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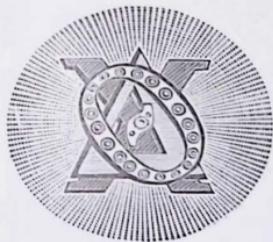
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REV. LEWIS HALSEY, D. D.

It might seem at first thought a little strange that the biography of a man who has appeared in print so much as the subject of the present sketch, should be given. This is one of the main reasons why it has seemed peculiarly fitting that the portrait of so worthy a subject and a brief delineation of his life work should be presented just at this time. We are glad also to make him the special and only feature of an entire number and leave the reader to pass judgment upon the merit of the honor. While riding one day on the New York Central the Editor discovered Bro. Halsey, and after greeting him, his first words were, "Sit down and tell me about the good old fraternity." The latest news at that time was the establishment of the Tau Deuteron. After hearing an account of the new Charge and the part taken by Bro. M. N. Gilbert, Bro. Halsey launched into a description of his college connection with Gilbert and the resolve was taken to write him up. The Xi Charge has given to the fraternity many noble men, who have grown by intrinsic ability into prominent factors in the world's history. Among the members none are more worthy of our love and admiration than the brother about whom we are writing.

Lewis Halsey was born at Trumansburg, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1843. He graduated from the Trumansburg Academy in 1864, and entered Hobart College in the fall of the same year. For four years he was a faithful and prominent student and graduated with high honor in 1868. He was President of his class

during the sophomore year. He was president of the Hermean Literary Society, and the Editor-in-Chief of the Echo of the Seneca; he was poet on Washington's Birthday and on class day; receiver of the paddle for the Class of '68. He was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was a room-mate of Bishop Gilbert, '70 in the old historic Theta Delt room, No. 20, Geneva Hall, rendered so from having been Governor Horatio Seymour's room. This room was also occupied by Gus Viele, Fred Tremain, Dick Cornell, William G. Raines and other noted members of the fraternity.

After graduating he went to Oxford, N. Y., as professor of Latin and Natural Sciences in Oxford Academy and remained here during 1869. He then entered Rochester Theological Seminary, graduating therefrom in 1872. He was ordained at Ogden, N. Y., in 1872. He accepted a call to the First Baptist Church at Farmer Village, N. Y., in 1874. Here he remained toiling faithfully in his chosen work till 1891 when he accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of Castile, N. Y. In the March number of this volume on page 24, is given a full account of his work in Farmer Village and to it the reader is referred. He had just fairly become settled in his work in the new field when a call was received from the First Baptist Church of Oswego, N. Y., a much larger and more influential church. After much careful deliberation he decided to accept the call with its added responsibility and at this writing is just moving to his new field and by the time this sketch is printed will be comfortably located at 161 West Fourth St.

Dr. Halsey was married Sept. 12, 1872 to Miss Zada M. Barber, daughter of Prof. David G. Barber of Oxford, N. Y. They have two bright boys of about eleven and thirteen years who are rapidly approaching the time when they will become college students and Theta Delts.

The ancestry of Bro. Halsey was as follows: His father was William C. Halsey; grandfather Hon. Lewis Halsey, M. D.; great grandfather Hon. Silas Halsey, of Southampton, L. I., a pioneer of Seneca County, who during his eventful life was Judge, Assemblyman, State Senator and Member of Congress.

This in brief is an outline of the life of our subject. To-day

we find him a venerable looking man whose gray hair does him honor and in whose face we see depicted the character and ability which have won for him an honorable name among his fellow citizens. Almost half a century has passed over his head and now ripe in years, with his best vigor still retained the present decade will be to him one of filling in and rounding out his already successful career, and then if life be spared he may enjoy the decline in the contemplation of the many good deeds done in the body.

In attempting to fill in this sketch with the specific items which prove his worth and have endeared him to the fraternity we crave indulgence, recognizing our inability to do the subject justice. Hobart has paid tribute to her alumnus by giving him the degree of A. M., and recently the honorary degree of D. D. In 1891 he was elected a member of the Board of Trustees, to represent the alumni. He was the poet of the Alumni Association in 1872. He has acquired distinction as an author and poet of no mean degree, as the numerous productions dedicated to our fraternity will testify. A number of gold and silver medals have been given him for prize essays. He is the author of "History of Seneca Baptist Association," "The Falls of Taughannock," and many poems and addresses. He has delivered many original poems on public occasions in Rochester, Geneva, New York City, Gettysburg and other places. He was president of the Board of Education in Farmer Village for ten years.

His twenty-seven years of fraternity life teem with loving words and deeds which will endure long years after he has been gathered to his fathers. No single member has contributed so much to add to the fraternity literature. He was a delegate to the memorable special convention held at Troy in 1867 for the revision of the Constitution, at which Tench F. Tilghman, Joseph Mullin, J. H. Shankland and many other prominent Theta Deltas were present. He gave the poem at the Convention Banquet of 1872 held at Delmonico's in New York, when Prof. Thomas P. McCandlish was orator, and Hon. John Hay responder. He also delivered a poem at the Convention of 1885 and another at the Convention of 1888.

He is the author of the words of the Theta Delt Song, the music of which Albert Bushnell of Kansas City compiled and published. He delivered a poem at the Banquet of the Central New York Graduate Association held in Syracuse in Feb. 1885. In 1886 he composed that familiar hymn "A Theta Delt Forever," inscribed to his classmate Rev. Cameron Mann. This song was based on the sentence "once a Theta Delt always a Theta Delt."

Bro. Halsey's history as a personal Theta Delt is one continuous record of loyal expression. Never an opportunity missed of testifying his love for the fraternity of his choice, never a chance of helping a brother neglected, never a call for duty that the same was not accepted if it did not interfere with his pastoral work. We might write pages of praise but those who know him do not need it to increase their admiration for the man they love, and those who have never had the good fortune to meet him might not appreciate it. The Editor for himself desires to say that his acquaintance began with Bro. Halsey in 1867. While he was Corresponding Secretary of the Xi the writer filled the same position for the Phi. The letters Bro. Halsey wrote were captivating and although it was many years thereafter before we met face to face, still their memory was equal to a personal knowledge, as his identity was thoroughly visible in all his writings. Would that there were more Halseys in the fraternity. For the many good men we have we are deeply grateful. Let us hope that the influence of the good lives of such men as Lewis Halsey may be instrumental in giving us many more such in the next generation.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The latest "fad" among Fraternities, and especially in *the* Fraternity, seems to be the "Western Extension" idea, and as it is always a good plan to take advantage of so evanescent a thing as a fad when one can get at it, the suggestion has been made by the Editor of the SHIELD that, as the June number was devoted to our western sister, Tau Deuteron and the Uni-

versity of Minnesota, so the present number should contain a sketch of Michigan University and Gamma Deuteron, who, until the birth of the "infant" occupied the position of outpost in this western wilderness heretofore unknown to Theta Delt undergraduates. But, aside from any especial interest awakened through fraternity or other affiliations, that University is surely worthy of note, whose first student, still living can claim for his *alma mater* an institution of learning in which he, in his early manhood, was for some weeks the only student, but which now in his later years, can take to herself the honor, such as it is, of being the largest University on the continent, having enrolled during the last year no less than 2,692 students.

The University of Michigan antedates in its inception the State itself, for it was in 1817, during the Territorial days, that "an act to establish the *Catholepistemiad* or *University* of *Michiganania*" was adopted by the Governor and Judges of the Territory. One could hardly expect any infant burdened with such a name to prosper and grow, and so we are not surprised to find that for several years the institution had existence little more than in the formidable title given it in one of the most unique acts ever passed by a State or Territory. In fact it was not until 1837 that the University could really be said to have an existence. In that year Michigan became a State, and one of the first acts in preparation therefor was one providing for a Superintendent of Public Instruction, "the first that ever held the office in the country under a State government," and "an act to provide for the organization and government of the University of Michigan." Ann Arbor was chosen as the location of the proposed institution, and certain lands which had been granted for its maintenance were sold, with the proceeds of which several modest buildings were completed in 1839. The "incipient" University, as it is often termed by the records of the Board of Regents of that day, was now in spite of lack of funds that had been relied upon for its maintenance, ready to receive its first students. In September of 1841 five men were admitted to the Freshman class, and one as a sophomore. These were soon joined by others

until, in August 1845, the first class was graduated from the University, at which time eleven students received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. It was about this time that Fraternities were introduced into the University. In the latter part of the college year 1844-'45 there were founded chapters of Chi Psi and Beta Theta Pi which were conducted in secret for nearly a year. At the time that their existence became known to the Faculty, Alpha Delta Phi was petitioning the Faculty for admission, and to gain their sanction, offered to exhibit its constitution, but no immediate action was taken by the Faculty, so a chapter of Alpha Delta Phi was founded. Then began a struggle between Fraternities and Faculty, with a long list of resolutions, agreements, appeals to the Legislature and to the public, and other like amenities, until, in 1850, Beta Theta Pi made an exhibit of her constitution and was admitted under certain very stringent regulations, and, a few days later, Alpha Delta Phi and Chi Psi were legalized under the same conditions. This dispute about Fraternities had attracted more than local interest. The Faculty had appealed to and gained the opinions of the presidents of many of the eastern Colleges, most of which were unfavorable to Fraternities, and the members of secret societies throughout the State, as well as the members of College Fraternities resented the opposition of the authorities as a blow directed against all secret societies.

The original design of the founders of the University had, as yet been carried out only so far as to establish a Department of "Literature, Science and the Arts." In 1850, however, a step toward the completion of the University idea was taken by the establishment of the Medical College, which matriculated during its first year ninety-one students, and in April, 1851, graduated as its first class, six men as Doctors of Medicine.

In 1852, according to the provision of the newly-revised Constitution of the State of Michigan, the first permanent President of the University was elected. Hitherto this office had been held by some member of the Faculty who was elected for one year only, but now the institution plainly needed a head which should possess more dignity and authority than

any such temporary officer could confer. The choice of the Board of Regents for this important office was Dr. Henry D. Tappan, who continued to preside over the still struggling University until 1863. He was a man of much learning and of advanced ideas in educational matters. He was an ardent advocate of the scheme of education in use in Prussia, and hoped to find in this young institution a chance to put in practice his theories. Accordingly in spite of much opposition the scheme of studies published in the Catalogue of 1852-'53 was supplemented in 1858 by a course leading to a Master's Degree. In 1859 four scholarships were established, but in 1867 they were withdrawn as being out of harmony with the character of the institution.

The year 1856-'57 marks the abandonment of the dormitory system in the University, and the adoption of the perfect freedom in the choice of a dwelling place that characterizes the institution to-day. The students in the Medical Department already were expected to provide for themselves rooms and board in the town, and this action with regard to the Literary Department instituted the custom which has been prevalent throughout the University ever since.

One more step toward the completion of the University system was taken in 1859 when the Law School was started with an enrollment of ninety, twenty-four of whom received their degrees at the next Commencement. Many associations and societies had been formed among the students during these years among which we notice the Fraternities of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Phi, Sigma Phi, Zeta Psi and Psi Upsilon, all of which with the exception of Delta Phi, are still represented. It was in 1858, too, that the first *Palladium*, the Annual of the Secret Societies of the University was issued.

In June of 1863 Dr. Erastus O. Haven was elected President in the place lately occupied by Dr. Tappan, and began a term of office which endured for six years. During his *regime* a School of Mines was established which was afterwards abolished, and then re-organized in the mining regions of the Northern Peninsula of the State. It was while he was President, too, that the degree of Ph. B. was first given in the

Literary Department, and that of Pharmaceutical Chemist in the School of Pharmacy, and that honorary degrees, a luxury heretofore abstained from by the authorities, were conferred. While he was a professor in the University in 1855, Dr. Haven had advocated the opening of the University to women, and in his Auto-biography thus describes the reception his ideas had met: "So far as I know, the subject had not been suggested before. It was considered wild and insane. Not a member of either faculty approved it, but usually it was regarded as rather a dangerous joke on my part." Now the discussion was reopened and was warmly and ably discussed by both advocates and opponents of co-education, but the resolution offered in the Board of Regents was laid on the table until a later date. At this same period the "Independent Organization," whose members belonged to no secret society, and were, for the greater part, radically opposed to such orders, was formed, and published an annual, the *Castalia*, which has recently been resurrected after a silence of about twenty years.

In 1869 President Haven resigned his office to accept a similar position in the North Western University, where his sympathies were largely centered, and Professor Henry S. Frieze, who is held in loving memory by all who were so fortunate as to come into relations with him, was appointed Acting President, which office he held for two eventful years. He was the choice of the Regents at that time for permanent President, but he had signified his unwillingness to undertake the duties. The event of Dr. Frieze's term of office which has most influenced the University was the admission of women as students in all departments. This action, though regarded with much prejudice by many persons at the time, has not brought in the many evils which many thought would follow in its train, but has rather vindicated the right of women to the advantages offered by the State University. During this period, too, the standard of scholarship had been raised, the graduates of certain High Schools of high grade were admitted without examination to the University, and important additions made to the Faculty.

Dr. Frieze had early suggested to the Regents Dr. James B.

Angell, President of Vermont University, as one who was in every way qualified to fulfill the duties of President and in spite of a refusal from Dr. Angell to accept the position, had assured them that a satisfactory conclusion might be reached in time, and that he would hold the position as Acting President only until Dr. Angell could be secured. This hoped-for outcome was finally attained, and, on Commencement Day, 1871, President Angell was inaugurated into the office which he has filled up to the present time. During his term of office, the University has seen its most prosperous days. In 1873 the Legislature passed an act fixing a tax of one-twentieth of a mill on each dollar of taxable property in the State, to be devoted to the maintenance of the University, thus securing a fixed revenue from which to meet the running expenses of the institution. This question of support had always been a serious one to the University so rapidly out-growing its old equipment, and depending for all its revenue on a Legislature few of whose members were in a position, by their training, to realize the needs of such an institution, but the wise and judicious management of the authorities has at length succeeded in inspiring a confidence that promises better things to come. During Dr. Angell's administration there have been added to the University a Homeopathic Medical College, a Dental College whose fame has spread even to foreign lands, and facilities for mechanical engineering. In 1878-'79, the old system of prescribed study was done away with, and there was substituted the "Elective" or "Credit System" which insures to the student that liberty in the choice of studies which is consistent with a University of education. Another step in the same direction was introduced in 1871-'72 by Dr. Chas. K. Adams, then Professor of History, in the so-called Seminary Course, in which small groups of students carry on original investigation in special lines under the general control of the instructor. These and many other advances have been made under the direction of Dr. Angell who still gives to the affairs of the University that wisdom and diplomacy that have done so much to make it what it is to-day, a representative American University. The courses and departments of study have been

and are being constantly increased, and facilities for special lines of work added, until from the six departments there was graduated a class of *six hundred and eighty-nine*. Situated in one of the most beautiful and healthful locations to be found in the Middle States, possessed of advantages of which few similar institutions are able to boast, giving to the student full liberty as to the manner of his life outside the class-room if only it be not flagrantly immoral, open to all irrespective of race, creed or sex, offering to the poor man as well as the rich the opportunity for a University education worthy the name, having enrolled upon her list of students the names of men and women attracted hither from well-nigh every civilized country on the globe, the University of Michigan exemplifies well the meaning embodied in the grand words from the *Ordinance of 1787* which she has inscribed upon the wall over the platform of her Main Hall, and under which each graduate receives his diploma: "Religion, Morality and Knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

L. COLE.

THE FRATERNITY AND THE COLLEGE.

The fact that our best fraternities have been founded by men recognized for nobility, morality and earnest purpose is of itself sufficient ground to establish the statement that these fraternities have a general policy of advancement and culture. They have been founded and established by men who have realized the selfishness of the human heart and know that to the highest attainment of collegiate success and to the fullest development of manhood's stature this selfishness must be neutralized by some guiding principle of life. The founders did not conceive of the wide-spread influence which the fraternity idea would attain; and what they did they did in the light of a desire for elevation and advancement along a line with their college development. Certainly they would not establish an organization to be antagonistic to college influence in any respect.

The true idea of a college is a training school, where the mind is exercised and governed and developed for higher work. That is the false idea that would store the mind with knowledge, encyclopædic style, and make it only a machine with a limited range of usefulness. True college education is of wider conception ; that education which teaches the mind to think and to reason. The mind that reaches a logical conclusion from an established premise will be likely to bless the world and mankind a hundred-fold more than that which has the knowledge but no development with which to impart that knowledge. This is the recognized field of the college. It stands for a liberal education—liberal in that it is comprehensive and complete, necessarily embracing the three great phases of development, the moral, the intellectual and the social.

Any organization that embraces in its membership college men and has the moral, the intellectual or the social side of life an object for development and, at the same time, does not, in seeking this development, sacrifice any other phase of proper advancement, follows up and secures the true idea of college education and becomes a power hardly less important than class-room work, in the building up of the man.

There may be drinking clubs and eating clubs to develop the so-called social side of the young man, but in attaining their ends they unite to the social influence nothing higher ; by carrying out their ideas with persistence they do an injury to the moral and intellectual excellence of their members, and hence, justly, call down upon themselves censure and lose the sympathy of all interested in the bettering of the young men of the land.

There may be a moral development attained in the religious clubs and organizations—and we would bespeak nothing but praise for their great work—but this development is often too narrow-minded and fails to give to the young that field for the exercise of sympathy, so inherent in the heart of man. This heart characteristic demands something more.

“The man who loves his fellow-men,
Who, injured, injures not again ;
Who lives not to defraud his neighbor

But eats the bread of honest labor ;
Whose heart can throb with sympathy
For suffering humanity ;
Who loves not caste, nor worship's station,
Nor rates man by his occupation ;
Who, honoring his mother's name,
Thinks it not noble to defame
A woman's character, nor smiles
At quiet which innocence beguiles ;
Who gives his voice to save from death
The victim of vile slander's breath ;
Who asks not, when the needy cry :
'Who is my neighbor?' but will fly
With ready aid to their relief
And sympathize with all their grief,—
He is the man who lives in truth,
And will live thro' eternal youth.
To love, we need to know each other.
We cannot feel a man a brother
Unless our hand has grasped his hand,
Unless we see unfold, expand,
From bud to bloom sweet friendship's flower,
Which does not blossom in an hour ;
Unless we know his inmost thought,
Unless our souls have been inwrought
With one another, year by year,
Comrades in joy, and hope, and fear.
Who would have friends must friendly be,
So teaches our Fraternity."

This is the sentiment re-echoed by the tender chord in the young man's heart.

The literary society is a great factor in the education of our young men for public life and carries with it the support of all educators. It has done much for Lafayette, where its prominent members are fraternity men ; it has done much for Princeton, whence the Greeks have been exiled. Literary activity should nowhere be antagonistic to fraternity life.

But why restrict an organization to one phase of development when others may be added ? With a broad idea of the needs of social life to polish the manifold sharp corners of a boy's nature, of moral principles to stimulate truth and manliness, and of internal influences to quicken the intellect and

expand the mind, is not the true fraternity representative of college life and typical of the best college influences? Is it not in fact the right hand of the college? And in the development of every young man who has given and taken of its reciprocal good, may we not, like President Capen of Tufts College, ascribe as much to the fraternity as to the college?

In the years preceding the era of fraternities we are told that there were, in a number of American colleges, certain cliques bound together by strong ties. They had no principles but those which the time and occasion brought forward, were moved by no motives but those of selfishness and pleasure and were, by the faculty of each college, legislated against in vain. The birth of the fraternity sounded the death-knell of the old early-century clique. The new organizations became and have been the strongest supporters of college authority and order, and the best men in college have been their most loyal members. The recent steps taken to make literary work an important fraternity duty should be noted with pleasure, because it indicates a trend of a serious nature, parallel with the college work and one sure to bring good results. It is a nearer realization of the ideal and we all should welcome it, being careful to guard the other phases of which we have made mention and not reduce them to a secondary consideration.

We form our judgment by Theta Delta Chi, of course, whose members we know the best, but we believe that all those of other fraternities who are guided by any moral purpose will be found to be sympathizers with the good, participants in college life, and the scholars of their classes, despising all that is mean, immoral and debasing and loving all that is noble in fellowship. The fraternity men of to-day have uplifted college life and have bestowed upon themselves, the colleges and the age, a blessing of which only the years can tell the benefit.

But the fraternity is more than this to the college. It is often the only tie between the graduate and his *alma mater*. A senior with no fraternity relations leaves college and begins his professional life. Year after year passes by; commencement after commencement comes and goes, and he never thinks of returning to the scene of his four years' struggle; because

all his chums and friends are gone and the only ones he knows are a few members of the faculty; oftentimes capable of giving but a chilling welcome at best—and so the college actually *loses* the influence of its own alumnus. He has had no tie to hold him as the years go by. An alumnus without any ties naturally stays away until he wins a name for himself, and then—oh, yes! then he is given a royal welcome back.

It is quite different with the majority of fraternity men. They are the ones that think of their *alma mater*; frequent commencement dinners and campus gatherings and grow to have an increasing love for the college of their youth. They are the ones who naturally increase the endowments and endow scholarships. The college eulogizes the donors, and no one ever thinks of the fraternity that did so much by keeping this alumnus in touch with the "old college" and interested in her welfare.

May the college and the fraternity long endure, united and sympathetic, and always helpfully reciprocal. D. C. LEE.

THE GAMMA DEUTERON.

The surprise with which Brother Charles B. Dix, Beta '88, would probably receive the statement that he was primarily responsible for the existence of Gamma Deuteron at the University of Michigan, would serve as an illustration of the old saying that a man seldom realizes how far the influence of his words extends. Yet such is really the case. When Brother E. D. Warner went to Cornell University in 1887 to begin his college course he was, as falls to the lot of many a Freshman, vigorously rushed by several fraternities, among whom was our own Theta Delta Chi. Although Brother Warner had promised his father that he would not join a fraternity during his first year, the boys of Beta seemed to think, as many of us have since that time, that Bro. Warner had in him the making of a first-class Theta Delt, so they followed the chase vigorously under the leadership of Bro. Dix. When the end of the year came and Bro. Warner started home Bro. Dix was at the

station to see him off. He had but a moment, but he used that moment to the best advantage, and just as the train pulled in said earnestly, "Well, Ned, I am sorry you can't pledge yourself now, but we shall expect you in the fall; and remember you have a standing invitation to become a Theta Delt. Let us know if you ever change your mind." Bro. Warner had gone to Cornell pretty well inclined toward Theta Delta Chi, for the Jackson, Michigan, high school, from which he came, was then under good Theta Delt influence, Bro. F. M. Kendall, Beta '78, being superintendent, and Bro. C. N. Kendall, Psi '82, principal. They had advised him to join a fraternity when he had fully made up his mind which one he preferred, and Bro. F. M. Kendall had said to him, "Next to my mother I consider my fraternity, Theta Delta Chi, the greatest influence for good that has entered into my life." With such examples it is easy to guess what he would have chosen had he returned to Cornell as he had thought to do.

But the next fall Bro. Warner came to the University of Michigan and here joined a boarding club, most of the members of which he had known before. This club gradually took on something of a social and literary character, and out of it grew the "Don't Club," with a system of fines for breaches of good breeding, grammar, etc., at the club, and "spreads" at stated intervals. Their Junior year had come, and some of the members of the club began to wish that these relations, now grown so intimate and dear to them, might assume some more permanent shape than the prosaic and evanescent "boarding-house acquaintance." These longings took on no definite form until one night, when Bro. Warner was out walking, there suddenly came to him the thought of Theta Delta Chi and Bro. Dix's parting words at Cornell. Why not make a charge of Theta Delta Chi out of the "Don't Club?" As soon as he got home he interviewed several of the "Don't Clubbers" and laid his scheme before them. It was received enthusiastically by all except two or three who were bound not to join a fraternity, and they expressed their approbation of the scheme even though they could not join in it themselves. Bro. Warner was appointed to correspond with members of the frater-

nity about securing a charter, and wrote immediately to Bros. F. M. and C. N. Kendall and Bro. Dix, who interested themselves in the cause of the would-be Theta Deltas. The annual convention was then about to meet and Bro. A. L. Bartlett, then President of the Grand Lodge, was anxious to present the application to that body. The result of his kind efforts was that soon after the meeting of the convention Bro. Warner was notified that the petition had been granted and that a delegation would visit them in December to confer upon them the privilege of initiation into Theta Delta Chi. The intervening time was a season of anxiety and nervousness. It was important that the time and place of the ceremony should be kept secret, and yet the boys wanted to make some sort of preparation for the event. Bro. E. R. Cole was nearly scared out of joining the crowd by a mysterious visit from Bro. J. H. Winans, Rho Deuteron '89, then assistant in the law department, Bro. Lorenzo Burrows, Rho Deuteron '89, then assistant in the medical department, and Bro. W. M. Miller, Delta '91, then a student in the law department, who had heard of the proposed establishment of the Charge and had called at the boys' rooms to make inquiries about it. Bro. Cole was on his guard against the machinations of other fraternities and so was as non-committal as he could be, leaving the inquiring Theta Deltas in a state of blissful ignorance and uncertainty. A future visit, however, explained matters.

At length the long-expected day arrived. All preparations had been made and a new Charge was about to be formed which should mark a departure from the former policy of Theta Delta Chi—a pioneer was to be sent forth into the unknown West. The delegation that founded the new Charge were President Bartlett, Bro. Clay W. Holmes, the present President, and Bro. Frederic Carter, Ep. D. '90, then Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and they were joined at Ann Arbor by Bros. F. M. Kendall, C. N. Kendall, C. A. Whittemore, Eta '76, of Grand Rapids, Bro. Louis C. DuBois, Ep. D. '80, of California, and Bros. Winans, Burrows and Miller, of Ann Arbor. They were taken to Bro. W. H. Butlers' room, which had been fitted up for the occasion, and there were transformed

into Theta Delt Bros. Edward D. Warner of Jackson, Lyman B. Trumbull of Sandstone, Mich., Clarence E. DePuy of Jackson, George A. Rebec of Saginaw, W. H. Butler of Allegan, George T. McGee of Jackson, and E. R. Cole, of Vassar, Mich. The "spread" which followed the initiation was an event to be remembered by all the newly-initiated brethren. The loyalty of Theta Delta Chi evinced by the old members fanned into a flame the spark already kindled in the breasts of the initiates, and the speeches breathed nothing but love and zeal for the welfare of that order of which we are all so justly proud. Among the most impressive incidents connected with the occasion was the presence and speech of Bro. Whittemore. He had only heard that morning in a quite round-a-bout and incidental way that there was to be established that night a new Charge of the fraternity he loved so well. He had only just time to notify his business associates and catch the next train for Ann Arbor, that he might, if possible, find the brethren and take part in the well-remembered ceremonies and in the festivities of the occasion. Though he had not been in a crowd of Theta Delt before for over fifteen years, the old fire, kindled from our common altar, still burned bright within his breast, and as he told with tears standing in his eyes of all that Theta Delta Chi had been and still was to him, it is certain that there were sympathizing throbs from every loyal heart in that room as the thoughts of all centered around that brotherhood which we delight to love, honor and obey. It is such times and occasions as these that make the fraternity really mean *fraternity* to one, and from the events and words of that evening, I am sure, Gamma Deuteron took much of the loyalty and zeal which she always has, and, I hope, ever will try to evince toward Theta Delta Chi.

The remainder of that first year was comparatively uneventful. It was a new sphere of existence for the recently-made Theta Delt, and one that involved difficulties that had not been foreseen by them. The shifts they made to supply the lack of a suitable lodge-room, the disadvantages they experienced in "rushing" men, without a house of their own, and looked at questioningly by the college world, and the many

other drawbacks of their existence put this newly-born love and zeal of theirs to the test. But time showed that the representatives of the fraternity had not misjudged their men. Their position in the University as scholars and as men possessed of sturdy strength of character was already assured, and now they proved that they could also mingle with the fraternity world and do credit to themselves and the fraternity they represented. During the year but one man was initiated, Bro. Hugh F. McGaughey, '93, of Winona, Minnesota, who has proven by his conduct since that time that he was worthy of being the first initiate of Gamma Deuteron.

The next fall the Charge went into its first house, which it has occupied for the past two years. About holiday-time Dr. Geo. A. Conklin, of West Superior, Wis., who was one of the old "Don't Club" and was to have been a charter member of the Charge, returned to Ann Arbor for a visit and was initiated into the fraternity. Aside from this there was no initiation until January 30th, when Bros. E. J. Dennen, '93, Ross C. Whitman, '94, and Lawrence T. Cole, '92, all residents of Ann Arbor, assumed the shield. On the 9th of February Bro. Harry LeClear, '94, of Grand Rapids, was initiated, and on the 21st Bro. Arthur H. Veysey, '93, took the vows. The goat then had a rest until the 8th of May, when Bro. A. S. Butler came into the fold. During this year the Charge was quietly, but none the less surely, gaining a position in the University. This was shown by the election of several of its members to editorships and other positions in college circles. The graduation of the class of '91 dealt a severe blow to the Charge, for in that class were seven of our men, six of whom roomed in the house. This left us only three men in the house to begin the year on. But, full of hope, we leased the house for another year, and set about finding material for Theta Delt to fill it up. We found it a hard struggle. Resolved not to lower in any respect the standard of men whom we took in, and working all the time against fraternities that had been here for years and had large lists of alumni to aid and support them, we found our lot anything but a bed of roses. It was undoubtedly the hardest year the Charge ever will see,

but we weathered the gale in safety and can compare with pride our list of initiates for the year with that of any other fraternity in the University. True and loyal they have proven themselves, every one, and right worthy of wearing the shield. Early in the year we "swung" Bros. Thomas D. McColl of Jackson, and Augustine S. Gaylord of Bay City, both of '95, and a little later Bro. Walter W. Woodbury, '95, of Jefferson, Ohio. In the second semester we initiated Bros. Ernest N. Bullock, '94, of Randolph, Mass., and Howard M. Cox, '95, of Chicago. The Charge has steadily been gaining strength during the past year, and to-day possesses the respect of independents, fraternities and towns-folk alike. She has had occasion several times during the year to take firm stands with regard to fraternity relations and in every case has won over to her point of view even her most ardent opponents. She has, by a policy of unswerving neutrality and conciliation, been largely instrumental in healing what promised to become an irreconcilable breach between two factions among the fraternities here, and it was largely due to her sturdy loyalty to what she believed to be right that the old "Palladium ring" was amicably dissolved and all fraternities admitted to representation on the board of editors of the "Palladium," the fraternity annual. The critical period in the history of Gamma Deuteron has, I think, passed with the last year. Arrangements have been made by which a house to be rented by the fraternity is to be built in one of the most eligible sites in the city, a step which is justified by the improved resources of the Charge. We have already pledged for next year two men, the equals of any that will come to the University, and have other good men under consideration. Altogether, a new day seems to have dawned upon the fortunes of Gamma Deuteron, and most of the clouds that have hung over her for the last year have been dispelled. To be sure her isolation from the rest of the fraternity and the scarcity of alumni in Michigan has a dispiriting effect upon her members, but locally, at least, she has the best of prospects if only she holds to the principles of the past, and she may well hope that her isolation will soon be a thing of the past as "Western extension" is put into

practice. Loyalty and love toward their fraternity has always been a characteristic of the members of Gamma Deuteron; that the fraternity may have reason to reciprocate these feelings shall always be her endeavor.

LAWRENCE COLE.

THE CENTRAL NEW YORK ASSOCIATION.

We believe in the furthering of those plans that have as their subject the development of the Charges in their relations to other Charges, in those policies that will tend to unite the forces of the different Charges on a general policy of "each for all and all for each."

The department of correspondence has come to be recognized as a most important factor in developing this broad idea. It has done very much to keep each Charge in touch with the spirit of all. But has it done all that could have been done to promote the interchange relations? It has been efficient, but has it been sufficient? May we not believe that something is needed in New York beside the Charge correspondence, which at best only reaches the undergraduates, to promote the more intimate relations of both undergraduates and graduates of the different colleges?

For several years we enjoyed the privileges of an association organized to promote this side of fraternity life; the Central New York Association of Theta Delta Chi. It was instituted with much enthusiasm and for five or six years at the time of Washington's birthday each year brought the Charges thus more closely bound together into more immediate and intimate relations. The ties of those earlier reunions have not yet been broken between many hearts. But, whatever the cause may have been, the numbers at the reunions gradually diminished. From the time when there were fifty or sixty present, the numbers decreased about fifty per cent. each year until, at last, it became unreasonable to expect any Charge or

any committee to take the responsibility of furnishing a banquet at which no guests might be expected; and the association died.

Because our associations are dead must we abandon our reunions? Need we lose the firm grasp and loving greetings of our Delta, our Xi, our Beta, or our Psi boys because there is to be no Theta Delt banquet at Syracuse in February? Shall we forget the magic touch of those, the gray-haired fathers, who have so often given us inspiration because, forsooth, the majority of us cannot afford to buy the feast to get this inspiration? These are practical and timely questions and, to me, it seems, easily solved.

It is just to say that the Central New York Association has died, not because of any lack of loyalty on the part of the brothers, but because of imperfect organization, misdirected policies and lax financial methods employed on the part of the Charges for several years. We may have done the best we could under the existing circumstances and we should surely do injustice should we criticize anyone or lay the blame at any door. If there had been a more representative organization with the idea of permanence and usefulness prominent, rather than an organization hastily planned and as hastily completed, with the idea of a banquet for the inner man more prominent than a desire to increase fraternal sensibility, develop the soul and make those present feel that they were all brothers and not mere college men with a table filled with good things between them as the only bond of sympathy, the benefits might have been more far-reaching and more lasting. The fact that the method of managing the reunion was changed twice by vote and as often misunderstood, shows how imperfectly the organization had been effected. The system of a representative committee management was dropped early in the history of the association. The plan of Charge rotation in management and responsibility resulted in a corresponding rotation in interest and attendance and laid an undue burden upon the Charge giving the banquet by compelling them to manage a banquet away from home and at great expense. The committee plan re-adopted in 1889 with a Psi brother as Secretary,

was not successful and the deficit which was caused by the small attendance at the 1890 banquet was assessed upon the Charges. The plan was not changed, however, at the business meeting and a Beta brother was elected Secretary, who called the next banquet (1891) "under the auspices of the Beta Charge." This was the wording of the invitations under the "Charge rotation and Charge responsibility" management, and a misunderstanding immediately arose, which was not at all settled by the assessment upon the Charges arising from the deficit on the banquet. The climax was reached when, during February last, but two Charges would agree to send delegates in response to the invitations of Delta and the invitations were recalled and the banquet abandoned. This is, I believe, a correct and candid statement of the unhappy ending of the existence of the Central New York Association of Theta Delta Chi.

Whatever the complications and rights and wrongs, we deplore the outcome, the death of our reunion association. And yet the trouble was organic and vital and its death was doubtless inevitable. We are told that "no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yielded peaceable fruit unto them that are exercised thereby." May we not make this loss of the Central New York Association bear fruit and exercise our minds as to the methods to be used in bringing this about? If we gain something better, why mourn the old?

It seems to me that our reunions should not be given up but that we should formulate a new policy for the same and make them more living, more rejuvenating factors in our fraternity life. A banquet is often too cold and formal, especially a small one; but an informal reunion where we are not afraid to touch elbows, where the old and the young may unite in tales of college life and he who smokes and he who sings may find solace for all his care in fine cigars or merry song, to me this is better, more soul like. For our stated reunions is not the "smoker" better than the banquet? the "talk" better than the oration? Not that I care to smoke, but I see in the fellowship of a "smoker" of the New York Club House type, what

I would fain see in a Central New York reunion. Make it for old and young, alumni and undergraduates; let it be given by a Charge at its own house; invite all to enjoy your hospitality; give all a good time and all become, once or twice a year—as often as you can get together—a family, not brought together to eat with borrowed dignity a five dollar banquet, but to enjoy more freely that fellowship which to us should mean everything. Let there be simplicity rather than display, remembering that the expenses connected with the Syracuse banquets made a load too heavy for the Charge to carry. Make the new association democratic and popular rather than aristocratic and for the few. Organize on definite lines and we all of Troy, Hamilton, Hobart, Rochester and Cornell—students and graduates—will learn to know each other better and to love each other and the fraternity more dearly.

D. C. L.

THE SMALL COLLEGES.

Much difference of opinion exists as to whether the leading fraternities have any right to establish in smaller colleges, or to put it in another way, the grade of a fraternity shall be known by the magnitude of the institutions in which it is represented. We confess that the pride of human nature swells a man with grandeur when he can announce to the envious public that "our fraternity" has chapters at Yale and Harvard and all the other grand universities. Such a feeling, however, is dangerous. It leads society men to lose sight of the inherent virtues and objects of fraternity, while trying to make a chapter roll which shall represent high sounding institutions. A number of good things on this subject have been seen in print recently which will be reproduced and a few thoughts appended based upon the experience of the past years. From a February *Palm* editorial we take the following extracts :

Every little while the question is asked in the higher circles of Fraternity organizations: "Why should Chapters be placed at the smaller

institutions?" or at least, "Would it not be preferable to grant charters to Chapters located at large institutions instead of those at the minor colleges?"

Surely this question can never have been thoroughly examined, for it is not in the least probable that if it had been any serious opposition would have risen to a policy which would embrace granting charters to all educational establishments of good repute. Upon what grounds the opposition to the small colleges, considered in regard to Fraternity influence and usefulness rests, is not exactly known, but the dominant idea appears to be that it would add more to the dignity of a Fraternity to have a Chapter roll composed of naught but universities and colleges of national fame. This might be true. Still, if we enter into the question, we may probably perceive that, just as the smaller colleges exert a very great advantage to general educational interests, so also do they to general Fraternity interests.

There will be found a certain rule which governs the establishment of new Chapters, which rule follows the old law of supply and demand. When the non-Fraternity element at schools where Fraternities are allowed begins to bear a large proportion to the Fraternity men, a demand will be caused which will eventually be supplied by the establishment of a new Chapter of some Fraternity, or, if necessary, by the birth of a Fraternity itself. Thus it will be seen that every Chapter has a given amount of men on which it can draw for its members. This ratio will be preserved down to the smallest institutions. Now, then, where is the especial advantage in having Chapters at the larger colleges and universities when the proportion of students to establish Chapters is the same for both large and small.

A most important way by which a Chapter's usefulness to its fraternity can be materially measured is by the number of men initiated. Now will it be found that, in proportion to age, the Chapters of universities have initiated a larger number of men than those located at other places? It will be seen that generally considered, as the proportionate amount of material is the same, so also are the initiates, except, indeed, at such places where Chapters have become mere literary societies.

As regards Fraternal feeling, it is an evident fact that it thrives to a very great degree in Chapters of the lesser colleges; whether it is cultivated more at the universities is a question. There are certain great advantages for the fostering of social good-fellowship to be found in the small colleges and towns where they are generally located, which are not known at the universities and the cities in which they are placed. At the smaller places members of the same Chapter do not form the outside connections which have a tendency to destroy fraternal good-will. Being together more, they will have the interests of the Chapter more at heart and the better secure united action then, if the only time they saw one another was at Chapter meeting.

Another point which is sometimes made is that a better class of men attend the universities than the colleges. But this is scarcely probable. For a university, being for the most part a training school for specialists, a college course is at least considered as desirable for students entering. It will be found that quite a number of those pursuing special courses in universities have taken the degree of A. B. With quite a number it is merely a question of money as to where they attend. Many an one, no doubt, has managed to secure a good education at one of the lesser colleges, and become a good Fraternity man too, to whom a university education at a distance from home would have been an impossibility, on account of lack of funds; but surely "a man is a man for a' that."

In the consideration of this subject it is necessary to define the word college so that points may be properly applied. It has become a popular fad in recent years to tack on the name "college" to add importance. This has been done by high schools and many institutions which are literally no better than the "boarding school," "preparatory school," or the "institute" of the past generation. This class of institutions are entirely eliminated in our consideration of small colleges. Then there are hundreds of schools which to-day boast of the name "college" and the presence of duly organized chapters of certain fraternities which really are not as good as the preparatory departments of regular institutions.

This idea, as well as some other points are so nicely expressed in an article on "Psi Upsilon Extension" published in the *Diamond* of March 1886 that we reproduce.

"One of the most important questions that arise in the organization and government of college fraternities regards the policy and principle to be followed in the establishment of new chapters. The history of American College Fraternities shows that many varieties and shades of opinion on this subject have been held by the different organizations, some throwing open the doors to any applicant who comes clothed in the all-too-variable garb of a "college," while others, after establishing themselves in a limited number of first-rate institutions, have apparently barred the door against late comers. Between these two extremes lies a middle ground occupied by a few, and those the best college fraternities.

Again I would not wish to argue that one college is inferior to another simply because it is smaller. As a rule, however, especially when colleges are thickly planted, they attract students in proportion to the breadth of their foundations and curricula. Hence in perhaps the ma-

jority of cases a college remains small because it is inferior to others that attract the better and abler instructors and students.

The college is then defined by its curriculum. Many small colleges are good and worthy the name, while others even larger are not entitled to any rank as American Colleges. Hobart and Kenyon are examples of two small institutions which rank high as colleges. At such institutions the students are of a good class although never wealthy. They become famous after graduating. They have therefore the elements which make them good fraternity men. Another point of paramount importance is the fact that being few in numbers surrounded by no large town or city to attract, they become intimate companions and thus enjoy to its fullest extent the privileges arising from fraternity connection. It was the writer's fortune to be a member of a small college, having sixty-six students when he was a freshman and one hundred and twenty when a senior. An intimate acquaintance existed between all the classes. Taking the status of our own fraternity into consideration we find that some of our smallest charges have been our best. No inference should be drawn from this that the charges in large institutions are not good, because they are, but relatively speaking the smallest ones are the best. In large colleges and universities the chapter house becomes almost a necessity because in no other way can the boys reach the intimacy necessary to perfect brotherhood. In the small college there is no material need of the chapter House, Things have not radically changed from the days when such houses were unthought of. All honor to such charges as Theta, Xi and Sigma which have usually had to struggle to keep up. They have turned out many illustrious sons. Looking at the charges as they stand to-day if we had to lose one or the other it would be a difficult matter to decide which. The charges in small institutions numbering from eight to twelve men are very strongly united and move as one man. They possess the true spirit of fraternity life and make loyal enthusiastic alumni. We therefore feel that the legitimate so-called "small college" has a place in the educational and fraternity economy and that it would be a suicidal mis-

take for any first-class fraternity to ostracise any institution simply because it is a "small college."

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IOTA CHARGE AT HARVARD.

The Iota Charge was revived and re-established June 8th, 1892. The ceremony of initiation was performed at Young's Hotel followed by the banquet.

The notorious and miserable practices connected with the recent and previous "Dicky" club initiations at Harvard aroused a widespread criticism and were emphatically condemned by the general public and particularly by the representative college men throughout the country.

The public mind is so constituted, or rather so educated that it is eager to believe college students capable of breaking every commandment of the decalogue save the sixth, and the press and public display a pernicious activity and an unwholesome delight in circulating the misdeeds of students.

While it was just to condemn in a wholesale way the wrong-doings of the "Dicky" club, it was most unjust to exhibit such men as representative Harvard students, when the fact is that the major part of young men studying at Cambridge are men of the highest moral character and worth.

But so much was said about what the "Dicky" club did and nothing said in praise of the great majority of noble men at Harvard, that it soon was currently accepted that Harvard College was a hot bed of corruption and that its students were steeped in the darkest vices.

In view of this state of things it was not strange, but rather in keeping with the conservatism of Theta Delta Chi, that our Grand Lodge hesitated, when a body of Harvard men prayed for admission into our beloved Fraternity.

But this hesitation soon disappeared as the members of the Grand Lodge began to look up the standing of the petitioners. The investigation was made personally and very carefully by

President Holmes and by others; and the result was his most earnest recommendation at the New England banquet in April that Iota Charge be revived. Brother Smith, President of the New England Association, took an active part in forwarding the establishment of the new Iota, and his influence was very helpful to us. He has always been conservative in considering accessions to the fraternity, and was persuaded to champion Iota's cause only by the most convincing proofs that the men she offered were men of the highest character and ability. He felt however that such men were knocking for admission, and were offering the fraternity an opportunity for strong, healthy development and extended influence, which should not be lost.

Brother Foster, formerly of Dartmouth, who was pursuing a graduate course at Cambridge last year, also took a warm interest in promoting the re-establishment of the old charge; and from his intercourse with the students he gladly became the guarantor of the moral worth and high standards of the new brothers.

A most gratifying feature of the movement was the interest shown by many of the old Iota men, who felt keenly the death of the old charge, and were enthusiastic in advancing the re-establishment. They felt that the field was ripe for a harvest. Social life at Harvard has entirely failed to keep pace with the rapid extension of the University in all directions. The old local societies are as exclusive as ever, and there is a large number of men, constituting in fact the vast majority, who fail of the pleasures of college social life only for lack of the facilities. There are fully 2,000 men and more who are members of no distinctly social organization, from whom a reputable fraternity has a choice. Once given a footing at Cambridge, and Theta Delta Chi can have a society of the choicest spirits of the land; men of culture, of high moral training and belief, of brilliant ability, and of sound good sense. Such were the men who had formed themselves into a body of petitioners for a charter; and if any further indorsement of their sound judgment was needed, it would appear in the fact that they applied to Theta Delta Chi.

The new charge started in under glorious auspices. They were initiated on the afternoon of June 8th; and their initiatory dinner was a splendid success in all that goes to make such an occasion delightful. There was the rarest good fellowship prevalent throughout all the proceedings from the first grip of the evening to the very last farewell. Representatives were present from all the New England colleges, as the guests of the new charge; and seventy-two brothers, old and young, sat down to a generous banquet at Young's Hotel.

Brother Fred E. Kimball of Kappa was the worthy toast-master of the occasion.

Bro. W. R. Bigelow of Lambda and Iota was the poet, and read some verses, modelled upon the rhythm of "Fair Harvard," which the brothers received with approbation. But the welcome of the evening, was accorded our good Father David Gregg, who came on from Brooklyn to give the brothers an oration that was very witty and very stirring. We could not refrain from interrupting him many times to express our pleasure, and our appreciation of his eloquent words.

One of the pleasantest episodes of the evening was the presentation to Dr. Gregg by Brother P. L. Horne, in behalf of the initiates, of a silver ink-stand. This was especially to express their appreciation of his efforts and encouragement in re-establishing Iota, and also as a token of personal esteem which, as a charge, they wished to convey to the father of one of their number, Bro. R. E. Gregg. Dr. Gregg in accepting the gift responded with the happy thought that in the service and remembrance of Theta Delta Chi he would wish that every word which he wrote therefrom would turn into letters of shining gold.

There were a number of toasts during the evening, and the responses were both interesting and entertaining. If any were to be given particular mention, we would refer with especial pleasure to the tender and hearty response for old Iota by Bro. F. W. Southworth of the Harvard Divinity School; and to the ringing speech by Bro. A. P. Stone in replying for a new Iota.

The speaking was exceptionally good; and interspersed among the literary exercises of the occasion were the familiar

old songs of Theta Delta Chi. How we did sing ! Every man seemed to lift up his voice in the joy of the reunion, and the walls echoed with the rolling stanzas of our favorite songs. Some were sung twice over, and all were given with a will.

The committee of arrangements consisted of Bro. R. E. Gregg '94, Bro. W. C. Damon '92, Bro. J. W. Carr '93, and Bro. W. H. Wiggin, Jr., as President *ex-officio*; and they did their work well. It was one of the pleasantest and most enthusiastic gatherings of Theta Deltas that we have had in Boston for many a day.

The manner in which the initiation and banquet were carried out, was the conclusive proof that our fraternity had not made a mistake in welcoming such men to our number.

The brothers actually initiated into the charge were: Bartlett Robbins Atwood '94; Charles Harris Beckwith '94; Joseph William Carr '93; George Purcell Costigan jr., '92; William Cotton Damon '92; Arthur Morgan Day '92; Samuel Starret Dearborn '94; Robert Etheridge Gregg '94; Perley Leonard Horne '92; Aaron Benedict Keeler, '94, Edward Muzzey Moore '92; Ralph Hamilton Shepard '92; Arthur Parker Stone '93; Arthur Baleom Webber '92; Benjamin Arthur Whittemore '92; William Harrison Wiggin, Jr., '92.

Bro. Wiggin was unfortunately very ill when the initiation took place and could not be present, but he was initiated a few days later.

Iota charge was thus inaugurated with the most happy omens. The brothers have secured a house on Brattle street where they have roomy quarters for the charge, containing a smoking room, and pool room, and comfortable parlors. Theta Deltas coming to Cambridge and particularly old Iota men, are invited to call.

Long live Iota charge of Theta Delta Chi.

W. R. BIGELOW.

IOTA'S INITIATION BANQUET.

After the ceremony of initiation was completed and the Iota Charge duly organized the brothers repaired to the banquet hall and partook of a bounteous feast such as Young's Hotel knows how to set up. After the feast then came the flow of soul. The following account was taken by our stenographer.

In opening the after-dinner speech-making Mr. Stone said:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all in behalf of the new *I* chapter. I hope you have had a good time so far and I am sure I can trust to the able gentleman in whose hands the further proceedings fall that you will have a good time from this point on, and as the representative of the body I will introduce to you a man whom I am sure needs less of an introduction to you than he did a little while ago to me, the toastmaster, Bro. Fred E. Kimball, Treasurer of the Grand Lodge.

Mr. Kimball said :

BROTHERS:—I believe news has just been received that James G. Blaine is stopping at the Brunswick (applause) and occupying the presidential suite there, and he volunteered the information that to miss even the nomination for the presidency would be a less disappointment to him than not to meet us here this evening. (Laughter and applause). At the same time a gentleman told me that was the way Mr. Depew always made his speeches, made them out of whole cloth. At this time of the year a college man needs not to tell that he is expected to have all he can attend to without any side shows like that of fraternity life, and so I think I may be pardoned, and I think you will pardon those of the speakers of the evening who come from the undergraduate part of our fraternity if they are not as well prepared as they might be under different circumstances. In my own case I think you will find that it may be rather of a mechanical sort of an office that I shall perform but at the same time we'll "roll around Dennis" to the best of our ability.

Among the graduate members of our fraternity I think you need no special introduction to our brother Rev. David Gregg. (great applause, and at the suggestion of Mr. Stone, three times three cheers.) He is one of our graduate members to whom we all look with pride and in whom we see an embodiment to a great extent of what we are pleased to call the principles of our fraternity. He has come a great way to be with us to-night and say words of good cheer in this new departure, or rather a repetition of the old departure in our fraternity

life. It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you, Brother Gregg.

Rev. David Gregg said (when the applause had subsided) :

Mr. President and Toastmaster, Brothers : I express myself as agreeably disappointed in coming into this banquet hall to-night to find such a large representation of the members of our different charges O & X. I have been looking at you and trying to count you and I said, it is surprising to see so many turn out when we remember that this banquet so far as the cost is concerned is a free banquet. If the plates were \$5.00 each and every man was to pay for his own what an immense crowd we should have here to-night. I have been questioning myself in regard to the object of my presence to-night, why should I be here? That has been a very perplexing question ever since I received your very hearty invitation, and I have two or three solutions of the question suggested to me. I once heard of a gentleman in England who told this story of an occurrence in his native land : An American was traveling in a railway carriage and an Englishman came to him and introduced himself and entered into conversation which continued pleasantly during the ride. When they came near the station the Englishman said : I am very glad to have met you and especially because you are an American, and now that I am drawing near my house nothing would give me greater pleasure than to have you stop and partake of my hospitality. He became so urgent that the American accepted the invitation. A week passed splendidly and they had a magnificent time, and the American then proposed to take up his knapsack and go on, but the Englishman insisted upon his remaining a second week. His hospitality had not been exhausted and so they passed another week. The Englishman then insisted that he should remain a third week so that he finally propounded the question. "I cannot understand why you should take such a fancy to me. Why is it?" "Well," said the Englishman, "I will tell you frankly as you have asked so frankly. My wife said to me before I met you, 'John, you are the homeliest mortal I ever saw.' Now when I saw you on the train I said, I am going to cure my wife."

You can see the application of this, I have about concluded you have been playing the Englishman's trick on me. I have been looking at these beautiful faces, handsome forms, and grand pictures. There was a gentleman here who said this crowd could not be duplicated, and I corrected the mistake by saying that if you will look into this mirror and that you will see a duplicate. You have brought me in here that you may be filled with self-congratulations. That is not very flattering to me, however, and so I have dismissed it and taken another reason. I have looked at myself in the glass and I think I look as well as the rest of you. Another story came to me, it is in relation to clergymen. A clergyman in stately black was walking through Brooklyn the other day feeling as important as could be. As he came along he saw a little urchin at a

door trying to reach the door bell. He was not high enough to reach the bell and so the minister said: "Well my son, I want to ring the bell, would you allow me to serve you?" "Ring it hard," said the boy, and when the distinguished old gentleman had pulled the bell with a vengeance, the little fellow said, "Now you have rung it, run like the devil."

Then the little fellow went around the corner and the clergyman found he was caught. The little boy invited the minister to become one with him, and I think that is the significance of the invitation that you have given me, that I may become one with you. I would not give much for an old O Δ X who could not afford to shout himself hoarse once a year at least. I came expecting to return to-morrow hoarse.

Our fraternity, so far as I know its history, was never in better condition than to-day, especially with one new addition, the *I* charge. I am not at all pessimistic. I do not partake of the spirit of a brother from whom I received a letter. I must not give him away, but he seemed to despair of us. He wanted to raise \$3,000 or \$4,000 for a good object, but was unable. Now I do not appeal to you as a *O*, he said, but for other reasons, saying that it was very good in some circumstances, but that of late it was waning. It seemed as though the fraternity had been struck with paralysis.

It reminded me of a story which Chauncey M. Depew told, and anything that comes from his lips may be considered a classic. I wish to put it upon him because of the character of the story. Well, it was this: Perhaps you have heard the story. If he had not told it I should never have thought of telling it. It is not exactly a clerical story, but I am one of you, ringing the door bell and going to run like the devil. There was a certain gentleman who had an idea that he would be sometime smitten with paralysis and he lived in fear for years. One night he was dining at a banquet something like this, only it was ladies night, and there was a lady sitting by his side. The gentleman soon began to feel that the dreaded event had come to pass and that he had paralysis coming on. The lady beside him he knew quite well, and to her he told his fears. "Now it has come, he said, right in the midst of the festival. I am touched with paralysis. For the last half hour I have got hold of my leg and pinched it, and there was not the least feeling." "O," said the lady, "if that is the case you need have no fear, for it is my leg you have got hold of." This is classic. I concluded that that dear fellow out west was pinching the wrong leg when he indicated that there was anything like paralysis in this old fraternity.

I suppose that it is in order to congratulate our host, the *I* charge, and it gives me great pleasure to do so. I trust that this is but the beginning of a magnificent history. Standing in the midst of this historic room, it seems to me that the muse of history takes up the pen anew and that the chapter she is going to write in relation to Harvard University will be equal to any that has been written by any of the charges. I think that

John Harvard was led to found Harvard College that it might fruit in just what we see to-night. I look upon this history in social life of Harvard just as I look upon the parallel in nature. I have studied geology as you have and have been interested in the formation of the granite block. The granite block is the product of centuries, but it never reaches its full perfection until the artist comes and sees the angel in it and brings it out beautiful and perfect. The $\Theta \Delta X$ has seen the angel slumbering in the granite block that it has taken two centuries to form, and now the sculptor has been at work and now the product is the *I* charge. I suppose I am not expected to make an oration to-night. I graduated in that line at the last annual convention, but I want to say one or two words to our young friends, that is, that the associations which we have in our fraternity are a necessity of our culture, just as much as any of the appliances that our colleges provide for us. We have a social nature and it must be drawn out, and the club and the fraternity are the instrumentalities of the XIX century for the development of our hearts. Our social affections lead us to prize the fraternity. No man can get along by himself. Even bachelors are not able to. There is no exception, not even that city father of whom we have all heard (pointing to Councilman Smith). If you will find the secret of how our brother gets on, he has a series of mirrors in his room just as Dean Swift used to, and as he walked up through the center he would see himself on every side. When he looked around he said, "A meeting of the clergy here." That is one way that a man can succeed in being alone—multiplying himself with mirrors around his room. Now the fraternity is the multiplication of self. And so we have self in a twenty-fold power if we go into the fraternity and give ourselves up to the duties which it lays upon us. We talk about men being independent, but there is no such thing as social independence. Robinson Crusoe was not independent. He comes the nearest to being an independent man. But look at him. Take that little bit of a rope that he brought from the wreck and trace it back and you have a development of social life for 1,000 years. Take the hatchet which he took from the wreck—there is the development of human life for centuries and centuries. Take the brain of man and run back on the line of heredity and we carry in ourselves the life of our ancestors. Even Emerson was discovered long before Emerson came. Those who knew the history of his aunt predicted the coming of Ralph Waldo. If you go into the fraternity in a receptive mood your power will be multiplied. You will be surprised at your own strength—strength acquired by living according to the constitution and the laws of the fraternity in which you are connected. I suppose I am adding my testimony to the good of the fraternity—I can never repay the good it has done me. I entered college at fifteen. It took me and pushed me in the class room, in the society hall, and as a result I received the honor from the $\Theta \Delta X$ of representing our literary society in a contest, and the honor was forced

upon me because the other fellow would not take it. A second time the fraternity pushed me as its candidate and both times elected me without a dissenting voice, and the second time I had to take the honor for the same reason. I never knew a Θ in our college to lose an honor when a contestant on a platform in our literary societies. I am sorry that my charge was Π , and still more so for it was knocked into pi. I hope we may have a resuscitation of the charge just as I has been resurrected.

I want to ask the young men to give themselves up to the thought of the character of our organization. The future is more glorious than the past as I see it. I do believe that our young men have advantages to-day that we did not have; living in a grander time they can make our fraternity a greater influence. Let us not be selfish in our life. Let us try to throw out an influence in the broad land. Let us live first for the $\Theta\Delta$ and then for this grand republic of ours, for there will be positions opening to us if we are true men in our day—in every department of life in which we can represent our fraternity and bring honor to it. I rejoice in what the fraternity did for me. We had a number of wild boys and I was not the tamest of the tame. The first man I met in college—to show you how temptation will come around a fellow—I was homesick, and he came to me and said, "Gregg, let us form a company and go out and steal from Dan Houstein's orchard." That was the first thing I was asked to do as a college student. Every fellow here asks if I went. Well, I didn't go, because I found out the apples were not mine, and also I found out that Dan Houstein had not only apples but a dog.

I must complete that story, because it would not be fair to my chum not to tell the whole story. He is a minister to-day in New York. I believe he draws one of the largest salaries in the city. I preached there myself sixteen years and a half, when Tammany was kept in order, and during my administration there my friend was called to New York to this pulpit and I was curious to see him as a minister. I had never seen him since we were in college and I went down to hear him preach. I was a little late when I got in and he was reading the scripture—he was reading from the epistles of Paul, these words, which I shall always remember, "And let him that stole steal no more." It balanced things completely, so I have nothing against him.

Now I want the young men who have come in to notice some of our leading men. I am sorry our Grand Master is not here. I am enthusiastic for this new organization of friendship. There are magnificent potentialities in our fraternity. You can win laurels for yourself and in which you can win honor and reputation for our beloved society. But you must be enthusiastic and look at those men who have given themselves up to the work of sustaining the reputation of the society. I could point to our friend here—a very enthusiastic man—but that reminds me of a story of a man in Scotland in the days when popery had the sway and the church was trampling under foot the individual rights of man-

kind. This man was so burdened by the tyranny that he could never preach a sermon without breaking a lance at the pope. His parishioners made a complaint to the presbytery. It matters not, they said, what text he takes, he will preach on popery. Well, the presbytery thought they could give him a text on which he could not preach on popery, and so they announced the three words, Adam, Seth, Enos. The day came and the people turned out in a magnificent crowd, and the presbytery came there and they said, "We'll have no popery to-day," but the minister said, "My text has been given to me to-day in the opening chapter of Genesis, Adam, Seth and Enos," and then looking around he said: "My dear brethren, these men lived in the days when there was no popery, and they in consequence did not have to contend with the following evils." He then related every evil in the system of popery. That man was enthusiastic on that subject. Now our friend here, the Boston city father, is just of that kind. The reason he is not married is that he never undertook to propose to a lady without getting on to Θ Δ X. Now he has tried time and again and he has never got around to the point of putting the question squarely because he has never been able to stop praising Θ Δ X.

You have heard the constitution. The principles in it are magnificent and if we could only embody them in our own lives it would make us magnificent men, whole-souled men, enthusiastic for the rights and interests, one or the other, looking to see how we can help and develop one another. Our association is for our intellectual upbuilding, our moral upbuilding, and we want to give ourselves to one another. You notice in the constitution there is the quotation, "The man that would have friends must show himself friendly." Let us see that we are willing not only to accept the one from the other, but that we are willing to love one another.

I must not talk too long, for the programme calls for some eloquent and entertaining speakers. I remember where we are to-night. This is my old familiar ground. These streets are well known and these houses familiar because of my residence and work here. I cannot forget that we are under the shadow of Bunker Hill monument, and I do not mean any disparagement to Harvard College. I remember that it is the oldest institution around here, beginning before the republic began—and I remember that it was under the shadow of Bunker Hill monument, and let us catch some inspiration from that monument, which as a finger of history points upward, telling us that *Excelsior* is a possibility to us individually and as a fraternity.

There was an occasion once on the anniversary of the battle, we are told, that a great crowd came there and noted speakers were there to be heard, and they built a platform, and the crowd was so great that there was danger of carrying the platform from its props and thus endangering the lives and limbs of the speakers on the platform. Some one cried

"Keep back, you are endangering the platform." The crowd gave the answer "It is impossible to keep back." Daniel Webster was one of the waiting speakers and he arose when all other appeals had failed and said, "Will the crowd sway back and save the platform?" One man said, Mr. Webster, it is impossible." Webster said, "On Bunker Hill nothing is impossible," and with an electric thrill the crowd swayed back and the platform was saved.

We have organized a new chapter under the shadow of Bunker Hill. We want a magnificent future for it. If any one feels disposed to despair I would say, "On Bunker Hill nothing is impossible." Let us build up the fraternity and make it an honor to the magnificent institution. Then it will be like a loom which takes silken threads and threads of gold and weaves them into a magnificent fabric. Our fraternity will take us as individual threads and weave us together into a beautiful veil of friendship, which the world will admire and which the world will seek to obtain.

The Toastmaster said: Without further introduction I think brother Perley Leonard Horne has a few words to say to us.

Bro. Horne spoke as follows:

Mr. Toastmaster and Brothers: As members of the new *I* of $\Theta \Delta X$ we wish to extend in a body our thanks to Dr. Gregg for coming to us at this time, when we know it is so great a sacrifice for him to leave his work. We thank him for the kindly words of encouragement he has given to every one of us, whether of *I* or whatever chapter; and although we feel that we can never express to him the full measure of our esteem we want to leave with him a small memento which shall bring to him in future years a little of the feeling which we have for him and the $\Theta \Delta X$ which he represents. It is through his efforts and the kindly interest he takes in fair Harvard that we first gained hope that $\Theta \Delta X$ could be re-established here, and if he comes to our door, we hope he will pull the bell hard and not run like the devil either, and if he does pinch our leg a little he will see that we are not struck with paralysis, and we shall strive to demonstrate to him that in Harvard University there is a possibility and a reality of building up a charge which shall be a Bunker Hill monument to the $\Theta \Delta X$ fraternity. We feel that that power lies in Harvard University—all things are possible there, and we feel that we have the ability to bring unto you men who will make the *I* charge an honor to the fraternity at large.

Dr. Gregg, in behalf of the new Iota, allow me to present to you this small token of the kind regard in which we hold you.

Dr. Gregg said:

This is entirely unexpected. I thought I had finished writing; having given the oration, but I think this puts me under obligation to prepare another oration for $\Theta \Delta X$. I return my heartfelt thanks. I shall always

treasure this and remember as I look upon it this pleasant meeting and grand reunion of living hearts and all the precious memories of my own college days. This will always speak to me and I will try to fill it with ink that will turn gold when it says anything about the dear old fraternity.

The Toastmaster said: Brothers, those of you who were at our last banquet of the New England Association will need no introduction to the poet here this evening. His verses for $\Theta \Delta X$ have always been something which have drawn us nearer to the fraternity and nearer to him in the appreciation of his love and his labors for the fraternity. I have great pleasure in introducing to you Brother Bigelow.

Bro. Kimball read the poem which appears on another page.

Rev. Mr. Southworth spoke in behalf of the old Harvard chapters as follows:

Mr. Toastmaster, brothers of the $\Theta \Delta X$. Had your toastmaster asked me a few weeks ago to speak in behalf of the old *I* I fear I would have been obliged to decline. For several reasons the old *I* men have felt like absenting themselves from the meetings of the fraternity, not from any lack of affection to it, not because their associations with $\Theta \Delta$ were not the most pleasant, but perhaps more from a feeling of pride. I might rather say of sorrow that the $\Theta \Delta$ has not existed for the last few years at Harvard. We have had to say, *Hic jacet, peace to her ashes.* But it was not always thus. Owing to the efforts of the young men who have revived the charge to-night we can once more stand in the councils of the fraternity and join our voices with those of others in the hope for its best welfare. It may not be out of place for me to recall some of the glories of the old *I* charge. I might dwell on the failures; it did fail in many ways, and yet when the charge existed its members were foremost in the councils of the fraternity. The *I* charge was instrumental in inaugurating the New England banquet, the first president was a member of *I*. The first banquet was a success largely due to its efforts. It inaugurated the system of athletic contests between the different charges. I remember when we covered ourselves with glory and with mud in struggling with the athletes of *K* at foot ball. The following year we wrestled for supremacy at base ball. We were small in numbers but enthusiastic. While I was a member of the charge and when our class graduated we left it in as good a condition as it had been, but discord followed, the charge dissolved, the charter was given up. Perhaps recognizing as I do the failures in our attempt it may be forgiven me if I use a paternal manner and give a little friendly advice to the men who are inaugurating the new charge. As brother Holmes has said in a letter which has been read, the responsibility does lie upon the men reviving

the *I* charge. Responsibility to themselves, to the college, to the fraternity; a responsibility to themselves because the friendships found in college are the most lasting ones, the friendships which will do the most in moulding our character. We have a responsibility to the college as has been said to-night. It is a critical time in the history of fraternity life in Harvard University. Never to a greater extent than in the last few months has the fair name of Harvard been hauled over the coals. Never has more been done to bring it into disrepute. Brethren it rests with you to see whether the new *I* shall do its best to raise the tone of social life at Harvard or shall let things take their course, and let the newspapers of the future have the same opportunity that they have had in the past to utter malicious slanders. Shall fraternity life be a dissipation that shall degrade, or shall it be something which shall exalt the character of the members and make this life something which they shall delight to look back upon?

You are also responsible to the fraternity to see that in this old university the name of $\Theta\Delta X$ shall be written high in its records. From the old *I* to the new *I* would join in the good wishes of Mr. Winslow, my former room-mate, and wish you the highest prosperity. And let *I* men as they are scattered all over the various parts of our country, when they come back to Harvard and find that their friends have left, with perhaps a stray man or two whom we used to know on the list of the faculty, others strangers, if we find a place there where we can drop in and hear the old familiar songs and the familiar symbols and find men whom we can meet as brothers and with whom we can find ourselves young once more, we shall owe it to the men who have re-established the *I* charge. I give the cordial greetings of the old *I* to the new *I*.

A. P. Stone was next introduced and spoke as follows:

BROTHERS: It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to-night, and I am only too glad to take this opportunity to speak for *I*, for my brothers at Harvard, and for myself, and to prophesy if I may a little what we intend to do. We are aware of the responsibility of the occasion and we appreciate it. It was not in a blind desire to do something new that we started this charge or tried to obtain the charter of the old charge. It was with a desire to bring to Harvard what we considered, and you will all agree with me, the best fraternity in our country. Now that we have got it, I am sure we shall do what we can, and under the shadow of Bunker Hill monument, nothing is impossible, to make this charge which you have inaugurated, if I may say so here to-night, a credit to the order. We appreciate what the order can do for Harvard. It can introduce a new element in society life there which will be pleasant. We are going to do everything we can to make the new *I* worthy of the palmiet days of the old *I*, and gentlemen, there is another side which you will pardon my speaking on, I am sure. As a loyal son of Harvard I will present to your notice what Harvard can do for $\Theta\Delta X$. We acknowledge

ourselves in no way responsible for the failure of the past. If the fraternity life in this country is a failure at Harvard, although I should not expect many of you to agree with me, I must as true to my college say that it is the fault of the fraternity life. Fair Harvard does not make mistakes, and she will not in this case. She will bring to you a charge that will add to your colors and your laurels. We consider our college first, and then we are enthusiastic as any one of you for O A X. Pushing forward with the principles ever present, and bearing in mind the motto "Veritas" which Harvard bears on her Shield, I promise you in the name of the *I* charge it shall be a credit to your fraternity, brethren, and ours.

THE CHI RE-ESTABLISHED.

The announcement, will doubtless be a source of surprise to many, that the old Chi charge at the University of Rochester has been re-established. Such is the fact and among the old members of Chi who were so zealous in their efforts to bring it about there is much rejoicing. On the evening of the 6th of June, without any flourish of trumpets, the nine charter members of the new Chi were initiated at the residence of Bro. Jacob Spahn who kindly opened his house for the occasion. The President of the Grand Lodge officiated assisted by Bros. Max McKinney and Lewis B. McCabe. The following brothers were present: J. P. McKinney Chi '69, Ivan Powers Chi '72; E. S. Brown, Delta '92; Leon Stern, Beta '89; Jacob Spahn, Chi '70; Max McKinney, Beta '91; Lewis B. McCabe, Xi '94 and Clay W. Holmes, Phi '69. Bros. Jacob Spahn, E. S. Brown and L. B. McCabe acted as Embassy. Owing to considerable delay in deciding the case, no time was afforded in which to send out an official notice to the charges or an invitation to the graduate brothers to be present. It was decided best, therefore, not to swing out or have any banquet until the opening of the fall term. Arrangements are being perfected to give the new initiates of the Chi a grand send off of which due notice will be given, and it is to be hoped that the boys old and young will turn out in goodly numbers to help it along. The following is a list of the initiates: Charles Porterfield Sarver, '92, Rochester, N. Y.; James Patrick Fleming, '92,

Charlotte, N. Y.; Irving Ezra Harris, '92, Rochester, N. Y.; Nelson True Barrett, '92, So. Alabama, N. Y.; Thomas Thackeray Swineburne, '93, 97, Clifton St., Rochester; Joseph Webster, '94, 86 Charlotte St., Rochester; Peter Abram Blossom, '95, Brockport, N. Y.; Benjamin George Estes, '95, Brockport, N. Y.; Stanton Elvin Barrett, '95, So. Alabama, N. Y.

THE CLUB HOUSE.

At the opening of the second year of the existence of the Theta Delta Chi Club of New York City it seems appropriate to sum up in a few words what it has accomplished towards the realization of the many plans and hopes expressed at its initiation.

The record of this first year will prove a source of satisfaction to the many brothers who have cheerfully lent their support, financial as well as moral, to the Club in its early struggles. It is to be hoped also that it may awaken in the minds of many a feeling of regret that they have taken no active part in the upbuilding of an institution which, if cordially supported, will do more than any other single thing to keep our beloved fraternity in the front rank of college societies.

Scattered over the City of New York, and the cities and suburban districts within a radius of twenty miles of the metropolis, are hundreds of Theta Delts, good loyal men, heretofore deprived of any means of fraternizing with one another and keeping up the activity they had left on graduating. There was a vast amount of force unused which should be engaged in strengthening and unifying the fraternity.

Here the results of our first year's efforts are tangible, made plain by the record left on the membership rolls and still more by the extent the Club-House has been enjoyed by the brothers. Already the number of members is 160 and, now that the summer months are passed, new names are being enrolled almost daily. If we may judge by the experience of other clubs, a much larger number will become members this second year.

But the use of the Club is not confined to its members. Its very nature, that of a home for Theta Delta Chi in New York City, makes it plain that all brothers are welcome.

Many have enjoyed this opportunity who were prevented from affiliating because of business, distance from the city and other reasons. These brothers have come when they could and always found a warm welcome and many good friends there to give it.

If the claim can be made for any city, certainly New York can be called the financial, commercial and social centre of the country. At all events, men are drawn there from all parts of the land, some on business, some on pleasure; for a long or short stay. With the organization of the Clnb brothers coming to the city were given a rendezvous where they were always sure to find friends and where, if they were so disposed, they might stop during their stay in New York. It is safe to say that there have been few Theta Deltas coming to the city who did not find their way to 117 East 35th street. Judging from the demand for the rooms of the House, a large number of them took advantage of the accommodations the Club has been able to offer.

Two phases of the usefulness of the Theta Delta Chi Club have been noted. A third, and hardly less important one, is the maintenance of the two charges located in New York City. We say maintenance advisedly. All the other important fraternities with chapters in this city support club houses on the style of our own. Without the Club it would be an impossibility for our New York charges to retain any sort of standing either at Columbia or the College of the City of New York. Their measure of usefulness is determined by the existence of the Club. Paying an annual rental for the use of the lodge room, the members of the two charges enjoy the full privileges of the Club, exclusive only of the right to vote.

A fraternity club differs from the average social club in that the primary object of the former is the upbuilding of the fraternity whose name it bears, while that of the latter is merely the enjoyment of its members. But in the attainment of that object the principal factor is the social element. If a club is to

be strong it must have that about it which will attract men to membership and its members to a full participation in its activity and pleasures. So it may almost be said that the progress of the Club lies mirrored in its social life. If the social life has been strong and deep during this past year, there is good evidence that the Club is fulfilling the objects for which it was founded.

All are familiar with the series of "Smokers" which were held monthly during the year. Few clubs can boast of jollier, more thoroughly enjoyable affairs than these "Smokers" have been. It is unnecessary to give any extended account of them, as each one has been noted at some length in former numbers of the "Shield."

The first hour or two on every "Smoker" night was spent in getting acquainted with one another, where that was necessary, and in general conversation. At about 9 o'clock the call was given, all would collect in the reception room, the doors would be thrown open, and the "talks" would follow, interspersed with good music. What good speeches they were, too! And who will forget the host of stories Brother Hetherington told on that evening last fall? The mere list of speakers is guarantee enough of the interest of those evenings: —Holmes, Simons, Hetherington, Stone, Burdge, Bradbury, Paine, Walkley, and others.

The speeches over, all would leave to partake of the refreshments. Then the hours would begin to slip by unheeded. The stock of good stories seemed unending, and "Harry" untiring in his service to the visitors. The hour of the final adjournment of any "Smoker" is a question still enveloped in the gloom of mystery.

These "Smokers" have been the means of bringing together scores of men who had not been able previously to enjoy association with other Theta Delt. There are few men in Theta Delta Chi who are not thoroughly loyal to all its interests. But isolation and circumstances have made dormant that loyalty in some. Scores of men the Club has awakened from that dormant condition, making them active and helpful workers again in the fraternity. Brothers have come to New York from

cities and towns all over the land where the sight of a brother Theta Delt was a most unusual occurrence. They have gone back from the intercourse with the brothers here with a new feeling of interest in and love for their fraternity. At these "smokers" many friends have met whose last meeting was in their old college days, and here, also, life-long friendships have been formed.

But, after all, these "Smokers" are but incidents, though important ones, in the life of the Club. Their effect would be small were it not for the every-day life, if the term can be used, that is going on there. One is always sure of finding congenial friends whatever evening he may choose to come. There are no cliques and no classes. all is good fellowship and friendly feeling. To the stranger and to the member alike, it is a place where a thoroughly pleasant evening can be spent.

It is this spirit pervading the Club that forms its mainstay. And it is the growth of this spirit and the greater interest taken in the Club, and through the Club in the fraternity, that warrants continuance and proves its usefulness.

The Club has, indeed, prospered. But this success is, in a sense, relative. For a first year, it has been an eminently successful one. But the fact must not be lost sight of for a moment that we have not yet nearly attained a point where we can stop to rest and look back with content on the past. The Club is not yet what it should be, what the plans of its members indicate it will be. We can only arrive at absolute success by active interest and support on the part of every brother who has the welfare of his fraternity at heart. Each one must do his share. We appeal to each and every brother to aid the Club by placing his name on our membership roll. The dues are proportioned to the benefits distance from the city allows a man to derive from it, and they will not bear too heavily on any one.

This Club stands for Theta Delta Chi in New York city. It maintains there the reputation of our beloved fraternity. If because of lack of support, it dies, it would be the severest blow the fraternity could be called upon to bear.

Its future is left to the vote of the brothers. Do you vote

support or indifference? It is not difficult to forecast what the vote of Theta Delt will be on a matter that vitally affects the interests of their fraternity.

ROBERT VAN IDERSTINE,
Ass't Secy.

FRATERNITY BANQUETS.

The subject of banquets is one upon which the SHIELD has desired to say something for a long time. Probably no one, upon first thought, realizes just how much influence banquets exert upon the life and general character of any fraternity, or how intimate is the connection of fraternity banquets with the subsequent history of many college participants. All that might be said upon the subject can not be given in one article, as it is far reaching. We propose therefore to treat it under the following special heads:

1. The effect of banquets upon the moral character of undergraduates.
2. The effect of banquets upon the social and intellectual condition of college men in general.
3. The effect of banquets upon the fraternity spirit of graduates as well as undergraduates.

College boys are a bright, jolly set. Free from cares which beset the man of business they are ready at all times to grasp anything which will contribute in any degree to their present enjoyment. They have spent their lives under the careful training of the parental eye and are now sent forth from this helpful influence to battle for the first time, unaided, with the evil which is in the world. On this account they are particularly susceptible to influences of any kind. The college life is one of preparation for the social as well as the professional requirements of life. They will be called upon later to attend banquets and, therefore, banquets are a part of their education. The fraternity provides ample opportunity. They anticipate seeing the older graduates, upon whom they gaze with a sort

of reverential eye. As the little child takes his father's hand and walks fearlessly over the most perilous spot, so does the buoyant college boy accept in good faith the conduct of the "old" boys who sit at the festive board with them. They listen to his able "after dinner" speech with rapt attention. Their souls are filled with glowing admiration and his brilliant words live in their hearts as a thrilling memory. They are proud to join him in quaffing the sparkling wine and remember its exhilarating effects quite as vividly. In short, as their elders do, so do they both then and afterward. Clearly the elders are responsible in a greater degree than they often imagine for the "afterward."

If nothing transpires that fixes upon their minds bad ideas, or introduces them to intemperate habits, the young men go away enlarged in their social natures and filled with bubbling enthusiasm concerning the joys of brotherhood.

This happy condition extends from them to all their fellows by personal contact. The world looks brighter and more desirable. Their minds are trained on the "after dinner literature" which gives them self-possession in after-life and places the college man in the front rank of the social sphere.

The influence on the older attendants is of a somewhat different nature. When a man becomes immersed in his profession or business, he is liable to forget that the world contains these bright spots. His mind is concentrated on one thought. He becomes narrow minded, sceptical and peevish. He loses sight of the beauty which exists all around him. He forgets his fraternity, his college, and all the happy days of yore. He grows old before his time. The banquet draws him out of his shell. He forgets for the time that he is bearing the world on his shoulders. He is a boy again. He goes back in memory to his college days. He sings the same songs, tells the same old stories, and his youth is revived. He goes away filled with delightful experiences. Drawn back out of the rut he sees himself as he is and resolves to keep young. Banquets then make the young older and the old younger. While a good thing in themselves they play a very important part in the successful history of any fraternity. They keep graduate and under-

uate in touch with each other. They are the bright spots which lighten the care of life and make us rejoice that we live. A fraternity cannot have too many graduate associations or sectional undergraduate organizations. The more they have the stronger the tie that binds the members. The higher the plan upon which they are conducted the greater their power for good. Of late it has been the editor's pleasure to attend some of the most pleasant reunions ever known in our fraternity. The absence of anything objectionable was conclusive proof of the high moral tone existing in our fraternity. Every one seemed to be fully satisfied with himself and every body else. The boys are slowly learning that "manhood is not found in the wine cup," and that as good a time can be experienced without it as with it. In fact the enjoyment is keener because it leaves no after-stain to tarnish the recollection. Such banquets will tend to relieve fraternity life of its greatest burden. This is the only visible condition upon which the public can form their opinion of the "fraternity." Its bearing on our existence is therefore material. Theta Delta Chi is on the right tack and merits the approval of all her graduates, who are largely responsible for this condition of things.

THE FORTY-SIXTH CONVENTION.

The forty-sixth annual convention will assemble at Young's Hotel in Boston Wednesday, Nov. 15th next, and continue in session two days. The first session will be called to order at 10 a. m. The banquet will probably be held on Wednesday evening. Brother Seth P. Smith will act as toastmaster. Arrangements are not fully perfected at this writing but will be very soon. The regular invitations will be issued earlier than usual and sent to every brother whose address is known. The success of the annual conventions is much enhanced by the presence of a large number of graduate brothers. The last convention was favored by the presence of a greater number than have been present in many years. It was a rousing convention, successful in every particular. Young's Hotel

is a sort of Theta Delt home, and Boston is a regular hot bed of Theta Deltas, any fraternity gathering held there is always a success. It is the desire of the Grand Lodge to make the Forty-sixth convention the greatest on record. It can be done if the graduate brothers do their duty. Every brother who takes the trouble to attend any of the regular assemblies always goes away happy and refreshed. A convention affords the opportunity of gaining exact information as to the status of the fraternity, in addition to the gratification incident to meeting representatives of every charge. Ample notice is given so that no brother can say he did not know it in time. Brothers, make an especial effort to attend this convention. It will do you good to be there, and it will certainly do us good to have you there.

COLUMBIA'S FLOWER.

The mountain bird of liberty
Unfurled our country's flag on high,
And with it flew from sea to sea,
O'er hill and dale athwart the sky,
But ere the vision sank from view
The glad earth caught the fair design,
And wove in red and white and blue
Columbia's flower—the Columbine.

Now north and south, and east and west,
Behold this patriotic flower,
In hues of native glory drest,
A type of liberty and power ;
Bright blossom of our native land !
Around our hearts thy colors twine,
And bind our Union, hand to hand,
Thou eagle-taloned Columbine !

—T. T. SWINBURN.



Our Graduates.

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

T. J. C. Little, Eta, '89, was admitted to the bar at Augusta, Me., last spring.

Clarence St. Clair Burns, Psi, '95. The Psi charge letter contains an account of Bro. Burns' sad case. The following notice appeared Aug. 12 in the Utica *Herald*, of which Bro. J. H. Cunningham is editor:

"Clarence St. Clair Burns of Delhi, has just completed his freshman year in Hamilton College, where he was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. He engaged for the summer as agent for the American library association of Chicago. He began work in Carthage, where he remained until July 11, then beginning in Watertown. He disappeared from Watertown July 25, and nothing has been heard from him since, though most careful search has been made in all that region. It is supposed that he wandered off in aberration of mind caused by sunstroke. All his effects were left at his boarding house. He is nearly six feet, has light hair, was dressed in a light suit.

"The father and elder brother are giving their whole time to the search, while the mother is about crazed with anxiety. Can not the *Herald* help in the search? Your paper covers that whole section, and may by mention of the matter lead to his discovery. Respectfully yours,

GEORGE BENEDICT LAWSON,
Pastor First Baptist Church."

Up to the present writing nothing has been heard of Bro. Burns.

A. M. Edwards, Eta, '80. The following very flattering notice of Bro. Edwards appeared recently in a Pittsfield paper:

"Pittsfield's school has come to a close, and the happy graduates have received their diplomas. To them we tender our congratulations, and with them our best wishes for the future. But in considering the record of this latest year added to the history of our public schools, we desire to congratulate the pupils, the teachers and all citizens on having at the head of the school a real superintendent. Ayres M. Edwards has had one year in which to show his capabilities, and has acquitted himself most satisfactorily. He found the public schools running in an unsystematic

and shiftless sort of a way and quietly set to work to bring about the reform which he saw was so greatly needed. He has not been obtrusive in his work, nor has he thrust himself forward unnecessarily. It is hard to undertake to outline or review his work, which can be best judged by its results. He has established a system and a standard in the training school, under which none but thoroughly competent teachers can be graduated. He has established regular teachers' meetings, which have been of great benefit both to teacher and pupil, and have insured uniformity of work in similar grades of different schools. The recent teachers' examination has established a standard, and no one can secure positions to teach here in the future, without first passing a rigid examination. There has been a saying in the eastern part of the State that "anybody can teach in the Pittsfield schools," but that is no longer true, and the standard is immeasurably raised. Superintendent Edwards has raised the standard of scholarship as well as that of teaching, and the influence of his good work will long be felt. He has proven himself just the man for the place, and Pittsfield is to be congratulated that he is to continue in the position he fills so well.

Fox Holden, Beta, '72. The *Educational Gazette* gives a history of the Plattsburg Normal school and also a brief history of Bro. Holden. We clip the following: "The new state normal school located at Plattsburg is a model institution. While many of the normal schools of the State are located in counties adjoining each other, the Plattsburg school stands by itself, being 100 miles east from Potsdam and 168 miles north from Albany. The spacious building stands in the centre of a tract of fifteen acres, facing the village to the east. The principal of the school is Fox Holden, one of the best-known educators of the state, and at the time he was chosen for the important position he now holds he was superintendent of the Plattsburgh union graded school. Professor Holden was born at North Lansing, N. Y., in 1849 and was prepared for college at the old Ithaca academy. He entered Cornell University in the course of arts and graduated in 1872. After leaving Cornell, he was made principal of the Trumansburgh academy. Afterward of the Addison union school and finally was elected the first principal of the Ithaca high school. The work of organizing this important school fell to him and the efficiency and thoroughness with which it was done have been testified to by the remarkable growth and success of the institution since the date of its founding. After resigning this position he studied law in Ithaca and, for a time, practiced his profession in that city. He was admitted to the bar in 1881. In the summer of 1882, upon the retirement of Prof. John E. Meyer, A. M., from the superintendency of the Plattsburgh schools, Prof. Holden was chosen for that position. The place was a very difficult one to fill because of the remarkable energy and executive power of his predecessor, who had organized the Plattsburgh school system on a most liberal basis and introduced ideas far in advance of his time, but the genial manners and

mild measures of Prof. Holden overcame all obstacles and made his administration of the schools at once popular and successful. It was this deserved popularity with all classes which, upon the opening of the Plattsburgh normal school, made him from the first a favorite candidate for the principalship. He was elected Dec. 12, 1886. By close application to his work and strict fidelity to duty, he has already won enviable rank in his new position among the normal school principals of the state. Syracuse University conferred on him the degree of A. M. in 1883. In school management Principal Holden is an extreme advocate of self-government; but this with him, means liberty and order and never license or anarchy. Although Mr. Holden is a man of quiet and undemonstrative manner, his teachers have been noted for their *esprit de corps*, which has largely contributed to his marked success in school work.

Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, Lambda, '87. The *Congregationalist* contained the following note in regard to Bro. Goodspeed's church: "The First Church of Amherst is in a prosperous condition. Since January 1, forty-three persons have been admitted to church membership. A weekly calendar is printed which gives much satisfaction. The pews have rented for \$500 more than usual. Extensive repairs have been made on the interior of the parsonage. There are 150 Christian Endeavorers doing excellent work. The sum of \$325 was recently handed to the pastor, Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, as an evidence of his people's esteem.

W. G. Chambers, Phi, '94. To Bro. Chambers belongs the honor of being the first man in Lafayette who has produced the "Calculus play" for his own class. Heretofore every class has had to depend upon talent outside their own number. The Class of '94 should congratulate herself, and Bro. Chambers may be justly proud of his literary work. The Play has been published in neat pamphlet form.

Wm. S. Gray, Kappa, '92, is in Johnstown, Pa., with Johnson & Co., street railway contractors.

W. E. Marden, Om. Deuteron, '86, who is attending Princeton Theological Seminary, has spent the summer as a missionary of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School work for Western Minnesota, with headquarters at Marshall, Lyon Co.

M. M. Johnson, Kappa, '92, is studying law in his father's office on Tremont Street, Boston.

James T. Howes, Beta, '88, spent most of the summer in Europe. He returned in August and is at present filling an important desk in the home office of the Niagara Fire Insurance Co., in New York City. Bro. Howes is one of the ablest insurance men in the country.

Hon. S. Fred Nixon, Psi, '81, of Westfield, N. Y., has been elected Chairman of the Republican County Committee. Bro. Nixon has had plenty of political experience and will make things warm in Cattaraugus County.

F. J. Sexton, Zeta, '93. The Boston *Herald* of June 13th gave Bro. Sexton a well deserved compliment. The following is the article as it appeared: 'Great interest attaches to the game between Harvard and Brown, which will be played on Holmes field, Cambridge, this afternoon. It will be a rubber game, each club having a victory to its credit. Harvard won the game at Worcester by forfeit, 9 to 0, and Brown won an exciting ten inning contest at Worcester, 4 to 3. Both clubs will be out in their full strength. The Brown nine has a fine pitcher in F. J. Sexton who is also captain of the nine. Under his leadership victory has been secured over the Yales and three straight from the strong Holy Cross College nine, which has for its pitcher the strong professional twirler, Stafford. Brown also distinguished itself by administering a thorough beating to the strong Providence professionals. The Michigan aggregation as well as the University of Pennsylvania nine, had to acknowledge the superiority of the Brown boys. Capt. Sexton is a Brockton boy, and is in his 22d year. He played with the high school nine in that city, and later joined the Brockton Blues. He has been connected with some of the strongest nines in the state; among them the Hopkintons, Ashlands, L. J. Gunns of Miller's Falls, St. Johns of New Brunswick, South Royalstons, Northamptons and Cadets of the Rhode Island state league. In the fall of 1889 he entered Brown University. In the first seven games he struck out ninety-eight men and allowed his opponents but seventeen hits, less than three to a game. He held Yale down to one hit and struck out eighteen men this spring. He has received many offers to adopt base ball as a regular profession, among the clubs wishing to secure him having been the Boston Reds, Athletics, Baltimores, Buffalos and Omahas.

A. E. Peterson, Kappa, '92, has accepted a very flattering offer from Westbrook Seminary, Deering, Me. He will occupy the chair of the Classical department.

Hon. W. S. Paine, Chi, '68. The SHIELD is in receipt of a letter from Bro. Paine at Stockholm, Sweden, dated Aug. 5. Evidently he is enjoying himself. Although far away he finds time to write a long letter on fraternity affairs.

C. V. Mapes, Iota, '57, and Chas. D. Marvin, Phi, '78, have been traveling in Europe this summer. A letter received from Bro. Marvin stated that they expected to dine with Bro. Paine in Paris, July 15th. No news has since been received. Bro. Mapes is enjoying the comforts of a quarantine delay in New York Harbor just now, but will soon reach home safely. We presume Bro. Marvin has already returned.

Dr. P. C. Gilbert, Xi, '62, is at present residing in Binghamton, N. Y. He has medical charge of the Keely Institute.

Alvaro F. Gibbens, Pi, '60, formerly of Charlestown, W. Va., is at present residing in Washington, D. C. He is engaged in the real estate business.

Carl Harstrom, Xi, '86, has been spending the summer at Phelps, N. Y. He promised to send the June SHIELD a batch of personals but was so engrossed in the contemplation of a Harstrom Jr., that he neglected it. The young man dates from March 11. He has already become quite familiar with the Manual of Arms and will soon be proficient in military discipline.

Thomas H. Lee, Psi, '83. News comes from Stony Point, N. Y., Bro. Lee's home, that Thomas Hamilton Lee was formally introduced to daylight on August 27th—all well and everybody happy. We suppose that means another Theta Delt, as Lee is a synonym for Theta Delta Chi. The SHIELD congratulates Bro. and Mrs. Lee and hopes the young scion of this noble race may live to see the "goat."

Charles M. Dodge, Psi, '91, is supplying the Presbyterian church at Sennett, N. Y. Bro. Dodge is the fourth Theta Delt who has been pastor at Sennett, Bros. Charles T. Burnham, Psi, '73, Edwin H. Jenks, Psi, '86, and Barton W. Perry, Psi '91, having preceded him.

Rev. George Cornwell, Nu Deuteron, '88, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church at Poundridge, N. Y., has gone to China to engage in missionary work. He sails from Vancouver Sept. 18th on the "Empress of China" and will be stationed at the city of Chefoo, in connection with the Haunting mission. Mrs. Cornwell accompanies him.

C. S. Hanks, Chi, '73, has sold his drug store in Olean, N. Y., and purchased one in Hudson, N. Y., where he will hereafter reside. Hudson is just below Albany, on the Hudson river, and any brother who can stop off and visit Bro. Hanks will receive a royal welcome. Bro. Hanks is a hustler and the SHIELD wishes him all manner of success in his new field.

Edwin A. Start, Kappa, '84, has just published in pamphlet form the views of early American statesmen on the tariff question, which, were the SHIELD a political organ, would prove a very valuable document. As it is we admire the ability involved in the research and pass the book over to our political friends.

James G. Riggs, Mu Deuteron, '88, is to travel abroad this year as private tutor. He has been principal of a school in Watertown, N. Y., the past year.

Prof. James B. Hastings, Psi '84, principal of the Wellsboro, Pa., High School, has been spending the summer vacation at Bovina, N. Y. During one of the heavy August thunder storms Mrs. Hastings was struck by lightning and had a very narrow escape indeed, the lightning passing down her left side and going out at the toe and heel of her left foot, burning off her left eyebrow, injuring her hearing, and burning her face, neck and foot severely. Although she was partially paralyzed and could not articulate for over two hours, she soon recovered so as to be about and seemed on the sure road to recovery. But during another shower a few days after, although she experienced no shock or anything like it,

the paralysis returned and it is now feared that she will never fully recover. Bro. Hastings' many fraternity friends will express the hope that the injury is not as severe as has been reported and that Mrs. Hastings may enjoy a speedy and complete recovery.

Rev. Edwin Fairley, Mu Deuteron, '86, has accepted a call to a Presbyterian church in Roseland, N. J. Bro. Fairley and Bro. White were graduates of Union Theological Seminary in the class of '92.

James B. Hastings, Psi, '84, has been engaged as principal of the Stamford, N. Y., Seminary for the coming year.

William H. Morrison, Beta, '90, returns to Wilmington, Del., as private tutor in a responsible position, after spending a portion of his vacation at Carleton Island, Thousand Islands.

George R. Brush, Xi, '92, spent the summer at Chautauqua and furnished very readable articles for the Buffalo *Enquirer* while the assembly was in session. Bro. Brush will continue newspaper work in Buffalo in connection with one of the city dailies and thus lay the foundation for that career of prosperity predicted for him by the '92 class prophet at the recent Hobart commencement. Some day we may expect to hear from him on the platform or in the pulpit, if his career as a prize speaker while in college may be taken as a criterion. In either field we quite agree with the Hobart prophet as to his ultimate success.

Horatio Z. Jenkins, Psi, '92, is located in Buffalo with the firm of Psi alumni—Petrie, Timerman and Pardee ('76, '87 and '89 respectively). Buffalo furnishes a good opening for a young man with a taste for law, and Bro. Jenkins has found a prosperous and pushing company of brothers with whom to work. "United we stand; divided we fall."

Merlin C. Findlay, Psi, '92, has been making campaign speeches in New York state in the interest of the prohibition candidate for president. Bro. Findlay has accepted a promising position on the faculty of Park College, Parkersville, Mo., as professor of science, and entered upon his duties the first of the present month.

Edward Barton, Iota Deuteron, '92, has received the appointment of assistant in the laboratory of Williams College.

James E. Peabody, Iota Deuteron, '92, has been elected principal of the high school at Williamstown, Masss.

Edwin W. Bishop, Iota Deuteron, '92, goes to Walla Walla, Wash., to teach Latin and Greek in one of the schools.

Clifford S. Tower, Zeta, '90, is now a full fledged lawyer and is represented by a handsome tin shingle which reads Williams & Tower. Mr. Williams is a Zeta Psi man, graduated at Brown in same class with Bro. Tower. The office of this enterprising young law firm is located in room 13, No. 26 Westminster street, Providence, R. I. We know whereof we speak when the assertion is made that Bro. Tower is a good lawyer.

and we feel safe in vouching for his Zete companion. When any reader of the SHIELD has any law business to transact in Providence we would recommend a trial of this firm.

D. J. McGillicuddy, Eta, '81, is the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Second Maine district with Congressman Quigly as an opponent. He will make a lively campaign. He was a delegate at large to the Chicago convention.

M. L. Kimball, Eta, '89, who removed last year to Ellsworth, Me., has returned to his old home, Norway, Me.

Franklin Burdge, Zeta, '56, has been spending the summer at White Sulpher Springs, W. Va.

F. M. Brooks, Lambda, '88, Arthur Chase, Omicron Deuteron, '89, and **F. L. Palmer**, Mu Deuteron, '85, took the degree of B. D. from the Cambridge Episcopal Theological School, June 15th. The same day these three brothers, who have had a delightful course of study together, were ordained to the diaconate side by side, in company with a large number of classmates. The ordination sermon was preached by Pres. Smith of Trinity, Xi '57, and the candidates were ordained by Bishop Brooks. Brother Chase is to teach next year at St. Mark's School for Boys, Southboro, Brother Brooks is appointed to Grace church, South Boston, and Brother Palmer is in charge of St. Paul's church, West Gardner, all in the state and diocese of Massachusetts.

Arthur J. Hopkins, Mu Deuteron, '85, took highest honors in chemistry at Johns Hopkins this spring and is to remain there another year on a fellowship.

E. L. Marsh, Mu Deuteron, '88 finished his theological studies at Andover this spring and has been ordained and settled over the Congregational church at Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Frank H. McCall, Nu Deuteron, '91, has left Cheyenne, Wyoming and accepted a position in the expert department of the Thomson-Houston company's extensive electric works at Lynn, Mass. Some of the coming men will be developed under the world of electricity the developements of which are yet unknown and undreamed of perhaps. Bro. McCall bids fair to be one of those whose names one day will be renowned.

Bro. Geo. B. Sedgwick, Epsilon Deuteron, '93, is at his home in Ishpeming, Michigan, where he has a position in the office of the mine of which his father is superintendent. His brother, Bro. A. K. Sedgwick has a position in a bank in Ishpeming,

Bro. M. W. George, Psi, '75, is a prosperous lawyer at Petoskey, Mich. He is, however, thinking of moving to some milder climate, as his constitution, weakened by an attack of the grip last winter, cannot stand the lake winds. Although isolated from the fraternity for years. Bro. George is still a loyal Theta Delt, and has a hearty welcome for all the brothers who may chance to be in Petoskey.

A. E. Peterson, Kappa, '92, goes to Westbrook Seminary this fall in the department of Latin and Greek.

Paul C. Phillips, Mu Deuteron, '88, has recently taken charge of the gymnasium of the Young Men's institute in New York City.

Rev Chas. L. Arnold, Xi, '75. The Detroit Free Press of Aug. 29 gives a long account of the anniversary of Bro. Arnold's first year at St. Peter's church. The result of his year's labor is eminently satisfactory and he enters upon his second year with the assured affections of his people and flattering prospects of still greater success in his ministry.

Frank J. Metcalf, Lambda, '86, is one of the busy bodies who find plenty to do which is always well done. During the regular college year he is teacher of sciences in the school at Leicester, Mass. During the summer he has been engaged in compiling a record of the town of Ashland from 1846 to date, besides working in the Citizens National Bank as extra vacation supply. Bro. Metcalf will make his mark high up on the ladder of fame some day.

Rev. Barton W. Perry, Psi, '91. A Rochester paper gives the following: Rev. Barton W. Perry was installed as pastor of the lately organized Grace Presbyterian Church at its handsome new house of worship on Lyell avenue last evening. The church was tastefully decorated with palms and flowers, and everything was bright to give the new pastor a hearty welcome. The church was well filled at 8 o'clock, when the services began. After an organ prelude and the singing of a hymn, a Scripture lesson was read by Rev. J. B. Stillson. Rev. C. B. Gardner, pastor of Westminster Church, offered prayer, after which Rev. A. J. Hutton, pastor of St. Peter's Church, preached a sermon, choosing his text from Acts, x., 33. Rev. Mr. Gardner, who is Moderator of the Presbytery, performed the service of ordination, and formally appointed Rev. Mr. Perry as pastor of Grace Church. A. C. Lee rendered a vocal solo, and Rev. G. B. F. Hallock, assistant pastor of the Brick Church, delivered in a few well chosen words, a charge to the new pastor, reminding him to remember that he belonged first to God, second to the Presbyterian Church, and third to the people of the church. The charge to the people was delivered by the Rev. Dr. George Patton. An informal reception was held after the devotional services, when everyone present improved the opportunity to shake the hand of the new pastor." Bro. Perry has met with marked success since he began his work in Grace Church. The members are enthusiastic workers and devotedly loyal to the energetic pastor and his earnestly consecrated wife.

Clarence S. Palmer, Psi, '79, was elected Vice-President of the Mid-Continental Association of Hamilton Alumni at its recent reunion, and delivered a toast on "Old Greek." In reporting it, the secretary writes: "He summarized the life and character of Hamilton's great teacher so clearly and affectionately that it formed the keynote of the reunion; and

every succeeding speaker, no matter what his topic, found his thoughts irresistibly drawn to the subject upon which all Hamilton men love to dwell. Have two of our alumni ever come together since the early '40's that "Old Greek" was not mentioned with love and reverence? Bro. Bushnell, *W*, '71, and Bro. Seymour, *W*, '84, are members of the executive committee, and Bro. E. A. McMath, *W*, '70, is a Vice-President of the Association.

John H. Cunningham, *W*, '66, of the Utica *Herald*, has been elected a member of the executive committee of the New York State Associated Press.

Rev. Dr. Wallace B. Lucas, *W*, '66, of Meridian, delivered a lecture before the students of Auburn Theological Seminary before the close of the spring session of the seminary.

James D. Rogers, *W*, '89. The *Hamilton Literary Monthly* contains the following: "The only Greek fellowship granted by the authorities of Columbia College for the coming year has been awarded to Principal James D. Rogers, '89, of the Boonville High School. The competition for this fellowship was open to the graduates of any college, and the candidates were numerous. This makes the success of Principal Rogers all the more enviable as a tribute to thorough scholarship and personal worth. The income of this fellowship will enable Mr. Rogers, under the direction of Prof. A. C. Merriam, to carry out the plans for advanced study of Greek which he has cherished since gaining the Greek scholarship, founded by Chauncy S. Truax, '75." All join the Psi men in congratulating Bro. Rogers and wishing him abundant success.

Duncan C. Lee, Psi, '91, has been spending the summer vacation at his home in Franklinville, N. Y. His time has been divided between seeking quiet rest and writing for the *SHEILD*. Our gratitude to Bro. Lee for his timely assistance in all departments of this number is freely acknowledged. Without his labor, which has been tendered in a most brotherly spirit, the *SHEILD* would have been tame indeed. Nearly all the college notes, many of the personals and two of the leading articles are from his pen. The fraternity will not have to go far to find a competent editor when the present incumbent retires. Bro. Lee returns to Cascadilla school at Ithaca for another year.

W. S. Daboll, Zeta, '73. The following clipping from the New York *Sun* of Aug. 23d, gives the tragic end of Bro. Daboll. "Actor W. S. Daboll, whose impersonation of the thief in the original 'Erminie' company made him famous in the theatrical world, committed suicide at Holliston, Mass., this afternoon by taking a dose of poison. He has been spending the summer at the residence of Wellington Slocum, and has of late been rehearsing a role in 'Puritana,' which is now being produced at the Tremont Theatre, Boston, under the direction of Pauline Hall. He was to join the company next week, and his prospects were so bright that his

friends are at a loss to account for his suicide. Mr. Daboll was born in Providence, and was 35 years old. He leaves a wife and two children here and two sisters in Providence. He has been on the stage some fifteen years, but in early life intended to be an Episcopal minister. For an hour or so before taking the poison he took a stroll with his wife and seemed in good spirits. He entered the house and passed to his room, and a minute afterward told his wife that he had taken poison and bade her good-by. When asked what it was he replied, "No matter." Mrs. Daboll summoned Mr. Slocum, who was in the yard, and Dr. Pope, who lived in the next house, but so rapid was the effect of the poison that he died within ten minutes from the time it was taken. No trace of any vial or powder could be found and all local druggists deny having sold him any poison. Medical Examiner Adams of Framingham was summoned, and a post mortem examination will probably reveal the drug with which he ended his life. Mrs. Slocum, Mrs. Daboll's mother, was absent on a visit to New Hampshire, and was expected home this evening. Mrs. Daboll was frantic with grief."

W. R. Delano, Xi, '77, is now in the Surrogate's office in New York city. The following very pretty notice appeared in the *Wall Street Herald* of May 25th: "The appointment of Mr. William R. Delano to the position of Second Law Assistant in the Surrogate's office, is everywhere regarded as an eminently wise one and directly in the interest of the public service. For the position to which he has been so wisely appointed Mr. Delano is admirably qualified, and will discharge the duties of the office in a manner creditable to himself and satisfactory to the people. He is a gentleman of sound ability, well versed in the work he will be called upon to perform. In fact a better choice could not have been made, and the wisdom which suggested it is to be highly commended. We recognize in Mr. Delano a conspicuous member of just the class of men it is to the best interests of the people to have in important official positions."

W. A. Talbot, Xi, '78, resides at Warren, Penn. He was at Hobart only a short time but is thoroughly imbued with the fraternity spirit. Many things have combined to keep him out of touch with the fraternity and in ignorance of its growth, prosperity and history. Meeting a brother, not long since, he was surprised to learn of the publication of the *SHIELD* and of the Catalogue, and at once proceeded to get into line. At present he is homeless. One afternoon in June fire broke out in a building next to his fine residence, and notwithstanding the exertions of the fire department and hosts of willing hands his house, with contents, were ruined. All of the workmen who can be used are now engaged repairing damages. Although well insured no money can make good his loss, for curiosities and art treasures, from almost every corner of the earth, are included in it. Bro. Talbot married some years ago Miss McNair, a daughter of one one of the great firm of tanners, lumbermen and oil producers of Sheffield, Penn. He has several children, who are his pride and delight. Finan-

cially, his head is a mile or more above water. His father, Dr. Talbot, invented "Piso's Cure for Consumption" which has, probably, the largest sale of any cough medicine, and it is shipped in immense quantities to every civilized country in the world. He is a stockholder in the company manufacturing this medicine and the business is one of the industries of the town, employing many men, women, and children in bottling, labeling and boxing, besides others engaged in the printing department, which is also a busy place the year around.

MULLIGAN—MURPHY.

On the evening of June 27, 1892, William S. Mulligan, Psi, '86, was married to Miss Agnes K. Murphy. The only account we have is from the New York press, a sort of pre-lude which appeared June 24th in the *World* and a post-lude in the *Herald* on June 28. Both are given entire. "Miss Agnes K. Murphy, the handsome young lawyer and real estate agent, who has an office in the Tremont, is well known to real estate dealers throughout the city. When her father died, about eighteen months ago, she took hold of his business and conducted it with the skill of a thorough business person. Later Miss Murphy decided she would like to have a better knowledge of law and she entered the Law Department of the College of New York, from which she recently graduated. Miss Murphy is the attorney of an uptown bank. She has conducted some of the largest real estate transactions in the Twenty-fourth Ward and does a paying business. The news recently became whispered about Tremont that Miss Murphy proposed to take a partner into her business. Upon being questioned recently she admitted with an unbusiness-like blush that the report was correct. She then gave the additional information that the partner was to be a young man named Mulligan whom she met in college, and that she intended to enter into a life partnership with him. The marriage of the young couple was set down for next Monday, June 27. It is to take place in the Church of our Lady of Mercy, connected with Fordham College. Last evening, Miss Murphy, Mr. Mulligan and some of their friends were starting from her home, No. 1911 Fulton avenue, to the church to rehearse the ceremony. Just as Miss Murphy was stepping into the carriage she happened to glance up to her room in the second story of the house, and saw that the window curtain had caught fire from the gas jet. Near the window was a bureau in which Miss Murphy had laid by \$600 in cash and several valuable presents. Thinking of this she dashed upstairs to the bureau, which was almost enveloped in flames. She succeeded in opening the drawer and securing her valuables, but in doing so her face and right hand were painfully burned. Her slippers caught fire and were almost burned off her feet. She had on a heavy woolen dress, which did not ignite readily, else she would doubtless have been seriously burned before her friends reached her. They rushed up stairs and when they saw her clothes burning a bed quilt was quickly thrown about her and the flames

smothered out. An alarm was sounded and the fire department put out the fire after about \$200 worth of damage had been done. It was said at the house that Miss Murphy will not be disfigured and that the mishap will not interfere with the marriage on Monday. After the ceremony the young couple propose to sail for Europe."

"Miss Agnes Kennedy Murphy, daughter of the late William Jay Murphy, who was well known in real estate circles, a young lawyer and member of the Real Estate Exchange, was married last night to Mr. William S. Mulligan, another young lawyer and one of her class-mates at the Law School of the New York City College. The marriage ceremony was celebrated in the little Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy, which is situated on the grounds of St. John's College, at Fordham. The ceremony was appointed for half-past seven o'clock, the Rev. R. P. H. Murphy, S. J., officiating, assisted by the Rev. Peter Farrel, an old friend of the bride's father. The altar and chancel were decorated with garden flowers, which had been placed there by friends of the bride who crowded the little chapel. The bride entered the church walking between her mother and Mr. Isaac Anderson, cashier of the Twelfth Ward Bank, for which bank the bride is attorney. The bride's mother wore a rich gown of pearl gray corded silk trimmed with lace. The bride's gown was of cream colored silk with full train, trimmed with point lace. Her veil of point lace was held by a diamond ornament, and she wore a diamond pendant, the groom's gift, at her neck, and a bracelet of pearls and diamonds, the gift of Mr. Anderson. Just in front of the bride was her little sister, Miss Ella Murphy, in white silk mull. The bridesmaid was Miss Elsie Murphy, a cousin, who was dressed in pale blue corded silk, made with demi-train. The ushers who led the bridal procession were Messrs Reed, Crane, McLoughlin, Chamberlain, Tompkins and Hennessy, class-mates of the bride and groom at the Law School. The groom and his best man, Mr. F. J. Swift, Psi, '85, of Brooklyn, assisted the bride at the chancel. After the ceremony a reception followed at No. 1,191 Fulton avenue, Tremont, the bride's own house. Several hundred people were present. Some beautiful presents were displayed, among them a silver dinner service, the gift to the bride of the Real Estate Exchange; a set of gold and pearl after dinner coffee spoons, from the London and Lancaster Insurance Company, for which the bride is a manager, as well as much silver from relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Mulligan will be partners in business as well as for life. They will soon sail for Europe. Miss Murphy was heavily veiled during the ceremony, owing to an accident a few evenings ago, when she narrowly escaped severe injury." The Editor of the SHIELD would like to see this famous legal sister. Bro. Mulligan is to be congratulated on his keen eye to business. If this law firm of Mulligan et Mulligan *Multum in uno*, does not prosper then life will surely be a failure. Our heartfelt congratulations and good w^{shes} are extended to the happy pair.

NICHOLS—JOHNSON.

The following clipping relating to the marriage of Dr. John W. Nichols, Eta, '81, will be of interest. "At the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Johnson in Industry, Tuesday evening, occurred an event that will long be remembered by those present—the marriage of their daughter, Miss Bertha E., to John W. Nichols, M. D., of Farmington. Only the families of the bride and groom were present. As the betrothed couple entered the parlor and took their places in front of a beautiful bank of flowering plants, Rev. Hugh Elder, pastor of the Old South church, Farmington, arose and very impressively performed the solemn service which united them in the holy bonds. The bride was charmingly attired in white China silk, demi-train, with chiffon trimmings, white kids; and the groom was in the conventional black, white kids. At the close of the ceremony congratulations were extended, after which an elegant lunch was served. Very many valuable presents were received by the happy couple. Dr. and Mrs. Nichols will make their residence in Montpelier, Vt., to which city the former goes this week to take charge, as physician, of the Keely Institute of Vermont. His wife will follow him in a few days. May the wedded life of the couple be a long and happy one, is the sincere wish of many warm friends in this vicinity."

SHERRERD—FREEMAN.

Bro. Alexander H. Sherrerd, Phi, '70, for many years the chemist of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel Co., of Scranton, Pa., was married on the 23d of June in Trinity church, Portland, Conn., at 6 p. m., to Miss Annie D. Freeman, of Portland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. O. H. Raftery. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Leroy Brainerd, at whose beautiful home on the bank of the Connecticut river an elegant reception was given the newly-wedded pair immediately after the ceremony. The relatives and a few invited friends were present.

The bridal couple enjoyed their own society on a delightful trip down the St. Lawrence, after which they went to Scranton and settled in their home. Bro. Sherrerd announces that they will be delighted to receive and entertain any Theta Deltas who chance to come that way, especially any of the Phi. The SHIELD desires to extend hearty congratulations. It was our pleasure to know Bro. Sherrerd in college, and none was more loved than "Little Aleck" at the Phi. May his house ever be happy.

Rev. Robert R. White, Mu Deuteron, '89, was married June 7th to Miss Minnie Gibbs, of Northampton, Mass., and was shortly after ordained and installed pastor of the Presbyterian church at Bedford, N. Y.

HASLETT—CROTHERS.

Dr. James H. Haslett, Xi, '85, of Waterloo, N. Y., was married June 15th to Miss Carrie Crothers, of Phelps, N. Y., at St. John's Episcopal church in Phelps. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Edson,

rector of the church, assisted by Rev. Dr. Duff, rector of St. Paul's church, Waterloo, the pastor of the groom. Following the ceremony a brilliant reception was given at the bride's home which was largely attended. Several Theta Deltas were present.

QUESADA—MIRANDA.

On Tuesday afternoon, August 16th at 4:30 Gonzalo de Quesada, Pi Deuteron '88, was married to Miss Angelina Miranda, daughter of Dr. Ramon Luis Miranda. The ceremony was performed in St. Francis Xavier's church on West Sixteenth street, New York City. The SHIELD acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to be present at the ceremony, and regrets both our inability to be present and the failure of any thoughtful brother to send particulars for publication. Congratulations dear Bro. Quesada. May your married life be long and happy.

FAIR HARVARD

A poem delivered by W. R. Bigelow, Lambda '89, at the inauguration banquet of the Iota Charge at Youngs Hotel, Boston, June 8, 1892.

Dear brothers, the joy of our unity here
 Is a hint of what life has in store
 For the souls who look back of the surface of things,
 To see what there is at the core.
 We may come from the southland or come from the north,
 From estate of the low or the high,
 But we own but one friendship when gathered around
 The altars of dear Delta Chi.

Like a mother she bears with our rough little ways
 When, her lambs, we come into the fold,
 And take doses of light sophomorical haze,
 Which keep us from being too bold.
 Are we hungry or tired, discouraged or sore,
 Whatever the want that is felt,
 We flee other friendships and seek yet the more
 The warm bosom of kind Theta Delt.

There the prince and the peasant both rank number one,
 The tortoise and light footed hare ;
 And if in the race our quick friend gets too fast,
 Theta Delta Chi bids him take care.
 Yet we mark not externals of faces and clothes,
 Of money or birthright or clan,
 But among the strange mass of humanity's throng
 Theta Delta Chi seeks just a man.

So we welcome you brothers, a score of you strong,

To our tables and altars and hearts;

And the ties of this friendship we bid you prolong

Till in death mortal friendship departs.

We welcome you thus from old Harvard's abode

Where this altar now stands as of yore,

And we charge you to keep old Iota's name bright

As in palmiest days gone before.

Fair babe of the charges, in fondness we dwell

On the traits that now promise so bright,

We remember the victory your eloquence wrought

When you *cussed agin' Yale* all one night.

And how could our stalwarts like adamant stand

And bat every ball that was thrown

By a Princeton young man with a magical hand,

If we hadn't had A. P. Stone.

You've a right without question to blow your own Horne.

Sure a Danion you'll find in your heart.

And if you've a load to get out of the way,

Why a Wiggin 's as good as a cart.

(Please pardon my Irish and don't mind my slang)

But let me remind you, I beg,

That we've also a son of an extra big gun,

A Gregg who's a son of a Gregg.

Then here 's to our fellowship, good fellows all,

As our hearts to each other are true.

Let us never be slow to respond to the call

When it comes from the black, white, and blue.

When we meet face to face in the far away years

May fraternity beam from each eye,

And our hands clasp again in that hearty old grip

Of our dear Theta, dear Delta Chi.

—WILLIAM REED BIGELOW.



Correspondence.

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

WASHINGTON, June 29, 1892.

DEAR BROTHER:—Your very interesting number of the SHIELD is at hand and also the gentle reminder, in reply to which I enclose herewith my check for \$5.00, for my own subscription for one copy and you may put the rest where it will do the most good.

I am particularly pleased at the prospect of western extension. The modern facilities for transportation and communication have lessened the distance which seemed such a barrier to extension in the earlier days. Moreover, so many of our graduates have moved westward that there *might* be some danger of their forgetting their old college days and fraternity associates, but for the presence of younger blood to jog their memories. Of course the west will always seem more or less near to us as long as "Fate" Bachman, whose name I have often studied among the many carved initials on the big arm chair at Beta, holds forth at "Chateau de Clapboard," and I think if he will take the time to run down to Palo Alto he will find Bro. "Jo" Marx as enthusiastic as ever, with Bro. Albert Smith there to help him next year I believe. Mrs. Marx and Mrs. Smith are both sisters of Theta Delts as well, so he will be doubly welcome.

My object in making these suggestions is to have them discuss the advisability of starting a chapter at the Leland Stanford, Jr. University, which I think will be the coming university of the west. I presume, however, that you have already taken this matter under consideration and that these suggestions are superfluous.

Your personal columns grow more and more interesting, to say nothing of the more elaborate sketches in the body of the book. The illustrations are great, and I was greatly pleased to see the faces of Bro. Crooker, whose wedding was a bright memory in the history of Beta, and Bro. Kline, with whose name I have long been familiar, though I did not know he was a Theta Delt. Did Bro. Sterrett tell you that besides being a mighty good preacher and a true Theta Delt, he is an expert bicycle rider, who fully understands the meaning of "*Mens sana in corpore sano.*"

That little account of the finding of our symbols in the pyramid puts me in mind of a rumor that I have never heard fully confirmed. At the time the Washington monument was completed we heard vague stories that Bro. Eccheverria (I believe) had managed to have a tablet placed at or near the very capstone of the tall structure, bearing the shield and Greek letters. I have no doubt that there are places where the signs appear, but I do not approve of a too promiscuous advertising in that line.

Wishing you all success, and hoping we may have the favor of the light of your countenance some time this coming season, I am,

Very fraternally yours,

C. W. CURTIS, B., '88.

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GLOUCESTER, Sept. 3, 1892.

DEAR BROTHER HOLMES:—I suppose you have been wondering at my silence and failure to reply to your letter of the second ult. I have been camping-out all summer and have only just returned home, and find your letter on the table in my room. I had a very enjoyable summer in camp, and the black, white and blue flag of our beloved fraternity has proudly waved from its staff, promise of a warm welcome to all Theta Deltas who might call. But I am afraid two Theta Deltas will think I am rather a cold-hearted brother. Let me relate the incident. During the first two weeks of camp there were two Waltham men and half a dozen boys camping with me. One day after dinner as we were sitting around the table in the open air, two young men rushed up and one of them, without any preliminary questions, grabbed my friend by the hand and tried to give him a grip. My friend naturally failed to respond, and the hasty Theta Delt was somewhat surprised. "Who owns that flag?" he asked. "I do," I replied. "Are you a chapter man?" says he. "Yes" says I, "of Bowdoin, '81." "We are B. U. men," says he. "Ah!" says I. *Says* he, *Says* I, etc. Rather a cold welcome on my part, was it not? But then I was considerably vexed at the reckless manner in which they were trying to give our grip away without first ascertaining who were the Theta Deltas in our party. So I failed to respond cordially and they went away. I do not know whether they were Theta Deltas or whether from Brown or Boston University. I thought afterwards that I myself had been somewhat hasty in letting them go as I did. They were evidently still in college or recent graduates, but they should have put out some feelers before giving the grip so indiscriminantly. When I next visit Boston I shall drop in at Lambda and see if they are there, and apologize for my coldness. My camp companion, Walker, brought down a friend of his from the Theological Seminary at Cambridge, named J. G. Robinson, who proved to be a Theta Delt from Hobart College. He is a very fine fellow and very much interested in the goings-on of the fraternity. I retailed him all the news from the June SHIELD that I could remember, and he was particularly pleased to learn that the Chi charge had been re-established, as I in-

ferred from the charge roll in the June SHIELD. As he is at the St. Johns Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, I hope to see him again in Boston and also at the convention this fall. He only remained a few days with us but he said he enjoyed himself, and I am sure we did. I wish I could meet more of the boys during the summer.

Yours fraternally,

NATHANIEL R. WEBSTER.

BROWN'S VALLEY, MINN., June 30, 1892.

DEAR BROTHER:—My business has for the past few days been woefully neglected, and all on account of the June SHIELD. You should not make it so interesting.

I do not know whether my subscription is paid in advance or not. Whether it is or no, kindly use the enclosed check to pay "for it some more."

It is but fair to you as its editor to say that the SHIELD handed us by Bro. Dawley was the direct means of turning our society (*the secret one*) toward $\Theta\Delta X$, and it is safe to say, I think, that but for the SHIELD we would never have become members of the Tau Deuteron charge. As it is our boys are as enthusiastic as you please, and I feel sure that Tau Deuteron will not be the least in brightness of all the glorious stars in the galaxy of Theta Delta Chi.

One thing more; I am going to the World's Fair, and selfishness prompts the desire that such arrangements be made whereby I will not miss seeing some of the Theta Delts there.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY S. MORRIS.

FRANKLINVILLE, N. Y., June 28, 1892.

MY DEAR BROTHER:—A perusal of such a magazine as the June SHIELD is cannot help doing one great good. It is admirable reading for *any* person who may not have been convinced that a Theta Delt life is ennobling; and for a *Theta!* well, I am sure it surpasses any of the feasts of which it gives such inspiring accounts.

Experience has compelled me to believe in conventions of our fraternity and in all associations of those who *know* what our fraternity means; but I have never seen any good and cannot conceive of any good coming from conventions of different fraternities. I am satisfied with $\Theta\Delta X$; it is all-sufficient to me; it gives me all that I desire in fraternity life; and I do not care to attend any congress where other fraternities try to do Theta Delta Chi good by seeking to bind us to them by any chord of sympathy. The mere fact that our motto and our name is in the Greek language is no reason why we should ally ourselves or think ourselves in *any* conceivable way connected or associated with other so-called fraternities that may also possess a Greek name or Greek motto. Theta

Delta Chi means something to *us* and to no others. Other fraternities mean no more to me than I hope my fraternity does to them. Let others leave us to work out our own salvation and I think we shall not fail. Our Catalogue, our SHIELD and our fraternity life and enthusiasm show what *we can do*. I care not and I think I *should* not care whether some other fraternity succeeds along its line or not, whether it has a good fraternal feeling or not, or whether it is all in all a fifth-class fraternity or not. If any of them have failed they must know it. If they cannot remedy their defects they ought to die. At any rate I cannot see how a Pan-Hellenic congress would prove a panacea for their constitutional ailments.

If possible let us, by all means, have a national assembly next year in the west ; let us make it the grandest convocation of the year, composed of the brainiest and best of our good and brainy men ; let us make it the center of all that is noble and grand in Theta Delta Chi, a veritable Jerusalem, where we may catch anew the spirit of our founders and become apostles in friendship's cause. Is there not work enough here and will it not bring us more satisfaction and greater benefits than any so-called Pan-Hellenic congress ?

Am enjoying the quiet of home ; shall not go to the Hamilton Commencement.

With fraternal love,

DUNCAN CAMPBELL LEE.

BARRE, VT., June 30, 1892.

DEAR BRO. HOLMES :—I make haste to enclose my subscription to the SHIELD and must add my earnest word of commendation for the work you are doing for the fraternity. I believe that every graduate of Theta Delta Chi is thoroughly alive to the grand impetus that is being given to the order by the untiring work of those who have its interests in charge. The last SHIELD is a most interesting number and I have read it with great interest. Thanks for the picture of Bro. Leonard, which not only will be pleasing to his own friends but to us who knew his brother Charles. Some time this summer I hope to send you a batch of personals and corrections of Catalogue.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A. W. PEIRCE, Kappa '82.

CHICAGO, July 6, 1892.

DEAR BROTHER :—I desire to thank you for the very kind notice of my book in the SHIELD. I appreciate it heartily. I am surprised and delighted with the SHIELD. Each number improves upon the preceding and it is rapidly becoming, if it is not already, the ideal society publication. It deserves the cordial support of the fraternity.

I wish to call your attention to the new Chicago University, which

seems to me to offer a splendid field for our society. I hope it may seem best to the Grand Lodge to start a chapter here, and if I can be of any service I shall gladly assist. My high school is within a very few blocks of the University and will send a great many students to it. Indeed, it will probably be the largest feeder in the city and I could help a chapter materially.

Very truly yours,

C. W. FRENCH.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 23, 1892.

DEAR BROTHER HOLMES:—Your article in the June SHIELD to the clergy was timely and sound. I think that every clergyman ought to be an active supporter of your most excellent magazine.

I was sorry not to be present at the reorganization of Chi, but I shall interest myself in the members here. I have already given them my card and invited them to my home.

Enclosed please find one dollar for the Shield for the rest of this year.

Yours truly and fraternally,

BARTON W. PERRY.

5 Warner street.



Editorial.

VACATION has come and gone. Another year at work spreads out before us. It is said that history repeats itself. What the year before us shall bring to Theta Delta Chi is yet unknown. A review of the work of the past year might be in place, but as the official history which will be given to the convention, will appear in the December SHIELD, we omit any mention at the present time. The fraternity has reason to congratulate herself upon the advances made, and if the coming year shall be filled with as much of prosperity, our lines will indeed be cast in pleasant places. The year bids fair to have much of pleasure in store for all fraternities. The great World's Columbian Exposition will draw many visitors to Chicago and we may expect to meet and greet each other there.

It is to be hoped that all the undergraduates have had a delightful time during the summer and are now at their posts doing good work for their respective charges in bringing in new blood. The SHIELD welcomes the new brothers and be-speaks for them pleasant experiences in their new relation. The class of 92 has become a part of the rustling world, and the boys are now men, intent upon their life's work. It would be of great interest to all to know what each one is doing. The editor suggests that the next letter to the SHIELD would be decidedly interesting if a brief account of each graduated brother be given, stating what he is doing or proposes to do. This would be a new feature of decided value. Will the charge editors take the hint and act upon it?

The Editor labors under deep gratitude to Brother Lawrence J. Cole of Ann Arbor, and Duncan C. Lee of Ithaca, for their assistance in making up the present number. The articles which they have contributed will be read by all with great interest.

The Editor has not like the rest, had a vacation. The summer has been fraught with much work. Not a day or hour has been given to recreation, but with an increased multitude of duties heaped upon him, he wearily toiled on thankful that colleges were closed and no official work to do. When September arrived and not a line written for the number which was then due, it seemed almost impossible to find time in which to collect and prepare sufficient matter for a respectable number. Appealing to the brothers named, they have given quick and hearty response. Especial gratitude is expressed for the article on the fraternity and college, which Bro. Lee prepared on a day's notice, enabling us to keep the promise of continuing the subject in this issue. The article is much better than any we could have prepared. The poem quoted is by Rev. Lewis Halsey. For the balance of matter contained herein, we bespeak your indulgence. While we should be resting, by direction of our physician, every moment has been spent in an effort to maintain the character of the journal. With no time to think the mill has been set to grinding at headlong speed, so that you may not be annoyed by unnecessary delay in getting the SHIELD.

ABOUT the time the last SHIELD was issued, we sent out to delinquent subscribers a reminder of their indebtedness. A careful search of the books gave us 306 names. Up to the present time we have received responses from 119, leaving a balance of 190 brothers who are reading this number under a burden of debt. The sum of \$380 is represented, enough to print the December SHIELD with it paid; if not, to put us in the hole. This number exhausts our receipts and we rely upon the money to be derived from these delinquents with which to publish it. If the assertion were made that unless received no SHIELD would appear, it is doubtful if the December number would ever see daylight. What an encouraging prospect for the Editor. We always dislike to send out bills. It draws too many stops. Seven of the strongest names on the list requested their names taken from the list. The reason for this is a matter of doubt. It is poor encouragement to say the

least, only seventeen new names added to the list this year, and seven of the oldest and best lost because we send out bills, of the large number, ninety-one men who ought to have subscribed only five materialized. *Five*, out of nearly *one hundred*. What *magnificent* support? How long is it expected that the SHIELD will live under such liberal support. It is no pleasure for the Editor to put such statements into print, since it reflects on Theta Delta Chi as a whole. It is "bitter medicine;" but the physician hopes thereby to cure his case. Otherwise an undertaker will be necessary in the near future.

UNDER correspondence, a letter from Washington contains a point which might awaken an idea in some minds, as it did in the Editor's. Bro. Curtis sends \$5.00 to pay his \$2.00 subscription and directs that the balance be applied where it will do the most good. Bro. Curtis is a "rara avis" and hence the more appreciated. The SHIELD is not published as a business venture. If it were, the regular subscription price would be the ultimatum, and no allusion made to the subject. The object of the SHIELD since it came under its present management has been solely the advancement of the standard of Theta Delta Chi.—The readers are left to answer each for himself, whether this object has been accomplished or not.—In any event the burden has fallen heavily upon the Editor. If he were a man of means, he would give the SHIELD to the Fraternity without cost. Unfortunately he is not. A toiler among those who are weary with much work, he devotes on an average fourteen to eighteen hours every week day to his regular business and then saps life blood by the light of the midnight lamp to give a SHIELD which may not be discreditable to a noble fraternity. We are now on the fourth year of this burdensome toil and by pledge are to give the fifth year. Thus far not a dollar of surplus has lightened our labor, and the prospect of a considerable deficit looms up this year on account of the increased size of the Journal. The SHIELD will be carried to the completion of its five years without any murmur and regardless of cost. Does any reader suppose however that the Editor has any

desire to tender his labor for any additional time? Hardly. It is not fair to ask it. The same amount of time and energy devoted to regular journalism, would have secured a handsome salary. The SHIELD will never be a paying venture. The same may be said of any other fraternity journal, as none are issued with the idea of profit other than remuneration to the Editor. The SHIELD will not appeal to advertisers for aid in paying expense of publication. To our mind we might as well display advertisements in our meeting places and chapter houses. They have no part in the economy of a true fraternity publication any more than they would have in a bible.

Now the Editor chances to know a hundred subscribers who could if they so desired, contribute a sum of from five to twenty-five dollars each year towards the publication of a journal which would do great credit to the fraternity. Such a plan would insure the publication without a possibility of failure, and give the Editor who works for the good of the order laborer's wages for time spent. Few men can afford to do it for nothing and this is the reason why so few can be found, who are willing to undertake the task. The progress of civilization and with it the newly developing requirements of fraternity life, demand for each well organized society, a regular publication which shall disseminate principles of morality and brotherhood.—Think on this matter—brothers. Something must be done soon or Theta Delta Chi will have a funeral to attend, which will be more impressive than the burying of the Calculus.

THE Club House weighs heavily on the Editor's mind and he wishes it would become a sufficient burden upon the minds of several of the brothers who ought to become ardent supporters of the project—A Club House in New York City, is absolutely essential to the growth and prosperity of our fraternity. One year has proven the need of such a house. Its history is a success from the beginning. It has been fairly well supported, and will be continued. It involves no small outlay to maintain a Club House in the style which we have inaugurated. For the past year a few of the faithful have

borne this expense in a large degree. We presume they are ready to do it again if necessary to maintain the credit of the fraternity. It is not right for us to stand back and let them do it however. There are many who will read this article, who are amply able to pay liberally towards the support of this house, without doing any injustice to their families or business, who have not as yet responded. Let this appeal touch your hearts. You can not devote money to any object which will bring greater returns. Our Club House is a success—It must not be converted into a failure by the apathy of those who ought to have a hand in supporting it. The Editor pledges one hundred dollars for the present year, beginning Nov. 1. What will you do?

It is a matter of surprise to the Editor that many of the subscribers write saying that they have not received the last number of the SHIELD and wish another copy sent. In order to prevent the loss of any stray copies, a return request is put on the wrapper and when a number can not be delivered it is returned. The Editor is certain that a copy is mailed to every subscriber as care is exercised in the matter. It seems a little strange that so many copies should go astray and never turn up. We are inclined to the belief that much of it is due to carelessness on somebody's part. We would not speak of it, but it is growing to be a bill of expense which is not *small*. The June number costs 38 cents per copy to *print*. Now for every one who lost or failed to receive his copy, the Editor expended 76 cents. It does not take many numbers to consume a subscription especially where it is only \$1.00 per year.—If the brothers would exercise a little more care, needless expense might be saved.

THE following notice was sent out by the House Committee in July:—

DEAR BROTHER:—When a house was selected for the Theta Delta Chi Club, care was taken to have a number of rooms suitable for entertaining the guests of the Club. These rooms have all been occupied during the past year, but at the present time some of them are vacant. We

wish to call your attention to this fact and urge you to make the Club your home when visiting this City. You can be accommodated for a single night or for as long a stay as you wish.

For the first few years of the Club's existence, we will need all the income that can be obtained. The rent of the rooms will do much toward paying the expenses if they are constantly occupied. You will be contributing no inconsiderable share to the prosperity of the Club, and hence of the fraternity, if you take advantage of its accommodations whenever you visit the City.

But we do not urge this solely on the ground of your loyalty to your fraternity's interests. We offer you accommodations which, in convenience and comfort, are equal to the best hotels. The Club is situated in one of the finest quarters of the City, and is within a few minutes' walk of the Grand Central Depot and all elevated and surface lines. The rooms are large and well furnished, and contain all the conveniences and improvements. Meals are served in the Club to those guests who desire them. The prices for the rooms are moderate and vary with their size and location.

If you wish to be sure of accommodations when you come, a letter addressed to the Steward of the Club will secure them for you.

Sincerely yours in Theta Delta Chi,

F. H. PATTERSON,

Chairman, House Committee.

Brothers should bear this in mind. When you go to New York don't forget the Club House. We have experienced the delight of dropping in at the Club House unexpectedly, at no time have we failed to meet a number of the brothers and usually some one whom we had not seen in years. The cost of room and board at the Club is not greater than at any respectable hotel in New York. By going there you can literally have a good time without extra expense to yourself. Such a course will contribute to your pleasure and the support of our cherished house. By all means put up at the Club House.

THE editor is under great and frequent obligation to brothers who send him newspapers containing items of interest in regard to different members of the fraternity. This obligation would be materially increased, however if they would remember to mark such things plainly, so that they will be the first thing to attract the eye. The paragraph which seems prominent to the sender, because he knows just what it is and where

to look for it, may altogether escape the man who is not familiar with the make up of the paper. It is always with a sense of disappointment, that after looking in vain for something, he knows not what, the editor consigns to the hopeless depths of the waste basket a paper that he is sure contains something of interest—if he could only find it.

THE letter from Brother Webster was not intended for publication, but it illustrates a point so admirable that it is printed as a suggestive reminder of the fact that is always well "to go slow and learn to peddle." Much carelessness exists in regard to the grip. Undergraduates, especially the young ones, forget themselves very often and rush at a supposed brother, giving him the grip whether he will or no. Numerous instances have come to our notice within the year where unpleasant complications have arisen because some brother has been too hasty. Brother Webster did just right. It is a subject which needs constant attention. The proper officer in every charge should see to it that the first lesson taught the new men, should be extreme caution in giving the grip.—Two points are worthy of notice, (1) never give the grip to any man until you are certain he is a Theta Delt; (2) never give any one the grip in a public place. These points hardly need any discussion to prove their importance. We leave the subject with you. Boys think it over and don't forget that danger lies in every corner.

AN article was promised for this number on the chapter house question; but the editor has been unable to devote any time to the consideration of the subject and must pass it until an opportunity is afforded for the work. Several other subjects should have received attention which are unavoidably neglected from lack of time.

The question of a fraternity Congress and Exhibit at the World's fair has received considerable ventilation since the appearance of the June SHIELD. At that time it seemed a

very feasible project. Since then several meetings have been held and the real African appeared in the corner of the fence. It has developed into a political scheme to boom the weaker societies at the expense of the leading fraternities. Nearly all of the "old line" fraternities have declined to be a party to it. By direction of the Grand Lodge, Bro. W. C. Hawley has withdrawn from the Conference and Theta Delta Chi will not take part in the scheme. In its stead it would not be amiss for us to have a Summer Meeting in Chicago and a regular jubilee reunion of all the old graduates. Every body will go to the Exposition and why not name a week in which Theta Delta Chi shall take possession of Chicago.

ON another page is printed a poem "Columbia's Flower." This poem is from the pen of Bro. Swinburne, and to the SHIELD is given the honor of its first public production. The following description is given of the flower:

"Of all the gems that grace our soil the Columbine is the most fitting for the National Flower. It is a marvel of beauty; full of symbolic sentiment; a model of inspiration for the genius of poet, painter and sculptor. Among the characteristics that endear it to the hearts of the American people and make it most appropriate for adoption by our Nation are the following: Its name comes from the same root as Columbia, a name our country often bears; it is classed with the "*Aquilegia*," or Eagle variety, because its petals end in spurs resembling the talons of an eagle; it grows in red, white and blue, our National colors; it has five trumpet-shaped petals, corresponding to the five points of the star upon our flag, and these are grouped around a central shaft, similar to the arrangement of the States around the central Government; and it is indigenous to the North American Continent, a hardy perennial and wild flower, that is found in every part of our land, growing even upon the Rocky Mountains in the very heart of the country.

Measures are being taken to have the flower adopted as the National Flower by the management of the World's Columbian exposition. An additional point in favor of its adoption is that the flower in its shape resembles the horn of plenty which graces the head of "Columbia." We can see no valid reason why this great and mighty nation should not adopt a flower. Such a beautiful one as this fittingly represents the

magnificence of America. The SHIELD heartily endorses the move and asks the brothers to help boom the Columbine as a national flower.

THE Corresponding Secretary of the Chi Charge is J. R. Webster, address 86 Charlotte St. Rochester. The Iota has not yet been reported. Information received too late to insert in the proper location.

The editor regretted more deeply than any one else that he could not be present at the re-establishment of the Iota charge; if for no other reason, that the brothers might have a full account of it. By the kindness of Bro. Bigelow we are able to give a general account, and the stenographer has produced the speeches in full. The time seems to have arrived when a legitimate fraternity can live at Harvard. When the subject was first broached the President of the Grand Lodge was much opposed on general principles. A rigid investigation of the men and customs of the institution led to the belief that the opinion previously entertained was erroneous. On that ground consent was accorded that the petition should be acted on in the usual way. As a result Iota is again alive. None could for a moment doubt the high standing and good moral character of the men who compose the charge after having once seen them. The ceremony was performed so near the close of the collegiate year that no notice could be sent to the charges. The Iota will be well represented at convention, as well as the other infants. Tau Deuteron will be on hand with her representative men and Chi will be heard from. It will be a great convention and the old graduates should strive to be present and catch the enthusiasm.

IOTA DEUTERON has amply fulfilled the predictions of those who said it was possible for Theta Delta Chi to enter Williams and receive at once acknowledged recognition by the ultra-conservative fraternity organization of that institution. Her two years have placed Iota Deuteron in a position where none can gainsay her recognition. With two members on the in-

struction corps of the college, the principality of the Williams-town high school, and the pastorate of the leading church by an Omicron Deuteron brother, Theta Delta Chi may well congratulate herself on her very worthy branch. The charge now occupies the house formerly rented by Delta Kappa Epsilon.

THERE is a reward for labor in the appreciation of the friends for whom one works. The June SHIELD taxed our energies to such an extent that we would willingly have resigned the pen to some fresh victim. The receipt of the following short but decidedly expressive letter from one who knows whereof he speaks gives encouragement and makes the weary bones alive again with energy :

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., July 29, 1892.

DEAR BROTHER:—The last number of the SHIELD was the finest I ever saw or heard of in fraternity publications. It was of extraordinary interest in all parts, and I write these few lines to let you know that we are not hogs under a tree eating acorns and never sending a glance of gratitude up to the provider.

Yours fraternally,

FRANKLIN BURDGE.

A LETTER received from a brother contains the following paragraph :

"Although I am the only subscriber in this city the magazine is eagerly received and read by a group of five."

Whether the writer meant that he was one of the group or not is immaterial. At least four brothers are enjoying the fruits of the labor bestowed upon the SHIELD without contributing anything to its assistance. How many more such cases exist we have no means of knowing. True it is, however, that many do not seem to realize that the editor is bearing the burden while they enjoy the results. One dollar or two dollars make a very slight drain on a man, but when one man has to bear the drain which should be divided among a hundred it becomes quite another matter. Each brother who reads the SHIELD and enjoys it would be the more benefited if he contributed his share toward its support.

ANY brother who may know of an opening for a teacher in Greek in a first-class institution will do Bro. Arthur S. Cooley, Auburndale, Mass., a kindness by advising him of the fact.

ANY brother who is in journalism and open for a position may learn of a place where he can make a start with prospects by addressing the editor of the SHIELD at once.

IT is a source of much satisfaction to note the ease with which our graduates seem to drop into good positions. It bespeaks ability on their part and promises success. Every brother who does himself credit reflects honor upon Theta Delta Chi.

THE Subject of Fraternities is continued from the June number and the question considered in its relation to the College. The next number will continue the subject in relation to students.



Editorial Notes and Comments.

THE YALE ACCIDENT.

The recent sad accident at Yale that resulted in the death of Mr. Rustin, shows us that we need to develop this truer and nobler manhood. It is a keen reflection on a phase of fraternity life that lingers in the midst of so much that is praiseworthy and good. That the accident occurred during the initiations of a particular fraternity, signifies in reality very little; that it might have occurred in the initiation of almost any fraternity imparts a great deal. The mere fact of leading a man blindfold across a city street is hardly a culpable deed. We venture to say that nearly every fraternity yearly performs acts in its initiatory rites far more likely to result in bodily injury. For a member of any other fraternity to criticize Delta Kappa Epsilon for the performance of this act is equivalent to condemning his own chapter in its initiations. To sympathize with her in her bereavement is to be charitable; to exert an influence to annihilate these always stupid and sometimes fatal farces is the duty of every fraternity man. The main burden of accomplishing this result rests upon the undergraduates. It would seem that the recent sad outcome of their boyish foolishness would be a lesson for all, and that the childish frivolity would be forever be laid aside. We trust this may be so. Undergraduates, reflect! The sum total of all the so-called "*fun*" indulged in by all fraternities since time began, weighed in the balance with this death, seems of no account. Is this "*fun*" so dear to you that you cannot give it up, even if it becomes a menace to safety? Is it such a part of your organization that you will cling to it, even though it threatens the life itself of him whom you have so favored that you have asked him to become your friend and fellow comrade? Is it then so essential in your college life? When you gather at your conventions, at your reunions and meetings and dwell in fond recollections upon the results and accomplishments of the flying terms or past years, do you linger on the silly folly of initiations as a worthy element in the forces that elevated your mental thought and strengthened your character for the emergencies and action of life? Rather than this, does it not seem a blot upon the fair escutcheon of your fraternity life? You are in the first place guilty of a breach of gentlemanly conduct. To the candidate for your fraternity and often to his parents and family you demonstrate the advantages of fraternity life, and of your fraternity in particular, its social aims, its *brotherly* spirit, and then by a gross breach of faith you indulge in clownish nonsense fit only for uncouth savages. Is this the way to inspire a love for a fraternity, to

create a favorable impression of the dignity and loftiness of its aims? The writer has known one or two instances in other fraternities where exceptionally fine, desirable men have resigned the day after their initiation, disgusted probably by the frivolity accompanying the initiation.

It is time that this element be banished from our organizations and we prove to the world that we are banded together for serious and manly purposes. In this appeal we address all fraternities, for we know Delta Kappa Epsilon is not more culpable than any other, and much as these fraternities may seek to conceal their initiatory rites, their general methods and performances are always known to the average college man who keeps his eyes open.

If this reform cannot be accomplished by the undergraduates, then we, as graduates, must interfere, and this will be perhaps the outcome, for we know how this subject is regarded by the student body. Any means of persuasion to rectify this evil is put down to the prim and "goody goody" sentiment of men who have forgotten that they were boys. We have not forgotten that—bless the old days! Neither have we ceased to remember the fraternity that we love and whose good fame we cherish. It is difficult to persuade any man that his means of amusement are undignified and unworthy, and the average college student considers himself so thoroughly conversant with the ways of the world that we foresee a long struggle to eradicate this fault. Hence, to the graduate body, this comes home as a pressing question. We have received from a charter member of our Amherst Chapter an earnest letter evoked by the late misfortune at Yale. In a firm yet kindly manner he protests against this evil. He also says: "*The fraternity owes it to itself that initiations shall be uniform in all its chapters, and that it shall be simple and dignified.*" This is the keynote of a reform that time will bring. We trust it will come speedily. Let every active member ponder this question thoughtfully and well. Shall this element that properly belongs to the realm of the harlequin and clown linger in the halls of our orders? If it does not add to the usefulness of fraternity life, ought we to spend our time upon it? And surely if it positively detracts from the good name of our fraternities we must not tolerate it. This is a field in which the graduate members can work a needed reform; but we hope to see the change spring from the active members, because they have a sincere conviction that these farces have no place in a system that should have for its underlying principles rules of action that are fair and gentlemanly and dignified. We have said little of the particular tragedy that calls forth this appeal. Its own sad story is too powerful to need comment. We desire reform, not only to make impossible such grievances and pitiable calamities, but also to destroy a feature that retards our progress and militates against our avowed aim, namely to elevate the true social life in American Colleges and develop a pure and magnanimous manhood.—*Editorial in July Quarterly.*

The points made are all good. The editor endeavors to shield

his own fraternity from severe blame by asserting that nearly every fraternity performs acts far more likely to result in bodily injury. Eliminating Theta Nu Epsilon we would like to know what ground there is for this statement on general principles. Our sources of information may be very limited but so far as our knowledge extends this statement is premature. We do not believe that societies, except at Yale and Harvard, are in the habit of attempting funny business. So far as Theta Delta Chi is concerned we know whereof we speak. The general trend of the advice is good, and if there be any who have the least desire to interweave fun or nonsense with what should be the most solemn moments of a college man's life, they should ponder well on them.

The italicized sentence in regard to the uniformity of initiation in all the chapters of a fraternity can not be too carefully heeded. It will indeed elevate the true social life of the College, and extend even further and contribute much to the great social organization of this country.

THE CHAPTER HOUSE QUESTION.

It had been our purpose to give our views on this much-mooted subject in this number, but from lack of time we have failed to do so. As a partial substitute we take bodily from the *University Magazine* of May the following very excellent article by Mr. Frank E. Whitman, of Amherst, which merits careful consideration. It expresses a number of points upon which it had been our purpose to enlarge. The SHIELD does not believe that the Chapter House is an absolutely necessary adjunct to a charge. Success of the most positive character is possible without the possession of a house. Under the caption, "After the Chapter House, What?" Mr. Whitman says as follows :

While there is hardly a member of a fraternity who does not believe in the desirability of a lodge, there is a side to the question which is scarcely ever looked at, and if noticed, seldom thoroughly studied. It has certainly never been discussed in these pages. It is a question of the actual results on the men and consequently on the fraternity, of chapter house life, not as it might be, but as we frequently find it. Is there not a great danger?

Seven or eight years ago, a chapter was considering the question of a lodge. The boys discussed ways and means; in fact they had already started a fund which had assumed considerable proportions, and which was eventually to be used in acquiring some real estate. During one of these frequent discussions—the point at issue this time not being whether to have a lodge, but how soon to have it, and how to make the alumni contribute more generously—a recent graduate happened along. He had been prominent during his college course, and after graduation became connected with the faculty of his college. When this young man entered the group of disputants, the discussion waxed warm. The unhappy alumni were being berated. The subscriptions had been small and had been coming in slowly. The boys were convinced that, with all their competitors in lodges, to be lodgeless would prove an unsurmountable barrier, not only to a coveted first position, but to any position at all. They were discouraged, and the words which they were to hear from the young alumnus were not such as, under the circumstances, would cheer them to solve their problem. He believed that a lodge was not an absolute necessity; that neither the aristocracy of social rank nor of money would make a chapter strong, that the acquisition of property alone was an allurement succumbed to by the vulgar rather than the cultured, and that what a chapter principally needed to make it invincible, was to become convinced that intellect and not material possessions was the proper criterion by which to judge both men and chapters. He maintained that if the latter would select her men carefully on those lines only, and strive continuously and unitedly to make the organization one of cultured, brainy, well-bred, upright men, they might dismiss the lodge question with a snap of the fingers.

It is needless to say that the undergraduates were disgusted. Any body of young men, in all the ardor of their college days, with a pace already set for them by their older rivals, would hardly submit gracefully to the advice of a man who told them that they could attain their goal as surely without this advantage as with it.

Although the discussion occurred about eight years ago, and since then, not only this chapter, but five others, have bought or built lodges, the idea then advanced made an impression which time and the material prosperity of the fraternity could not erase.

What does make a strong chapter? Suppose a case. In a college of considerable age and good standing, a chapter has, as rivals, chapters of three or four of the older fraternities. None have houses and all stand on equal footing. A few years pass; the older rivals acquire property and new rivals enter the field. Our chapter maintains her old quarters in a retired portion of the town; the size of the delegation remains small, according to tradition, and it aims to get a congenial crowd of men. These men are all imbued with the idea that their individual standing and the closeness of their unity in all fraternity matters, are the only

elements that will enable them to maintain their position among the fraternities, while their rivals enjoy the luxury of lodges. Realizing this, each man does his best with himself; each strives to do his share toward keeping the men united; each takes his part in college affairs, and each does his portion of the work of the fraternity at large. As a result, if a weak neophyte is initiated, the other men urge him on and help him on, all intent upon *one object*, the strength of organization, the capability to do "team work," as the baseball men say. In so doing, they accomplish the chief end of fraternity existence, mutual improvement; and, with all this, they find themselves as strong as any fraternity in their college. Of course, they have no beautiful parlors for entertainments, no opportunities for cotillion or musicale, no handsome apartments to throw open on every gala day. They miss the home-life of a fraternity lodge—that is what they lose—but they find that visitors are surprised at the frequency with which *one* pin meets their gaze on the platform, in the gymnasium, on the diamond, everywhere, and it is the badge, too, of none of the societies whose beautiful houses and grounds have been so much admired. More and better than these honors, which are in themselves empty, the habit of working hard and toward a purpose, and of accomplishing that purpose, has so trained the men that they take and fill, with credit and comfort to themselves, whatever work in life falls to their lot.

Now let the same chapter acquire her house and graduate her men, who have been drilled only in the social school. There comes over the undergraduates a consciousness that they are the owners of the newest and, perhaps, the finest lodge in town. But they allow their material success to blind their eyes to the need of keeping up their former zeal, their interest in their own men, in other chapters. Their looseness in regard to their own stand in college, and the condition of their underclassmen spreads over into their work for their fraternity, and their stewardship of their property. They forget that their more conspicuous position only increases the necessity for that "eternal vigilance" which alone is the price of liberty and success. "Household cares" weigh not at all upon them, and debts accumulate. By and by, the younger rival occupies the place *they* had, and *our* boys are forced to look to their laurels.

These are supposed cases, but cases which actually exist in almost perfect similarity in important points, can be pointed out in almost every fraternity.

The danger, then, seems to lie in the mistaken idea that the show of property covers all. It is granted that chapter houses are very desirable possessions, that they give men comradeship, that they train them for social life, that they afford the student the comforts of a home and enable him to feel the sense of proprietorship and citizenship. But the ideal chapter will not be the one which rests for its reputation upon the bril-

liancy of its social successes. The graduates of such a chapter will not be the men who shape the destinies of the country or fill professional chairs. The chapter which will be staple, is the one which devotes itself to the strife for *front rank* in all departments.

Neither of these, however, seems to be the *ideal* chapter. The ideal chapter embraces the characteristics of both varieties. The ideal chapter is, first of all, a unit on the matter of making the most of every member, of urging, even forcing, every member to do his best in scholarship and in athletics. It does not train its studious men to bring themselves down to the level of its low-rank men; on the contrary, it obliges its poor students to work and improve themselves. It does not deride every man of athletic mould and spirit who strives to improve himself by practice. It, rather, encourages him and urges him to greater and more unremitting efforts to excel. It does not strive for wealth and social position alone; it strives to make its scholars social men and its athletes gentlemen. But the ideal chapter of to-day has to go even farther than that. It has to have a house where it can live; it has to maintain that house as well-regulated as any dwelling or club house; it has to teach its members to be gentlemen in every sense; it must keep the idea of brotherhood constantly in mind; it must be a unit.

FRANK E. WHITMAN.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP?

"The smaller fraternities have almost uniformly recruited their little companies of distinguished men from their own ranks, and the sentiment which refuses to open the doors to men who have not lived the college life and cannot understand the peculiar and sacred bonds of friendship inside a Greek fraternity, has resulted in a closer union and a deeper loyalty."

The above is the closing paragraph of the *Chakett's* editorial on the initiation of *Grover Cleland*. The larger part of the same editorial is quoted in exchanges and should be read before this extract is digested. Whether the facts as they are going the rounds about Mr. Cleveland's initiation into Sigma Chi are true or not we cannot say, but if they are Sigma Chi is getting plenty of notoriety (?) out of it. Probably they did it for that purpose. We wonder what Mr. Cleveland's object was? Possibly notoriety also. Well, whatever it was, we can find nothing which will better express our opinion of either or both the parties interested than this. The fools are not all dead yet, and the fool-killer must have been away on a vacation.

It seems strange that a Greek letter society which poses as a first-class fraternity should stoop so low as to seek fame and notoriety by such proceedings. Still it makes no difference to us what other fraternities do. They are working out their own reputation, and acts like this will not help the good name of any society.

Honorary membership is one of the things which should be unknown in a college fraternity. We assert without hesitation that any fraternity which attempts to enhance its popularity by electing and admitting to honorary membership men who have become prominent or famous in public life is not first-class. Honorary membership is the adultery which will ruin the honor of any college society. As a matter of fact college societies should go further than the general custom. No man who has spent four years in college *should be eligible after graduation*, although this is the highest form of honorary membership. The principle is wrong. It injures all other societies quite as much as it does Sigma Chi, and for that reason we protest. We plead for the integrity of Greek fraternities. The fundamental idea of their foundation does not admit of honorary membership. It is dishonorable in the highest degree for any society to hope to lift itself above others by gathering in a lot of big men who have never seen a college, but *by accident* have gained distinction. We witness for Theta Delta Chi that the man does not live who can be elected to honorary membership by the fraternity. If any charge should be guilty of initiating an outsider they would instantly lose their charter. We are glad that we can honestly affirm that you can count on the fingers of your two hands all the men who were ever admitted irregularly. The writer knows of a few cases where outsiders have been initiated in years past (before 1870) and always the result has been the same—a lack of feeling on the part of the men and consequent injury to the fraternity. Under the present order of things the fraternity does not recognize them. Their names have been eliminated from the catalogue, and to-day we stand solid on the question. Honorary or irregular membership is a thing impossible in Theta Delta Chi and will be so long as the governing power is

vested in the present incumbent at least. We believe we can vouch for the honor and sincerity of the whole fraternity and risk the assertion that it will always be. We do not have to seek reputation "even at the cannon's mouth." The list of names on the roll of membership covers many which are to-day illustrious. Every one of them has served in the traces at college, and when we quote them we have no fear of being tripped up on the honorary dodge. Every fraternity journal should take up the subject and urge with all their power the fraternities they represent to taboo honorary membership forever.

The movement for the higher education of women has made rapid progress during the past year. The coming year women may pursue their studies on an equal basis with men at Yale, Cornell, Michigan and Pennsylvania, and with the privileges of the "annex" at Columbia and Harvard. President Andrews, of Brown, announces that this institution will confer its privileges and honors upon women, and some thirty or forty young women are expected at the opening of the fall term.

A BRAVE BUT WISE MOVE.

The New York *World* of June 24 contained the following item:

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 23.—The Yale faculty, beginning to-day, prohibits all Yale College publications advertising any place where liquor is exposed for sale. This excludes nearly every hotel and public house in town and all old-time college eating houses. This prohibition is a severe blow at the continued financial success of the college papers as their chief support comes from the large advertisements of such places.

If it be necessary for Yale College publications or those of any other college to depend for existence upon the high-priced advertisements of liquor selling places they had better suspend publication at once. All honor to the noble men who had sufficient nerve to face the devil. Students and whiskey are like oil and water. They do not mix well. Fathers who send their boys to college can feel safe if they know that the college

authorities are not only opposed to this pernicious factor of college life, but exert active measures to prevent any intermingling of interests. Every father in the land will laud the Yale faculty for this good move. The SHIELD hopes they will go still farther. There is room for much improvement in New Haven college politics.

An exchange contains the following :

"A graduate of Cornell, David Starr Jordan, who worked his way through college by hard, constant, untiring labor outside of school hours, is president of Leland Stanford, Jr., University at \$15,000 a year, the largest salary paid to any college president in the United States."

Such an item ought to afford material encouragement to the poor, struggling student of to-day. All honor to the men who get their education by the "sweat of their brow," literally speaking. The masses of the present day are too apt to look down upon a college student if he is poor and has to work his way through college. The day never fails to come when every such self-sacrificing student makes his mark and does honor to his alma mater. If we had to make choice between such men and wealthier students we would select the *studious* student every time, even if the rest of the boys had to pay his initiation and current fraternity expenses. The honor he will contribute to the fraternity is a satisfactory equivalent.

ABOUT ADVERTISEMENTS.

"The SHIELD has discarded advertisements, claiming that a fraternity journal should be supported only by fraternity money. We fail to see the force of this reasoning and do not anticipate that Editor Holmes will make many converts to his new theory, although the *Record* could drop its advertisements without much financial loss. The great magazines will hardly drop their advertisements on the plea that their sole revenue should come from literature and science, to which they are devoted. On the contrary the pages devoted to advertisements are continually increasing. A fraternity publication is more than an organ, it is a business venture and as such should be so conducted as to bring the highest returns, financial and otherwise, to the society it represents."—*The Record*.

We are forced to admit that there are two sides to this question and on general principles the *Record* is about right. While

we do not for a moment concede that we are wrong in our position, we will admit that it bears the possibility of being somewhat strained. This is a practical world and the chief end of man seems to be to get enough money from his labor to buy bread. We feel a little that way ourselves and find that it goes very hard to do so much work for love. We have at times regretted that we allowed fraternity patriotism to get the better of good business judgment, but when we consider that the SHIELD is not a business venture we are consoled. Should we see fit at a future time to retire from our present attitude and admit advertisements it will be only because the brothers are not as patriotic as the editor is.

President Hall has the following to say concerning the muscular accompaniments of will: "The trouble is that few realize what physical vigor is in man or woman, or how dangerously near weakness often is to wickedness; how impossible healthful energy of will is without strong muscles which are its organ, or how endurance and self-control, no less than great achievement, depend on muscle-habits. Both in Germany and Greece a golden age of letters was preceded, by about a generation, by a golden age of national gymnastic enthusiasm, which constitutes, especially in the former country, one of the most unique and suggestive chapters in the history of pedagogy. Symmetry and grace, hardihood and courage, the power to do everything that the human body can do with and without all conceivable apparatus, instruments and even tools, are culture ideals that in Greece, Rome and Germany respectively have influenced, as they might again influence, young men as intellectual ideals never can do save in a select few."

THE *Christian Union* remarks: "We cannot do too much for our colleges, for they are the conservators of our highest life. In this commercial age and country their work is peculiarly important and pressing. It is very expensive work and it must cost more every year. The specialization of modern

education involves immensely increased expense. Our college professors are, as a class, more unjustly underpaid than any other class of trained men among us. There have been princely benefactions to American colleges, but there must be more benefactors. Every man of fortune ought gladly to pay his tribute to education. He is only discharging the debt which every man, educated or uneducated, owes to these fountains of intellectual and spiritual influence and life."

The progress education is making in America may be seen from a glance at the following statistics: In 1850 there were about 8,800 students in American colleges; in 1890 there were nearly 32,000. In 1850 there were in these colleges thirty-eight students to each 100,000 of population; in 1890 there were fifty students to each 100,000 of population. This general statement does not include the last year, the most notable one, as regards attendance, in the history of American colleges. These statistics show a remarkable increase, but it is the more remarkable when we realize that it was largely made during the last ten years.

"*COLOMBE'S BIRTHDAY*," by Browning, was presented at Northampton, Mass., June 16th, by the recent graduating class of Smith. As a dramatic production it was a pronounced success. The masculine parts were taken by women and the interpretation of the depths of the drama were said to be excellent.

ARE the pessimists justified in saying that the celebrated and characteristic spirit of college life democracy is a thing of the past; or is the standard of manhood still the unit of social values?

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 wherever requested.]

Some of the editors have queried as to whether it was the general habit of editors to read exchanges. Judging others by our own experience, we would assume that it was, most emphatically. Half the profit obtained from our work has been the perusal of the exchanges, which come to our hands. Our only regret is that many fail to reach us at all and some only occasionally. Many good things are said on fraternity topics in general which apply as much to one society as another. Such articles are either reproduced or suggest ideas for our consideration. It is a source of gratification to read editorial comments on exchanges, and quite as much to express our own views on other periodicals. It is noted with regret that most of the journals either attack exchanges with spasmodic irregularity, or have dropped that part of the work, we surmise it to be because no inconsiderable amount of labor is involved in examining the journals and writing up criticisms. We confess to a degree of indisposition which suggests the omission of exchange work on the part of the SHIELD. We are lead to believe however that this department is quite as entertaining to the average reader as any other, and therefore rouse ourselves to the task. The journals which have been coming in since the June number appeared are of a character which has not awakened our inspiration, and it is with a laborious effect that we begin the task.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly for July is not the literary bugbear which we had been led to expect from previous editorials. It is a good sample of what we call a solid substantial magazine and has much good reading matter in it. The

number opens with a biographical sketch of Whitelaw Reid which dwells chiefly upon his newspaper experience during the war. He is an able man and we wish Delta Kappa Epsilon the honor which his election will bring. *Sincerity in Imagination* by Julian Hawthorne is the literary product of the number. The editorial treats largely upon the Yale accident and is reproduced for the purpose of presenting the many good points it contains. Charge letters, personals and some exchange remarks comprise the contents of the number. We clip the following from exchanges, in relation to the SHIELD.

About the "Dicky" Club, we would say that we have never sought to avow any severance from the Harvard Chapter until such disunion actually took place. We do indeed accept the glory which shines from Governor Russell, Henry Cabot Lodge, Theodore Roosevelt, and regret that the conditions of Harvard were not more favorable for the maintenance of our chapter there, and for the continued additions of such names to our roll. We are not conscious of "hugging ourselves" (as the "gentleman who is in a position to know whereof he speaks," but does not know how to speak, so elegantly writes), and we certainly are not embracing the "gentleman who is so fortunate as to occupy a position to know whereof he speaks." When Delta Kappa Epsilon found the life of the Harvard Chapter "foreign to and out of harmony with that of the fraternity at large," that chapter was cut off. Why the "gentleman who is," &c., should think us "censurable for ever having allowed a chapter" of this kind, is equivalent to blaming us for not being blessed with the power of foresight. The same keen and courtly critic further says. "Their disclaimer does not mean much to those who have known the state of things in recent years." It ought to mean a great deal, for it means this—when Delta Kappa Epsilon could not correct an evil that she felt to be vital after a consideration prolonged for a reasonable time, she removed the evil from her midst. What more could we have done? We disclaim any further alliance simply because none exists. The past we are not only willing, but proud to assume. The comment on the death of Mr. Rustin is most commendable for its good sense and kindly spirit towards a sister fraternity. The "College Notes" are well written and full of interest, and the magazine in every department could be advantageously imitated by the fraternity publications.

The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for June opens with a long contributed article on "German University Life" which is very interesting and instructive. A history of Leland Stanford Jr., University with illustrations follows. An article on

chapter duties makes a very courteous allusion to Theta Delta Chi and the practice of the President visiting the charges annually; another article on chapter visitation in which the writer suggests the plan now in vogue in Theta Delta Chi. Editorial notice is given to extension, and the new catalogue now in process of construction. In the exchange department, the editor says "the March SHIELD contains an account of the official visit of the President of the Grand Lodge to various chapters. Such a practice, while desirable is only practicable in a fraternity whose chapters are all in a limited extent of territory, as are those of Theta Delta Chi."

The President of the Grand Lodge is of the opinion that if the editor of the *Record* were to make the list of visits, he would not think the territory was so limited after all. It is a great ways around and takes nearly two months of solid time, when only one day is given to each charge. We know that the practice is of great benefit to the fraternity in every way; but we should like to let out the job of traveling to some other fellow. It is tedious work—but since it is a duty it is done without any grumbling. There is much pleasure in the visits *per se*.

The Chi Phi *Chakett* for June opens with an account of the University of Virginia well illustrated. The second article on the southern order of Chi Phi follows, a history of the establishment of the Nu chapter at the University of Texas and a monograph on Grady at the University of Virginia complete the literary part. The editorial leader refers to the initiation of Grover Cleveland into Sigma Chi. The following extracts are worthy of note :

"The spectacle of Mr. Cleveland initiated into a Greek letter society at forty miles an hour by a former secretary of Matthew S. Quay, must have been worth watching by the porters and conductor of the parlor car in which the ceremony took place. As Mr. Cleveland never was a college student it would have been difficult to introduce into a parlor car some of the ceremonies connected with the usual college secret society initiation without making him and his captors ridiculous. The less ceremony the better, we should say, and in fact no ceremony at all would perhaps have

been the best thing under the circumstances. If this rape of a president concerned Sigma Chi alone *Chakett* would have nothing to say about it, however melancholy it might feel over the circumstance. The initiation, however, does affect every Greek letter fraternity, and we do not believe that it adds creditable distinction to any of these societies, even including Sigma Chi.

A Greek letter fraternity is a union of college men whose active membership is made up of undergraduates, and whose alumni are bound to it through ties of memory and renewed association—or it is an aggregation of college boys and such *distinguished* men as they can coax to join them under the impression that the bargain will be mutually advantageous. Chi Phi has always believed that the first is the dignified and in the end the wise view. Some of the best of the large fraternities seem to have believed otherwise. Alpha Delta Phi is said to have 150 "honorary" members and Psi Upsilon has filled its list of distinguished names by electing men of years and reputation. On the other hand a large fraternity which is sometimes classed with Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi once declined to recognize James G. Blaine as a member, although he had been initiated into one of its chapters."

The closing paragraph is given under editorial notes, with our comments on the entire article. The historian of Chi Phi, Mr. Ethan Allen Weaver, is doing good work. His articles on Southern Chi Phi will extend through the next volume. The chapter letters, graduate personals and general notes are about as usual. The number closes with an appendix to the register of 1890, giving the names of all initiates of the year.

The Alpha Phi *Quarterly* for August opens with "reminiscences." Such an article always rouses the alumnus and it is a good plan to give some matter of this sort occasionally or often. The founding of Theta at the University of Michigan is described. "The Library Profession," "Greeks at the World's Fair," and "the Seminary of the American University" complete an interesting symposium. Somehow the girls reach the goal every time and we never pick up a "sorosis" publication without finding it full of interest. We wouldn't like to say which we think is best for they are all so good that we hardly know ourselves. We would like to review more but no others seem to be on our table this time so Alpha Phi gets all the notice.

Beta Theta Pi has not been on our table this year till recently, and now we have a whole year before us. In the December number we find an article on "Fraternities Essential to the Best Development of a College" in which are many points worthy of note. President Eliot of Harvard asserts that they are of great advantage in the matter of college discipline. The late Dr. M. B. Anderson, at the University of Rochester, stated that the clubs or fraternities were harmless to the faculty and a pleasure to contemplate. An article on the "Mission of the Small College" states that it is to the small colleges all over our land that we are indebted for the widespread interest in higher education. Many other articles of interest appear in the different numbers, but time presses and we skip on to notice others.

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* gives in its midsummer number the usual amount of interesting matter. The exchange column runs rampant with page after page of flattering notices for the sorosis magazines. The exchange editor must be a single man and trying to put up a job on the girls. He has a very facetious notice of the June *SCHILD* and declares that hereafter he "cuts the *SCHILD*," and will not attempt a review. Well we don't blame him much. It is no sinecure to review any journal, and one as full as the *SCHILD* would be likely to make any one weary.

The Sigma Chi *Quarterly* for June opens with a portrait and biographical sketch of the Rev. Dr. Gessler, followed by President John H. Harris of Bucknell University. An excellent article on "the destiny of the college graduate" which contains much that is sensible and practical, completes the literary department. The editorials, chapter letters and personals complete the number, which closes the eleventh volume.

Sigma Nu *Delta* for June has an article on the University of North Carolina with several excellent illustrations. The *Delta* has improved wonderfully of late and Editor Harrington has just reason to be proud of his journal.

College Notes.

—Dr. Harper expects nearly one thousand students at Chicago University the coming year.

—Foot-ball in every form has been prohibited by the University of Heidelberg, Germany.

—Hamilton College has twenty-three prizes with annual awards to the number of sixty-four.

—Williams College is ninety-nine years old and is planning to celebrate its centennial next year.

—Yale has 76 graduate course students ; Cornell, 164 ; Harvard, 189 ; and Johns-Hopkins, 298.

—Hamilton has won the New York State championship in athletics three times during four years.

—At the summer athletic meet in Springfield, Mass., Amherst won first place for the third successive time.

—Ex-President Charles Kendall Adams, of Cornell, has accepted the presidency of the University of Wisconsin.

—The Troy, N. Y., Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon now occupies a handsome house on one of the principal streets.

—The next convention of Pi Beta Phi will be held in Chicago in the summer of '93, about the time of the Ladies' Pan-Hellenic convention.

—Miss Mattie McFarland, of the University of Michigan, was awarded first prize in the June intercollegiate oratorical contest held at Ann Arbor.

—Rev. Melancton Woolsey Stryker, D. D., of Chicago, has been elected president of Hamilton College and it is confidently expected that he will accept.

—The Williams Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon has purchased the Charles Mather property, on the main street of Williamstown, at a cost of \$15,500.

—Princeton now has a daily paper, the *Princetonian*.

—A summer school was carried on at Cornell during the months of August and September under the management of certain of the university instructors.

—Bowdoin is to have a scientific building at once, the gift of Mr. Serle, of New York, who contributes \$60,000, or as much more as may be required to produce it.

—President Harrison's appointment of Ex-President Andrew D. White, of Cornell, as Minister to Russia has met with the most marked approval abroad as well as at home.

—Four hundred and fifty college men, representing 130 institutions of learning, attended Moody's Students' Conference at Northfield during the month of July. The conference was a great success, although Mr. Moody was abroad at the time.

—The Chancellor's address at the recent commencement of Hobart College was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Underwood Dudley, D. D., D. C. L., Bishop of Kentucky, and was characterized as a masterly address by Bishop Cox, who was present.

—Pennsylvania University is having serious trouble concerning free-trade and protection. The resignations of seven professors have been asked for, including that of R. O. Thompson, professor of history and political economy, who has been teaching protection to his classes.

—Aunt Tabby—"John says in his letter that the fraternity of Sigma Chi has been admitted to Yaleton." Uncle Josh—"Well, I guess we had better have that boy come home. I don't want any son of mine to go to school with a lot of Chinese laundrymen."—*New York Tribune*.

—In the New York State Inter-Collegiate Asssociations during the last college year the championships were as follows: Base ball, Hobart College; foot-ball, Colgate University; track and field athletics, Hamilton College. The competition among the five colleges in the league was very spirited.

—The university extension movement in America has reached its fullest development in New York State, where the state

government appropriated \$10,000 for the carrying on of the work. Sixty-five teachers, selected from the state's best talent, are now available, and the coming year will be a notable one in this very laudable effort to bring higher education nearer the people of the state who could in no other way be benefited by it. A course of lectures of the university extension system was conducted at Chautauqua during the summer and much interest was manifested.

—For fifty years Hamilton has been called the "home of oratory." As early as 1830 special attention was concentrated on elocution. The traditional regard for such work in Hamilton was thoroughly established by the efforts of Dr. Henry Mandeville and the influence of his celebrated work, "Elements of Reading and Oratory," which appeared in 1844. Ex-President White, of Cornell, once attended commencement exercises at Clinton and at its close said "I am not surprised at your good speakers; I am amazed that there are no poor speakers. In my class of 150 at Yale we had four or five men who could speak as well as your best men, but we had 140 who could not speak as well as your poorest man."

—Among the many important and interesting buildings recently started in Philadelphia, there is one of unusual interest from the particular purpose to which it is devoted. Some time since the trustees of the University of Pennsylvania authorized the building of a hospital for dogs. Considerable time was taken for giving the plans and the entire project the fullest consideration in order to make the building the most complete and efficient of its kind in the world, which it will be, though the first in this country. There are several in Europe, a notable one being at Berlin which, in some particulars, this will resemble, though it will be larger and more complete. Under the supervision of the architects it is now being erected in the grounds of the veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania and will be completed this month.

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.

GAMMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We were all much pleased that Brother Holmes' short visit gave him enough confidence in us as a charge to assure our Eastern brothers that they may put away any fears they might have entertained as regards our prosperity. We appreciate his sympathy and ready insight concerning the way affairs stood as regards the Palladium representation. *Stood*, I said. But all the fraternities here—the Palladium fraternities, perhaps, no less so than the other seven of us not represented on the board—are all glad as fraternity men that the petty wrangle between the two fraternity combinations no longer stands. It is a good thing to stand once in awhile I suppose. We are told, "Having done all, to stand." But sometimes a miserable affair stands too long, and then a good hearty kick from a live object in the rear helps stir things generally. That is what we did—we kicked. It is possible, however, that my figure is more vigorous than the case demanded, so I will condescend to explanations.

In my last letter I emphasized the fact that the seven non-Palladium fraternities were aroused at last to the necessity of taking some definite action as a body. And for this reason: The nine fraternities in question not satisfied with a monopoly on the *Palladium*—the senior annual supposed to represent all the frats, while in reality merely nine had a place on its board, whose only claim over the other seven fraternities was priority of establishment here—these nine fraternities were attempting to "get a corner" on the *Oracle*, to the exclusion of the other

seven. As Brother Holmes pointed out in his editorial in the *Shield*, Gamma Deuteron's position had hitherto been strictly neutral. We had repeatedly declined to enter a combination of other non-*Palladium* fraternities to demand a place on the annual's board. But when the *Palladium* fraternities wanted to run the *Oracle*, a University annual, we promptly allied ourselves to the six other fraternities to take active measures.

We had several secret mass meetings. There was talk of enlisting the support of the whole University—professional men and their fraternities, literary independents and all—in the publication of a grand annual that should fitly represent the University. Before taking any definite action, however, it was decided to make one final request for admittance of all literary fraternities on the *Palladium* board. Within a week an affirmative answer was given by the *Palladium* fraternities. Just how completely the nine fraternies have yielded might to right the future of course will tell. At any rate, there has been no more important movement among fraternity circles here for years.

We expect to change our quarters within the next two months. A house is being built for us on one of the most beautiful sites of the city. It is to overlook a bluff, and whenever any of our Eastern friends enter the city by the railway to pay us a visit they will see the Theta Delt flag looming aloft to welcome them. The house will have all the conveniences and comforts we could ask, and will, we trust, properly impress our brothers of the future who are waiting to be "rushed."

Brother Dennen writes that he pledged Charles H. Gray, '96, of Chicago, during commencement week. It was a case of "love at sight" with those of us who met Mr. Gray.

Most of the brothers are spending their vacations quietly at home this summer. Brother Cox, however, is by his assistance making it possible for the contractor to put up a one million dollar depot at Chicago. Brother McColl is book-keeping. Brother McGee, who graduated last year, has a good position on the Hennepin canal as engineer. Brother Lawrence Cole

is about to enter the General Theological Seminary at New York.

Bro. R. C. Whitman, '94, and H. F. McGaughey, '93, have been spending most of the vacation together at Bro. Whitman's cottage at the resort at Charlevoix. They report great yachting and fishing and lots of rest. A short call upon them revealed all but the fishing which, for that afternoon at least, was "out of sight."

Bro. A. S. Gaylord, '95, is doing New England on his wheel this summer. He expects to return just in time to take up his work in college again.

Bro. E. N. Bullock, '94, is spending the summer at his home in Massachusetts, whither he was called last spring by the death of his father. He expects to return next fall and graduate with his class.

Bro. Edward D. Warner, '91, dropped in on those of the charge who were in town on his way to Chautauqua, where he spent part of the month of August. Ned is in partnership with his father in the hardware business in Jackson, Mich., and is building up a first-class business. He is one of the most enthusiastic of our alumni, and always drops in for initiations, "spreads" and other gala days.

Bro. A. S. Butler, '91, is a prosperous lawyer in Allegan, Mich. He was urged to enter the political arena this year, with every chance for success, but chose to remain in his private capacity rather than to serve the state.

Gamma Deuteron is too young to have many "illustrious alumni," but her graduates are hastening the day when she can refer to them as such with pride.

ARTHUR H. VEYSEY.

THETA DEUTERON.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE TECHNOLOGY.

As the time for returning to the Institute draws near, after resting, as it were, during the summer vacation, we lay out our plan of campaign, and begin to look about us for likely timber to mould into good Theta Delt. Theta Deuteron lost

four jolly brothers with the class of '92, leaving eight of us to start the ball rolling this fall. Bros. Creden, Dresser, Hawley and Miller, all '92, are all probably by this time having a taste of the bitter and the sweet of life, but prepared by four years hard work at the Institute they will doubtless find more sugar in their cup than many college graduates whose college course is less severe than ours.

Theta Deuteron expects to move into new and more attractive quarters this fall, a committee having been appointed last May to secure them during the summer. At this writing they have several under consideration, and will shortly decide upon the most desirable of them, where we shall be pleased to welcome any and all of the brothers.

We have in view several desirable candidates, and realizing the fact that the early bird catches the worm, are prepared to be upon the field promptly to canvass the freshman class.

Wishing our sister charges a prosperous year, and hoping to see large delegations from them all at the coming Convention, Theta Deuteron extends hearty "New Year" greetings.

PARKER H. WILDER.

IOTA DEUTERON.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

The opening of the college year, September 22d, will find the charge in excellent condition, though regretting the loss of six fine men by the graduation of '92. We shall take possession of our new house at the opening of the term, and, although the entering class will probably be somewhat smaller than last year, we expect to get a good delegation of new men.

Of our graduates, Bro. Bishop has accepted a position as instructor in Whitman College, Walla-Walla, Washington. Bro. Wark has also "gone west"; he has been spending a month in Colorado, and this fall returns to Harvard, Nebraska, to assume the pastorate of a Congregational church. Bro. Collier expects to take a course of post-graduate study in philosophy at Harvard University. Bro. Hibbard will study law with his father in Pittsfield for a year and then enter the Harvard law

school. Bro. Bartow is coming back to Williamstown as assistant in chemistry, and Bro. Peabody as principal of the Williamstown high school.

Bro Ferry, '91, will retain his position at Williams as instructor in Latin and Greek. This gives us four resident graduates, including Bro. Slade, *O^Δ* '84, the pastor of the Williamstown Congregational church, whose kindly and active interest in the charge during the past year has been of great advantage to us. These four *fratres in urbe* will strengthen the charge very materially.

In scholarship Iota Deuteron has made a good showing. The senior second prize of forty dollars in the Greek elective was taken by a Theta Delt, as were also the sophomore first prizes of twenty-five dollars in the required work in Greek, Latin and Mathematics. Bros. Bartow, Bishop and Hibbard, '92, were elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Bro. Peabody, '92, was chosen the previous year, so that four of our seniors are entitled to wear the golden key.

We enjoyed a visit from Bro. Trask, of Mu Deuteron, who represented Amherst in the doubles in tennis.

Bro. Person, '91, has left Princeton Theological Seminary and will enter Auburn this fall.

Bro. Towne, '94, has been elected captain of the college athletic team.

Bro. Peck delivered the class history at the freshman banquet at Saratoga.

In base ball Dartmouth won the championship of the New England Inter-Collegiate Association, and Williams tied with Amherst for second place.

The exercises of commencement time were universally successful. The reception was given by Chi Psi. The Graves and Moonlight prizes, the junior dramatics, the glee club concert, the class-day exercises and the senior promenade filled up a week of great interest and pleasure. Bro. Bishop was one of the six speakers in the Graves contest.

Work has been begun on the Thompson physical and biological laboratories, and they will be ready by commencement of next year, when the centennial of the college is to be celebrated.

The charge sends heartiest congratulations to Iota and Chi, and good wishes to all the brothers.

OLCOTT O. PARTRIDGE.

KAPPA.

TUFTS COLLEGE.

Whenever we have discussed here the advisability of founding a new charge in any notable college, I have always argued heartily in its favor; and better too, I think, wherever we have planted the ennobling and exalting principles of Theta Delta Chi, the wisdom of the action has been seen in the results. Never more than during this summer have I felt the strength of her numbers and the value of her friendships. A Theta Delt need hardly fear a lonesome journey now-a-days, for often on his way he will meet brothers whom, it may be he has never seen before, but who are none the less his friends. Wherever I have been during the vacation the shield has welcomed me; and not alone on land, for fancy my surprise, some weeks ago, when I saw a graceful little craft, brilliant with the mystic letters, sailing the sunny waters of Casco Bay. Truly, I said, the light of Theta Delta Chi shines on land and sea.

I must not pass over class day without saying a word of its success. Although the day was cool, the hill was bright and green and with her elaborate festal decorations perhaps never looked better. The morning exercises were interesting, and in the afternoon, immediately after the tree oration and class history, all the fraternities gave receptions to their friends. Theta Delta Chi sent out more than 400 invitations and received almost as many guests in Ballou Hall, which was prettily decorated with palms. We were honored in having Mrs. Capen and Mrs. Comey receive for us.

Among the commencement speakers Bro. William S. Gray, upon whom President Capen conferred both the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy and of Mechanic Art, delivered a thesis on "The Economic Phase of Education." Bro. M. M. Johnson spoke upon "The Development of Personal Responsibility in Education," and Bro. F. A. North upon "The Value of His-

tory to the Public Speaker." Bro. North graduated with credit in philosophy, Bro. H. J. Perry with honors in chemistry, and Bro. A. G. Randall with credit in natural history.

One of the most popular of all the commencement exercises is the Goddard prize reading, which took place this year in the Goddard Chapel on the seventh of June. Prizes were awarded to Brother Gray, '92; Brother North, '92, and Bro. Thomas Whittemore, '94.

Men have said that no other Baccalaureate sermon ever falls upon one's ears and comes to the heart with quite the force of the sermon that is preached to the graduating class of which he is a member. Doubtless this is true; nevertheless it is a great and rare privilege for an undergraduate, during his four years at Tufts, to listen to all of President Capen's Baccalaureate sermons. President Capen, many will recollect, is one of Kappa's charter members. On June 12th Dr. Capen preached to the members of the class of '92, taking his text from St. John's gospel: "Other men have labored, and ye are entered into their labors." His sermon was an able consideration of the scholar's inheritance.

The meeting of the Alumni Association was held at the Vendome on June 14th. Bro. W. B. French, '70, was re-elected president of the association, and Bro. Charles H. Puffer was re-elected to the second vice-presidency. Bro. A. E. Scott, '58, and Brother Patterson, '87, were elected directors. Bro. Samuel W. Mendum was chosen necrologist for the ensuing year.

At the annual meeting of the Tufts College Athletic Association, Bro. J. B. Groce, '93, was elected first undergraduate member of the advisory committee. Brother Groce, '93, has also been elected president of the Reading Room Association, and Bro. J. W. Hollister, '92, one of the directors.

Bros. J. B. Groce, '93, W. H. Goodrich, '94, and Thomas Whittemore, '94, have been elected to serve on the editorial board of the *Tuftonian*.

The lame, the halt and the blind of the land will doubtless be much comforted to know that four members from '92's delegation at Tufts are coming soon to their relief. Brothers North, Perry and Lyon are to study medicine this fall at the

Harvard Medical School, and Brother Randall will probably be at the University of Pennsylvania.

Bro. F. E. Kimball, '92, for the present at least, will be in business with his father at his home in Burlington, Vermont.

Brother Johnson, '92, is to be in his father's law office during the coming year, after which he proposes to enter the Boston University Law School.

Bro. A. E. Peterson, who was graduated this year with honors in the classics, has been called to the instructorship of Greek and Latin in Westbrook Seminary.

Bro. A. W. Grose, '91, has been preaching in Andover, Maine, during the summer.

Bro. W. S. Gray has recently obtained an excellent position as electrical engineer in Johnstown, Penn.

I should be glad to have more news for this letter but in vacation one finds it somewhat difficult to keep in touch with all the brothers and to know where they are and what they are doing. I hope, however, that the brothers elsewhere, especially those of the younger charges, will not wait always to hear from us in these fragmentary notes, but will come to visit us whenever pleasure or business bring them near. A hearty welcome awaits you all.

THOMAS WHITTEMORE.

LAMBDA.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

For the past two weeks your humble scribe has been eagerly scanning the bulletins for news from the seat of "Buck's War" in progress near his home in the mountains of East Tennessee and now that the excitement has subsided, it is with a sense of relief that he again takes up his pen and train of pleasant memories and prepares to indite Lambda's wonted greeting to the SHIELD. Owing to the early date of Commencement little worthy of note has occurred except the usual festivities of closing week. The reception given by the faculty in honor of the senior class yielded not in point of excellence to similar occasions of former years, while that extended by the senior class to their friends was pronounced by all a "howling suc-

cess." Tuesday afternoon, May 31st, Wm. V. Kelley, of New Haven, Conn., delivered the baccalaureate sermon. The Rev. Doctor chose as his subject, "The Double Sky." It was a masterly effort and when in the midst of his discourse he took occasion to pay our honored Professor Bowne a glowing tribute the hall fairly resounded with prolonged applause. Later in the afternoon was held the annual meeting of the University convocation, and at night the various alumni associations met around the festal boards of the different hotels of the city. The lawyers were at Young's. Among the prominent people present were noticed Gov. Russell, Speaker Barrett, Judge Lathrop, Judge Corcoran, Judge Flint and others. The college men assembled at the Thorndike, the "theologs" at the Tremont, and the "medics" at Youngs.

The last charge meeting of the year, held Wednesday morning, June 1st, cannot be described here. The farewell words of our graduating brothers were but further evidence of the strength of the attachment which is formed during the four years of active charge life. We had with us on that occasion Bro. John P. Pillsbury, Ex, '93, and the alumni brothers, Foye S. Baldwin, '88, H. J. Bickford, '89, A. W. Hobson, '89, "Sedgar" Whittaker, '90, and Harry G. Butler, '91. Rousing talks, largely reminiscent, were of course, ours to enjoy.

In the afternoon the commencement exercises were held in Tremont Temple, Bro. C. B. Tewksbury spoke from the theme "Principle in Politics." His voice penetrated throughout the vast auditorium and the flattering applause that ensued as he resumed his seat was music in the ears of every Theta Delt present.

From the elections held at the close of the Spring term by the various organizations of college, it is evident that $\Theta \Delta X$ will continue to exert her wonted influence. Out of three men elected from the Senior class to membership in the Historical Club, two were Theta Delts, Bros. Geo. B. Dean and Herbert H. Yeames. The Monday Club voted in seven new men, distributed as follows: $B\theta\pi$, 1; $\Delta T\Delta$, 2; $\Theta\Delta X$, 3; "nons" 1. The Theta Delts were mentioned as candidates in the last letter. The Beacon Association elected Bro. J. J. Wyman, '93,

literary editor from the Senior class and retained Bro. T. S. Thomas, '93, for another year as business manager. A new club is to be formed in the early fall for German conversation and independent study of the literature and to render it more exclusive a rigid examination will be required of all applicants for admission. A goodly number of Theta Deltas are interested in the proposed organizations, so we shall be well represented. But speaking of new organizations, an anti-fraternity "barbarian" society has made its appearance in our midst. A little more opposition will no doubt be beneficial.

But I will not delay personals any longer. Bro. A. W. Hobson, '89, has resigned his position as manager of the Wild River Lumber Co., and removed to St. Paul; Minn., where he will be the permanent representative of the Boston publishing house of Silver, Burdett & Co.

Bro. G. H. Geoghegan, '89, alternate speaker for '92 from the Theological department will make India the field of his future labors.

Bro. H. J. Bickford, '89, completed, *cum laude*, the entire course at the Law school in two years. He will open a law office in Boston.

Bro. T. S. Thomas, '93, has been clerking at the Lakeside House, Wiers, N. H.

Bro. G. H. Spencer, '89, was married Tuesday evening, June 7th to Miss Rosetta Monroe. Congratulations and best wishes.

Bro. F. B. Kellogg, Ex. '93, has been appointed to the pastorate of the St. James M. E. Church, Manchester, N. H. The former pastor resigned his charge to accept the presidency of a western college.

Bro. A. L. Pitcher, '93 has edited a very creditable sheet at Jefferson, N. H., during the summer months. A serial has been running now for some time. It is a love story and is undoubtedly from Bro. Pitcher's pen.

Bros. "Chris" Hamlin, '93, C. N. Tilton, '94 and E. C. Wyman, '95, took occasion to carminate New York City, if such can be affirmed of delegates to the Y. P. S. C. E. convention held there in July.

Bro. F. W. Adams, Ex. '92, has been making a decided success of his summer school at Portland, Me., as instructor in German and Painting.

Bro. Wyman writes me that he has been working hard this summer. To be a walking delegate is therefore now the height of his ambition.

Bros. Rogers, Kimball and Sweetser enjoyed two weeks camping out in the wilds of Maine, Bro. Rogers, as chief cook and bottle washer had little difficulty in preparing the fish and game secured by his companions.

Bro. H. H. Yeames, '95, has made all arrangements to enter Harvard this Fall. He is to take Sophomore rank which is a flattering recognition of his scholarship in the face of Harvard's rule to set back one year all transferred students, whatever may be the standing of the institutions from which they come.

Bro. E. M. Bosworth, '95, spent his vacation hunting and fishing in Maine. We hope to see him fully restored to health at the opening of college.

Bro. C. F. Gregg, '95, has been engaged with the Cleveland Bicycle Company, Cleveland, Ohio. He was taken quite ill during the summer but, we hear, is now rapidly regaining accustomed strength.

Matrimonial Bulletin :

During the past year the banns have been proclaimed for Bros. G. H. Spencer, '89; A. R. Paul, '93; Liverus Wood-vine, '94; and F. C. McDuffee, '94. (Rumor alone authorizes Bro. McDuffee's name in this connection. We trust for his sake we are not in error owing to a mistaken identity.)

Cards also are out for Bros. A. L. Janes, '89; C. B. Tewksbury, '92; and W. F. Gilman, '92.

We are uncertain whether Bro. E. E. Heckbert's name should be added to the list or not. If so it will appear next time.

Word has just reached me that our contemplated change of quarters for next year is not to be, so our address will continue as formerly, No. 39 Holyoke Street.

GEO. B. ADAMS.

XI.

HOBART COLLEGE.

Xi enjoyed a most pleasant and satisfactory commencement. The week was considered one of the best that Hobart has enjoyed for several years. Theta Deltas secured two first prizes, Bro. Brush '92, the White Rhetorical, which is *the* honor most coveted by all. Bro. Brush's oration, both in its matter and delivery showed evidence of thoroughness and good taste, and his success was particularly gratifying because his competitors were men of acknowledged ability, well known as finished writers and pleasing speakers. Bro. Bachman '94 obtained first prize in soph ex, besides these, one of the other brothers received an honorable mention, which under the circumstances was not a cause for shame.

On Wednesday evening of commencement week we received our visiting brethren informally at the rooms. The attendance was not as large as last year, but those present were of the right sort and they imparted to us much of the spirit of former days.

It is said we are to have a large freshman class, quite a few presented themselves for examination during commencement week. Our own prospects for '92 men are not discouraging.

You have very likely heard that Hobart won the pennant of the Inter-collegiate Base Ball Association, this success was due mainly to our brilliant pitcher, Bro. Davis '92, who by the way is a very popular man in college.

Two weddings at Phelps, that of Bro. Howe '85 and Miss Partridge, May 17th of which an account appeared in last SHIELD, and that of Bro. Haslett '85, and Miss Crothers, June 15th, did much to enliven our social life. Bro. and Mrs. Dr. Howe gave a reception at their home in Phelps, Tuesday evening of commencement week, which was greatly enjoyed by the brothers who attended.

Bro. and Mrs. Dr. Haslett are delightfully settled in their new home at Waterloo, where the doctor has a large and increasing practice.

Bro. Henry I. Beers '88, of Dover Del. was honored this year with the degree of civil engineer.

Your correspondent has recently enjoyed a visit from Bro. E. W. Jewell '88, who has returned from abroad, where he has been spending a year. He is arranging to resume his studies at the General Theological Seminary in New York.

We lose this year one man by graduation, Bro. Brush. He has been a faithful and earnest worker for Theta Delta Chi and a true friend and brother to us all. We shall greatly miss him during the coming season. He leaves many friends in college and town outside of the fraternity. Bro. Brush is at present engaged at Chautauqua as correspondent for one of the Buffalo dailies.

The boys are now scattered far and wide for their summer vacation, but they bear with them hearts warm and loyal to Theta Delta Chi.

D. A. PARCE.

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COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Once more a college year has passed, reminding us that we must think of our future work in life. Theta Delta Chi sends forth four brothers to win laurels for her and they will do it as all the brethren of *IT* can affirm.

We lose Bro. William Seufert, Bro. George M. S. Schulz, Bro. S. Carleton Haight and Bro. Fred W. Whitehorne. Out of fifty-five graduates, only eleven were fraternity men, distributed among the fraternities as follows: $\Theta \Delta X$, 4; $A \Delta \Phi$, 4; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 1; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 1; $\Delta K E$, 1.

Bro. Seufert, although unable to attend some of the exams. through illness, will undoubtedly pass them successfully in the fall. He is a splendid speaker, having been President of Phrenocosmia, one of our debating societies, and orator of his class, prevented by illness from delivering the oration. And in athletics he is well to the front, having won the six-mile cross-country run last year and the 880 yds run this spring. He is a good oarsman and has won in several Y. M. C. A. races.

Bro. Schultz is a brother of whom *II^a* may well be proud. His imposing form and accomplishments have long been the envy of his fellow-collegians. He is a born orator, winning the Faculty medal for oratory in the senior year, and for three years the oratory medal in the competition of two members from each of the three upper classes. He was Grand Marshal at commencement, which was held at the Carnegie Music Hall; and his bearing as he led his class forward added much to the dignity of the entire class. The applause which greeted him, and his receiving the first toast at Class Dinner, plainly signified that he was the most popular man of his class.

In Bro. Haight *II^a* loses one of her most enthusiastic workers. He has stood forward nobly for his fraternity, and will surely add to the honors of *Theta Upsilon Chi* in his future life. He has been spending the summer with the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., where Bro. Harry Shephard, *E^a*, '91, has also been connected. He intends to enter Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and will surely work as well for *U* as he has for *II^a*.

Bro. Whitehorne has been whiling away the summer at Ocean Grove. He is a first-class artist and expects to exercise his talents on unlucky mortals at College of Physicians and Surgeons next year, and we know he will do it well.

PERSONALS.

Bro. Geo. B. Richardson, '93, is spending the summer at Newport. He expects to return to C. C. N. Y. and graduate next year.

Bro. Trafford, '91, is with the New York Advertiser.

Bro. H. Nelson, '91, one of C. C. N. Y.'s best LaCrosse players, is Captain of Cornell LaCrosse team.

Bro. Butler, '93, is at Princeton. *II^a* has the honor of having the tallest man in College, Bro. Uterhart, '94.

Bro. Turrell, '93, is an accomplished gymnast.

Bro. Remer, '94, has braved the mosquitoes and enjoys himself at Echo Lake in New Jersey. He may come back, or may go to P. & S.

Bro. Harrington, '95, is spending a pleasant hunting and fishing outing at Waterford, Maine.

Bro. Goodwin, '82, a charter member, was the speaker for his class at the Alumni meeting. Bro. Schultz spoke for '92.

Bro. Quesada, '87, is Minister of the Argentine Confederation at Washington.

The charge editor spends a studious vacation at Rochester in a Natural Science establishment.

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

H. E. CRAMPTON, JR., '93.

PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

On account of the absence of Bro. Chambers, our charge editor, it becomes my pleasant duty to record some of the happenings at Phi, during the past college year.

Though the sense of my unworthiness looms up before me, the knowledge that I am performing this duty in the interest of $\theta \Delta X$ makes the task a pleasure.

Should I attempt to catalogue the honors earned and victories gained by 'Our Boys' during this—the gayest and most enjoyable—term of the year, Bro. Holmes would be obliged to enlarge our beloved fraternity organ, *The SHIELD*, consequently will record merely a portion.

The commencement week with its festivities and sheepskin is drawing nigh and so during this nearly unbearable weather must poll for 'exams'; but it is indeed a delightful and refreshing thought that 'after the cloud comes the sunshine', and as we are kept somewhat later this year than usual, we shall the more heartily appreciate the few weeks allotted us for recreation. Of our four senior members, three received honors from the faculty. For class day exercises, Bro. Loux was elected Historian and Bro. Jones the Prophet.

We take pleasure in announcing the two new initiates—Bros. Robinson, '93, and Bro. Losee, '94, of Patchogue L. I., who we feel assured will not alone strengthen our charge, but will prove themselves loyal acquisitions to the fraternity-at-large. Bro. Robinson is the oldest member of the 'Varsity Eleven,

manager of his class nine and a player on the Lacrosse team, Bro. Losee is also a member of the Lacrosse team. We consider ourselves fortunate in securing these popular men.

'93's '*Mélange*' is out. It is a very neat and complete annual. Bro. Honness, our representative, acted as Athletic Editor.

Bro. W. G. Chambers has the honor of being the first man in several years, who has written the Calculus Play for his own class. Bro. Voight is a member of the committee.

Bro. Drake played in his old time form all the season in center field and his batting was an improvement over that of last year. Bro. Honness acquitted himself creditably on second during part of the season.

Bro. Jones '92 has accepted from the Faculty and Advisory Committee with the unanimous sanction of the students, the office of Athletic Director for the coming year. We shall be glad to welcome his return.

Owing to the return of the former owner and manager, Mr. H. A. Hayden, we will hold our Annual Banquet at the United States Hotel as we were accustomed to under his former management.

Among our recent visitors from sister charges are Bro. Beaumont, Gearhardt, Post, Williams, Marsh and Powers of Nu Deuteron—Bro. Meyers, Princeton '92.

Bro. Wagner '94 spent last Sunday with us.

We are looking forward with much gratification to the intended visit of Bro. Holmes during commencement week. Invitations have been sent to every alumnus of the charge and we expect a large reunion at the banquet this year. A number of the alumni have already signified their intention of being present.

At the beginning of this term we placed a handsome billiard table in our rooms which has proved a valuable and highly entertaining addition.

With love to all our brothers, Phi extends a hearty grip with the hope that each may enjoy to the fullest extent the coming vacation.

ALBERT F. HOVEY.

[This letter should have appeared in June number, but was received too late.—ED.]

PSI.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

It is with joy that we of Psi again return to the familiar scenes and pleasant associations of college life. Yet our joy is mingled with sadness. There is an empty place in our ranks, the circumstances of which are doubly sad because of the cloud of uncertainty which hangs over it. At the close of college Bro. Clarence S. Burns, '95, went to Carthage and later to Watertown, N. Y., in the employ of the National Library Association of Chicago. He had fair success in his work but was subject to occasional fits of nervousness and despondency. These seemed to increase in severity and created not a little curiosity at his boarding place. On the afternoon of July 26th he disappeared and since that time not the slightest trace of him can be found. All of his effects, carefully arranged, were left in his room. The uncertainty of his fate, together with the continued suspense in connection with it, makes the case an exceedingly sad one, both for his devoted parents, brother and sister, as well as for us his brethren in Theta Delta Chi. Bro. Burns was only seventeen years old and a son of William Burns, of Delhi, N. Y. He was retiring in disposition, yet a loyal brother, pleasant associate and firm friend. In scholarship he excelled, standing among the uppermost men in his class.

The '92 delegation, comprising Bros. Findlay, Hooker, Ives, Jenkins and Willis, is greatly missed as we assemble again in Psi home. They were always most active in college and fraternity affairs and leave places difficult to be filled. Yet we who are left are determined to maintain the prosperity of Psi and further her interests in the Greek world. For the coming year Bro. Findlay occupies the chair of literature and mathematics in Park College, Mo. Bro. Hooker pursues his chosen work of journalism in connection with the "Public Opinion" Company, of New York; Bro. Ives takes up business; Bro. Jenkins enters the office of the Theta Delta Chi law firm of Petrie, Pardee & Timmerman, Buffalo, N. Y., and Bro. Wilson reads law in Cooperstown, N. Y. Bro. Foster, who was out

of college last year, has returned this fall to continue his work in special studies. His brother, J. H. Foster, '95, represents his class on the college senate.

A large freshman class again this year indicates an increased interest in the advantages offered by Hamilton for a thorough and broad classical or Latin scientific course. With the election on August 25th of Rev. Dr. Melancthon Woolsey Stryker, of Chicago, as president, we feel that Hamilton is entering upon a new era in her history. After a vacancy of eighteen months in the presidential chair, the heartiest of welcomes will be extended to its newly-elected occupant. Since the late President Darling's death the position of president has been most ably filled by Dr. Edward North, professor of Greek. The election of Samuel J. Saunders, of Cornell University, to the chair of physics completes the Latin scientific course. Prof. Saunders is a graduate of Toronto University and is an expert thoroughly trained for his chosen work. His three years of successful service as assistant professor of physics under Prof. Nichols, of Cornell, have broadened his experience and made him familiar with the best methods of laboratory practice and the latest improvements in physical apparatus.

At the last annual meeting of the Hamilton alumni it was decided to raise a fund to furnish a salary for a gymnasium director. Prof. Root was placed in charge of the matter and has achieved sufficient success to warrant the appointment of F. H. Ralsten as instructor and director of the gymnasium. Prof. Ralsten trained our athletic team last spring and is known as a man of unblemished character and an experienced gymnast.

Foot-ball again carries enthusiasm with it. A strong team is under training. Bro. France, '95, who last year played substitute, will this season be on the regular 'varsity eleven.

J. G. CAMPBELL.





ASA GARDNER BENEDICT,
PRESIDENT GRAND LODGE, 1892-3.