appeared simply marvelous to those who knew his frequent prostration and almost constant suffering. He was one of those resolute characters who are never dismayed by adverse fortune, but held heroically to his post even against the remonstrances of his friends.

He must often have reminded those who came into personal contact with him of Robert Browning's words :

"He never turned his back but marched breast forward :
Never doubted clouds would break ;
Never dreamed; though right were worsted, wrong would triumph.
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake."

Mr. Lyford's rather retiring disposition and quiet, gentlemanly manner prevented his receiving recognition where men greatly his inferiors in attainments and culture and of less scrupulous methods secured it. By those who try to look beneath the surface and judge men by what they are rather than by what they profess to be, he was not only greatly admired but held in most affectionate esteem ; but he was not a man to advertise himself, and was unnoticed and unappreciated by those who mistake audacity for courage, superficial smartness for talent, pedantry for scholarship, and hypocrisy for virtue.

His death has left a sadness and gloom over the academy which it will take some time to dispel. Amongst his papers were found several interesting manuscripts containing short poems, stories and treatises on classical subjects. Some of these have been published and others will appear in the May number of St. John's college *Cadet*.

He died at 8:45 p. m. on Thursday, May 3. Next morning his remains were viewed by all the cadets, who subsequently marched to St. Luke's church. There a most interesting and solemn service was held and the bishop of the diocese made a deeply impressive address from the well-known text, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord ; even so, saith the spirit, for they rest from their labors." The body was taken to the city, where it was embalmed and shipped the same evening to Concord, N. H., where it will be interred.—W. E. B.

Editorial.

THE class of '92 takes from all the charges some of their number. From some it eliminates a percentage which would leave the charges very weak except for the general prosperity which will compensate in some degree for the loss. Theta Delta Chi has reason to congratulate the graduates of this year. They have been the recipients of many honors which reflect glory on them and the fraternity as well. As a fraternity we are sorry to lose your presence and powerful influence. The SHIELD wishes you all the success in life that your successful college careers merit. In parting we have a few words to say. Our experience in the past has been that the moment Seniors graduate we lose sight of them. They go out into the world and forget the SHIELD. As a consequence we lose a long list of names from our subscription list which should be there and the fraternity lose all knowledge of their whereabouts. This is not as it should be. If there be any in the fraternity who ought to have an abiding interest in the SHIELD it certainly should be the young graduates. In this way only can they keep in perfect touch with the fraternity and learn of its advances. There is another side quite as important. In order that the SHIELD may become a permanent success its subscription list must grow. If the graduating subscribers drop out the next freshman class simply takes their places and no advance is made. Each year we have looked for the support of the graduates, but in vain. The class of ninety-two is a large one and if they would all stay by and become permanent subscribers it would do much toward putting it on a financial footing which would insure permanency. You will remember that in 1889 the convention turned over to the editor the entire control of the SHIELD for five years. The third of those years is now passing and as yet the journal is not where

it could be turned over to any one else as a remunerative investment. It had been our hope that when the five years should expire the subscription list would have reached a size which would enable us to turn it over to some active man who might get a salary for his work. It cannot be expected that we can go on forever doing the hard work without any pay, and bearing all deficits from our private funds. The entire burden of final success lies with the graduating classes as they go out. If you do your duty by the SHIELD it will go on. If not, it will surely stop when the five years have expired, as we shall then lay down the editorial pen feeling that our share of work has been fully rendered. Your subscriptions will expire with the December number of this year. Hereafter the SHIELD will be supplied to all graduates for the three years following for one dollar, and longer if any one is unable to pay more. We wish to meet the brothers half way. The four numbers actually cost more than one dollar and whenever any brother is honestly able to pay the \$2 he ought to do it. We prefer to share the burden rather than deprive any of the SHIELD. We urge this matter upon you in behalf of the final success of the SHIELD. Do not fail to send your address in September so you may receive your copy, and when your subscription expires send one dollar to keep it alive. Think how much the SHIELD has done for the fraternity, and remember that you will be responsible for a share of its failure if you neglect the duty you owe the SHIELD and the fraternity.

THE SHIELD is the first journal to put into print a full report of the fraternity conference held recently at Chicago. It seemed no more than fair to send a representative to this conference so without any commitment as to our personal views, or consultation with any one, owing to lack of time, Bro. W. C. Hawley of Chicago was requested to attend this conference as the representative of the fraternity, for the purpose of securing information which was to be communicated at once to the Grand Lodge. Bro. Hawley has performed this duty in a highly satisfactory manner, and we present in this number a

full report of the meeting held four days ago, which will give every reader a clear idea of what is desired. The full attendance indicates that the exhibit if attempted will be successful. The fact that Psi Upsilon refused to appear is not against the move but rather against Psi U. Two editorials had already been written on the subject which are useless in the presence of the report. They are supplemented by this, hastily written because the forms are held to include it, and with the omission of any detailed opinion. We see where much good can be derived from such an exhibit, not to any one fraternity distinctly, but to American college fraternities in general. If Theta Delta Chi wants it we are ready to accept the wish of the majority. Personally under the light of this meeting we favor it unreservedly. We are also prepared to recommend a summer meeting of the fraternity in Chicago next year, and a Pan Hellenic Congress. If all the brothers will write at once, giving their views and making any suggestions on the subject it will help the Grand Lodge to decide quickly and supply the committee with many good ideas perhaps. Let every brother write fully, freely, and at once. The September SHIELD will give any further developments.

THE New England banquet was one of the most notable in several particulars of any ever held by the New England Association, or in fact by the fraternity itself. In numbers and characters it was the largest and most successful reunion ever held by our Eastern brothers. Through some misunderstanding very few received notice except through the public press. This would go to prove that New England Theta Dels were wide awake. The editor's personal satisfaction exceeded that of any previous banquet. The moral tone of the Eastern banquets has always been high but this seemed to cap the climax. Theta Delta Chi has proven by many trials that it is possible to conduct a first-class banquet without the assistance of wine, and yet have what the boys call "a huge time." No one who was at this banquet will presume to say that it was not as enjoyable an occasion as he ever experienced. It was fortunate for the Eastern Association that they selected Seth P. Smith as

their presiding officer, and it is more fortunate for the fraternity at large that he is a man of sound principles which he is never afraid to ventilate on every necessary occasion. His influence has been felt for good among the Eastern charges during recent years, and it has made the work of elevating the general tone of the entire fraternity much easier for the Grand Lodge. The value of graduate or sectional associations and banquets to the true vitality of a fraternity is incalculable when based upon such principles as govern the New England Association. They awake anew the old time ardor in the hearts of graduate members, and inspire the undergraduates to better and nobler purposes. We commend their virtues to the active members and advise them to attend whenever possible.

It will doubtless be a surprise to some of our readers that the fraternity has broken the shackles of deep seated conservatism and entered a truly western institution. We have largely extended the size of the present number in order to give place to a full account of everything connected with the inauguration of the new Charge. We do this particularly for the purpose of giving ample testimony of the advisability of the move which we have worked for so ardently, and we trust that after the graduate brothers have carefully perused the various articles on the subject of extension, and the account of Tau Deuteron's successful inauguration they may agree with us in our position. We can cheerfully testify to our admiration of Tau Deuteron Charge. They mean business and are possessed of the necessary grit to accomplish the laudable end which they seek to obtain. We do not think it advisable to predict their future as it might interfere with some of their plans, but we know whereof we speak when we assert that it will not be long before Tau Deuteron will be heard from in a substantial way which will make every Theta Delt proud of the baby and the loyal graduate brothers who have so deep interest in her lasting welfare. We were pleased to see that they had a proper idea of the care which should always be taken of the sacred archives of the Charge. They had already purchased

a good safe in which to deposit their constitution and other documents as soon as received. We wish some of the old Charges might exhibit as much caution. In many other ways they indicated their eye to business, which bespeaks flattering success for them from the start. We welcome Tau Deuteron.

FOR a long time there have been scattering inquiries for copies of Marc Cook's poems. The request in the last SHIELD has brought much information. There are about forty copies of the book still extant in different places. Bro. Cook's sister Miss Viola Cook, lives in Utica and would be very glad to realize the royalty. The price of the book is \$1.50 and any brother can secure a copy by remitting that amount to the SHIELD or to Miss Viola Cook, 297 Genesee St., Utica, N. Y. Every brother ought to have a copy of "Vandyke Brown" in his library as a memory of our poet brother whose name, had he lived, would have become famous as a writer. Bro. Cook had also written a number of stories which have never been published. It was proposed at one time to publish these as a companion volume to the poems. Miss Cook cannot publish them unless a sufficient number of copies are subscribed for to defray the expense. There ought to be enough Theta Dels sufficiently interested to secure at once its publication. Who will join the SHIELD in carrying on this work for Miss Cook?

THE next annual convention of the fraternity will be held at Young's Hotel in Boston beginning Nov. 16th, 1892. Last year's convention was a notable one in that so many of the old graduates were present. Nothing contributes so much to the interest of our conventions as the graduates who drop in and say a word of good cheer to the boys. It arouses all the old fires in the hearts of the graduates themselves. The SHIELD desires to urge thus early every graduate reader to make his arrangements if possible to be present with us at this convention. Do not grow old so fast. Drop busy care and spend two days with the boys and see how it seems to be a boy again. It won't hurt you in the least. Judging from

the assertions of those who tried the experiment last year, they enjoyed it and vowed to come again.

FOR some months the question of re-establishing the Iota Charge at Harvard has been actively discussed. A petition was received from a number of students, who upon careful examination proved to be in every way worthy our favorable attention. They have been granted a charter and on the 8th of June the old Iota will be born again. A full account will be given in the next number of the SHIELD.

SINCE the last number of the SHIELD was published Messrs Roehm and Son of Detroit, Mich., have completed a die for the official badge and the Grand Lodge recommend their pin to the favorable consideration of her Charges. They have certainly produced a pin equal to any yet exhibited in its mechanical execution. In this connection the Grand Lodge wish to state that it has been reported to them that some of the manufacturers are turning out pins which are inferior. If any brother gets a pin which is not entirely up to the standard of good workmanship, no matter from what jeweler it comes, he is requested to *refuse* it. The Grand Lodge will stand behind him and if the jeweler will not make it good his trade must be sacrificed. We are determined to have good pins and all alike.

THE Zeta Charge had a banquet some time in April or May, of which the SHIELD would have been glad to give an account, but our requests for information were not responded to and therefore nothing can be told. It is unfortunate sometimes that the editor is not omnipresent. We wish the brothers would remember the SHIELD, not for our sake, but that our readers may know what is transpiring.

THE chapter house question still continues to be a leading topic of discussion in all the Greek journals. We have something to say on the subject and only on account of the mass of

other matter is it omitted from this issue. In the September number we shall present the subject in a different light from any yet brought out. Our views on this question have undergone material changes and our reasons therefor will be stated.

ON our way to Minneapolis we had several hours in Chicago, which were spent in a visit to the Exposition grounds. The immensity of the undertaking overwhelmed us. The buildings will eclipse in size anything the world has yet seen. The Centennial of 1876 sinks into insignificance when compared to what we saw there. It will be the event of the century, and few who can "raise the necessary" will be absent from the throng who will wend their way toward this eighth wonder of world. You cannot afford to miss it. The fraternity plan will be an added inducement.

IN looking over the subscription list of the SHIELD we are startled at the number of subscribers who are in arrears for one year or more. Immediately after the present number is issued bills will be sent to every brother who is in debt to the SHIELD. It is to be hoped that when the bills are received they may receive prompt attention. Remember that the editor has paid out money to the amount of all bills outstanding, and needs the small amount you owe to make up the shortage. Please give the matter early attention and remit the amount of your bill. It is only by prompt pay that we can maintain such a journal.

IF any readers of the SHIELD are Knights Templar, and go on the pilgrimage to Denver this summer, they should not fail to look up Brother E. D. Ingersoll, who will be delighted to see them. It is possible that the editor of the SHIELD may be there.

IT now looks as though it might be some time before any more letters will be read in the SHIELD from "Chateau de Clapboard." Brother Bachman, in writing to one of the

brothers, makes use of the following terrible threat, "If the SHIELD don't stop (?) publishing my private correspondence I will paint a California sunset on the unappropriated portion of his (the editor's) well-polished dome in choice Pacific coast verbage." We guess it is all bluff, however, and knowing that he had just returned from a democratic convention can imagine that he felt like painting something when he wrote it. We would advise trying the town first.

THE SHIELD desires better support from the clergy. Hereafter one dollar will be received in full payment for a year's subscription from any pastor who does not feel able to remit more.

WHEN Theta Deltas go to New York they should not forget the Club house. You can always find a nice room there and can get good meals quite as cheap as at any hotel. Besides that you can always find some of the boys there. Don't fail to make the Club house your headquarters. Have your letters addressed there.

THE editor regrets to announce that the historic half dollar referred to in Brother Bachman's letter in the last SHIELD has been set loose again, and is now floating around the world. We put it carefully in our pocket to take to Boston to exhibit at the New England banquet and that is the last knowledge we have of it. It was lost or paid out by mistake. We wonder who will be the man to receive it next.

THE annual meeting of the Theta Delta Chi Club was held Friday evening, May 20th, at the Club house. The following Trustees were elected for the ensuing year: Charles V. Mapes, Charles D. Marvin, Clay W. Holmes, Clark Fisher, William H. McIntyre, George L. Fielder, Homer D. Brookins. After the adjournment the Trustees met and elected officers. The list as elected appears in the usual place devoted to the Club in the front part of this number.

WE are indebted to a number of the charges for college annuals thus far received. Time and space have afforded no opportunity for any mention in the present number. If possible a review will be given in the next issue.

WE have lost track of the following brothers whose names are on the subscription list. If anyone can supply the present address it will be appreciated.

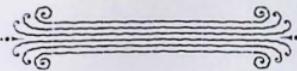
E. W. Bartlett, Eta, '80.

Henry I. Beers, Jr., Xi, '88.

D. J. Kendig, Sigma, '71.

John H. Spengler, Nu Deut., '86.

Frank E. Spaulding, Mu Deut., '89.



Editorial Notes and Comments.

THE VALUE OF FRATERNITY JOURNALS.

Kappa Alpha *Journal* makes use of the following language:

"An entertaining, inspiring, well-edited paper is worth more to a fraternity than its ritual or constitution. It can not be made too good. I think the buoyancy of our own Order (Kappa Alpha) during the past few years has been almost entirely due to the unusual excellence of our magazine."

There seems to be a field for the fraternity journal in the economy of a successful society which can be filled by no other medium. The present decade will probably witness a change in the relative standing of many societies which will in a large measure be due to the silent influence of the Greek press. At the beginning of the last decade few journals existed. During the eighty's many new ones sprang up and a few old ones were revived. The Greek press entered the nineties demanding national recognition which was speedily accorded. We predict that the next decade will witness the decline of numerous societies now enjoying a fine degree of prosperity unless they have sufficient strength to establish and maintain a publication. We are certain of the fact that nothing has done so much for Theta Delta Chi as the *SHIELD*. The changes which have been brought about during the last five years are almost marvellous. Some can be directly traced to influences set in motion by the *SHIELD*. The greatest benefit has been the new life instilled into the graduates. The *SHIELD* comes to them regularly with its account of the doings of the active charges, and the changes taking place among the graduates. They learn what other societies are doing, and are kept in touch with the fraternity. Fraternity journals contribute to the outside world their only knowledge of the important part which the Greek societies play in college life. Recent evidences go to show that much of the interest aroused among the students who have applied to us for charters can be directly traced

to the SHIELD, so long therefore as the journal is the true exponent of the principles of Theta Delta Chi, it is the duty of every graduate to support the journal. He owes it to the fraternity. He should be a subscriber and induce others who are not to contribute their mite. It is also his privilege to criticise the statements and opinions of the journal. They will be quite as welcome to the editor as his subscription.

THE DICKY CLUB.

As we published the disclaimer of the *Quarterly*'s editor we feel called upon to give space to the following communication from a gentleman who is in a position to know whereof he speaks :

I notice on page 60 of the last *Shield* you published a disclaimer of the Dicky Club from the *AKC Quarterly*? You are doubtless aware that this was a branch of the frat. until a year or two ago, that the new *AKC Catalogue* includes the Harvard chapter as late as the class of '90 or '91, and that while they modestly accept the glory which shines from Gov. Russell, Henry Cabot Lodge, Theo. Roosevelt and many others, they are quietly hugging themselves to think they they revoked the charter in the nick of time. I think the fraternity censurable for ever having allowed a chapter whose life was so entirely foreign to and out of harmony with that of the frat at large. Their disclaimer doesn't mean much to those who have known the state of things in recent years.

FRATERNITY JEWELRY.

In the March number of the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* appears a communication from one of the members of the fraternity on "Fraternity Jewelry" in which he submits several propositions for consideration—among them that all pins should be uniform in size. He closes his article with the following :

"One point that should be settled is the unfortunate resemblance of our present pin to that of Theta Delta Chi. It requires close inspection to detect any difference."

Reference to the report of the convention in the April number shows that

"The Executive Committee were ordered to establish for all the jewellers a standard shape and style from which hereafter there is to be no deviation to suit individual tastes. The size of pins permitted to be manufactured was limited to the two smallest sizes now in use."

We are glad to note that at least one member of Phi Kappa Psi recognizes the unfortunate position in which they have been placed by copying in general form our badge. The record of shield badges is as follows:

Theta Delta Chi, founded May, 1847.

Phi Delta Theta, " Dec 1848.

Phi Kappa Psi, " Feby, 1852.

Kappa Alpha, Southern, founded 1865.

Four fraternities then have adopted the shield. It ought to be quite evident from the above list, to which the shield belongs. Priority gives it without any dispute to Theta Delta Chi. The others are, perhaps innocently, pirates or copyists. Phi Delta Theta may not have known anything about the shield of Theta Delta Chi having been established so near our own date. There was, however, sufficient lapse of time for Phi Kappa Psi to have avoided the unfortunate complication. As we have stated before in these columns had our badge been a second on the field, and we discovered that we were usurping the rights of others we should certainly have so modified the shape of our badge as to relieve our predecessor of embarrassment. It would seem to be common courtesy that all the other societies should modify their badge by changing its size or shape so as to prevent confusion. Other societies have the same difficulty to contend against and our remarks apply with equal force to their badges. Nothing but the kindest consideration prompts this article. We ask the careful consideration of these other societies of our inherent rights in the premises.

OVERCROWDED WITH FRATERNITIES.

There is at present a great danger that the university will be flooded with fraternities. For twenty-six years there has been no change in the list of fraternities at the university, the field having been filled by Psi Upsilon, Delta Phi, Zeta Psi, and Delta Upsilon. At present a number of fraternities are realizing the advantages of establishing club houses in this city, and of making such clubs the headquarters of their fraternities. To do this they must have chapters in those colleges which are feeders to New York city. As a result, Phi Gamma Delta has entered the university and Theta Delta Chi and Beta Theta Pi are about to follow its example. There being only about 200 students in the undergraduate departments, there is not room for seven fraternities unless the

standard of membership is materially lowered. For this reason the present fraternities at the university will strongly oppose the introduction of any new-comers.

The above is an extract from a New York University letter, which appeared in the *New York Times* of April 10. How strange it is that some people know so much about the affairs of other people. To the fluent scribe who bewailed the condition of things so graphically, we would gently intimate the uselessness of crossing a bridge before he gets to it. In so far as the above refers to Theta Delta Chi, it is absolutely without any foundation in theory or fact. Theta Delta Chi has not the remotest thought of attempting to enter New York University, either now or hereafter. The SHIELD has never before heard the subject referred to by outsiders, much less within the fold.

CAN IT BE POSSIBLE?

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 7.—Wilkins Rustin of Omaha, a Yale sophomore, who was injured during a secret society initiation a few nights ago by running blind-folded into a wagon pole, died last night while undergoing an operation. Warrants for the arrest of D. K. E. Society men at Yale for manslaughter in causing Rustin's death by the initiation will probably be sworn out. The faculty will investigate and eliminate all hazing features from secret society initiations in the future.

We cannot vouch for the above statement which was published in the Associated Press dispatches, but there is probably some ground for it. It is not to be wondered at that the general public receive an unfavorable impression of college fraternity life from such articles as this. A thousand of good deeds done by reason of fraternity influence, given the same publicity, would not create in the public mind sufficient regard for these societies to counterbalance the antagonism produced by one such item as the above. It is a reflection upon the Greek societies that such things are permitted to exist. As a matter of fact any society or chapter of a society which will permit itself to indulge in anything apart from the most dignified form of ceremonial initiation is entitled to the severest censure, and if continued, to ostracism. In this case the parent chapter is the one involved. We are not disposed to comment upon this particular transaction as we are not advised as to the circumstances or customs of this chapter, neither have

we any desire to criticise Delta Kappa Epsilon. If after such a terrible termination to their nonsensical foolery the entire society does not rise up in protest, upon their own heads the result should fall in solemn condemnation. Every other Greek letter society is deeply interested in this affair, as its dire results reflect upon them. Theta Delta Chi wishes to protest publicly against any practice which deviates in the least from the high dignity with which all ceremonies connected with membership in a college society composed of gentlemen should be conducted. We have already gone upon record emphatically in regard to Theta Nu Epsilon, whose disgraceful practices have already drawn upon it public condemnation. It is to be sincerely hoped that the Greek press may unite in efforts to bring about such a change in the ideas of all fraternity organizations as will forever preclude the possibility of any accident occurring to life or limb. Such a condition ought not to be brought about by restrictions at the hands of college faculties, but by the members themselves desiring to elevate their moral condition. College students should remember that they are no longer boys. They should be men, in so far as their actions with their fellows extend. It will probably afford a lesson to Yale students which may be productive of good results.



Exchange Gleanings.

[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 whenever requested.]

The *Key* for March places its alumni department next to its leading article and opens up with this very attractive statement, "Alumnae have two great prerogatives. One is the sweet office of reminiscing." How little do the active members realize what delightful reminiscences the little escapades and "special occasions," which go to make up the college life, become when years afterward they are told to their younger companions, or how pleasant it is for the older ones to relate them around the College "camp fire." Quite as pleasant is it for their old-time companions, and perhaps participants, to read them in the fraternity periodical. It is the most satisfactory matter all around. Many a sleeping brother have we stirred up by the recital of some such affair. The other prerogative the *Key* says is "criticism." Well, kindly criticism is one of the best things we know of. It helps the young and zealous ones, to tell them how they may improve. Of course we older ones look at things from a sober business or moral standpoint and sometimes it may seem to be too harsh. It is a duty we owe the fraternity to give its active workers the benefit of our experience. Let it always be done in a loving spirit.

It seems to be a growing custom on the part of the Greek press to leave out one or more departments in case of a slight excess in any other department. College Notes and Exchanges seem to be the most neglected. We are led to believe that the latter are omitted simply from a lack of time on the part of the editors to do the work. Where the editors are paid for their

work this hardly seems fair. To those who labor for love no blame can attach as it is really a severe task to properly edit a good quarterly. Our position just now is such that there seems to be no time in which to look at a single exchange without delaying seriously the issue but the SHIELD has yet to fail of producing each department in some sort of style in each number. We especially enjoy the examination of the other fraternity periodicals, and we have reason to believe that the reproduced matter and criticisms are of interest to our subscribers. For their benefit we toil on. The pile is a large one and we have time for but hasty glances.

The April *Rainbow* is the last received and lies on top. It is a surprisingly good number. There is much of interest in it. An extended article on "Rainbow History" opens the number. The next is an essay on "The Fraternity Idea." It has much truth and force and we would like to produce it entire. The next is on "Western Extension" which opens up as follows :

"The history of institutions is not unlike that of men. The way to success is through *accepted* opportunities. "There is a tide in the affairs" of the fraternities as of men, and the way in which they meet and solve the questions which arise from time to time determines their future."

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"The east has always been esteemed superior to the west in all that pertains to culture and position; "Boston culchah" and "Boston beans" are alike famous. Intellectual athletes, as all Deltas can testify, are notorious both for discriminating appetites and food capacity. However, that we have come to look upon the east as the leader of thought is natural. The development of a new country gives little time for the marshalling of the intellectual forces. But the time will soon pass when the Atlantic border can rightfully claim pre-eminence in the educational fields, and the relations here expressed between the Atlantic and Mississippi Valley regions will in time apply to this and the trans-Rocky Mountain region.

The wife of a certain great professor now in an eastern university, is herself an eastern lady and a graduate of an eastern school. A few years ago, while living at Milwaukee, they received a call from a professor in one of our western schools. In the course of the conversation the lady asked the professor the number of students attending his university, and expressed astonishment that there were so many who were content to get their education in the west. To her there could be no comparison between

the east and west. She failed to comprehend the great fact that the school a man attends is not an infallible criterion of the quality of the man. Sectional prejudice is a poor principle to tie to."

Under "The Badge" the boys get a few wholesome ideas as to the proper regard which they should hold for their society badge. Then come a number of articles concerning banquets and other Delta matter. No College Notes or Exchanges. It is a good number and advances the *Rainbow* several pegs on the Greek board.

We have always been impressed with the publications which emanate from our sisterhood societies. Somehow the girls have such a pleasant way of writing, often making something out of nothing, and then as a rule they exhibit such good taste in the externals. Whether it is because printers like to please the young ladies and suggest the best ideas they have, or that the managers are imbued with such high ideas we wot not, but the fact remains that the Soroses excel in their Journals. A more notable point is that every ladies' society so far as we know, whether large or small, has a representative periodical. This ought to weigh heavily on the minds of some of our old line societies which do not seem to have enough of energy or public spirit to issue any sort of a periodical. We take a special delight in reviewing the feminine journals, and regret that all of them are not regular visitors. After a long silence, by the pains-taking courtesy of the Exchange Editor we have the first three numbers of *Kappa Alpha Theta* for this year. In external appearance it is quite the queen of the table. Its delicate cream colored cover with title print in gold half shaded vies in appearance with Kappa Alpha's handsome cover. The interior is somewhat marred by the poor quality of the paper which is not up to the cover standard. The literary make up is good, although there is rather more of it than needed. More fraternity news would be desirable. Like all other journals the editors have to complain of the delay in sending Chapter letters.

The Alpha Phi *Quarterly* looms up as usual in good style.

The contributed articles and symposium are well written. Alpha Phi is to have a song book so says the editorial pen. Song books are a good thing and if everything moves along smoothly we will have one ourselves some day. Methinks if all editors were to speak candidly they would have the same story to tell about Chapter letters. Several suggestions are given to correspondents, but the last one to Chapters seems to contain the milk of the cocoanut which is "do not elect the youngest and most inexperienced man in your chapter as corresponding editor." Somehow the Chapter letters in all the ladies' journals read well. The girls have such a happy faculty of writing letters, and can make much out of nothing if there is a dearth of solid news. The exchange editor refers to the "Smokers" and almost wishes "she had been born a man." She also notes the growing spirit of kindness exhibited between editors. For the SHIELD we express the hope that this very pleasant condition of things may continue to exist. Why need it be otherwise? As a corps of professional workers we are not dependent for a livelihood upon the success of the journals. They are really the means by which we hope to reach an end; that end is the elevation of the Greek fraternities to a higher plane of usefulness. We contribute our mite. We do not elevate our own particular society by running others down or by casting slurs upon our co-workers. It is to be hoped that none of us will ever be guilty of "mud-slinging." We wish every other fraternity well. We may always be pardoned for showing up our own in its best light. That is our province. The SHIELD is published for our own brotherhood but the courtesy of brotherhood extends, pan-hellenically as it were, to the Greek world, and if others can get good ideas from our pages we have no objection.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* for April gives the address delivered at Convention last October. An excellent address it is, replete with good advice to the boys. The early history of the Williams Chapter is the only other article in the Symposium. The editor says he has been importuned by *one*

or two to give more space to articles of real literary character. He agrees with the request and calls for contributions. We have always held that the object of the Greek press is not to pose as literary efforts, but anything which treats directly or indirectly upon any subject pertaining to fraternity should be admissible. The SHIELD has declined numerous contributions of decided literary merit, on the ground that they did not in any way relate to the Greek world. Accounts are given of numerous alumni banquets, which indicate that the Deke alumni are wide awake.

The Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* for November was received April 16 and is quite too old to review. The February number failed to reach us and the editor says his supply is out. If any brother editor has a spare copy the SHIELD would appreciate the courtesy if he would mail it to our address. To miss it breaks our bound edition.

Beta Theta Pi for March and April has considerable to say about a general fraternity exhibit at the Columbian Exhibition and a World's Fair pan-hellenic congress. Regarding the latter the plan is for college fraternities to hold either their regular convention or a summer meeting in Chicago at some uniform date in July during the educational and allied congresses. None of the other journals have had much to say on the subject, still all seem to think it a good idea to do something. Our expression is given editorially. The February number gives several views of Maine State College, with a short account of the surroundings. The present volume issues eight public and two private numbers. The price is fixed at \$2 for graduate subscribers and \$1 for active members and includes in the latter category all alumni for three years after graduation. We see wisdom in the provision and have for some time thought of adopting some similar plan.

The *Delta* of Sigma Nu for April appears in good time, notwithstanding the fact that the editor got married. Perhaps his help-meet rendered service in the work. At all events it it

a great number. The *Delta* continues to loom up. We are glad to reproduce an editorial on the western subject, which meets our views exactly :

Only a few years ago every one looked to Harvard and Yale to take the lead in all educational work, and at that time the idea of any western university attempting to rival either of those institutions would not have been entertained for a moment. But the times are changing. Princeton forged to the front, then followed Cornell and the University of Michigan and to-day the Chicago University and the Leland Stanford, Jr., University are making rapid strides in the educational world, not to speak of the Universities of Wisconsin, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri and Nebraska, all of which are making splendid progress. It is true that the eastern institutions have the prestige of their age and traditions, but aside from that the western schools will soon be their equals in every respect. That this is the inevitable result is proven by the fact that many of the eastern educators, men of national reputation, are accepting positions in western institutions. The western states have always been generous to their educational institutions. It was the young and energetic fellows who have had the advantages of a college training in New England and the Middle States that have made the west and they have seen nobly to it that the universities and colleges of their adopted states have had the means to keep pace with the marvelous development of the country. Increased facilities and added advantages have brought into prominence flourishing institutions which ten years ago were not known outside the borders of their respective states and their number is rapidly increasing. It will not do to despise the day of small things, and the fraternity that fails to keep up with the star of empire in its western course cannot hope to count its votaries among the men who will make history for us in the next generation. Let us have more western chapters.

The *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma greets us now quite regularly and is on the move. The May number shows signs of improvement in size and general make-up and has a new cover which is quite "Greeky." As a frontispiece it gives a group picture, we presume of some one of its chapters, but nothing appears on the plate to indicate it. The next plate is of the Iota Chapter, arranged in a novel and unique style, which is decidedly different from anything we have seen and decidedly attractive. Another plate contains two views of Southwestern University. We feel bound to say that these half-tone plates, as well as the ones which appeared in the January number, are the best we have ever seen in any fraternity journal, not ex-

cepting the SHIELD, even. They are perfect in every particular and do great credit to the journal. The general appearance of the May number is much improved. Biographical sketches, chapter letters and college notes make up a good number. The editorials are quite numerous. A prize of \$25 is offered for the best design for a Kappa Sigma flag. It looks a little strange, however, to see a two page editorial from the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* inserted in the editor's department. A very sensible editorial on the indiscriminate use of the grip and signs would be reprinted but for lack of space. The Editor's Table occupies three and a half pages and opens with an apology for limited time in which to do his exchanges justice. We are flattered that he gives nearly a page and a half to the SHIELD. We thank him for considering our editorial remarks on "chapters having a safe for their records" of sufficient merit to be reproduced entire, the more so after the way in which he administers the fine-tooth comb to our devoted head in his previous remarks. After the editor has served his apprenticeship he will not so readily mistake a plain statement of facts for a "rub," and his "dander" will not rise up so severely. We had vowed a vow never to take up the cudgel again or attempt to answer the caustic remarks of our professional brethren, but we can not refrain from shifting the load gently and pleasantly back again.

After quoting entire our exchange comment in the March number the editor swings his pen to the following tune :

And we want to remark to the SHIELD that we have come to stay. Possibly *The Caduceus* has been heard of elsewhere, even if the editor of the SHIELD did fail to see a copy. "The only advice we would proffer is, don't try the literary act. It is not the highest aim of Fraternity journals." I take this little quotation from a late number of the SHIELD because it exactly gives the style of the magazine, and the way it is conducted. The "literary act" is strictly avoided, and many statements are so blunt and harsh that the editorials lack any grace or kindness that one might expect from a college-bred man, and the editorials are very numerous, too. There is a strong flavor of *ego* throughout the magazine, and after looking over a copy one cannot but think of *Pooh-bah*. The March number contains little of any interest to those outside of the Fraternity, extended accounts of official work filling many pages. There is an absence of advertisements noticed. The SHIELD not being published

for any revenue, but in the interest of the Fraternity, believes that it is not just the thing to depend on outside sources for support, and expects the subscriptions of members to balance the yearly support. The following clipping from the editorials contains suggestions that it might be well for all Chapters to act upon.

We are glad the *Caduceus* has come to stay, but though its accomplished editor quotes from the Mikado he does not even now clearly explain away the inference that the non-appearance of the journal was due to its having been under sentence of death at the hands of the *Lord High Executioner*, so our curiosity in regard to it would seem pardonable.

We are also curious as to what constitutes "the literary act" from the *Caduceus* standpoint and what establishes the identity of the "college-bred man." Perhaps "college breeding" (education) may be indicated by such sentences as the following which we find in the *editorial* writings of *Caduceus*:

When the signs and secret work *is* brought into use,
and

To the correspondents who have shown a desire to profit by what has already been said in the past, and have been prompt and careful in their work I would thank most kindly and assure them that their efforts have been much appreciated.

Truly, like "the three little maids from school" the editorial muse is "freed from its genius tutelary." We prefer to be apparently blunt and harsh and to exhibit the natural *ego* which exists in our make up. Let's take a smoke.

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* for February contains some very excellent articles on "Ideal fraternity." Its editorials are deeply interesting. One on the prejudice which exists against fraternities will be quoted in our September article on fraternity.

The April number reaches us May 30th just as we go to press. There is much good matter in this member and we regret that we are short of time in which to examine it closely. An article referring to sub rosa chapters may be taken up in our next number. Radically conservative No. 3 has some thoughts in it which we will make use of in our article on fra-

ternity. Copious extracts are given from an article by Wilson L. Fairbanks which appeared in the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*. We are sorry to be deprived of this article but *Delta Upsilon* is so seldom seen on our table that we miss the good things it contains. From these extracts we gather the following facts referring to fraternity extension between 1880 and 1891. Fraternities are all classified into Eastern, Western and Southern. There are eleven Eastern, six Western, and six Southern. We find the following sectional extensions :

Eastern fraternities have established 31 chapters in the East : 7 in the south ; 11 in the west.

Western fraternities have established 46 chapters in the east ; 32 in the south and 50 in the west.

Southern fraternities have established 24 chapters in the east ; 99 in the south and 37 in the west. The totals show 101 chapters in the east ; 138 in the south and 98 in the west, 337 chapters in all.

The Eastern societies have extended as follows ; Alpha Delta Phi 1 ; Chi, Phi 7 ; Chi Psi 3 ; Delta Kappa Epsilon 4 : Delta Phi 4 ; Delta Psi 1 ; Delta Upsilon 11 ; Psi Upsilon 4 ; Sigma Phi 2 ; Theta Delta Chi 8 ; Zeta Psi 4. Total 49.

The Western societies : Beta Theta Phi 20 ; Delta Tau Delta 21 ; Phi Delta Theta 29 ; Phi Gamma Delta 22 ; Phi Kappa Psi 10 ; Sigma Chi 26. Total 128.

The Southern societies : Alpha Tau Omega 43 ; Kappa Alpha 25 ; Kappa Sigma 29 ; Phi Kappa Sigma 2 ; Sigma Alpha Epsilon 34 ; Sigma Nu 27. Total 160.

These figures show at once where the increase has been and conclusions can be drawn upon conservatism and other subjects without further remark.

The *Quarterly* of *Phi Gamma Delta* for April has a strong article on lifting. It is tinctured with the proper ideas. It says the prevalence of "lifting" justifies us in pleading for an inter-fraternal code of honor. It is said that some Eastern fraternities do not object to the practice.. In the absence of such arrangement *Phi Gamma Delta*'s governing body will not recognize any member of any other

society who may have been initiated by any chapter. The balance of the article is so thoroughly sound that we reproduce entire.

"The only way that a man can sever his connection with *ΦΓΔ* is by expulsion, and any overt disloyalty or like wrong will bring about this result. There is no power given a chapter of either receiving or accepting resignations. How can a man nullify the responsibility of his solemn oath? Will a simple note of resignation remove the load from his shoulders. The man who joins *Φ. Γ. Δ.* is firmly and irrevocably bound to her, unless through his own acts he violates the confidence reposed in him and betrays his trust. Then the chapter must show its hand and banish the culprit.

We would respectfully call the attention of our chapters and of other fraternities to these dicta, for they represent the authoritative utterances of our governing body. Pan Hellenism is perhaps an impossibility, but mutual protection from base, low-minded persons who set no value on their oaths, but would as soon break them in one society as another, if personal advantage accrued, is perfectly practicable, and we stand ready to meet any or all fraternities on common ground in order to consummate means by which this mutual protection may be assured.

The question is strictly moral, and, in our judgment, there is no other feasible way of stamping out this evil which strikes at the heart of the Greek-letter system. It is a travesty on fraternity principles to allow such a blot to exist on our Hellenic escutcheons, and the sooner we adopt means of clearing ourselves of the stain and of insuring ourselves against the practice, the better for our several societies and their wholesome aspirations. We would therefore ask the co-operation of all fraternities that abominate "lifting" and sympathize with efforts to extirpate it from their ranks, that we may effectually remove it from the Greek world. By hedging ourselves about by insurmountable barriers we prevent deserters from other societies to our own, and if our sister fraternities will but do likewise, the death-rattle of the iniquitous custom will soon be heard.

As nations must have international laws, so must fraternities have inter-fraternal laws. The individual prosperity of each order demands certain mutual courses of action. We have no way of punishing deserters except by ostracizing them from our fraternal communion. This is the highest enforcing power any fraternity can exercise, but it appears to us to be the best preventive. No man will thrust himself out of a chapter, if he be forced by such act to roam about the college domain, neglected by all, without friends, without associations. The social influence alone will bind him to his fraternity, if he sees that renunciation of his first choice means renunciation of all fraternities. No man will willingly become a social outcast—an alien. If by combined effort we make this the price of forsaking one's fraternity few chapters will be troubled with

alienating members. If we are to attach any sanctity to our initiation oaths, if we are to guard the sweet secrecy of our peculiar traits and traditions, there must be a mutual move on the part of all Greeks. For Phi Gamma Delta we have taken the initiative, and we have done so with no small hope that our sister organizations will endorse the step and make similar provisions to guarantee their own security against oath-breakers and untrustworthy, dishonorable deserters from other fraternities.

The Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* of February opens up with a nice frontispiece view of Maine State College and a short account of the institution. Coburn hall erected in 1888 and Wingate hall in 1891, also a Horticultural building and Dairy hall beside several other buildings go to make up a good representative gathering. There are seventeen members of the faculty with Bro. M. C. Fernald, *Eta*, '61 as President. He has been associated with the college since its inauguration in 1868. A brief history of Bro. Fernald's career was given on page 302 of Vol VI. There are four fraternities represented here. Delta Tau Epsilon and Beta Theta Pi have strong chapters and rent chapter houses. Kappa Sigma entered in 1886 and Alpha Tau Omega in 1891. A very excellent editorial on the question of the value of chapters at small institutions meets our views and only a press of other matter prevents our quoting it in extenso. We lay aside the article for a future number, agreeing with Editor Glazebrook in his high estimate of chapters in what are known as small colleges. After the usual chapter letters come several pages of reprinted articles on the chapter house question, and our little sermon on debts. The *Palm* is a creditable journal and sticks to the interests of the fraternity since a veteran editor took up the pen.

The Kenyon *Collegian* is one of the neatest college publications we have yet seen. The double monthly number of January and February contains an account of the college with several inset plates and a full report of the Alumni meeting in New York. Although the students of Kenyon are few they are none the less select as evidenced by this most creditable publication. Reference is made to its contents in a leading article and in the September number, we hope to have room for a descriptive account of the college.

The *Yellow and Blue* is a neat journal in its first volume, published weekly at the University of Michigan. It is devoted largely to athletics. It is decidedly newsy and interesting. It has a special fraternity department which gives much general information.

College Notes.

Chicago University already has seven Yale graduates in her faculty.

Kappa Alpha (Northern) has entered the University of Toronto.

A \$40,000 gymnasium is soon to be built at the University of Virginia.

The University of Wisconsin is to have a new law building to cost \$60,000.

Brother Post of Nu Deuteron visited the boys of Epsilon Deuteron in May.

Tufts College will give a silver cup to the best player of foot ball and base ball.

Delta Tau Delta held her annual convention in Cleveland, O., May 5, 6, and 7.

Arch Deacon Calbraith B. Perry visited Brother Guy McDowell, Danville, Ill., in May.

Leland Stanford, Jr. is now the only American college where tuition is free in all its branches.

We are indebted to Brother D. B. Jones of New Castle, Del., for a number of Sigma personals.

President Carter of Williams College is in Europe. He returns at the opening of the fall term.

Amherst will spend \$100,000 in the erection of a physical and chemical laboratory this summer.

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Bachman, Psi, '71, of Utica delivered a course of lectures in Whitesboro recently.

Delta Upsilon at the University of Minnesota has rented the house formerly occupied by Psi Upsilon.

The *Rainbow* gives graduate personals under the caption "The Boys of Old." Quite an appropriate heading.

Beta Theta Pi holds her fifty-third annual convention at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, August 3rd to 10th.

The annual banquet of the Minnesota members of Phi Delta Theta was held at the West Hotel in Minneapolis, March 15.

The University book store in Minneapolis was burned out just after the Tau Deuteron establishment. Brother Morris owned it and loses \$2,000.

We are glad to see that a number of the fraternities are following in the footsteps of Theta Delta Chi in establishing a uniform and official badge.

The first annual banquet of the Western Michigan Association of Delta Kappa Epsilon was held at Peninsular Hall, in Grand Rapids, Mich., April 29.

The Thompson chemical laboratory at Williams College has just been completed. The building was the gift of Mr. Frederick F. Thompson of New York.

The Phi Delta Theta chapter at the University of North Carolina has become extinct, while Kappa Alpha has re-entered with five charter members.

The University of Minnesota has established a school of political science. Dr. Richard T. Ely will be its director. Seven professors are connected with the department.

One of the most popular of the Cornell preachers during the present year has been the Rev. J. H. Ecob, D. D., Psi, '69, who is pastor of one of Albany's strongest churches.

At a recent New York reunion of Dartmouth Alumni, Brother Charles R. Miller, '72, was toastmaster and Brother Daniel S. Lawrence, '88, responded to the toast "Dartmouth at Present."

The *Palm* prints a design suggested for an Alpha Tau Omega Flag. Five stripes alternate, blue and gold, white corner field, green crescent with three green stars and clasped hands underneath.

The Psi Upsilon held their fifty-ninth annual convention in New York, April 6, 7, and 8. The Psi U Club gave the convention a reception on the evening of the 6th at their Club

house. The convention received petitions for chapters from Johns Hopkins, Boston Institute Technology, Dickinson and the University of Chicago, all of which were refused. They decided to issue a fraternity annual and to build a Club house in New York. Public exercises were held in Carnegie music hall in the evening. A banquet was held at Madison Square Garden on the evening of the 8th.

At Phi Beta Kappa's annual Conclave at Saratoga, applications for charters will be made by Tufts, University of Penna., University of Minnesota, Wabash and Bucknell. The first three will probably be granted. There is some question about the two last named being successful.

Speaking of college dinners reminds me of a somewhat curious fact that the prices this winter, of various college dinners, have varied from \$1.50 to \$10 per head. The former was the price each man paid for a remarkably good dinner (February 18), at the first meeting of the younger Amherst Alumni. The latter was the price set for the Yale Athletic dinner (given on February 26,) to Mr. Walter Camp. So far as it exhibited enthusiasm, it would be difficult to draw a line between these two dinners, excepting that the Yale dinner was by far the largest one—University Magazine.

It is now assured that the various college Greek letter fraternities will unite, first, in making a collective exhibit in the Liberal Arts Department of the Exposition, and, second, that they will hold a Panhellenic council composed of accredited representatives from different fraternities. This council will be held in July of next year, at a date to be fixed, and will discuss the relations between students, colleges and fraternities and how best to promote the best interests of all three. Plans for making the proposed collective exhibit are fast being matured and, doubtless, will be perfected at a meeting of representatives of the interested fraternities, which has been called for Thursday, June 7, at the Grand Pacific hotel, Chicago. At that time it is expected that space will be assigned and action taken indicating the scope and character of the exhibit to be made.—Exposition Notes.

Chi Phi has recently incorporated a Club in New York City.

It is said that Zeta Psi's Cornell Chapter House will cost \$40,000.

The Psi Upsilon Chapter House at Union is completed and occupied.

It is stated that Chi Psi has revived her Alpha Chapter at Union College.

The Convention of Pi Beta Phi Sorosis was held at Lawrence, Kan., March 29th.

The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta for April gives a history of Cornell University.

The second edition of the Cornell Register, is said to contain 1,532 students for the year.

The new dormitory at Vassar will afford apartments for 140 students, and will cost \$75,000.

Eleven Chapter Houses are owned by Psi Upsilon Chapters, and the twelfth is now building.

The Columbia College Library has increased from 50,000 books in 1883 to 140,000 volumes.

The plans for the Isabella McCosh Infirmary at Princeton, have been accepted by the trustees.

The fourth annual reunion of the Kappa Alpha fraternity was held with the Hobart College Chapter, May 23d.

The new wing of the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin is to be completed by September 10th, at a cost of \$15,000.

The highest amount expended by any member of the class of '92 at Sheffield Scientific School was \$3,300 and the lowest \$480.

The new art building at Bowdoin, will be with the exception of the chapel, the largest on the campus. The dimensions are 100 by 87 feet.

The student's guild of Cornell University determined at a recent meeting to enter upon the work of raising funds to build a University hospital.

The new dormitory given to Princeton by Mrs. David Brown, has been opened. It will accommodate about 100 students, and cost \$100,000.

The course of study for Bachelor of Philosophy degree at Boston University has been changed to cover a period of four years instead of three as heretofore.

Sigma Chi is on the move. She has re-established her Chapter at the University of Illinois, and organized new Chapters at Vanderbilt and Leland Stanford, Jr.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Western College Press Association was held in Chicago April 16th. Bro. H. F. McGaughey of Gamma Deuteron represented the University of Michigan.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will make an exhibit at the Columbian Exposition. It will include maps of the world, showing the bridges, railroads and other works built by graduates.

Brother H. S. Neiman, P. O. Box 35, Albany, N. Y., is anxious to obtain No. 3, of vol. VI, to complete his set. The edition is entirely exhausted. Any brother who can supply him will confer a favor.

Professor Jacob G. Schurman, who has occupied the chair of philosophy in Cornell since 1886, has been elected President of Cornell University. He has been very popular there and the selection is looked upon with much favor.

Alpha Tau Omega wants her catalogue badly. They have the copy ready and are looking for some of their men who are willing to take up the work as a financial venture. Any catalogue offers rather poor opportunities for financial success.

A new society known as Phi Kappa Sigma has been established at Brown University. It is composed of Catholic undergraduates and alumni. They propose to have distinguished Catholics address the society, though the lectures will be open to all the students.

During the late session of the Methodist General Conference a resolution was introduced denouncing secret societies. The

resolution was to be read and put upon its passage. The sonorous voice of the secretary resounded through the room as he read the opening sentence declaring that, "Whereas every member of an oath-bound secret society is guilty of taking the name of God in vain—" Instantly Dr. Buckley rose to a point of order. He said, "As the author of that sentence could not possess the knowledge which would enable him to declare that fact and make it known without having violated his solemn oath. I move to lay the resolution on the table." It was tabled.—*Evening Post*.

There are now only three men in the Kenyon College Chapter of D. K. E.

There are at present about 500 holders of State scholarships in Cornell University.

The Bates College Base Ball Club observed Fast Day by playing two games of ball.

E. A. Start, Kappa, '84, has been appointed as instructor in the new department of history at Tufts College.

Yale is to have an "eating commons." The dining room will accommodate between four and five hundred men.

A department of biology has been formally established at Tufts College with Prof. J. S. Kingsley at its head.

President Warfield, of Lafayette, will deliver several lectures at Pennsylvania's "Summer Chautauqua" at Mount Gretna.

The cost of the Yale infirmary will be about \$30,000, and it is hoped that a fund of \$30,000 to pay running expenses may be raised by subscription.

The admission requirements to the Harvard Law School have been increased to Blackstone, Latin and French, instead of one of the languages, as formerly.

Next fall all the libraries at the University of the City of New York, with the exception of the Van Ess library will be placed in charge of one special librarian.

It is said that Alpha Delta Phi will build a new house at Williamstown and that D. K. E. will tear down the house on a recently purchased lot and build a new one.

Hereafter Syracuse students will wear mortar boards.

The Harvard alumni are to publish a graduate magazine.

Johns-Hopkins men take a prominent part in organizing, at Mountain Lake Park, Ind., the new summer school to be modeled after the famous Chautauqua College of Liberal Arts.

Next year the Western Reserve University at Cleveland, Ohio, will add seventeen new professors to its teaching force, making total number of professors and instructors between eighty and ninety.

Dr. E. P. Harris, instructor in chemistry at Amherst, has been granted a term's leave of absence and is now in Germany to inspect the chemical laboratories, for the better equipment of the new Amherst laboratory.

A seaside laboratory has been established at Leland Stanford, Jr., University for the study of marine animals and plants and for the carrying on of work similar to that which has made the aquarium at Naples famous.

The new house of the University Athletic Club at Princeton was opened early in the season, the first occupants being the base ball nine. The kitchens are fitted up with especial reference to running a training table.

Theta Nu Epsilon depredations are frequent now. The timid shrink at the sound of the awful name, like the British "when Marion's name was told." After dark, about the campus, one cannot tell whether the law of gravitation is reversed or not. Would that some law of decency and respect might govern this most detested order.—*The Record*.

Final arrangements have been made with a Chicago company for special rates to Princeton students attending the World's Fair. The company agrees to furnish each student with a return railroad ticket, seven days boarding and lodging, six days admission to the fair, and transportation, including baggage to and from the hotel upon arrival and departure, for \$44. The plans of the company include the erection of a commodius hotel to be called Princeton Hotel. It will be situated at sixty-third Street and Princeton Boulevard, near the fair grounds.—*New York Times*.

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.

The June issue of the SHIELD marks the completion of another chapter in the Beta's prosperity. We lose three of the brothers by graduation, yet feel stronger and consider our prospects brighter than ever in the past. At the coming commencement our graduates will be Bros. Werner, Haggett and Vose, taking degrees in science, mechanical, and civil engineering respectively.

Brother Werner was for years an able manager and editor of our Sibley college technical journal, *The Crank*. He will continue in this line of work as the associate editor of Cassier's Magazine, a new but promising New York publication. Bros. Haggett and Vose have not yet decided what particular work they will undertake, but we presume they will follow along the lines of their respective courses in the University.

We are all anxiously looking forward to the eventful commencement days. There will be the Glee Club concert, the senior ball, and the boat races to entertain our visitors. Of course our Varsity race with U. of P. will be the centre of interest; still we hope for victory in the freshman race with Columbia and U. of P., the more because Brother Collins, stroking the crew at present, gives excellent promise of retaining that position.

On the 30th of May we hope that our Varsity will add another victory to its long list, when rowing on the Passaic.

Since our last letter to the SHIELD we have two new brothers to introduce to the fraternity, namely, Bros. Collins and Hub-

bard, both '95 men and from Chicago. They have already shown themselves to be enthusiastic Theta Deltas, and deserve much commendation and credit for the earnest fraternity work already done.

During the term we have lost Bros. Ware, *E^A*, '91, Van Dorn, '92, and Ryan, '94. Brother Ware is at present with the Thompson-Houston Company, at Lynn, Mass. Brother Van Dorn left college to accept an excellent position with the Berlin Iron Bridge Company of New Berlin, Conn. We are very sorry to see Tommy leave, especially so near his graduation. Brother Ryan was forced to leave early in the term, to return home on account of serious trouble with his eyes, but we learn from a recent letter that he is doing very well again and will resume work soon.

We enjoyed a visit of several days from Brother DuBois, *E^A* '89. Brother Sexton, captain of the Brown team, and Bros. Gearhart, Gessner, Williams and Whittaker of the Lehigh ball nine played in their respective games with Cornell and were welcome visitors to our charge.

Beta extends to all of the charges her best wishes for a pleasant summer's vacation.

W. C. DREIER.

GAMMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Since our last letter we have initiated two more men bringing up our number to twelve, Bro. Ernest N. Bullock '93 of Randolph, Mass., and Bro. Howard Cox, '95 of Chicago, Ill. Bro. Bullock's initiation made us all especially glad, we had rushed him for a weary year, and with some half a dozen other fraternities in continued opposition. Bro. Bullock is the brother-in-law of Mr. Stanley, the professor of music here, and is a member of the U. of M. Glee Club. Two months ago, the death of his father called him home. Bro. Bullock has the sympathy of the Charge in his great loss. He will not return this year, but expects to do so next fall. Bro. Cox's knowledge of the evils of wicked Chicago

did not prevent his falling a victim of the plot of some bogus knights of the Shield, who in disguise did convey him to a lonely spot where they did administer some marvellous oaths and initiated him into wondrous mysteries too profane too tell of. Bro. Cox is one of the fraternity editors on the *Oracle*, the Sophomore annual.

We were very much disappointed last year that we did not receive a visit from the Grand Lodge, and this year we were beginning to think that a similar fate was to befall us. But after the installment of the Tau Deuteron Charge the Grand Lodge paid us a flying visit, staying over on their return to the East, arriving at Ann Arbor about six in the evening. Bro. Cole entertained them in his usual hospitable manner. Our force was recruited for the occasion by the presence of Bro. De Puy '91, Superintendent of the Chicago Manual Training school, Bro. Warner '91 of Jackson, Mich., Bro. Rebec, '91 Instructor in the University, and Bro. Arnold, rector of St. Peter's church, Detroit, Michigan. Bro. Arnold said it was seventeen years since he had made a night of it with the boys, but you certainly would have doubted it. He sustained in great style the reputation of Xi Charge for a capital story and a good song. He has threatened us with frequent visitation, so be it, say all of us, we can't see too much of the two jolly Xi Rectors of Detroit. (The other one, I need scarcely say, is Rev. W. O. Waters who was with us during '91 as Assistant of St. Andrews). Our regular meeting was an enthusiastic one, Bro. Holmes encouraged us greatly, his speech has made us all more loyal, if possible, more proud of our fraternity, more zealous for her glory. Our banquet was not very grand, but we believe it showed the Grand Lodge our desire to make them welcome. It was held in our house, the dining room was gayly decorated with the yellow and the blue, our college colors, while the $\theta \Delta X$ flag the gift of Bro. Lawrence T. Cole, loomed up in fine style at one end of the room. According to custom with us, we marched to the mahogany in "lock step" to the song of "United in our Chosen Order," Bro. Holmes at the head of the procession, of course. After a delightful hour at the banqueting board, we returned to the

parlors to finish a box of cigars and hear Bros. Holmes and Arnold tell stories. Three o'clock found us still at it. The good-night had to come at last however. But even then some of us could not turn in, and for the writer's part the morning light found him as wide awake as ever, feeling that "fraternity" was a much grander word than he had supposed.

Bro. Whitman who had been on a trip with his father to New York City and Washington, returned just as we were sitting down to the table. He reported a capital time with the fellows at Columbia and the College of the city of New York. Especially did he enjoy the Smoker, where he met the redoubtable Bradley. Bro. Bradley paid us a visit two years ago. His stories are still on tap at Gamma Deuteron. Bro. Whitman wandered into the Club House, and eagerly gave the signs to some one he found there. The *Janitor*, however, stared at him pretty hard, and Bro. Whitman doubts whether the signs are really valuable !

Bros. McGaughey and Bullock, of this charge who were so fortunate as to be in Minneapolis at the inauguration of Tau Deuteron assure us we have reason to be proud of our new sister in the West. They liked the manliness and generous spirit of good fellowship of the new members. Bro. McGaughey while taking in the University the next morning heard many expressions of cordial good-will from members of the University towards the new fraternity there and its members. Bro. Bullock was with the Glee Club on their annual western tour, and by a lucky coincidence was at Minneapolis at the time of the installation. He had the pleasure of meeting some of the recent initiates a second time, at a banquet given our Glee Club two days later at Minneapolis.

May 17, the American Republican College League with one hundred and thirty representatives from forty colleges held their annual meeting at this University. We were pleased to meet Bro. Clarence Ballentine of Sigma as one of the delegates of Dickinson College.

We received our catalogues last week. They altogether exceed our expectations. The Freshmen are clamorous for a speedy revision, they want to see their names in print.

We lose only two members of this charge next year, but Bro. Wilford, of Psi who has affiliated with us is also to graduate. Bro. Wilford expects to teach, Bro. Cole to attend the Episcopal Theological Seminary of New York, and Bro. McGee has received an appointment as United States Civil Engineer.

So we have eleven, a good solid number to start the next year with. Last year so many graduated we hardly thought it safe to attempt any move that might involve risks. This year, however, we are about to change our residence, and get a house that shall compare favorably as far as conveniences and situation go, with other fraternities. We have several in mind.

The condition of the fraternities in the University of Michigan is peculiar. Several fraternities who by mere accident happened to be established here before the rest have edited the *Palladium*, the Fraternity Senior Annual to the exclusion of six other fraternities that have been installed here within the last ten years. These six fraternities have been permitted to insert their cuts only, having no place on the editing board. Well, the *Palladium* fraternities constitute a private organization, so the six non-*Palladium* frats could not compel them to take us on the board. The *Theta U. A.* chapter here has hitherto assumed an independent position, neither siding with the *Palladium* Fraternities nor with the non-*Palladium* Fraternities. But this year, the *Palladium* Fraternities, not content with a monopoly on the Senior Annual *supposed* to be published by *all* the Fraternities of the U. of M. (while in reality there are but seven of them,) not content with this, the '95 men of the *Palladium* Fraternities tried to run the *Oracle*, the Sophomore Annual, to the exclusion of the non-*Palladium* Fraternities. This was too much. The *Palladium* is the property of the seven *Palladium* Fraternities, who legally, although snobbishly can exclude others from the board, the *Oracle* is a University property. The non-*Palladium* Fraternities, therefore, organized, won the support of the Independents, i. e. the neutrals, fought the *Palladium* Fraternities, and defeated them completely. Not *one* of their men is represented on the Annual

this year. This brings matters to a crisis. Your correspondent can confidently state that *something* is going to happen—add pretty soon, too. I have written this at length because it is but fair to us to state to Theta Dels of other charges the reason we have not exchanged annuals more generally with them. We did not care to send an annual to outsiders in which we were not represented. But as I said, a crisis has come—we are the people, and we will be heard—and in the next Shield.

ARTHUR H. VEYSEY.

DELTA.

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

There has never been a time in the last few years when the future of the Institute has been brighter than it is at present. Our predictions and fondest hopes have been greatly exceeded in regard to our new director, who has improved things wherever it has been possible to do so.

For the benefit of those who are not subscribers to *The Polytechnic* it may be well to state that the Six Weeks Rule has actually been abolished and that an additional requirement has been added to Seniors. It is that "any student seriously conditioned in the work of the first term of Division A. will be permitted to go on with his class only with the understanding that he is not a candidate for a degree." It may be easily seen that these all raise the standard of the Institute, in consequence of which a better class of men will enter here in the future, thus assuring abundant opportunities for the fraternities.

Another chapter house has appeared, namely, the D. K. E's. They will take possession soon of a very handsome place and this makes it even more necessary for us to possess a "ranch."

Delta has added to her lists another Kentuckian, viz., Harry Madera Gould, of Louisville. He is a member of the class of '94 and one who has had a "bid" from every frat. here. That fact alone shows that he is popular, so that we will spare his blushes and not shower any more praise upon him, after the

usual style. Besides Bro. Gould we expect to take in at least one other man this year and have five others in view.

The prospects of Delta are bright enough at present but we tremble sometimes when we think of four handsome chapter houses, against whose charms we shall have to work. It is hoped, however, that when Delta begins to act upon that question our graduates will back us.

Another lucky thing for Delta is that Bro. Consalus, formerly '90, will re-enter the Institute in the fall and so become a source of strength to the charge. He has been out of the Institute for three years but has concluded to come back and take the degree.

Commencement will take place June 15th. Wm. Metcalf, '58, joint proprietor of the Crescent Steel Works, of Pittsburg, is to be the orator. A hop is also to be given immediately after commencement, so that any graduates who may attend will be assured of a good time.

CHARLES E. BIRCH.

EPSILON DEUTERON.

YALE UNIVERSITY.

A few weeks longer and the most pleasant term of our college year will close. The Seniors are at present "grinding" night and day on their theses and consequently have very little time for anything else. The four who leave us this year have all received military certificates from Prof. Totten for proficiency in military tactics.

In athletics Yale is still keeping up her record, and although we were defeated in the field sports by Harvard last week we hope to reverse the order of things when we meet them at Manhattan Field next Saturday.

The base ball team defeated Princeton on the 23d by a score of one to zero. We play two more games with them and hope to be able to capture at least one of them.

All eyes are fixed upon the crew and we continually hear

the question asked, "Can we win the race with Harvard?" That, of course, can be answered by time only, and we can say now that Bro. Van Huyck is trying his best, as are the other seven men of muscle who are to represent us upon the Thames this year.

Since last writing Bro. Hatch, '92, has been obliged to go home on account of heart trouble. Although Bro. Hatch did not join us until his senior year, it was neither his fault nor ours and no one could be missed more than he has been.

A few weeks ago we received a very pleasant though very brief visit from the President and Secretary of the Grand Lodge. Our only regret is that they cannot come oftener and stay longer. We have also received visits from Bros. DuBois, '89, and Ware, '91, which we enjoyed very much indeed.

E^a is always glad to welcome visiting brothers and we look for them in the various athletic teams that come to New Haven, but this year have succeeded in finding only one or two.

FRED. E. STOW.

ZETA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Brown finishes her academic year of 1892 in a blaze of collegiate glory, athletically speaking, and Zeta is not behind the institution in which it has its being. It would be difficult to write a communication from any college to-day without referring to athletics—fortunately popular opinion has become so reasonable in the matter that it is no longer a reproach to an institution of learning that the students give their attention for two short months of the year to sports. And with this plea for the legitimacy of athletics, Zeta invites the college world to look at Brown's record on the diamond and on the track.

To the men who wear the shield is her success principally due. Brother Sexton of Zeta and Captain Sexton of the Varsity nine has brought up the ball playing here from the farce of three years ago to the unqualified excellence now dis-

played by the whole team. Brother and Professor Parker has trained the track men so well that the B. U. A. A. wins two firsts, three seconds and third place at Springfield, a thing unheard of in all previous years.

In speaking of athletics it should be said, and nowhere better than in the SHIELD, that Brother Sexton is entirely innocent of the charge of professionalism brought against him from time to time, in the daily press. He entered Brown with the class of '93, and for the past three years has been in regular attendance at the college exercises—not as a special for the sake of playing ball, but as a hard working student, at home in the class-room as on the diamond.

Zeta loses but three men with the out-going class of '92, Brothers Stickney, Kern, and Tucker. Brother Kern will return for a post-graduate course, Stickney will teach and Tucker is "undecided." Several good men of '96 are already spoken for and next year's freshman delegation will be of the finest quality and desired quantity.

The annual banquet of this charge occurred April 29. Many of the alumni were present and contributed to the general good time. Zeta is fortunate in having among her graduates men who have not forgotten the best associations of their college days—the joys of Theta Delta Chi.

Nothing could please us more than the action of the fraternity in opening its arms once more to Harvard, every Theta Delt may well be proud to say "My college society has a chapter in old Harvard."

With congratulations for all who have and sympathy for all who have not passed through the ordeal of June finals, Zeta wishes an enjoyable vacation to all sister charges and the brothers thereof.

CHARLES A. SELDEN.

ETA.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Although very little of general interest has happened to the charge since the last number of the SHIELD, Eta is pressing steadily forward and more than holding her own. The meet-

ings are interesting and well attended, and financially the charge is in the best possible condition.

Out of the thirty-one active members of the charge eight graduate this spring. Of these, two, Bros. Hull and Nichols, are among the ten honor men of the class. The loss of eight loyal men is sure to be felt, but with strong delegations in the lower classes, and with several good men already in sight for next year Eta has surely no reason to fear for the future.

Athletics are, of course, the all-absorbing topic of conversation this term. Notwithstanding the fact that our ball team began the season with only four of last year's nine remaining in college, it has done good work thus far and will surely take second place in the college league if it does not win the pennant. Brother Chapman, '94, who was a substitute last spring, is playing center field, and Brother French, '95, has pitched several games.

Owing to the great expense of supporting an eight-oared crew and the lack of good material, it was decided that Bowdoin should not put an eight on the river this season. The sophomore and freshman four-oared crews are, however, hard at work and a class race is promised. Brother Stevens is stroking the '94 crew in splendid form, while Brother Mead, '95, is filling the same position acceptably in the freshman shell. Bros. Bryant and Kimball, '95, have also secured positions in the boat, the fourth being a non-society man.

Several of the brothers entered the college tennis tournament, which decides what men shall represent Bowdoin in the state inter-collegiate championship tournament. Nearly all made a good showing and the writer will probably be one of the representatives in doubles.

Brother Hersey, '92, has been obliged to leave us temporarily owing to the dangerous sickness of his father.

Brother Baker, '93, has been obliged to leave college.

Brother Nichols, '94, who has been out teaching since fall, has decided not to return to college until fall.

Among recent visitors in term were Bros. Cole, '83, Davis, '85, Kimball, '86, Card, '88, Chandler and Mitchell, '90, Noyes, '91.

The sad news of the death of Brother Charles Edward Riley, '91, has just reached us. It is hard for those of us who know him to realize that one who only last year was constantly among us has passed over to the great Omega Charge. Brother Riley was a loyal Theta Delt, a careful scholar and an active Christian worker. His faithful work in mathematical and scientific branches obtained him a position as professor of mathematics and physics in Drury College, Springfield, Missouri, immediately after graduation, a position which he was filling most acceptably at the time of his death. Theta Delta Chi loses a faithful brother and the Eta Charge one of the most promising of her younger alumni.

Eta is delighted to welcome Tau Deuteron to the sisterhood of charges, and feels confident that the fraternity has acted wisely in admitting the new member. F. W. PICKARD.

THETA.

KENYON COLLEGE.

Nearly another year of happy college life is passed and we all feel how rapidly our college course is slipping away. Perhaps we are satisfied with the amount of work done during the past year yet I feel that many of us are dissatisfied. How to use one's time rightly is a question that puzzles many of us.

Kenyon's outlook for next year is very flattering indeed. The college has been in great need of students for some time past so the trustees decided to give each year free tuition and room rent to one student from every high school in the state, this student to be chosen on account of excellence of scholarship and of character.

Dr. Sterling, our president pro-tem., while away recently in the interests of the college, secured funds sufficient to put in a scientific course next year, a necessity that has been much felt.

This inducement, together with the free scholarship and numerous other advantages will without doubt draw a larger number of students to Kenyon next year than usual. Theta Charge has now six active members.

Bro. Ingham who holds the chair of Greek in the college was recently elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Bro. Wing, '89, an active member of Theta Charge, is engaged in the milling business at this place and is proving himself a competent business man.

Bro. Durr will graduate in a few weeks.

Ye Charge Editor will spend his summer vacation at Pittsburgh, Pa.

ELMER W. ARMSTRONG.

IOTA DEUTERON.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

In looking back upon the record for the past twelve months, Iota Deuteron finds that her first year of Charge existence has been one of steady progress. Theta Delta Chi has taken high rank among the fraternities represented at Williams College, and, as the chapters here are very firmly established and made up of excellent men, we are proud of our recognized position among them.

Yet our fraternity life during the past three months has not been a period of undimmed prosperity, it has been darkened by the greatest of human sorrows. On the morning of May 23rd, Bro. Benjamin DeWolfe died of typhoid pneumonia. He had been ill but a short time, and it was only for a few days that we had suspected his illness to be dangerous. More extended notice will be found elsewhere in the SHIELD, but it is fitting here to speak somewhat of his relations to the Charge and to the fraternity.

More than any other member of the Charge could possibly be, Bro. DeWolfe will be missed by the fraternity as a whole. It was he to whom first occurred the idea of establishing Iota Deuteron, and he was one of the most active in its foundation.

With Bro. Bishop he represented the Charge at the convention last year, and he and Bro. Corthell were our representatives at the banquet of the New England Association. The brothers who have felt the cordial grasp of his hand, and known his hearty spirit of good-fellowship, will realize how deeply we feel his loss. He was very popular in the college, and, more than this, he had gained the respect and esteem of the fellows by his christian character and life. It is in the circle of the fraternity, however, that his death is to be most closely felt. His strong fraternity spirit and his practical good-sense made him invaluable in our deliberations. He was strong, and of good health; none of us imagined that he could be the first member of the Charge to be summoned to the Omega. He would have found especial pleasure in being with us on our first anniversary, and looking back upon the experiences and successes of the year.

Bro. DeWolfe and Bros. Bartow, Bishop, Peabody and Hibbard were among the 26 seniors that received preliminary appointments for Commencement. The final appointments, ten in number, have been posted, and include Bros. Bishop and Hibbard. Bro. Bishop has received one of the six prizes of twenty dollars for essays to be delivered at the Graves contest Commencement week.

In athletics, Iota Deuteron has been especially successful. Five Theta Deltas entered for the college athletic meet on the fourth day of May, and each won first place in at least one event. Bro. Peabody, '92, won the mile run, and was second in the two-mile; Bro. Bartow, '92, won the standing broad jump, and was second in the running high jump. Bro. Towne, '94, won the hammer throw, the pole-vault, and the running broad jump, and came in second in the 120 and 220 yards hurdle races. Bro. Goodrich, '94, won the 220 yards dash, and Bro. Sawtelle, '94, the putting the shot.

Bros. Peabody, Goodrich and Towne were chosen members of the athletic team that represented the college at the Springfield meet. Bro. Towne vaulted ten feet nine inches, breaking the record of the New England Inter-collegiate Association by nine inches, and coming within three-fourths of an inch of the

American college record. He took third place in vaulting at the Mott Haven games.

The Charge has secured a larger and more convenient house, at present occupied by the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and will take possession next fall. We have laid out an excellent tennis court, and in a convenient location, and have organized a nine under the able captainship of Bro. Gilfillan, '93, assisted by his right-hand man, Bro. Bishop, which has played some very interesting games during the long May evenings.

The college nine has beaten Dartmouth in two very fine games, but has twice been prevented from meeting Amherst, on account of bad weather. When the Dartmouth nine was here, we enjoyed a very pleasant visit from Bro. Shurtleff. A number of students accompanied our team to Amherst, among them Bros. Gilfillan, Ward and Sampson, who had a fine reception from Mu Deuteron. The inter-collegiate tennis matches with Dartmouth and Amherst have had to be postponed on account of rain, the latter, when the games were half over. Bro. Anderson, '93, is the tennis champion of the college, and plays in the inter-collegiate matches in both singles and doubles.

Bro. Peabody is the senior class secretary, and is about to issue the class book, which will surpass anything of the sort attempted by previous classes. Bro. Hibbard, '92, responded for the retiring board of editors to the toast of "Past and Present," at the annual banquet of the *Williams Weekly*. Bro. Wark, '92, has accepted a call to the pastorate of a church in Nebraska, and will leave for there this summer. Bro. Wilcox, '93, has been elected Vice-president, and Bro. Pressey, curator of the Lyceum of Natural History for next year. Bro. Craighead received one of the ten preliminary appointments for the freshman prize speaking.

We were all glad to know of the establishment of Tau Deuteron, and are pleased with the reports we have received from the new Charge. We willingly resign our position as "baby," and are sure that Tau Deuteron will do the fraternity great honor.

Iota Deuteron sends a cordial greeting to all the Charges, especially the youngest. OL'COTT O. PARTRIDGE.

KAPPA.

TUFTS COLLEGE.

All who have lived on College Hill must long to come back to it in this enchanting season, now everything has taken an indescribable air of life and loveliness and seems to be preparing to look its best during the rush of college festivities.

The 10th of June this year will witness a most successful Class Day. A well-chosen committee, of which Brother Johnson is chairman, has made all arrangements for the exercises. Bro. Gray is the president of the class of '92 and will deliver the opening address in the chapel. Bro. Randall, as has been said in a previous letter, is to be chief marshal and Bro. Kimball will read the Ivy Ode. It is also a pleasure to announce that we are to be most ably represented on the Commencement programme by Brothers Kimball, North, Johnson, Gray and Hollister, all of whom have parts.

Doubtless Kappa's elder graduates will be glad to hear of the re-organization of the Mathetican. This venerable society, which was founded in the second year of the college's existence, died in 1884. It was not long after this, however, that many began to feel the need of such an institution, and there has been a growing sentiment, especially within the last year or more, in favor either of resuscitating the old society or of organizing a new one. The meeting of a few representative college men early in the spring resulted in the former action, and Brother Perkins, '91, now in the Tufts College Divinity School, was elected president. The programme of the last meeting of the year, held in Goddard Chapel on the 20th of May, consisted of two essays and a discussion upon the subject of public schools. Two of the parts were taken by brothers in Kappa.

Out of the intense interest manifested in the biological department of the College, a natural history society has recently

been formed for the study of plants and animals. Bro. Perry '92, is the president of the society.

At the last regular meeting of the board of trustees Brother Edwin A. Start, '84, was appointed to the instructorship in history in the college of letters.

LAMBDA.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

As the time for another Charge letter rolls around I am reminded of an incident of the good old times "befo de wah." Sambo was a true son of Cain and fond of possum and "taters." One day having bagged his game and stolen his "taters" he proceeded to prepare them in the most approved style. Everything was now ready, when a bright idea struck him, he would lay down and dream of the feast before actually partaking of it, that he might increase the enjoyment of the same. Now Henry Clay was also fond of possum, and, detecting a savory odor as he happened along that way, stuck his head in at the half open cabin door to investigate. He speedily took in the situation, possum, and potatoes, and having piled the bones in front of Sambo, smeared the sleeper's lips with gravy from the dish and "silently stole away." Sambo, on awakening, looked around in astonishment. "Lor?" he ejaculated, "wonder if did eat dat possum." (Feeling of his lips.) "Yes, I spec' I must a, but dat war de mos' unsatisfying possum dis nigger ebber struck." Thus, like Sambo, I have been caught napping and for the lack of watchful preparation am now unable to serve up to the SHIELD the feast which is meet.

The N. E. banquet held at Young's was the most important event since the Convention of last November. As you know, Epsilon Deuteron was the host of the evening, and right handsomely were we treated. President Seth P. Smith introduced the post-prandial exercises by reading a telegram of regret from Bro. "Jake" Spahn, remarking at the time that there must have been a birth or death in the family to have kept him away. As parents, proud of their young hopefuls, delight to

perpetuate their notable sayings, so I feel constrained to quote in this connection the closing words of Bro. A. L. Pitcher, '93, in his toast on "Coeds." He said there were three things that made the young ladies desirable classmates: (1.) They share our sorrows; (2.) they double our joys; (3.) they treble our expenses. To attempt a detailed description of the occasion would, of course, be useless, for that will doubtless appear elsewhere in the SHIELD. Speaking for Lambda, however, I can say that not only was she represented by a big delegation, but every man who was present enjoyed himself and contributed to the best of his ability by song and yell to the pleasures of the evening.

Our charge life has been less eventful this term than usual. On March 30th occurred our annual installation of officers, on which occasion we had the pleasure of having with us Brothers Seth P. Smith, *O²*, '82, C. J. Bullock, *A*, '89, and E. D. Pierce, *M²*, '92. Of course the customary spread concluded the evening and joy was unconfin'd.

April 6th we had two welcome visitors, Bro. Harry Butler, '91, and an Alpha, '61, brother who modestly requested that his name be not given the publicity of mention. We must add, however, that the stories and reminiscences of early fraternity life with which he favored us were greatly enjoyed.

The Charge was the recipient some weeks since of a very pleasant remembrance from A. H. Noyes, '87, which as a testimonial of regard was highly appreciated. Bro. Noyes has now the chair of Latin and Greek at St. Alban's School, Knoxville, Ill.

A large crayon portrait of Bro. J. W. Spencer, '91, has been given the Charge by Bros. G. H. and W. S. Spencer. We prize it sincerely in memory of a noble brother, who "though dead yet speaketh."

At a meeting of the Lambda Association, April 6th, the following officers were elected: President, H. J. Bickford, '89; clerk, G. B. Adams, '94; treasurer, J. H. Fuller, '93; auditor, W. S. Spencer, '93; trustee for 3 years, J. G. Wyman, '93; trustee for 4 years, W. F. Gilman, '92. The association is the legal corporation formed to transact all business in reference

to the Charge house and as there was no deficit reported by the treasurer the meeting proved highly satisfactory.

It looks very much now as though our search for new quarters would be in vain. Anticipating a change, however, our group picture was taken on the front steps in order to include the house as a memento of many pleasant times.

The boxing gloves seem to have been relegated to the shelf of late. In fact the only mirth-exciting series of "bouts" this term was on the night of April 13th, when Bros. DeWolfe and Corthell, of "our baby charge" were with us. In the case of Bros. DeWolfe and Fuller it was skill vs. reach, to the discomfiture of even Fuller's long arm.

Word has just reached me that Bro. F. W. Kimball, '94, has been honored by election as junior proctor.

Athletics are not booming just at present. The annual indoor meet has been indefinitely postponed, and the base ball team owing to some misunderstanding has split, the medics withdrawing to form a separate nine. The outlook for an entertaining tennis tournament, however, is very good.

It was noticed that everybody who attended the republican rally Thursday night, May 5th, appeared hoarse at college next morning, thus arguing well for the reception given the speakers of the evening, Hon. F. T. Greenhalge and Gen. J. F. Swift.

The philosophical club elected five new members from the junior class a short time since, four of whom were Theta Deltas, Bros. J. G. Wyman, A. L. Pitcher, E. E. Heckbert and C. R. Hamlin.

A new club has recently been formed. It is a select little band of lovers (of history), which organization Bro. G. O. Smith '94 declares a good thing. This term closes one of the most successful years in the history of the Philomathean Dramatic club. In April the French play "Precieuses Ridicules" and the German "Ein Schatz Fiers Haus" were creditably given, Brothers Pitcher and Heckbert assuming leading roles on the former and Heckbert and Wyman on the latter. We were also favored in April by a most interesting course of lectures under the auspices of the Monday club. Among the

candidates for admission to said club this year are Bros. A. L. Pitcher '93, F. W. Kimball '94 and G. B. Adams '94, all of whom are anxiously awaiting the decision.

No term in the history of the Sophomore class has been more eventful than the present. Every place on the editorial board of the Hub, our College Annual, was hotly contested except that of business manager which was unanimously voted to Bro. W. F. Rogers. The class next voted to disregard the time-honored custom of giving the seniors a banquet and to substitute instead an afternoon tea. A howl of indignation was raised insomuch that at the class meeting called to act upon the invitation, the faction in favor of accepting carried its point only after three hours of debate and filibustering. The occasion, nevertheless proved very enjoyable to those who attended. The class of '93 voted to publish a song book this year instead of an annual. Bros. W. S. Spencer '93 and C. H. Pierce '95 are on the committee. Our worthy faculty has reconsidered its action recently taken abolishing the Ph. B. course. This degree will henceforth represent four years instead of three.

The proposed scheme of Mayor Matthews in reference to converting Beacon Hill into a new city hall site is still in *statu quo*. In case of its adoption the C. L. A. & Law Departments of B. U. must move, the mere thought of which has called out a spirited remonstrance against the scheme from our president.

But enough of this to the more interesting personals.

Among the appointments of the M. E. Conference last April the following locations were noticed: Bros. C. L. Goodell '77 Boston, Mass., J. D. Pickles, Worcester, Mass., C. W. Blackett, '88, Natick, Mass., Luther Freeman, '89, Milford, Mass., W. B. Locke, '90, Merrimacport, N. H., G. H. Spencer, '90, Methuen, Mass., G. W. Farmer, ex-'94, Colebrook, N. H.

In Jamania Plain, March 17, Bro. Nathanael Jordan passed over to Omega. He was born in Cape Elizabeth, Me., Sept. 19, 1851, worked his way through college with honor, and on the completion of his course decided to enter the ministry. He

had temporarily moved from his home in St. Paul, Minn., hoping that a change of climate would prove beneficial.

Bro. F. L. Goodspeed, '87 has been transferred to the First Congregational church, Amherst.

Bro. C. T. Snow '91, A. L. Janes '89 and A. W. Hobson '89 each gave us a visit this term. Bro. Hobson is engaged in the lumbering business in Gilead, Me. He is now in charge of thirteen miles of railroad connecting the yards and mill and says that owing to the number of accidents since his installation into office, he is called the "Jonah" of the road.

Bro. Foye S. Baldwin '88 will sail for Europe the first of July.

Bro. F. W. Adams '92 has just returned from a lecture tour through Maine. One result will be a summer school of oratory in Portland. Bro. Adams will be assisted by a well chosen corps of teachers.

Bro. A. L. Pitcher '93 will edit a newspaper at Jefferson, N. H., during the heated term.

Bro. W. S. Spencer '93 declares his intention of devoting his energies to music, Greek and farming during the same period.

Bro. W. H. Gilman '92 has returned to college this term. He will enter business this spring in the firm of Gilman & Son. (He being the son).

Bro. F. C. McDuffee ex-94 has cast his lot in Ashville, N. C.

Bro. C. N. Tilton '94 is in college this term.

Bro. G. O. Smith '94 has developed of late marked financial ability. As a collector his persuasiveness is simple overcoming.

Bro. Bosworth '95 has been dangerously ill with diphtheria. We are glad to see him out again.

Bro. Altus Flower '95 has allied himself unto a chemist to the end that he may learn to compound medicines.

Cards have just been received announcing the coming marriage of Bro. A. H. Noyes to Miss Eunice Alice Phelps, of Burlington, Ia. We extend hearty congratulations.

As we are in the midst of examinations now and also as this letter has assumed much larger proportions than I had any idea of I will lay down the pen for the present stopping simply

long enough to write our address 39 Holyoke street to let any stranger Theta Delt who may happen to be in Boston know where he can find friends.

G. B. ADAMS.

MU DEUTERON.

AMHERST COLLEGE.

Another college year is closing upon us. For the charge and most of its members it has been a year of growth and successful work. Under the able direction of the present senior delegation new life and a spirit of harmony have been infused, to our advantage, in every line. As we look over the whole year we feel that the standard of Theta Delta Chi in Amherst has been, not stationary nor retrogressive, but constantly advancing toward the ideal of the fraternity; and we will take our halt for the summer on new and higher ground than ever before. As one of the younger charges, Mu Deuteron will be in Amherst solely what we make it; but if every year shall see the charge as well off as it is to-day, we believe that the efforts of its founders will not have been in vain.

A brief review of the year's achievements may involve a repetition of some old news, but we hope it will be pardoned—or the reader may skip this paragraph. In scholarship we have held our own. The senior delegation included four Phi Beta Kappa men, all of whom will appear on the commencement stage. Three of the juniors, Bros. Edgell, Ross and Woodworth, are Phi Beta Kappa—more than from any other fraternity—and the first named holds the coveted position of Monitor. Brother Bartlett, '94, was our sole representative in speaking, as a member of the Kellogg Fifteen, but was prevented from contesting by sickness. Some of the brothers are aiming at other prizes, the award of which we hope to record in their favor. It must not, however, be thought that burning the midnight oil is our only specialty. Five Varsity men and two substitutes were our quota on the foot-ball field, making up almost the whole of the best rush-line that ever repre-

sented the college. At the inter-collegiate athletic meet in Springfield yesterday, Brother Alexander, '92, broke the record in the shot-put by over eleven inches, making it now 38 feet $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. He intends to compete also at Mott Haven. Brother Cole, '93, also contested in the running jump. The charge has two representatives on the Amherst *Student*. Brother Rawson, '92, who was just taken in, received a unanimous election over six others, after the closest competition for the Board in years. We are represented in the college senate, the exponent and culmination of the much talked of "Amherst System," by Bros. Woodworth, '93, and Bell, '95. Of class officers, Brother Fisher, '95, and Brother Rice, '94, are Secretary and Treasurer of their respective classes.

The Charge house has recently been taking a course of repairs. A suite of rooms on the lower floor has been transformed into parlors, the halls have been papered and carpeted, and improvements have been made in other rooms. On the 11th of May, shortly after all repairs were completed, we celebrated by holding a reception from six to eight, followed by dancing. The whole lower floor and part of the second were thrown open and tastefully decorated. In spite of the extremely unfavorable weather a large number of guests, including four Williams brothers, were present and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The patronesses were Mrs. C. E. Bell of Northampton, mother of Brother Bell, '95, Mrs. E. E. Walker of Amherst, mother of Brother Walker, '89, and Mrs. H. H. Neill of Amherst.

We have had the good fortune to add to our roll a new name by the initiation of Brother Charles Oakes Seymour, '94, of Watertown, N. Y. He is an earnest, energetic worker, and will prove of no inconsiderable aid in charge affairs. We expect two brothers next fall from the present freshman class of Boston University. The rushing season will begin on Thursday, June 23, and will last for the two days while entrance examinations are in progress. The real work, however, will come in September, as very few candidates usually present themselves in June. We already have a hold on several men and hope for a good delegation from Ninety-Six. We would

repeat the request made in the last letter to the SHIELD, that, if any brother, undergraduate, or alumnus, knows of desirable men coming to Amherst, he will give us as full information as possible about them. It is essential to a successful rushing season for us to know of as many men as possible before they strike town. We are handicapped by a short roll of alumni and cannot but feel that graduates of other charges should feel enough interest and confidence in the fraternity to steer men toward it, whatever be the college of their choice.

College athletics are at present touching two extremes in the scale of success. The fickle goddess has cast such a spell over the wielders of the cat gut and the ash that we have been as yet unable to "play ball" as of yore on the court and diamond. We lost both doubles and singles in tennis to Dartmouth, as well as two games of base ball. It is our misfortune to have no first-class pitcher, and the perfect support given by the rest of the nine cannot make up for deficiencies in the box. But by a new arrangement of battery, Stearns and Sullivan pitching each a part of the games, we look for a better future.

But at the annual meeting of the New England inter-collegiate association at Springfield yesterday we wiped out stains of defeat in other lines. Of the eight colleges, members of the league, Amherst was first, winning easily with seven first prizes, including three of the six broken records, to her credit. The result was no surprise as it was generally conceded that we would win first place. Next year the chances are more uncertain, as many of our best athletes are to be graduated in June.

A notable feature of the term has been the course of lectures arranged by the Phi Beta Kappa society. Prominent alumni have given lectures concerning the professions, of advice to young men about to enter life. Daniel T. Kellogg, '86, city editor of the New York *Sun*, spoke on "Journalism." Hon. Winfield S. Slocum, '69, on "The Law," and Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, '66, on the "Ministry." The series has proved one of the most profitable and interesting ever given in college. The scheme is said to have originated with Brother

Pierce, '92. To him certainly belongs a good share of the credit for its successful execution.

The news of the sudden death of Brother De Wolfe of the Williams charge cast a gloom over the many brothers here, who in the short time that he had passed with us had come to respect and love him. In his loss we feel as if we had lost one of our own number. It is seldom that a brother has gone to the Omega so universally beloved as Brother De Wolfe.

On the evening of Wednesday, June 8, the day of the second championship game with Williams, we are to celebrate our annual spring banquet. A number of alumni are expected. Brother Seth P. Smith of Boston has written that he will be present to respond to a toast. We anticipate an unusually pleasant evening.

We have been favored with visits from Brothers N. C. Haskell, '87, P. C. Phillips, '88, E. C. Camp, C. J. Humphrey and J. J. Walker, '89, and H. H. Baker, '93.

Mu Deuteron extends her hearty greeting to all sister charges, wishing them a pleasant vacation, and success in the coming college year.

GEORGE H. FISHER.

OMICRON DEUTERON.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Once more Dartmouth reluctantly takes second place in general athletics. Her athletes are mostly young and inexperienced. They have worked hard and bid fair to make a better showing next year. Then owing to the efforts of the alumni, Dartmouth is to have a new athletic field and an improved gymnasium right away. Heretofore our athletes have not had either a comfortable or suitable place to do their work in.

Of the thirty athletes who went from here to Springfield seven were Theta Delt and although none secured first prize all did fine work. Bro. Potter was second in the 220 hurdles and running broad jump. He still holds the record for the

latter. Bro. Bugbie took second in the mile run and Bro. Lewis the standing high jump.

The base-ball team is putting up a great game this season with Bro. Shurtleff, captain, and although it lost the first two games of the championship series at Williamstown and has just lost one of its best players there is yet a good outlook for winning the Pennant. Two weeks will tell and if it is successful Hanover will hardly hold the College.

And in tennis Dartmouth is out of sight. Much interest is taken in tennis throughout the College. The Campus is literally covered with courts. Reviewing the year Omicron Deuteron is proud of the position she has taken in athletics. Bros. Lakeman and Pollard were on foot-ball teams besides two or three substitutes. At the fall and winter meeting she stood first in number of points. Bros. Potter and Bugbie attended the Harvard Athletic meeting at Cambridge, May 7th. The latter secured 3rd place in half-mile run.

Besides attending to our out-door sports Omicron Deuteron has maintained the high standard of literary work. The most interesting program this spring is the Musicale. We have a good supply of musicians at present and these programs consisting of fraternity songs, violin, piano, Guitar solos and Quartet selections are very interesting.

An original burlesque, entitled "All for Love" and consisting of three acts interspersed with dancing and songs, written by Belknap, Shirley and Selden is to be presented by Theta Delta Chi dramatic troupe June 1st in society rooms. Two weeks later we are in hopes of having a little entertainment and pleasure out of a mock court. We are anxiously awaiting election of the three editors of the Dartmouth Literary Monthly. This is a much contested position. Bro. J. H. Bartlett has put in his best efforts and work and it is more than probable that he will be one of the three.

Heretofore we have boasted of having three or four of the six editors. But the present Senior class will take with it Bros. Shirley and Belknap and thus leave only two at most. Bro. Belknap represented the Lit. at the New England Inter-

collegiate Press Banquet at Springfield May 25th and gave response to a toast.

Omicron Deuteron will furnish three speakers for the commencement stage : Bros. Shurtleff, Doty and Potter. The latter is salutatorian and has earned for himself a reputation of fine scholarship which few enjoy. He is to be instructor of Latin and Greek at Mohigan Lake School, Peekskill, N. Y., next year. The senior delegation has eleven men and commencement will make a wide gap in our ranks especially in our literary capacity. It is approaching the end of the year when we are all tired of college work and looking anxiously forward to a long vacation. '89 has a reunion this commencement and we shall be glad to welcome to our rooms our brothers of that class as well as of all other classes and of all colleges. I close with a hearty grip from Omicron Deuteron.

J. P. GIFFORD

PI DEUTERON.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Pi Deuteron sends best wishes to Tau Deuteron, and that her course may be long and brilliant, and that new pure light may be flashed forth from the ever shining stars of Theta Delta Chi is her ardent desire.

Affairs at Pi Deuteron are as prosperous as could be wished. We have initiated four new members since our last letter to The SHIELD, they are Henry Spofford, '93, Harry Crampton, '93, Henry King Cummings, '94, and Rudolf Tombo, '95. Bro. Spofford is Vice-President of '93, he is a member of the Microcosm board and an editor of the *Clonian*. Bro. Crampton belongs to both Glee and Banjo Clubs. Bro. Cummings is a brother of Bro. Geo. K. Cummings, '86. He is an excellent declaimer, so it will be seen that the high place won for Pi Deuteron in that line by Bro. Schultz, '92 and Bro. Butler, '93 is still maintained. Bro. Tombo is a student, and it will take hard work to win from him the first honor of '95.

The *Microcosm* will hereafter be printed by the Junior Class, they elected among their representatives this year three Theta Deltas, namely, Bros. Richardson, Corbett and Spofford. The Fraternities and Neutrals on the Board stand as follows:

Neutrals	4
Theta Delta Chi	3
Alpha Delta Phi	2
Phi Gamma Delta	1
Delta Kappa Epsilon	1

The six mile cross-country run this year was won by Mr. Marraner, '96 one of our pledged men.

In the spring games Bro. Seufert won the 880 yard dash.

A very happy incident came to our notice not long ago. Bro. Alfred A. Wright, '95, in looking over the March SHIELD ran across the notice regarding Henry A. Gibson, Xi, '62. Bro. Gibson is Bro. Wright's uncle. Bro. Wright's older brother belonged to Alpha Delta Phi.

Bro. Corbett, '93 and the writer met Bro. Strong, Iota Deuteron one afternoon on 23d Street. Bro. Strong was on to have his eyes treated.

Prof. Sterrett, Chi, '69, while in the city put up at the Club House.

A handsome engraving of Prof. Sterrett now adorns the wall, near it is one of the Rev. Dr. Gregg, Pi, '65.

Charge pictures have been received by the Club from Lafayette, Columbia, University of Michigan, Boston University and Hobart, also photographs of Conventions.

Good Friday was a red-letter day for Pi Deuteron, in the morning we had our picture taken at Pach's, nineteen of the brothers managed to get in it. In the afternoon ten of us went to Staten Island to see a game of Lacrosse between Stevens, and C. C. N. Y. In the evening we attended the Smoker.

PERSONALS.

Bros. Alsdorf, '88, and Crampton, '93, sang on the Glee Club at the last Joint Debate.

Bro. Corbett, '93, enters Yale this fall.

Bro. Rundlett, '94, enters Harvard this fall.

Bro. Cummings, '94, enters Cornell or Princeton this fall.

Bros. Harrington and Wright both of '65 were contestants for the medal in Descriptive Geometry this spring.

S. CARLETON HAIGHT.

TAU DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

It was with great pleasure that we heard the greetings of the different Charges on the eve of our inauguration as a Charge. We realize that we are young ; we cannot but accept the title, infant, but surely such another infant has not been born in many a day. Besides the twenty-four initiated by the Grand Lodge we initiated Bros. W. B. Morris and A. M. Webster three days later, making in all twenty-six charter members.

Before we became Theta Dels we thought we knew something of fraternity life from observation, but we find we little realized what it meant to take up the responsibilities and privileges we now enjoy, and the more we see of its benefits the more rejoiced are we that our lot has been cast with Theta Delta Chi. Our reception at the University was most cordial. Congratulations poured in from every side. The fraternities looked upon us as a good addition to their ranks, while the "barbs," although sorry to lose us, appreciated the fact that we had benefited ourselves. The leading fraternity in the University admits that we stand next to them and another gives us first place.

By hard work we obtained the best boxes in the house for the inter-state oratorical contest and turned out forty strong (with our ladies) on that evening. The boxes were nicely trimmed with the fraternity colors and the occupants provided with silk badges of black, white and blue.

We at least partially realize the labor and perseverance required to establish a charge here and we try to understand the responsibility resting upon us. We begin with a clean record and we intend to keep it so. With the living examples of loy-

alty to Theta Delta Chi given by the Grand Lodge and the alumni present at our inauguration and the deep interest in our welfare shown by them and the various Charges fresh in mind, we should be worse than stone did we not respond with our very best efforts to build up a Charge in the University of Minnesota which shall be a credit to Theta Delta Chi.

We lose this year by graduation three esteemed brothers, J. T. Farmer, W. I. Gray and J. E. Bradford. Bro. Bradford is president of the senior class. He expects to obtain the principalship of one of the high schools of the state. Bro. Gray will work in the city and Bro. Farmer is still undecided as to his future work.

Our prospects for the coming year are excellent. We hope to have a good, well-furnished fraternity home, and will be able to fittingly entertain any brothers who may stray into this far country. We will have a strong chapter and expect to get our share of honors.

As Tau Deuteron already occupies a good deal of space in this isstie of the SHIELD I will close with a hearty invitation to all Theta Delt's to give us a call.

W. A. SIMONTON.







REV. LEWIS HALSEY, D. D., XI, '68.