

and finally to breakfast at barbaric "commons," where board was dear at \$1 a week, though the very best board in town could be had for \$2. Lodgings were chiefly in tenement dormitories, and what few secret societies existed met in the lofts. At least it was so in Amherst, for the faculty were complaisant, and, by a subterfuge, consented to lease an extra suite of rooms in the top of North Middle College for *Δ K E* gatherings to a gentleman who was a member and occupied adjoining apartments."

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The *Delta of Sigma Nu* is largely given to chapter letters, some of them very bright and readable ones. No space is left for exchanges or news of other fraternities, which would seem a mistake, for it is surely a good thing for the members of any society to know something of what other societies are doing. The journal, however gives two excellent contributed articles. From one entitled "The Elements of a Strong Fraternity," we make an extract which goes to show that one society which has practiced what might be called extended extension is waking up to the dangers which this involves.

"We have stronger reasons for calling a halt upon the establishment of Chapters in small Colleges in the west :

First, let me say that a bulky Chapter roll will not make a strong fraternity. To prove the statement I only need point you to the standing of several large Fraternities who are rapidly sinking into mediocrity by granting every application for a charter presented, while on the other hand there are a few conservative Greek Societies that hold their strength in chapters well established in reputable Universities and Colleges. They grow slowly but every member is proud of his fellows and is ashamed of none of her brothers. Sigma Nu has committed no fault as yet perhaps but we feel that extreme caution in matters of extension is best."

Following this is an unsparing denunciation of "lifting," which would be interesting reading for certain parties. Fraternity men, are not as a rule, accustomed to hearing themselves called liars, perjurers, traitors, and by implication at least, thieves, yet it must be admitted that the indictment brought by the writer in Sigma Nu is well sustained.

"Leaving one Fraternity for another is not naturalization. It is desertion in the face of the enemy. It is not a change in opinion like a change from one political party to another. There is no question of political economy or creed at stake between the different Fraternities.

Save in their geographical situation and spirit of honor, all Fraternities are very much alike. The man who breaks his oath to his Fraternity is first of all no gentleman, for he will lie; he is a perjurer, for he has broken an oath; he has no sense of honor, for he has betrayed a sacred trust; he is a traitor, for he has been disloyal. By whatever train of self justifying reasoning he has arrived at the stage where he forswears his allegiance, he is still a liar, a perjurer, a man without honor, a traitor: And what shall we say of the Fraternity which tempts him to become this?" \* \* \* \* \*

"Another phase of lifting, aside from the dishonor, is the downright meanness of it. A Chapter exists in some College. The Alumni contribute money for it, ensconce it in a rented house or in a hall and provide it with expensive furniture. The Chapter is swallowed by some other fraternity, and the money and labor expended by the Alumni are inherited by another Fraternity. The link which bound the alumnus to his alma mater is destroyed. He no longer has the pleasure of visiting his Fraternity brothers when he visits the old college, a pleasure which he has purchased, and which belongs to him. His chapter has been stolen, his money has been stolen. The lifting fraternities have no compunctions about stealing furniture. They may not attempt to justify it in the same way they justified lifting. They do not take the trouble to justify it. They simply go ahead and do it. 'The king can do no wrong.' On more than one occasion have fraternities loudly proclaiming themselves gentlemen, rendered themselves liable to action for larceny."

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Is history about to repeat itself? Fortunes were lost and won, rivers of blood were shed, and deeds of desperate valor performed during the Wars of the Roses which long ago turned England into one vast battle ground. War has broken out between Alpha Tau Omega and Beta Theta Pi over the tea rose, more particularly the white variety, and the right of their respective members to wear it, or adorn their best girls with it. Not yet has a Shakespeare arisen to immortalize this warfare, but the editor of the *Palm* waxes valiant in the June number, and placing not a chip, but a rose on his shoulder, invites Beta Theta Pi to "come on." He demands to know why,

"Simply because a convention of Beta Theta Pi determined four years ago, that the rose (not any particular kind of rose, but the genus rose) should be the flower of that fraternity, therefore every other fraternity (perhaps fifty in all) must be forever barred from adopting any flower of this kind for its use, and have their choice limited to the few remaining

suitable flowers. What a predicament would result for those who were late in the field, after the lily, the violet, the pansy and others had been adopted!"

Brother, brother, go to the seedsman's catalogue, and there learn of wonders, such as will make the rose hide its diminished head. What of the chrysanthemum, the decorative poppy, or even bush lima beans?

But the *Palm* is not all warlike, the bill of fare which it sets before its readers is both varied and interesting, ranging from "A Colloquy on Missions," by a member whose mission work is in Japan, to a portrait and biography of a hero of the athletic field. The editor gives what he calls a "baccalaureate address" on Loyalty. The old question, "Should Sub-freshmen be Initiated?" comes up again like Banquo's ghost. The catalogue committee make an appeal which shows that their path is not one of roses, and give figures which seem to prove that the members are not, as a whole, wildly enthusiastic over the proposed Catalogue, or Fraternity Directory, as it is called.

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The *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta* for June is quite largely given to the history of her Tennessee chapters, and is illustrated by half tone plates of the chapter at Vanderbilt, and of the chapter houses at both Vanderbilt and Sewanee. An interesting part of the article on the Vanderbilt chapter is an account of its trials in the sub rosa stage of existence, and of its successful battle for recognition by the faculty. A most commendable feature of this number is what seems to be a complete list of the initiates for the year 1892-3, arranged by chapters and classes, the number in any one chapter ranging all the way from two to fifteen. There seem to be a large number of chapter letters, twenty-eight, but when we consider that there are nearly seventy chapters the proportion is not so good as in the journals of some societies which are not so expansive in their methods. No attention is given to exchanges, and even in Pot Pourri very little mention is made of any other fraternity than Phi Delta Theta.

The *Rainbow* of *Delta Tau Delta* for July is largely filled by anticipation and exhortation in regard to the meeting of the *Karneia* in August. Editor and contributors are alike outspoken concerning the need for a change in the constitution and policy of the fraternity. Evidently the editor is thoroughly awakened to the fact that the strength of the fraternity is not measured by the length of its chapter roll, though its weakness may be, for he says :

"But there is a broader, deeper matter, a principle out of which the policy should grow, that must be settled. A writer in the November *Rainbow* has so well expressed our view of the situation that we cannot do better than quote them : 'There is no merit in trying to disguise the fact that the attempt to maintain a goodly number of chapters, in both small and great institutions, where the ideals and influences (both, perhaps, in every way excellent) are widely different, will not much longer be a success. \* \* \* If two institutions, or two classes of institutions, have different tendencies, both strongly formative, the time must come when one must be chosen and the other rejected. \* \* \* It is not wholly a question of sentiment, but also one of organic health, not of predilection, but of loyalty.'"

But if this is plain speaking, what shall be said of such extracts as these ?

"We made mention in the last *Rainbow* of the necessity of some change in the manner of granting and withdrawing charters. The object in referring again to the subject is twofold : that emphasis may be laid upon the importance of this matter; and that some of the possible methods may be mentioned. As already said, the present method is altogether too slow and cumbersome. It is ideally democratic, democratic as an ancient Greek state (tho' this ideal of democracy did not influence the makers of the constitution, as the writer can testify) but it is so inefficient that the desirability of a change overbalances the undesirability of tinkering the constitution."

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"Delta Tau Delta needs "to get a motion on her." We are too slow these latter days, and, in the quaint words of the immortal Sairy Gamp, 'There's no denying, mister!' We have left those things undone, etc., largely because we have been slow. But there is some good in us after all. Yes, a good deal of good. We are not dead. We are not sleeping, nor even sleepy. We are just slow, excruciatingly, almost criminally slow ; slow to make up our minds as chapters, slow in sending in pieces of our made-up minds to the proper officers, slow to make up our mind as a fraternity, slow to put into operation our decision."

Verily there is great searching of heart in the camp of the Tau Deltas. Such frank confessions are more wholesome reading than the endless self gratulation which transfers to any fraternity the exploded maxim, that "The king can do wrong." May they get the desired "move" on and prosper.

Portraits of two members who may if they choose write "Honorable" before their names, enrich the June number of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*. There are also half-tone groups of two of the chapters. The Sigs are wont to celebrate their conventions and anniversaries with great enthusiasm, and in this number may be found a lively contribution to the history of these occasions, although the only item of general news which we are able to extract from it is that the Third Province favors the adoption of the white carnation as the fraternity flower. The gem of the whole number, however, is a song entitled "The Tropical Sig," written for the new Sigma Chi song book. If this is indicative of the contents of the song book, it would seem that Sigma Chi undergraduates would need to add a course in vocal gymnastics to their list of electives, for example :

On a southern slope of a sunny clime where the tropical plants swell high,  
A tender child with manners mild—a premature Sigma Chi,  
Lived in content 'mid the peaceful scent from the pine tree groves around,  
And it gurgled and it cooed in its iridescent mood with a mystical weird  
like sound.

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But he hungered after knowledge,  
And these swamps he left for college,  
Where he was spiked and riveted by members of our frat.,  
Carefully initiated;  
Solemnly matriculated;  
He strutted 'round the campus like a full-blown autocrat.

He agreed with Aristotle, for he loved philosophy,  
The thing-ness of the which he weighed with ingenuity,  
To sprouting Sanskrit roots he linked Shemitic epigrams,  
He analyzed that reckless goneness in our diaphragms.

With parabolic convolutions,  
Protoplasmic evolutions,  
The survival of the fittest he maintained.  
He was lore-intoxicated,  
Yes, trans-substantiated,  
He could calculate the fusil oil that choice old rye contained.

The Sororities seem to have become as much a thing of course as the higher education for women, and in the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* for August are some suggestions with regard to the women's societies which are worthy of attention from the fraternities as well. Especially, in view of the approaching conventions, is this worth noticing :

"To meet members of the various chapters, from different parts of our great country ; to receive the hearty, 'genuine grip;' to see the true sisterly spirit light up the face, as "Greek meets Greek"—but not in the old way—this is better than being "received" or banqueted. Many of the dearest, most lasting friendships are formed at such times. To grasp more completely the grand, true meaning of a sisterhood ; to feel the oneness of interest, of aims and of aspirations, binding all more closely together : to realize, more fully, that all are lending their best efforts to the same great task—the formation of the true, womanly character ; this is inspiration, encouragement, enthusiasm. In these results we find the best fruits of convention."

Another suggestion is worthy of attention the year 'round :

"When we tell a friend who has never attended college of our glorious X Y Z fraternity, he seems rather in the dark, as to just what kind of society it is. One of the first questions is, generally, "Is it a charitable society?" It is not and it cannot be. It is not fitted to do wholesale charitable work. But there is often an opportunity of helping some one in the chapter, during his or her college course. It often happens that a member of a fraternity is obliged to leave college, before the course is completed ; and the life may be changed, entirely, by the unexpected turn of affairs. If only each chapter could raise a small fund, this could be given, or loaned without interest, when occasion required. Some Harvard graduates give the interest of a certain amount of money for class reunions. Let the fraternity man remember his fraternity as well as his college. Its needs and opportunities are as great."

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This seems thoroughly practical, and is a chance for some of the alumni who have made their way to be of substantial help to some of the undergraduate brothers. Not in a way which smacks of patronage and is offensive to the one who receives, and a disgrace to the one who gives, but in the spirit of genuine brotherly helpfulness. Why should not a wealthy alumnus endow a scholarship to be at the disposal of his chapter? Or why should he not establish a loan fund to be used, under proper restrictions, at the discretion of the chapter. The

day has gone past when the student of limited means can saw wood to eke out his allowance, but no more to-day than then does he wish to be made an object of charity. A timely loan has enabled many a man to graduate with credit to himself and his chapter, when if he had been obliged to take the time from his work to earn the money he would either have been plucked or scrambled through at the foot of his class.

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The *Arrow* for July contains two excellent addresses delivered before the Congress of Women's Fraternities in Chicago, July 20th. It would be hard to define more accurately than one of these speakers "the change in public sentiment in appreciation of college education, and consequently the change in college methods."

"This age demands of every man and woman that they be parts, not of a past, however glorious, but parts more or less potential of the great living to-day; it demands of the college that the young men and women in its training shall be fitted for whatever makes up the life and work of to-day. And so it is through the development of these years we have come to value not the college method that would make a student merely a passive receptacle, but rather only the method that draws him out: stimulates original research and develops the latent power within him—in truth, only those methods that in the very getting make the thing acquired a part of the student, and that student a fully equipped and potential factor of the living to-day."

The editor calls particular attention to a resolution passed by the last Convention, and as the statement is made that it needs no comment or explanation, we attempt none.

"Since there exists a great deal of prejudice against us by the opprobrium that has become attached to the word secrecy,

"*Resolved*, That we insist that the word secrecy as used by us be understood merely in the sense of privacy, such as prevails in the highest types of that sacred institution, the family."

The exchange department of *The Arrow* is particularly well edited, and we say this in all modesty, notwithstanding the very kind reference to the SHIELD among the editorials in the last number. The best things in the different Greek journals are set before its readers, often without the spice of comment, and a great deal is crowded into the few pages which finish and round out to completeness a thoroughly good number.

The *Key of Kappa Gamma* for July takes up a subject which has not, so far as we know, been discussed by the young women's magazines. One of the alumni writes of "How a College Graduate Went on the Stage." The editors do not commit themselves by any comment on the article. In the Parthenon the question of pledging preparatory students is discussed at some length, with the weight of argument against the practice. The following extract is thoroughly in accord with our own views on the subject:

"Again, in binding a student who is unfamiliar with our college life we are unfair, not only to her, but also to our rivals, if we have any. The old saying is that "everything is fair in war." But "war" is not the true relation among fraternities. Undoubtedly there must be competition among the various chapters in any college; but it ought never to lead us into injustice. If a young woman, by her disposition and her tastes, is better suited to another fraternity than to ours, we are wronging not only ourselves and her, but also this other fraternity, by pledging her before she has had an opportunity to know the members of the rival chapter.

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Comparing fraternities with Masonic and similar societies the *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi* says very justly:

"Very frequently do we hear members of the different college fraternities, who are also Masons, or Odd Fellows, or Knights of Pythias, express the opinion that the fellow feeling in the college fraternity is incomparably more cordial and enduring than in such other non-college fraternities. Although the Masonic and similar societies have, for a main purpose, mutual encouragement and assistance between its members, there is proportionally much less personal business advantage in being a member of such societies than in being a member of a college fraternity. Instances of business associations through college relations are numberless to any one familiar with college men. As conferring social distinction on its members, of course the college fraternity, from its very nature, has much the advantage. An Alpha Delta Phi banquet or a Phi Kappa Psi dinner, is a select affair, and is regarded by the public as a prominent social event.

Members of a college fraternity have more cordial feeling for their fellows because they are homogeneous; they are much more nearly equal in culture and aims of life. They are all presumably college-bred men, and they are all presumably *select* college-bred men. The Phi Kappa Psi pin is presumably a badge of culture, whose wearer is a safe man to introduce to the family, however short the acquaintance. He is likely to

be congenial, because his college experiences have been similar to your own. In him you should find an intellectual as well as a social companion."

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Judging from the bitter wails in the July number of the *Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*, which, by the way, makes its appearance on our table in September, Kappa Sigma must be in a bad way.

"It may seem to a casual reader of this magazine that the greater part of the editorials are the productions of a chronic critic and fault-finder. But the editor would gladly assume the title of chronic kicker if the criticisms would only fall on fertile ground and bring forth good results. Criticism is offered because there are evils to be corrected—evils which, if allowed to grow, will ruin the standing and organization of the order. There seems to be a total disregard of all duties devolving upon the members of the chapters, both as chapters and individuals. There seems to be a singular lack of respect among a great mass of students for the members of the S. E. C., the officers of the fraternity, in whose hands the chapters have placed the guidance of the order they are pledged to uphold. They have been honored with such high offices because they are capable of working and directing matters to the best advantage for the fraternity, and having such matters placed in their hands, their requests should be promptly and cheerfully complied with. But what do we see on the part of many chapters and their individual members? Here are men neglecting to pay their just dues, neglecting and ignoring correspondence on money and other matters, men disobeying the edicts of the S. E. C., and violating the spirit of the constitution, men so soon forgetting their vows! Disgraceful is the only epithet to be applied.

How can we hope to stand among the highest and the best, with unsullied banner, if internal dissensions are thus allowed to work havoc?"

We cannot help questioning the wisdom of such an utterance as this in a fraternity magazine. It is not considered either wise or polite to discuss family quarrels in public, and, while a fraternity magazine is intended primarily for the members of the fraternity, it is by no means confined to them. Most of the journals have a large exchange list, and they are not regarded by the alumni as secret publications, but are likely to find a place on library tables, where any one can pick them up and read such a lamentable story as this. No matter what are the "internal dissensions" of a fraternity, it would seem best to preserve a dignified silence in regard to them in

the society publication. If chapters are disloyal exhortations in cold type will not move them to renewed allegiance. That becomes a matter for personal work on the part of the officers, and the more quietly it is done the better.

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The history of Kenyon College in *Beta Theta Pi* for June merits its place as the leading article. It is extremely well written and interesting, and gives a glimpse of college life on what was the frontier in the early days of the college, so early that such a notion as the following was possible:

"'Old Kenyon' is perhaps more substantial than handsome. The stone was taken from the college hillsides. It was plentiful, and the walls were made four feet thick. This fact, together with the fact that England had contributed to the endowment of the college, gave rise to the notion among some of the backwoods farmers that Kenyon was an English fort, in the disguise of a college, but in reality containing soldiers placed there for the purpose of reclaiming the country to British dominion."

The article is illustrated by half-tone plates, which are, with one exception, very pleasing. This represents a most sickly, melancholy looking youth taking his ease in one of the cushioned window seats, which are the delight of every Kenyon man, and gazing into heaven at stars of extraordinary size and brilliancy. There are also plates of some of the buildings of Pennsylvania State College, and a portrait and biography of Hon. Matthew S. Quay. From an account of a reunion banquet we take an excellent definition of what is wanted in the typical college and fraternity man.

"I have in my mind a college student who has a weak and poorly developed body and limbs, while a prodigious head and stooping frame mark a great mental culture. Such a man has gained, while in college, a few trophies, showing that his whole time and effort have been spent in study, while his shattered frame testifies to neglect of necessary athletic training. Then, again, I have in mind a man who has spent the greater part of his college life on the athletic field, and, so doing, has greatly neglected his studies. This man, at graduation, if he may be so fortunate as to attain such success, has a well-developed body but a mind devoid of those attributes which are necessary for success in life, and which a college course can give. Now, what we want in our colleges and our fraternities are men not patterned after these two types, but men

who strike a happy medium between the two—men who can hold their own in the class-room, on the athletic field and in the parlor. Such men are typical college men, and are prepared to meet with any circumstance in life.”

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Fraternity journalism must always be subject to certain limitations, and these are very evident in the June number of the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*. It is a good number for its own particular constituency, but there is very little in it of interest to the general fraternity reader, very little to let its readers know what is going on in the other fraternities. There are several brief biographies and chapter histories, the editor advises, exhorts, and encourages his readers to attend to different duties, among which he gives prominence to the question which seems to affect all Greek journals, the payment of subscriptions. There are a large number of chapter letters, which with reviews and notes make up what may be called an average number.

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“College Athletics,” the opening article in the September number of the *Harvard Graduates' Magazine* is a most dispassionate, reasonable discussion of the whole subject, which we would be glad to reprint entire, and to which extracts do no justice whatever. Yet the temptation to make a few is too strong to be resisted. Speaking of the development of athletics, the writer says :

“Fairly to approach the subject, we need to consider the state of things which existed prior to the War of Secession: in other words, to go back just one human generation, as a human generation is usually computed.

The college hero of these days was apt to be a young man of towering forehead, from which the hair was carefully brushed backwards and upwards to give the full effect to his remarkable phrenological development. His cheeks were pale; his digestion pretty certain to be bad. He was self-conscious, introspective, and indulged in moods, as became a child of genius. He had yearnings and aspirations; and not infrequently mistook physical lassitude for intellectuality and the gnawings of dyspepsia for spiritual cravings. He would have greatly distrusted his mission and his calling had he found himself at any time playing ball. He went through moral crises and mental fermentations which to him seem-

ed tremendous. From the gloomy recesses of his ill-kept and unventilated room he periodically came forth to astound his fellow-students with poor imitations of Coleridge, DeQuincy, and Carlyle, or of Goethe in translation.

Sometimes, though more rarely, the college hero was a delightfully wicked fellow who did, or at least affected to do, naughty things, wrote satirical verses, was supposed to know life, and in various ways exerted a baleful fascination over his fellow students. Brains and brawn were supposed to be developed in inverse ratio. Affected notions about intellectuality and spirituality had almost complete control of the popular thought. The only things to be admired were mind and soul."

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The present generation has witnessed a wonderful diminution of spiritual self-consciousness. Better physiology, coinciding with some changes in popular ideals, has driven away the notions about the flesh as an incumbrance, a clog, a burden, a snare."

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But again, it must be said that the favorite athletics of to-day are, in a great measure such as call for more than mere strength and swiftness. They demand, also, courage, coolness, steadiness of nerve, quickness of apprehension, resourcefulness, self-knowledge, self-reliance. Further still, they often demand of the contestants the ability to work with others, power of combination, readiness to subordinate selfish impulses, personal desires, and even individual credit to a common end. These are all qualities useful in any profession; in some professions they are of high value; and it cannot be gainsaid that it is the normal effect of certain kinds of athletic sports to develop these qualities among the contestants."

Another article of great general interest is that on the proposed Phillips Brooks House, a fitting memorial to a man whom Harvard delights to honor. An alumnus of '85 writes enthusiastically of the American School at Athens, and the presentation of the varied, many sided Harvard life is full, as usual, making a number of which the graduates of this great university may well feel proud.

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The *College Fraternity* still keeps up its reputation for giving an intelligent resume of general fraternity life and literature. The May number opens with a finely illustrated article on "Wesleyan and Her Fraternities." Of course the keenest interest in such sketches is more or less local, but statements like the following are true of any college, and cannot be too thoroughly understood.

"Sixty years ago the fraternity idea had not penetrated into New England. Most of the colleges were young and poorly equipped with men and endowments.

Each was growing up by itself; there was nothing in the way of social union or athletic rivalry to unite the students and give them common interests. That was a task reserved for the Greek-letter societies.

Those old days when the college was founded were essentially the days of local debating societies. In their halls, a training in speaking and debate was received, extremely valuable in itself, and in this respect we must admit that their place has never been satisfactorily filled. Their fatal weakness was this: they lacked the fraternal spirit that characterized the modern Greek-letter society."

Then follow extremely judicious selections from several of the Greek journals, "Wherein Fraternities Fail," "The Higher Aims," "The Ritual and Initiation," and "The Good and Evil of Pledging." These titles show the broad scope of the selections. News and Comment, and College Affairs are newsy and interesting.

The number for June and July is, as might be expected, largely given to the consideration of college athletics. There are half tone plates of the Yale and Harvard crews, and the athletic teams of Columbia, Yale, Harvard and Princeton. The picture of the Yale team is so very light in tone, and the big Y on their white sweaters so extremely inconspicuous, that at first glance the whole effect is almost ghostlike, though their prowess in many a hard fought battle proves that they are by no means shadows. Very little in the way of character delineation is expected from a group photograph, yet these are after all an interesting study. Some of the men look as if they might by sheer, dogged pertinacity win in the face of heavy odds, while the delicate, sensitive faces of others make one think of the pulpit or study rather than the athletic field.

Some extracts from an article on "College Athletics" by Walter Camp in the *Century* for June, are so well timed that we reproduce them in part.

"Well, I've sent him, George; but I don't believe they will have him six months before he gets into some scrape," remarked General Bradhurst to one of his old friends, whose advice he had taken in sending a rather self-willed boy to college. His friend dined with the general recently, and afterward related the conversation to me as follows:

'I asked him,' he chuckled, 'if his boy had come home in disgrace yet.' 'To tell the truth,' he replied, 'I begin to think you hit the mark in telling me to send him. He has been home,—home only last week,—but not in disgrace, and he went back Monday morning bright and early. At dinner Sunday night I noticed that he didn't take any of the *entree*, and wouldn't have any dessert and turned down his wine-glass when the claret was passed, and I thought something must be wrong with the boy's appetite, so I said ; 'What ails you, Jim? Digestion out of order?' 'Oh, no,' he said, and that was all I could get out of him. When Mary brought in the coffee he wouldn't have any, and I said : 'Look here, young man ; I don't understand this. Let's go into the library, and you shall tell me all about it while we have a cigar.' I pushed the cigars over to him, but he said he guessed he wouldn't smoke. 'Now, what is the matter with you Jim? Let's have it out,' said I. 'Nothing,' replied the young rascal ; 'but I'm on the foot-ball team, and we are in training;' and before ten o'clock he ended our confab with the words : 'Well, I'm going to turn in. Good night.' And to bed he went. Now, George, I begin to believe there must be something in your new-fangled athletic fads, when they're strong enough to make a boy like Jim give up his sweets, turn down his glass, shake his head to a cigar, and go to bed before ten o'clock. They are going to make a man of him after all."

'Yes, my dear sir, and yes, my dear madame, when your boy at college says he is 'in training,' it means that he is following with the closest observation, the laws of health. He is free from the taint of dissipation, and is making of himself a clean, strong young man. This training has been made a study, and the results have been handed down through college and school until every boy now enjoys the advantages. The enforcement, too, of these laws of training is stricter than that of any rules of teachers or faculty, for, instead of surveillance, the boy is bound by his honor to his captain and his fellows."

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Just as we are in press there comes to our table a stranger in a white glazed dress with a cut on its face called "the little socialist." The stranger's name is *The University Review*. Under this pretentious title we discover the epitaph of *The College Fraternity* in these words, "formerly The College Fraternity." No other explanation appears in this, the first number. We note that F. M. Crossett is the manager and M. M. Miller,  $\Sigma X$ , is editor. We wonder what has become of Mr. Randolph and why this new magazine is promulgated. It can not be called a successor to *College Fraternity*, as it is in no way a college periodical. Fraternity existence is not indicated

in any particular. It is simply a collection of literary efforts. Whether it will take the place the place the *College Fraternity* purposed to fill we doubt very much. We have no criticism for the magazine. It is neatly gotten up, in excellent form, and full of good matter for those who like that kind. To the reader who wishes to get under one cover a general idea of fraternity or even college life this new applicant will prove entirely unsatisfactory.

## College Notes.

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The number of visiting alumni who registered at Williams College during the recent centennial celebration was 550 and there were many present who did not register.

The trustees of Cornell University have founded fifteen new fellowships. Ten of these will have a yearly income of \$300 each and will be called graduate scholarships, the other five will each pay \$500 a year.

The new gymnasium at Wesleyan is to be ready for occupancy by the first of June, 1894, and is to cost about \$60,000.

Through the generosity of a friend of Cornell University and the efforts of Professor Hewitt, the splendid library of Professor Zarnieke, of the University of Leipzig, has been purchased and presented to the University. This collection embraces more than 18,000 volumes, unequalled by any private library in Germany and surpassed possibly by but few of the greater university libraries.—Associated Press dispatch.

Kappa Kappa Gamma established a chapter in Swarthmore College last June.

Dickinson College has the largest freshman class in its history, and Dartmouth College and Brown and Rochester Universities also claim the same encouraging increase.

The class of '93 at Michigan State University is said to have been the largest ever sent out by an American college or university.

A number of important changes have been made in the courses of study at Wesleyan University. Most of them are in the way of a general broadening of the curriculum and increasing the number of elective studies.

Owing to a flagrant case of hazing at Ohio Wesleyan University, all the unchartered fraternities have been discontinued by order of the faculty.

## BADGES and NOVELTIES.

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Dickinson College has taken a new departure in regard to class discipline. Each class has one member of the faculty for its dean, to whom it can apply for excuses and settlement of all grievances.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

For the first time in the history of the college a young woman is enrolled as a regular student. The members of the upper classes are not enthusiastic over the innovation, but the Freshmen are loyal to the "co-ed."—*Rochester University Letter to N. Y. Tribune.*

The senior class at Wellesley College have donned Oxford caps and gowns.

The sixth edition of the Phi Delth Theta catalogue has been promised for September.

The Williams Chapter of Delta Tau Delta has again made a change in chapter houses.

The Chi Phi chapter at Rutgers College has leased a handsome house for a club house.

The national convention of Phi Delta Theta will be held in Syracuse, N. Y., beginning October 23.

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The treasurer of Yale University is quoted as saying, "We occupied \$600,000 worth of new buildings last year, and we shall occupy more than \$600,000 worth for the first time next year."

It is expected that the new Alpha Delta Phi house at Rochester University will be ready for occupancy early in the college year. It will be in the colonial style of architecture, and three stories in height. Beside the rooms usually found in a chapter house, there will be a bicycle room in the basement, and water proof bath rooms, provided with shower baths and other fittings usually found in athletic clubs.

Kappa Sigma has established a chapter in the University of North Carolina.

An effort is being made to organize an alumni association among the Phi Kappa Psis who are doing post graduate work at Harvard.

Courses of instruction in English, economics, civics, political science, history and sociology will be given in the School of Journalism at Trinity College, North Carolina, and daily practice in newspaper work will be required.

Roehm & Son, the Detroit Fraternity Jewelers, have during the past summer made up a large number of Regulation Theta Delta Chi badges, which enables them to make a shipment within a day or two after orders are received, this time being required for the necessary engraving. This will be a great advantage to new initiates, as in the fall it formerly took them nearly a month to get their badges.

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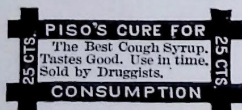
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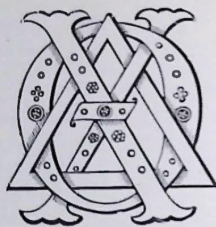
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## ERNEST WILSON HUFFCUT.

Thirty-three years ago, at Kent, Litchfield county, Conn., Ernest Wilson Huffcut was born. When he was but five years old the Huffcut home was transferred to Afton, Chenango county, New York, where the promising boy was gradually developed into a sturdy and thoughtful youth. Here he was given a course of instruction at Afton academy, preparatory for college. Ready for college, he found himself without the means to pursue his study, and for two years he taught village school.

In the fall of 1880, having won the State Scholarship for Chenango county, he entered Cornell University. At once he took a high rank as a careful student. Naturally reserved, at first he was known to few intimately, but by those few he was highly esteemed. The expanding mind and marked ability as a public speaker, soon drew the eyes of his class and university to him and led to general respect and admiration. He became a prominent member of the Social Science Club, and was elected president of the Cornell Debating Club before the end of freshman year. In his sophomore year he was elected president of the University Christian Association, and the next year was an editor of the student weekly, *The Era*, and as a member of the editorial board evinced unusual executive and literary ability. His keen logic and forceful delivery made him prominent as a debater, and his power as a writer secured for him a place on the Woodford Contest in Oratory, in which he was a close competitor for the prize.

He was graduated in June, 1884, and became private secre-

tary to President White, acting in that capacity until the resignation of the president one year later. The close relations existing between President White and Bro. Huffcut were well known and are still often remarked; and the president was not loath to acknowledge the valuable assistance he received from him. This was shown in 1892 when upon his appointment as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Russia, Mr. White strongly urged the appointment of Bro. Huffcut as his Secretary of Legation. It was during this and the following year that Ithaca and Tompkins county became acquainted with the oratorical ability of Bro. Huffcut; for he appeared before many audiences and was very popular as a political speaker.

The ability of the young secretary as a writer and speaker naturally led to a connection with the English Department of the University. He accepted the instructorship tendered him. The work of the instructor was carried on with interest and according to methods bright and original; and he was strikingly successful. His "English in the Preparatory Schools," published by Heath & Company in their series of Monographs on Education, shows his careful thought. The little work has made the name of its author especially well known in many educational circles where the discussion of the teaching of English is receiving unusual attention, and it is quite remarkable that it outlines the very plan according to which our best educators now advise the study of English in secondary schools and suggests the very lines in which many of the schools are successfully carrying on the study.

While acting as Instructor of English, Bro. Huffcut was also pursuing his studies in law, and, in 1888, was graduated with the first class from the new Cornell School of Law.

Entering a partnership with Edward H. Crooker, Beta, '83, he went at once to Minneapolis, Minn. Here he practiced law for two years. During the first year of his residence in Minneapolis he distinguished himself as a speaker in the presidential and gubernatorial campaign; and at the close of the campaign he was honored by being appointed Judge Advocate General on the staff of Governor Merriam.

Preferring to preach rather than practice, in the fall of 1890 the attorney and counsellor-at-law became Professor of Law in Indiana University. From Indiana he was called, at the end of two years, to take a like position in the Law School of the Northwestern University at Chicago. President Jordan of Leland Stanford, jr., University had said that he would not be satisfied until he had Huffcut with him at Stanford, and so here he was called at the beginning of the present year. The Professorship at Northwestern was resigned and an acceptance about to be sent to the President of Stanford, when the call from Cornell came. He had planned for Stanford the course in Law which should form a department of undergraduate work in harmony with the "Stanford idea," but the purpose of going to the western slope was abandoned, President Jordan granting a release, and E. W. Huffcut became Professor of Law at Cornell University, from whose Law School he was graduated but five years previous.

The prophecy of the Associate Dean of the School-of-Law made in his annual report, respecting the new professor, has already been fulfilled: "He will bring to his work in the Law School a broad, general culture, sound professional learning and exceptional capacity as a teacher." Speaking of Cornell's new Professor of Law; the Ithaca Daily Journal made the following estimate October 25:

"The work of Professor Ernest W. Huffcut of the School-of-Law has been very favorably spoken of by the students of his classes. When Professor Hughes handed in his resignation last spring the University authorities realized the difficulty of securing a man competent to fill his place. The brilliant attainments of Professor Huffcut and the remarkable success he had won as a teacher were known to the law faculty of the University, and they had no hesitation in offering him the vacant professorship, notwithstanding his comparatively brief experience at the bar. Their choice has met with the hearty approval of all the students who have come in contact with the gifted young alumnus of Cornell. Mr. Huffcut took his baccalaureate degree at Cornell in 1884, and four years later was graduated in the School of Law. His versatility is a fa-

miliar fact to those who knew him during his collegiate career. His subsequent rise in his chosen field has been watched by the guiding spirits of the Cornell School of Law, who received his acceptance of the call with great satisfaction, and felt that his coming was a decided acquisition to the department. Professor Huffcut's work has satisfied their expectations and has aroused the enthusiastic praise of his students. His ample knowledge is backed by brilliant gifts of presentation and by an inspiring force which never fails to impress upon his pupils the desire to master the subject. The solid and mature character of his work will rapidly gain for him an acknowledged position as one of the finest teachers of law in the whole country."

Professor Huffcut is an occasional contributor to *The Nation*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Annals of American Academy of Political and Social Science*, and legal periodicals, including *American Law Review*, *Northwestern Law Review*, *Green Bag*, etc.

For his fraternity Bro. Huffcut has often evinced his strong love. As an undergraduate member he was always most zealous, and, when at the head of his charge, managed her affairs wisely and with discretion. He is one of the trustees of the Beta Association, and is the head and prime mover in the newly organized and strong movement to secure for Beta a new home on the Cornell Campus.

Rarely can it be said of a person that at the age of thirty-three he has become a power in a great profession; that he has touched and impressed strongly three university communities. Of few persons is it true that social graces balance intellectual powers, that one's entire career is but the promise of a most successful future. Seldom do you find a man strong in heart as in head; staunch in action as in purpose. But all these can be said of Ernest W. Huffcut. Theta Delta Chi is honored by his membership; its members are honored by his friendship.

D. C. L.

## THE EMANCIPATION OF MAN.

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An Oration Delivered at the Forty-seventh Annual Convention Banquet, held at the Hotel Marlborough, New York, Nov. 29, 1893, by Prof. Ernest W. Huffcut, Beta, '84.

We have just witnessed the superb celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of a new continent. It was a significant and impressive event. From every part of the new world, from every country of the old, from the land of the Aztecs and from the fabled realm of the great Khubla Khan, from the jewelled isles of the Pacific and from out the heart of the Dark Continent itself, there were gathered on the shores of our vast inland sea the material evidences of the ceaseless activity of man. From the Thames, parent home of Anglo-Saxon freedom; from the Tiber, rich with the memories of Roman achievements; from the Baltic, the possible cradle of all human adventure; from the Bosphorus, last resting place of mediævalism in Europe; from the Nile, teeming with the legends of antiquity; and from the Ganges, peopled with the traditions of Oriental story, there floated on to this new world the accumulated treasures and wonders of the ages. Beneath those domes met in peaceful and fruitful concord the followers of Christ and Confucius, of Brahma and Buddha, of Mohammed and Moses. There in the wide air of universal freedom mingled the voices of kingly homage, of ecclesiastical deference and of republican equality. There in one common acclaim went up the applause of mankind for the man, the event, and the nation in whose honor that ceaseless concourse sought the temples of the world's supremest effort. And not there alone; for wherever man has suffered, and wrought, and achieved, ascended the chorus of thanksgiving that out of the travail of the ages there had come this untold blessing and benediction upon mankind.

And what is the outcome of it all? To-morrow the magic city of wonders will disappear, and the domes and towers and minarets will vanish beneath the desecrating touch of the Philistine. The visible fabric of the world's achievements will fill a

Chicago junk-shop. The fruits of art, and science, and invention will be scattered to the four quarters of the globe. The world will turn its bewildered gaze toward some newer wonder, and the belated traveler from Mashonoland standing on the site of some vanished palace and gazing on some fragment of a demolished goddess, may well exclaim with Byron :

"Gone, glimmering through the dream of things that were."

If that dazzling spectacle was but the apotheosis of material wonders, then it is indeed gone forever. If it but strengthened the belief in the power of iron and of gold ; if it merely meant that steam engines and electric dynamos are the outcome of this age-long progress, and that commercialism is to be the gospel of the future, then it was as hollow as its sham art, and as evanescent as its Aladdin palaces.

If, on the other hand, it meant a deeper and fuller sense of the realities of history ; a clearer view of the onward trend of thought ; a keener appreciation of the triumphs of man over the natural and social forces,—then it was as substantial as spirit and as immortal as truth. Then might the thoughtful observer, standing amid the ruins of the temporal and passing show of things exclaim :

"Thou, truth, shalt flourish with immortal youth,  
Unhurt amidst the war of elements,  
The wreck of matter, and the crush of worlds."

For truth is indeed immortal ; and the spirit of Freedom, which is the out-reach of human endeavor after truth, is the animating force of history. The downfall of all tyranny, natural or social, is the mission of revolution and evolution. The realization of a social order in which all are free and each is free is the golden dream of futurity.

In a word, the emancipation of man is the bright, consummate flower of all human progress.

When modern history began with that brilliant awakening, which we call the Renaissance, the mind and the body of the individual were dominated on the one hand by the unknown forces of nature and on the other by the arrogant forces of the social order. A passive acquiescence in a false cosmography made nature a fearful tyrant to the mediæval imagination. An

equally passive acquiescence in a false sociology,—political, religious and economic,—made the prince, the priest and the task-master even more terrible tyrants in the actual relations of daily life.

The gains of four centuries are measured by the emancipation of mankind from these subjugating powers.

By slow degrees or by convulsive revolution man has freed himself from the unconditioned control of these forces. He has thrust off the encompassing shell of habitual obedience. He has questioned priests and princes; he has interrogated nature. He has broken the mitre and the sceptre, and has bridled the lightning. In a word he has made nature, law and religion the ministers of his happiness in place of being himself the victim of their devouring greed.

In this struggle for freedom, certain great leaders stand forth as the emancipators of mankind.

Copernicus, Columbus, Lyell, Darwin—each touched with the magic wand of science, the grotesque structure of mediæval scholasticism and, behold, it is a despised and ridiculed ruin, visited only by the curious traveller or the delving antiquary.

Erasmus, Luther, Zwingli and their co-laborers, touched with the magic wand of the new learning the grotesque structure of mediæval ecclesiasticism and, behold, it too is an irrevocable ruin, which the industry of modern ecclesiasticism has labored in vain to rebuild.

Simon de Montfort, Oliver Cromwell, Hampden and Pym, Washington and Lafayette, touched with the magic wand of liberty the buttressed structure of mediæval despotism, and, lo, over its frowning walls the banner of constitutional government!

Modern morality, led by liberty-loving Englishmen, and embodied in our own Lincoln, touched with the magic wand of human freedom the unholy structure of human slavery, and behold, it is trampled in the dust beneath the unshackled feet of freemen.

Thus nature, religion, government, society, has each in turn been transformed from master to servant during the marvellous four centuries whose close we have just celebrated.

The emancipation of man is the flower and consummation of it all.

But we should block the wheels of progress did we regard the work as complete. In the midst of our exultation at what has been accomplished, it would be well for us to pause and soberly consider what yet remains to be done.

Especially to us of this nation ought the retrospect of the four centuries to be an inspiration for the future. For here has already come the fullest realization of the ideals of humanity. In what it is and what it promises our country may, without hyperbole, be said to be the fairest fruit of human freedom.

Picture its unmeasured part in human progress.

Behold seventy millions of free and intelligent citizens, self-governing and self-sustaining. Its teeming plains fill to overflowing the granaries of the world. Its snowy cotton fields are tilled by freemen that freemen may be clothed. Its mines yield up to palace and to cottage the imprisoned sunlight of a thousand summers, or coin the golden mintage and iron sinews of the world. Its political ideas have crumbled into dust the proudest throne of western Europe, and inspired to fruitful progress the easternmost nation of Asia. Ay, and above all, behold the name, American, the proudest decoration known to man, and the stars and stripes the most honored emblem under heaven.

Yet, turn from that picture of a great, free, prosperous, progressive nation, to the reverse picture of some of the inconsistencies and defects which should cause the cheek of freemen to mantle with the blush of shame.

In one part of this free country of ours we burn criminals to death with all the exquisite refinements of civilized savages, while in another we elect them to office, load them with emoluments and entrust to their keeping our lives, our liberties and our dearest fortunes. In one part of this country of equal rights we refuse to some citizens a single vote, while in another we allow to some citizens, as many as fraud, knavery and impudent defiance of law will enable them to cast.

In one breath we proudly boast of government of the people, by the people, for the people, and in another offer to the high-

est bidder a senatorship, a seat in the cabinet or a foreign mission.

In our colleges we have theoretical lectures on municipal government, while we turn over our cities to the greed of organized plunderers and grasping corporations.

At the Golden Gate we turn back the tide of thrifty Mongolian immigration, while at Castle Garden we erect no barriers against the unsifted tide of pauper, criminal and anarchical immigration.

Abroad we boast of Republican simplicity and equality, while at home we count our millionaires by the thousands and our paupers by the tens of thousands.

In short, we have seen and understood the grand ideal of our national existence, and the unmeasured possibilities of our future, but we have come far short of realizing the one or reaching out with determined purpose after the other. Surfeited with our achievements, we have sunk lotus-drugged on the bosom of our own prosperity, and drifted on to whatever fate might befall.

When the voice of warning is raised it is silenced in the clamor of material prosperity. So vast have been our successes in the struggle with nature that we forget that we must also struggle with society. We have learned how to wring the necessities and comforts of life from the grasp of nature, but we have not learned how to wring them from the grasp of monopoly. The oil that lights the lamp of progress has been freely yielded up from the laboratories of nature, but it trickles down to us through the pipe-lines and refineries of monopoly. The lightning voice of progress passes unimpeded through the highways of nature, but it is halted at the toll-gates of extortion. Nature showers upon our homes the comforts and luxuries of her inexhaustible bounty, but the keys of her storehouse jingle at the belt of organized greed.

Even the pure coinage of our social gains pays a seignorage at the mint of selfishness. The scepter that fell from the reluctant grasp of kingly power glitters all too often in the burly hand of the political boss. The veto which the proud lips of royalty falter to pronounce is whispered in the secret

conclaves of the caucus and the conference. The freedom of election day is struck down by the despotism of nomination day. The voice of protesting minorities is drowned in the exultations of triumphant majorities. The services of patriotism are rejected for the purchased adherence of political parasites. The power of the master lingers in the power of grinding necessity. Even the free voice of conscience which once was silenced in the chambers of the inquisition, is now stifled in the courts of ecclesiastical domination.

And yet with all this we have no cause for despair.

These are but the raw materials of future triumphs into which must be wrought the higher endeavor of those who shall come after. Looking back at the past four centuries, and observing the conquests which enriched our great celebration we foresee the completer victories of a prophetic future.

From out the past come the voices of encouragement and hope. The martyrs of science and religion and government, call out to us from the stake, the rack and the battlefield not to forget in our untroubled liberties the sacred cause for which they suffered. Martyrs of human freedom! we shall not forget you, nor our duty toward the heritage you left us!

From behind the veil of futurity beckon to us the sweet visions of a more perfect freedom. Fair visions of hope! Ye are not illusions but eternal realities, and toward you we turn our expectant faces and lift evermore the hands of our highest endeavor!

Around us and with us is the divine force which some call the purpose of God, and some the spirit of progress, and some the law of evolution—but which, under whatever name, has been the moving and guiding force of all human history. For the same spirit which revealed itself when the voice of intellectual freedom first resounded through the streets of Florence, also revealed itself when the voice of religious freedom resounded through the arches of the German forests or echoed from the highest Alps, when the voice of political freedom rang out with the proclaiming tones of the historic bell of Independence Hall, when the pure voice of science declared its immortal truths, and to-day reveals itself in the rising cry

of suffering humanity for a reformation and re-adjustment of the social system.

Go on ! go on ! thou pure spirit of freedom, until the last shackle shall fall, and man shall stand forth fully emancipated—free physically, intellectually, spiritually—clothed upon with that divine freedom whose law is order and whose sovereign is truth.

“For we doubt not thro’ the ages one increasing purpose runs,  
And the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the suns.”

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### THE WHITE CITY.

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A Poem Read at the Banquet of the Forty-seventh Annual Convention, held at the Hotel Marlborough, Nov. 29, 1893, by Rev. Lewis Halsey. XI, '62.

We dreamed not, in these later days,  
That modern genii could raise  
As wondrous palaces as those  
Which in Aladdin's vision rose,  
Until, on wave-worn, wind-swept shore,  
Where rock and sand-waste reigned before,  
We watched, all wondering, the rise  
Of that bright dream of Paradise,  
The great White City, rich and rare,  
Her comeliness beyond compare.  
Chicago sits in pride serene,  
Of all the *Western* world the *queen*,  
Rejoicing in her satellite,  
The peerless city clothed in white.  
A vision of such loveliness  
Never before on earth to bless  
The sight of man was given. The world  
Sees here its beauties all empearled  
In the Columbian Exposition,  
Of centuries the grand fruition.  
Cities of proud pavilions stand,  
Rich with the spoils of every land ;  
Such spoils the emperors bro't home  
To grace the palaces of Rome ;  
Such spoils Napoleon the great  
Gathered, the harbingers of hate  
Which from his throne the despot hurled

Who dreamed he could defy the world.  
Strange looking countenances appear,  
Types of all human tribes are here,  
Arabians, Russians, Siamese,  
Mingled with Turks and Cingalese.  
Here is the northern polar bear,  
The palm tree of the south is there.  
The Long House of the Iroquois  
Is here, and there a swarthy boy  
In log canoe, the paddle plies,  
Too stolid to express surprise  
At wonders which astound the wise.  
Here silver, gold and precious gems,  
With jeweled robes and diadems,  
Embroideries from far Bombay,  
And ivory carvings from Cathay.  
Machines of almost human will,  
Such their complexity and skill.  
Wonders of electricity  
With transportation wonders vie,  
And mid the marvels of all lands,  
The pre-historic ruin stands.  
Yet oft we see in what we scan  
Man's inhumanity to man.  
The most destructive engine seen  
Destroyed the subjects of its queen.  
As sank the strong Victoria.  
As nations sang a gloria  
In praise of those who bravely died  
Their captain and their flag beside,  
The angels, if they ever weep,  
Did sad and tearful vigil keep  
O'er brave souls sinking in the sea  
Of human hearts' hostility.  
Men need to learn fraternity ;  
That the divine paternity  
Means life to love, and death to hate,  
That he who lives to serve is great.  
The precious things of every clime  
Are here—the treasurers of all time—  
But best of all is brotherhood,\*  
The learning that the common good  
Is that for which mankind should live,  
Each seeking not to get, but give,  
For peace and purity to strive,

And truth, the holiest thing alive.  
 Each life should make the world more bright,  
 Each should his brother's load make light,  
 Should break the fetters of the oppressed,  
 And lead the weary into rest.  
 Who lifts the fallen, cheers the faint,  
 He is the hero, he the saint ;  
 While he who wrapped in selfishness,  
 Neglectful other souls to bless,  
 Lives but for self, is dead, and fame  
 Brings but dishonour to his name.  
 He is the hero, who denies  
 Himself that other souls may rise,  
 Willing to be a stepping stone  
 By which the king may reach the throne,  
 That king—the brother, whom to save  
 The Master came to be a slave.  
 He who would live must dare to die,  
 So teaches Theta Delta Chi,  
 If noble death or worthless life  
 Must be the guerdon of the strife,  
 Life to the brave is little worth  
 If life means uselessness on earth.  
 The hero finds his happiness  
 In living other souls to bless,  
 And he who lives to bless the world  
 Has in his heart a heaven empearled,  
 His wealth, 'tho all unseen, is worth  
 The gathered gold and gems of earth.  
 He, who the western world unveiled,  
 Is justly honored. When he sailed  
 From Palos over seas unknown  
 He sailed not for himself alone,  
 His quest bro't poverty to him,  
 But glory which shall ne'er grow dim.  
 He follows where Columbus leads,  
 Who, careless of the threats and creeds  
 Of all who yield to doubts and fear,  
 Sees thro' the gloom the gates appear  
 Of that White City, built above,  
 Where faith is perfected in love.

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\*In a letter just received from a valued correspondent, I find these words : "It was wonderful—a congress of nations, a congress of religions. It seemed to me marvelous, a part of the providential plan to bring the nations of the earth together."

## THE CONVENTION.

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The forty-seventh annual convention assembled at the Hotel Marlborough, 36th and Broadway, New York city on the 28th of November, and was called to order for the first session at 10:30 a. m., by President Benedict. A large attendance greeted the opening, which was in due form.

The President appointed as a committee on credentials A. H. Stetson, Eta, '95; B. R. Atwood, Iota, '94; W. L. Sawtelle, Iota D., '94.

The following delegates were duly accredited to represent the various charges:

BETA.—Seward A. Simons, '79; G. H. Brown, '94; G. W. Collins, '95.

GAMMA DEUTERON.—H. F. McGaughey, '93; C. H. Gray, '95.

DELTA.—M. R. Sherrerd, '86; H. J. Towne, '95.

EPSILON DEUTERON.—E. B. Sanger, '91; G. H. VanHuyck, '96; B. F. Mansfield, '96.

ZETA.—M. C. Stewart, '94; A. C. Stone, '96.

ETA.—A. Chapman, '94; A. H. Stetson, '95.

THETA.—E. C. Ehlers, '92.

IOTA.—B. R. Atwood, '94; F. B. Hill, '95.

IOTA DEUTERON.—E. N. Wilcox, '93; W. L. Sawtelle, '94; C. E. Putney, '96.

KAPPA.—E. W. Powers, '72; W. H. Goodrich, '94; T. Whittemore, '94.

LAMBDA.—F. N. Upham, '83; F. H. Kimball, '94; F. H. Low, '95.

MU DEUTERON.—A. Rice, '94; C. E. Bell, '95.

NU DEUTERON.—H. C. Whittaker, '93; C. D. Richmond, '96; A. S. Clift, '95.

XI.—C. R. Harstrom, '86; H. G. Wakeman.

OMICRON DEUTERON.—R. W. Bartlett, '94.

PI DEUTERON.—G. M. S. Schulz, '93; R. Tombo, jr., '95; R. Turner, '96.

RHO DEUTERON.—F. N. Dodd, '91; R. Van Iderstine, '94; G. W. Kosmak, '94.

SIGMA.—J. A. Underwood, '94.

TAU DEUTERON.—C. L. Weeks, '94.

PHI.—Clay W. Holmes, '69; W. G. Chambers, '94; R. J. Glick, '95.

CHI.—H. D. Brookins, '80; J. R. Webster, '94; J. S. Hamilton, '97.

PSI.—Duncan C. Lee, '91, J. H. Lee, '95.

The Grand Lodge presented their report, which was read by the secretary, and referred to the following committee: Duncan C. Lee, Psi, '91; T. Whittemore, Kappa, '94; C. D. Richmond, Nu D., '96.

The Charges then reported orally by roll call, and a most satisfactory showing was given in every instance, indicating clearly a marked advance in the condition of each individual charge and a general betterment of the fraternity at large.

At the afternoon session after the completion of the charge reports, the SHIELD report was presented and read.

The following is

#### THE SHIELD REPORT.

The Convention at Boston in 1889 passed a resolution giving entire control of the SHIELD, both as to its financial management and editorial policy to the present incumbent. This resolution was passed upon the strength of the statement made by him that if the Convention would pay what was known as the old SHIELD debt, amounting to \$283 he would assume all debts incurred since the SHIELD had been in his charge, and guarantee to complete a period of five years beginning with Volume V. As matters then stood, Brother Jones was owing \$83 for number 3 of Vol. IV, which the writer paid to save him from an execution. This figured as a part of the old debt. Beside that, the writer had printed and paid for number 4 of Vol. IV, \$60.00, as well as the first three numbers of Vol. V. At the time Convention met he had advanced on Vol. V something like \$300. It was necessary, therefore, to make the resolution retroactive to cover the deficit, because if the resolution had not been passed in that way, the debt really became about \$600. Since the writer had advanced \$443 of this sum he desired this included in his guarantee. This left the Convention to raise \$200. Brothers Seth P. Smith and G. H. Spencer were appointed a committee to raise the old debt. They only succeeded in collecting \$53. Brother Smith, however, secured a concession of \$50 from the old debt, so that the balance of the

old debt became \$180. This left a total debt on the writer's shoulders of \$180 plus \$60 for number 4 of Vol. IV, and \$300 shortage on Vol. V, a total of \$540. As the committee declared their inability to raise the funds the matter was presented at the annual banquet of the New York Graduate Association held in New York City in February, 1890. The urgent appeal to those present met an instant response. The sum of \$363 was subscribed in short order. I cannot refrain from calling attention to the fact that of this sum, fourteen members of the Phi charge gave \$238.75, more than half of all moneys collected. The old debt was at once paid off, and the balance put into the SHIELD treasury. With this sum, and the amount received from subscriptions Vol. V. was entirely paid for, and since that time the SHIELD has been issued from its own earnings, with a balance always in the treasury. With these explanations we will proceed to give the report of its financial career.

## THE DEBT ACCOUNT.

## Received :

Collected by Seth P. Smith . . . . .	\$	22 00
Collected by G. H. Spencer . . . . .		31 00
Collected by Clay W. Holmes . . . . .		372 50
		<u>\$425 50</u>

## Paid out :

To Wallace Spooner, Boston . . . . .	\$	150 00
To F. L. Jones, note . . . . .		83 00
For Vol. IV, No. 4 . . . . .		60 00
Balance to Shield treasury . . . . .		132 50
		<u>\$425 50</u>

## SHIELD ACCOUNT.

Balance from old debt fund . . . . .	\$	132 50
Earnings, Vol. V . . . . .		378 65
Earnings, Vol. VI . . . . .		1,107 70
Earnings, Vol. VII . . . . .		1,236 25
Earnings, Vol. VIII . . . . .		940 00
Earnings, Vol. IX . . . . .		541 50
		<u>\$4,336 60</u>

## EXPENSES.

Cost of Vol. V . . . . .	\$	490 21
Cost of Vol. VI . . . . .		1,046 74
Cost of Vol. VII . . . . .		975 90
Cost of Vol. VIII . . . . .		910 87
Cost of Vol. IX . . . . .		623 79
		<u>\$4,047 44</u>
Balance on hand . . . . .		289 16
		<u>\$4,336 60</u>

## RESOURCES.

Balance on hand . . . . .	\$ 289 16
Due from advertisers . . . . .	110 00
Due from charge subscriptions . . . . .	205 00
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 604 16</b>

This sum may be augmented by subscriptions yet due from graduates. August 1st bills were sent to 267 subscribers in arrears. Responses have been received from 87, leaving 180 still in arrears for the sum of \$360. It does not seem probable that any considerable amount will be received from this source, so that it is not included as an asset. Any sums received from this source will probably be offset by failure to receive the entire sum due from the charges, which is counted as cash.

In analyzing this report it will be noticed that in order to make things come out on the right side a considerable retrenchment was made in the size of Vol. IX, and less illustrations furnished. Since Vol. VI the subscription list has somehow kept on the decline, in spite of every effort to increase it by additions to the list.

So much for the financial facts. The SHIELD has some points to present showing its position as a journal when compared with other fraternity periodicals. First of all is presented a comparative statement of the amount of matter given by the leading journals. Volume V being jointly edited by F. L. Jones and the writer, and necessarily contracted from lack of funds, a fair comparison can only be arrived at by taking the last four years. During these years the pages given are as follows :

Shield of Theta Delta Chi . . . . .	2,066 pages
Kappa Alpha Journal . . . . .	1,977 "
Shield of Phi Kappa Psi . . . . .	1,917 "
Scroll of Phi Delta Theta . . . . .	1,872 "
Beta Theta Pi . . . . .	1,538 "
Delta Upsilon Quarterly . . . . .	1,440 "
Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly . . . . .	1,326 "
Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly . . . . .	1,188 "
Sigma Chi Quarterly . . . . .	1,180 "
Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta . . . . .	1,114 "
Delta of Sigma Nu . . . . .	922 "
Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma . . . . .	793 "
Alpha Tau Omega Palm . . . . .	821 "

All other journals averaged so much less in size that they are omitted as distanced in the race. In size the first five admit of close comparison. As the Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, The Scroll and Beta Theta Pi have a large proportion of chapter correspondence the editorial labor is not over one third that of the two first. The fact is that when editorial matter is taken into account, the Kappa Alpha Journal is the only competitor the SHIELD has had. This journal is certainly one of the best in the field. Its general

make-up and appearance is in every way equal to the SHIELD, and we must leave it to other and more disinterested parties to judge whether its contents do not quite equal those of our own magazine. As the editor of the Journal had the assistance of other editors his labor was lightened. The amount of matter in the SHIELD prepared by the editor himself is probably twice that of the Kappa Alpha Journal, and four times that of any of the others.

The policy of the SHIELD has seemed to meet the approval of the fraternity at large. What its influence on the fraternity has been, others must say. The editor can only state that he has put his best ability into its pages, as many midnight hours can testify. The time has now come to return to this Convention the trust so willingly consigned to our hands. There are no feelings of regret that we took up the burden. While the task has been hard, the pleasure of serving the fraternity has been sufficient to make it light. With thanks for your cordial support and words of kindness during the years of service, and hoping that the SHIELD may fall into the hands of some good brother who may be able to make it more worthy than ever of support, the present editor will lay down his pen after the completion of the next number, which closes the current volume, and spend his leisure hours with his family, who have in the past permitted him to spend them all in the service of the SHIELD.

CLAY W. HOLMES.

This report was referred to the following committee: Seward A. Simons, Beta, '79; C. H. Gray, Gamma D., '95; J. H. Lee, Psi, '95.

The Treasurer of the Grand Lodge made a gratifying report, showing a cash balance of over \$400.00 on hand and assets of nearly as much more.

The following Committee of Audit was named: E. C. Ehlers, Rho D., '91; W. G. Chambers; Phi, '94; R. W. Bartlett, Om. D., '94.

The minutes of the last convention were referred to a committee consisting of: Carl A. Harstrom, Xi, '86; Austin Rice, Mu. D., '94; M. C. Stewart, Zeta, '94.

At Wednesday morning's session the committees reported. The audit was satisfactory. Nothing in the minutes of last year's convention needed attention.

The Grand Lodge report was adopted seriatim, and as a whole, with a most hearty concurrence in the acts of that body during the year. Several matters were introduced and acted upon which cannot fittingly be noted in these pages, but

were entirely and unanimously satisfactory to the convention.

The Committee on SHIELD Report presented the following :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SHIELD.

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Editor of the SHIELD, Bro. Clay W. Holmes, does respectfully report as follows :

We have carefully read the report and sought information upon the important features from those in attendance upon this convention.

The first thought that must arise in the mind of every Theta Delt who appreciates the situation is that the wonderful record of five years of the publication of our magazine is due to the tireless devotion of one man, whose industry has only been excelled by his fraternal love, Bro. Holmes, who now has presented to the convention his desire to be relieved from his labor.

That the past debt of the SHIELD has been wiped out, and the towering superiority of our fraternity publication is conspicuous, should give us occasion for hearty rejoicing and congratulations. We believe that the deficit in the catalogue venture has no proper place in estimating the work of the SHIELD, or its policy in the future, nor should it influence the action of this body in dealing with the question. The fact that the SHIELD and catalogue are united in the report of the editor is due wholly to the accident that has found one man willing and able enough to oversee and carry through two undertakings which might well have devolved upon a dozen. Bro. Holmes will propose to this convention a plan by which the catalogue deficit may be and should be largely reduced.

But what shall we do with the SHIELD?

We answer, keep it up to its past standing, yes, improve the work of the last year, which, from both the aspect of the editor and the support of the graduates and the charges, has not been wholly satisfactory.

Who shall be entrusted with its management? Many Theta Deltas might be found to whose care we might deliver the precious charge; the logic of the past and the reasonable demands of the present force your committee to say that the relation of the present editor and the fraternity cannot now be profitably severed. If the name of any other man has been in our minds, we must confess that there has not been opportunity to determine clearly the wisdom of considering any other course, but we are confident that new and greater success awaits the SHIELD, and that with that success will be coupled the name of Clay W. Holmes.

But shall he have the responsibility alone? We believe that the time has come when the whole fraternity should be behind and under the administration and publication of the SHIELD, and that for one year we try the experiment, if it may be called so, of giving proper assistance to Bro. Holmes and assuming the risk of any deficit.

Bro. Holmes has created none in the past; we feel assured that no

adverse balance will be presented to the next convention. We may desire to orally supplement this report, but embody our views in these recommendations.

That the publication of the SHIELD and its management for Volume X be, and it is hereby entrusted to Bro. Clay W. Holmes, who is authorized to employ clerical assistance at an expense not to exceed one hundred dollars, and that total expense of said publication do not exceed the sum of eight hundred dollars, unless the subscription list should justify a corresponding increase in the number of copies printed, and

That the fraternity assume the financial responsibility for said Volume X, and that, at the next convention, the editor report fully the financial condition of the SHIELD, with his estimate for the completion of the volume, and that the deficit, if any, be assessed on the charges in proportion to their membership.

Respectfully submitted,

SEWARD A. SIMONS,  
CHARLES H. GRAY,  
JOHN H. LEE.

*Nov. 29, 1893.*

This report was read by Chairman Simons, who emphasized it by remarks following the report proper, and paid a very handsome tribute to the editor. The convention adopted the report with such an overwhelming and unanimous huzza that the retiring editor was simply outdone—*nolens-voiens*—powerless to decline a resumption of the work, the charge was again assumed with the promise to do the best possible work for a year to come.

At the opening of the afternoon session the Grand Lodge officers were elected. Bright and witty nominating speeches seemed to be the order of the day. President Benedict was re-elected by unanimous vote. W. L. Sawtelle of Iota Deuteron was elected Secretary, and B. F. Mansfield of Epsilon Deuteron, Treasurer.

During the sessions of the convention S. Douglass Cornell, Xi, '60; Dr. P. C. Gilbert, Xi, '62; E. W. Huffcut, Beta, '84; J. R. Mellon, Pi, '65; J. D. Cary, Psi, '84, and W. G. Raines, Xi, '70, were introduced and made short addresses.

After the customary closing exercises and a vote of most hearty thanks to the manager of the Hotel Marlborough for his splendid treatment, the forty-seventh annual closed with one of the most hearty song recitals which was ever heard at a

Theta Delt gathering. Led by Seward Simons the boys "whooped-er-up" for all they were worth, and it made the fraternity fever rush through the veins of every one with the old-time vim.

It was a fitting close for one of the most delightful conventions ever held. Harmony of the true sort prevailed throughout. The spirit of right and nobility seemed to possess everyone, and no person who was there had aught but unstinted praise to offer. It was truly a memorable assembly, which will pass into history as the ideal convention. Would that some of the antagonistic college Presidents could have been there throughout the entire convention. They would surely have been converted to the fraternity idea.

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#### CONVENTION BANQUET.

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The banquet of the Forty-seventh Annual Convention was held in the main banquet hall of the Hotel Marlborough on the evening of November 29th at 8 o'clock. Ninety-six brothers gathered around the festive board. It was not only festive but beautiful. The artistic skill of Mr. A. Sidman, the steward of the hotel, was well displayed in the elegant arrangement of beautiful flowers and other adornments, which made the tables look resplendent and bespoke the character of the delightful menu which followed. After the last course President Benedict read letters from a number of absent brothers, who were unavoidably detained. Among them those of Abel Beach, Rt. Rev. M. N. Gilbert, Rev. Rufus S. Green, Rev. Geo. Williamson Smith and Mortimer C. Addoms, were noticeable for the hearty good wishes expressed. Telegrams were received from Andrew H. Green and H. A. Gillis.

The toastmaster, Bro. John D. Cary of Richfield Springs, was then introduced by President Benedict with a brief and appropriate speech.

Brother Cary's opening remarks consisted of an excellent imitation of a supposed speech of a supposed Buffalonian,

which, delivered in Bro. Cary's inimitable style, kept the tables in a round of laughter for fifteen minutes or more.

Brother Whittemore was called upon to respond for Kappa. Not being present, having been called to Boston sooner than he expected, his place was taken by Brother Goodrich, who said a few encouraging words for Kappa's fraternal enthusiasm.

Brother Simons, being next called upon, occupied a good share of his time in endeavoring to "get even" with Brother Cary, in return for the jibes and pointed allusions the toast-master had indulged in when introducing Brother Simons. Among his further remarks he said:

"This has been to me a most inspiring occasion. I first became the President of the Grand Lodge when a mere boy. I looked over the field of this great country and its educational centres, and my heart was sad because the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity had found no lodgment in places of influence, and age and strength. To-night, answering voices on every hand, in compliment to each other, have sounded the names of all the great educational centres except Princeton. There is something in the spirit of this fraternity that calls upon every man, in whatever position he may be placed, to hold to that which is the highest mark of an honest man, that which is the hope of the race, the salvation of every man, the hope of his mother, the dream of his father—to be loyal to his duty, wherever he is put. It is loyalty to principle that wins the place of man everywhere."

Dr. David Gregg, rising as the next speaker, was greeted by long and hearty applause. "I wish to occupy the time which I have at my disposal," he said, "in congratulating our Fraternity on its continuous prosperity and growth, and especially on the character of the representatives here to-night. I want to congratulate myself that I belong to Theta Delta Chi. (Applause). I want to congratulate you and I want to congratulate the orator of to-night upon the magnificent oration to which we have just listened. (Applause). From exordium to peroration it will compare with any oration that has been delivered in this circle or any other fraternity circle throughout

the United States. (Applause). I want to congratulate this great company of young men, from the different parts of the country, upon the magnificent decorum which I have witnessed here at this banquet. I think we have reason to rejoice in the splendid characters of our young men, and their perception of what is decorous."

The remainder of Dr. Gregg's speech consisted of some witty stories, mightily amusing in themselves and delightfully related.

S. Douglass Cornell, of Buffalo being next called upon, complained of being compelled to speak, on the alleged ground that his thunder had all been stolen by the Toastmaster.

The first convention he attended, brother Cornell said, was in 1859. "When I look round at all the faces here, and see not one that was at the Convention of '59, and not one probably that was a Theta Delta at that time, it gives me a feeling of sadness as well as of pleasure, Sadness, that many of the others have passed away. But it gives me also a feeling of great pleasure when I see how the personnel of Theta Delta Chi is kept up, when I see what a splendid crowd of men there are here to-night. . . It fills my heart with the greatest pleasure to think that through all trials, Theta Delta Chi has ridden sublimely over them all, and to-day is stronger and better than it ever was. (Applause). I only hope it may continue so. (Applause)."

Brother Gunn, in responding for Theta Delta Chi at Yale, said that on this occasion Epsilon Deuteron could congratulate herself more than any of the other charges. "This is one of our anniversaries," he said, "our birthday anniversary. It was at the Convention held in this city in 1887 that the Epsilon Deuteron charge was started. In the six years that have passed since then I cannot say that our course has been altogether smooth sailing. At Yale the feeling is very conservative about societies, and of course, we have to encounter very much opposition there. However, we have had our trials and tribulations and have got a great deal of good from them in the added strength to our charge."

Brother Gunn closed his speech with a warm invitation to

all the brothers to visit Epsilon Deuteron at any time and at all times.

President Benedict spoke as follows :

" I would give great credit to the members, the undergraduate members and others of our fraternity, for the success that has attended our various charges during the past year; and also added credit to the same for the very harmonious and smoothly running Convention which has just closed. And I prophesy for the coming year added prosperity through your hearty co-operation. A General asked a Colonel, " Will you go down to that point and hold that fort ?" " I will try and do the best I can." " Colonel, will you hold that fort ?" " I will do it if I can." " Colonel, will you hold that fort ?" " Yes." That is Theta Delta Chi." (Applause).

Brother Gilbert, Hobart, '62 spoke a few words.

Brother Hill, of Iota, spoke very briefly.

The speech of Brother Mansfield, Epsilon Deuteron, was a eulogy, in most part, of brother Carter, of Yale. " He has helped us financially when we have needed it and he always stands ready now, and has made us promises to help us at any time with funds for a temple, and we hope to call on him very soon."

Brother James R. Mellon, Pi, '65, begged to be excused from speaking, but gave a hearty invitation to all to his home in Pittsburgh.

Brother Duncan C. Lee, in eloquent response to his toast, said, in part : " I wish we could carry from this Convention one thing, those of us who are graduates, that there is a duty before us to lift the fraternity ideals higher. I see no reason why every graduate shouldn't take just as active an interest in fraternity matters as he did the first or second year in college. But not alone an active interest,—that interest should go out into some form of active work. We are getting, as the years go by, a better conception of what fraternity life should mean to us."

After speaking of the value of fraternity life is to us all, through its influences and inspiration, brother Lee continued : " Why cannot we, all over the land, keep our eyes open, and

when we find young men who could be lifted up and made powers in the world by getting under this influence,—why cannot we be bestowing a great blessing, not alone upon our circle of friends, not alone upon our fraternity, but upon the world by this influence and this action.”

Brother Robert VanInderstine, Rho Deuteron, '94, spoke on Theta Delta Chi in New York City.

The following is a partial list of the ninety-six who attended, the best we could obtain.

BETA.—B. H. Grove, '77; S. A. Simons, '79; E. W. Huffcut, '84; E. A. de Lima, '86; A. L. Coville, '86; J. F. Thomson, '87; G. L. Fielder, '89; E. M. Wilson, '93; G. H. Brown, '94; L. S. Lourer, '94; G. W. Collins, '95; W. C. Dreier, '96.

GAMMA DEUTERON.—L. T. Cole, '92; H. F. McGaughey, '93; C. H. Grey, '95.

DELTA.—M. R. Sherrerd, '86; H. J. Towne, '95.

EPSILON DEUTERON.—Paul Sheaffer, '89; C. W. Gunn, '90; B. D. Blair, '91; H. M. Shepard, '91; A. L. VanHuyck, '93; E. P. Smith, '95; W. H. Corbin; B. F. Mansfield, '93; G. W. VanSlyke, F. T. Vandegrift, H. P. Disbecker, E. B. Sanger, T. D. Wanning.

ETA.—J. R. Clark, '89; A. Chapman, '94; A. H. Stetson, '95.

THETA DEUTERON.—C. E. Whitney, '91.

IOTA.—R. E. Gregg, '94; F. B. Hill, '94.

IOTA DEUTERON.—W. L. Sawtelle, '94; C. E. Putney, '96.

KAPPA.—T. Whittemore, '94; W. H. Goodrich, '94.

LAMBDA.—F. F. Keeney, '90; F. H. Kimball, '94; F. H. Lowe, '96.

MU DEUTERON.—Austin Rice, '94; J. H. Rawson, Jr., '95.

NU DEUTERON.—W. F. Hutchins, '95; Clifton C. Knorr, '95; A. S. Clift, '95; H. C. Whitaker, '95; C. H. Vansant, '95; C. E. Weaver, '96; C. D. Richmond, '96; F. C. Wettlaufer, '97.

XI.—S. Douglass Cornell, '60; P. C. Gilbert, '62; George R. Brush, '92.

OMICRON DEUTERON.—G. W. Woodward, '84.

PI.—J. R. Mellon, '65; Rev. David Gregg, '65.

PI DEUTERON.—W. Wettlaufer, '89; W. H. McIntyre, '90; G. W. Kosmak, '92; W. T. Lawson, '93; C. Wilmurt, '93; Rudolf Tombo, Jr., '95, R. Turner, '96.

RHO DEUTERON.—S. D. Morris, Jr., '91; E. C. Ehlers, '92; R. D. Pope, '92; E. F. Hicks, '93; Robt. VanInderstine, '94; E. Eickwort, '94; E. H. Jewett, '94.

TAU DEUTERON.—C. L. Weeks, '94.

PHI.—T. W. Cooper, '94; W. G. Chambers, '94; R. J. Glick, '95.

CHI.—H. D. Brookins, '80; J. R. Webster, '94; J. H. Hamilton, '97; J. M. Sterrett, Jr., '97.

PSI.—A. G. Benedict, '72; J. W. Nichols, '81; J. D. Cary, '84; Duncan C. Lee, '91; E. S. Foster, '94; John H. Lee, '95.

## POEM.

## Omicron Deuteron's Initiation Banquet, Oct. 19, 1893.

Again does laurelled Bacchus crown the board,  
 Heaped high with dainties born in many a clime ;  
 Again libations of red wine are poured,  
 And silence yields to silver music's chime,  
 As sullen breakers, 'gainst the sea's cliffs bare,  
 On shores of sense slow beat the waves of Time ;  
 To-night, the Gods a respite grant from care.  
 A moment's merry minstrelsy is worth  
 Full many a year of toil on land or sea ;  
 So let the banquet hall resound with mirth  
 With laughter unconstrained and bubbling glee.  
 Come, strike the strings of Pleasure's golden lyre,  
 And, worshipping at Bacchus' shrine with me,  
 Snatch from the altar's horns the sacred fire.  
 'Tis meet our feasting should be crowned with song,  
 Our song be crowned with generous flowing wine ;  
 Else should we do Apollo's memory wrong,  
 Who led the hards, his brows decked with the vine.  
 His benison I pray, that this may seem  
 The breathing holy of a thought divine.  
 Immortal Friendship be the poet's theme.  
 Immortal Friendship ! Of the human heart  
 The rarest, purest, sweetest blossom, thou !  
 Thy fragrance fills the wide world's busy mart  
 As scent of violets, bound on maiden's brow.  
 Possesses all a lover's inmost soul,  
 As he, I register *my* solemn vow  
 Thy name to serve, while endless ages roll !  
 O, where shall Friendship, loyal, tender true,  
 Be sought ? The world is wide nor may our quest  
 Be soon rewarded. Friends are all too few  
 Who harbor naught of guile within the breast.  
 Pure gems, pure caskets merit, yet no sign  
 Proclaims afar the lowest or the best.  
 Shall we then cast our jewels before swine ?  
 But listen, on the night wind borne along  
 The presage of a gathering throng I hear ;  
 The measured tread of feet and notes of song  
 Come faintly throbbing to my longing ear.  
 Old Dartmouth's loyal sons are rallying,  
 Their song, once indistinct, springs strong and clear,  
 As from their throats the joyous accents ring.

## DARTMOUTH SONG.

All hail to our ancient Dartmouth !  
 All hail to the green and white !  
 All hail to her sons,  
 The loyal ones,  
 Who are bearing the brunt of the fight !  
 They are making a name  
 That the trump of fame  
 Shall resound from the topmost height  
 Of mountains grand  
 To the farthest strand  
 Where the sun-kissed spires of the great West stand,  
 Till the length and the breadth of our glorious land  
 Owns the sway of the green and white !  
 All hail to the grand old college !  
 All hail to her sacred halls !  
 On the emerald sod,  
 Like the blessing of God,  
 The sun's soft radiance falls.  
 From yon grey tower  
 At the midnight hour  
 The bell's rich cadence calls  
 To marshall the hosts  
 Of illustrious ghosts—  
 Shades of great men, who here held but humble posts,  
 Old-time heroes, whom now old Dartmouth boasts,  
 All hail to her sacred halls !  
 All hail to the new Old Dartmouth !  
 All hail to the green and white !  
 All hail to the men  
 Who with brain and pen  
 Have directed her course aright !  
 For many a year  
 May her echoing cheer  
 Start the hawk on his lofty flight,  
 And through coming days  
 May our loving gaze  
 As it seeks Old Dartmouth through memory's haze  
 Find her crowned with the victor's wreath of bays  
 Twined fast with the green and white ?  
 Loud swells the song, and brave upon the wind  
 The glad strains rise in tribute to the worth  
 Of that loved "Tender Mother," ever kind,  
 Whose garnered wisdom gives our wisdom birth.

Forsooth, in all that throng may none be found  
 Who worthy are, among the sons of earth  
 With friendship's holy myrtle to be crowned ?

Ay, in that band is found the goal long sought,  
 True, loyal brothers, bearing strange device  
 Upon their shields with thread of blue inwrought.  
 Where bordering pearls to holy thoughts give rise,  
 Where arrows point to aspiration high,  
 And twin stars laughing enmity to vice,  
 Beam light of Love on Theta Delta Chi.

O mystic bond, that binds us fast to thee,  
 Dear Theta Delta Chi, to thee we bring  
 Our sacrifice ; the wine of song flows free.  
 Oh, cheer our hearts ; accept our offering !  
 Drown in the cup all fancied trace of wrong,  
 Drink deep of Joy, for Time is on the wing,  
 Raise high the Theta Delta glad drinking song !

Oh, come every brother,  
 All difference smother,  
 And raise the frail crystal on high ;  
 With glasses all clinking,  
 A toast let's be drinking  
 To all who are bound by the tie !

Oh, the friendship eternal,  
 The joy that's supernal,  
 By each loyal brother that's felt !  
 That subtle affection,  
 That firm predilection,  
 That's the share of each true Theta Delt !

Care, jaundiced and yellow,  
 The miserable fellow,  
 We'll drown in the free flowing bowl ;  
 As we pledge in elation  
 Sweet Friendship's relation,  
 The generous life of the soul !

Make sure that no uses  
 Or viler abuses  
 Dishonor this crystal renowned !  
 Drink and shiver the glasses !  
 For naught that surpasses  
 The Theta Delt's toast can be found !

Yet not with wine, may happiest hours be sped.  
 Of old a mortal dared Olympus' seat,  
 So we, all fearful, seek thy shrine and tread  
 Before thy altars with unsandalled feet ;  
 Holy to our untutored minds thou art,  
 Thy gracious favor humbly we entreat,  
 O Friendship, purest passion of the heart !

Responsive to our prayer thy sacred fire  
 Burns rosy tongued and laps its lambent flame  
 With wine of Love priests consecrate the pyre,  
 And, reverent, wait the oracle's acclaim  
 In holy silence, till the watching eye  
 Sees, wreathed in living fire, thy magic name,  
 Sweet friendship's token, Theta Delta Chi.

To thee, O Theta Delta Chi, the praise  
 Of laughing joy and sombre sorrow rings.  
 To thee, our feeble song we, trustful, raise  
 To thee, our loyal band leal homage brings.  
 Thy precepts, thoughts impart the holiest, best,  
 For like the morning breathed from April's wings,  
 Love springs eternal in thy votary's breast.

Nor merely for a day endures our bond.  
 True Friendship brooks not narrow bounds of time ;  
 Leal friends await us in the great Beyond,  
 Omega's halls are thronged with souls sublime.  
 Nor life, nor death may see our journey done,  
 Our friendships are like shades of even-time,  
 Lengthening apace with Life's slowly setting sun.

—Bertrand A. Smalley, O<sup>Δ</sup> '94.

## THE FRATERNITY IDEA.

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The SHIELD's kind reception of my article on "The College Fraternity," and the flattering mention of it induced me to continue the argument, which I do with your kind permission. Understand I do not pretend to say that these are all the arguments to be advanced in favor of our system, only a few which have occurred to me.

The college fraternity stands for college cosmopolitanism. Indeed college cosmopolitanism is a legitimate outgrowth of the college fraternity idea. No college can afford to ignore this. It is a part of the spirit of the age. Think how much one college gains from the lesson and example of other colleges. Indeed our university system, as we have developed it in this country, is a kind of evolution. Our great universities of to-day are under obligations to the colleges that have existed before them and have tested the principles that they have accepted or been able to improve upon. I speak as a Cornell man. Cornell University in my opinion stands for the American idea. Her charter, as it seems to me, is the Declaration of Independence applied to higher education. If there is virtue in anything American, there is virtue in such an Americanism as Cornell University. And yet Cornell must feel that she is under a kind of obligation to older institutions that have tested certain systems of college polity and were able to give a new institution the benefit of their experience. College cosmopolitanism I say again is a thing that no institution can afford to ignore.

I make the point that when Cornell started as a new institution without tradition, she was under obligation to the fraternities that went there and gave their traditions to a body of Cornell men. How much influence the traditions of those pioneer fraternities exerted on Cornell, those acquainted with the early history of the university know. I am proud of the fact that Theta Delta Chi entered there from the start and has had a continuous existence and did her part in moulding Cornell opinion.

In no way can the advantages of a college be better ap-

preciated than through a college fraternity education. The fraternity man gets all the good out of the system and traditions of his own college and is brought into touch with the policy of other and rival colleges. The great universities through the medium of the college fraternity are exerting an influence on men in the smaller colleges and vice versa. No matter how perfect our own system may be, we may still learn something from the wisdom and experience of others. The standing of a college is largely determined to-day by the kind of fraternities that will grant a charter to it.

It is the very courtesy of competition the fraternity brings out that affords another argument in its favor. We are taught to be on our best mettle as fraternity men and at the same time we cannot forget that we are gentlemen.

Again the student joins a fraternity as an act of his own free will and accord and not by compulsion. Indeed he is generally very anxious to get into a fraternity and considers that it honors him and not he it by his joining it. Is there not much to be hoped for then from an organization that men take hold of out of love for it and its principles? Has it not been demonstrated again and again that there is much good in willing service, the service of love and of zeal? The man that goes into a college fraternity will try to make himself worthy of its privileges and will also endeavor to make the privileges of his fraternity worthy of himself and others.

Still further, the college fraternity bears the same relation to college discipline that the military system does to a boarding-school, because it puts the responsibility of his own deportment on each individual man and appeals most strongly to his sense of dignity. At this point I may be pardoned the use of the personal pronoun.

The writer was prepared for college at St. John's school, Manlius, N. Y., then a boarding-school and not a military school as it is to-day. The writer's recollection of his boarding-school life is that it was very pleasant for himself, but hard on his teachers. The entire discipline of the school lay in the authority of the head master and his assistants, and no

boy in the school felt that he shared the responsibility of the government in any way. The poor teachers had nerves and of course, were bound to break down under the strain before the school year was out. Under the military system this responsibility is shared by the boys with their teachers, who have now risen to the dignity of educators. The boys set the pace for themselves and virtually govern themselves. But the gain is not only here. Think of the influence brought to bear on a boy at such a school where his own manliness and sense of responsibility is brought into play, and his instructors and fellow students may appeal to that self respect. Now the college fraternity does some such thing for the college man. His discipline is not a thing of faculty discipline but of fraternity tradition. In other words the faculty do not thunder from some Sinai at him any longer. They leave the man to work out his own salvation as a fraternity man and give their time to the class room work. Remember too the fraternity tradition is not wholly discipline. It is something higher. It is social and intellectual culture.

As a matter of fact the fraternity gives a faculty a hold on a body of students that nothing else can. The moment a faculty call a fraternity to account for any act, the members of the fraternity feel this action more keenly than they would as mere individuals. Their fraternity is a tender point with them and they do not care to have it compromised.

Cornell University always stood for the broadest possible toleration and it has ever been the champion of the fraternity idea. The writer remembers when he was a freshman to have been addressed by President White somewhat in this way: "Young man, you are now a university man and not a school boy. If this freedom, which we offer you as a university man, is too much for you you will be sent back to school and a closer confinement. You are a citizen of Ithaca and must comport yourself to the authorities as such. We only expect you to attend classes regularly and take examinations." Think what this implies to a young man on the verge of manhood. A university man and not a schoolboy! Woe to the student that is found to be too "fresh" for this kind of treatment.

There is something more than shame in it. There is a loss of self respect and a forfeit of the good opinion of fellows, and that is worse than any hazing.

There are not lacking college men that deplore the decadence of the dormitory system and they lay all the blame for it at the door of the college fraternity. "These fraternities," they cry "build chapter houses and students settle down in a community like ordinary house-holders. The old time spirit that added so much to college life is disappearing. What are we coming to anyhow?" There are old time college men that believe or at least seem to believe that rolling stoves down stairs of nights, tossing freshmen in blankets, shooting paper wads at bald-headed professors in the class-room, and doing other things that are supposed to be restrained in the nursery are a necessary part of a college man's education. To them I answer all this is a "relic of barbarism" and should go. As for the class scraps that you deplore, foot-ball, base-ball and rowing have taken their place with gymnasium work. Instead of hazing each other college men try their zeal on some other college and try to beat it on the diamond or on the water. A better order of things has come on and the fraternity men are very willing to be responsible for it.

God save the mark! just think what the old time college boy had to endure simply because it fell to his unhappy lot to be a freshman. To be hooted at, smoked out of his room, treated like a barbarian, subjected to bodily torture—this might be his fate simply because he had had the temerity to go to college. Faculties fought this spirit in a kind of despair until the fraternity came to their aid. And now behold the freshman living in a chapter house on friendly terms with upper classmen, honored and respected as a fraternity man and not even reminded except in a playful way and upon occasion that he is a freshman at all.

The Cornell faculty tried the dormitory system when the university was founded and had to give it up. It was only one of their experiments. Stories were rife in the winter's time, which were no doubt exaggerations, of the nonsensical things that used to be done when all students were forced to

live in Cascadilla. Far from exciting laughter they made the Cornell man of my day blush for his institution. Funny wasn't it! The faculty stood it as long as they could and then banished the students from the dormitory and turned them on Ithaca landlords and if necessary on the town authorities and that thing suddenly ceased. The dormitory system must go and the "freshness" and hazing that went along with it.

Let us consider now what are the requirements to membership in a good fraternity. Any man that goes to college may get a degree if he stay there long enough and convince the faculty that he has done good work. But not every man may be a fraternity man. There are certain things required of a man before he may enter a fraternity and those things are what no man can ignore—such things as gentlemanly deportment, popularity, geniality, and other manners that maketh a man. Remember too that this standard of excellence is not so much enforced as it is sought after, developed, and encouraged, as the reward of an election to a fraternity.

As to the secrecy of the college fraternity that has been a cause of censure to some our critics should remember that it is rather a thing of necessity. We had to practice secrecy to live because the faculty fought us so fiercely that we could only hope to develop our social conception of things collegiate within our lodge rooms. Now that we are getting to be tolerated we lay less stress on the secrecy of our fraternities and more on their social and intellectual side.

As to the argument so often used against us in these later days that we created dissensions among classmates and that fraternities hate each other and try by every underhand method to hurt one another we answer this is another "relic of barbarism" for which we are in no way responsible. The fraternities that are true to themselves and their ideals will not lower their standard by such petty conduct.

The old argument that we are a confederacy of vice is an insult to American manhood. If a crowd of young men in college cannot come together without injuring their morals what hope is there for American society? If the young men

in their untried innocence cannot band together in friendship—God save us all—what are we coming to? Who may be trusted?

Of those that would banish the college fraternity I proudly ask what do you propose to substitute for our self imposed social discipline?

Lastly the college fraternity is American. It was originated and developed in an American college by American men. It lived because it had enough of virtue in it to satisfy Americans—because Americans would not let it die out. There is an English university system and a German university system. Some college men even in this country prefer the foreign to the home article and will not join one of our American college orders. The college that will not permit a fraternity to enter it must be un-American. The fraternity idea is the only genuinely American thing in our university system.

A friend of mine, a graduate of Amherst of some fifteen years standing, and a non-fraternity man, went back to his alma mater to commencement and when he came home he said to me: "I was surprised and delighted in all I saw. The students live in pretty chapter houses and practice the most gentlemanly rivalry among themselves. They are a dressier crowd, showier, and much more independent looking than the men of my day and more developed. The faculty allow them every possible freedom that can appeal to manhood. The students have a voice in their own government and a very emphatic voice at that, I wish we had had the same thing in my time.

With such a state of affairs in a representative American college there must be a glorious future ahead for the American college system—the college fraternity.

WM. NEELY FREEMAN, Beta, '84.

## Our Graduates.

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

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Rodney Smith, Gamma, '54, Col. Rodney Smith assistant Paymaster General U. S. A. is now located at Phoenix, Arizona.

Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68, after extended travels abroad has reached home and may be found at 155 West 58th St.

Parker C. Newbegin, Eta, '91, is now in the Senior Class, course of Civil and Railroad Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.

Rev. Wm. L. Sutherland, Omicron Deuteron, '77, has resigned his pastorate at Fergus Falls, Minn., to accept the S. S. Superintendency for the states of Kansas and Missouri.

Frank Kimball, Eta, '79, has retired from the partnership of Kimball & Williamson at Norway, Maine, and has bought a share in a flourishing drug business at Woodsville, N. H.

Frank H. McCall, Nu Deuteron, '91, writes from Providence, R. I., that he has just accepted a position with the Union Railroad Co., of that city. His address is 1097 Broad street.

A. E. Stearns, Eta, '89, has opened a law office in the new and "booming" town of Rumford Falls, Maine. He speaks very encouragingly of both his personal prospects and those of the town.

Chas. W. Floyd, Omicron Deuteron, '85, a member of the Pension Office force in The Hub, took in The Fair early in October, and incidentally called upon the boys of Omicron Deuteron who were with him in college.

Frank H. Hall, Psi, '78, has recently located in Elmira, N. Y., where he will remain for a year in the interest of Johnson's Universal Cyclopaedia. He is indirectly connected with the editor of the SHIELD in this work.

P. C. Gilbert, M. D., Xi, '62, is at present located at White Plains, N. Y., as one of the physicians in charge of the Keeley Institute located there. Bro. Gilbert dropped in to the convention for a few moments and was welcomed by the boys.

Frank L. Connard, Beta, '93, writes from Chicago, where, we infer from his letter head, he was connected with the office of the Director of Works of the Columbian Exposition, that he hopes to remain there during the winter. His address is 5101 Lake Avenue.

Francis E. Martindale, Alpha, '50. We have learned of the sad bereavement of Dr. Martindale occasioned by the death of his beloved wife in October. No particulars are at hand but the sympathies of all will go out to our faithful brother in his great affliction.

Frank J. Metcalf, Lambda, '86, who was one of the victims of the Ford's theater disaster in Washington, last June, has beguiled the tedium of convalescence by the writing of a little book entitled "A Summer In-Doors," which is issued in dainty form with white covers.

Edward Newbegin, Eta, '91, who was erroneously assigned to '81 in the September SHIELD, remained in the law office of his father, Henry Newbegin, Eta, '57, at Defiance, Ohio, until September, '93, when he entered the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, Mass., to prepare for the ministry.

Seward A. Simons, Beta, '79, left for California immediately after the convention on a flying business trip and has just returned. Under date of December 18 he writes that he will make it a point to attend the conventions hereafter. Evidently he enjoyed his late experience. Certain it is that his presence contributed much to the success of the convention.

Webster R. Walkeley, Omicron, '60, was elected District Alderman for the third district of Brooklyn, on the famous 7th of November. It is needless to say he was on the Republican side. This district is usually strongly Democratic. Bro. Walkeley is a lively politician. He is also a loyal Theta Delt. The convention was not overlooked. Although very busy he found time to drop in and give us a rousing speech.

Chas. E. Birch, Delta, '92, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is now half owner of the Industrial Architectural Iron Works, of which company he is Secretary and Treasurer. At his wedding, which was briefly mentioned in the SHIELD of last June, all the ushers were Theta Delts, and members of the Delta Charge: Bros. M. R. Sherrerd, '86; Geo. R. Groesbeck, '89; J. C. Hallock, '91; E. Seymour Brown, '92; Jas. D. Ringwood, '93.

W. G. Smith, Beta, '85. The following editorial extract from the *Elmira Advertiser* of Dec. 14 will interest those who know Bro. Smith. "The Advertiser has had frequent occasion to remark that, whenever there was a big time on, anywhere in the world, if you looked closely enough you'd find a southern tier representative connected with the affair in some way. The Hawaiian matter is no exception to the rule, as a southern tier man is in it, very deeply too.

W. G. Smith, editor of the Honolulu Star, is the same W. G. Smith who formerly edited the Ithaca Journal and represented Tompkins county one year in the assembly. He is now a Hawaiian revolutionist

and hot annexationist. At the mass meeting held in Honolulu to protest against the Cleveland-Gresham program Mr. Smith was one of the principal speakers and he paid his compliments to president and secretary of state in a manner that showed his brain had not lost its memory nor his tongue its eloquence since the days when he poured his utterances upon the throbbing air of the southern tier. Mr. Smith's speech appealed to the patriotic spirit of his hearers and in true Patrick Henry style he advised his colleagues to resist oppression and stand together for the freedom they had won. He counseled resistance, but to refrain from firing upon United States troops."

Rev. C. S. Sargent, Omicron Deuteron, '76. The following extract was taken from an Adams, Mass. paper of recent date. "The Rev. C. S. Sargent of Adams, the popular Congregational pastor there, has had a call to fill the pulpit of the Central Congregational Church of St. Louis, Mo. Whether the call will be accepted or not is not yet known. Mr. Sargent has been absent from Adams now for two weeks, and upon his return, which is expected in a few days his decision will be made public. About two years ago Mr. Sargent had a call to fill a pulpit at Spokane Falls, Wash., and although a flattering inducement was extended to him he refused to leave Adams, where he has many ties that bind him to the people and its interests. A similar decision is now hoped for. Later information received this afternoon indicates that Mr. Sargent is to accept the call to St. Louis. He returned from his trip last evening, and in conversation with a Springfield Union reporter, gave him to understand that such was the case."

John B. Tytus, Zeta, '69, died in Middletown, Ohio, Nov. 18th. The following newspaper clipping sent the Shield by Bro. Chas. C. Kueisley, is the only information we have received in regard to it.

Middletown, Ohio, November 18.—John B. Tytus, the well known manufacturer, passed away to-night at eight o'clock at his palatial home on Main street in this city. The deceased was sick but a short time, stomach trouble having precipitated the end. About ten days ago he came home from the East a very sick man. Since then his decline has been very rapid, and for several days his condition has been such that no one but his devoted wife and sister, Mrs. Colin Gardner, were allowed in the sick chamber. Mr. Tytus was one of the foremost citizens of the city, and his loss is an irreparable one, as he was very public spirited and did much for the place. He was 44 years of age, and at the time of his death was President of the Middletown Lodge No. 57, B. P. O. E. He leaves a wife, four children and two sisters, Mrs. Colin Gardner and Mrs. C. Monjeau, to mourn his loss. Two of his sons, Frank and John, are students at Yale College. He was well known in Cincinnati, being very popular in club and society circles.

Howard Martin, Rho '73. The name which is listed in the catalogue under class of '73 is E. H. Martin, Jr., Memphis, Tenn. This is a mis-

take, the name is Howard Martin. He had not been heard from in many years. Soon after the banquet the steward of the Marlborough received a letter from Bro. Martin asking the address of any member of the fraternity in New York. The steward forwarded this letter to the Shield and thus we are able to resurrect a long lost brother, who although for many years past a resident of foreign parts has not forgotten Theta Delta Chi. Bro. Martin after graduating from Washington and Lee in 1873 spent four years in England and Germany, later going into Italy, Sicily and Greece for a considerable time. Two years later he returned to Egypt and the Holy Land. He then returned to the United States and resided for a time in New York City. During President Cleveland's first term he was appointed Secretary of the United States Legation and *Charge d' affaires ad interim* at Peking, China, where he has resided for the last six years. By courtesy of the U. S. Government he served also as Secretary of Legation to Norway and Sweden in China, Corea and Siam. During his residence in China he had many interesting and thrilling experiences, the story of some being promised for a future number of the SHIELD. Bro. Martin has just returned to this country and at present is residing at 252 West 54th street, New York City.

Dr. Wm. J. B. Baird, of the Nu Deuteron. From the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* we clip the following: "Dr. William Jordan Bates Baird came to Seattle in June, 1892, from Wheeling, W. Va., in which city he was born twenty-three years ago last January. His father, now deceased, was a leading physician, and a man of high standing. One of his brothers adopted medicine as a profession. One other brother, three sisters and the mother completed the family, which is one of the first in Wheeling. Dr. Baird was given excellent educational advantages, having taken a three years' course at the University of Pennsylvania medical school, from which he graduated with honors. While at school he formed a close attachment for John Billings, a classmate, who is a brother-in-law of William H. Wilson, Secretary of the Commandant at the Port Orchard naval station, who was then living in this city, and he then decided to come here after securing his degree. He had no personal acquaintance here, but brought letters of introduction to a number of leading citizens from John Wanamaker and other prominent men and college chums. From almost the day of his arrival he was a general favorite. He made acquaintances with astonishing rapidity and held them by his geniality of manner and unfailing courtesy. He stepped into a good practice as though a place had been prepared for him, and before he had been here half a year was recognized as one of the rising practitioners of the city. Being small of stature, frail in constitution and boyish in appearance, as indicated by the title of 'little doctor' by which he was generally known, he had heavy odds against him; but he overcame them by his abilities as a physician, coupled with the confidence he inspired in those whom he met. Dr. Baird's chief characteristic was his unfailing good humor. He

was the life of every social circle he entered. He was not only a capital mimic, but he possessed a vein of original humor from which he could produce bon mots upon call. He knew every popular song and could sing it well, and just as the man who had sung it into fame had rendered it. Those who attended the minstrel shows of the Seattle Athletic Club will remember the great hit made by the 'little doctor' as end man. At social affairs this talent was often called into requisition for the entertainment of those present. His social standing was due not only to those qualities and his breeding, but also to the fact that he was always cheerful and uniformly courteous and affable. He was popular with men and women alike—a rare thing in a man. He was a member of the Rainier Club and the Athletic Club, and played quarter-back with the first eleven of the latter organization last season. About two months ago Dr. Baird accepted the position of resident physician of Blewett Gold Mining Company at Peshastin. There were numerous accidents at the mine and his skill in surgery was often required. Three weeks after his arrival there he suffered a serious attack of mountain fever, and Dr. Sharpless, who went from this city to attend him, upon his return said he was afraid the 'little doctor's' constitution was seriously impaired. During this illness a miner had his shoulder fractured, and as there was no other physician in camp he was taken to Dr. Baird, who, well propped up in bed, reduced the fracture, fainting three times before the operation was completed. This and his other instances of pluck and his good disposition made him a great favorite among the miners. He became convalescent after a hard pull and resumed active practice. Two days ago he suffered a relapse, and as there was no one there to treat him, he took the desperate but only chance of trying to reach Seattle. It is supposed that he left Peshastin for Seattle early yesterday morning. After a drive of thirty miles he reached Cle-Elum and probably died soon afterward. He had an organic heart trouble, which was doubtless the immediate cause of his death. L. L. Patrick, superintendent of the Blewett mine, was with him when he died and will bring his remains here on the overland train to-day. They will be taken to Wheeling, W. Va., for interment.

The Rev. John McLachlan, Psi, '70, will spend the coming year in Binghamton, N. Y.

Rev. Inman L. Wilcox, Psi, '86, has been pastor of the Park Congregational Church in Worcester, Mass., since 1891. During his incumbency a new church has been built which was dedicated on the 8th of October last, at which time Bro. Wilcox received many well-merited congratulations.

#### MARSH—JENKINS.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Rev. Edward Lester Marsh, Mu Deuteron, '88, and Miss Jenkins. They will be at home after January 1st in Yarmouth, Mass.

## VROOM—WOOD.

It is not often that a more brilliant military wedding occurs than that chronicled below, in which Major Peter D. Vroom, of Delta, '62, figures as the groom. Bro. Vroom has always been a most ardent and liberal Theta Delt, and the SHIELD joins the entire fraternity in wishing Bro. Vroom and his charming bride a long and happy life. The account of the festivities is taken from the *St. Louis Times* of December 24th: "A prominent and elegant event in society at Fort Leavenworth during the past week was the marriage Tuesday evening of Miss Margaret Wood, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Palmer G. Wood, and Major Peter D. Vroom, assistant inspector general U. S. A., the ceremony taking place at 7,30 p. m. at the Post chapel. The sacred edifice, which is picturesque in memorial tablets to military heroes, was decorated for the occasion with a profusion of evergreens, brightened with a graceful draping of the national and regimental colors. The ceremony was according to the Episcopal ritual and was conducted by Rt. Rev. Bishop E. S. Thomas, assisted by Chaplain Pierce, U. S. A., the latter rendering the betrothal service, the former the marriage, both being beautiful and impressive. The attendants were the Misses May and Genevieve Wood, sisters of the bride, as maids of honor, and Misses Minnie Townsend, Sadie Cushing, Rhoda MacFarlane, Mary Sanno, Zoe Randall and Bessie Randall the bridesmaids. The ushers were Captain Marian P. Maus, First infantry; Captain Francis H. Hardin, Third cavalry; Captain Enoch H. Crowder, Eighth cavalry, acting judge advocate of the department of the Platte; Lieutenant Henry L. Ripley, Third cavalry; Lieutenant Parker W. West, Third cavalry; Lieutenant Willis Uline, Twelfth infantry; Lieutenant William M. Wood, Twelfth infantry, brother of the bride, and Lieutenant Carter P. Johnson, Tenth cavalry. The hour was 7:30. The wedding march was played by Miss Gressinger, accompanied on the violin by her father, Prof. Gressinger, leader of the Twelfth infantry band. The bride was met at the church door by her attendants, who had entered by way of the vestry, and the procession moved up the right aisle to the chancel in the following order: First came the ushers, then the bridesmaids in couples led by Miss Townsend, and dressed alternately in yellow and white, the first color representing the arm of the service to which the groom formerly belonged; then came two little pages in velvet, each bearing a white satin cushion; these were followed by a little flower girl, Miss Daphyne Wood, sister of the bride, who scattered flowers in her pathway. At the chancel they were met by the groom and best man, Major Samuel L. Woodward, Tenth cavalry. After the ceremony the bridal couple retired to the vestry, the rest of the bridal party leaving by the front entrance, the maids being attended by the ushers. The bride's costume was an Empire gown of white duchess satin with brocaded white satin front, square corsage and long sleeves, trailing bouquet of smilax and lilies of the valley; ornaments, a diamond pen-

dant, the gift of the groom. She also carried a white prayer book. The maids of honor wore watteau gowns of white brocaded silk, with garniture of yellow velvet and feather trimming, trailing bouquets of smilax and hyacinths. The bridesmaids were in yellow and white costumes, the white being in Princess style with low corsage, the yellow being in Empire style with square corsage. All carried trailing bouquets of smilax and hyacinths. Mrs. Wood, mother of the bride, wore an elegant gown of dark heliotrope brocaded satin and velvet, square neck and long square train and diamond ornaments. The ceremony was followed by a large reception and hop at the Post hop room, the music being furnished by the Twelfth infantry orchestrea. and the festivities lasted until midnight. Among the out of town guests were Major Cushing and daughter, of Omaha, and Captain Michler, of the Fifth cavalry. A notable coincidence was that on the day of the marriage President Cleveland sent in to the United States Senate the name of the bride's father for promotion as captain of the Twelfth infantry. The presents were numerous and elegant. At 10 o'clock Major Vroom and bride left for an eastern wedding journey, which will probably be of a month's duration. They will be at home on their return at San Antonio, Texas.

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### In Memoriam.

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WILLIAM JORDAN BATES BAIRD.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in His all wise providence, in His infinite love and wisdom, hath pleased to call to Himself our beloved brother, William Jordan Bates Baird, and

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

*Resolved*, That, although submitting to the decree of Almighty God and remembering that the sorrow for the dead is a sorrow from which we refuse to be divorced, we extend to his bereaved friends our warmest sympathy.

*Resolved*, That in the death of Bro. Baird Nu Deuteron has lost a good member, and  $\Theta \Delta \chi$  one who was loyal to his fraternity and who won the respect of all.

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

HENRY C. QUIGLEY, '95,  
ARTHUR S. CLIFT, '95.  
WILLIAM E. HOLCOMBE, '94.

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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 Delta, will be welcomed. The opinions advanced are not necessarily approved by the editor. Everyone is permitted to speak his mind.

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ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1893.

DEAR BROTHER :

I note with the deepest regret that the next issue of THE SHIELD closes your five year contract with this organ.

I hope you do not mean to insinuate that you will not accept the editorship of this periodical in the future. Such an action on your part would be disastrous, not only to the paper, but to the fraternity at large. *Kappa Alpha* sums up the whole case when it says, "Mr. Holmes has done more for the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD than has any other Greek done for his fraternity. He has actually made it."

You will doubtless say that there are others in the fraternity who are capable to undertake and successfully accomplish the editing of this periodical, but I say most decidedly, no. You have introduced into it in the past five years a brilliancy and life that must not be extinguished or dulled by the resigning of present management. By your action in the matter, you have endeared yourself to every member of the fraternity, who takes any interest whatever in its welfare. You at present are personally acquainted with more members than possibly any other member; are better acquainted with the ins and outs of the different charges, their make up and condition. Such a knowledge must not be withdrawn from the chief staff of the fraternity; it must be continued just where it is.

I do not remember at present the contract under which you have managed the SHIELD for the past five years, nor have I any idea what action will be taken upon its future course, at the next annual convention; but I will certainly do all in my power to keep it under the present editorship, at the same time throwing around him more financial protection than I know he possesses at present.

I understand, perfectly, how difficult it is, both financially and mentally, to manage a paper of this kind successfully, and it is just that difficulty that renders it improbable and almost impossible for anyone else to take the helm from your hand and guide it successfully in the future as you have in the past. It has been the only means, since my graduation, of

my keeping track of my old friends and acquaintances, and I can assure you that it has been most decidedly appreciated in that line.

Now don't write and tell me that you can't possibly take hold of it, because *you must*. The members of the fraternity and the fraternity as a body demand it. There is no other course left for you.

There is one little scheme which might possibly increase the subscription roll and at the same time relieve the editor of personal and editorial drumming. I will suggest it and give it to you for what it is worth: "Would it not be well to appoint one subscriber in each city, having a number of members of the fraternity who are not subscribers, to look up these non-subscribers and interest them in the work? For instance, take cities like Albany and Troy. There are doubtless members of the fraternity in these cities, who are not subscribers, not because they do not wish to subscribe nor that they would refuse, but simply from pure unadulterated negligence. Why not furnish some member in these cities, who is a subscriber, with the names of the non-subscribers and let him look the matter up and bring their personal attention to it? He should not receive the subscriptions, but you furnish him with subscription blanks, which he could leave with members, upon their promising to forward the amount to you. The same party might easily and readily obtain personals of these members, which would otherwise pass unnoticed and it would also work to great advantage in the "Rushing System," as advanced in your first editorial of the September SHIELD."

Of course it is too late to do this for the present volume, but volume ten could be worked up, I feel sure, very considerably in this way. I know that you will say that these suggestions are rather late, but then you know a man never pays much attention to the life-preserver until he is overboard.

Now, dear Holmes, I want you to think seriously about the matter of resigning the editorship of the SHIELD. You have taken a great responsibility upon your shoulders in the past; you have carried it so nobly, no one can carry it equally as well. I say this in all earnestness, as I feel it every word.

With the best of wishes for your success in every line, I am,

Yours fraternally,

H. S. NEIMAN.

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CHICAGO, Oct. 18, 1893.

MY DEAR HOLMES :

It is Sunday evening, a cool, clear, crisp atmosphere makes the blazing fire in the grate very agreeable. My wife is with her people for a few days and events have so happened that my mind has been much with my old associates to-day, and I have thought much of  $\Theta \Delta X$  and her interests, of  $O^3$  and her hopes and aspirations, of the SHIELD and its future. I could not help contrasting the condition of our fraternity as it is

to day with that which existed when I was an active member.' As I look back I see many and great changes. For some of these, I like to think that my work and my efforts had some share in producing. When I remember what  $O^3$  was when I was initiated, how meagre had been her attainments, how few really good men she had, how many indifferent men were on her rolls, how half a dozen who ought never to have been members of  $\Theta \Delta X$  were then on her roll, when I consider how  $\Theta \Delta X$  in Dartmouth was jeered at, hissed at, ridiculed, cussed, made a cat's-paw for other Frats.; how she was ignored in class and college politics and in all lines was a nonentity, I am well pleased with her history since 1881. S. P. Smith, H. R. Foster and the Class of '84 started  $O^3$  on the upgrade and it was my privilege to have some share in that work. Before I left college I could see the effect of our work and already many of our hopes were realized. The enclosed letter (circular) will show you that the boys are still at work up there and tho' there may be some mistakes made still I believe in the main they are on the right track. So much for  $O^3$ .

Now there has been as much improvement in the fraternity, well do I remember the Convention of 1882 in Boston, what a revelation it was to me. But compared to the grand assembly you had there last fall it was nowhere. It will not be out of place for me to tell you here how much I appreciate the work you have done for the Fraternity. Your last letter to me shows all too well what I suspected long before, that a great many of our brethren were not appreciative enough of the very great amount of work and self-sacrifice to say nothing of the expenditure which your work cost you. This fact may come in like the bitter with the sweet which we must all take in our projects and our life work. We must see some of the highest interests fail because men do not rise above the sordid. So you have experienced as the head and front of  $\Theta \Delta X$ , I wish that I might help you more from a money standpoint but just now I can't be my wish ever so great. But I can give you my most earnest support and my most cordial sympathy. As you look back upon the past five years you have much to be proud of,  $\Theta \Delta X$  was really not among the first rank when you assumed charge. To-day she is in every good institution where fraternities are countenanced. She has taken off a little of her conservatism, none too soon, shall any one say any too late, and recognized some of our western schools and institutions which have a future and are up to the standard now. Just in proportion as these institutions get up to the right grade and we can get men of good possibilities, of promise,  $\Theta \Delta X$  can afford to extend her charges, then her growth will be healthy and we shall not have every now and again a funeral to mourn over. In this work no hand has been so steady at the helm, no foresight equal to your own. If you lay down all responsibility—which God forbid—you may be well pleased with results. To be sure you have not done what you hoped, who ever does? but you have done much more than any other for the advancement of the interests of  $\Theta \Delta X$

I trust that ere long you will see realized some of your fondest hopes for  $\Theta \Delta X$  and will have the very great pleasure of knowing that you had a large share in bringing about this consummation. Believe me, my dear Holmes, that I express what I feel in my heart and am not trying to soothe by adulation. I see a vast deal of work to do along the line of the work you have begun, and I wonder who is to take it up when you lay it down, if so you must. If it seem best that you give to another the chief burden I hope you may still hold such relations to the SHIELD as will enable you to give it the energy, the bent, the enthusiasm which has characterized it since you have taken it. Whatever I may do to make it a success, whatever I may do to foster the interests of the fraternity, I shall be pleased to do and I know of no one with whom I should more willingly co-operate than yourself. I believe that our fraternity has in it the elements of power for good in college life, and that if we can inspire our charges with the spirit of our Constitution we shall continue to make men of the highest type only we'll make more of them. Look not on what you have failed to accomplish but upon what—and a vast deal it is—you have done and I believe you'll feel better than you did when you dictated my last letter. I am very sorry you didn't drop me a line while you were here I'd have been delighted to have met you for a few minutes at the Fair. More anon. With warmest sympathy and kindest regards I am as ever yours in  $\Theta \Delta X$ ,

J. P. HOUSTON.

CHICAGO, Nov. 1, '93.

MY DEAR BRO. HOLMES :

The September number of the SHIELD is at hand and as usual carefully read. It is to me a pleasing number and up to the high standard which you have set for our official organ. Permit me to say a few things in commendation of the SHIELD, and if they carry with them the implied compliment to its editor and publisher well and good.

I have on my shelf every copy of the SHIELD published save that old-time number which establishes our right beyond all doubt to the use of the name. In looking over those earlier numbers in which I had a small part and making a comparison with the SHIELD of to-day it makes me almost question "What magic hand hath wrought this change?" I admire and value the SHIELD because

First—Of its comely exterior and the tasty typographical appearance of its pages ;

Second—Of its dignified position toward other fraternities, giving credit where it is due, criticising what seems deserving of censure, and letting entirely alone what is none of our business ;

Third—Of its determined stand against all forms of lawlessness and the usual college pranks for which exemption is claimed because the perpetrators are "college boys" and so beyond the pale of the law and responsibility ;

Fourth—Of its stand for the highest type of manhood in our ranks ; not the wishy-washy, goody-goody kind, but the sterling worth which makes our men marked men in and out of college ;

Fifth—Of its position in regard to the wine cup. A quite extensive observation of fraternities and social clubs and considerable experience with young men compel me to say that nothing will so quickly degrade and pervert any such body of men as our charges are, as the abuse of the drinking habit. The SHIELD has stood up unequivocally for sobriety, temperance and honor among our membership and I doubt not many a young brother has felt its influence for good ;

Sixth—Of its being a publication of which every member of our fraternity can be proud, and worthy of our most cordial support.

It seems to me I could go on indefinitely enumerating the good points of our SHIELD and proving its excellence and usefulness. In the transfer of the editorial responsibility which must soon come I hope these good qualities will be retained to be strengthened by the addition of others.

I want to express my highest appreciation of the SHIELD. It has been to me a source of much pleasure, it has kept the old memories ever fresh, it has kept me alive to the advance of the fraternity and made me a better Theta Delt and a better man. No man can be a member of our fraternity without having his sympathies broadened, his impulses quickened and made better qualified to deal with his brother man. The SHIELD keeps alive all those kindest qualities, prevents our losing sight of them when brought into contact with the rough and tumble of the world. It does this for graduate members and should receive their most cordial support. We are to-day a stronger fraternity than ever before and it seems to me that much of the respect which we command has come through the influence of the SHIELD. Such a journal bespeaks force and character in the fraternity which supports it and there can be no doubt that this has had its influence upon fraternity men everywhere. Could I speak to all the graduate members I would urge one and all to subscribe for the SHIELD. The cost is trivial compared with the good it brings one and no Theta Delt should be without this fountain of perpetual youth.

The SHIELD has received my cordial support under your direction. I shall continue loyal when it passes to another, but I want you to know ere you lay aside the editorial pen that I appreciate the SHIELD, that I believe in it as the most potent factor in keeping our fraternity at the front and I want its good work continued into the future. I hope there may be the hearty co-operation of every member of our fraternity in its support and that we may see it accomplishing a greater work even than it has already done. With the kindest wishes for you and this reassurance of my warmest sympathy in all you've done for us and the SHIELD I am as ever,

Yours fraternally,

J. P. HOUSTON.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Dec. 23, 1893.

*My Dear Brother :*

I learn with much regret that the next issue of THE SHIELD will be your valedictory number. You have made THE SHIELD the best fraternity magazine with which I am acquainted. Its literary and financial strength were built upon your ability and energy. THE SHIELD! It is Clay Holmes.

It had an existence and able editors before you took it in hand, but it was an almost unrecognized existence, and its editors, for lack of time and financial encouragement, could not make it felt as a power in fraternity journalism. The bound volumes of THE SHIELD for the past five years are an honor to the fraternity. I have seen them in college libraries and was proud of them. The remarkable growth of the fraternity within the last few years has been due in no small degree to THE SHIELD and its editor. The Grand Lodge has had noble Presidents, but no other one who has been permitted to labor so zealously and accomplish so much for Theta Delta Chi as did President Clay W. Holmes.

I do not need to multiply words. They but feebly express the honor and gratitude due one who has done so much and won so much for our loved fraternity,

The best wishes of every loyal Theta Delt will be with you and abide with you, editor honored, president paramount, brother beloved.

Yours in the bonds,

LEWIS HALSEY.

WHEELING, Dec. 18th, 1893.

DEAR BRO. HOLMES :

Ever since my return home from the convention I have intended writing you with reference to SHIELD subscriptions.

There are only a few Theta Delts here, but those few are ardent adherents to the dear old black, white and blue.

I would like to have you send me the SHIELD dating from September, 1893, to date and continue sending it as long as it is published, which I hope will be forever.

You may also send it to the brothers, whose names I will give below. I spoke to them and they both want it sent regularly.

I don't remember what the price per year is, and if you will mail bill I shall take pleasure in remitting you immediately.

I hope the fellows will subscribe liberally and make it pay. I fully appreciate the responsibility you assume in continuing as editor.

Let me wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. And believe me sincerely yours in the bonds.

H. C. WHITAKER, N<sup>o</sup> 95.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6, 1893.

MY DEAR HOLMES :

Word has just come to me from Bro. Weeks, Tau Deuteron's representative to the Convention, that you have taken the SHIELD for another year. *I am delighted.* I congratulate  $\Theta \Delta X$  on the consummation. I appreciate the burdens it adds to you but I trust you will not find them exacting or too onerous for your health. I looked with misgivings on any change at the present time, and it does me great pleasure to assure you of my heartiest co-operation in this next year's work. If there be anything I can do to help you aside from the usual data for alumni reports which I can get hold of please let me know.

Yours fraternally,

J. P. HOUSTON.

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 29, 1893.

DEAR BRO. :

I herewith return you your check for \$3.00. I wish to pay \$5.00 for my yearly subscription to the SHIELD. That is why I sent you the check for \$5.00. If any number of Theta Deltas will subscribe towards the support of the SHIELD, I will join them, so that you can afford to publish it. There is no question but what you have been the life and strength of the fraternity for years past and put it where it now stands. I am afraid that if you let go your hold it will be a great loss and misfortune to the fraternity. I think if you drop out I shall do the same.

Yours fraternally,

F. J. KLINE.

## Editorial.

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THE convention of 1893 was the greatest on record. In fact, this expresses it very mildly. The editor has not sufficient command of the English language to portray in its fullness just how grand it was. Words can not convey any expression of the spirit which pervades an assembly. Those who were present at all the sessions of the forty-seventh convention know, without being told, of the intensely brotherly feeling which pervaded every minute of the time. Those who were not there will never realize what they missed. It was not at all like any other convention ever held. Nothing startling occurred at any time. It started quietly and pleasantly. The wheels of business ran smoothly and without delay. The committees were appointed and did their work promptly and well. The two things which characterized the convention were, the fact that the graduate delegations represented some of the finest talent in the fraternity, business men who left their regular work to be faithful to the fraternity and appeared at each and every session. They did their whole duty and when they stood on the floor to speak their language indicated ability and purpose. No lost words—no filibustering. The other great point was the underlying sentiment of lofty idealism, which seemed to pervade every motion or resolution. For the last five years the conventions have seemed to grow apace, both in general interest and in the character of the work done. This seemed to be the culmination of all that one could hope for. It would be impossible for any to be better. Manhood, of the highest type, was indicated everywhere. It was remarked by every visiting brother that the intelligence and ability depicted in the faces of the delegates, was something remarkable. It was a convention to be proud of. Every delegate may congratulate himself that he was a delegate. Every particle of work done was clearly in the best interests of the fraternity. A

number of important questions were passed upon, which will be referred to the charges for their endorsement. In the light of the unanimous action of the convention and the perfect harmony which pervaded its deliberations, the charges will make no mistake if they proceed to an immediate ratification of all the propositions tendered. They surely will if the delegates succeed in infusing them with even a little of the magnanimous spirit which characterized the convention. The entire absence of any "jobbery" or wire-pulling was a very pleasant feature. The election of officers was one of the most remarkable ever held. When the session was called no one seemed to know who was to be presented. The nominations were all made with some of the happiest and best speeches ever heard at a convention, and the grand lodge elected may congratulate themselves that their election was due to merit and not "canvassing for votes." The convention adjourned with a regular feast of song, and the walls of the Marlborough re-echoed with many of the songs the boys like to sing so well. Never were they sung so heartily. To cap the climax the banquet was a perfect success in every way—at least such is the uniform evidence of the hundred, who sat down to one of the Marlborough's finest spreads. It was with deep regret that the editor, called home by a telegram, was obliged to leave just as the boys were preparing to feast. Those who were there kindly remembered the SHIELD, however.

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WE waive our own personal modesty and publish in this issue a few of the many letters received lately in regard to the editorship of the SHIELD. These letters are published more to present some facts, which are strongly brought out, the chief one being the co-operation of the brothers in different cities with the editor on the matter of securing personals. This is a very important part of the successful work of the SHIELD. When the editor was president of the grand lodge, it was comparatively easy to secure a large number of personal notes. It is different now. We do not see so many of the boys, and all the news we get comes indirectly. Take this number as a fair

sample. The personal mentions are very few. We can not manufacture news out of the whole cloth. Facts must come to us. If every brother who reads this article could send us just one personal note, in regard to himself or some other brother, what a raft of news we could offer. Suppose you try it and see how it works. The editor has assumed the continuation of this work on the assumption that every one would put a hand to the wheel and help. That means you.

Another important factor is new subscribers. The list is not growing as it should, and we promise one thing right now. If the list continues to diminish we shall surely retire with the completion of the next volume. If the boys do not appreciate the SHIELD enough to stand by it loyally and work hard for its success, what inducement is there for one man to try to bear the burden alone? You would not do it, neither will we. If on the contrary, every one lends a helping hand in every way, and new subscribers pour in as a result of our renewed efforts *and yours*, then the SHIELD will not lack for an editor for some time to come. Get the spirit conveyed in these letters and do something. One of the brothers, whose letter is published, has always been a faithful helper. His ardent letters have helped to cheer the discouraged editor many times, and more news items have come from him than from any single brother beside. Take this subject to heart and help us to make the greatest periodical on the American soil.

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WE had expected to make our final bow with this issue, but under the rash doings of the Convention we are barred out, or in. Our promise to stay our pen in this direction carried with it the revival of our weary muscles and a regeneration of spirit. In closing the Ninth Volume we find ourselves unable to speak much praise for it, it has not been in any way satisfactory to the editor. Continued ill health and the discouragements which seemed to pile up on all sides gave very little impulse to any marked animation in our writing. We are sorry it has not been better. Such as it is however it has compared favorably with most of the other journals. We hope the readers of the SHIELD will not lose heart. The

short time given to the preparation of this number makes it impossible to exhibit much of our revived energy in its pages. Already however, steps are being taken for the production of better and more extended articles in the next volume than have ever appeared in the SHIELD. We promise you that Volume X will be one of which you may be proud, at least if every brother will render just a little assistance in the matter of personals and general news.

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WE do not suppose Bro. Whittaker expected to see his letter published, but it is such a capital text that we crave his pardon. Bro. Whittaker was at the convention. He got the working spirit and has carried it into actual practice. Would that all Theta Delts could have been at the convention, so that they too might get the self same spirit. We would then be saved from the painful task imposed by the double duty of trying to get up a good SHIELD and then wearing out the "knees" of our best suit in imploring the brothers to help the good work along. While we believe that there are a sufficient number of ardent Theta Delts, who would go down deep into their pockets to help the SHIELD, it is not right or just that this should be done. Let every one get a little patriotism, just two dollars worth, and see how quickly the SHIELD will regain its lost vigor. We rebel against the necessity of continually harping on this subject. We propose to try the experiment just one more year. If the brothers come to the front and subscribe, then we shall feel it our duty to continue the work just so long as they do their part. When they cease we stop. It all rests with you brothers. If all the recent graduates will do as Bro. Whitaker has done, then the subscription list will grow apace and nothing can stop us from a "boom." Do not be modest. Send your subscription without being asked for it.

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THE Marlborough was the scene of much activity on the day of our banquet. Harvard's Class of '95 banquet; a Sigma Chi banquet; and our Convention banquet were on at the same hour. The main banquet hall, however, was given over to

Theta Delta Chi—and the other fellows had to eat under our ensign which floated proudly from the main staff of the hotel. By the way, the Marlborough is getting to be quite a place for college men and dinners. Theta Delta Chi broke the ice there several years ago. After trying all the other places which have high-sounding names, at the request of the SHIELD editor the boys tried the Marlborough and liked it so well that it is the regular thing now. The other societies seem to be grasping the idea. All we can say is that what one gets at the Marlborough is sure to be good. The editor and a party of the boys were permitted to inspect the culinary department of the hotel by the courtesy of their competent steward, Mr. Sidman. It was our first visit to a large hotel kitchen. We have no time to describe it here in detail, but it was a revelation to all. The immensity of the whole thing, the perfect cleanliness of the cooking rooms, the convenient storage arrangements and the appearance of the cooks all indicated a painstaking care which explains why the dining-room of the Marlborough bears such a high reputation. One hundred and ninety-five employees it takes to run this model cookery. The SHIELD recommends Theta Delts to make the Marlborough their home when in New York, in the same manner that "Youngs'" is regarded in Boston.

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IN remitting for the SHIELD, one of the subscribers, a prominent judge in a growing western state says: "Please stop my subscription." While the SHIELD prizes the subscription of any brother, it has a deep regard for those of the prominent, busy men like the one referred to above. It shows two things,—1, That the SHIELD is of sufficient interest to hold at least for a few hours the attention of *busy* men. 2. That the busy men are not so engrossed in the every day affairs as to forget the good old fraternity which was their pride in youth. We trust that those who have asked to have their SHIELDS discontinued may think better of it and renew their subscriptions. Remember that while the SHIELD may not be *much* to you, you are *very much* to the SHIELD.

THE Catalogue fund still drags. The deficit of \$600.00 can be materially reduced if the brothers will make a little exertion. There are still about four hundred copies on hand. In order to get them out and recover something to apply on the debts they are offered to any one at \$1.00 per copy. This price does not include delivery. Send 17 cents additional for postage, or have it sent by express, collect. If the charges will only take the matter up and have every member buy one now they will soon be gone. Get up your list and send \$1.00 for each copy ordered. They will come in quantity by express at a cheap rate. Every charge should make its effort at once. Graduate readers who have never subscribed ought now to take one. We do not want any left on hand.

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THE Editor has received much pleasure from the companionship of Brother Rufus S. Green since his advent at the opening of the college year. As president of Elmira College his influence is already being felt. He has captured the city of Elmira by his personal attractiveness and the college girls are delighted with their president. Elmira College is bound to advance rapidly under his administration. Although full of business Dr. Green will be an ever-ready helper in time of need. He has always been a warm friend of the SHIELD and has kindly volunteered to help if our hands get weary. With such a backer the editor does not falter at the prospect of much work in the future.

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THOSE who were present at the Convention will recall the words of praise uttered in regard to Bro. Frank J. Kline of Minneapolis, one of the most ardent Theta Delts in spirit and pocket book. We print a letter from him which speaks for itself. When his remittance came, supposing he had made a mistake we returned \$3. His letter is in reply. There are a few others who have followed the same course. If more would do it the SHIELD would be larger in proportion. If the SHIELD can be loyally supported in this way, the editor will try to show his appreciation by putting more life into its pages.

THERE are a considerable number of Theta Delts in the Union Theological Seminary in New York. They were all on hand at the Convention and seemed to enjoy it. Their presence was appreciated. As the editor looked at their bright and pleasant faces the thought arose in his mind, such as these are the coming men who are to bear the fame of Theta Delta Chi to still greater heights in the coming generation.

When we think what such men as Bishop Gilbert have done for the fraternity in the past, and how their names are honored by this generation we are proud of the men who were at the last Convention because they will all make their mark and add to the glory of Theta Delta Chi in the future.

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THE desire was expressed by many who were at the recent annual convention that the oration of the convention by Bro. E. W. Huffcut, might be preserved and presented to the readers of the SHIELD, and that the fraternity might know more of the career of the eloquent speaker. Steps had already been taken to secure these for the fraternity and we are especially pleased to present the oration in this number, through the kindness of the author; and to be able to make the brief sketch of his life somewhat more vivid by accompanying it with an excellent engraving of the young and brilliant Professor, as a frontispiece.

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THE Convention, realizing the inability of the editor to do everything, authorized the employment of clerical assistance. If therefore in the future you note that our private secretary is replying to your letters do not think that the editor is neglecting you. By this means only could we consent to continue our relations.

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WE are indebted to the kind efforts of Bro. Van Iderstine for the account of the banquet. Every one who was there enjoyed it hugely. Our only regret is that imperative duties at home made it absolutely necessary to leave before the banquet took place.

EXCHANGE editors will not, we trust, take exception to the SHIELD report. It was made in good faith, without any desire to belittle them, but for the purpose of exhibiting the actual condition of things. A very pleasant cordiality exists among all the Greek press staff and the SHIELD desires to express its thanks for many courtesies received from other editors during the five years of our work.

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NEW subscribers are informed that we have a considerable number of bound copies of Vols. 7 and 8, and will soon have also of Vol. 9, which can be furnished at \$2.00 per vol. Complete your sets. In the years to come they will be valuable. It is easy to procure them now but later on they can not be had at any price.

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THOSE who have in the past been skeptical in regard to the attitude and character of the western charges need only to look at the representative delegations present at the last Convention to have all their fears allayed. Some of the eastern charges not two hundred miles from New York were not so strongly represented.

## Editorial Notes and Comments.

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### FRATERNITY JOURNALISM.

True journalism is to an organization as the Administration Building to the Exposition. It is not only the introduction, but also the exponent. It neither transcends nor sinks below the whole. It is simply but perfectly representative. From every standpoint it is indispensable.

Fraternity journalism, though still young, is a vigorous child of its giant father. It may be said to have arrived at the awkward age when it grows too fast for its clothes, does not know what to do with its hands, and cannot be restrained from asking questions. It is, however, a very promising "infant," and has ridden the goat of nearly every Greek letter society in existence.

It is no longer a question whether or not a fraternity shall have a publication, but whether or not it is ready and strong enough to support one. General experience suggests that only numerically strong societies can hope to establish a successful paper. The high standing, the scholarship, the exclusiveness of an organization, are small considerations to advertisers. "Show me numbers and we will give you custom," is their cry—a cry that must be heard, since paid advertising is the bone and sinew of journalism.

Small societies, then, would do well to maintain communication by systems of correspondence, conserving and stimulating their literary resources, putting their money into the strengthening of weak chapters, or the founding of new ones, until a society publication becomes really necessary. The establishment of a fraternity journal should be as natural as the blossoming of the cherry tree or the chirping of a cricket.

But when the publication is finally decided upon, it should be started on thorough business principles. When a new organ is built in a church nobody expects the pipes to arrange themselves by intuition. Nobody expects the organist to work the pedals, or manipulate the keys, from pure inspiration, or from pure philanthropy. So a fraternity journal must have its apparatus carefully adjusted according to well-tryed laws. Its business manager and editor must add to real enthusiasm, skill, and, if possible, experience.

With good management and a reasonable backing, almost any publication can be made self-supporting—may even yield an income. When the editor is paid a salary and the business manager has an interest in the profits, the magazine takes a long step forward, both in excellence and stability. Perhaps the most important questions fraternity editors have to meet, relate to the character and scope of the journal. What

will be the literary limits of the reading matter? What measure of attention will be given to general fraternity subjects? What prominence shall alumni chapters and individual alumni receive?

It would be, of course, impossible, to draft one exact pattern to fit all societies. Allowance must be made for difference in size, in proportions, in taste. One must also allow for difference of opinion as to the object of the publication, and the expectations of its supporters. It is, however, essential that each periodical should have and adhere to a carefully defined policy. This policy may be broad or narrow, idealistic or practical, generous or exclusive; but it must not be lax or vacillating.

One of the yellowest bones of contention occasionally resurrected from the editor's closet is the query, "Shall the fraternity organ be a literary magazine?" The question ought rather to be, "Can a good fraternity organ be also a good literary magazine?" And the first good in this question should be stricken out, for every fraternity expects and intends to have a good organ. So the question is, "Can a fraternity organ be a good literary magazine?" There is no doubt that it might be a poor one. There are quantities of letters, in literature, that hunger and thirst and beg to be put in type. So, if any organization really aspires to do missionary work among neglected manuscripts, it should open its columns to general articles. But for a fraternity journal, that represents a fraternity of any standing, to admit purely literary contributions, appears to me like starting out to gather an orchard of apples in a bushel basket, and stopping at the woodpile every trip for a peck of chips. Suppose we are obliged to go a rod or two farther for the extra apples? It isn't our business to fill the wood-box; and if we neglect the apples, they will spoil. With such a rich harvest as the fraternity orchard offers, even to ordinary industry, it seems a pity to use many literary chips for "filling."

To my mind, the representative fraternity journal should have a two-fold object:—*first*, the expression of the ideal in fraternity life and thought, the exaltation of friendship, the promotion of brotherhood, the stimulation of the poetical side of college fraternity association; *second*, the publication of all news pertinent to fraternity organizations, the unification of chapters by facilitating acquaintance and communication, the maintenance of interest in, and on the part of the alumni, by following their career, and keeping the active society in touch with their progress. The fraternity journal should be a sort of reception room where members meet to greet one another, to discuss the problems of their order, to improve and perfect plans;—where even brother Greeks from other societies, may find suggestions and encouragement. There should be practical editorials to this end, chapter letters should be conspicuous for nouns and verbs, not adjectives. News should be *news*, and not always about the same few individuals.

You may say that this conception of the fraternity journal is impossi-

ble of realization, that editors sigh under heavy burdens and limited time, that business managers are in bondage to the ogre, expense, that chapters and members are slow to respond to calls made upon them. But the editor of the thoroughly representative and ideal journal is paid for his time. He is willing to do, and does do, much for personal glory, for love of his fraternity, out of interest in the progress of journalism. But nothing short of actual financial obligations can bear a man through, or compensate for, the constant annoyance of "copy short," "Zeta behind-hand with convention reports," "no news yet from Chicago alumni," "no inspiration for that editorial on the *raison d'etre* of the 'secret element in Greek letter organizations.'" The business manager of the truly representative journal depends on his "ads." for financial freedom. It pays business houses to give him their patronage, for his publications are not extensively circulated, but valued and preserved. He is thankful for subscriptions; but they are like the clergyman's marriage fees, and go for pin money.

Lastly, and now we confess to entering the realm of pure imagination, the supporters and constituents of the future representative journal will consider a letter from the editor of their organ as imperative of attention as a draft on a private bank. If they cannot, themselves, write the desired article, or furnish the information required, they will inform the editor, at once, suggesting, if possible, some one who can. There is a saying that the millennium will be at hand when lawyers take what they would give, and doctors give what they would take. So the millennium of fraternity journalism will be at hand when chapters furnish what they would publish, and editors publish *only* what they would furnish.

You may accuse me of looking at my subject through rose-colored spectacles. But as I understand it, the object of these World's Fair Congresses is just that,—to invest the actual with the halo of a fairer possible, to build a "white city" in the world of thought, beautiful, perhaps perishable, but expressing the intellectual parallel of this great material wonder, a dream that is substantial, a vision that is also a fact.

Fraternity journalism has no past, either to be modified or torn down. Broad and strong, its foundations, are laid in the present. Its walls may rise symmetrical and stainless to the pure proportions of the loftiest plan. May its gilded dome, not long hence, shine out in glory, drawing the eye of every stranger to this polished and glistening pearl, in the crown of the fraternity system.

The above is the full text of a paper read at the World's Columbian fraternity congress by Mary Henry, of Alpha Phi, and published in the November number of the Alpha Phi *Quarterly*. We print it entire as a sample of the excellent articles written by the ladies, which appear from time to time in the Sorority Magazines. It is peculiarly apropos in the present issue on account of the general comparison of the Greek press. The article itself contains many excellent points, which we would like to enlarge upon did time permit. A careful reading of the article itself will serve a good purpose and we commit it with our approval of its general sentiments.

# 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.

No letter appeared from Beta in your last issue, but you must not gather from the omission that Beta is letting any verdure spring up under her feet.

We feel that the events of 1893 have been a series of successes, and further, that we have laid plans whereby we shall score glory for Theta Delta Chi for a generation to come. I refer to our new house project. Through the persuasive powers of Brothers Lee and Huffcut we have already secured an ideal lot on the campus. We are expecting perfection in appearance and arrangement of the house, and if such a thing is possible will get it.

At present we have seventeen active members in the charge and rushing is very nearly over for the year. Our class of '97 furnished us with the finest she had, so we have no complaints to make.

Bro. Morse, of Dartmouth, and Bro. Houston, of Kenyon, have been with us since the beginning of the year, and Bro. Kendall, of Lehigh, has persuaded himself that Cornell is the only place for him. He will be with us next term.

Bros. Gray, of Michigan, and Weeks, of Minnesota, dropped in on us on their return trip from convention. The few of us that were in Ithaca at the time enjoyed their visit very much.

In conclusion Beta wishes Theta Delta Chi at large a very Happy New Year and continued prosperity.

Yours fraternally,

F. A. BASSETTE.

## GAMMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The fraternity is to be heartily congratulated on your consenting to publish the SHIELD for another year. We should be proud of "the greatest (fraternity) journal on earth," and the journal must be proud of her editor.

We owe you an apology for our laxness in regard to the last number. At the time the letter was due no secretary had been appointed and as a consequence no one took it upon himself to write.

Gamma Deuteron started with twelve men in the house this year and two outside. We have since initiated Bros. W. W. Young, of Philadelphia, and C. R. Tatum, of Cincinnati. Three more, we expect, will buck the tiger before Christmas, and we shall be prepared to quit hustling.

Of last year's men one of them has already gone the way of all (male) flesh and married a "girl." Bro. H. R. Gaylord, I mean, who graduated last spring from the Philadelphia Medical School and is now on the staff of one of the largest hospitals in that city. Another brother that left last year hasn't made any announcement yet, but he is safely hooked, and rumor has it that two present members are earnestly longing to get into the same horrible predicament.

Bro. A. S. Gaylord, a brother of the Dr. Gaylord mentioned above, has taken the management of a large orchard and vinery belonging to his family at Haywards, across the Gulf from San Francisco.

Bro. H. G. Field is in charge of the Michigan Electrical Inspection Bureau, and Birt Hamilton, E. E., '96, is with him for this year for the sake of the practical work.

Bro. E. J. Dennen is in the Cambridge Theological School and A. H. Veysey has joined Bro. Larry Cole, '93, in the New York Theological Seminary.

H. F. McGaughey is in the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons and has we understand affiliated with P<sup>Δ</sup>. He will do the charge correspondence for them.

Bro. E. L. Gedney, '94, came down stairs yesterday for the first time after an attack of typhoid fever. He has been con-

fined to his bed for upwards of five weeks. We are at a loss to guess the cause of his illness. True, the drinking water here is very bad, but Bro. Gedney has been aware of that fact like the rest of us and has governed himself accordingly.

The University of Michigan, while she has made no gains in point of attendance, has held her own. Michigan suffered and still suffers severely from the late "stringency" when money fell into "innocuous desuetude." We understand that Harvard, our only rival in numbers, has gone above three thousand. Never mind, we'll set you a killing pace next year, all right, all right. We go right on growing and shall have a new building 90 x 180 feet ready for the calves next year. This building is to be devoted to recitations entirely.

Bro. Gray reports a most pleasant time at the convention. He visited a number of charges and came home full of enthusiasm.

R. C. WHITMAN.

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### EPSILON DEUTERON.

#### YALE UNIVERSITY.

In this letter to the SHIELD I cannot recount anything startling or of special interest to the brothers of other colleges, for nothing out of the usual run has occurred.

We are in a prosperous condition in all things concerned and can look forward to a year which cannot be otherwise than full of pleasures and benefits for us who are proud to call ourselves Theta Delts.

As each year passes on we find ourselves occupying more completely that position in the college world which is our due and which we must hold in order to compete successfully with many of the societies, local and chartered, here established, which can trace their existence back into ante-bellum days. Yet that position, in strict accordance with the peculiar society customs in vogue here at Yale, can be reached only after a number of years of successful existence. We have the men, we have what is another great item, a sound and honored fra-

ternity to back us up; but we have not the age. However, our graduates have worked and our undergraduates are now working with an energy born, not of despair, but of ambition and pride in all that concerns our charge and our fraternity.

Already, due to this unceasing labor, our position is far in advance of some of the other societies which were established before us, but who trusted to age instead of a combination of it with work, to attain the desired end, and in so procrastinating have failed to get as far on in their journey as they should be. We now rank among the first four in Sheff., or, as it is sometimes called the "Big Four," and our future is practically assured.

This year we have so far taken in six freshmen, as good men as there were in the class, and after the Christmas vacation we will take in several more. Although we could have gotten before this, more men, we have deemed it unwise to hurry in this respect and get in some men who would not uphold and strive to advance the good name of Theta Delta Chi.

The Junior Promenade, which is an important if not the greatest event in the college year, is rapidly approaching, and bids fair to be a brilliant society function.

All of our upper-classmen are going, some of them taking fair damsels, happy at the thought of participating in a "prom."

The promenade, however, is not satiated with the importance attached to itself, but is responsible for a whole week of merry-making.

During the whole of "Prom. week," as it is called, class germans, teas, receptions and the like, bloom forth in such profusion that a fellow, if he is inclined to be at all *blase* has no time for study or anything else of similar minor importance, and it is no uncommon sight to see men appearing in dress suits at chapel and morning recitations, after some of the larger of these entertainments.

We expect, this year, to add one more to the already long list of "Prom. week" events by giving a reception in our house.

Although some time has elapsed since the convention was

held in New York, we have not yet ceased talking of it. The banquet was the first one at which we have had much of a delegation, but this year we were there in full force. Nineteen of us sat down to the table and later in the evening three more dropped in, making in all twenty-two to represent Epsilon Deuteron.

As Thanksgiving day has passed and the great Yale-Princeton football game is over, any reference to it in this letter may seem irrelevant, but as people all over the country, neutral to both the colleges concerned, have laughed and are still laughing in their sleeves and rejoicing that the undisputed champion of many years is at last beaten and humbled, we may be pardoned for referring to it. We were beaten fairly—of that there can be no doubt, but the opinion held by Yale men who best understand the situation is that to Harvard more than to Princeton is due the credit of defeating Yale on Thanksgiving day. The game at Springfield was an unusually severe one for both teams and some of our men came out of it in no condition to play another of at least equal severity in the short space of five days, and it is doubtful if such arrangements will be made in the games next year.

A. RAYMOND BARTON.

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ZETA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Zeta extends a "Happy New Year" to all her sisters and hopes that each charge may, with the coming year, be ushered into a period of renewed prosperity. Since the last issue of the SHIELD our number has been very perceptibly increased. We take great pleasure in introducing Bros. Cole and Hopkins of '96, and Bros. Arnold, Emerson, Hollingworth, Lewis, Miner and Shead of '97, who have all given evidence of being true and loyal Theta Delts.

In the different branches of the college organizations our members hold prominent positions. Bro. Hopkins has been captain of the foot-ball team the past season and has brought it to a position hitherto unattained by Brown. Our record

this year has been a very good one and, but for unforeseen accidents, would have been still better, Bro. Shead, also, has captained the freshman team through a successful season.

Neither are we inferior in the literary departments. Bro. Kimball holds a responsible position on the editorial staff of the Brown Daily Herald, while Bro. Stewart is honored with the office of managing editor of the "Liber," our college annual. We likewise have several brothers on the musical organizations, Bro. Stone is leader of the Mandolin Club and, together with Bro. Roberts, holds important positions on other clubs.

Of our graduates, Bro. Meiklejohn is with us, taking a post-graduate course, as is likewise Bro. Sexton of base-ball fame.

Although at the time of this writing your humble servant is in the midst of the trials and tribulations of the first term's examinations, and consequently is hardly in an enthusiastic mood, still, it may be said with truth that Zeta is at present enjoying a most prosperous existence. Both our numbers and influence have very considerably increased during the past year, which, of course, is a cause of much rejoicing to us. We are now looking forward with pleasant anticipations to the building of a chapter house, this would be of great benefit to us for only one fraternity has at present a chapter house at Brown.

Zeta would be very pleased to receive any of the brothers who may perchance find themselves in Providence or vicinity. May the coming year be one of glory for  $\Theta \Delta X$ .

J. S. MOORE.

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ETA.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Another summer vacation with its pleasures is a thing of the past, and again college life is supplying us with its boundless range of opportunity for keen enjoyment and solid work and demanding of us our most untiring efforts in countless directions. The event of the fall term, to look at it from a

fraternity standpoint, is of course the annual initiation. The supreme importance of this can hardly be overestimated, each man greeted as a new brother has infinite possibilities for adding to the society's honor or marring its fair name.

Eta feels proud of her new delegation, is confident that it will be powerful in increasing her prosperity. The incoming class is a large one, and so a large field for choice was offered. The initiation was held in October and was an extremely successful affair, the following '97 men were admitted into our brotherhood and Eta is assured that they are worthy to bear our shield: Eugene L. Bodge of South Windham, Benjamin J. Fitz of North Bridgton, Fred G. Kneeland of Lovell Centre; Frank A. Stearns of Norway, Robert L. Hull of Deering, Thomas C. Keohan of Westbrook, Donald B. McMillan of Freeport, John H. Morse of Bath. The first four were fitted at Bridgeton Academy partly under the instruction of Bro. Barton, '84 and partly under that of Bro. Dresser, '88, and Morse prepared under the direction of Bro. Cole, '83. Bros. Bodge, Stearns and Hull are brothers to members of the Eta charge within the last few years, Bro. Lincoln J. Bodge in '89, Bro. Aretas Stearns in '90 and Bro. John C. Hull in '92.

We were glad to welcome the following graduate members at the initiation, Cole '83, Card '88, Hill '88, Little '89, Mitchell '90, Ridlon '91, Hodgdon, '92, Hull '92, Bucknam '93, Howard, '93, also Peterson of Kappa in the class of '92.

Of our recently admitted brothers, Bodge, Keohan, McMillan and Stearns occupy positions upon their class foot-ball eleven and are doing very promising work. Bodge, Hull and McMillan also played upon '97's base-ball team and with marked ability. Bro. Keohan represents us on the chapel choir.

Foot-ball is pre-eminently the fall sport and Bowdoin this year was quite enthusiastic over the game, the season is now drawing to a close, both the team and the college feel decidedly satisfied with their efforts made in this direction. This year Bros. Chapman. Stevens and Stone have upheld Eta nobly on the field.

Bros. Nichols and A. A. French are now our only absentees, both are teaching.

Of our '93 delegation, Bro. Arnold is teaching in Southbridge, Mass., Bro. Barker studying medicine at his home in Bath, Bro. Bucknam is a law student in Portland and Bro. Howard has entered the Andover Theological Seminary.

Bros. Rickard, French, Riley, Dana, Newbegin and Stone visited the World's Fair during the summer.

Bowdoin's year is opening most auspiciously, the usually large freshman class, and full numbers in the other classes are indicative of cheering growth. The new Art Building is nearing completion and would be an ornament to any city in the land, the interior is especially beautiful. Large wall paintings are to occupy the four arches in the main hall, these are to be executed by John Lafarge, Elihu Vedder, Kenyon Cox and Abbott H. Thayer, and the names of these artists are sufficient to assure the quality of the work which will be represented there. The walls of the Searles Scientific Building are rising rapidly, it is hoped that this autumn will see the exterior completed, so that the work can go on during the winter months.

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#### IOTA DEUTERON.

##### WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

Three new men have joined Iota Deuteron since September. They are Brothers Goodrich, Williams and Cartledge all of the class of '97. Brother Goodrich, '97, is a brother of Brother Goodrich, '94, which is a sufficient recommendation. All three are good and loyal Theta Deltas.

We are in the between season here at Williams. Base ball talk has not yet begun and foot ball begins to be forgotten. Our team came out second in our triangular league. Brother Sawtelle played his last season at his old position of guard. The Freshman team, of which Brother Goodrich is full back, has the honor of winning in the Freshman-Sophomore game.

Winter has set in early in Williamstown. We have had sleighing and skating steadily since the first of December, and everybody has been enjoying them, as much as approaching

examinations would let him. The holidays are looked forward to even more than usually, because of the splendid opportunities for moonlight sleigh rides and so on.

A number of our alumni visited us at the centennial this fall. Brothers Bishop, Person, Hibbard, Gilfillan, Sleight and Pressey were present at that time, as was also Brother Paine of Chi. Several other brothers have made us calls at odd moments, before or after foot ball games.

The subject that is most prominent in Williams just now is the fire department, or rather the lack of one. Last January the Sigma Phi house was burned to the ground; in October the Delta Kappa Epsilon house was burned, and a few days ago the Delta Upsilon house was ruined by fire and water combined. Three fraternity houses within one year seems altogether too much. Still, no evil without some good; the Sigma Phi will build a house, even finer than the last, as soon as work can be begun, and the Delta Kappa Epsilon had intended to rebuild in a year or two any way.

J. R. CRAIGHEAD.

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### KAPPA.

#### TUFTS COLLEGE.

We are very much pleased this year to be able to introduce to the fraternity one of the best Freshmen delegations that our chapter has ever initiated. The "rushing" season was decidedly interesting from our point of view, and we were almost universally successful in whatever was attempted. The competition between the different societies was more keen than usual and on this account our victory is all the more gratifying. The first initiation at our cosey chapter house was held on October 30th, when we received into the bonds Brothers Josiah B. Chase, Jr., Warren S. Clark, Horace A. Davis, Carlton A. Perry, Rollin B. Sanford, Kilby P. Smith, Alaric B. Start and Franklin B. Williams. The new men have already become imbued with the right spirit and we are naturally led to expect great things from them in the future.

The class of '97 marks a new era in the history of entering

classes at Tufts, in that it is the first one to round the century mark in point of numbers. The class is a remarkable one, not alone in quantity, but also in quality, and if it can be taken as a criterion for future classes, the outlook for Tufts is indeed a brilliant one.

A recent article in the *Tuftonian* by Brother Goodrich, advocating Sophomore year initiations by all the fraternities, has caused considerable discussion. Brother Goodrich cites several convincing arguments, and his views are undoubtedly shared by the majority of students. It now looks as if it were only a question of time when all the fraternities will agree that it is for the best interests of the candidate, as well as of the fraternity, that the initiation be held in the Sophomore year. However, there is plenty of room for argument both in favor of and against such a move as this, and Brother Goodrich's article is destined to cause many animated debates, the results of which will be eagerly watched.

The foot ball season, just closed, while not as successful as that of last year, nevertheless is a creditable one under the circumstances. Considering the late opening of college and the lack of hearty co-operation between the coach and the players, the work of the team is worthy of commendation. The most important game, that with Cornell, resulted in a victory for Tufts and this is the strongest factor towards rendering the verdict of a successful season. This year's team cannot justly be compared with that of last year, which was an exceptionally good one, but judging by the work accomplished by our teams in the past, there is reason to feel encouraged and like Mr. Micawber we hopefully look forward to something "turning up" in the future, which will give us more prestige on the gridiron field.

The new charge house is a source of great pleasure and is indispensable to a fraternity which desires to obtain the best results. We have recently been visited by Brothers Harrison, '77; Meserve, '81; Mendum, '85; Wilder, '86; Ricketts, '90; Rounds, '90; Peterson, '92; Groce, '93; Shaw, '93; Thompson, '93, and Brothers Chapman and Stetson of Eta, and a hearty invitation is extended to all Theta Deltas to call at our new home.

At the last meeting of the Athletic Association Brother Thompson, '95, was re-elected manager of the foot ball team. Brother Pierce is the president of the Sophomore class and also president of the Evening Party Association.

The Glee and Mandolin clubs are now well under way with Brother Clark as manager and reader, and Brothers Goodrich, Walker, Clark, Pierce and Chase as our representatives.

In conclusion Kappa sends to her sister charges her best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year.

R. K. MARVIN.

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### MU DEUTERON.

#### AMHERST COLLEGE.

The fall term opened at Amherst on September 14, with the largest class entering within the history of the college. There are now one hundred and forty names on the roll and many were dropped within the first few weeks of the term. With nine initiates from this class and one from the sophomore class, Mu Deuteron commences the year with the brightest of prospects.

The record of our new initiates is as follows: Bro. Cobb started in by taking the Porter Admission Prize of \$50; Bro. Kidder has been elected to the Glee Club, and Bro. Tyler played left tackle on the foot-ball team. The fraternity is represented in nearly every department of the college. The brothers of the upper classes are all back with the exception of Bro. Russell, '96. On the day of the Amherst-Williams game we were glad to welcome Bro. Haskell, '87, and Sibley, '91. During the term we have also received visits from Bros. Walker, '89, Whitaker, '90 and Baldwin, Ross and Woodworth, '93.

At the senior elections Bro. Rice was elected prophet and the writer, historian. Of the sophomore delegation Bro. Jewett received notice this fall that he had secured one more prize, in addition to the large list won by him during freshman year, namely the Strong prize in Greek of \$40.

Of course the important question of the term has been foot-

ball in which the college has not met with such success as in former years. Yet it deserves credit for its long and hard training and its plucky up-hill work in the championship series. The new physical and chemical laboratory is completed and will be ready for use after the Thanksgiving recess. The Amherst authorities take pride in saying that it is the best college laboratory in the country.

The college pastor was installed on Nov. 17, Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst of New York delivering the sermon.

Mr. Layford, who is so well known among the colleges, has been holding a series of religious meetings during the past week.

Since the last issue the alterations in the North College have been completed and with South College remodeled in the same way, offers as good accommodations as any college dormitory in New England. They are both heated by steam and lighted by gas, and every room is occupied. With the increase in the number of students and the means of bringing them together, the college and class spirit is growing stronger.

With the best regards to the sister charges,

F. D. HAYWARD.

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#### NU DEUTERON.

#### LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Hand-in-hand with the departure of Autumn comes the closing up of another college term. Even now the examinations are upon us, but by dint of hard study and great perseverance we all hope to finish up the term as well as the year with a clear record. Things at Nu Deuteron have not changed materially since the last SHIELD. We have had many pleasant experiences as well as great disappointments.

The convention is over and done with, Bros. Richmond '96 and Clift '95 were the delegates. The other brothers who were at the convention were Bro. Vansant, ex-Treasurer of the Grand Lodge and Bros. Hutchins, Weaver, Whitaker, Wettlaufer and Holcomb. Bro. Hutchins, who was compelled to be absent from the university on account of sickness, has

returned and is now one of our number. It gives us great pleasure to have Bro. Hutchins again with us for he is a loyal Theta Delt and a genial companion.

Our latest initiate is Bro. Johnson '97 of Buffalo; he is a splendid fellow and will make an active Theta Delt. We have several men pledged and expect to take one very soon.

During the quarter we were visited by Bro. Haskell of Yale and Bro. Whittaker of Wheeling, W. Va., also Phi came up to see us en-masse on the afternoon of our game with Lafayette. It gives us great pleasure to welcome our brothers in our own home and we hope they will come more often.

We regret to record the death of Bro. Baird. Although absent for some years from his charge, N<sup>2</sup> has lost a valued member and a faithful brother.

HENRY C. QUIGLEY.

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XI.

HOBART COLLEGE.

In taking up the pen of the late charge editor, we think it hardly necessary to offer any excuse for the "fall" of Xi's usually pleasant and brilliant letter. Brother Parce was a man whose place can not be filled at any time we may wish to do so.

Xi opened the year with seven men, filled with the determination to have the men we wanted. We sifted the Freshman class and so far have chosen two, Brothers Bliss, of Aurora, Ill., and Wakeman, of Norwalk, Conn., who are now Thetes after our own hearts. The goat was in excellent spirits, and after the entertainment afforded us by William, we withdrew to the Franklin House, where a suitable banquet was prepared. Brother Howe, '85, acted as toastmaster.

Our prospects for the ensuing year are exceptionally bright. We have representatives in all the branches, which make college life interesting. We are well represented in the classroom, on the foot ball and base ball teams, also in the glee club. Brother Bachman is foot ball captain and manager of the base ball team. Brothers Davis, Elliott and Wakeman are our athletes. Brother New is editor-in-chief of the *Echo*,

and Brother Bachman is editor-in-chief of the *Herald*. Brother Bliss represents us on the Glee club and has lately won the name of "Laury" on the foot ball team. Brother Davis is, besides captain of the base ball team, business manager of the *Echo*, and Brother Elliott is business manager of the *Herald*. Brother Davis made a drop kick from the field in our last game in the last quarter of a minute.

All this goes to show that, if we are not so very strong in numbers, still we have something to say in regard to college matters.

Brother Rice,  $\Phi$  '70, a charter member, paid us a visit a few weeks ago. We had a very pleasant evening and extend an invitation to all Thetes, who may happen to be passing near here to stop off and give us a call. Nothing so encourages us and fills us with a love for the fraternity in general as seeing the old boys, who made it what it is. Don't forget to come and stay with us when you come to Geneva.

A. G. RICHARDS.

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### OMICRON DEUTERON.

#### DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Since the last edition of the SHIELD an event has taken place, which has elated all the members of Omicron Deuteron, not simply because we have a large amount of college spirit, but because  $\theta \Delta X$  played a prominent part in its accomplishment. We refer to the foot ball championship, which our team won this fall. Prospects for a good team had never seemed brighter, and the expectations of the most exacting critics of foot ball were satisfied, when on Nov. 11th, we played the last game for the championship series, and came out with a total of 54 points to our opponents 0. Not once during the series was Dartmouth scored against, and during the entire season only eight points were scored by opposing teams, with the exception of Harvard and Yale. On the evening that the championship was won, a large bonfire, consisting of twelve cords of wood, besides boxes, barrels and kero-

sene was lighted on the campus, cannons were fired, fire-works set off, and pandemonium reigned supreme.

Brother Smalley, '94, has just received from the press an enlarged edition of "Dartmouth Lyrics." It follows substantially the footsteps of the old edition published in '88. Additions have been made and this edition will fairly represent the literary spirit of the college from 1840 to the present day, upwards of forty Dartmouth authors having contributed to the book.

Brothers Gifford and J. H. Bartlett, '94, are having published a new book called "Dartmouth Athletics." The book will contain a complete record of all the athletic events in which Dartmouth has taken a part. It is tastefully bound in green with gold lettering, and contains 350 pages, exclusive of 50 full-page engravings of foot ball, base ball, athletic teams and boat crews.

At the recent Senior election for the graduating exercises of Commencement week, the following Theta Deltis were elected to parts: Orator, Brother J. H. Bartlett; Poet, Brother B. A. Smalley; Address to President, Brother F. C. Allen.

Five of our brothers helped to make up the foot ball team this fall, either as substitutes or regular players.

Brother Lakeman, '96, played left-end in the last championship game with Amherst.

Brothers R. W. Bartlett, '94, and Hayes, '95, were delegates to the recent convention of  $\theta \Delta X$  at New York city.

Brothers Traver, Zeta, '92, and Russell, Eta, '89, are taking a medical course here.

Brother Bugbee, '95, has been elected director in the Athletic Association.

Brothers McFee and Hardy, '97, have been elected members of the Glee club,—the former as first tenor, and the latter as accompanist. Including Brothers Allen, '94 and Pollard, '95, the Glee club has four Theta Deltis on it.

Our charge rooms have been thoroughly renovated, new furniture, draperies, carpets, etc., have been put in, and we now have one of the coziest suites of fraternity rooms in college.

Brothers Allen, '94, and Pollard, '95. were elected to the Dartmouth Press club, at its last meeting. Brother Allen is also a member of the Dramatic club.

Brother Kelly, '97, was captain of his class' foot ball team this fall. He handled his men admirably in the annual Sophomore-Freshman game, where the score stood 0 to 0 at the end of two half hour halves.

J. W. H. POLLARD.

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### PI DEUTERON.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

It is with much pleasure that I introduce myself to the readers of the SHIELD as Charge Editor of Pi Deuteron, for the coming year.

We were unfortunate this fall in that only five brothers came back to college, and we were consequently obliged to hustle to keep up our standing. Since the opening of college we have swung two new men, Brother Lewis S. Goebel, '97, a brother of Brother George C. Goebel, '91, who was a very popular man while at college, at one time holding the presidency of his class; and Brother James Hamill, Jr., also of '97. Brother Hamill will keep up our record in athletics. He won the mile walk at the last spring games, and besides is a Cross Country runner of no mean standing, having outdistanced all competitors in every run he entered this fall. These men have already shown great interest in the fraternity, which, we are assured, will never cease. The class of '98 promises to be an excellent fraternity class, and we have our eyes open for several fine men, some of whom we hope to pledge in the near future.

Pi Deuteron feels proud of the part several of her brothers have taken in the revival of Rho Deuteron, Brother Luqueer, '87, Brother Turrell, '93, Brother Uterhart, '94, and last, but by no means least, Brother George Washington Kosmak, '94, have all lent their aid in bringing this charge back to renewed life and vigor. Had it not been for these men, especially Brother Kosmak, the charge editor of Rho Deuteron would

surely not have been able to send in such a favorable report as I am sure the following one must be. The charge sincerely mourns the loss of these brothers, but we are cheered by the consciousness that the fraternity at large has been benefited thereby. Of other brothers who have not returned to college, Brother Hunter, '95, has entered Williams, and there affiliated with Iota Deuteron; Brother Harrington, '95, is now at Harvard; Brother Dwyer, '96, attends the New York University, and Brother Adams, '96 is studying law. Brother Davis, '97, will probably enter Yale next fall.

Our new rooms, which we hold in in conjunction with Rho Deuteron, are situated in a very desirable neighborhood, 70 West Fiftieth street, and are easily accessible for Columbia brothers especially, being within two blocks of the college. Group pictures of quite a number of the charges, as well as portraits of prominent Theta Delts adorn the walls.

Foot ball came to a very untimely end in C. C. N. Y. this year in the middle of the season. In a game with the Elizabeth Athletic club one of the players on our team was unfortunately killed, and the team consequently disbanded. This was a severe blow to college athletics, as the team was one of the strongest out for several years. Previous to this, two games had been played with the Y. M. C. A. Brother Wenzel, '90, represented us on the latter team. The first game resulted in a tie, the second was won by us, 32-6. While watching the second game, the writer discovered the shield on the breast of one of the spectators. It turned out to be Brother Jarvis, Omicron Deuteron, who was staying in New York a few days on his way to Pennsylvania. Lacrosse will this year undoubtedly come to the front again, as many of the foot ball men intend to take it up. C. C. N. Y. has always been noted for her Lacrosse team, and Pi Deuteron has always been well represented in this branch of athletics. Several years ago when the team was in its glory, Brother Dean Nelson held the captaincy, and the following year it was filled by Brother Harry Nelson. At a recent meeting of the Lacrosse Association, the writer was chosen treasurer.

Very few brothers are probably aware of the fact that, for

some time, there has been another fraternity in the field, which also has the shield for its symbol. It is called the Emile, named after Rousseau's work, *Emile ou de l'Éducation*, being a society composed of New York school teachers. The shape of the pin is exactly the same as ours, the engraving, of course, being entirely different.

Although we were not as fortunate in class elections as we have been—some years ago for instance, when of the six men in college, four were presidents of their respective classes—still, we obtained everything we tried for. Brother Strobel was chosen vice-president of the Sophomore class, Brother Hamill, marshal of the Freshman, and Brother Tombo, secretary of the Junior.

Of the six fraternity men on the Glee club, two, Brothers Strobel and Tombo, are Theta Deltas. This proportion is not so bad, as there are at present four fraternities at college: Theta Delta Chi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Gamma Delta.

We have decided this year to revive the old custom of having a Christmas reunion. The reunion will be held with Rho Deuteron on December 23d. The committees of both charges are hard at work, and we hope in the next SHIELD to give a glowing account of one of the most successful reunions the charge has ever held. Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to have brothers from other charges attend the reunion, or visit us at our rooms whenever they happen to be in or near the city.

While we hope that the friendships formed at the convention may be renewed next year, we deeply regret that but little time is allowed us to make the personal acquaintance of all the brothers present at a convention.

Wishing all sister charges continued prosperity.

RUDOLF TOMBO, JR.

## TAU DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Since the last issue of the SHIELD made its appearance the first term of the college year has closed and a new one begun. The year which has started so auspiciously bids fair to be the most successful in the history of the University.

With the prosperity of the University our charge has kept pace and grown in strength and influence. We have initiated two new members, which gives us six men in the Freshman class. These latest acquisitions, who are already proving good Theta Delts are : G. H. Johnson, of Minneapolis, and R. E. P. Kline, of Independence, Iowa.

In a social way we have not been behind. Last Tuesday the members entertained their lady friends with a whist party at the charge house. The Senior class has accepted our invitation to hold a class party at the house. It is rumored that Brother Powers, K '72, will soon give a reception to the members of the charge, which it is hoped will be the first of a series in which the resident alumni will take part.

Our lodge rooms are adorned with the portraits of some of our prominent western brothers. Bishop M. N. Gilbert, Ξ '70; Bishop J. D. H. Wingfield, E '53, Rev. LeGrand Powers, K '72 and Rev. J. McBride Sterrett, X '67, look down upon us from the walls. lending dignity to our proceedings. A general amusement room has been fitted up in the third floor, where are provided a billiard table and opportunities for playing chess, checkers and whist.

Of the three new Φ B K keys, which have lately made their appearance at the University, one is worn by Brother W. A. Simonton.

Last week occurred the preliminary oratorical contest. Of ten men selected three were Theta Delts, Brothers Simonton, Clifford and Kline.

The recently organized Philosophical society has made Brother Manuel, '94, its president, and Brother J. B. Moffett, '95, vice president. The latter has also distinguished himself in a military way, having won the medal for best individual

work in Co. "A," which is the "crack" company of the Minnesota National Guard.

Brother George S. Todd is the treasurer of the Junior "Medics;" Brother R. E. Kline is vice-president of the Freshman class and both he and Brother T. M. Hughes are members of the University quartette.

Brother G. A. Gray, '95, who has been with a surveying party upon the Dakota prairie is again pursuing his classical studies, while Brother J. W. Erf, '93, who was also away for a time, has returned to accept a position with the Gillet-Herzog Mfg. Co.

Brother Sheldon, who is taxonomist for the botanical department is doing considerable original work in his specialty, and Brother E. H. Schofield is making researches in the realm of electricity.

During the past term we were honored with a flying visit from Brother Hollister, K '92, of Chicago, and enjoyed reunions with Brothers H. S. Morris, '91, and J. F. Farmer, '92, both of Tau Deuteron.

Brother Scott C. Campbell, K '78, a prominent banker of Carson, Iowa, who was in the city last week was brought around by his host, Brother Claude B. Leonard, K '76, and after a rousing fraternity song by the boys our visitors warmed up with the true spirit of  $\theta \Delta X$ , which had been slumbering within their breasts, and we all enjoyed a delightful evening in their company.

Brother Weeks, on his way home from the convention, exchanged greetings with the boys of Delta and of Gamma Deuteron by whom he was kindly received.

FRANCIS RAMALEY.

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PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

As we hear the sleigh bells jingling so merrily over the snow and frozen earth and see the trees stripped of every semblance of foliage we are impressed by the fact that this pleasant term is fast drawing to a close, when we shall catch

a two weeks breathing spell after the mid-winter examinations only to return better fitted to combat with a possible attack of the blues during the winter term.

Our delegates, Bros. Chambers '94 and Glick '95, returned from the annual convention with a wider knowledge and a deeper love for Theta Delta Chi. Phi is well pleased to hear of the Convention's work. We are glad to hear of the re-election of our worthy President, for in this position his well known loyalty to the fraternity has a wider scope for operation. Phi extends congratulations to our new officers Bros. Sawtelle and Mansfield and offers her heartiest co-operation. We are especially pleased to learn of the acceptance of Bro. Holmes as editor of the SHIELD. Phi considers Bro. Holmes as our strong right arm and one of our most loyal alumni.

We are looking forward to the Annual Banquet of the Pennsylvania charges which will be held at either Harrisburgh or Reading in February. Our banquet last year proved so pleasant and was the means of so much closer affiliation of the Pennsylvania charges that we hope this custom has come to stay.

Quite a large delegation from Lafayette attended the Yale-Princeton game and several of the brothers helped to make the crowd. Our foot-ball eleven played strong games this year, Bro. Pearl T. Haskell, Yale, '91, developing some excellent foot-ball material from the raw material he had to start with, and although our list of victories is short, still Lafayette has this year won the championship pennant from the Middle States League.

Our attention in the athletic line is now centered on the base ball team of next season. The captain, Bro. Drake, '94, will make a strenuous effort to obtain a trainer and our nine already gives promise of a successful season.

Bros. Stewart, '69, Reed, '90, Jones, '92, Loux, '92, and Dumont, '92 call in often and are welcomed by the undergraduates. Bro. G. G. Honness, '93, who is engaged at work in Newark made us a flying visit last month.

Bro. W. G. Chambers has been unanimously elected as leader of the Senior Debate held in the winter term by the

Franklin and Washington Literary Halls, for "Wash." Hall. He had to resign his chairmanship of the Y. M. C. A. Lecture course owing to press of business.

Bro. Voigt, '94, has been lauded again this year on every side for his work as quarter back on the gridiron. Bros. Losie, Glick and Abbe's work on the second eleven has been commendable.

Bro. Slocum, '96, who, we regret to report, had to leave college the middle of this term owing to a severe eye trouble, and Bro. Cooper '97 attended the Convention Banquet. Bro. Seymour, '96, as leader of the Mandolin and Guitar Club is tugging away with frequent rehearsals and promises one of the best musical clubs Lafayette has ever sent out.

Phi extends a hearty grip to all sister charges, wishing each brother a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ALBERT F. HOVEY.

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### CHI.

#### UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER.

Rochester opened what promises to be a most successful year with a freshman class of over eighty and by the granting of a certificate of admission to a woman seems finally to be enrolled as a co-educational institution. The foot-ball team which has for the last few years occupied a back seat, again comes to the front. With but a single defeat it wins second place in the state inter-collegiate league. Chi is doing well. At the initiation banquet at the charge house on the evening of Oct. 13, Bro. W. S. Paine, '67, presided and President Benedict of the Grand Lodge responded to the "Fraternity." Other alumni present were Bottum '71, Rice,  $\Phi$  '70, and Gilfillan '93. The initiates were Woodruff '95, Anderson and Hamilton, '97 and Galligan, Bro. Galligan is a graduate of St. John's College, Fordham, and is taking a post-graduate work in history and law.

Bro. Glass and the scribe are our representatives on the eleven.

Bro. Blossom has been elected president of the junior class while Bro. Glass enjoys the same honor among the sophomores.

Bros. Swinburne and Blossom are on the board of editors for the *Campus*.

Our callers for the term include Bro. Gray  $\Gamma^a$  '95 and Bro. L. E. Harris, '92. DAVID G. MEYER.

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PSI.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

As our charge editor has already gone home for his vacation it seems to become my duty to write a few words for the Psi. She is in a far different condition now from that of this time last year. We have this term initiated four men—I hate to use the stock phrase which has become almost meaningless, but can see no way to avoid it this time—but use it with its fullest meaning, four of the best men in college. They are J. H. Lee, '95, who entered the Junior class—a brother in the flesh as well as in the bonds of  $\theta \lambda \chi$  to brothers T. H. '83. J. B., '86, and D. C. Lee, '91, David G. George, Forest and Percy A. Rose. We also have affiliated with us Brother O. A. Knox, '96, from  $\theta$  charge, and Psi holds up her head and looks squarely in the face of the world. We know we are equal to the best in Hamilton and think we are a little better. Bro. Forest Rose is president of his class. He and Bro. Percy Rose represented us on the foot ball team, as half-backs, and won the much coveted applause from the sidelines.

Our prospects for the future are most flattering. We have plenty of first class men in sight and trust it will be long before the hard experiences of the last year will be repeated.

During the term we have enjoyed visits from Brothers F. P. Pierce, '87, A. J. McAdam, '79, J. H. Ayres, '84, J. P. Rogers, '89, D. C. Lee, '91, all of Psi, and W. N. Freeman, Beta, '84.

For the charge,

JAMES H. FOSTER.

## Names of Members Initiated this Year.

### BETA.

- Maurice Morrison, Oct. 7, Ithaca, N. Y.  
 E. B. Graves, Oct. 7, Seattle, Wash.  
 W. W. Hubbard, Oct. 7, Chicago, Ill.  
 Walter S. Goll, Nov. 11, Chicago, Ill.  
 Waldo F. Tobey, Nov. 11, Port Henry, N. Y.  
 Harry R. Tobey, Nov. 11, Port Henry, N. Y.  
 William S. Nicholson, Nov. 17, Utica, N. Y.

### GAMMA DEUTERON.

- William W. Young, Oct. 28, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Clifford R. Tatem, Oct. 28, Hartwell, Ohio.

### EPSILON DEUTERON.

- E. A. Edwards, Oct. 26, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 R. H. Perdue, Oct. 26, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 James L. Welch, Jr., Nov. 2, Forestville, Conn.  
 Paul D. Wright, Nov. 9, Westfield, N. Y.

### ZETA.

- F. A. Arnold, Oct. 13, Pawtucket, R. I.  
 R. S. Emerson, Oct. 13, Pawtucket, R. I.  
 A. Hollinsworth, Oct. 13, Pawtucket, R. I.  
 G. L. Minor, Oct. 13, Providence, R. I.  
 F. H. Lewis, Oct. 13, Providence, R. I.  
 F. W. Senior, Oct. 13, Woonsocket, R. I.  
 E. W. Shead, Oct. 20, Eastport, Me.  
 N. B. Hopkins, Oct. 20, Fruitland, N. Y.

### ETA.

- E. L. Bodge, Oct. 13, S. Windham, Me.  
 B. J. Fritz, Oct. 13, N. Bridgton, Me.  
 R. L. Hull, Oct. 13, Deering Center, Me.  
 T. S. Keohan, Oct. 13, Westbrook, Me.  
 F. G. Kneeland, Oct. 13, Lovell, Me.  
 J. H. Morse, Oct. 13, Bath, Me.  
 D. B. McMillen, Oct. 13, Freeport, Me.  
 F. A. Stearns, Oct. 13, Norway, Me.

### IOTA.

- Holmes Whittemore, Nov. 1, Cambridge, Mass.  
 Howard Whittemore, Nov. 1, Cambridge, Mass.  
 Edmund E. Van der Burgh, Nov. 15, Fall River, Mass.

## IOTA DEUTERON.

- G. W. Cartledge, Oct. 7, S. Meriden, Conn.  
 C. B. Goodrich, Oct. 7, N. Adams, Mass.  
 F. W. Williams, Oct. 10, Cheshire, Mass.

## KAPPA.

- Josiah B. Chase, Jr., Oct. 30, West Newton, Mass.  
 Warren S. Clark, Oct. 30, St. Albans, Vt.  
 Horace A. Davis, Oct. 30, Dorchester, Mass.  
 Carlton A. Perry, Oct. 30, Fort Plain, N. Y.  
 Rollin B. Sanford, Oct. 30, Albany, N. Y.  
 Kilby P. Smith, Oct. 30, Waltham, Mass.  
 Alaric B. Start, Oct. 30, Tufts College, Mass.  
 Franklin B. Williams, Oct. 30, Roxbury, Mass.

## LAMBDA.

- Geo. L. C. Richardson, Nov. 8, Wheeling, W. Va.  
 Herbert C. Sanborn, Nov. 8, Winchester, Mass.  
 Bliss P. Boultenhouse, Nov. 8, Roxbury, Mass.  
 Cecil E. Hurd, Nov. 8, Harmony, Me.

## MU DEUTERON.

- C. J. Adams, Oct. 13, N. Brookfield, Mass.  
 L. B. Chase, Oct. 13, Marlboro, N. H.  
 C. W. Cobb, Oct. 13, Newton Center, Mass.  
 F. S. Crawford, Oct. 13, Rutland, Mass.  
 H. G. Fletcher, Oct. 13, Northampton, Mass.  
 B. Gunnison, Oct. 13, Erie, Pa.  
 H. W. Kidder, Oct. 13, Northampton, Mass.  
 H. T. Lane, Oct. 13, Newton Center, Mass.  
 A. H. Merriam, Oct. 13, Worcester, Mass.  
 M. H. Tyler, Oct. 13, Florence, Mass.

## NU DEUTERON.

- H. S. Johnson, Oct. 27, Buffalo, N. Y.

## OMICRON DEUTERON.

- R. M. Boardman, Oct. 19, Barnet, Vt.  
 G. C. Boyd, Oct. 19, Calais, Me.  
 J. M. Boyd, Oct. 19, Calais, Me.  
 W. E. Ela, Oct. 19, Haverhill, Mass.  
 G. W. Gilman, Oct. 19, W. Fairlee, Vt.  
 W. S. Hardy, Oct. 19, Haverhill, Mass.  
 F. Hilton, Oct. 19, Chelsea, Mass.  
 F. C. Johnson, Oct. 19, Perry, Me.  
 W. F. Kelley, Oct. 19, Bradford, Mass.  
 W. D. McFee, Oct. 19, Haverhill, Mass.

## OMICRON DEUTERON.—(Continued.)

- J. W. Merrow, Oct. 19, New Hampton, N. H.  
 L. A. Mosher, Oct. 19, Sharon, Vt.  
 J. M. Poor, Oct. 19, West Newbury, Mass.  
 J. O. Simpson, Oct. 19, Portsmouth, N. H.  
 G. E. Fent, Oct. 19, Chelsea, Mass.  
 M. Watson, Oct. 19, Haverhill, N. H.

## PI DEUTERON.

- Lewis S. Goebel, Jr., Oct. 10, N. Y. City.  
 James Hamill, Jr., Oct. 21, N. Y. City.

## XI.

- Wm. H. Bliss, Oct. 18, Aurora, Ill.  
 Austin Wakeman, Oct. 18, Sagatuck, Conn.

## TAU DEUTERON.

- G. R. Snood, Oct. 7, Chicago, Ill.  
 W. C. Tucker, Oct. 6, Chicago, Ill.  
 W. L. Hoffmann, Oct. 7, Chippewa Falls, Wis.  
 L. F. Savage, Oct. 7, St. Paul, Minn.  
 R. P. Felton, Oct. 7, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Robert E. P. Kline, Nov. 7, Independence, Iowa.  
 Harry Johnston, Nov. 7, Minneapolis, Minn.

## CHI.

- J. F. Galligan, Oct. 13, Rochester, N. Y.  
 A. R. Anderson, Oct. 13, North Parma, N. Y.  
 J. A. Hamilton, Oct. 13, N. Y. City.  
 W. B. Woodruff, Oct. 13, Avon, N. Y.

## SIGMA.

- W. G. Thomas, Oct. 25, Lansford, Pa.  
 J. E. Strayer, Nov. 1, Pattison, Pa.

## 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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One of the chief sources of satisfaction in editing the SHIELD has been derived from the exchange department. The examination of the various fraternity periodicals is a work of pleasure. From them is derived much general knowledge of the advances made in the fraternity world, and more special knowledge of the particular doings which indicate either rise or decline in particular societies. In this general review of the Greek press it seems fitting to compare the status of the Greek journalism of the present day with that of five years ago, and to note the changes which have occurred. Our brother and sister editors will please note that this is not intended as a hit upon any one. Facts as they exist injure none, and it shall be our purpose to speak of the good things. If any of the journals be omitted in this review it is simply because the periodical has not been a regular visitor to our table. Many letters have been written to secure complete files, but with the changes in management there seems to be some lack of system whereby new editors can readily arrive at the mailing lists.

The general character of all the journals remains about the same as it was five years ago. So far as we know none have suspended publication, and at least two new journals have entered the field, the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, which is really a continuance of the old Kappa Sigma *Quarterly* and the *Trident* of the Delta Delta Delta Society.

The average general make up of all journals seems to be better. A few have kept on at the same old pace and have made no improvement, but many have increased in size and quality of paper.

There is no doubt as to the benefit which is accruing to the fraternity world at large from these journals. They act as educators to outsiders as well as to members. Every year adds to the membership of all societies, and the influence for good is augmented by reading these periodicals. While not literary per se, they possess a certain high dignity, which argues much for the societies. The day seems to be rapidly approaching when fraternities will not be a by-word with college faculties and neutrals, but rather be regarded as an essential in college life. Much of this will be due to the journals.

Believing that a brief analysis of the various publications will not be lacking in interest to our readers we will attempt its production. It has taken many hours of examination to gather the facts given.

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* is published in Nashville, Tenn. It first came to the editor's table in October, 1890, beginning vol. 8. This volume consisted of nine numbers, containing 558 pages. Vol. 9 was reduced to five numbers with 461 pages. Vol. 10 had five numbers, containing 483 pages. John Bell Keeble is the editor and has been for a number of years. What the *Journal* was in previous years is unknown, but for the three volumes noted above it has been a lively competitor of the SHIELD. Its external appearance is very attractive with its cover of white and gold. The general make-up of the *Journal* has not changed at any time. Its clear typography and neat appearance give it a just right to compete for first place among Greek journals. The *Journal* is notable for the absence of illustrations. The few made use of during this period were not up to the metropolitan standard, but the book has been quite as rich without them. Superior excellence has been displayed in the contents. The pen of Editor Keeble has been wielded with grace and wisdom. A free and able writer, earnestly devoted to his fraternity, its best interests have ever been uppermost in his mind, The Greek press has been elevated by his work. There has been much in it to interest the general reader, but it has been more the journal for graduate members. While chapter letters and personals have been

reasonably full, the weight of the periodical has been in its symposium and editorials.

The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi is edited and published at Troy, Ohio, by C. L. VanCleve. No changes whatever have been made in five years. Ten numbers have appeared each year averaging forty-six pages,—about two pages of editorial; four to six, symposium; one or two, college notes; no exchanges; six to eight, personals, and the balance, twenty to thirty pages, chapter letters. Very seldom has the editor vouchsafed opinions decidedly his own. The journal is mostly routine work well done. It is preeminently the under graduates' periodical and for them a good one. Very rarely is there an illustration. The same style in everything, regular and precise, satisfactory meat to the fraternity, but hard bone for exchange editors as a rule.

The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta is now published at Columbus, Ohio, and edited by Dr. John E. Brown, who took up the work with the second number of vol. 14, in 1890. Previous to that time E. H. L. Randolph was the editor. The *Scroll* in 1889 issued eight numbers, since that time it has had five each year. Some marked changes have occurred in its general appearance and the journal of to-day is a marked improvement on that of five years ago. The bulk of each number is devoted to chapter letters and reports of conventions, either district or general. There is very little of general college or fraternity news or personals. President Harrison was the text during his campaign, and later on Adlai Stevenson. In the October number of 1892 the frontispiece was Stevenson, as candidate for vice president, and President Harrison's picture adorned an inside page. It didn't seem to make much difference which party won, Phi Delta Theta was sure to be in it. Sigma Chi rather stole a march on them after all, or they might have had both Adlai and Grover.

The *Beta Theta Pi* is published at Cincinnati, Ohio, and edited by Chas. M. Hepburn, and has been for a number of years. Eight numbers are issued each year. Only one portrait was published in two years, that of their Wooglin-on-

Chatauqua club house. This club house is, or seems to be, the chief theme. Summer vacations and conventions held there are subjects of deep interest. The general contents are chapter letters. The symposium is reasonably large, but little other news. The editorial identity is not prominent. The journal has held its own, with no changes.

The Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* while edited by F. M. Crossett of New York was a very lively journal, up to all the magazine "fads," spent considerable money for illustrations and had many good issues. Its great reputation consisted in appearing about three months behind time. Exchange comments quite extensive and liberal, general contents of magazine of little interest outside the fraternity. The last volume of the *Quarterly* is edited by Wilson L. Fairbanks of Philadelphia and like all other things which emanate from the good old Quaker city "slow." The size is changed to the large magazine which excludes it from the library and makes it an odd journal for which no suitable place can be found.

The Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* in 1889-90 was printed at Meadville, Pa., and edited by Fred C. Howe. The general appearance was not good typographically. Since 1890 it has been printed at Baltimore and much improved in general appearance. Editor Howe is still at the helm. Years ago the "Table Talker" of the *Quarterly* was the strongest and often the best of the exchanges but of late has become weak and intermittent. The articles which make up the first part are well timed and usually on some subject pertaining directly to the fraternity. The editorials are full and characteristic of the editor's genuine manhood, yet conservative and moderate in tone. The chapter letters average well with all others. General news and personals do not predominate.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* is published in New York City by the High Council of the Fraternity. In 1889 it was edited by Edward Wells, Jr. The dates of issue were rather uncertain and seemingly the life of the journal itself. Fortunately the editorial pen fell into the hands of Rev. David G. Downy who conducted Volumes 8 and 9, two of the best

ever issued. Since that time Walter B. Spafford and Sanborn G. Tenney have jointly edited the *Quarterly*. It was our pleasure to meet Mr. Downey during the height of the Pan-Hellenic excitement. Although this meeting was a short one much was revealed of his latent ability. He was a clear and forcible writer, whose editorials and exchange comments were full of original thought and bright ideas. He was inclined to make the *Quarterly* heavy and literary. It was always a high class magazine and still is so rated.

The Sigma Chi *Quarterly* is published at Chicago and edited by Charles Alling, Jr. The *Quarterly* abounds in biographies of Sigma Chi's great men, and accounts of the fraternity gatherings. Its editorials are always practical exchange notes, quite full. Editor Alling "praises cordially but censures soundly," as an exchange says, but spicy criticism for self glorification is seldom if ever present. The general make-up is good. There are numerous illustrations, and many portraits all of good execution. Much attention is given to Sigma Chi in Congress and the White House. The *Quarterly* has certainly won the prize on covers, all the colors of the rainbow would be dim in refulgence as compared with their numerous gaudy changes and the latest "Dolly-Varden" sky blue pink adornment is away out of sight.

The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta is published at Minneapolis and edited by Kendrick C. Babcock, who has held the reins for a number of years. Chapter letters constitute the principal part of its contents. Four numbers appear each year. The symposium and editorials are good but not extensive. Occasional illustrations of fair quality. Of late the *Rainbow* has been somewhat larger than formerly.

The *Delta* of Sigma Nu is published quarterly at Hiawatha, Kan., by Grant W. Harrington. The *Delta* has slowly and steadily progressed from a size of thirty pages up to about sixty. It consists largely of chapter letters.

The Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* when it first made our acquaintance was edited and published by Walter Travers Daniel of New York. It had some good general articles in it,

but for the most part was given over to the one great subject which occupied the editor's mind, Pan-Hellenism, a subject which has seemed to wane perceptibly since his departure from the editorial fold. With the incoming of Rev. Otis Glazebrook the character of the *Palm* was entirely changed. While the Symposium always contained one or more good articles the best of the *Palm* was its editorials, Editor Glazebrook believed in discussing the living issues of the fraternity world as applied to Alpha Tau Omega. Considerable space was given to the reproduction of any articles in other magazines which seemed to him to be of general interest. It was with personal regret that we noted the withdrawal of the able editor last year. The *Palm* is now published by the High Council from Chicago, under charge of Louis C. Ehle. While the general appearance is somewhat improved, each number of late has had a different cover, they seem to be experimenting on general effects.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record* came to our notice in 1890, it is a very creditable journal. It was edited by John G. Capers for three years and then turned over to H. H. Cowan the present editor in Jan. '91. It is published from Pittsburgh. Editor Cowan has improved the appearance of the *Record* and increased its size, seventy-five pages constitute the average number.

The *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma was started as such about three years ago and is now in the third volume. Geo. W. Warner has been its editor since the second volume began, and publishes it at Philadelphia. The contents are chiefly chapter letters, a few illustrations have appeared and the general matter is good.

The ladies' journals are sharp competitors for Greek honors. "The ladies wield trenchant editorial blades and for spicy and witty criticisms we place them at the head of the fraternity class" says Editor Glazebrook of the *Palm*. We quite agree with him. Fraternity journalism is brighter and better because of them. As a class these journals excel not in size but in quality.

The *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma has been the longest and most constant visitor to our table. It is published by the Boston University chapter, and edited by a board of four ladies elected by the chapter and changing each year. The journal is made up of Symposia, largely contributed by the alumnae. Chapter letters and the alumnae department are very full. Editorials naturally do not predominate as the work is divided into sections, and therefore are not so strong. Occasionally, however, a spicy and strong one appears on some leading subject. In spite of all this, however, the *Key* like all other Sorority journals is very enchanting and popular. The *Key* will later rank among the very best of Greek journals. Exchange notes are brief but good. No change has been made in the appearance of the journal. The only objection we entertain to it is its odd size which makes it a bad library book. Of the other journals the Alpha Phi *Journal* and Kappa Alpha Theta are nip and tuck, both good, about the same size and general appearance. The cover of Kappa Alpha Theta is the most attractive of any of the sorority periodicals. The *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi is of quite the same standard.

As a class the Greek journals of the present time are of a character which enables them to take high rank as educators of the college and general public on the particular subject to which they refer.

This resume is entirely general and while extended only comes with the advent of a period. We will take up our regular quarterly review in the next issue.

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The casual observation of one or two points in exchanges, arriving since our resume was completed, which are pertinent now but would lose some of interest if kept till the March number, leads us to take up the subject to note two. The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta for December is as usual an interesting number. In place of the customary editorials we find an exchange review covering a period of years. Editor Brown

takes occasion to say many pleasant things about all the journals. Concerning the SHIELD we find the following :

" Five years ago there was little personality to the other *Shield*, that of Theta Delta Chi. The struggle for existence was too fierce to allow a personality to surmount it. The irregular numbers of the *Shield* came from New York City and were inclosed in a cover that had the most hideous design which ever made eyes blush. Then it was that Mr. Clay W. Holmes, an alumnus of the Lafayette charge, class of '69, came forward and took hold of the magazine under an agreement that he be given its exclusive control for five years. This term expires this month. Little reason had  $\Theta \Delta X$  from what had preceded, to expect the handsome plethoric magazine which has been given her during these years. Mr. Holmes has made a success of the *Shield*. He has conducted it on lines in which few others would care to exactly follow. At times the editorial and personal in the *Shield* seemed as prominent as the Theta Delta Chi features. But these are matters on which the editor and his fraternity were to judge. It is only ours to say that he made a success where others failed. During this time  $\Theta \Delta X$  has prospered better than before. The September issue under his management is as attractive as previous numbers, though not so widely diversified in contents. If the *Shield* passes from Mr. Holmes' hands we fear we will not be so much interested in  $\Theta \Delta X$  as heretofore."

To have the assurance from Editor Brown that he has been interested in the SHIELD and to see in his pages the pleasant personal compliment is truly a source of gratification. Twenty-five years of hard labor have taught one lesson at least to the editor of the SHIELD. Personality must be introduced into anything to make it a success. A line of action must be selected by the general before he begins the battle. There seemed no other way but for the editor to put his own life and character into the SHIELD and trust to the future to attract friends by its positive character. The editor has never been slow to express an opinion and it has generally been *his opinion* for two reasons. A man can always defend his own opinions better than another's, and then there did not seem to be anybody else who had an opinion. As we look back upon the five years no regrets seek expression. Errors have been made and apologies have always been forthcoming. The perfect editor does not yet exist. If we shall live to see the termination of another five years' work as editor, our desire is that we may be able to hear the same words of commendation as justly applied as at the present time.

Many thanks, friend Brown, for your kind expressions of regard for the SHIELD.

The *Trident* for November attracted attention, as it had been absent from our table for a six month. As we turned over its interesting pages we discovered an article on "The Fraternity Congress." All recent journals have been closely scanned that we might gather the results of the editors' congress. Having been absent therefrom by reason of illness and never hearing a word as to whether the article prepared for the occasion had been read or not, every article touching on this gathering had a peculiar interest. Many of the journals have given it casual mention, but no full account had yet met our eye. This of the *Trident* seemed to take up the subject in extenso. We settled back in our chair and began to experience with the writer of the article the disappointments of the morning session, when more ladies than gentlemen were present. Our spirits rose with the second session. We were surprised, to say the least, at what we read. This is what she wrote :

"The afternoon session was brighter, being a meeting of fraternity editors. Several who were announced to speak failed to appear. The two most enjoyable papers were on "Fraternity Journalism—Its Financial Aspects," by the editor of *The Shield* of Theta Delta Chi, and the paper by the editor of *The Anchora* on "Journalism Among the Sororities." Mr. Holmes, of the *Shield*, spoke in a delightful, clear, bright style, which carried conviction with the sentiments expressed; we might have guessed he was a high school principal if he had not told us so. We were not ashamed of our sorority editor; she did credit to the women's fraternities."

We are sorry to rudely destroy the pleasant delusion of our worthy sister. It is impossible to believe that any beverage strong enough to intoxicate could have been obtained on the grounds, so she must have labored under the mistaken idea that the polished high school principal who read our article was the editor of the SHIELD himself. The statement assures us, however, that our hastily prepared "Fraternity Journalism" fell into decidedly good hands and the reader was able to produce from it expressions and effects which the writer himself, perhaps, did not conceive of. Some day we may learn

who it was, and be thereby enabled to tender our thanks for his able rendition.

In the meantime, as we have no desire to sail under false colors, we must decline to admit our presence in two places at once. We were in spirit at this meeting but our person was regretfully lounging on the banks of one of New York's beautiful little lakes in search of health.

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Among the college publications which are attracting attention at the present time, a notable one is "Dartmouth Lyrics," edited by Bertrand A. Smalley, Omicron Deuteron, '94. We confess to a certain pride in the fact that a Theta Delt is doing such good work, and that of the thirty-four men whose verse is found worthy a place in a representative publication of this sort, thirteen are members of our own fraternity. To be sure mere numbers do not count for much, but we are safe in saying that Theta Deltas have written some of the best verses in the book, and that is not uncertain praise when one studies the quality and character of the work of some of the other fraternity men who are represented. The book is intended to give the best verse which has been written by Dartmouth men, and right here is room for the question whether the fact that nearly all of it is the work of fraternity men, has anything more than a local significance, or if it is only another of the many proofs that the Greeks are everywhere to be found in the front rank. The ringing quality of Brother Smalley's own lines is perhaps better illustrated by the banquet poem given in this number of the SHIELD than by any of the brief selections he has given us in "Dartmouth Lyrics." He has, it is true, included there the Dartmouth Song, which forms a part of the banquet poem, but we wish it might have had the perfect setting which is given it in the complete poem. There is very little of what might be called distinctively college verse, perhaps the best example of this is the "Freshman's Soliloquy," by another Theta Delt, O. S. Davis, '89. The volume is generously illustrated by half tone portraits,

together with a few other pictures that will recall familiar scenes to every Dartmouth man.

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A very attractive book which makes its appearance with the holiday season is "An All-around Boy: The Life and Letters of Ralph Robinson Green." The book will have an added interest when it is known that it is written by Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D., Psi '67, the President of Elmira College, as a memorial of his only son: It is written with rare discrimination. A father's partiality is laid aside, and one feels that he sees a portrait of a good boy who was not in the least a "goody" boy, but happy, hearty, studious, and brilliant far beyond his years, yet fond of sport, the kind of boy suggested by the title and the design of the cover, on which are arranged alpenstock, fishing rod, books, guitar, ball clubs, tennis rackets and skates. It is the story of a boy with the highest and noblest ideals, the keenest sense of right and wrong, and yet so thoroughly a boy that he hesitated over a trip to Europe on account of his school base ball club; a boy who was emphatically the finest scholar in his class, and yet shouted himself hoarse over a foot ball match. The letters given show marked literary ability and are an entertaining and vivid portrayal of life from the standpoint of a boy who was fortunate in all his surroundings. It is not only a book for boys but for their elders as well, at least for such of them as have not forgotten that they were ever young. The last sad chapter which tells of his tragic death is not allowed to cast its shadow over the rest of the book, which is well worthy a place among the books of the joyous Christmas season of the year.

This most excellent book should be in the library of every Theta Delt.

## College Notes.

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A dual debating league has been formed by Cornell and the University of Penna. The first debate will occur at Cornell April 20, 1894, the following year in Philadelphia. The arrangements for this league were consummated in New York City on Thursday Dec. 21st.

Miss M. Carey Thomas, the present Dean of the faculty at Bryn Mawr, has been elected to the Presidency of the college to succeed Dr. Rhoades, who resigns on account of ill health.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be held in Pittsburg, Pa. Dec. 27.

The faculty of Cornell has voted to discontinue the present reservation of an examination week at the end of each term. Hereafter standing will be determined by daily work or by such methods of preliminary examinations as each professor may deem necessary and expedient. It is expected that this arrangement will tend to promote regularity of work and to render "cramming" for examinations unnecessary. It will also add about three teaching weeks to the university year.

Hamilton College was especially prominent at the recent annual dinner of the New England Society in New York. The "time-honored toast" on these memorable occasions, "Forefathers' Day," was responded to by President Melancthon Woolsey Stryker, '72, whose eloquent speech was enthusiastically received: Charles Dudley Warner, '51, spoke on "The way of the Pilgrim;" and Elihu Post, '64, the celebrated New York lawyer, was elected President of the society for the coming year.

The trustees of Wellesley College have given to the department of physical training between two and three acres of land to use as a play ground. All the games will be under the charge of the director of physical training.

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The library and manuscripts of the historian, Bancroft, have been purchased by Chicago University for \$80,000.

It is said that the Williams College chapter of Sigma Chi, has purchased one of Albany's colonial landmarks, the VanRensselaer homestead, and will have it taken to Williams-town in pieces, and set up there to take the place of the chapter house which was burned some time since.

The corner stone of the new D. K. E. House at Cornell was laid on November 18th.

The Lyceum of Natural History which was founded in 1835 has been considered the oldest institution of the kind in the country, but evidence has been found among some old papers which points to the founding of a Linnean Society at Williams College in 1826, for the study of biological subjects.

It is said that Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Psi Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi and Beta Theta Pi are preparing to enter the Chicago University as three year societies.

The faculty of Michigan University has voted to take the matter of college athletics under its own supervision. There will be a Board of Control, consisting of five members of the faculty, who will be chosen from the senate, while the University Athletic Association will choose the four student members of the Board.

Miss Mary Garrett has given to Bryn Mawr the library of the late Professor Saupe, of Gottingen, one of the finest private classical libraries in Germany. It comprises 16,000 books, of which 9,000 relate to classical philology and archaeology.

Very decided changes are being made in the curriculum of Smith College, with a view to increasing the number of electives, and removing the present wide distinction between the classical, scientific and literary courses.

Gamma Phi Beta has organized a chapter at the Woman's College in Baltimore.



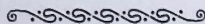
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An Amherst alumnus of '92 has recently discovered, at Colorado Springs, one of the original subscription books in which pledges to aid in the founding of the college were made. It contains the names of thirty-two subscribers and yet the entire amount is only \$49.

It is an open secret that Delta Tau Delta is forming a chapter here, as they have a member of their fraternity here evidently for that purpose.—*Ohio State University letter to Σ A E Quarterly.*

The site for the new museum of fine arts at Harvard has been staked out, and work will soon be begun.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has moved into a new chapter house at Ann Arbor.

A museum for exhibits relating to charities and philanthropy will soon be established at Johns Hopkins University.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter house at Williamstown was burned early in November. It was the property of the chapter, and together with the lot, cost \$15,500.

The president of the Southwest Kansas College has opened warfare upon the Sigma Nu fraternity, and, as a consequence, none of the members of that fraternity returned to the institution this year. It is predicted that the president will not be supported by the trustees.—*Σ A E Quarterly*.

The Kappa Alpha convention has authorized an "alumni obligation," to be administered by alumni chapters, to alumni only, and Delta Delta Delta, among the sororities, has taken the same step.

The annual convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was held in Pittsburg, Pa., December 27th.

The corner stone of a \$160,000 Engineering Hall at the University of Illinois has just been laid.

With the September term the University of Tennessee opened its doors to women on an equal footing with the men.

The president of Erskine college has compelled the members of Kappa Alpha to withdraw from active connection with the fraternity, while they remain students in that institution.

The Harvard annex is henceforth to become affiliated with the University. Its name is to be changed to Radcliffe College, in commemoration of Anne Radcliffe, the first woman who ever gave money to Harvard—her bequest of one hundred pounds having been made in the year 1640. The President and Fellows of Harvard College will be hereafter vested with full visitorial power and authority over the corporation of Radcliffe College, and the appointment of instructors or examiners will be subject to their approval. Radcliffe College will itself issue diplomas to its students, but they will be countersigned by the President of Harvard University, and the seal of Harvard University will be affixed to them. The instruction in the college will continue to be given, as heretofore, by the professors and instructors of Harvard, but generally, if not exclusively, in separate classes.—*The Outlook*.

The new chancellor of Vanderbilt University, Dr. J. H. Kirkland, is a member of Chi Psi.

The University *Review* is authority for the statement that the proposed "College Council" at Wabash is likely to be abandoned, owing to class rivalry in its representation.

Chi Phi has surrendered her charter at Dickinson College. The Delta Upsilon chapter house at Williams College was completely destroyed by fire and water a few weeks ago.

Membership in one of the two literary societies at Dickinson College will hereafter be obligatory upon all men who enter any of the oratorical contests, or take part in the commencement exercises.

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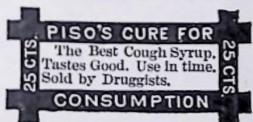
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