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## DUNCAN CAMPBELL LEE.

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We take pleasure in presenting to our readers the portrait of one of the younger lights of our fraternity who, within a few years has risen from the obscurity of the undergraduate to a position of prominence in the fraternity circle, and recognition as a teacher. The name of Duncan Campbell Lee is well known in every charge of the fraternity for the work he has done, and the day is not far distant when he will be quite as well known to the college public as a successful educator.

Duncan C. Lee first saw the light of this world in the little town of Bovina, Delaware Co. N. Y., March 4, 1869. His early years were spent here. When fifteen years of age he had become a proficient telegraph operator and was employed by the old Bankers and Merchants Telegraph Co., at their main office No. 187 Broadway, New York. He left there and entered Delaware Academy at Delhi, N. Y., to prepare for college and graduated as valedictorian of his class in 1887. During his academic life he had won both the academy and the inter-academic county prizes for oratory. In the fall of 1887 he entered Hamilton College where he spent four years in faithful work. In his first year he took the Freshman Declamation and Essay prize. In his Junior year he received the second Essay prize, first Currin Medal in Latin and Greek and the Tuax Greek Scholarship which is awarded at the end of the Junior year for proficiency in the entire three years' work in Greek. In his senior year Mr. Lee took second prize in metaphysics, and second Keillogg prize for excellence in

Rhetorical work of Junior and Senior years. He graduated in June 1891 as salutatorian of his class. He received the class honors in Greek, English Literature and Rhetoric, college standing, and honorable mention in the "Clark Prize for Oratory."

Beside being an excellent student Lee also won distinction in the athletic field. He was captain of the foot ball team, and so successful a competitor for prizes at the athletic tournament that he was conceded the distinction of being the best all-around athlete of Hamilton College.

Early in his course he followed the example of his elder brothers and joined Psi charge. From the first he was a leader among the boys, and the records of the Psi during his active membership show the good influence he exerted. He first appeared in public at the Forty-third Convention held in Boston, Nov. 20, 1889, as undergraduate delegate of the Psi. Here it was that the editor first met him and saw his earnest work for the good of the fraternity. He again represented his charge at the Forty-fourth Convention in New York in 1890, and was elected Secretary of the Grand Lodge. Although the duties of his Senior year in college were sufficient to occupy his entire attention he still found time to perform the duties of his office in such an admirable measure as to contribute a great part of the successful work of the year. No Secretary ever worked harder to do his every duty, and the correspondence of the charges reached the highest point in the history of the fraternity. New methods were introduced, and the work carefully systematized, producing results which were so satisfactory that they have been followed by the succeeding Grand Lodges. His interest in the general work of the fraternity did not expire with his term of office. He has kept in touch with the fraternity, and is a regular attendant at the Conventions.

Immediately after graduation he was tendered the chair of Greek and English Literature in a small western college, and the vice-principalship of the Cascadilla School at Ithaca. Wishing to remain near his friends he decided to accept the latter, and in September, 1891, he entered upon his duties at the Cascadilla School. His career there was at once marked

with success. He became a favorite with the pupils and made for himself and his methods of teaching a reputation which attracted the attention of the great University under whose shadow he was sojourning. In February last Brainard G. Smith, Professor of Oratory at Cornell, resigned to accept the same chair at Hamilton College. Three members of the faculty recommended Duncan C. Lee as a suitable candidate for the vacancy, neither knowing that the other had done so, and without the knowledge of Bro. Lee. President Schurman seemed to consider the matter in a favorable light as he recommended his appointment to the Executive Committee, who on the 4th of March elected Lee to the position of Assistant Professor with full charge of the department of oratory. Thus we find Bro. Lee on his twenty-fourth birthday, the recipient of one of the greatest honors ever conferred upon so young a man. To be selected to fill so important a chair in one of the greatest universities in America, upon a record made in less than two years from graduation implies that greater honors are yet in store for him.

Referring to the appointment the *Cornell Daily Sun* of March 6th says :

"Mr. Duncan Campbell Lee has been elected as the successor to Professor Brainard G. Smith as the head of the department of Elocution and Oratory with the rank of Assistant Professor. The only person suggested by Professor Smith as his successor was Mr. Lee. The work of the department will be carried on in the same line as heretofore, and it is certain under the care of so able a man to be kept up to its present standards."

Speaking on the same subject editorially the *Sun* says :

"The University is to be congratulated in getting so able and promising a young teacher as Mr. Lee to fill the chair made vacant by the resignation of Prof. B. G. Smith. Mr. Lee is a well developed man of thorough education in more ways than one and his successes in college and since graduation point him out as a man with a brilliant career before him."

Any man may be justly proud of such preferment. Theta Delta Chi is fortunate in having on its roll the name of this man who has before him a career of great promise and if his life is spared is destined to become famous in the world of let-

ters. We rejoice with every brother at this marked compliment to the fraternity which Bro. Lee is proud to claim as his, and are quite as proud to claim him as one of her brightest lights. Success to Professor Duncan Campbell Lee of Cornell University.

## MARIANO E. POLHAMUS.

In the beautiful catalogue of our Fraternity, I found the following on page 19, among the brothers of the Alpha, under the year 1860.

Mariano E. Agüero. . . . . Nuevitas, Cuba.

Full name Mariano Eduardo de San Jose Polhamus y Aguero. General in insurgent army. Executed by the Spaniards.

The mere reading of these lines, thrilled me, for my greatest love is my unfortunate country, and here was a Theta Delt who had given his life for the cause of liberty in my Cuba, the only land in America which is not yet free.

I commenced to make inquiries as to our brother, but to my surprise nobody could tell me anything of Mariano E. Agüero, none of the officers of the Cuban army knew of such a General. Only a few days ago did I find out his history. I was visiting a most worthy family that had abandoned Cuba on account of the revolution, suffering the poverty and cold of a foreign soil, far from family and friends, in preference to their native hearth enslaved and in the hands of tyrants. I asked them the same question which for the past year had remained unanswered:

“Did you know Mariano E. Agüero?”

One of the ladies answered: “No, but my husband’s name was Mariano E. Polhamus, and his mother’s name was Agüero.”

I immediately exclaimed: “I have found him at last!” I verified my discovery; the lady showed me a diploma of Union College—the year of graduation was 1860, and if any doubt still existed, I told her to look at my pin and she said that her husband used to wear a similar one. All my efforts to learn something of our brother had been fruitless up to then because

I had always asked for Agüero instead of Polhamus. His name should thus be inscribed in the catalogue, for Agüero is merely the mother's name used in Spanish speaking countries to distinguish two persons one from the other when both have the same name and surname.

And now let me relate to the readers of the SHIELD the story of our heroic brother.

Mariano E. Polhamus was born in Nuevitás, Cuba, in 1841; his father was an American who had established himself there; his mother, a Cuban of the best families of the country. His parents seeing his inclination for drawing and mathematics, sent him to Union College where he studied civil engineering, graduating when he was only 19 years of age. He was initiated into the mysteries of our glorious  $\Theta \lambda \chi$ ; and no more loyal or enthusiastic brother has ever worn our badge. In the autumn of 1860 he returned to Cuba where he found employment in running and constructing railroads; in the beginning of 1865 he went to Camaguey where he married a most esteemed lady, Dolores de Miranda.

On the 10th of October, 1868, the Cuban patriots rose in arms in the small town of Yara, in the western part of the island, to conquer the same rights for which the Saxon Americans had fought under Washington and the latin-Americans under San Martín and Bolívar. In the month of January, 1869, Polhamus with some men left the city and joined the insurgents; his manly character, his progressive ideas, his education, his love of liberty and republican institutions determined his course,—he would go to fulfill his duty; to die.

His services as a civil engineer were important. In the battle of Las Minas he helped construct the breastworks where the ex-Confederate Gen. Thomas Jordan and 548 Cubans defeated 2,200 Spanish regulars, killing and wounding 400 of the enemy, losing three men. Polhamus also constructed the fortifications in other engagements. For six years he struggled for the independence of Cuba, without pay, without ammunition, without resources, without food, fighting with valor, aiding his chiefs with his acquirements and intelligence, suffering with stoic resignation, hoping that one day the United States would

recognize the belligerent rights of the band of American Spartans; and then, Cuban heroism would be rewarded. But alas that was not to be! Spain was allowed to make the most inhuman war in the New Continent, and the American people's sympathy for the oppressed patriots was never effective because the government which Bunker Hill, Lexington and Valley Forge made possible, did not help a sister by extending to them the hand in the hour of need as France had done in 1776.

Brother Polhamus was taken sick early in 1875 with terrible sores in the legs and was forced to leave the army, retiring to a secluded hut in the dense woods, expecting to get cured and to again join his comrades. One day he came out to the open plain in search of water, when suddenly he was surrounded by Spanish cavalry and taken prisoner. He was carried to headquarters, where they found he was an officer and every effort was made to induce him to give up secrets, or make plans for the Spaniards.

"You will be shot to-morrow at day-break if you do—"

"Sir," answered our brother, foretelling the rest of the phrase, "I am Colonel \*Mariano E. Polhamus of the Cuban army," and drawing himself up as if nothing troubled him he added, "I was not born a traitor!"

It was dawning, the tropical sun with all its splendors rose majestically in the east, shedding its rays on the stately palms; the luxuriant vegetation was embalmed with the perfume of the orange and the rose. The camp was all movement. An hour afterwards the sky was blue, the trees were shining in their diversity of green tints; the drums commenced to beat a death march; in the midst of a company of men there came a man of medium size, his head uncovered and erect; his face expressed not only determination, but contempt for his executioners; his firm step did not reveal the invalid. The company came to a stand-still, Polhamus was ordered to the front and a soldier stepped forward to blindfold him.

Our brother then addressed himself to the Spanish officer:

"You asked me if I had any favor to demand before dying,

\*Polhamus was a Colonel not a General as in the catalogue.

I ask two,—not to be blindfolded and to be allowed to command who are to shoot me.”

A few seconds afterwards in a clear voice, with his hazel eyes fixed in the heavens above, and with his hand on his heart pointing to where he wanted the soldiers to fix their aim, he said the word: “Fire!”

The rifles discharged, our brother fell dead. He was left there to be buried by some friendly hand or to become the prey of the vulture!

Mariano E. Polhamus thus died at the age of thirty-five years, like a true patriot; an honor to his country, and an honor to Theta Delta Chi!

GONZALO DE QUESADA.

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## THE CHICAGO BANQUET.

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The Central Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi held its Third Anniversary Dinner at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, on the evening of Jan. 13, 1893. An unusual effort had been made by Bros. Hawley and Eastman and a larger number sat down to the table than at any previous banquet of the Association. This gathering was composed of young men exclusively, Bro. W. M. Lawrence, *K*, '73 being the oldest graduate present. The evening was spent most pleasantly. The menu was worthy of mine host's reputed hospitality. While there was no uproarious hilarity, every one present had a thoroughly enjoyable time and went away feeling anew the strength of the bonds in Theta Delta Chi. This gathering of young men about the festive board where perhaps the temptations to indulge too freely in the convivial were much stronger than would be the case were the table graced with the presence of D. D.'s, LL. D.'s, etc., and yet without any apparent desire to overstep the bounds of strict propriety and true temperance on the part of a single member, emphasizes the fact that our fraternity stands preeminently for the highest type of manhood, and augurs well for its future. Such an oc-

casation with such a record is conclusive evidence that our membership is composed of clean-cut forceful men; men with broad ideas, deep convictions, and well rounded character; men who will add strength and dignity to any calling, and make the standard of membership in our fraternity even higher than it now is. The Central Graduate Association is in better condition than ever before and welcomes most cordially every Theta Delta Chi within its reach unto its membership, feeling that it can be of service to every man by keeping alive in his breast the feelings of loyalty to the broadest, deepest, and purest of human passions, Friendship.

In the absence of the President, Bro. Louis Spahn--frater in the flesh to our immortal Jake--occupied the President's Chair at the head of the table around which thirty-one loyal Thetes found seats.

After appropriately discussing the menu which contributed greatly to the satisfaction of the inner man, the following business was transacted: Voted that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to make nominations for officers, Bros. Hawley, Eastman and Huffcut were so named. This committee reported as follows, President, Louis Spahn, Vice-Presidents, Kilvert, Wertheimer, French, Longwell and Hawley; Secretary and Treasurer, J. P. Houston; Chairman of Executive Committee, H. F. Lewis. The report of committee was unanimously adopted and the foregoing declared the officers of the Association for the ensuing year.

Voted that the Executive Committee take proper steps toward securing entertainment of Thetes attending World's Fair. Voted that the Executive Committee be instructed to appoint a committee of three, Bro. French to be chairman, to look after interests of Theta Delta Chi in the Chicago University, said committee to act in connection with Grand Lodge. Voted that the Secretary be directed to compile and publish a list of Theta Delts residing in Cook County.

Bro. Spahn in well chosen words handed over the gavel to Bro. E. W. Huffcut, the Toastmaster of the evening. With his usual felicity Bro. Huffcut presided over the following post-prandial programme:

The Central Graduate Association . . . . .	W. C. Hawley
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The Last Convention . . . . .	H. F. Lewis
Our Youngest Baby . . . . .	J. E. Bradford
Our Prospective Baby . . . . .	C. W. French
All Creation . . . . .	M. A. Kilvert

This closed the speech making and after half an hour's pleasant social intercourse the Third Anniversary Dinner was a thing of the past, and those who had enjoyed its festivities had exchanged the friendly handshakings in the old familiar way, and had formed new and pleasant associations—reminders of the old-time fellowships of college days—sought their homes proud of their fraternity; glad of the opportunities the occasion afforded, and enthusiastic in their hopes for what the future would bring to this Association and our beloved brotherhood.

The following brothers were present :

Beta.—E. C. Ryan, '94, E. D. McConnell, '94, H. E. Longwell, '83, Hosea Webster, '80, E. W. Huffcut, '84, J. S. Collman, '81.

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Kappa.—W. M. Lawrence, '73, J. M. Hollister, '92, Geo. M. Lovejoy, '82, F. C. Spaulding, '86.

Mu Deuteron.—O. T. Eastman, '86.

Nu Deuteron.—W. L. Neill, '88, J. H. Spengler, '86, C. E. Thomas, '85.

Omicron Deuteron.—C. W. French, '79, B. J. Wertheimer, '76, J. P. Houston, '84.

Rho Deuteron.—C. R. Smith, '93.

Sigma.—W. W. Salmon, '86.

Tau Deuteron.—J. E. Bradford, '92.

Chi.—Louis Spahn, '79.

Psi.—C. N. Kendall, '82.

## NEW ENGLAND BANQUET.

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The annual banquet of the New England Association will be held at Young's Hotel, Boston, on the evening of April 19th, at 7 o'clock. It will be held under the auspices of the Iota Deuteron charge and a royal good time is assured.

These banquets are always largely attended, but there is room for more. The SHIELD is duly authorized to invite every Theta Delt to this banquet. No better opportunity is ever afforded for undergraduates to meet and become acquainted with each other and thereby form some idea of what the fraternity is made, than at such banquets as this. The New England banquets are typical affairs. Let every undergraduate be present who can possibly get there. To graduates the opportunity of renewing their youthful ardor should be sufficient incentive to put away, for the time, business cares, and have an evening of rare enjoyment. Iota Deuteron will surely do herself proud in the management of the affair, and the fact that they have charge assures its success from the beginning. Let everybody come.

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## THE BALTIMORE BANQUET.

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The seventh annual banquet of the Southern Graduate Association was held at the Hotel Rennert in Baltimore on the evening of January 26th. No report of the doings has been received. An autograph menu kindly sent by one of the thoughtful brothers indicates that the banquet was one of the most successful ever held. A number of the older brothers were there, and wherever the old patriarchs gather there is always a good time. The editor had expected to attend but an important engagement at home on the same evening prevented. About twenty brothers were present. Among the list of autographs we can decipher the following graduates as being present:

Hon. D. N. Lockwood, Alpha, '65; Dr. James W. Scott, Pi, '66; Thomas E. Rogers, Sigma, '66; Rev. J. Mac Bride Sterrett, Chi, '67; W. G. Raines, Xi, '70; G. E. Boynton, Zeta, '71; A. G. Benedict, Psi, '72; J. W. Babylon, Psi, '74; Alex M. Rich, Xi, '85; A. J. Hopkins, Mu Deuteron, '85; J. V. W. Reynders, Delta, '86; Frederic V. Coville, Beta, '87; J. R. Stiffler, Sigma, '86; F. S. Curtis, Theta, '89; W. Stranahan, Beta, '90.

## OUR SUMMER MEETING.

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There seems to be no question about the successful carrying out of the World's Fair plans. The possibilities in the case could not be even imagined by the Convention, so the matter was referred to the Grand Lodge with power. The proper place to look for a definite crystallization of plans was Chicago. It is very apparent that the Chicago brothers are wide-awake and ready to grasp the situation. The first proof of this is in the success, numerically, of the annual banquet. The action taken there shows that their minds were upon the subject and also that no time was to be lost in considering ways and means for the entertainment of visiting brothers. While it is impossible to tell just now what can be done as Chicago is in a hubbub of preparation for the grand occasion, the general details of a summer campaign are under consideration which will be varied to suit the condition of things as they exist during the summer. The editor can not present even an indistinct outline of what will be. While many plans have been talked of the best has not yet been decided upon. It will probably be May before any announcement can be made. As soon as definite arrangements have been tabulated, they will be printed and sent to every brother whose address is known. In the meantime the SHIELD has two or three thoughts to give for the careful consideration of its readers, and the fraternity at large.

The Chicago brethren are the only ones who can make feasible plans, because they are on the ground.

The Chicago boys are widely awake to the delightful time which would be realized by having reunions during the fair, and will make the utmost endeavors to insure the entire success of any plans which they make.

There is a duty devolving upon the members of the fraternity which must not be lost sight of. No amount of effort on the part of the boys there can produce success without the hearty co-operation of every brother. This co-operation consists in making your arrangements to coincide with theirs. Every Theta Delt wants to go to Chicago during the fair. Every Theta Delt would be delighted in meeting a large number of representative Theta Delt from all parts of the country. The majority of the brothers can vary their arrangements to suit a particular date. It is the paramount duty of every brother to try hard to be there on the dates named so as to insure the success of the meeting.

It does not seem necessary to go into details. The fair itself is a big thing. How pleasant to go to Chicago, and find in the immense throng of visitors a hundred or more of those who are your friends. You will be there to enjoy everything. A Theta Delt reunion will brighten all the other pleasures. On the other hand not to be there will disappoint the kind brothers who will have expended so much time, labor and money for your personal comfort and pleasure. We are sure it will be a success. It can't help being the greatest gathering Theta Delta Chi has ever seen. The editor is anticipating a rare feast in meeting many brothers whose names are household words but whose faces are yet strange.

There will be some headquarters provided either at some good hotel or in some central locality where one will be sure to find somebody. Of all this, full particulars will be sent to every brother at the earliest possible date. Now don't fail to arrange your affairs so you can be there with the rest and have the best time in your life's history since leaving college.

## Our Graduates.

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

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Truman W. Miller, Xi, 61, is one of Chicago's oldest and most prominent physicians. He was born in Seneca County, New York, March 2d, 1840, and has been in practice in Chicago for 26 years. He received his earlier education at Waterloo Academy, Waterloo, N. Y., going from there to Hobart College Geneva, N. Y., graduating in 1861. He attended two years' lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York city. In the spring of 1862, he was appointed Medical Cadet, U. S. A., and served until 1863 when he was appointed acting assistant surgeon of the U. S. A. In March of that year he received the degree of M. D. at Geneva Medical College, Geneva, N. Y. He was connected with the Army of the Potomac until after the Battle of the Wilderness, when on account of sickness, he was transferred to Chicago and was assigned to duty as post and examining surgeon U. S. A., in which position he served until the close of the war. In 1865 he was appointed examining surgeon recruiting service U. S. A., which position he held for four years. In 1873 he was appointed assistant surgeon of the U. S. Marine Hospital Service which position he filled until 1877, when he was promoted to surgeon and served in that capacity until 1886, when he resigned. From 1878 to 1884, he was surgeon of the 1st Regiment, Illinois National Guard. From 1880 to 1885 he was surgeon to Cook Co., Hospital. Dr. Miller is President and Professor of General and Genito-Urinary Surgery of the Chicago Polyclinic, which position he has held since 1886. He is also consulting surgeon to St. Joseph and Alexian Brothers Hospital, and surgeon of The Maurice Porter Memorial Hospital. He is surgeon of the Chicago Grand Trunk R. R.; the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City R. R.; the N. C. St. R. R.; the W. C. St. R. R., and is medical referee of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York, for the State of Illinois. Among the societies of which he is a member are, The American Medical Association; the Illinois State Medical Society; The Chicago Medical Society and the Chicago Medico Legal Society. He also belongs to the society of the Military Surgeons of the National Guards of the United States and is an old member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a charter member and one of the founders of

Union Club; a member of North Shore, Germania Practitioners Clubs. Brother Miller is a very busy man, stands high in his profession, and is above all, a loyal Theta Delt, and no brother can go to his office without receiving a royal welcome.

Charles W. French, Omicron Deuteron, '79, was born at Woodstock, Vermont in 1858. His father died when he was but two years of age. He was brought up and sent through the Woodstock high school and Dartmouth College by the self-sacrificing efforts of a devoted mother. He entered college in 1875, taught school during the winter months of each year and pluckily kept up his studies, graduating in 1879. He at once became head master of the Marlow, N. H., Academy where he staid one year. In 1880 he became principal of schools at Ferrysburg Mich. In 1882 he left to become Superintendent of Schools at St. Joseph, Mich. In 1884 he became teacher of history in one of Chicago's High Schools where he remained till 1890. In 1890 he was elected Principal of Lake View High School, and in 1891 Principal of the Hyde Park High School (both in Chicago) which latter position he still holds.

During his residence in Chicago he has held several positions of trust and influence. For two years he was President of the Chicago Christian Endeavor Union. He has been Vice-President of the Chicago and Cook County High School Teachers Association ever since it was organized. He is Vice-President of the Chicago Board of the Teachers Equitable Loan Association. He is a member of the University Congregational Church and an active worker in both church and Sunday School. Bro. French is an author, his "Life of Lincoln" was referred to in the last volume as one of the most interesting of all the books on Lincoln. He has written many excellent articles for various periodicals.

A letter from a prominent and active brother in Chicago, contains the following: "Bro. French is one of our strong men in the city and is regarded as an especially brilliant educator. He is a ready, forceful, versatile speaker and no cause he expounds suffers from lack of able support. In him we find one of the best examples of the highest type of manhood. His pupils, his co-laborers, every one with whom he associates, speak in glowing terms of his noble manhood and unswerving rectitude. Without appearing to attempt it, he impresses upon all about him the beauty and excellence of his character. Bro. French is active in the support of all movements which look toward the elevation and education of the people. He is engaged in university extension work, and is very successful in it. While Mr. French was in the West Side High School I was privileged to attend a recitation of his history class. It was on one of those dull pages of history, but the genius of the teacher pervaded the whole subject and I never saw a more attentive or enthusiastic class exercise than that one. It gave evidence of Bro. French's unmistakable genius as an instructor.

Bro. French is an enthusiastic Theta Delt. He is in a position to be

of much use to the fraternity in case the faculty of Chicago University remove their somewhat narrow prejudices to fraternities and open up an honorable way to the entrance of fraternities to the University. He is chairman of the committee appointed by the Western Graduate Association to look after our interests in the University and as such will doubtless do much to pave the way to an honorable entrance into the University. Bro. French is one of the Vice-Presidents of the Northwestern Graduate Association and a member of the Executive Committee. He has been interested in this graduate movement from the first and gives it a hearty support by his presence and active word. Bro. French is a man of whom Theta Delta Chi may be justly proud and as the years go by he will add new laurels for himself and his fraternity which he sincerely loves.

William Chauncey Hawley, was born Aug. 31, 1865, at Cambridge, N. Y. Bro. Hawley's family belongs to the Vermont branch of the Hawley family, which went to Vermont from Connecticut before the revolution, having come to Connecticut from England early in the 17th Century. He is a thorough American, however, having English, Scotch, Irish and Holland Dutch blood in his veins.

He attended various local schools and graduated in April 1881 from the Washington Academy, Salem, N. Y. He then ran for a year as express messenger for the National Express Co. In Sept. 1882 he entered Reusselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y. Through the influence of his chum and classmate Bro. M. R. Sherrerd, he was initiated by the Rho Deuteron charge in New York in June, 1883. He was a charter member of the Delta when it was re-established Nov. 2nd, 1883. Upon graduation in June, 1886 he took charge of the construction of the system of water works at his home; the design of which he had reviewed as his graduating thesis. These works were completed in Dec. 1886, and the remainder of that winter was spent in surveying, etc. He made plans and a report on a proposed water works system at Shushan, N. Y., and designed a reservoir for Greenwich, N. Y. In March, 1887 he entered the employ of Chester B. Davis, Chicago, a leading hydraulic and sanitary engineer, and he has remained in Mr. Davis' employ since, being now his principal assistant. He had charge of the construction of water works in 1887-8 at Elgin, Ill., and in 1890-1 of the system at Galesburg, Ill. He had charge of the preliminary surveys for the new water works at Peoria, Ill., in 1889. In 1888 he was in charge of the construction of the sewerage system at Ashland, Wis., and later of the main sewer at Dubuque, Iowa. At other times he has been engaged in the office in Chicago on plans for waterworks and sewers for a number of western cities. He is an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Bro. Hawley was instrumental in the organization of the Northwestern

Graduate Association of  $\Theta \Delta X$ ., and has served as Secretary and Vice-President, and is now a member of the Executive Committee.

Bro. Hawley was married Christmas day 1890 to Miss Nellie Newton of Ferguson, Mo. They have a little daughter a year old.

B. J. Wertheimer, Omicron Deuteron, '76, was born at Troy, Ohio, in 1855. He graduated from the Troy High School in 1872 and at once entered Dartmouth College, where his brother, J. J., had preceded him one year. Both joined the charge then. They were the first of a number of young men who went from Troy to Dartmouth, and from that time till 1889 Troy had one or more representatives in the charge. Bro. Wertheimer graduated in 1876 and sailed immediately for Germany, entering the University of Goettingen. He afterward attended lectures at Bonn, Jena, Heidelberg and Leipsic. At the latter place he passed a proficient examination and received the degree of Doctor of Law. He then went to Paris where he spent several months studying the Civil Code. In 1878 he returned to this country and entered the law department of Washington University at St. Louis. In 1880 he received the degree of LL. B., and began the practice of his profession in St. Louis. In 1885 he removed to Chicago which has since been his home. His professional work has been of a high order and he has achieved a success which is only an earnest of what is yet in store for him. Bro. Wertheimer wears his honors modestly, but is very choice of professional ethics. Bro. Wertheimer is married and has two girls and one boy. His pleasant home is located at 3219 Wabash Ave. Unlike most lawyers he is not a political aspirant. He is a loyal and enthusiastic Theta Delt, and an active worker in all that pertains to fraternity matters in Chicago.

George P. Upton, Zeta, '54 was born in Roxbury, Mass., Oct. 25, 1835. He graduated from Brown University in 1854. In 1855 he went to Chicago, which has been his permanent home ever since. He at once took up newspaper work connecting himself with the *National Citizen*. In 1856 he accepted a position on the *Chicago Journal* where he remained till 1861, when he became city editor of the *Chicago Tribune*. For ten years he filled various positions in the musical, dramatic and literary departments. During the war he did much good work as a war correspondent. In 1871 he became editor and from that day to this has been the chief of the editorial department. He is also Vice-President of the Tribune Company. In addition to his regular newspaper work he has written many excellent productions on musical and general literary topics, also several books, and has given many valuable contributions to the popular magazines. Bro. Upton is an enthusiastic Theta Delt. His professional duties absorb almost his entire time, still he is always glad to welcome a brother Theta Delt. No one comes within the sphere of his influence without feeling its kindliness, and perceiving in him an exemplification of the principles of our brotherhood.

**Seth P. Smith**, Omicron Deuteron, '82, has again been elected a member of the Boston city government, and figures as leader of the Republicans in the lower branch, having been appointed on the important committees of Finance, Appropriations, Judiciary, Streets, and chairman of Committee on Ordinances and Law Department.

**Western Starr**, Beta, '80, is a lawyer in an office on Dearborn Street, Chicago. Bro. Starr has tried life in most of the western states but has finally settled down in the Fair city.

**J. S. Collman**, Beta, '81, is a member of the firm of Myers & Collman, lawyers, at Chicago.

**Rev. C. L. Arnold**, Xi, '75, the rector of St. Peter's church, Detroit, has just declined a call to a very wealthy and fashionable church in La Crosse, Wis. The Detroit *Journal* says of him;

"Mr. Arnold has been rector of St. Peter's church for the past eighteen months, coming to this city from Wilmington, N. C., where he had had charge of a parish since his induction to the ministry three years previous. His work in Detroit has been highly successful in every particular. There had been trouble in St. Peter's parish during the regime of his immediate predecessor. The church was staggering under a heavy mortgage debt, and the attendance had dwindled away until when twenty-five attended a Sunday service the occasion was regarded as a fit subject for special comment. Now everything is different. Every Sunday the church is so crowded to hear the eloquent young preacher, whose sermons are entirely extempore, that the seating capacity is utterly inadequate. Financially the improvement has been just as marked and the contributions are liberal, although the majority of the worshippers are in moderate circumstances, and give to the church at a sacrifice. A handsome new rectory, modern in every sense, has been erected at a cost of nearly \$8,000. Last Easter the free will offering of the congregation towards meeting this expense amounted to \$2,000. A new church will be erected in the future, to meet the requirements of the steadily increasing congregation. Mr. Arnold, however, for his own part, does not believe in the parish rushing into debt, and is perfectly satisfied with the present edifice until his people feel quite able to afford one better. He has on several occasions received substantial tokens of regard from members and officers of the church. Among these was the gift of a horse from Hon. W. C. Maybury, senior warden, and the expense of keeping the animal is met by the same gentleman. E. H. Moreton, junior warden, recently purchased the Michigan *Church Life*, and Mr. Arnold was installed as editor. He re-christened the publication the *Church*, and is sending out a bright, newsy and carefully edited journal. It has been indorsed by Bishop Davies and made the official organ of the diocese. Bishop Davies is so well pleased with the improved condition of affairs in St. Peter's church under Mr. Arnold's administration that he has publicly referred to it as "the bright spot in the diocese."

Frederick Coville, Beta, '87, is one of the few who are in luck under the new administration. The *Washington Star* of March 7, contains the following referring to the Department of Agriculture.

"No resignations have been made except those already announced in the *Star*, but to-day Secretary Morton made his first new appointment. It was, however, a promotion rather than an appointment, and the employes are reassured by this course as being indicative of the policy the new Secretary will pursue. Mr. Frederick Coville, who has been an assistant in the department for some time, was appointed chief botanist to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Vasey. Mr. Coville is a bright, intelligent man who has shown great aptitude for the place which he has been appointed to fill. He is well versed in the science of botany and his appointment gives general satisfaction in the department."

Brother Coville's first appointment occurred six years ago, under President Cleveland's former administration, when he was made assistant botanist. He was promoted (in salary rather than title) and sent on an expedition to investigate the celebrated Death Valley of California. Brother Coville is certainly destined to be a future authority on flowers. The great botanists of the past generation are all gone and the community will one day bow to the opinion of Brother Coville as they did twenty years ago to that of Dr. Gray.

T. M. Partridge, Xi, '87, is a traveling salesman for the Northern Mill Company, at Minneapolis. Brother Partridge was the last president of the Association of the Northwestern Lumber Salesmen, and his youthful appearance at the last banquet of that association called forth a good story at his expense. He was down in Iowa on business and called in at the office of one of the lumber merchants there to take an order. In his usual engaging manner he stepped up to the head of the house and informed him he was Tom Partridge. The dealer, who evidently recognized the name, looked at him a minute and then remarked: "Very well, won't you take a chair; is your father at the hotel?" But Tom claims he got the order just the same.

Webster R. Walkley, Omicron, '60, was one of the guests at the recent dinner of the Hardware Club, in New York City, and his witty poem, in response to the toast, "Sketches," is printed in full in the February number of the *Metal Worker*, the only speech which is thus honored.

George L. Fielder, Beta, '80 who has achieved such pronounced success as manager of the Caligraph Company, has severed his connection with that corporation. He is now assistant business manager of the *New York Evening Post*. He and J. F. Thomson, Beta, '87, have bachelor apartments at 173 Fifth avenue, where they entertain friends with lavish hand.

Foye S. Baldwin, Lambda, '88, has, according to the *New York Tribune*, recently been honored by admission to the Seminary of Economics at the University of Berlin, being the only American who was admitted.

I. P. Pardee, Phi, '74, has been elected a trustee of Lafayette College.

C. C. Kneisley, Delta, '73, past president of the Grand Lodge, is at present in Omaha.

Hosea Webster, Beta, '80, is the manager of the Chicago house of the Worthington Pump Company.

Col. Rodney A. Smith, Gamma, '54, Asst. Paymaster-General, U. S. A., was retired from active service on January 3d, having reached the age of sixty-four.

Rev. Loren Stiles, Chi, '79, has recently become pastor of the Methodist church in Brockport, N. Y., and has already become popular in his new location.

M. T. C. Wing, Theta, '84, who is principal of the high school at Gambier, Ohio, left college in his junior year. He expects to enter '94 and take his degree regularly.

Edwin Cole, Gamma Deuteron, '92, has recently accepted a position as instructor in the Saginaw high school, but expects to return to Ann Arbor next year for his M. A. degree.

Robert W. Crowell, Nu Deuteron, '89, has left Lincoln, Ill., where he was professor of Latin and Greek in Lincoln University, and is teaching Latin in the Columbus, Ohio, high school.

Lucien G. Chaffin, Zeta, '67, was chairman of the committee of arrangements for the concert given by the Brown University Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs in New York, December 19th.

Ed. L. Case, Theta, '86, has removed from Prairie du Chien, Wis., to Dubuque, Iowa, where he is treasurer of the Smedley Manufacturing Company, formerly the National Iron and Brass Works.

A. R. Archibald, Omicron Deuteron, '74 has returned to his first love and is manager of the Appleton Business College, in Minneapolis, where he is training the future business men of the northwest.

H. E. Longwell, Beta, '83, is the manager of the Chicago office of the Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., Engine Company. In that capacity he makes numerous trips throughout the Northwest, and always looks up the Theta Delts wherever he goes.

Herbert A. Beidler, is the president of the Standard Elevator Company of Chicago. Brother Beidler lives at 49 South Sangamon street, Chicago. during the winter and enjoys life at Lake Geneva during the warm months, where he amuses himself with a crack steam yacht and a fast sailing sail boat.

H. A. Gillis, Nu Deuteron, '83, who for the past three years has been with the Erie Railroad Company at Port Jervis, in charge of the Delaware Division and shops, has resigned to take charge of the Roanoke & Western Locomotive and Machine Works, at Roanoke, Va. The works employ thirteen hundred men.

Theodore N. Ely, Delta, '66, has been elected one of the directors of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Rev. M. N. Gilbert, Xi, '70, has been appointed chaplain on the staff of Gov. Nelson with the rank of Colonel. Brother Gilbert is the second Theta Delt who has been on the Governor's staff in Minnesota within the last few years, as Brother Huffcut was formerly Judge Advocate General on the staff of Governor Merriam.

G. H. Thayer, Beta, '83, is president and business manager of the Marble Cycle Company, at Plymouth, Ind., a company which is engaged in building high grade machines. Brother Thayer takes great interest in fraternity matters, and was recently president of the Northwestern Cornell Alumni Association, at Chicago.

John Fuller Thomson, Beta, '87, begins the new year by giving up friends and old associations in St. Paul for a position with Louis Tiffany, of New York. Brother Thomson has charge of the interior decorations, a responsible position to which he is well adapted. He is permanent secretary of the newly organized Cornell Smoker, which entertains informally each month.

C. N. Kendall, Psi, '82, formerly superintendent of schools in East Saginaw, Mich., has removed to Chicago, and may be found in the Rookery Building, Room 406.

Rev. Jay M. Hulbert, Omicron Deuteron, '85, has recently received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Congregational church in Princeton, Minn.

C. W. Starbuck, Xi, '90, is in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is connected with the firm of Brunswick & Balke, billiard table manufacturers.

Rev. John G. Blue, Psi, '77, of Waukesha, Wis., attended the Hamilton College Alumni Banquet in Chicago, Jan. 10. Brother Blue is one of the vice-presidents of the Chicago Association of Hamilton College Alumni.

W. L. Stranahan, Beta, '90, is engaged in the engraving business at Washington, D. C. Messrs. Evans & Bartle, the firm with whom he is engaged, are now working on large map engraving contracts for various branches of the government and for the State of New York. Brother Stranahan was married June 22, 1892, to Miss Susie Bartle, daughter of a member of the firm, Brothers W. M. Stockbridge (B '88) and C. W. Curtis (B '88), assisting as ushers. While at college Brother Stranahan was famous as an athlete, being bow oar on the crew and center rush on the foot ball team.

Rev. H. Martin Kellogg, Omicron Deuteron, '73, has received a call from the Congregational church at Wolcott, Conn. He will leave his present charge at Lebanon for his new field.

W. L. Fernald, Omicron Deuteron, '84, has been obliged on account of his health to give up teaching. He has taken to the country and is en-

gaged in raising fruit and poultry on a large scale. Under this regime his health has improved and he seems to be in the possession of those things which make a man content and happy. His address is Eliot, Maine.

J. L. Waller, Rho, '73, is located at 119-121 La Salle street, Chicago. He is senior member of the firm Waller & McCluer, real estate dealers. Brother Waller has large business and social interests but with them all has a kindly feeling for  $\Theta \Delta X$ . He appreciates a call from any  $\Theta \Delta X$ , and will make any brother who may drop in on him very welcome and none can help feeling his genial, whole-hearted reception after a brief call upon him.

R. P. Ward, Iota, Deuteron, '95, is located in Chicago, Ill. His business address is 1014-1016 Monadnock Building. He resides at 115 South Euclid avenue, Oak Park.

F. E. Chapin, Omicron Deuteron, '85, is with the firm of George F. Smith & Co., silverware, of Gardner, Mass.

C. O. Thurston, Omicron Deuteron, '84, is teacher in the science department of Wyoming Seminary located at Kingston, Penn. He has recently published a book on the flora of Wyoming valley and neighboring regions. It is carefully prepared and is highly spoken of by those who are competent to judge of its merits.

C. T. Pearce, M. D., Xi, '90, has located in Cincinnati for the practice of his profession. His address is 100 West Seventh street.

Rev. Rufus S. Green, Psi, '77, finds time in addition to his pastoral duties, to edit a monthly paper called *The Christian Steward*, which is issued by the Presbyterian General Assembly's Special Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Dr. John M. Curtis, Sigma, '65. We are just in receipt of wedding cards which read Dr. and Mrs. John M. Curtis, 218 North Wahsatch Ave., Colorado springs. It is natural to infer from this that Dr. Curtis has been getting married, and proposes to change his residence from Topeka, Kansas, to Colorado Springs.

Col Wm. Lamb, Epsilon, '53, has just been elected President of the Chamber of Commerce in th city of Norfolk, Va. He is also rector of William and Mary College. Congress has just passed a bill to benefit this institution, the success of which is due in a great measure to the efforts of Col. Lamb.

Rev. J. W. Harris, Chi, '67, is at 122 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. He came here from Omaha, Neb. last December. He is District Secretary for the north west of the American Baptist Publishing Society. He is a valuable acquisition to our Chicago Association as he enters heartily into our plans and evinces his undiminished interest in Theta Delta Chi and her success.

C. S. Thompson, Iota, '87, is with the Illinois Central R. R. His business address is 194 South Clark street, Chicago.

E. W. Huffcut, Beta, '84, is another Theta Delt recently appointed on the Cornell faculty. An Associated Press despatch of March 14th says of him: "Ernest Wilson Huffcut was to-day appointed Professor of Law in Cornell University, in succession to Charles E. Hughes, resigned. Prof. Huffcut was graduated at Cornell University in 1884, and with the first class of the Cornell law school in 1888. He was then appointed judge advocate general of Minnesota on the staff of Gov. Merriam, and held that position, at the same time practicing law in Minneapolis until 1890 when he became Professor of Law at the Indiana State University. In 1892 he was appointed Professor of Law in the Northwestern University Law School, Chicago. He is considered a brilliant teacher and a vigorous writer. His article on "International Liability for Mob Damage," published at the time of the New Orleans outrages, attracted widespread attention. At the time that Prof. Schurman offered him the position at Cornell he had under consideration a call to a new chair of law in Stanford University."

J. P. Houston, Omicron Deuteron, '84, was born in Sidney, Ohio, in 1860. The first fifteen years of his life were spent at home. He then went to the Troy High School, and graduated as valedictorian of his class in 1880. Going from there to Dartmouth he spent four years and graduated in 1884. The balance of the year he taught mathematics in Carleton Institute in Farmington, Mo. In 1885 he went to Sandwich, Ill., to become principal of the High School. In 1886 he was principal of the High School at Bellaire, O. In Sept. 1886 he entered the Chicago Medical College, graduating in March, 1889. He received the Ingalls prize for the best examinations in Literature, Science and Medicine. In 1888 he spent a part of the summer in Scotland. In 1889 he was assistant physician at the Illinois Eastern Hospital for the Insane. In Nov. of that year he removed to Somonauk, Ill. The exactions of a heavy country practice were too much for his health and in 1890 he removed to Chicago, where he now has a good practice, located at 296 Erie St. Bro. Houston has always been active in fraternity matters, and the SHIELD is deeply indebted to him for much news matter which he has constantly supplied. Those who go to Chicago this summer will have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with one of the most enthusiastic Theta Delts in the west.

Solon I. Bailey, Lambda, '81, who formerly had charge of the Harvard Observatory at Arequipa, Peru, but for the past two years has been first assistant of Prof. Pickering at the Cambridge Observatory, has again been sent to Arequipa under a three years contract, to have charge of the observatory there. The atmospheric conditions are so good at Arequipa that it is said to be the best location in the world to make observations.

Professor C. E. Fay, Kappa, '68, has been elected president of the Appalachian club to succeed Byron Groce, Kappa, '67. The club has a membership of over eight hundred, composed of both gentlemen and ladies interested in literature and science and the exploration of the mountains. During the recent "blizzard" about twenty-five of the club spent a week in Vermont, snow-shoeing and sleighriding over the hills and through the country around Woodstock, quite astonishing the natives in their appreciation of a country snow storm.

Prof. N. Archibald Shaw, Psi, '82 was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the New York Alumni Association of Hamilton College, on Dec. 2d, 1892.

Charles Macdonald, Delta, '57, was elected Vice-President of the American Society of Civil Engineers at its last meeting.

#### KNIGHT—JOHNSON.

Franklin P. Knight, Eta, '84, and Miss Carrie S. Johnson, were married on Saturday, December 31, at Woodfords, Me. They are at home at Mechanic's Falls, Me.

#### MORRIS—STRANGEWAY.

Henry S. Morris, Tau Deuteron, '92, and Miss Mary F. Strangeway, were married December 20th, 1892, in Rochester, Minn. They are at home in Wilmot, South Dakota.

#### GILMAN—MCKINNON.

In the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* we stumble across the following notice: "At Cambridge, Mass., October 12, 1892, Wilbert F. Gilman, Theta Delta Chi, '92 of B. U. to Nettie A. McKinnon, Eta '92."

According to another item in the same magazine, they will reside in Springfield Vt.

#### DAVIS—WEBSTER.

Rev. Frank W. Davis, Eta, '85, and Miss Helen Webster were married Wednesday morning, January 25th, at the home of the bride in Castine. They left at once for Cumberland, where Mr. Davis is settled as pastor of the Congregational church. Mr. Davis is a graduate of Bowdoin College and of Bangor Theological Seminary, and has been principal of the high school at Gorham, and later of that at Woodford's.

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### In Memoriam.

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#### ROBERT LEE MEANS.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in his infinite love and wisdom hath pleased to call to Himself our beloved brother, ROBERT LEE MEANS, and,

WHEREAS, in his sudden death by a shocking calamity we have lost a sincere and earnest friend and brother, it is eminently fitting that we should pay our tribute of respect to his memory, therefore;

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

*Resolved*, That, in the death of our brother, Theta charge has lost a valued member, and the O Δ X Fraternity one whose loyalty and upright character won the respect of all.

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of the deceased brother, to each Charge, and to the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD, and to college and local papers for publication.

WILL E. GRANT, '86,  
LESLIE H. INGHAM, '89,  
LOUIS E. DURR, 92.

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## Correspondence.

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

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CHICAGO, Feb. 16, 1893.

DEAR BROTHER :—In your last issue of the SHIELD you asked for suggestions with regard to the manner in which  $\Theta \Delta X$  can take advantage of the opportunities presented by the World's Fair for an immense reunion of the members of our fraternity. The committee of Northwestern Graduate Association is at work. We are trying to secure a hotel where preference will be given to  $\Theta \Delta X$ 's who apply for rooms and accommodations. If enough members can be induced to patronize such a place we'll have this hotel. Then at the last meeting of the Committee it was decided to have a down-town headquarters where all information as to details could be furnished. This the Chicago  $\Theta \Delta X$  are planning to do, and we hope it will meet with a thoroughly enthusiastic and hearty response by the brothers. The only thing we have against us is the lateness of the date when we began our work. You know the country has been flooded with schemes for accommodating World's Fair visitors and doubtless many of our members have already made arrangements for accommodations. I thoroughly believe in the appointment of a  $\Theta \Delta X$  week and to make it more successful the having of a banquet at the Grand Pacific, or some other hotel, which shall be a grand climax of the week. I think the last week in June would be the most desirable, many of our boys are in school or college work and that would be the earliest time which would be available for them. It might be that the third week would be better, however, that would be determined by circumstances. Then another week the first of September might accommodate many more of the members and I believe that we could profitably have a second gathering similar to the June gathering. Details, of course, would have to be worked out, but this is an outline.

J. P. HOUSTON.

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WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 11, 1893.

DEAR BROTHER :—The last SHIELD arrived yesterday and I spent the afternoon and evening in reading and digesting it. The SHIELD always was a welcome visitor and is especially so here where your humble ser-

vant has the honor of bearing the standard of Theta Delta Chi alone. The reports from the convention are just what were expected and even the most skeptical must admit that our "star" is square in the zenith.

Can you give me any further information about the fraternity flags? Enclosed please find \$2 for renewal of SHIELD and accept my hearty thanks for being responsible for such a journal. We are proud of it.

Very fraternally yours,

E. W. BISHOP.

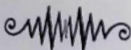
BALDWINVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1893.

DEAR BRO.:—I have turned over a new leaf for the new year and to keep up the good work started, I send you a little encouragement in your laudable work of publishing the SHIELD. I don't see any of the other society publications, but ours is the best. No doubt of it.

I used to be one of the conservatives, when in college, on fraternity extension, but I have in a measure outgrown it and am glad to see the society enlarging its boundaries a little and going into good colleges. I should like to see a charge in the Chicago University as soon as practicable. It would be a link between Michigan and Minnesota.

With fraternal regards, yours,

R. C. SCOTT, Ξ, '70.



## Editorial.

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It is with peculiar feelings of trepidation that we take up the work of the present volume. This is the fifth introduction to the readers of the SHIELD. The first volume was met with many doubts as to the possibility of a successful publication. These doubts were shared alike by the editor and his readers. Time has convinced the most skeptical as to the success of the project. Now a different problem arises which is of interest to both editor and readers. The editor is a man of his word. He agreed to maintain the SHIELD for a period of five years without any financial assistance other than the regular subscription price. This has been done to the letter. In the meantime the matter in the SHIELD has been, with very few exceptions, the production of the editor's own brain and the collection of news items and graduate personals has resulted from persistent personal effort on his part. The great mass of readers have not seemed to feel that any burden of responsibility rested upon them, to supply such items as came under their personal notice for the editor's use. A faithful few have always taken particular pains to send everything they could get hold of and the editor wishes to express his warmest thanks for their kind assistance. Of late however, and especially since our official relations with the Grand Lodge have been severed, the collection of matter has dwindled to such an extent that starvation stares us in the face as we begin to collect items for this number. It seems necessary to weave the entire number out of the whole cloth. Personal news is almost entirely wanting. Such a condition of things is more discouraging than lack of funds, as the latter can be supplied, but a dearth of news means failure, no matter how good our intentions. The task of working from the whole cloth is not so terribly appalling to us, because it can be done. When considered however in the light of a change in the editorial

management with the close of the current volume it does not present an inviting aspect to a new incumbent. What will be done at the next convention is yet a question. Five years of hard work without pecuniary reward is about enough for one person to contribute. The work itself has charms however which lead us to hesitate about giving up the ship, we will wait the developments of the year. If the support is as large as it should be; if all the brothers, who surely ought to have quite as much interest in the success of the SHIELD as its editor, do their full share in the matter of supplying news and subscriptions, then we may be persuaded. Our ultimatum is the success of the fraternity's journal. Now boys let your hearts be burdened with the prospect, and your responsibility in the matter. What the SHIELD wants is news, current happenings to the brothers. If you see a newspaper item about any brother cut it out and send it in. If you hear of any changes or happenings which are of interest to the fraternity send them in. Whenever a banquet is held, general or local, let the first thought be that some one must be selected to write it up for the SHIELD. The editor can not be present at all of them. It is too expensive. During the last two years the editor spent enough money in attending the various banquets to have published the SHIELD for an entire year. We were glad to do it, our official relations made it desirable. Now that condition does not exist. There is too much at home to occupy the time and we must deny ourselves the pleasure. In the midst of your festivities do not forget the SHIELD.

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THE work of the year thus far has been entirely routine. No grave matters of state were left incomplete by the convention. No great problem like the extension of last year is before the fraternity for consideration. Thus far no new proposition has developed and from present appearances none is likely to. The carrying out of the improvements inaugurated during the past few years seems to be the work of the year. Unlike other years however for once in a life time we have a great social problem which is sufficient to occupy the attention of the entire

fraternity during the present year. The general course of circumstances opens up a way wherein Theta Delta Chi, like all other kindred societies, can accomplish a gigantic social reunion. Chicago will be the Mecca of the whole world during the summer. It is possible to do that for the future growth and success of our fraternity which no amount of effort could accomplish in any other way. Personal contact of kindred minds strengthens the ties which bind them in a grand social brotherhood. There are hundreds of Theta Deltas who have no realization of the extent of their fraternity. They have entered college, joined the fraternity and for a few months or years lived within the narrow confines of chapter life, without seeing much of the outside life or the graduate body. They have gone out and for years thereafter have been absorbed in the sphere of their own business or professional life and Theta Delta Chi is but a passing dream. To such a reunion at Chicago would be a startling revelation of the joy they are deprived of. To those who have maintained the friendships of youth no urging is necessary in order to awaken a desire to have a part in the summer program. By a reunion we do not mean a simple gathering together for an evening, but a week or more of association. A possible headquarters during the entire summer; something which will bring us together young and old for a season of enjoyment. It has been difficult to tabulate any general or special arrangements. It will devolve upon the Chicago brothers to decide what is the best way, which will depend upon the general condition of things in Chicago. The immensity of the exposition and the handling of the throng of visitors is still a problem. As soon as possible definite arrangements will be made and announced. When they are known make your plans to be there, for your own enjoyment and the success of the undertaking.

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THE Convention turned over the entire Chicago matter to the Grand Lodge. The present body seems to be in entire sympathy with the last Grand Lodge in regard to the general course to be pursued. Neither body has at any time raised the

slightest objection to the fraternity congress or exhibit so far as other fraternities are concerned. Those societies which desire have a clear right to enter into any alliance they see fit. The question has only been considered as it pertains to ourselves. An exhibit or a congress will not accordingly to our views, aid Theta Delta Chi, therefore we do not take any part official or informal in the world's fair program. It is an open question as to whether such a general exhibit will tend to promote the best interests of the fraternity system or not, our decision is not based upon the general case, but the particular interests of our own fraternity, upon which every one seems to be united. It is true that such a general exhibit will be severely hampered by the meager allotment of space and we predict dissatisfaction upon the part of those who do enter the lists. So far as the congress is concerned, we can conceive of some benefit of those who participate. We acknowledge the courtesy of a recognition by the congress, but as it was official, under our decision it became necessary to decline the appointment to take part. We shall certainly be there as a spectator, and expect to hear some good things.

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THE following announcement has been sent out by the Chicago brothers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28th, 1893.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

The members of the Northwestern Graduate Association of the Theta Delta Chi, wishing to do all possible to make pleasant the sojourn in Chicago during next summer of Theta Delts visiting the Columbian Exposition, have planned to provide some sort of headquarters where our fraternity men may meet. We have thought of appointing some good hotel near the grounds where the members may stop while in the city. Owing to the probably crowded condition of Chicago during the Fair, it will be almost imperative for strangers to make previous arrangements in order to get reasonable terms when they arrive or, indeed, in many cases, to get any quarters at all. Therefore we wish to know, as nearly as possible, how many Theta Delts and their families or parties intend to be with us during the continuance of the Exposition. Some such approximation is needed before we can get promises from hotel-keepers.

As near as we can ascertain, comfortable rooms can be had for from one and one-quarter to two dollars a day apiece in some hotel not far from

the grounds and distant about twenty minutes ride from the center of the city. Transit to the city will probably be easier than to the Fair at such times as one would be most likely to want to go. Therefore we ask you to answer with all convenient promptness the following:

1. Are you going to the Exposition, and with you how many of your family or friends?
2. Would you and your party wish to put up at such a hotel as above mentioned?
3. About how long do you wish to remain in Chicago?

The committee will be glad to receive your suggestions as to what form of fraternal hospitality we of Chicago shall bestow. At all events, we will probably also have a fraternity headquarters in some office-building in the center of the city.

Please reply as soon as possible and at length.

Fraternally yours,  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Replies may be sent to Dr. Henry F. Lewis, Chairman, 4426 Lake avenue, or Dr. J. P. Houston, Secretary, 296 Erie street. The importance of giving the matter immediate attention is quite obvious. If the Chicago boys are willing, as they certainly are, to take so much trouble to provide for the visiting brothers, the least we can do is to let them know at once when we will be there. It is hoped that every one can go and will let it be known at once.

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THE custom of years is hard to overcome. Because a thing always has been is no sign that it ever should be. Individual opinion is conceded to every man in this free country, but society has a claim upon every man. Influence rules the world for good or evil. The importance which attaches to every public man is little realized by some. No one knows how many public men mourn their lost opportunity. The editor feels that his mission is not complete without an exercise of whatever influence he may possess in the direction of elevating the standard of fraternity life. He has from the outset of his public fraternity career advocated a certain policy which every member of Theta Delta Chi knows. It is not necessary here to enter into a discussion of the causes which led to this course. It has been incorrectly attributed by some to personal ends. This is the only thing which has incited

any regret. Extended experience in previous years, and the history of the fraternity, both made it seem necessary to take a decided stand. Some of the opponents little dream that the greatest failures ever experienced by the fraternity came as the direct result of a violation of the rules of propriety. They likewise fail to realize that the most marked successes of some of the charges, are directly attributed to a strict regard for the principles of manhood. One would not have to look very far at the present time to discover the direct effect of such violation of first principles upon one of the best possibilities which ever came within reach of Theta Delta Chi, nor to see its dire and lasting effect upon the future history of the society. To be a "crank" is one thing, but those who strive for the betterment of their fellows are often unjustly saddled with this epithet. A true morality accomplishes two results. It makes a man a gentleman and it makes him a scholar. The tree often suffers because the twig has been unfortunately bent. The college man does not see or realize the subsequent results of bad habits formed in college days. The graduate of years standing can look back and reflect upon the mistakes of his youth. It is his duty to do more. He can exert a powerful influence upon the college men with whom he comes in contact, and guide their footsteps away from the dark holes into which he stumbled. This is one of the most weighty responsibilities of fraternity life. Such influence rightly exerted will do more to maintain the fraternity in the high position which it has attained, than all other means which may be employed. The SHIELD appeals to its graduate readers to help the young men who are now bearing the active burdens, by encouraging them in the manly stand which they have taken. Let Theta Delta Chi stand as the synonym for sobriety and manhood.

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THERE are some features about the World's Fraternity Congress which are really meritorious. The possibility of getting all the fraternity editors together, is something which we contemplate with a great deal of pleasure. To know personally our co-workers in the field of fraternity journalism

would help us in our work. A conference of editors will result in benefit to every one, and do much toward giving us more harmony. As an editor we are heartily in sympathy with the Congress. We will surely be there as an attentive listener in the Congress and a worker in the sub-Congress of fraternity journals. The World's Congress is officially announced for July 19th and 20th. We believe any fraternity man will be more or less interested in the proceedings of this Congress. Any Theta Delt can be sure of meeting the editor of the SHIELD on those dates if health will permit attendance. It rather strikes us that this week would be a good one for the Chicago Committee to work to for a general gathering of the fraternity in Chicago, so that those who desire may get the benefit of these meetings.

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WE like poetry. We always have liked poetry. We like particularly the kind of poetry that stirs a man's soul to that degree which reflects upon his pocket-book. For economy's sake we omit the usual two page appeal to the generosity of our subscribers and submit for their admiration the following choice gem from the *Ariel*, with the hope that the seed may speedily germinate:

The wind bloweth, the farmer soweth,  
 The subscriber oweth, and the Lord knoweth  
 That we are in need of our dues.  
 So come a-runnin' ere we go gunnin',  
 We're not funnin', this thing of dunnin'  
 Gives us the everlastin' blues.

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WE again introduce advertisements into the SHIELD. It is done for the purpose of securing enough funds to keep us on the high road to prosperity. Our advertisers are justly entitled to all the trade you can give them, and should always be patronized in preference to others. It will be understood that all who advertise badges in the SHIELD, make the official badge as recognized by the Grand Lodge, therefore it is proper to buy from them. You should certainly do so. In fact no Theta Delt should buy a badge except from those who patronize the SHIELD. The make-up of the SHIELD is changed somewhat, so that we may give our advertisers good position.

They are inserted in the order of their acceptance. Those of our professional and business brothers who have any inherent desire to put the SHIELD in a position of absolute self-dependence should send in their card to occupy space of  $\frac{1}{4}$  page. This will help us on wonderfully and might accidentally remunerate you. We know of one such advertisement in a former volume which secured one customer for a brother that paid him more than ten years advertising would cost him. The SHIELD is a good advertising medium. Help it and you will be helped in return. Don't wait for us to solicit your business. Life is short and a very busy existence, and it may be a long time before we get around to you.

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THE SHIELD is in receipt of a letter from Brother Paine, dated January 26th. He was then at Lucknow, India. He writes that thousands of roses are in full bloom there and he can hardly realize that we are undergoing the throes of a severe winter. Just as we are going to press another is received from Calcutta, dated February 2d. He writes:

"The Viceroy of India will give a reception to the nephew of the Emperor of Austria, who is traveling around the world, next Saturday evening, and through the courtesy of the U. S. Consul General, I have been invited to attend. I am desirous of seeing the Maharajahs (literally great kings) of India. They dress magnificently I am told. India is enormously wealthy and has 280,000,000 population.

Brother Paine's letters are all full of fraternity and his desire to see it extended to the far west.

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THE President of the Grand Lodge has settled down to business and begun his year's work of visitation. He attended the Baltimore Banquet, January 25th, and on his return trip visited Sigma, Nu Deuteron and Phi charges.

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A LETTER received from Brother J. P. Houston just as we are in press contains the following, which is very encouraging:

"Returns are beginning to come in from the circular sent out by the Northwestern Graduate Association, and the plan seems

to meet with hearty co-operation. Present indications point to a large attendance of Theta Deltas at the exposition and we predict a good many happy fraternity reunions this summer."

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THE graduates of Beta charge have issued a circular to all her Alumni, asking for aid in completing payment on her chapter house. Referring to the matter Brother Curtis writes as follows:

"To one who, like myself, has enjoyed the hearty hospitality and cheery comfort of our new home, there can be no need of further urging. To those who have not revisited Cornell since the old days of "The Block" I can only say, go there and see for yourselves, you are sure of a good welcome and you will find a happy group of splendid men, in a cheerful and well kept home of their own."

"They have done much towards beautifying the place, and the way they have utilized every inch of space (for the house is rather small) is wonderful.

Don't wait to send a large amount but send along five or ten dollars at a time, and you may be sure it will be thankfully received and properly accounted for. Remember, "every little helps."

The Beta house is surely as cozy and comfortable a house as anyone could wish to see, and this appeal should not go unheeded—It only takes a small amount from each one to cover this debt. The charge have done nobly in fixing up their home. Now, the Beta men should come to the front and show their desire to have an abiding interest in this splendid house which is their home.

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It would seem advisable to issue the June SHIELD early this year so it may reach the charges before Commencement. The plans for the World's fair will be entirely completed by that time and by having them outlined before Commencement, concerted action can be agreed upon. We will endeavor therefore to issue the June SHIELD about May 25th.—Please bear this in mind and write charge letters before May 15th, sure.

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THE editor expects to have the pleasure of attending the New England Association banquet, April 19th. We have been

a regular attendant for several years and no occasion of the year is fraught with more pleasure than these banquets where we meet so many of the representative eastern men. A large number of graduates are usually present and everybody has a good time.

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FOR THREE years we have saved out from the regular issue a sufficient number of copies so that all who wished to obtain full volumes might do so. These copies have all been bound and no full sets of the last three volumes are in existence except the bound copies. There seems to be little or no demand for them. The price of each bound copy is only two dollars, the regular subscription price. A considerable amount is tied up in these books and those who wish to aid the SHIELD Fund can do so in a very material way by ordering them to complete their sets as far as possible. Nothing can be supplied back of Vol. VI.

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CORNELL University has paid Theta Delta Chi a very nice compliment, within the last two weeks two members of the fraternity have been chosen to re-inforce the faculty, on March 4, Duncan C. Lee was elected Assistant Professor of Oratory and on March 14 Ernest W. Huffcut was elected a professor in the law department.

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INADVERTENTLY the index of volume eight was entirely overlooked till after the December number was completed and mailed. The index is appended to this number for the benefit of those who wish to bind their last year's volume.

## Editorial Notes and Comments.

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### A LAW CASE.

The faculty of the Iowa State Agricultural college has a law suit on its hands, all on account of their efforts to suppress the Delta Tau Delta society, one of the Greek fraternities organized within the college. The action grows out of the expulsion of Orris W. Roberts and Charles Van Epps, two students of the college who would not, at the command of President Beardshear, withdraw their membership from the Delta Tau Delta society. Roberts hails from Harrison County, and not willing to sever his connection with either the fraternity or the college, began legal proceedings to determine whether the faculty and trustees have the legal right to do as they have done. Roberts' first intention was to apply to the courts for a writ of reinstatement, but as the school year has about expired, and as a decision could not be reached before the end of the term, that plan was abandoned and it was decided to begin an action at law to test the rights of the students of the college as well as the power of the faculty and trustees over the students in cases where their relations with the fraternities are involved.

The principal question to be passed upon by the court is whether in an institution maintained by public taxation, as the State Agricultural college is maintained, the right exists to make rules and regulations which practically amount to a discrimination between citizens. It is claimed that the fraternity has nothing to do with the college, that it is a separate and distinct affair, that it holds its meetings off the college grounds and outside college hours, and that it in no way interferes with the studies of the students or with their moral welfare. It will, of course, be incumbent upon President Beardshear to show the minds of the students are attracted away from their studies by their relations with the Delta Tau Delta society, and this will be no easy thing to do, for Roberts stands at the head of his class and his department in and out of school hours has been of the highest order."

The above is taken from *College Fraternities*. So far as the editor knows this is the first case where the courts have been called upon to decide personal rights as between students and college faculties. A decision will be anxiously looked for by the fraternity world as it may open up an entirely new phase of college fraternity life. It does seem that some college presidents are possessed of an abnormal amount of prejudice.

Fraternity history, at least that of the past twenty five years, does not justify any such rabid measures. Without any desire to cast slurs at any good man who has such horrified ideas of "the terrible fraternities," we cannot refrain from asserting the belief that nine out of every ten college professors who so bitterly antagonize Greek societies have had this feeling generated because during college life they were unable to secure admission to either their chosen society, or any society at all. We have talked with some of them and in every case this has been the condition of things. These men are supposed to be honest in their beliefs but they certainly are not just. A man might just as reasonably oppose churches and church membership because, sad to relate, some have fallen from grace. We believe in fraternities. They have been a veritable god send to many a forlorn freshman, and because here and there "deeds of darkness" have been committed must we all be consigned to perdition. We certainly hope Mr. Roberts may be successful. We are certain of his loyalty to his fraternity, and believe he is just as true to his Alma Mater.

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#### LOYALTY TO THE FRATERNITY.

Vice-President Stephenson has been the recipient of some marked attention by his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta.

At a banquet at Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 7, he was presented with a silk umbrella and made a right royal speech, on another occasion he visited Galesburg, Ill., and the Knox and Lombard college chapters tendered him a reception. He was presented with a badge and made a few excellent remarks. Among other things he said :

"I can say with great truthfulness that I can find no words with which to express my feelings and gratitude for the more than fraternal greeting that you have accorded me. No event in the campaign and its long controversies will be remembered with greater pleasure than this. I appreciate it. What the fraternity taught me I have tried not to forget in the struggle of this hurly-burly life. I trust you will not forget the lessons thus inculcated. In a certain sense we are partisans, in a higher sense we are more than partisans. There comes a time when American is a higher term than either Republican or Democrat. It is a pleasure to me to meet the people on the high plane of American citizenship. I

shall ever recall this hour with masterly emotions. I can only say that I will wear this pin continually unless it is stolen, and I shall take good care to see that it is not."

We wonder what throes these fraternal remarks would awaken in the bosom of the "honorary railroad initiated" President toward his fraternity?

When a man has grown up in the embrace of a fraternity, all honors which he can achieve are justly shared by his society and we are glad to see Mr. Stevenson mingle with his brothers and declare his loyalty. We believe that such greetings and events will sink deeper into the hearts of any loyal fraternity man than to be elected President. Phi Delta Theta may glory in the honors bestowed upon her loyal subjects. We glory with her. So long as we can not have them we are glad that some fraternity has. Men of prominence bearing the symbolic Greek letter may do much to remove the popular prejudice against our system. With their influence and the assumption by the active men of a high moral standard, the day will dawn when to be a college fraternity man will be a greater honor than to belong to any other society. Let Theta Delta Chi do her share of the good work.

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#### UNHEALTHY NOTORIETY.

The public press and fraternity journals of late have had a topic to spread themselves upon, some of the things said have been so amusing that we cannot refrain from giving them a place in the pages of the SHIELD. We wish first, however to give a few sober-minded thoughts on the subject. We are sorry for Sigma Chi, because we dislike to know that any Greek letter society will commit such a grave error. It will redound to her permanent injury and unpleasantly affect all college societies. It puts us as a class in a ridiculous light before the public and submits the entire fraternity system to the jeers of even fraternity men themselves. It destroys in a certain degree the peculiar eclât which membership gives to the college man. Honorary membership is not permissible by the natural laws of any college fraternity. It is only by an open violation of the very foundation principles that any man

not college bred can be admitted to membership. We believe it antagonistic to the best interests of any college fraternity to make a college man a member, as some do, at the end of his senior year or any time after graduation. Such men seldom if ever become imbued with the true spirit which college life in the fraternity circle gives. Our purpose is not to discuss this phase of the question at this writing but to note the evil effects of this particular transaction. While there might not have been any particular harm in Sigma Chi's electing and initiating Grover Cleveland as a man, since the world would never have been the wiser, to elect him as President of the United States is quite another thing. It is an open confession of a sad state of things. Is Sigma Chi really so hard up for noted men that she must seek glory "even at the cannon's mouth?" She has certainly secured an unenviable notoriety but one which in the years to come will not set gracefully on her shoulders. It was equally unfortunate for Mr. Cleveland. How any man who has received the highest suffrage of the American people, can condescend to such boyish practices is beyond our comprehension. History might well record this as a mistake on his part. There are many reasons why such a thing should never have been perpetrated. We do not discuss the subject with any desire to show disrespect to Sigma Chi, but it is the duty of every fraternity journal to discountenance any public occurrence which does discredit to the fraternity system. Great harm must result from this transaction owing to its unpleasant publicity. Harm is always done by the initiation of any honorary member as each one increases the negative element.

As evidence of the public ridicule to which both President Cleveland and the society have exposed themselves, the following lines which appeared in all the prominent papers of the country are given :

GROVER AND THE GOAT.

When Grover Cleveland rode the Goat  
 He caught the beastie by the throat  
 And stroked its beard !  
 Such groans as Billy then let fly  
 Around the halls of Sigma Chi  
 Were never heard !



No Cabinet cares can down me now, e'en Murphy is forgot,  
 The hungry office-seeking crowd from off my mind I blot;  
 No waves of trouble reach the breast on which the badge you spy,  
 Which tells—excuse the happy tears—that I'm a Sigma Chi.

CHORUS: I am a Sigma Chi!  
 A full-fledged Sigma Chi!  
 Oh, naught can be  
 The matter with me,  
 For I'm a Sigma Chi!

Call me no more, "a plain, blunt man," the term is a misnomer,  
 Now that I've joined a Grecian band—How are you, Brother Homer?  
 Of course I walk with buoyant step and head held very high,  
 For I'm—dout mind my moistened eyes—for I'm a Sigma Chi!

## CHORUS.

I trust the press will get it right, and will not print that I  
 Have entered into D. K. E. or Alpha Delta Phi,  
 Or Kappa "Alph," or Sigma Phi, Psi U, or Zeta Psi,  
 Or Theta "Delt," or Lambda Tau, for I'm a Sigma Chi!

## CHORUS.

With Alpha Sigma I've no quarrel, nor yet with Delta U.,  
 Nor Delta Phi, nor Delta Psi, nor Beta Gamma Nu;  
 Phi Beta Kappa I admire, and Beta Theta Pi,  
 But first in my affection stands my own dear Sigma Chi.

## CHORUS.

Masonic pins are well enough, and everybody owns  
 There's beauty in the Scroll and Key and in the Skull and Bones;  
 I never frown on those whose vests decked with such gems I see—  
 I merely claim that Sigma Chi is good enough for me.

## CHORUS.

No Cabinet cares can down me now, e'en Murphy is forgot,  
 The hungry office-seeking crowd from off my mind I blot;  
 They're all Pi Etas to a man—at least they want to be—  
 But, Sigma Chi, I turn from them and pledge my vows to thee!

I am a Sigma Chi!  
 I am a Sigma Chi!  
 Oh, naught can be  
 The matter with me,  
 I am a Sigma Chi!\*

—Reproduced from *N. Y. Tribune*.

## AS OTHERS SEE US.

"A. G. Benedict, of Hamilton College, '72, is the new president of  $\Theta \Delta X$ , to succeed Clay W. Holmes, who is now completing his fifth year as editor of *The SHIELD*. In 1889 Mr. Holmes contracted with his fraternity to conduct *The SHIELD* for five years and to keep it on a paying basis. His work for his fraternity has been courageous and most praiseworthy. The five volumes under his editorship will figure as *prima causa* in the era of great progress for  $\Theta \Delta X$  for years to come. We doubt the ability of any successor to give as much in type, paper and general hustle as has Mr. Holmes. A stenographic report of the features of the recent  $\Theta \Delta X$  convention occupies the leading space of the December issue. The editor announces the decision of  $\Theta \Delta X$  as not wishing to take part in the college fraternities' exhibit at the World's Fair or the Fraternity Congress. Likewise the policy of not inserting advertisements is abandoned, and hereafter *THE SHIELD*, like others, will make what it can out of its advertising pages."

The above very pleasant notice appeared in the February *Scroll* of the Phi Delta Theta. How much more agreeable it is to say nice things about one's neighbors than to follow the old plan of spiteful thrusts. *The SHIELD* has always endeavored to follow out its policy of "enmity toward none." We have been pleased to note the growing tendency among the Greek editors of late to speak in kindly terms of their co-workers. Not only this, but the general drift seems to be toward a pleasanter and more courteous treatment of other societies. Good honest rivalry is always in order when coupled with the courteous social relation which should always exist among gentlemen. Fraternities will rise to a higher plane. Then the good which they can do to the college man will become more self-evident to the world at large. *The SHIELD* would teach all the members of Theta Delta Chi to cultivate a regard for every other college society, great or small. Never speak ill of any, and you can command the highest regard of all.

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 OUR PRESIDENT.

The *SHIELD* of Theta Delta Chi for December devotes its leading pages to an article on Asa Gardner Benedict and prints as a frontispiece an excellent likeness of him. It quite took us back to the depths of the woods to open the *SHIELD* and see that genial face, for last summer we had the pleasure of a glorious game of whist with Mr. Benedict in a lodge in the

wilderness of the Adirondacks. Our sister fraternity is fortunate in having such a man as president of their Grand Lodge. The number is essentially a convention one, but the editors have done splendid work in the department of "Notes and Comments," "Exchange Gleanings" and "College Notes."

The above from the Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* for February will be read with pleasure by every Theta Delt. Kind words never die, neither the impressions made by good men when they meet others in every day life. Without any feeling of self-congratulation we are glad to assure our Deke friend that we have many such men in our society, and truth to tell, so has Delta Kappa Epsilon. Some of the best friends in every day life of the editor are Dekes. The same can be said of many other fraternities, and yet there are men, college professors, who say that college fraternities are a curse to the country. The fool-killer could do some good work in this world, and after it was done the world would still continue to revolve on its axis.

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#### INTER-FRATERNITY COURTESY.

A broader spirit of brotherhood is one of the gratifying features of fraternity life to-day. It is one of the most encouraging promises for the future. Perhaps its most practical and beneficial aspect is in the simple friendly intercourse between all Greek-letter men which has almost entirely effaced the sharper lines of demarcation between rival organizations which were wont formerly to exist.

The spirit of rivalry is not dead, but it exists in that whole-souled, healthy way that is the surest indication of sound growth for the entire system. Rivalry is no longer a synonym for antagonism, nor does it stoop to means not in all ways honorable. The progress of one fraternity is not to be bought at the expense of detriment to another. The campaign for new men is carried on in a spirit of courtesy, and the same spirit dominates the relations between the chapters. It is no longer deemed the correct thing, in soliciting a man for membership, to enhance the fame of one's own order by slandering all others. The claims for consideration are presented with candor and honesty, and the good points of other chapters are conceded. We do not mean to insinuate that there was ever a direct and intentional misrepresentation of facts, but it is unquestionably true that contests for new men, and inter-chapter relations are now governed by a higher degree of courtesy and good-will than used to be the case.

It is natural that men who are approached and won in this spirit should

enter into fraternity life and work with a truer and deeper appreciation of their own chosen order and with a kindlier feeling of esteem for all others. It is natural that such fraternity men should constitute a social world where courtesy and good-will predominate. We no longer hear of the breaking into and pilfering of chapter rooms, of stolen constitutions and rituals, nor of the many other manifestations of bitter and senseless rivalry and antagonism, petty but disgraceful.

All this is an indication that inter-fraternity relations are, in the future, to be governed more and more by a just appreciation of and concession to the rights of others. It indicates that there is a spirit of brotherhood among Greek-letter men which is broader than the confines of any single order.

Perhaps a reason for all this may be found in the fact that the formative period in Greek-letter organization has been closed. It is no longer merely a struggle for existence. The existing fraternities are well established and nothing is to be gained by the disparagement of rival organizations. It fact every member of the system is vitally interested in the progress of the whole, and the welfare of all is subserved by the harmony existing between each. Inter-fraternity courtesy is the mark of a higher plane of development, and its results are more beneficial and elevating than any other form of pan-Hellenism could possibly be.

The above constitutes the principal part of the leading editorial in the February number of *The College Fraternity*. Looking at fraternities as they now are, and recalling the state of things which existed between 1865 and 1869, the period of our active connection with college and fraternity politics, the force of the above article is fully realized. It is true and well founded. Much of it is doubtless due to the fact referred to in the closing paragraphs. The formative period has passed and college fraternities have not only become a permanent part of college existence, but a powerful factor in the nation's economy. We believe that fraternity feeling wipes out all party lines, because we have seen it actually occur. There is a deep current underlying our citizenship which is founded on early life and associations. It is right that it should be so. The very cordial relations existing between the graduate members of different fraternities is gradually reflecting its pleasant influence upon the active chapters and is largely the cause of the inter-fraternity courtesy which seems to be having a rapid growth. The Greek Press has also done much to encourage the same feeling on the part of undergraduates. This condition

of things is one of the most powerful weapons fraternities can wield against the opposition of college faculties. "Malice toward none and good will toward all" will elevate Greek-letter societies to the highest plane of social existence. To be able to wear the badge of a first-class college fraternity is even now the proud satisfaction of many noted men and upon such you seldom find the symbols of any national secular organization. Such a badge indicates education, refinement and a social capacity. When seen upon a man of note it encourages the younger men, not only of his own, but every other fraternity to higher thoughts and greater deeds.

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TWO GOOD BOOKS.

Wm. L. Stone, who has achieved distinction as a historical writer, has two books ready for press, provided enough subscriptions can be secured to insure cost of publication. "The Starin Family in America," has been published and is out of print. A number of people desire copies, and the publisher agrees to reprint if seventy-five copies are subscribed for. The price of the reprint is \$5 per copy. "The Ballads of the Burgoyne Campaign" will be issued if two hundred subscribers can be secured. This will be a very entertaining book, and a desirable addition to any historical library. The price is \$3. Subscriptions to either should be sent to Brother Stone at Mount Vernon, N. Y. It is hoped that the readers of the SHIELD will interest themselves in either or both of the books and aid a worthy brother by sending in a subscription.

# Charge Letters.

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[Charge editors are again requested to write only on one side of the paper and to assume a style somewhat more expansive than a telegraphic communication.]

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## BETA.

### CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Charge life experiences little now during these dreary days of winter and little of interest befalls the members. The vital question incident upon examination week before Christmas was satisfactorily settled for most of us but the middle of this month will find us anxiously repeating it.

We lost one brother last term but in turn have two new members to introduce to the fraternity at large—John Keese Hallock Jr., of Erie, Pa., and Frederick Ayers Johnson of Binghamton, N. Y., now wear the shield and emblem of our brotherhood.

We were pleased to receive last month a visit of several days from Bro W. A. Kent, B. '81; Bro. H. K. Vedder, B. '87 and his wife spent some weeks in Ithaca.

Mrs. Vedder graced our box at the junior promenade, Cornell's great social dissipation of the winter.

The two nights preceding the promenade are taken up by the Sophomore cotillion and the Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs concert. The ball itself was a brilliant success as we were well assured it would be and  $\Theta \Delta X$  made every effort to acquit itself gracefully of the delightful task of entertaining its fair guests.

Just as the memory of the winter's life consists of these few bright events so must the chronicle. We close with Beta's heartiest greetings to all the brothers.

W. C. DREIER.

## GAMMA DEUTERON.

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

At last we are well settled in our new home. Our reputation as a chapter, I suppose will stand or fall on the character of the men that make up the chapter, but we are satisfied that our more desirable quarters will do much in the future toward helping us "rush" the very best men that enter the University. Certainly, no fraternity established here, has, to my knowledge, made more rapid strides, materially and in every way, than the Gamma Deuteron chapter of Theta Delta Chi.

I have said more or less about the house. But briefly, it is situated in the most beautiful part of the city, although, with the exception of the Sigma Phi House, almost immediately opposite us, there are no fraternities in the near vicinity. The house is three stories high, somewhat plain on the outside, but beautifully finished in hardwood within. On the top story is a commodious suite and the lodge room. On the second floor are two large single rooms, and three suites, and bath room. On the first floor are two suites and matron's room, two parlors and smoking room. The dining-room and the kitchen are in the basement. The house is heated by steam and commands one of the most lovely views in the city.

Through a generous loan of Mrs. Bradely, the mother of Bro. Gaylord, we were enabled to furnish the entire house ourselves in a more than comfortable manner. Mrs. Bradely, furthermore, has made us several handsome presents, among others, pictures, portieres, an extension dining table, and especially a very handsome set of substantial furniture for the smoking room. No man has done more for the material advancement of the fraternity than Bro. Gaylord.

Our house warming was a great success, thanks to the unceasing efforts of Bros. Whitman and Gaylord. Bro. Kimball sent us a number of packages of cigarettes. "Hackly" Butler, '91, was our inimitable toastmaster. There were lots of good speeches, but Bro. Dennen made the speech of the evening, insisting on friendship, manly conduct and scholarship as the basis of a fraternity's true prosperity. Bro. Dennen's words had weight, because he is a man of actions and practices what

he preaches. Since he entered the fraternity he has labored unceasingly for its welfare, and as a proof that his efforts are appreciated the fellows gave him three cheers at the conclusion of his toast.

We take pleasure in introducing the following new members of Gamma Deuteron: Bro. Percy Wilson, '96, lately of Princeton; Bro. George H. Field, '93, and Bro. Bert Hamilton, '96. Bro. Wilson's father was a member of the old Pi Charge, Jefferson College. Bro. Field was president of the athletic association two years ago, and was not in college last year, having charge of the construction of the electric subway, Columbian Exposition, Chicago.

Bro. Ward, lately of Williams, and Bro. Lewis Weeks, '73 made us pleasant visits a couple of weeks ago.

ARTHUR H. VESEY.

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#### DELTA.

##### RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

This year has brought many changes at the Institute. Prof. Ricketts, who has succeeded Prof. Green, as director of the Institute, is fully awake to its interests. The director is Chief of Engineers on Governor Flower's staff.

This is the first year for two of our professors namely, Raymond, professor of railroading, and Stevens, professor of physics. Prof. Raymond is going to make quite a change in the surveys which come under his charge; instead of having the practice at the same time as the theory as heretofore, all the classes will have the work thrown to the end of the year. Prof. Stevens has been hard at work in his department, and has quite revolutionized things. With such men as are now at the head of the Institute, there is no doubt but that Rensselaer will maintain for years her reputation as the best school of civil engineering in the country. The course of lectures is a very interesting and instructive feature. The lectures have been on "Transportation," by Theodore Voorhees, '67; "Passenger Traffic in Large Cities," by J. James R. Croes; "Aluminum," by Capt. Hunt, and on the "Central Bridge New

York City," by Alfred P. Boller, '69. The new Alumni building is nearly completed.

An R. P. I. Alumni club has been formed in New York city.

*The Polytechnic*, the students' paper, has the largest circulation of any college paper in the United States. A number of articles published in *The Polytechnic* have been copied by the *Engineering News*.

This year the R. P. I. Union has given two informal receptions which were very well attended,

On the evening of February 13th, the R. P. I. Glee club gave a concert at Music hall.

Last fall the Union put a foot ball team in the field and though it won no games; it did good work in keeping down the scores of older and heavier teams.

There is an effort on foot at present for a Field Day; a committee having been appointed to take charge of it.

There was a rumor last fall that a chapter of Phi Delta Theta would be established here, but so far nothing has been done that I am aware of.

The fraternities at present at Rensselaer are: Theta Zeta, Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Zeta Psi, Chi Phi, and Theta Delta Chi.

For the benefit of any brother who may not know, I will say that our house is No. 6 St. Paul's place, and that we shall be glad to receive visits from any brother at any time.

The Delta men who went to Williamstown to see the foot ball game between Williams and Rensselaer, were very hospitably entertained by the Iota Deuteron, and enjoyed the visit there very much.

Delta has received calls from the following Theta Deltas: Samuel Huntington, jr., Alpha, '61; Rev. Calbraith B. Perry, Zeta, '67, John M. Sherrerd, Phi, '78; Sawtelle, '94; John Sampson, '95 and Ward, '95, all of Iota Deuteron.

Bro. Town represents '95 on *The Polytechnic*, Bro. Clark was treasurer of '96 and Bro. Parr is one of the popular men in his class.

I take this opportunity to introduce to the fraternity: Bro. Town, '95; Bro. Clark, '96 and Bro. Parr, '96.

## PERSONAL.

Morris R. Sherrerd, '86 and James C. Hallock, '91, have been with us very often. Bro. Sherrerd has been at work on the Troy Water Supply.

Thomas Earle, '87, paid us a visit a short time ago. He is now with Fraser & Chalmers, manufacturers of mining machinery.

Charles E. Birch, '92, was in town during the holidays.

C. C. Arosemena's graduating thesis on "The Effect of Sedimentation on the Self Purification of Running Streams," is published in the September number of *The Journal of Analytical and Applied Science*.

John Consalus, Jr., '88, is with the engineers corps of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.

SAMUEL CARLETON HAIGHT.

## EPSILON DEUTERON.

## YALE UNIVERSITY.

E<sup>a</sup> is very well pleased with the state of affairs as they now are. But this does not prevent her in the least from being on the watch for desirable men. Since my last letter to the SHIELD we have added to our number, Bro. Francis D. Manning, '94, of Huntington, Conn., and Bro. Corbett, of Pi Deuteron, who is now in the academic department here at Yale, has affiliated with us.

Another Prom. with its Glee and Banjo club concert, class germans, teas, etc., has come and gone, and so have the fascinating Prom. girls, who, according to all reports, were this year prettier and more attractive than ever.

The crew is hard at work and will no doubt endeavor to repeat the performance of last year's eight. This week it will probably go to the training table, when we shall no doubt miss Bro. Van Huyck's beaming face from our table.

The base ball team is also working hard under the coaching

of Bowers, of last year's nine, who will do most of the coaching until relieved by John Clarkson. Bro. Barton, pitcher of last year's Exeter nine is a promising candidate.

Bro. Gilmour, who has taken part in several exhibitions held in the gymnasium, attracted the attention of Trainer Murphy, who is now coaching him for pole vaulting.

The new graduate rule, which has so upset athletics lately, will not, we hope, prevent Harvard and Yale from meeting on the diamond again this year.

We have been favored with visits from Bros. Hall Shephard, Robinson and Gunn. When they have left we cannot help but wish that they lived in New Haven, so that we might see more of them.

The plan to have a Theta Delta Chi encampment, as it were, in Chicago some time during the fair, must meet with the approval of every brother. Such a meeting could not but create a more fraternal feeling and greatly increase our interest in each other.

EDWARD PAGE SMITH.

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## ZETA.

### BROWN UNIVERSITY.

The winter term at Brown has been one of hard work. It was difficult during the fall months, with foot ball and other athletic events continually on the docket, to buckle down to good honest study, but for the last few months, hemmed in as we have been, by the almost unprecedented cold and snow Zeta's brothers have burned the "midnight" with the laudable determination to accomplish something in the study line. The professors have also seemed to realize that it would not be long before the alluring charms of base ball and tennis would entice the students from the lecture rooms; and the extra pages of Greek and the long lists of books for collateral reading with which we have been afflicted have made many a poor Brown man groan in spirit.

Of course the principal interest in athletic lines at the present time centers almost wholly in the ball nine. Barring unlooked for accidents, there is little doubt that "Old Brown"

will be able to maintain the high standard of excellence on the diamond during the coming season, that she has preserved for the past few years. Brother Sexton's sickness during the fall term threw a shade of doubt upon our prospects for the season of '93 but fortunately he has wholly recovered his health and is daily coaching candidates for the team. Every man of last year's nine has returned to college and there is an astonishing amount of new material which from the present outlook may give the old men a hard race for positions. Brother Bennett '94 is one of the promising candidates. Pitcher White who made such a phenomenal record last year is doing finely under the efficient coaching of Lovett the ex-Brooklyn twirler. Murphy the old Boston fielder has also been secured to coach the boys in batting.

The athletic team went to Boston on February eleventh to take part in the games of the Boston Athletic Association. Considerable interest was manifested among the students in regard to the showing that the boys would make, as this would give some idea of Brown's prospects in the spring games of the inter-collegiate association. The result was better than was expected, the Brown delegation gaining an easy second among the colleges represented.

The "hammer and tongs" society which has been dormant for the past few years awoke to new life during the month of February and gave a highly successful entertainment in Amateur Dramatic Hall. The show was billed as the Brown University Minstrels but the old black faced circle with its end men, gags, and tambourines was abolished and an original travesty upon Antony and Cleopatra, composed by Charles Lovenburg, substituted. The piece was presented in a creditable manner and received laudatory notices from all of the Providence dailies. The work of the Theta Deltas in the cast was especially noticeable for its excellence. The names of the brothers who took part are as follows: Hawkins, '94; Hill, '95; Stone, '96; Bennett, '94 and Roberts, '96.

In closing I will state that Zeta's prospects are of the brightest and all brothers who at any time visit Providence will receive a hearty welcome from all of us.

W. H. KIMBALL.

## ETA.

## BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

It is my pleasant duty to open my first communication to the SHIELD, by introducing to the fraternity, Bro. Frank H. Swan of Cumberland Mills, who was initiated into the bonds of  $\Theta \Delta \chi$  January 20th. Bro. Swan having occupied a position as teacher in Windham during the autumn, joined his class at the beginning of the present term; he is a worthy addition to our '96 delegation, and by his devotion to the interests of Eta, is already proving himself a true Theta Delt.

Three classes '93, '94, '96, recently held their elections, and Eta, as usual, came off with a goodly share of the spoils. In the Senior election the following brothers were elected to office: Baker, historian; Arnold, secretary and treasurer; and Howard, chaplain. The Juniors selected Bro. Stevens to fill the important position of marshal and the Freshmen chose Bro. Newbegin to give the opening address. Bro. Dana the history, and Bro. French as first on the committee on odes, Bro. Swan as first on the committee for general arrangements. Several other elections have also been held within a short time, among the brothers chosen to fill positions the following may be noted: Bro. Stevens, as president of the College Boating Association; Bro. Stetson, as second manager of the foot ball team; Bro. Chapman, as a member of the board of directors of the General Athletic Association and Bro. French, '95, as a director of the Base Ball Association.

Of course in this rigorous northern climate all out-door sports ceased with the coming of the snow, so all attention is turned toward in-door athletics, and training in the gymnasium goes steadily on, with a view to the exhibition which occurs within a few weeks. Bro. Bucknam has charge of the work on the parallel bars and Bro. Chapman of the boxing and wrestling. The topic of conversation in athletic circles here lately has been the admission of Bowdoin into the New England Inter-Collegiate League, which holds annual Field Days at Springfield. The Bowdoin boys are full of hope and it is quite possible that with proper training the Maine college can, even at the beginning, make a reasonably fair showing.

At the Sophomore Prize Declamation on the last evening of the fall term, Eta was well represented, having four out of twelve speakers, and Bro. Bryant was awarded the first prize.

We were all glad a few weeks since to welcome Bro. Stone, '96, on his return to college after weeks of severe illness at his home in Bridgton.

Bros. Mead and Dudley of '95, who have been teaching in the eastern part of the state for the greater portion of the year, are once more with us.

The spring term of the Medical School opened February 2nd. Bro. P. F. Haskell, Yale '92, and Bro. F. C. Russell, '89 are in attendance, it is pleasant to see them about town and occasionally at our meetings.

Bro. Perkins, '80 and Bro. Davis, '85, have recently paid us visits in passing through Brunswick, it is a great pleasure to see the graduate brothers, whenever they have an opportunity to call upon us.

It may have been inferred from the preceding detail, that the Eta charge is in a flourishing condition. I think we are fully justified in making the assertion. Most of the facts which the scribes find it their pleasant task to chronicle from time to time for the SHIELD, are the external evidences of success in fraternity circles, but there is a deeper meaning to its success which lies in the life of the individual, a truer conception of a college fraternity, its purpose and mission. It is this ideal which I think, Eta is grasping more and more truly day by day as witnessed by the steady growth of the fraternal feeling, the element of union and harmony which was never more marked than now. Thus Eta seems doubly prosperous.

H. W. THAYER.

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#### THETA.

#### KENYON COLLEGE.

Another quarter has sped by and still we find dear old Theta being thrilled with that rich new blood which has given her a new lease of life. In fact, she is becoming a young and winsome lass—evidenced by the envy of our adversaries. We

have another good man pledged in the "Prep Dept." and to show how desirable our pledged men are, four of them have been asked to join other "frats," some of these frats have "bid" the boys since they donned the "Black, White and Blue."

In honors we are "among em." Bros. Wilson, '96, and Knox, '96, get committee work as often as there is anything to be done and (G) J A's representative on the Junior Prom. committee was the unlucky dog who pens this article, of course much of the success and beauty of that dance was due to him. He is busy now getting out *Reveille* matter principally "roasts" at present and oh, how he can sling mud. So natural has it become for him to "roast" that he scarce could refrain from giving his predecessor, Bro. Redhead's blushing cheeks a send off in this.

Kenyon is to the fore and means to stay there, the base ball team is hard at work, now, just watch them make the "dust fly."

The Glee and Mandolin clubs go out on a short trip during the coming vacation. The Kenyon lecture course has started with Rev. Dudley Rhodes, D. D., on "Wit and Humor," which was listened to by a large and appreciative audience

There are few personal items to give in regard to members of the charge.

Bro. Joseph J. McAdoo, '96, has been seriously ill with pneumonia and pleurisy.

Bro. O. A. Knox, '96, has gone home sick with pneumonia and will probably not return till the new term opens after Easter.

Bro. McKim had charge of the music at St. Paul's church, Mt. Vernon, last week March 5th-10th, during a mission by Rev. Mr. Smythe.

Theta is refitting, carpeting and furnishing her lodge room, and hopes to have it graced by a visit from the Grand Lodge in the near future.

WILL R. MCKIM.

## IOTA.

## HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

During the last quarter, Iota's history has been of that uneventful nature which, if the saying is true "blessed is the the nation that hath no history," augurs well for her future. For the week before the Christmas recess, we held a handicap pool tournament in which everybody entered. The finals were played off by Bros. Julbe and Dearborn, both "scratch" men. Bro. Julbe won and received the prize. Since then it has mattered not whether the period be that of vacation, grinding, examinations, or reactionary loaf, the attendance at the club house has been well sustained.

Bro. Hill, manager of the varsity nine; is busy just now arranging his dates.

Bro. J. Wiggin, one of the pitchers on the varsity, is practicing his curves preparatory to the Eastern trip.

Bro. Stone was one of Harvard's three representatives in the joint debate January 18, in which Harvard defeated Yale.

Bro. Garcelon was one of the four Harvard runners who defeated Yale in the relay race, at the last indoor meeting of the Boston Athletic Association. He will doubtless be on Harvard's Mott Haven team.

Last week we initiated our first freshman, Bro. Canfield, '96, son of Bro. H. J. Canfield, ☉ '57.

We are all looking forward to the New England Association banquet with expectation. This will be the first time any of us have attended and we anticipate meeting many brothers whom we have not yet seen. C. H. BECKWITH.

## IOTA DEUTERON.

## WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

There is not very much news to be found this month, as the term at Williams has been a rather quiet one. Since the last charge letter was written, we have initiated two new men. Bro. Lewis G. Lee, '94, of Albany, Or., and Clarence W. Dunham, '96, of Troy, N. Y. It is unnecessary to say that they

are both good Theta Deltas. Bro. Dunham has already taken a high rank in his class.

There has been a great deal of sickness in the college this winter, and the charge has been especially unfortunate. Several of the fellows were quite seriously ill during the early part of the term, and Bros. Sleight, '93, Zoller, '95, and Deming, '96, have been so ill as to be compelled to leave college for the rest of the term. They are all three recovering, however, and we expect to see them back next month. Bro. Gilfillan, '93, who was absent on account of sickness the latter half of last term, is back with us again.

Bros. Anderson, '93 and Towne, '94, are candidates for the college nine. Bros. Goodrich, '94, and Putney, '96, are training for the athletic team, of which Bro. Towne is captain. Bros. Towne and Sawtelle, '95, and Putney and Dunham, '96, took part in the gymnasium exhibition February 25th, the potato race was won by Bro. Putney.

Bro. Peck, '95, is one of the five editors recently elected to publish next year's *Gulielmsian*. The '94 *Gul.* is expected to appear towards the end of March.

A party of nine of us went on a sleigh-ride to Stamford, Vt., last month and had so enjoyable a time that we are making plans for another.

Bro. Ferry, '91, is instructor in mathematics this term, in place of Prof. C. M. Dodd, who is taking a short vacation.

Prof. Bliss Perry has accepted the chair of rhetoric and oratory at Princeton, and is to resign his position here as professor of English literature and rhetoric at the end of the college year. Prof. Kendall has been compelled by illness to give up his college work for the present, and to take a trip to the south.

The centennial celebration of Williams is to be held from the eighth to the twelfth of next October, and preparations are already in hand. It is expected that a very large number of graduates will attend, and plans for class reunions have already been made.

The Thompson lecture course this term has included concerts by the Temple Quartet, of which Merrill Williams, '92,

is a member; the Ladies' Schubert Club and the Mendelssohn Quintette; readings by George W. Cable, and a lecture on Whittier, by Horace E. Scudder, a graduate of the college. Mr. Thompson has lately made another gift of five thousand dollars to Williams, toward establishing an infirmary for sick students. Half of the remaining five thousand dollars that is necessary has been subscribed, and building will probably begin in the spring.

Iota Deuteron send her best wishes to all the other charges and the Grand Lodge. We will always be glad to meet any of the brothers that may come to Williamstown.

OLCOTT O. PARTRIDGE.

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#### KAPPA.

##### TUFTS COLLEGE.

As the time approaches for the publication of the March issue of the SHIELD, one is reminded that another college year is passing away; for some the last year of college life. The four years that are drawing to a close have been rich in values for the men at Kappa. Never before in the history of Tufts has there been a season of more marked progress. The departments of Greek and modern languages have been strengthened, and chairs have been established in history and biology. On all sides new and larger opportunities have come to the students. Perhaps we have not always availed ourselves of the gifts which our Alma Mater has offered us. Doubtless there are few men, just finishing their course, who would not make their work much more telling if they were to begin again. Goethe says: "It is not until the campaign is over that we learn to see through its tactics." And it is much the same with our college life. The experience of our predecessors counts for little. Nevertheless, however much we have failed to get, we are sure that these four years at Tufts have broadened and strengthened us, and we feel that not a little of the best that has come to us has come from Theta Delta Chi.

Our charge work this year, on the whole, has been extremely satisfactory. With our large number of men, it has

seemed, to some, impossible to do the best work, but nearly all the brothers have been very enthusiastic, and our meetings have been successful.

On the evening of Monday, the 9th of January, we held our regular annual social meeting on the hill. These social evenings are counted among the pleasant meetings of the college year. There were several tables of whist and euchre, and we had some jolly music. Refreshments were served later in the evening.

This is the season of class banquets, and a glance at any of the lists of toasts, shows that Kappa has been well represented in all the festivals. Bro. J. B. Groce responded to the toast, "'93 as a maker of college history." At the dinner of '94, Bro. A. W. Grose, of the Divinity school, spoke for the college man in the world, and Bro. W. H. Goodrich spoke for the glorious class itself. Bro. Whittemore was toast-master, and also served with Bro. A. W. Grose on the committee of arrangements. Brothers Walker and Goodrich relieved the monotony of speech-making, with some excellent mandolin and guitar music. At the banquet of the class of '95, speeches were made by Brothers H. P. Frank and C. D. Clark, and Bro. H. C. Folsom was on the banquet committee. The success of the dinner of the class of '96 seemed a little dubious at first, for the upper classmen did not approve of Freshmen indulging in such festivities. But the offending class, aided by "the powers that be," finally asserted its rights, and the banquet was held. Bro. G. C. Pierce responded to the toast "Foot-ball," and Brothers Pierce and Keene assisted in the class quartet.

Winter on College Hill has been unusually gay this year. Besides the parties and cotillions in the gymnasium, some delightful receptions have been given by Mrs. Capen, Mrs. Corney, Mrs. Kingsley and Mrs. Fay. A few of the men took advantage of the recess on Washington's birthday anniversary, and went to Smith or Wellesley.

The indoor-meet, which is one of the most interesting events of the winter here, was held in Goddard gymnasium on the 28th of January, and it resulted in a victory for '94.

Doubtless some of our friends in other colleges have heard of the scarlet fever scare of several weeks ago. Two or three cases showed themselves, and we feared an epidemic, but the parties were immediately quarantined, and the poison did not spread. Bro. C. L. Ricketts, '95, was one of the victims. He is much better now, however, and has gone to his home in Monson to recuperate.

Since my last letter, the Delta of Massachusetts, Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, has been organized. The following officers were elected from Kappa's graduates: President, Pres. E. H. Capen, '60; Secretary and Treasurer, M. M. Johnson, '92; Marshal, Instructor Edwin A. Start, '84. Among the members of the Executive Committee are, Dr. F. B. Harrington, '77, L. W. Mendum, '85 and Sumner Robinson, '88.

The brothers who have taken Mediæval and Modern history this year under our new instructor, Bro. Edwin A. Start, '84, have derived much enjoyment and profit from the course. This is Bro. Start's first year as instructor at Tufts, but his methods of work already show unmistakable signs of a successful teacher.

A short time ago we had a very pleasant visit from Bro. Montague Williams, '91, who, it will be remembered, was one of the original members of Iota Deuteron Charge.

Bro. W. S. Gray has been on the Hill several times during his recent vacation. Bro. Gray is with the Johnson Company, Johnstown, Penn.

Bro. Goodrich has been elected chairman of the committee to make arrangements for the Junior Promenade, to be held in May. He is also conducting the series of Gymnasium Assemblies, which thus far have been a great success.

Brothers A. W. Grose and F. W. Perkins, both of '91, are preaching in Charlestown, Mass., while the First Universalist parish has no settled minister.

The faculty of the college have requested Brothers J. B. Groce and Stillman Shaw, of '93, to write commencement parts.

Bro. F. E. Thompson, '95, was elected foot-ball manager for next fall.

We were surprised, a few days ago, to see a letter from the editor of the SHIELD, stating some of the difficulties that are besetting him in his work, and urging the necessity of greater support. The editor's call ought to receive attention. It is a shame that a magazine, which, through the untiring zeal and business skill of Brother Holmes, now stands in the foremost position among fraternity papers, should lose its prestige for lack of support. Let every graduate of Kappa consider it his duty to subscribe for the SHIELD.

THOMAS WHITTEMORE.

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### LAMBDA.

#### BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Once more Lambda's men having recently separated for the holiday season, have given the grasp of welcome return and cordial greetings for a gloriously successful year to come. Once more we meet in Lambda's halls to renew the bond of brotherly love and fellowship; to recount the tales of pleasing adventure and anecdote, listen to the occurrences and conquests each has made in his separate sphere. As we assemble in our accustomed places each heart is filled with gratitude that none are missing from our number. No sorrow for lost ties mars the pleasure of reunion.

Success is crowning our efforts. College and fraternity life are booming. Should you chance to call upon us now, you could not with reason say, that in exchange for the life pertaining to the dormitory system and its immediate essentials, we could only offer our fair Co'eds. Such a social life as we lead in and out of fraternity relations, could hardly be equalled anywhere for the amount of pleasure derived.

As stagnant as athletic interest has been, we hope with Bro. Rogers at the head of the athletic association this coming season, to put a fine base ball and foot ball team into the field, and confidently expect to gain a standing in the collegiate athletic world.

As I have said, college life is far above the average, and beside a bond of fellowship which has sprung up amongst us, our

time has been crowded with class socials and the like, all pleasurable occasions.

Alpha Phi tendered Lambda a most cordial welcome to her halls on Hancock Place, in a little afternoon tea and informal social. From six until (?) mirth and jest bubbled over from the assembled throng; our hearts were full of pleasure and our lips responded with song to the sweet chords of the piano under the skillful touch of feminine hands. Some of the brothers lingered late, unable to tear themselves away from our fair hostesses.

All B. U. men look forward to the Klatch Collegium as the great social event of the year. Under its usual auspices it was more than an ordinary success. College men in the form of an Orchestral Club furnished music for the occasion, winning much praise for themselves and reflecting great credit upon the organizers of this thriving institution. Bro. Pitcher has the credit of being the prime mover in its establishment and with his clarinet is one of its ablest supporters. Bros. Jewell, Flower, Pierce and Bosworth are among the list of players and do good service with violin, piano and flute.

The men's club of Boston University recently had its first annual dinner at the Copley Square hotel. The occasion was one long to be remembered. Much credit is due the committee of arrangements of which Bro. Fuller was chairman. Wit and general good will were the essential features of the evening. Professors and Proctors were present, not to restrain, but to add to the general interest. As toastmaster Bro. Pitcher presided, introducing each speaker with fitting and telling remarks. Among the many toasts given, Dean Huntington responded for the Faculty; Bro. Fuller "The Absent Girls;" Bro. Bosworth, "The Kids;" Bro. Spencer, "The Class of '93;" Bro. Heckbert, "Our Honor Men," and Bro. Noble, "The Debating Club." Bro. Wyman said a few words, closing with a pleasant "Good Night."

On this occasion we had the pleasure of listening to our Glee Club, which under the leadership of Bro. Thomas is fast getting into splendid condition. The broad shoulders and deep chest of Bro. Leon Baldwin make it possible for him to

carry the first tenor with a good full volume of sound, while Bros. Ryan and Morrell add their strength to the bass.

As the fleeting months go by and term after term sinks into oblivion, our hearts are filled with sorrow when we think that at the next separation we shall lose from our midst those whom we have long learned to love and respect. As the honors fall to our lot, we rejoice at our brothers' successes but grieve at the thought that separation is inevitable and must be looked forward to with fortitude. Bro. Heckbert has been appointed alternate speaker for '93, an honor which is most surely merited. Bro. Pitcher has also been chosen class orator, an honor conferred in acknowledgement of his superior oratorical abilities. All Lambda's men are coming out of the battle with flying colors, a noble example to all those who may follow.

We look forward to the initiation of three or possibly four men soon. We shall probably initiate at the time of the installation of officers. Bro. Tewksbury, '92, has been with us on one or two occasions, and we now and then have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Ford, '92.

E. M. BOSWORTH.

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### MU DEUTERON.

#### AMHERST COLLEGE.

The conventional grind of winter term, though it has formed no exception in this year, has perhaps been a little less monotonous than usual. The "gym" has been well patronized, and under the able instruction of Mr. Nelligan much good athletic material has been developed, especially in the Freshman class. The prospects are bright for a very successful "heavy gym." exhibition.

The B. A. A's meet in Boston in February showed that Amherst is keeping to the front in track athletics also. The training of the base ball candidates in the "gym" gives promise of a good team for Amherst this Spring, and a base ball benefit in the shape of a minstrel show will afford the college much amusement ere long.

The revival and growing popularity of the "Junior Prom" has done much to relieve the monotony of the winter term, to make life more enjoyable, to lighten the dullness which necessarily attends a life of incessant study. The plans and expectations before hand, the brilliant event itself, the recollections afterward of success and pleasure have made the "Junior Prom" a potent influence in the life of the winter term. Mu Deuteron's interest in the event was greatly increased by the fact that Bro. Seymour was a member of the Prom. Committee, and by his earnest zeal in the cause every one of our delegations was well represented on the floor, and all have joined in congratulating Bro. Seymour and the class on the great success of the event.

The 22nd of February is another day which we could not well spare out of our winter term. All the favored ones at Amherst spend the day—in spite of snow and "blizzard"—in mirth and merriment "over the river." And those who are studiously inclined or less fortunate in their acquaintanceship, need the day for rest and recruiting, or for making up back work.

Mu Deuteron is looking forward now to a reception and social dance to be given in our parlors soon. Before the March number of the SHIELD reaches us perhaps, this event will be passed in time, but in memory we feel sure it will long remain a pleasant recollection.

So much for our social life. We have been improving this year in this direction, while not neglecting other and perhaps more important lines of development. Our gatherings every Saturday night have added a pleasure to the week at its end, and have served to bind us all closer together. The bond of brotherhood was never stronger in Mu Deuteron than it is today.

In "Goat Room" we are doing good steady work, above the average excellence; and in scholarships we are keeping up our standard. Bro. Beverstock, '95, won a prize in Latin translation last term, and Bro. Howes, '94, has just received one of the Leffingwell prizes in oratory. Bro. Lane, '95, and Bro. Jewett, '96, are taking very high rank in their respective classes.

We have missed Bro. G. H. Fisher's presence for several days, while he has been visiting at the Club house in New York.

Our visits from brothers of other charges have not been as numerous as we could have wished this term. Any brother will always find a hearty welcome at Mu Deuteron's home.

But we have had the pleasure of seeing two or three of our alumni back. We were very glad to see Bro. Walker, '89, on the Day of Prayer for Colleges. Bro. Haskell's visit at the house we also enjoyed very much, and when afterwards Bro. Fisher, '92, appeared in our midst our joy was unbounded. The stern realities of life have evidently not sobered all his youthful spirits yet. If we could only have had Bro. Perry here with him, how the house would have rung with laughter, and then we might have learned a lesson of brotherly affection, such as even  $\Theta$   $\chi$  seldom shows, though the fires of fraternal love be burning their brightest and warmest.

ARTHUR VYNE WOODWORTH.

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### NU DEUTERON.

#### LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

The joyous spring days are at hand, dreary winter has bidden us adieu; but we cannot say that his presence has dimmed the brightness of our spirits for an instant, nor can we look back upon the past three months with anything but pleasure and satisfaction. The charge has made no extraordinary advances since the last SHIELD, but has marched forward with that steady step that in the past has surmounted all obstacles, and placed us in our present position of prosperity.

Life at Lehigh consists, for the most part, of hard work; yet in spite of the never ending analytical discussions of our technical courses, the brothers find plenty of time for that social intercourse which is such a charming feature of fraternity life. Here is the place for the funny man to play his role, and with the sons of Mirth we are well supplied. Music has always held a prominent place among us, and although some of our best musicians have recently left us, there still remain those

who are fully capable of upholding the musical interests of the charge—Brother Stinemetz, for example. Sometimes, however, when we are all enjoying a pleasant chat, and are lounging, to the number of eight or ten, upon some unfortunate brother's bed, we miss some familiar faces. This is the fault of society, for it has taken strong hold upon some of our number. In fact, matters have come to such a pass now, that we live in continual fear of seeing two of the seniors shot down before our very faces by Cupid's unswerving arrow.

Nu Deuteron has been unfortunate in losing several men. We sadly miss Brothers Whitaker, Post, Weaver, and Hutchins. The two former are now in business, while Brothers Weaver and Hutchins were taken seriously ill, and were obliged to leave college for a year. Brother Ely too, who had been staying in Bethlehem, has now left, and is in the employ of Cox Bros., & Co., Drifton, Pa. We were eager to welcome back Brother Holcombe, who had been in business in Lynn, Mass., but who has now returned to finish his course.

Our latest initiate is Brother W. L. Bosbyshell, of Philadelphia. We present him to the fraternity with the highest tribute that we can bestow, by saying he is a loyal Theta Delt.

Brother Gearhart is captain of the base ball team, and under his control an excellent team will probably be put in the field. Brother Powers is also in training for the team. We are represented on the banjo club by Brothers Powers and Bosbyshell.

We have been favored with a visit from Brother Benedict; and have also had the pleasure of welcoming Brothers Ballentine, Tanner, and Snyder of Sigma; Brother Ely, of Nu Deuteron; Brother W. H. Wettlaufer, of Pi Deuteron, and Brothers Voigt, Slocum, Reeves, Glick, and Barker of Phi. It gives us great pleasure to receive visitors, and any Theta Delt may be sure of a hearty welcome.

A. S. CLIFT.

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#### OMICRON DEUTERON.

#### DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Since the last charge letter, Dartmouth has been making rapid strides in the direction of improvement. Dr. William

Jewett has been re-elected President and to the great joy of the students, alumni, and friends of the college has accepted the office. Dartmouth has been the recipient of numerous bequests amounting to nearly a million dollars, and three new professors have been lately elected. Nor is good fortune wholly for the college, Omicron Deuteron feels especially fortunate and jubilant in the election of Brother Adams, Prof. in Drury College, to succeed Prof. Richardson who is to be absent five years in Greece. Brother Adams was one of the first members of Omicron Deuteron charge and much is due him for its early prosperity.

Dartmouth too has been unusually wide-awake this winter. It has new organizations in the Dramatic Club, the Press Club and Debating Union.

The Dramatic Club was drilled by Mr. J. R. Pitman, former manager of Boston Museum, and it very successfully presented "The Rivals." Brother Allen is a member of the club.

The Press Club held its first annual banquet March 10th, with Brother Selden, Toastmaster.

The Debating Union has held a series of three debates. Speakers were chosen by the various societies. Brothers Selden and Bugbee were our representatives.

The Glee and Banjo Club has made the most extended and successful trip ever attempted by a Dartmouth club and returned with a reputation equal to that of the Harvard, Yale or Princeton clubs. Brothers Jones, Jervis and Pollard are conspicuous members.

The '94 Aegis has just appeared. It is without doubt the best annual yet published at Dartmouth. It contains an excellent variety of literary work as well as a complete directory of college affairs and its artistic work is a striking feature.

Brothers Tarbell, Putnam, Kelso, C. A. Davis and Piper have been engaged in teaching during the winter months.

Candidates for base ball and athletic teams are training in earnest and Dartmouth will doubtless send out two strong teams. Brothers Lewis, Smalley, Bartlett, Bugbee, Hayes, Pollard, Tarbell, Wilson, Harris and Lakeman are among the candidates. What success the brothers attain will be known

later. Dartmouth is somewhat handicapped in outdoor work by the reluctance of the snow to leave the campus in this northern latitude.

Brother Bugbee has been elected Junior director and Senior manager of athletics, and Brother Allen the managing editor of the Dartmouth for next year.

Brother Jarvis is messenger in the N. H. Senate.

The work in the society during this term has been unusually interesting and beneficial.

Our programs have been somewhat varied and there has been a decided improvement in the social life of the society.

Our annual Prize Speaking occurred the 21st. More than usual interest is shown in this work and we have reasons to expect an excellent contest. Besides this, a musicale and mock court take place this month.

In this, our first letter of the volume, Omicron Deuteron sends its best wishes to the SHIELD. Through it the thirty-five members of our charge send greeting to all the members of Theta Delta Chi.

J. P. GIFFORD.

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### PI DEUTERON.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

With much fear and trembling does the charge editor of Pi Deuteron take up his pen for the first time. But a feeling of pleasure far outweighs the fear, when he considers that he is the voice of the charge, so to say, speaking words of congratulation, encouragement or condolence to the sister charges.

Pi Deuteron, beginning as she did with an unusually large number of active men has been most prosperous, and has cause for much rejoicing in the four men who have thus far been swung in. The new babies, whom the charge takes great pleasure in introducing, are Brothers Hunter, '95; Anderton, '96; Adams, '96, and Dwyer, '96.

Just before the Christmas holidays, fourteen jolly brothers attended a most enjoyable theatre party held by the charge at Hoyt's Madison Square Theatre. The piece was the "Isle of Champagne," which has had such a long and successful run in

this city. A good deal of enthusiasm was aroused among the brothers by the fact that the leading character, which was played by the sister of a Theta Delt, wore the shield in honor of the occasion. When the brothers separated, after having partaken of an excellent supper, each one was ready to swear by all he held sacred that he never had so good a time before. Indeed, so enthusiastic were they that within two weeks, a college party of over two hundred men claimed that they had just as good a time, if not a little better, in the same theatre.

The question of new college buildings on a new site further up-town is now absorbing all our attention. A bill has already been brought before the Legislature of the State, providing means for the purchase of a site, and for the erection of buildings thereon. In order to help the Legislature to a favorable decision, each student has been provided with a copy of a petition to that honorable body, calling its attention to the bill before it and praying it to enact the same at an early date. As by this means we expect to get about one hundred thousand signatures of citizens and voters to the petition, we are in hopes that the result will be favorable to us.

Pi Deuteron is already beginning to look forward to her twelfth annual Spring banquet. As these banquets have always been occasions of much pleasure to the brothers, we intend to double our efforts to have this one make up for that which we so missed last year. It will be held somewhat earlier than usual, so that those who leave town early will not miss it. Of course I need not emphasize the invitation of the charge for all Theta Delts that possibly can, to attend.

The charge seems to be well represented among the future honor men. Brother Tombo's name appears on the merit roll at the head of the class of '95. E. W. Scherr, '96, one of our pledged men, stands number three in his class—a standing that is unusually high for a Classical student. Brother Uterhart towers head and shoulders above all the other Juniors.

Brothers Schulz and Alsdorf took a prominent part in an entertainment recently given by the C. C. N. Y. Glee Club in Hotel Endicott. The object of the affair was to obtain money

to enable the C. C. N. Y. Quartet to travel. Brother Schulz delivered his masterpiece "The Death Bed of Benedict Arnold" in his best manner, and was encored as usual with thundering applause.

Brother Adams, '96, is training hard, and expects to carry off several prizes at the Annual Spring Games. Indeed, so in earnest is he, that he says he will not attend our banquet unless we wait till after the games.

Brother Crampton, '93, is now at Columbia taking the newly established course in biology. He is working very hard, in the hope, it is whispered, of winning a scholarship next year.

The members of Pi Deuteron take this opportunity to give every Theta Delt the friendly grip, and to repeat their invitation to come and see them.

GUY H. TURRELL.

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#### SIGMA.

##### DICKINSON COLLEGE.

College life is dull with us at present, and we have plenty of time to engage in friendly chats. Fraternity enthusiasm was revived with us recently by the initiation of Brother Vandermark, '95, a very desirable man and one who has proven an excellent Theta Delt.

About a month ago we were honored by a short visit from our worthy President of Grand Lodge. He stopped but a few hours, while on his way from the Baltimore banquet of the Southern Graduates' Association, where Brothers Tanner and Snyder represented Sigma. We were delighted with him, both as a President and as a man.

Sigma expects to banquet with her sister Pennsylvania charges at Reading or Allentown about the middle of April. We are sorry that we cannot state definitely the place and date, as the arrangements have not yet been agreed upon, but we intend to inform all the charges through our monthly letter, and we want all Theta Delts to be there who can possibly come.

Just now we are agitating a move among our Alumni for a chapter house. The prospects are very bright at present and the boys are looking forward eagerly toward being together next year.

J. A. UNDERWOOD.

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### TAU DEUTERON.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

We are pretty well blockaded with the "beautiful," out here, but perhaps we may be able to get a letter as far east as New York. At any rate we will do our part.

The winter term has been a prosperous one for Tau Deuteron. It is the term when we expect to do good work at college, and in addition to doing our duty in that line, Tau Deuteron has nine pledged men to report and a growth and development of the fraternity spirit among its own members, which argues well for the future. The following men have been already initiated: Charles W. Bray, '95; Thomas M. Hughes, '95; Francis Ramaley, '95; William Hartman and Thomas I. McDermott, '96, and it goes without saying that they will be a credit to Θ J X.

On Dec. 2, Brother Morris took unto himself a wife, Miss Mary Strangeway, of Rochester, Minn., and as he has promised she shall be a sister to us all, we can but feel that Tau Deuteron is a gainer thereby. Brother Morris is one of the charter members of the charge and one to whom Tau Deuteron owes a huge chunk of gratitude. He is now located at Wilmot, S. D.

Brother Bradford attended the banquet of the Western Alumni at Chicago, in January, and came back bubbling over with enthusiasm. Such meetings are very helpful at any time, and we especially feel their value in keeping us in touch with the Eastern brethren.

The spring political campaign in the University has just fairly opened, but Tau Deuteron has already made her influence felt. They attempted to leave us out on the Junior annual election of the class of '95, but we rolled up our sleeves and waded in. To the astonishment of many we elected our

man, Brother Rees, and what is still better, he has very bright prospects of being at the head of the board.

The Ariel election (college paper) comes off in about two weeks, and we are as sure of success there, as is possible at this early date.

Brother McElligott represents us on the joint debates this spring. These debates are between the three literary societies of the college, and by the way, Brother Leach is president of one of these societies.

Brothers McGaughy and Gedney, of Gamma Deuteron, made us a pleasant call during the holidays. We were glad to see them and learn of their prosperity.

Brother Weeks returned the compliment quite recently, at the opening of their new house. He reported a Theta time.

Aside from a few minor complaints Tau Deuteron has little sickness to report. Brother Wentworth was confined to his home for several days early in the winter, and Brother Rees was recently threatened with pneumonia, but he is now out of danger, and will be able to resume his work in a few days.

HARRIS LEACH.

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PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

At no time in her history has Phi been in a more prosperous condition than she is to-day. All of our sixteen men are loyal Theta Delts, and in making this statement we are fully aware of its magnitude.

Nothing, since our last letter to our beloved fraternity organ, has been the source of so much enjoyment and real pleasure to the brothers at Phi, as the official visit with which President A. G. Benedict honored us in January. Truly Phi fell in love at first sight with him, whom we were so anxious to meet, since our delegates to the recent convention portrayed to us in such glowing terms our new president. The evening was enjoyable to all. After an informal spread, addresses were made by President Benedict and Brothers Stewart, '69, Reed, '91 and Jones, '92. We trust that our president may carry away as good an impression of Phi as we have formed of him.

On Dec. 10 we were honored by a visit from Brothers Balantine and Snyder of Sigma, also Brothers Kendall and Whitaker of Nu Deutron. The brothers spent the afternoon and evening with us. This meeting of these three charges was a mutual pleasure.

Brother Frank S. Rice, Phi, '70, of Rochester, N. Y., was our guest in January. Brother Rice was as witty and full of taking anecdotes of his college days, as usual, and all who know him will know the extent of this statement. Both his vivid accounts of the pranks of earlier college days and his sterner words of advice and counsel, were enjoyed and "salted down" by all the boys.

We are greatly indebted to Brother F. W. Stewart, '69, for his frequent attendance upon our mid-week meetings. His words of advice and encouragement are appreciated by each member.

At this dull season in athletics, being betwixt and between the two hustling seasons, Brother W. A. Jones, Jr., '92, our athletic director, has a slight let up from his duties. He is now faithfully pursuing his law study in the office of Kirkpatrick Bros., in Easton.

The invitation to our alumni and other Theta Delts issued in the December SHIELD, seems to have yielded an increase in the number of our guests. We repeat the invitation to all our brothers and especially to you—Phi alumnus—for a visit from you will greatly aid towards keeping your under-graduate brothers at Lafayette in good cheer, and prepare them for still better work.

We read with much pleasure the flattering "puff" given to Brother Charles Albertson, '92, in the last SHIELD, upon his satisfactory work as corresponding secretary. The fifteen dollar check was promptly paid by our beloved ex-President Holmes, who so liberally presented that sum as an expression of his appreciation of Brother Albertson's faithful service.

A new impetus seems to have entered into our charge room, for our meetings of late have been unusually interesting, owing principally, perhaps, to the fact that each and every member, including our new men, takes an active part in every issue.

As the base ball season draws nigh our minds are naturally focused upon our nine. There are over twenty applicants for the team in training in the "Gym." Brother Drake, whose reputation as a crack center fielder and batter is already made, will play in his old position. Brothers Honness, Losee and Reeves are also applicants for the "nine."

The board of editors of '94's *Melange* have under the direction of Brother W. N. Chambers, editor-in-chief, nearly completed their labors on their annual. Part of the book has already been printed.

We have recently purchased from both Dreka and Wright a quantity of artistic fraternity stationery.

Phi boasts of some very handsome pins. The latest arrival in this line is a full diamond pin, made to gladden the heart of Brother R. J. Glick, '95.

Our Glee club, together with the Mandolin and Guitar club, will soon give their first concert of the season in Easton. During the Easter vacation the clubs will take an extended trip. Brother Reeves, '96, is a member of the Glee club and Brothers Seymour and Twiteneyer are members of the latter club.

The annual Junior hop, held on the evening of Feb. 9th, was a decided social success. Mark Hassler's orchestra furnished the music for the occasion. Brothers Voigt, '94, and Losee, '94, were members of the committee.

The Sophomores elected the writer as the President of his class and Toast-master at the Annual Sophomore Banquet to be held at the United States hotel, in the latter part of February.

Brother R. J. Glick, '95, is the treasurer of the Calculus Play committee.

Brother C. Lobingier, '96, has been elected to the board of editors of the *Lafayette*. He is the only Freshman on the board.

We are glad to learn of the prosperity of so many of our sister charges through the monthly charge letters. Phi congratulates you all upon your success and hopes for a continuance of similar good fortune.

As the President and Toast-master of his class, Brother D. L. Reeves, '96, has received congratulations from all sides, upon his ably conducted banquet at Allentown, Pa. This has been pronounced the most elaborate Freshman banquet held at Lafayette for some time. ALBERT F. HOVEY.

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CHI.

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER.

It is with great pleasure that I enter upon my new duties. The charge now numbers ten active members, Willard Wells Williams having become a Theta Delt on the tenth of December last. Since that time we have initiated no new men, but are now working for desirable men for next year. The prospect is good and also that for our new house.

We received in January a very pleasant letter from Bro. W. S. Paine, who wrote from "On the Nile."

The freshman honor list has appeared and contains the names of two of our brothers, Glass and Parker.

The University Ball, a new institution here, was held on Feb. 10th and all who were there had a pleasant time, yet it did not succeed in lifting the debt of the Athletic Association. An effort is now being made to introduce a game of indoor foot ball, but the project is not met with general favor by the students.

The manager will soon put the candidates for the base ball team, among whom there are a couple of our men, in active training at one of the city gymnasiums. The promise of the coming season is not as bright as it should be.

We have found an omission in the alumni list of the old Iota charge, the Rev. W. C. Gannett, Pastor of the Unitarian church of this city having been initiated in his freshman year. He was graduated in 1860.

Dr. E. Mott Moore, Jr., '71, has recently returned from the annual meeting of the American Medical Society in the City of Mexico.

As there is a dearth of news at present, I will close with

Yours fraternally,

DAVID G. MEYER.

## Exchange Cleanings.

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[Our exchanges are requested to send two copies of their journal to the SHIELD at Elmira, N. Y., and one copy to Prof. A. G. Benedict, Clinton, N. Y. In exchange we will send three copies wherever requested.]

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The *Kappa Alpha Journal* for February comes dangerously near parodying a certain utterance, which has become classic, for one of the leading articles bears the very suggestive title, "Where We Are Not." In this the writer seems to congratulate himself and the fraternity, that there are a great many institutions in the south, which they have "disdained or neglected to enter." He wraps the mantle of self gratulation still closer about him and makes the statement that "some fraternities that rank amongst the oldest and most respectable in the north or south have been vastly more reckless than we." This is the penitential session of the year, and Kappa Alpha seems to find it a good time to confess herself a miserable sinner, but not, after all, so bad as some other folks. And certainly there is an element of saving grace in the following paragraph from the same article:

What I object to in the list of colleges given above is their sham character in many cases. Some are but pretentious humbugs. True collegiate life and feeling may exist where there are not over fifty men in the collegiate department, proper. The true college, however small, will support a good fraternity, but the sham college, however long its roll of students, will not do so. Age, size of endowment and length of curriculum do not tell the whole story. All of these may be satisfactory, and still there may be no honest and vigorous collegiate life. The elevating influence of a true college of the liberal arts may be wanting. Statistics may help, but they should not control, in charter granting.

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The way of fraternity magazines is not altogether smooth. *Beta Theta Pi* has been under the cloud. By an oversight of the convention, which controls the publication, no arrange-

ments were made for the year. The editor issued the October number and then waited a decision by the governing power. It has finally been settled and the second number of the journal appeared in February. There is probably no more satisfactory way than that followed by Theta Delta Chi. Give over the entire control to some one for a period of years, and let him get what he can out of it. It then becomes personal property, as it were, and more individual vim will naturally result. But in spite of the spectres of Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, the February number is an excellent one. It opens with an article on the University of Chicago, which, while not altogether free from the trumpet tone characteristic of the World's Fair city, gives in condensed form a good deal of information as to endowments, buildings, organization, the concrete and tangible things that everybody can see. Of course, it is a little early to discuss the more subtle questions that after all have quite as much to do with the standing and influence of a college as buildings and curriculum, but the prediction is made that the Greek letter societies "will probably organize one by one, and demonstrate to the authorities their right to live, as they have demonstrated it in so many of the leading colleges in America." There is also a very well written account of the annual dinner of the Washington Alumni. One of the speakers gave a reason for the growth and success of fraternities that is well worth repeating.

"I think that one of the great advantages of being selected to a membership in a fraternal society results, at least, to a modest boy, in the fact that he has been selected. There is many a boy who goes up to college from his country home, without any great appreciation of himself or the possibilities that are within him, and when he finds able men, and scholarly men, young men of his age, for some reason selecting him, it kindles a fire in him that never ceases to burn. That selection has given them an idea that there may be powers within themselves that may be properly developed if cultivated, and this is one of the greatest goods of these fraternal societies, in my judgment."

An article on Correspondence School Methods gives a very clear idea of what is and is not attempted in this effort to popularize the higher education, and conclusively fixes its

place in the educational world by the statement that "The honest correspondence teacher always says that he cannot supply that indefinable something which is furnished by contact with a great teacher, but he does undertake to help those who can not go to college."

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The *University Magazine* has of late made vast improvements in its matter, and is becoming a very excellent magazine. The great number of biographies, with portraits, which have filled its pages for a long time, all seeming to come from one or two colleges, are slowly giving way to general matter of greater interest. We are glad to note that Albert P. Jacobs, of Psi Upsilon, has taken charge of the fraternity department. Mr. Jacobs is one of the best informed fraternity men in the country, and many good things may be expected from his pen.

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The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* for February, reaches us after copy has been given the printer, but we stop the wheels to give it notice. A peculiar satisfaction comes over us as we read its pages—not because it is Delta Kappa Epsilon or her quarterly, but on account of added proofs of the regard which good men have for fraternities. There are biographies with portraits of two Dekes in this number, and any "non-fraternity crank," who can look at those faces, which tell their own story, and then say that *good* men do not countenance Greek-letter societies, is a fit subject for the asylum. One is of the late Dr. Elisha B. Shapleigh, one of the founders of Delta Kappa Epsilon. One does not need to read his life to learn that he was a type of the highest manhood. A glance at his pictured face convinces that he was one of nature's noblemen. The other, of the late Randall Lee Gibson, expresses another style, that of determination, mental ability, and forceful character, yet withal a brotherly kindness which attracts friends. Both these men were prominent and representative American citizens who throughout their lives were loyal, enthusiastic Dekes. There are thousands more of such men in the country who are living examples of the good that

fraternities can do. The chief theme of the number is the last Convention. The editorials dwell on the importance of chapter letters, and apparently with reason as very few appear. A few personals or rather brief mentions of Deke men are given. The closing pages are devoted to "Reviews and Exchanges." There we find an article which gives somebody away badly. The printer and the proof reader suggest the "oil and water" theory. We give the article just as it appeared, as only by reading can it be appreciated. It is needless to add that it was evidently intended to refer to the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD :

The SHIELD of Tau Delta Theta for December publishes an excellent article on the University of Michigan. We are informed that the Iota Chapter of this Fraternity has been re-established at Harvard. The "Graduate Personal" Department is well edited. The editor regards our comments on the follies of initiation in other societies as "premature." We suppose he intends to say that we are mistaken. Whether true or false, the statement can hardly be "premature." If true, it ought to be spoken now. If false, wholly or in part, the sooner the impression is corrected the better. The fact remains that almost all college societies indulge in nonsensical rites of initiation. It does not spring from the sentiment that lies at the basis of these associations, nor does it take origin from the engrossed and drafted constitutions. It springs from the exuberance of spirits in young men, and this, we think, exists independently of the fact that a man belongs to a fraternity the name of which is written with two letters or with three. It were better that they be written in water than that evil results of any kind should follow.

A most sensible bit of writing opposes honorary membership in a fraternity, quoting a portion of the *Shakell's* editorial on the same subject to which we referred in our November issue. A rather odd heading reads, "A brave *but* wise move." We trust our esteemed brother editor does not mean to imply that courageous action is usually linked with foolish mental action. We prefer to think bravery and wisdom walk hand in hand. Where wisdom is lacking, we should prefer to call the other element foolhardiness. "Students and whiskey," says this paragraph, "are like oil and water." They do not mix well. It has seemed to us that they sometimes mix altogether too well. The student mixes the whiskey and then the whiskey usually mixes the student. We agree heartily with the trend of the editor's sentiment.

If that be the case Brother Editor, why not take up the "*cudgel*" in defence of moral manhood. The SHIELD is thus far the only journal which has for four years improved every

opportunity of presenting this question plainly and forcefully, and more than this, the editor has publicly expressed these principles at every opportunity. We have done it because a part of our life work seems to be to try to influence the boys in college to mix themselves with better things than whiskey. We can not say how much of our "courage" has been absorbed thereby, but we know this, that for thirteen years we have listened to the preaching of one the best pastors on earth and that man is a Deke—a red-hot one too. Hours and hours we have talked together on this question—our duty as loyal members of the fraternity to the boys in college. Let us shake hands. A fraternity journal must have some object in view—now you know that of the SHIELD, join us in the good work.

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The *Harvard Graduates' Magazine* for January fully sustains the high standard of the first number. It seems thoroughly representative of Harvard at its best. It is not in the least like a catalogue, but gives a more comprehensive view of the work of the Harvard of to-day, than we have ever seen before, and more than this, it has caught and preserved for its readers that most evanescent and yet at the same time most enduring of all educational influences, the atmosphere of the college. It cannot altogether escape the Columbian contagion, and gives under the title of *America Pre-figured*, the very able and scholarly address delivered in Appleton chapel on October 21st. The subject of athletics elbows the new psychology, and the few pages of an old college diary, contributed by T. W. Higginson are like looking through the large end of a telescope at some strange yet familiar picture. While the magazine is, of course, intended primarily for Harvard men, it still contains much of general interest.

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The entire Greek press seems to be languishing on the mid-winter issue. Scarcely any journals have yet been received of those due in February. It must be confessed that the SHIELD has this time fallen a victim to the prevailing malady.

For a few months past our attention has been directed more toward *College Fraternities* than any other of the Greek journals, not so much out of curiosity, as in the hope that it might fill the greatest field now open to such a journal. The day has come when a general periodical treating in an impartial manner of the affairs of all fraternities, would be very acceptable. The influence of such a journal would be incalculable in the matter of softening down the rough edges which have so long antagonized the fraternity world. We can not well say that we are ready to pronounce the new journal a success. The December number is not at all striking. It has several good articles mostly historical or theoretical. It introduces a chess department of which we fail to see the general utility. Literary notes fill up but they are not expected in a fraternity periodical. "Here and there" a kind of Puck addenda is perhaps all right in its place, which is surely not in a college fraternity journal. This is all there is of the December number. The January number is decidedly more interesting. "Colgate and Her Fraternities," with illustrations, is in perfect keeping as is also "Fraternities at Brown University." Then comes "The Chicago Question" as seen in the daily press. "The College Chapter House" taken from the N. Y. Independent is a well written article which would develop good ideas in the brain of any society. "The Fraternity Idea" and "Conservatism" are both good productions.

News and Comments is a section which could with profit be much enlarged. "Fraternity Periodicals" or the exchange department is good as far as its goes. It should be more exhaustive however. This department would create more friends and patrons than any other. On the whole the January number is very creditable. We appreciate the fact that great difficulties exist which render it almost impossible to produce such a periodical as will suit every body, to say nothing of the severe tax upon the editor's brain. If the journal is properly supported we can see success in its future. Just as we go to press the February number comes and we pause to look it over. It has much in it which is worthy of careful reading and meditation. Syracuse and her fraternities is a well written

and valuable article. Such articles go to make up history, and for reference the class of historical articles which are appearing in *College Fraternities* make it an indispensable requisite of every fraternity man's library. There are many good articles in it, too many to mention in detail, but three especially attract attention. Delta Tau Delta's trouble in Iowa, "An Unanswered Question," and The Badge. The subjects are so full of suggestive thought, that we shall endeavor to give our readers extracts from them with comments. The correspondence department does not seem to fill a "long felt want." To be successful, correspondence should come from prominent colleges and be much more extensive. This would consume too much space without resulting benefit. If any correspondence department is introduced, let it be letters from alumni. But we fail to see any need for such matter. Put the college news in the shape of brief paragraphs under the head of "College Notes"—and extend fraternity notes. But we are giving advice: Throw it to the winds and pardon the intrusion. We desire to see the *College Fraternity* an immense success, and we believe that it will be. We commend it to any graduate or undergraduate who wishes to get the general trend of Greek affairs.

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The January number of *Caduceus* gives the place of honor to a bit of medieval history relative to the distinguished descent claimed by that fraternity. Mr. H. H. Martin, while not criticising Mr. Baird in the least, but only the persons who furnished him the data for the account of Phi Kappa Psi in *American College Fraternities*, gives some further statements in regard to the defunct chapters. In exchange notices the editor pokes fun at the *SHIELD* for "fatness," but *Caduceus* does not disdain, nevertheless, to supplement its own leanness by inserting verbatim, but without credit, several items from our *College Notes*. Still others, which are credited to different journals bear evidence that at least we glean in the same fields, and pick up sheaves which are precisely alike. Of course, we congratulate ourselves upon gleaning in such good company. Nor do we claim a copyright upon the items which

we gather with considerable pains, but dear brother, don't make one-third your college notes exactly the same as ours, unless, perchance, you desire in the language of Scripture, to "wax fat and kick."

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A most suggestive article in the *Phi Delta Theta Scroll* for February is entitled Opportunities for Fraternity work. It urges upon the the undergraduates active work in the line of chapter improvement, correspondence with alumni, collecting a library, collecting photographs and autographs, in short the thousand and one things that need to be done in every chapter, but are often overlooked. Special mention is made of study and drill upon the constitution and history as follows:

"Some chapters have established the custom of requiring members to study the history of the fraternity, and quizzing them upon it, a form of civil service examination, to successfully stand which is necessary for election to a chapter office. At least as much about the fraternity as is contained in Baird's *American College Fraternities* should be familiar to every member. He should be able especially to state the title and location of every chapter, the year of its establishment, and to name the most prominent alumni, whose achievements are the proud heritage of the fraternity. A general knowledge of the extent and standing of other college fraternities, rivals particularly, should be possessed. Attention should be given not only to fraternity history, but also to the constitution; and each initiate, after being allowed opportunity to study it, should be examined as to the thoroughness of his knowledge on the subject.

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The *Delta of Sigma Nu* opens with a historic and descriptive article on the University of California and the student and fraternity life there. This is followed by a reprint, the College Chapter House, by Prof. Henry Alleyn Frink, a paper from which it is difficult to make extracts because it is all so valuable. Among other equally good things, he says:

"Oxford and Cambridge are to the university man something more than places where one may obtain technical knowledge and formal training and discipline. They stand for all those intellectual and social influences that, apart from any ordinary process of education, produce the refinement of spirit, nobility of aim and breadth of sympathy which constitute the choicest fruit and flower of culture.

These associations and influences of English university life were hardly suggested, a half century ago, by the characteristics of American college life. Admirable as were its instruction and discipline within certain limits, its product, apart from home training and opportunities, was not especially one of culture and social power. But with the advent of the Greek letter fraternities, American college life entered upon a new era. It was not, however, until a score of years ago, when these fraternities began to establish chapter houses, that they furnished an environment of culture for the social nature of the student.

Compared to the ordinary dormitory, which in many colleges the chapter houses have superseded, they at once suggest a prominent cause of the change toward gentlemanliness and social refinement that have marked student life in these institutions during the last twenty years.

But most especially does the chapter through its house, as we have already seen, enlarge its opportunities of usefulness. In no other way can the society so bring its collective force to bear upon the individual for his largest and best development. Students who promised badly, in their first year, when circumstances did not permit them to room in the chapter house, I have seen changed at once for the better as they have been brought immediately under its restraining and stimulating influence. If the life of the chapter is wholesome and useful, then to have its full effect it must be centralized. It must have its home where all daily sharing that life may feel its stimulus, gain its training, enjoy its society and receive its culture."

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It is a matter for regret that any of the journals published by the sororities are missing from our table.

The Alpha Phi *Quarterly* for November was too late for notice in our last number, but to have been burned out three times within the year is sufficient excuse for even greater delay. It is largely given to Convention matter. A history of Alpha Phi from its beginning with "a small college, a wise adviser, a few girls, the boundless enthusiasm and high ideals of two or three leaders," up to the present time, would be good reading for any Greek. It closes with the following on extension, which shows that the young women have level heads:

Undoubtedly we should gain a certain strength and prestige by having a large number of chapters, our knowledge, our interests, our sympathies would all be broadened. But, on the other hand, chapters should not be added to a fraternity more rapidly than they can be assimilated. A new chapter comes into a new world, with new ideas, new aims to be grasped and used. Time must be allowed for this

process. Moreover, new chapters mean fresh responsibilities to the older ones. However strong, however loyal, they still need aid and kindly counsel from their older sisters.

Wherever the college fraternity can make a new centre for its work, wherever it can extend its beneficent influence to college students, there let it go; but remembering always, that in order not to frustrate these very ends, extension must be a matter of study and of principle, rather than of mere opportunity.

The *Arrow* is as bright and readable as ever. The most important contributions are "Women's Clubs and Fraternities," and "A Successful Experiment." We wish that such articles as these might be scattered broadcast throughout the country, they would in more ways than one help on the work of intellectual regeneration.

The *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma is fairly redolent with enthusiasm for that broad culture which makes the college girl what she is to-day. Written from different standpoints, and of different matters, of physical culture at Cornell, of university extension, of elections to membership, the trend of the articles is all in one direction, toward the developing of the highest and noblest womanhood. Time was, and not so very long ago, when a young woman who claimed an equal right with her brother to the higher education, and especially at a co-educational institution, was apt to be regarded as strong minded in the offensive sense of the term. People instinctively expected to see her wear a look of stern severity, and garments considerably at variance with, if not in open defiance of the prevailing fashion. If her manners and language took on a certain masculine bluntness it was not thought at all surprising, and as for her life after graduation, she was considered eminently well-fitted for either one of two careers, single blessedness, or to become the wife of a foreign missionary. But the young women themselves have changed all that. They have proven their ability to carry off college honors, and at the same time wear becoming gowns. They have claimed the right of organization among themselves. The journals of all the sororities have the freshness and crispness of originality, they very seldom try to ape the tone or the manner of the fraternities. Still, the editor of the *Kappa Alpha Journal* is

not altogether satisfied. He devotes three pages to words of warning and expostulation, and is stirred to lofty flights of eloquence by the discovery that Pi Beta Phi possesses a goat. Man has long since conceded to womankind the right to keep a cat or poodle. Shall not the young woman who has studied Latin and Greek, and mayhap Sanscrit, rejoice in the possession of that classic animal known as Capra, the editor of *Kappa Alpha Journal* to the contrary notwithstanding? Yea verily. Possibly they might have done better to choose another animal, one more easily domesticated, Mary's little lamb, for instance, but so far William Capricornus has proven, in their hands, to be extremely orderly in his conduct. Surely his owners need not don sackcloth and ashes as their kind Mentor suggests, even if their pet does indulge in a little innocent playfulness within the safe precincts of his own lodge room. That he has developed an appetite for pasteboard boxes bearing the magical inscription "Huyler's" instead of the traditional fondness of his species for tin cans and old bottles labelled Pommery Sec, is very good evidence that his antics on such occasions will not be dangerous.



## College Notes.

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Our annual, the *Corks and Curls*, has hitherto been published by the general fraternities at the university. This year, for the first time, a delegate from the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity appeared at the first meeting of the Board of Editors and voted in the election of the editor-in-chief. As the election of the editor-in-chief hinged on this vote, ten fraternities have withdrawn from the management of the *Corks and Curls*, and declared that they would take no further share in its production. They gave as their reason for this step, first, that the Phi Delta Phi has always been regarded here as a quiz club and not as a general fraternity; secondly, that as the delegate from the Phi Delta Phi was also a member of a regular fraternity, that fraternity thus had two votes in the management of the annual. Here the matter rests at present. The case is a curious and interesting one as determining the status of Phi Delta Phi.—*University of Virginia correspondent of Σ X Quarterly*.

The exhibit that Yale will make at the Columbian Exposition will consist of a general representation of the university plant, by means of ground plans on a large scale, of the various buildings in groups, together with a comprehensive collection of enlarged photographs. These photographs will be 22x27 inches and the collection will include pictures of the exteriors of each of the university buildings, many of the important and representative interiors and of some of the most striking characteristics of the collections and of the apparatus in the several departments. The exhibit will be arranged in seven groups representing the various phases of Yale life and surroundings. It is nearly arranged and will be placed in the section allotted to Yale University in the department of liberal arts.—*Albany Journal*.

A bill passed by Congress gives William and Mary College, of Williamsburg, Va., payment for the buildings destroyed by the Federal army, during the war.

The class of '83 has raised several thousand dollars, and a thousand volumes will at once be purchased as the nucleus of a library of political science and jurisprudence, which the class will present Princeton College as a decennial gift.

A literary Frenchman, after studying English for a few months, wrote to an American friend: "In small time I can learn so many English as I think I come at the America and go on the scaffold to lecture."—*Ariel*.

At the University of Michigan the lot of the freshman young woman is by no means the unenviable one which is decreed to the freshmen of so many colleges. The Women's League, an organization of all the women of the University, for the purpose of promoting social unity, and leveling class distinctions, makes it its business to give a cordial welcome to all new girls. Not a welcome of mere words, but practical assistance in securing rooms, room-mates, arranging work and learning the ways of the college. Under these conditions no girl can feel utterly friendless and alone. She instinctively feels that there is a spirit of help and sympathy abroad.—*The Arrow*.

It was in the olden days (says the *Boston Budget*), when they were trying to introduce the Roman pronunciation of Latin instead of the Continental. They wanted to pronounce Cicero "Kickero" and Julius Cæsar "Yulius Kizer." Of course for a time there was a determined opposition, but gradually the schools fell into line with the colleges, and the Roman pronunciation soon held undisputed sway. But there was one female seminary in Western Massachusetts that successfully resisted the progress of those hated *C's* and *J's*. To the faculty it was more a question of expediency than of principle, so in open session it was "Resolved, That the faculty of H—— Ladies' Seminary condemns the introduction of the Roman method of Latin pronunciation. since the motto of the seminary forbids it." The motto was "Jubet Vicissim."

Hamilton College has just established a Fellowship in Science. One member of each class, who has distinguished himself in scientific study, will be enabled to take a year of post graduate study at one of the German Universities.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, in memory of their son, William Henry Vanderbilt, will build a new students' dormitory at Yale. The building will be of stone and fire proof, and when completed will be one of the finest on the quadrangle.—*Ex.*

Two prizes of \$1,000 and \$400 each have been established at Columbia for the best works in the English language showing special research in the history, geography, archeology, philology or numismatics of North America.—*Ex.*

The Wentworth bequest, which was left to Dartmouth College some years ago, with the condition that it should become available when it amounted to a half million dollars, has passed this figure, and will become available at once.

One of the most elegant chapter houses in the country, that of Sigma Phi, at Williams College, was recently destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

According to President Eliot's last annual report, four professors, four assistant professors, and six instructors have declined advantageous offers from other institutions.

In order to relieve the under graduates of what is believed to be an unnecessary burden, Harvard has decided to elect a graduate as general treasurer and manager of the various athletic teams.

The Rev. Dr. Andrew P. Peabody, who died March 10th, had been for thirty-two years connected with the faculty of Harvard College.

The movement for a Phillips Brooks Memorial Hall at Harvard has already taken definite shape. Three hundred thousand dollars is the sum asked for, and the class of '55, Bishop Brooks' class, agree to give the last \$10,000 in each \$100,000.

Sigma Nu has entered Vanderbilt University.

A Senior society has been formed at Brown University, which greatly interests all under-graduates. The membership is confined to regular course men. It is expected the organization, known as the Cammarian Club, will include in its membership men of faithful scholarship and of unimpeachable character. If this aim is realized, it will become one of the highest honors of a man's whole course.—*Albany Journal*.

Assistant District Attorney Harry D. Macdona is organizing a chapter in this city, of the secret society known as the Phi Kappa Sigma. Graduates of Catholic colleges and Catholic graduates of other colleges, will be eligible to admission. Mr. Macdona has asked members of the Union, Manhattan and University clubs and of the Bar Association to become members. The first chapter of the society was established in Brown University. It is called the Charles Carroll Chapter. Other chapters are organizing at Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Columbia and Cornell. They are to be named, like the first, after eminent American Catholics. One object of the organization of the society is to supply Catholic books to the institutions in which it is to be established.—*New York Sun*.

The editor of *Ariel* made a very pertinent clipping from *Life* in the following: In response to the oft-repeated newspaper assertion that modern college students are now nothing but amateur athletes, *Life*, which, like the fool of Shakespeare, has the faculty of uttering more wise things than many a philosopher, said in last week's issue: "Their interest in athletics is noisy. Athletics are good to holler about and dispute over. Athletic squabbles make far better newspaper reading than paragraphs about Romance, French, Differential Calculus and consequently they get far more newspaper space. But all the time the great mass of under-graduates are quietly putting in five or six hours work on the intellectual side of education for every one that they devote to athletics or athletic interests.

The Harvard graduate committee has secured \$47,000 of the sum needed for the improvement of the new athletic field. The undergraduates are making the amount up to \$50,000.

A recommendation from the Committee on Government, that some of the scholarships of the college, be open to general competition, regardless of the pecuniary circumstances of the competitors, has been voted down by the Harvard Overseers.

A children's ward in the University Hospital is to be established as a memorial of the late Dr. D. Hayes Agnew, who was for many years connected with the faculty of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania.

In his seventh annual report President Gilman, of Johns Hopkins University, makes the statement that the annual income from the securities given by the founder, has decreased \$75,000, and urges an effort to enlarge the resources of the university.

The University of Pennsylvania has established a scholarship for the study of architecture—the competitive examination is open to any draughtsman in Pennsylvania, and the successful candidate will have a year of study and travel abroad.

Wabash College has recently received a bequest of \$60,000 which, however, will only become productive on the condition that women are admitted on equal terms with men. Wabash is the only college in Indiana that does not admit women.—*Ariel*.

The inauguration of Prof. William Jewett Tucker, D. D., as president of Dartmouth College, is expected to occur in June, as his resignation at Andover does not take effect until May.

The new \$40,000 gymnasium at the University of Virginia is nearly completed. It is said to be inferior to no gymnasium in the country, in the way of apparatus and attention to detail.

An unique prize has been offered at Dartmouth. It consists of \$60 to be given to that athlete in each class, who shall maintain the highest record in scholarship.

The seniors at Dickinson College are wearing the Oxford cap and gown.

A chapter of Phi Gamma Delta was instituted at Trinity College, February 11th, with ten members.

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There were 2,777 photographs taken at Cambridge last year, and 2,000 at the Harvard station in Peru.

It is said an aluminium shell will be ordered for trial by Woodruff, the trainer of the University of Pennsylvania crew.

The catalogue of Brown University shows over 500 students, the largest number in the history of the university.

Phi Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha Theta have entered Illinois University.

Chicago University reports a total of 899 students, lecturers, instructors and fellows.

The contract has been let for a new chemical laboratory at Albion College and as soon as this is finished a \$50,000 library building is to be erected.

Phi Kappa Psi has withdrawn her charter from the Ohio Gamma chapter at Wooster, owing to the low standard maintained in that institution.

Since Harvard University was founded, two centuries and a half ago, but one of her graduates has suffered execution, and he was accused of witchcraft.

It is expected that with the next college year, a new course, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Letters, will be established at Williams College.

Melville D. Landon, (Eli Perkins), who graduated from Union College in the class of '61, was recently initiated into the Union chapter, of Beta Theta Pi.



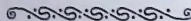
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Sigma Chi has re-established her Epsilon chapter at Columbian University.

Wesleyan University has adopted a plan similar to that in operation at Princeton, to do away with cheating at examinations.

A six years course is offered at the University of Michigan, which when completed, gives degrees in both science and medicine.

The trustees of the University of Pennsylvania have adopted plans for a new laboratory, with facilities for work in general, analytic, and organic chemistry.

According to the *College Fraternity* the South Carolina College has become a factor in state politics, and is likely to suffer in consequence.

At the Hamilton College reunion, held in Chicago on December 30th, over one-third of the graduates present were members of Theta Delta Chi.

Two lots of land have been given to Dickinson College, with the condition that a building for college purposes, and costing \$25,000, be erected upon each of them.

The trustees of Tuft's College have received \$40,000 from the estate of P. T. Barnum. The money will be expended this spring in the construction of an addition to the Barnum Museum.

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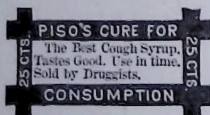
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## HEROES IN HOMESPUN.

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An Oration Delivered at the Banquet of the New England Association, April 19th, by the Rev. Charles Goodell, Lambda, '77, Boston, Mass.

In the early days of Greece, Homer sang in his *Odyssey* the brave story of gods and men. Out of the Augustan age of Roman literature came the *Æneid* of Virgil, still sounding with the clash of arms. Later, Italy gave us the *Orlando Furioso* of Ariosto. Spain presents the world the thrilling story of the *Cid*, and English boys still read with burning cheeks of the glory of their land under good King Arthur and his noble knights. America's epic is yet to be written, I do not know what inspired pen will write it; I cannot tell what year the waiting millions will hail its coming, but I am sure I can tell who will be the heroes and what will be its theme. It will be the apotheosis of labor and duty. It will not be the story of some gay Paris and fair but wayward Helen. It will not deify the Greek who bides surlily in his tent while others go to battle. It will tell how the true-hearted came,

"Not with the sound of the stirring drum  
Or the trumpet that sings with fame."

It will tell how brave men and women arose in faith from their knees, committed themselves to the deep, and with liberty at the prow and conscience at the helm sailed for sixty-four days a wintry sea that they might find a land where they might walk humbly with God. If the nobility of the theme be the measure of the grandeur of the song, then the world's

greatest epic is yet to come. I cannot write the epic, but I count myself happy to name the hero. It has long been a matter of indifference to the slumberers in the unknown and corn-covered graves of Plymouth, and to those who sleep in old Shawmut, by the granary and King's Chapel, what might be said of them by those who trundle the wheels of commerce above their heads. It is not therefore for their sakes but ours that I ask you to look with me at the hero of the new Iliad. He is not clad in breast-plate and helmet, he rides no fiery charger, he bears no lance in rest. His step is slow and measured, but as firm as the granite on which he treads. His old steeple-crowned hat is drawn low on his forehead. He is clad from head to foot in homespun, as honest as the heart that beats underneath it. Such a hero doubtless seemed tame to the poets of the past and may seem tame to the thoughtless of to-day. But we have lived long enough to know that the fiercest battles are not waged with rifle and sabre, nor are the grandest victories plucked from the cannon's mouth. The pompous knight and the gay cavalier have had their day. The world goes no more that way in its search for heroes ; but if those men in homespun were not heroes then the world has had none.

As we look back 250 years we do not catch the rustle of silk, the waving of plume, or the click of golden spur. We are not awed by the rise and fall of royal families "whose doom was in their blood." We have simply the homespun fate of Jonathan and Patience, for whose history a line each in the old family bible for birth, marriage and death suffices. It has become quite the fashion to sneer at the Puritan ; to laugh at his awkward ways, his homespun dress and blue laws. The Back-bay contingent which walks in patent leathers with elbows out and is "English, don't you know," marks him as one degree removed from the aborigines. That's his opinion of the Puritan. It would be interesting to wake old John Winthrop from the dead and hear what the Puritan has to say of the Yankee dude. You remember the muse of Lowell *does* bring back the ghost of Miles Standish, and this is what he says :

"I come from Plymouth deadlly bored  
 With toasts and songs and speeches  
 As long and flat as my old sword,  
 As threadbare as my breeches.  
 They understand us pilgrims? they  
 Smooth men with rosy faces ;  
 Strength, knots and gnarls all pared away  
 And varnish in their places !  
 We had some toughness in our grain,  
 The eye to rightly see us is  
 Not just the one that lights the brain  
 Of drawing-room Tyrtaeuses.  
 They talk about their Pilgrim blood ;  
 Their birth-right high and holy,  
 A mountain stream that ends in mud  
 Methinks is melancholy."

Our fathers used to rise with the lark, but these fellows sit up at night to go on one. They tell us in their after-dinner speeches that the old Puritan was not the most rollicking, the jolliest or the most playful of men. He at times amused himself sadly ; he was given to a mild disregard of the conventionalities. He had suppressed bear-baiting, not, it is believed, because it gave pain to the bear, but because it gave pleasure to the audience. He is said to have fallen first on his knees and then on the aborigines. He was surrounded with trouble—he had to keep the Indians under fire and the witches over it. He was not nice. He had no amiable weakness except Holland gin—begun on account of snake-bites and left off on account of mental attacks from the same reptiles. He never suspended discipline long enough to laugh at the pranks of a monkey, or steal a kiss from his sweetheart before marriage, or if he did, asked a blessing before it and returned thanks afterwards.

He was angular, grim and unjoyous. Persecution produced him, and ease in Zion wilted and eliminated him. But he was as strong as a Roman bridge, and to him we owe the genius of our institutions and the greatness and glory of the republic.

He was not a pretty head cut in cherry-stone, but a Colossus cut from the rock, huge, grim and awe-inspiring. Fortifying to the soul if not warming to the heart, you could not pry out

of him his faith in God and his reliance on himself if you had the "tire of all creation straightened out for a crow-bar." The Puritan had rigid laws. No person shall take tobacco publicly under penalty of one shilling. Young men and maidens not to walk after 10 o'clock. If a man refuse to serve as governor he was to be fined \$150.

They were men of faith. In a school the teacher announced the chapter he should read the next day. The boys found the place and glued two pages together. The next morning the teacher read at the bottom of the page, "When Noah was a hundred and twenty years old he took to himself a wife who was—" then turning the page—"40 cubits long, 40 cubits wide, built of gopher wood and covered with pitch inside and out." "My friends," said the teacher, "this is the first time I ever met this in the Bible, but I accept it as evidence of the assertion that we are fearfully and wonderfully made."

Let your lads and dudenos poke fun at your pilgrim. Let the little fellows in lavender criticise the stern Puritan. The great and noble thoughts that surged under his old steeple-crowned hats would overwhelm the little brains of a thousand of his critics, like a Niagara let loose upon a boy's water-wheel. We pride ourselves on our sweetness and light; on our culture and manners; we are obliging and hospitable souls. Like an omnibus we take on board anybody or anything which beckons to us as we pass.

We keep open house and the latch-string is always out. "We would give God and the devils room on the same floor and entertain them on equal terms" as George Eliot has said; but the Puritan was not so. It is said he was narrow. He was; and so is the sword of righteousness and everything else that has an edge to it.

That we may answer a little more definitely these charges of bigotry and intolerance let us look more particularly into these men's lives. Who were they, in what times did they live and what was their purpose in coming to our shores? Perhaps I ought in passing to notice the difference between the Puritan and the Pilgrim. As a matter of fact there was not a great difference. Beecher says the Pilgrims were to the Puritans

what cream is to milk. Technically, however, the Pilgrims were the Separatists, who did not accept the forms and services of the English Church as established under Queen Elizabeth and so refused to abide in it. They were the subjects of persecution under Elizabeth and James I. The Puritans shared largely the feelings of the Pilgrim or Separatists, they desired that all Romish forms and liturgy should be given up, that the pure word of God should be the only rule of life and worship. But they remained nominally in the established church hoping for a fuller reformation which never came. The Non-conformist clergy, or Puritans, as they were called, because of their desire for a purer church and the pure word of God, were deprived of their church livings, and their associates were subject to constant severity and persecution.

In seeking an asylum in this land the Pilgrim preceded the Puritan by ten years, and what the Mayflower was to the Plymouth colony the Arabella was to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. But what was their object in coming? Let us ask the men who sailed up the Mystic and those who in the cabin of the Mayflower began the first state document with the pious words "In the name of God, amen"—let us ask these men why they came. In our time men emigrate because they are hungry and want bread. The Chinese and Irish came to better their fortunes. There is a vast difference between a new country settled by hungry stomachs and one settled by hungry souls and consciences determined to be free. They came to keep company with God and endure hardness in a strange land. The Pilgrims were not peasants, the Puritans did not belong to the great unwashed; they were a cultured company. Fellows of Oxford and Cambridge were among them. They knew that the hope of the world was in the common people, not in king or aristocracy; to make the state strong the foundation must be strong. The old aristocratic idea was to build an additional upper story and lift up the rest after it, but the old Puritan said put your jackscrews under the bottom and as the bottom rises the top will also become elevated.

They did not come as adventurers or to make money by conquest or trade. "Their motive," says Everett, "is the

spring of all that is truly great in human affairs." God picked out the hardest place on earth and said, see what men inspired of liberty and God can do. They had one idea it is true, but it was an idea born of the spirit and not of the flesh, an idea of the same stuff that Paul's was made of which turned the world upside down, overthrew the Gods of paganism, broke the fasces and trailed the eagles of thirty legions in the dust, and dragged the dazed Cæsar from his throne." It has been said that they came to afford an asylum for the religiously oppressed of every class and they have therefore been abused because they sent from their midst the good but "conscientiously contentious," Roger Williams and others who did not believe with them. They never came with any such idea. However desirous such a thing might have been, the Puritans had no notion of tolerating mischief.

They looked upon their little common-wealth as their own private estate, as they had a perfect right to do, and would no more allow the devil's religion of unreason to be preached therein than we should permit a prize fight in our front yards. They are called hard, but feathers are not good to break rocks! None but the stern and hard could have lived in their way. "They did not begin a fight but they never left one until they had it their way. They found religious things as they thought impressed into the service of idolatry. Avenues of enjoyment were so stuffed with evil that they did with comparatively little things what men do with clothes, who unexpectedly meet certain nocturnal animals, brushing will not answer, cologne will not do—they bury them."

They ventured their souls, bodies, and fortune in a religious commonwealth. Do you blame them because they desired to be freed from the presence of those whom they thought likely to overthrow the state? Try them by the times in which they lived, remember from what school they had come and what tuition they had received from lash and jail and headsman's axe.

They had things in their own hands, their greatest historian has said they might have set up a hierarchy, but they did not. They might have endowed and entirely supported the church

out of the state but they did not. England was in fearful struggle; France in convulsions; Germany was in the birth throes which gave her protestantism; those days will be remembered by the Dutch as long as Holland dykes keep back the sea. So had our forefathers laid the foundation of the most rigid ecclesiastical system that ever oppressed the world and locked up the wealth of a quarter of New England in mort-main to do it there was not a community in christendom to bear witness against them.

Measured by our times and standards they were harsh and intolerant. But those were stormy times in which they lived. We have had some since their day. What would we have done if a slave-holder had set up a plantation in Massachusetts and tilled it with slaves in 1861? You can say on the street to-morrow that the war was a failure and very likely the only answer you would get would be a smile for your joke or a sneer for your ignorance. But if you had said the same thing in '63 or '64 you would have had an overcoat of feathers and a free horse to ride from the nearest fence.

That question is settled, and many other questions of faith likewise, so that men are not made enemies by the turn of a word.

But I have not spoken of their great crime. It is said that they burned witches, it is false, no witch was ever burned in New England; they did hang them and for that I am sorry, I wish that blot did not rest upon the first pages of American history, but were they the only ones who did so?

You would think so when you hear their critics, but what are the facts. These in brief. The penal statutes of every civilized state on earth recognized and punished witchcraft as a capital crime. They came from a country where more than a thousand had been executed as witches in one city in a single year and 5,000 had lost their lives in Europe the year before under the charge of witchcraft. Lecky gives at Treve 7,000 burned; 600 by one bishop; the entire execution at Salem numbered 20, in Genoa before the days of Calvin 500 witches were executed in three months. Said Luther, I would have no compassion on these witches, I would burn them all. In

Rhode Island so late as 1728—even in the land of Roger Williams—a law against witchcraft made it punishable with death, so in Virginia and South Carolina. Do you wonder then that they thought there *was* such a thing as witchcraft? If there was, hanging was none too good for it. Is it strange that New England had a few drops where old England had a deluge?

We do not believe in witches! Oh no! we are too wise! but we have our own little amusements along the same line which have come to us as heirlooms. We would not believe poor Julia Cox if she were to tell us how three persons met her on broom sticks, borne a yard and a half above the ground; two of whom she knew had been hanged for witchcraft. But we go to a darkened room, pay our dollar, see a face in the cabinet purporting to be that of one whom we know used to keep better company, or catch a vision of hands without bodies and come away content. Poor Christian Greene got only four pence half penny for her soul but souls are even cheaper now for many give theirs without return and throw a fortune in.

It is not best for us to roll many large stones into the puritan camp so long as fifty astrologers and seers advertise themselves in Boston and are apparently well supported.

The Puritans had their faults, they were narrow and uncongenial. They could not understand the text "I have piped to you and ye have not danced," nor conceive that saving one's soul should be the cheerfullest and not the dreariest business. I do not deny that they had as many sharp points in their religion as christian charity required. But when God prepares a hammer it will not be of silk, and theirs was not an age for easy compliances and flowing lines of opinion.

They stood for God and religion alone, they asked for nothing, planned for nothing, hoped for nothing save what should come of their religion. They believed in the Bible and in God's decrees. They came over to profess the one and fulfill the other. They did not begin at the zero point in themselves, but at duty. They will do below only what they seek above. They will give us only the reward of their lives and

what may be distilled from their prayers and in these they give us all."

Is a state is to be founded, a society organized, a battle fought against Xerxes or the devil, then we want a puritan, a man of iron and blood who has abandoned the flesh, who is strong in duty, who enshrines worship on the domestic hearth, truth before the tribunals, honesty in his counting house, sobriety in his workshop, and puts "science and truth into everything he does. Pessimists will never lead a forlorn hope. Agnosticism will never build a Pantheon and the science which puts out the old stars, advocates a philosophy of dirt and protoplasm, will only make virtue a name and heroism a memory."

Our tastes go with the Cavalier but our principles will hold to the Puritan. Chivalry refined manners, Puritanism created manliness and fortified virtue in the soul. Chivalry adorned life, Puritanism enriched it by sowing the seed of truth and duty to God. Chivalry could die for a lady's glove or a fancied slight. Puritanism for human right, freedom and truth.

Such were the men who came to these surly shores.

They saw the fair west wind belly the homeward sail of their vessel and then turned unrepining to grapple with the terrible unknown. Thrift was the first lesson in their horn book, pointed out letter after letter by the lean finger of the hard schoolmaster—Necessity.

They were not plump rosy cheeked Englishmen who came, but an earnest-eyed race stiff from long wrestling with the Lord in prayer. Add 200 years influence of soil, climate and exposure and we have the present yankee, full of expedients, "with a clasp to his purse and a button to his pocket, accustomed to move the world with no standing place but his own two feet, and no lever but his own long forecast."

He will make a living out of anything. His brain is his capital, and he will get education at all risks. Put him on Juan Fernandez and he would make a spelling book first and a salt pan afterwards. But Jonathan is still conscious that he lives in the world of the unseen as well as the seen. To move

John Bull you must make your fulcrum of solid beef and pudding, an abstract idea will do for Jonathan. I have dwelt on that side of his life when I painted the Puritan. I want to tell you the home life of the Puritan by painting the yankee as I heard of him and knew him in my country home nearly a generation ago. A good driver, but a balky horse, hard to curb and never takes kindly to blinders, bits or reins.

Swift to take chances that end in the dollar,  
 Yet open of hand when the dollar is made.  
 Maintaining the meet'n, exalting the scholar,  
 But a leetle too anxious about a good trade.  
 This is young Jonathan, son of old John !  
 Positive, peaceable, firm in the right,  
 Sturdy for freedom and strong in her might.

He comes honestly enough by his ability for trade. His ancestors paid their first national debt with wampum belt of quahaug shells, and when the trade was over the yankee had parted with his wampum which he did not want and had the Indian's furs, which he did want.

One phrase is born with the yankee that is "How'll you swap?"

Gen. Porter tells this story of his experience with a yankee. "I fell in with a Connecticut man in camp. He invited me to his quarters. When I got back to my regiment I had a shabby overcoat in place of my new one, a frying pan worth twenty cents that cost me \$5, a receipt for baked beans for which I parted with my gold pen and pencil."

He prides himself on getting the best end of the bargain and some would rather be charged with crime than incompetency.

As one such was dying his wife asked him if he died happy, "Well, my dear, I don't know, but I think I have bested as many men as have bested me."

A yankee sent his son to New Orleans to speculate on cotton and he was rapidly making a mess of it. He telegraphed to know how he was getting along. The son replied, "I'm about even on cotton but I'm \$7.50 ahead on draw poker."

The father telegraphed "Drop cotton and stick to poker."

He knows the worth of a dollar and it sometimes seems he holds it so near his eye that it hides love and sympathy.

It was a yankee woman who, when her husband fell from the top to the bottom of the stairs with a pitcher of milk, called out from the top "Did you break the pitcher, John?" "No," said her husband between his groans "but I'll be dinged if I don't," as he dashed it against the wall.

The yankee like the cat always strikes on his feet, and knows the way out of hard places as a goat knows the way up a mountain.

An editor gave an obituary of a townsman who appeared next day alive at the office, "Can't correct it" said the scribe, "but I will put you in among the births."

Why isn't Boston better laid out?

It will be when it is as dead as Philadelphia.

He loved the useful and knew little about the ornamental.

With the darkey he said, "de shirt buttons may help de look ob tings but it am de 'spender buttons that does the solid work," and it was solid work he wanted.

Men may laugh at the yankee, talk of his close-fisted generosity, say he's hard to live with, but the world couldn't live without him.

When you want a man to build a railroad, run the telegraph or hitch any motive power to the chariot of public welfare, its the yankee who couples them together.

When right is imperiled or weakness wants a friend he'll be the first man at the front.

His ready laughter made privation light and his brave heart no peril could daunt, his commander said he would keep on the march "as long as he had upper garments enough to wad a gun or nether garments enough to flag a train."

He was the last man on the retreat and the first man at the enemy's smoke house, excusing himself by saying, "I've learned how to form double column at half distance, but never how to perform double distance on half rations." When Sherman told them to ford a river which had six miles of swamp on either side, in went the Yankee without a word. For six hours he floundered in mud and water, but he kept his grit

and temper, saying to his friend, "Josh, I'm blowed if I don't believe that we have struck this here river lengthwise."

Not a battery commander that did not feel his heart grow lighter and his guns safer as he saw a Yankee regiment come to his support. It was the conscience of New England that said slavery was a shame and a curse, and it was the grit of New England that broke its chains on American soil forever.

But I ask you now to come nearer and look at our home-spun hero as he walks the uneventful paths winding among hills and valleys, past the homes, the church, the school-house, and ending in the little plot of ground where the tall grass nods in the wind, trodden by few feet and watered by fewer tears.

"Where each in his narrow cell forever  
The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."

"The dreariest spot in all the land  
To death they set apart,  
With scant grace from nature's hand  
And none from that of art."

"Yet even these bones from insult to protect  
Some frail memorial still erected nigh,  
With uncouth rhymes and shapeless 'scription decked,  
Implores the passing tribute of a sigh."

When the true New England boy leaves his home to make his way in the world, his affections still cling to the old fire-side and its precious memories. It is the one touch of nature which makes us kin. No noise of city or rush of flying feet can banish the old sights and sounds. Every spot in the well remembered landscape has its memories.

"The orchard, the meadow, the deep-tangled wildwood,  
And every loved spot which my infancy knew!  
The wide spreading pond, and the mill that stood by it;  
The bridge, and the rock where the cataract fell;  
The cot of my father, and the dairy house nigh it,  
And e'en the rude bucket that hung in the well."

The old house had no frescoes unless it were the one which the smoke had painted for fifty years upon its rafters. In its great chimneys the swallows built their nests. There the

strong hand of father or the tender love of mother tucked us up in the trundle bed with cheeks aglow in the frosty air, or when the patter of the rain upon the shingles lulled us to sleep,

“ Within our beds awhile we heard  
The wind that round the gables roared,  
With now and then a ruder shock  
Which made our very bedsteads rock.  
We heard the loosen clapboards toss't,  
The board nails snapping in the frost,  
And on us through the unplastered wall  
Felt the light sifted snow-flakes fall.  
But sleep stole on, as sleep will do  
When hearts are light and life is new,  
Faint and more faint the murmurs grew,  
Till in the summer land of dreams  
They softened to the sound of streams,  
Low stir of leaves and dip of oars,  
And lapsing waves on quiet shores.”

“ There in fancy comes my mother, as she used to years ago,  
To survey the infant sleepers ere she left them till the dawn ;  
I can see her bending o'er me as I listen to the strain  
Which is played upon the shingles by the patter of the rain.”

Most of all to be remembered are those friendly circles gathered so often around the winter's brightly blazing, hospitable fire. In early dusk the home circle is drawn more closely and quietly around it ; but a good neighbor and his wife drop in socially from over the way and the circle begins to spread. Next a few young folks from the other end of the village, entering in brisker mood, find as many more chairs set in, as wedges into the periphery. And then a friendly sleighfull of old and young, that have come down from the hills to spend an hour or two, spread the circle again, moving it still further back from the fire ; and the fire blazes just as much higher and more brightly, having a new stick added for every guest. There is no restraint, certainly no affectation of style. They are serious and gay by turns. The young folks come on with some play, while the fathers and mothers are discussing some hard point of theology in the minister's last sermon ; or perhaps the great danger

coming to sound morals from the multiplication of turnpikes and newspapers. Meantime the good housewife brings out her choice stock of home grown exotics, gathered from three realms—doughnuts from the pantry, hickory nuts from the chamber and the nicest, smoothest apples from the cellar, all which included, I suppose I must add a rather unpoetic beverage that gave its acid smack to ancient hospitality, all discussed freely with no fear of consequences. And then, as the tall clock in the corner of the room ticks on majestically towards 9, conversation takes, it may be, a little more serious turn, and it is suggested that a very happy evening may fitly be ended with prayer. Whereupon the circle breaks up with a reverent look upon their faces, which is itself the truest language of an association blest by human fellowship.

Such, in general, was the society of the homespun age in the sacred retreats of feeling, truth and piety.

My own country home was built nearly one hundred years ago, and was called the Black Tavern. I can lie awake pleasantly half of the night by the light of the fireplace, and think I hear the sturdy step of the swains and lassies who danced on my bedroom floor a hundred years ago. I know well the names and I can show you where they sleep. I have scraped the moss from the slate headstones and can repeat the homely rhymes which tell their virtues. I confess I am sometimes stirred. The cherubs on those headstones used to frighten me; now they make me mad. To read of the sweet grace of some lovely Priscilla, and then to see above a carving that looks like the face of a rag baby drawn with a match, is not soothing. But nature is kindly rubbing them out and hiding them with lichens, buttercups and daisies. Ah, well! the old stone cutter did his best with his clumsy tools and cruder art. His tears, which I fancy fell upon his work as he carved each well-known name, were just as genuine as though he had known his art better.

But I started a moment ago in the tavern and here I am in the graveyard. Alas, it is too often so, both in their time and in ours. Let us hasten to pleasanter thoughts.

How I wish I could paint for you as I have seen it, glorious

Thanksgiving day ! Day of reunions, of turkey and sermons ! of barn tick and pumpkin pie ! How we ate ! " God help me I can take no other course." Shall I ever forget our game of ball ! It was after dinner. We all felt the need of exercise immediately, and were yet too full for exercise, though not for utterance. Two college boys to pitch and catch and four old boys of 65 to bat, two of them deacons ; a bat sawed from a canopy-top bedstead long since discarded. How we screamed when the rheumatic arms struck out long after the ball was safe in the catcher's hands. And once mustering all his strength the good deacon launched his fiercest blow, and the bat instead of the ball landed at the short stop's feet. " If I'd a hit that she'd a gone clean over the mulberry trees," said the old Puritan, as he mournfully made way for the next at the bat. It is twenty years since then, and half the company have crossed the goal called death, but I still see their gray hairs streaming in the wind and listen to their lusty shout, fit answer to the sneer that the Puritan had no cheer of heart. Next to his home stood the meeting house, with the town house under it, relic of the days of the half way covenant. How solemn were the tones of the bell. To this day I have never heard any so sweet. *They* put their churches on the hill, *we* often in the valley—token, it may be, that their thoughts as well as their feet were oftener bent upward. I remember the stately women, with husbands bearing foot-stones walking by their sides, for there were no stoves in the church. I share again the feeling of the little girl who saw the parson with white neck-cloth and whiter hair walk slowly and with painful solemnity up to his place under the high sounding board, and whispered to her mother, " Is that the Almighty ?" They were not twenty-minute sermonettes which we heard. They were as deep as the sea and almost as extended. When the Pilgrims set out from Leyden, Robinson preached a sermon lasting all day, and then they were refreshed with psalm singing, which lasted all night. And, according to Puritan standards of enjoyment they had a thoroughly good time. And the New England of fifty years ago was not much behind them, though in some particulars even then it had changed. When Henry

Ward Beecher was ordained the chairman asked him the regulation Calvinistic question, "Are you willing to be saved by consenting to be damned" for the glory of God? "No, Mr. Moderator; but I am perfectly willing that you should be." Whenever you find a thoroughbred Yankee, you will find a man that seeks to build a church and school house, that thus the farm may be worth the having. New England in her schools has set the pattern for the world, and raised by it the greatest bulwark for liberty against ignorance and license. I cannot speak of its merits or dwell upon its influence. I only move the wand of memory to bring back the little red school house at the four corners in the woods, as all New England knew it half a century ago.

Bushnell thus describes a generation earlier than I knew :

Passing through some Massachusetts village, perhaps at a distance from any house, it may be in the midst of a piece of woods where four roads meet, one may sometimes even yet see a small square one-story building whose use would not be long doubtful, It is summer and the flickering shadow of forest leaves dapples the roof of the little porch. The door stands wide and shows hanging on either hand rows of straw hats and bonnets that look as if they had done good service. As you pass the open windows you hear whole platoons of high-pitched voices discharging words of two or three syllables with wonderful precision and unanimity ; then there is a pause and the voice of the officer in command is heard reproving some raw recruit whose vocal musket hung fire. Then the drill of the small infantry begins anew but pauses again because of some urchin who agrees with Voltaire that the superfluous is a very necessary thing and insists on spelling subtraction with an s too much.

If you have the good fortune to be born and bred in the Bay State, your mind is thronged with half-sad half-humorous recollections. The a b abs of little voices long since hushed in the mold, or ringing now in the pulpit, at the bar or in the senate chamber, come back to the ear of memory. You remember the high stool on which culprits used to be elevated; with a tall paper fool's cap on their head, blushing to the ears,

and you think with wonder how you have seen them since as men climbing the world's penance stools of ambition without a blush, and gladly giving everything for life's cap and bells.

And you have pleasanter memories of going after pond lilies and of angling for horn-pouts—that queer bat among the fishes; of nutting, and walking over the creaking snow-crust in winter when the warm breath of every household was curling up silently in the keen blue air. You wonder if life has any rewards more solid and permanent than the Spanish dollar that was hung around your neck to be restored again the next day and conclude sadly that it was but too true a prophecy and emblem of all worldly success.

But your moralizing is broken short off by a rattle of feet and the pouring forth of the whole swarm—the boys dancing and shouting, the mere effervescence of animal spirits uncorked; the sedater girls in confidential twos and threes descanting secrets out of the mouth of one cape bonnet into that of another. Times have changed since the jackets and trousers used to draw up on one side of the road and petticoats on the other to salute with bow and scrape the white neckcloth of the parson or the squire if it chanced to pass during intermission.

Lowell gives us this lament from the past :

There's a small school'us there where four roads meet,  
 The doorstep hollowed out by little feet  
 An' side post carved with names whose owners grew  
 To great men some on 'um and deacons tu ;  
 T'aint used no longer 'cos the town has gut  
 A high school where they teach the Lord knows what.  
 Three-story larnin's pop'lar now ; I guess  
 We thruv as well on jes' two stories less ;  
 For it strikes me there's such a thing as sinin'  
 By overloading children's underpinning.  
 Wal, here it was I learned my A, B, C,  
 And it's a kind o' favorite spot with me.

For myself I remember well the old schoolhouse with its box stove, which had lost two legs in battle and been supplied with artificial limbs in the shape of a brick under each rear corner, a big zig-zag crack in either side, caused by some unknown boy placing a snowball on it when red hot.

In those days they treated the teacher like the town poor and sent him to board around to the lowest bidders.

A great deal depended on getting the back seat. The nooning resembled very much the New York stock exchange of to-day. When the bell struck out came the dinner pail. About one-half of the dinner had been eaten at recess or surreptitiously stowed away in odd mouthfuls during the study hour, so that in five minutes the last lagging boy was ready for ball.

We read in the geography that the occupation of the Indian was hunting, fishing and war. We never ceased to lament that we were not born Indians.

The old story, "It wouldn't do."

Sit on the girls' side:

Two passages for pudding and milk.

"The clapper must go, like time."

Did you ever know the youth who had not some personal history of school life?

"Whipped me worse than he did before."

The old school house is gone. The stern hand which wielded the ruler and birch long since fallen helpless at the master's side; but something remains of them still; it is America.

"I've wandered to the village, Tom; I've sat beneath the tree  
Upon the school house play-ground which sheltered you and me;  
But none were there to greet me, Tom, and few were left to know  
That played with us upon the grass some twenty years ago."

I cannot enlarge upon another side of New England life, though I would gladly do so.

He was born too late who has never known the merry rout of the old-fashioned husking.

"Swung o'er the heaped-up harvest, from pitchforks in the mow,  
Shone dimly down the lanterns on the pleasant scene below;  
The growing pile of husks behind, the golden ears before,  
And laughing eyes and busy hands and brown cheeks glimmering o'er;  
While the master of the village school, sleek of hair and smooth of  
tongue,  
To the quaint tune of some old psalm a husking ballad sung."

Did you ever spend an evening in the village store, where all questions of science, politics and theology are set-

tled and where all the necessities of life are kept, from second-hand pulpits to gum drops? If you have ever watched the liquid shots at the ample stove hearth from every quarter of the room you know what sharp-shooting is. If you have ever held up the counter while two adventurous youths have flipped cents at a crack with popcorn balls for stakes, you have known greater excitement than the rise and fall of stocks or empires can ever bring.

But I detain you too long. We have had great men in New England—Winthrop, Adams, Otis, Hancock, Franklin, Webster and a score of sounding names of later date. The world has woven for them its garland and laid its royal robes upon their shoulders. But I lay my offering to-night upon the graves of the homespun heroes who made the others possible, but whose names the world will never know. Men who like the coral builders worked in silence and out of sight but lifted a continent to blossom over their graves. They found New England of ledge and sand—they have made it like the garden of the Lord. Through them it has become the synonym for struggle and victory the world over.

The Puritan himself has gone. We shall not see him any more. A new generation has come and gone and some of them take his name in vain. When I watch the shuffling, uncertain feet of the votaries of pleasure who throng our streets I cry in my heart for another day of that Puritan tread which has shaken the world. But as I speak I hear it coming. I turn round and look into the face of the new hero. He wears broadcloth instead of homespun, but as of old

"His strength is as the strength of ten  
Because his heart is pure,"

There are yet some who can act and suffer for God's sake who despise gaudy iniquity, who insist on truth in the council and righteousness in the church, who will not ride in luxury with the devil but will go with God on foot. And these are of the royal family, whether they lived in 1620 or 1890, in city or country, and whether covered with ermine or homespun.

Every age has its object of ambition. Once personal courage was most esteemed. Then Horatius held the bridge,

Decius offered himself to the Manes and Brutus stabbed Cæsar at the base of Pompey's statue. Once it was saintliness of life; then every man desired to be a hermit or a monk, and a king held the stirrup for a pope to mount.

Conscience and duty were the stars in our fathers' skies, and guided by these they bid fair to bring into port the grandest nation ever launched. From them we learn that strength is necessary, refinement optional, that righteousness and justice are the foundations, while culture and art are but filigree and ornamentation and that in the battle which all must wage he who fears God and pays attention to conduct will never be whipped. And brave men everywhere unite in sounding this from shore to shore.

"The Pilgrim spirit has not fled;  
It walks in noon's broad light,  
And it watches the bed of the glorious dead  
With the holy stars by night.  
It watches the bed of the brave who have bled  
And shall guard this icebound shore  
Till the waves of the bay where the Mayflower lay  
Shall foam and freeze no more."

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## THE PENNSYLVANIA BANQUET.

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The first annual banquet of the Pennsylvania charges of Theta Delta Chi was held at the Hotel Allen, Allentown, Pa., April 14, 1893. For some time previous the question of arranging such a banquet had been discussed, as it seemed that some steps should be taken to bring into closer relationship the three sister charges of Sigma, Phi and Nu Deuteron. It was therefore decided that a banquet should be held, and a committee of arrangements was appointed. Allentown was decided upon as being the best located place for such a banquet, and on the appointed evening thirty loyal young Theta Delts sat down to discuss the best menu that mine host could offer.

Like the Chicago banquet, described in the March SHIELD, the Pennsylvania assembly was composed entirely of young

men; and, judging from the account of the former, the two banquets must have presented more than one similarity. At such an assemblage of young men ardor often oversteps the bounds of temperance, but in the present instance there shone forth on every hand that true temperance and self-respect which is so characteristic of true gentlemen and Theta Delts, wherever we meet them. An evening spent in the company of such men leaves behind it pleasant memories, not to be forgotten.

After the menu had received due justice Brother Clarence Balentine, the Toastmaster of the evening, announced the following toasts :

Nu Deuteron's Present . . . . .	A. S. Clift
Nu Deuteron's Past . . . . .	C. W. Gearhart
Phi . . . . .	W. G. Chambers
The Shield . . . . .	G. G. Honness
Sigma's Present . . . . .	W. E. Vandermark
Sigma's Past . . . . .	L. A. Sassaman
The First Pennsylvania banquet of $\Theta \Delta X$ . . . . .	L. A. Kendall

Several extemporaneous toasts were also responded to, after which adjournment followed, amid general expressions of satisfaction. All present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the meeting was imbued with true fraternal spirit. New and lasting friendships had been formed, and everyone seemed to think that strenuous efforts should be made to have a similar banquet every year.

The following brothers were present :

Sigma.—L. A. Sassaman, '91, C. Balentine, '93, J. A. Underwood, '94, W. E. Vandermark, '95, W. E. Snyder, '96, S. M. Heim, '96.

Phi.—G. G. Honness, '93, Chas. Albertson, '93, J. J. Robinson, '93, W. G. Chambers, '94, Olin Barker, '95, R. J. Glick, '95, H. B. Seymour, '96, Fred Ahbe, '96, E. B. Twitmyer, '96, C. Lobingier, '96, J. H. Slocum, '96.

Nu Deuteron.—A. Johnston, '89, L. S. Harris, '93, C. W. Gearhart, '93, W. E. Holcombe, '94, L. A. Kendall, '95, C. H. Vansant, '95, B. I. Drake, '95, A. S. Clift, '95, R. B. Cable, '96, J. G. Lehman, '96, O. Z. Howard, '96, H. F. Russell, '96.

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