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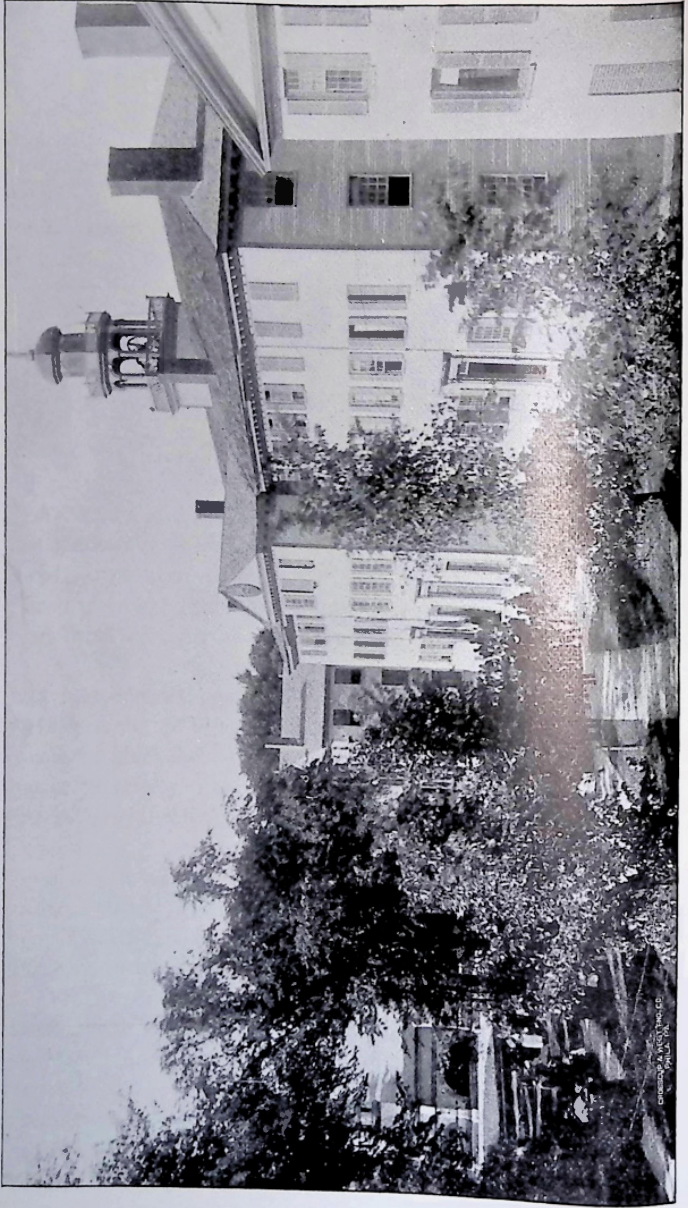
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

"Vox clamantis in deserto."

Of the history of "Old Dartmouth," as her loyal sons delight to call her, the educational world has every reason to be proud. As is often the case with similar institutions, Dartmouth College sprung from small beginnings, and her rise and progress are enduring memorials of the generous hearts and willing hands of her founders and benefactors.

The first inception of the college was on December 18, 1754, when Eleazer Wheelock, a Congregational minister who cherished a desire to do good, opened in his home in Lebanon, Connecticut, a school for the Christian education of Indian youths. This school, known as Moor's Indian Charity School in honor of a generous benefactor, prospered in a surprising manner. At one time there were twenty-two Indian youths in the school, and, Wheelock having decided to educate English youths as missionaries to the Indians, ten years after its founding the attendance reached thirty, of whom about one-half were white.

Funds for the maintenance of the school were derived from private individuals, and by grants from the general courts of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, but chiefly from the mother country, where Wheelock's enterprise had awakened the deepest interest. In 1765 Sampson Occum, Wheelock's first Indian pupil, who had now become a preacher, made a



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tour of England and Scotland, and about £10,000 was raised and committed to the charge of a board of trustees, headed by the Right Honorable William, Earl of Dartmouth.

As a result of this endowment Dr. Wheelock determined to enlarge the purpose of the school and to change its location. Many offers of sites for the school were received, and had some of them been accepted, the Dartmouth man would now buy his ticket for Albany, Wilkesbarre, or even some point in the Mississippi Valley. Dr. Wheelock, however, was very anxious to obtain a charter for his school, and, as Governor Wentworth was the only person who would grant one, New Hampshire was favored with his choice.

The charter constituting Dartmouth College was issued December 13, 1769, and July 5, 1770 Wheelock and his commissioners decided upon Hanover, in the region of "Cowas" [Coos] as a site combining an attractive location, nearness to the Canadian Indians and a natural centre for two hundred towns, about to be, if not already settled. A month later Wheelock reached Hanover through "one continuous and dreary wood." What is now the campus was densely wooded with white pines, Observatory Hill was covered with a growth of hard wood, and the new athletic field was a great hemlock swamp. The following winter the pines on the campus were cut, covering an area of six acres five feet deep. We are told that one of these giants measured 270 feet and that "paths of communication were cut through them."

The first commencement took place August 28, 1771, when four men were graduated. So important an event could not transpire without due festivities, and accordingly "a whole ox was roasted on the common and eaten by those assembled, together with a barrel of rum and other accompaniments, all at the expense of Governor Wentworth," who with his suite had made his way across the country from Portsmouth through almost trackless forests.

Two events in the early history of the college affected materially its character and growth—first, the gradual withdrawal of aid from Great Britain, especially during the Revolution, and second, the celebrated contest between the college and the



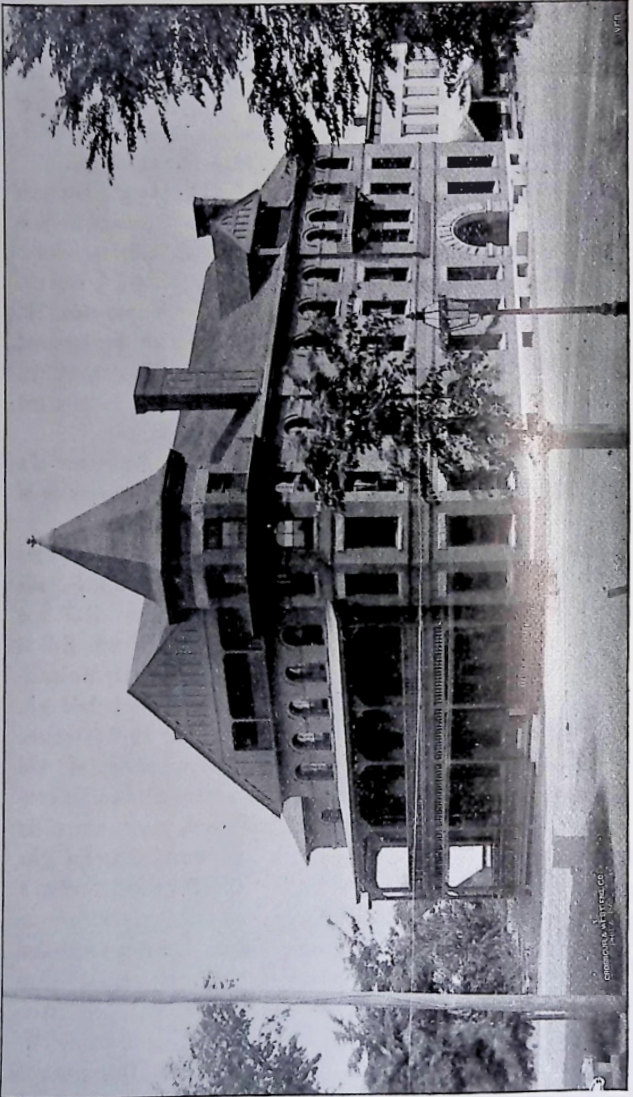
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state of New Hampshire, which resulted in the Supreme Court of the United States over-ruling the decision of the lower courts and securing to the College its chartered rights. Especially was the college indebted in this crisis to Daniel Webster, of the class of 1801, to whose loyal efforts in her behalf the decision handed down in February, 1819, was largely due.

From this re-establishment of the college proper, Dartmouth has progressed steadily under the wise administrations, of Presidents Lord, Smith and Bartlett, and although she has failed to maintain the superiority in numbers over Harvard, Yale and Princeton, which she held during the decade 1790-1800, still, following the simpler path of the college, when they branched out into the more complex tangle of the university system, she has always ranked among the first in the quantity and quality of work which her degree represents.

Perhaps in no way can the growth and advancement of a college be better illustrated than by tracing the erection of buildings to satisfy the demand for greater facilities.

In 1784, Wheelock's first log hut having become too cramped for the proper accommodation of the growing school, funds were obtained for a new building, and "Dartmouth Hall" was begun, the structure being modeled after Nassau Hall at Princeton. At commencement, in September, 1787, the building was sufficiently far along for the exercises to be held in it, a platform being erected on the lower floor for the speakers, trustees, and faculty. Among the choicest traditions of "Old Dartmouth Hall," it is narrated that in the middle of the exercises this temporary structure collapsed, and "some of the reverend gentlemen had to look for themselves in one place and for their wigs in another." "Old Dartmouth," which is the oldest of the existing college buildings, was finally completed in 1791 at a cost of some £4,500. In 1809 the Medical College was built to accommodate the newly created department of Medicine. Thornton and Wentworth, both dormitories, were completed about 1830; Reed, which contains the physical laboratories, in 1840; the Shattuck Observatory in 1854; and Bissell Hall, more familiarly known as the "Gym," in 1866.



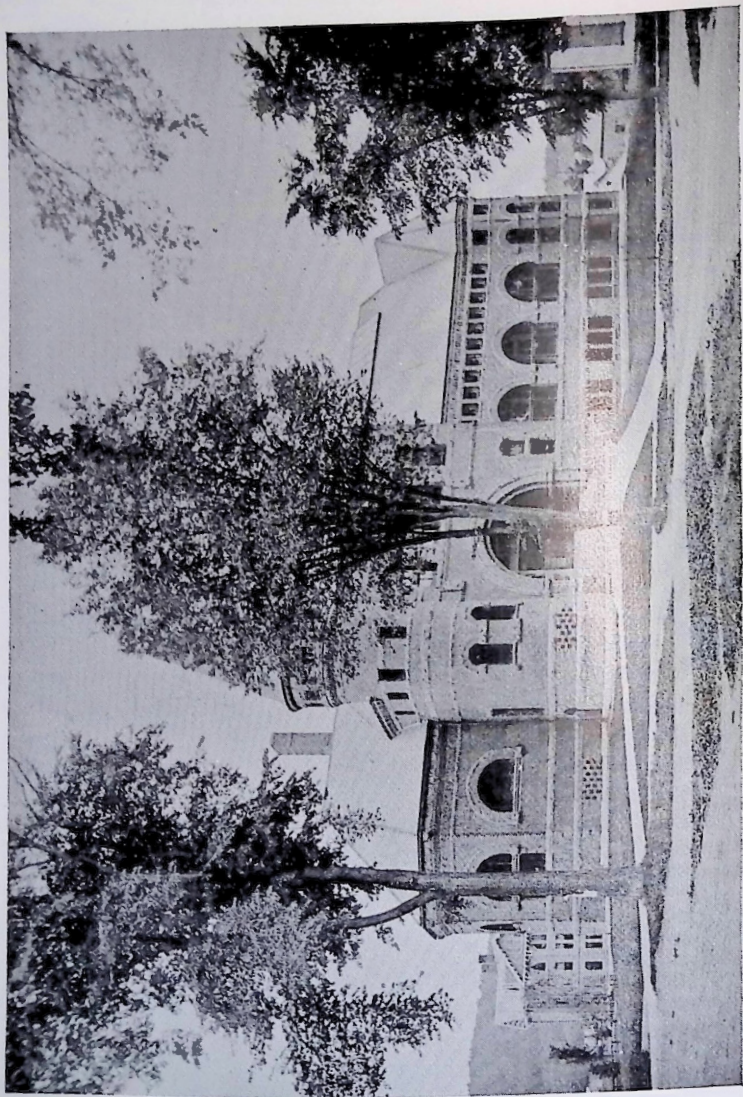
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The administration of Dr. Bartlett was especially noteworthy in the matter of improvements in the material equipment of the college. Rollins Chapel, a gem of architectural conception, was erected in 1884. Wilson Hall, which contains, beside the college library of upwards of 80,000 volumes, spacious and well-stocked reading-rooms open every day of the week, was constructed the same year. The site of the old Dartmouth Hotel, which though burned in the great fire of a few years since is still a pleasant memory to many of the older alumni, is now occupied by "The Wheelock," a modern hotel owned and controlled by the college. The Thayer Building, which quarters the Thayer School of Civil Engineering, was erected in 1887; Bartlett Hall, the sixth college Y. M. C. A. building in the country, was built in 1890; and the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, the finest example of cottage hospital architecture in the world, was completed in 1893 at a cost of \$200,000. Besides these buildings the college has recently acquired by purchase from the state, Culver and Conant Halls, the former now the headquarters of the departments of Biology, Geology, and Chemistry; the latter wholly given up to use as a dormitory. It is, moreover, authoritatively stated that next commencement, June, 1894, will witness the laying of the corner-stones of two new buildings, with every prospect of more in the near future, until the growing needs of the college shall be met.

The increase in the completeness of the material equipment of Dartmouth has not been unaccompanied by correspondingly gratifying additions to her staff of instructors. The three or four tutors who instructed Eleazer Wheelock's Indian youths had increased under President Bartlett's administration to a total of fifty-two professors, lecturers, and instructors, while during President Tucker's first year there have been added to the teaching force seven professors and two lecturers, making the net number of Dartmouth's faculty in all branches of the institution forty-eight. Among them Dartmouth may point to not a few who have achieved more than a local renown, and to several whose reputation is world-wide. It is the policy of the college to bring the students into close personal contact



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with the broadest minds and keenest intellects obtainable and not, as is the case at our larger universities whose numbers make the system imperative, to consign her young men to the moulding influences of immature tutors. Each man meets in the recitation or lecture room the heads of departments, and the practicability of this Dartmouth theory is demonstrated by its happy results.

While Dartmouth College enjoys a well-earned reputation for conservatism, she has not hesitated to follow up lines of progress which promise reasonable fruition. The elective system was early adopted, and to-day her curriculum is broad and elastic, shaping itself by an admirable adaptation of the elective system to different courses, to the needs of the individual student in no common degree. The college offers three parallel courses of instruction, each requiring four years for its completion. These courses, known as the Classical, Latin Scientific, and Chandler Scientific courses, lead to the degrees B. A., B. L., and B. S. respectively.

Each course consists of a series of prescribed and elective studies. Those subjects which are fundamental and which experience has proven to be essential to a liberal education are prescribed. Other branches, which are valuable preliminaries to professional studies, are elective, and at stated intervals the student may choose some one from a group of equivalent electives.

For the whole of Freshman year and a part of the first term of Sophomore year all the studies are prescribed. The Classical course during the period includes Greek, Latin, Mathematics, English, and French; the Latin Scientific Course substitutes advanced French or German for Greek; and the Chandler Scientific course prescribes in place of Greek and Latin additional work in Mathematics, Science, and the Modern Languages. At the close of the period of wholly prescribed work, the three courses unite. Students in each take the same prescribed work, which includes German and English, the Sciences, History and Economics, and Mental and Moral Philosophy. All electives are open to students of the three courses alike, the only limitation being that preparation must



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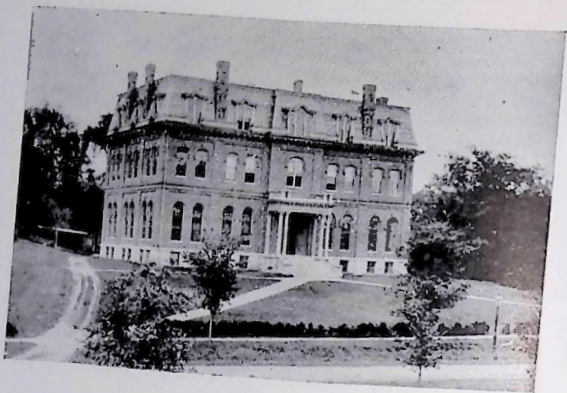
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have been made by previous work. The Chandler Scientific Senior may elect the first year work of the Thayer School of Civil Engineering (a practically post-graduate school), be a candidate for the degree of B. S. with his class, and obtain the degree of C. E. after a second year's work in the Thayer School. It is expected that this consolidation of the three courses will lead ultimately to the granting of but one degree in course.

The college offers opportunities for post-graduate work by a system of fellowships which, it is hoped, will be more widely extended. The Medical College connected directly with Dartmouth affords many advantages to the would-be physician, including as it does upon its staff some of the finest lecturers in the country. The Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, previously mentioned, is intended to offer unsurpassed clinical advantages.

The benefits of physical training are fully recognized and the Alumni Oval, "an emerald in Old Dartmouth's crown," is one of the finest athletic fields in the country, while the "Gym." is soon to be remodeled, newly fitted, and made equal to the best.

But a college, as it is defined in the East at least, is something more than a faculty of prescribed excellence mixed up with a certain number of students with more or less receptive intellects, in a goodly number of imposing buildings; something more than an educational mill which turns out its finished product at the front entrance once a year, and summarily disposes of its waste material by the back door. A college is an educational institution, not necessarily large nor rich, but influential because hoary with years; hedged about with legend and tradition that time has made little less than sacred; and honored by and honoring the memory of great sons long since departed. Rich in the traditions of five generations, alight with the glory reflected upon her by her illustrious sons in an hundred classes, old Dartmouth sits serenely by the side of the noble Connecticut, the same, yet not the same, after the lapse of more than a century. Of all the pines which clothed her plain but one, seamed and scarred, remains—the Old Pine,



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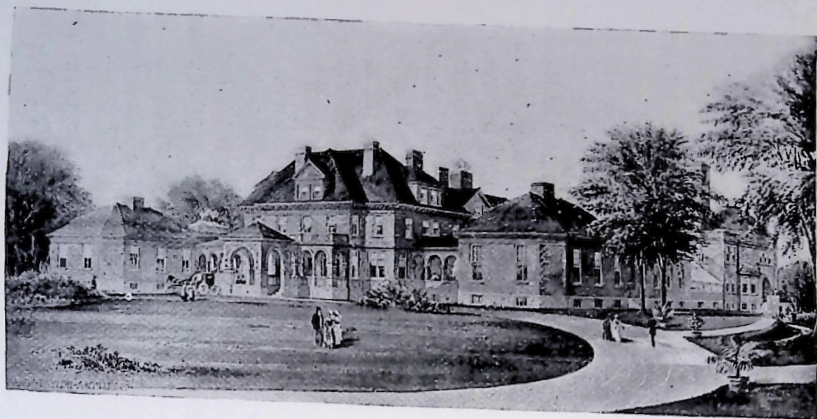
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around which successive classes smoke their farewell pipe, and from whose whispering boughs the shades of bye-gone days look down and in spirit celebrate the anniversary; the Old Pine whose mention sends a thrill through the heart of every son of Old Dartmouth.

But in the newspapers of late we see much of "The New Dartmouth." While the phrase is becoming somewhat stale, it is difficult to find a term which better characterizes the new lease of vigorous life which Dartmouth College has taken under Dr. Tucker's administration. In a word, the somewhat straggling "Dartmouth College and Associated Institutions" has given way to a rounded and complete "Dartmouth College," with all departments consolidated under one head and working together toward a common end. Through the admission of the alumni to a share in the government of the college, a tremendous power for good has been added to the resources of Dartmouth; and its fruits may already be seen in the largely increased classes and facilities, for the attainment of which the co-operation of a united and enthusiastic alumni is necessary.

Down through the years the grand old college has passed, drawing its students from far and near, and sending them out into the world to take the lead in statesmanship, in law, in the church, in literature, in the educational and business life of the times, and, above all, binding them fast with the bond of Dartmouth love and loyalty. There were giants in those days, but the "New Dartmouth" may yet bring forth geniuses who shall eclipse even the "god-like Daniel" of olden time. But whether this be so or not, Dartmouth College is sure, in the future as in the past, to turn out all-around men in goodly numbers, men of generous sympathies and high ideals, with well-wrought intellects and sturdy physiques; men who attain their ideals but never by lowering them; men who are clear-visioned as the day and whose night never comes. Not A. B's merely, but *men, living men*, richly endowed with the grit of the olden Dartmouth and full of the grace of the new.

In the words of an honored ex-president, "Dartmouth College is fortunate in many particulars. Fortunate in its situation, so picturesque and so quiet, fitted for faithful study



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and full of healthful influences, physical and moral ; fortunate in enjoying the full sympathy of the people around and the entire confidence of the Christian community of the land ; fortunate in the great class of young men who seek her instruction with their mature characters, simple habits, manly aims, and resolute purposes ; fortunate in her magnificent roll of alumni, unsurpassed in its average of good manhood and excellent work, and bright with names of transcendent lustre. The genius of the place bespeaks our reverence and awe."

BERTRAND A. SMALLEY.



**History of the Charge From its Birth to the Present Day by
Bertrand A. Smalley, '94.**

In common with other American Colleges, Dartmouth has for many years been the home of that peculiarly American institution, the secret college fraternity. Previous to the establishment of Psi Upsilon at Dartmouth in 1842, the student body had long been divided into two great literary societies, conducted substantially on the same lines as the similar societies still existing at Princeton, Williams and a few other colleges. Of these societies the Social Friends was



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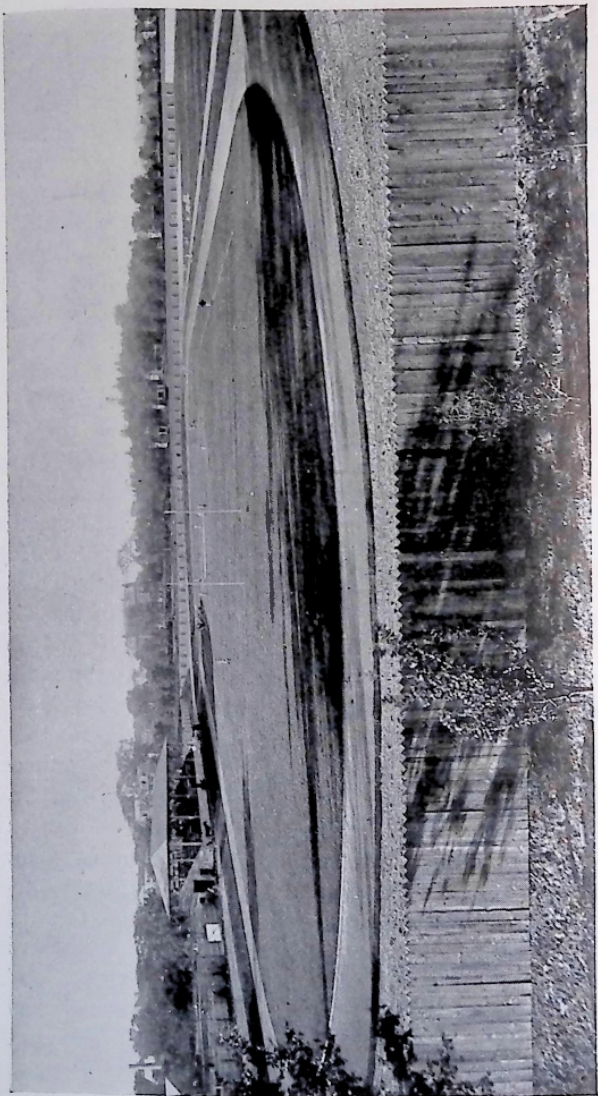
first in chronological order, being founded in 1783, while the United Fraternity was organized three years after. The sole aim of these societies was literary culture, and in furtherance of this end small libraries were started by each. The first library catalogue, published in 1810, shows the total number of books to have been 2,000, of which each society owned approximately one half. In 1820 the number of volumes had doubled and a decade later 12,000 volumes attested the keen rivalry between the two societies. This division into "Socials" and "Fraters" was carried into all departments of college life. Even athletic sports, such as were practiced in the early days of the college, were conducted on the basis of this division and many an old graduate's heart throbs a trifle faster even now, as he recalls the fierce foot-ball games which made the old campus ring with opposing war-cries.

A split in one of these societies about 1840 led directly to the establishment of the first fraternities in Dartmouth. The Zeta chapter of Psi Upsilon was founded by one of the factions, while the other party started a rival society called Kappa Kappa Kappa, which was and has continued to be a strictly local organization. After this, the entering of the Greek wedge, it was not long before Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon planted chapters in the New Hampshire college, the former dating from 1846, and the latter from 1853.

With the rise of the fraternities the influence of the old literary societies steadily waned, and by 1860 both were practically dead, though the form of organization was continued for college purposes. The library of the societies was at that time larger than that of the college and to-day forms no inconsiderable portion of the wealth of books in Wilson Hall, and in accordance with the Dartmouth library scheme, the student body is to-day divided along the old society lines, though it is seldom that a man even knows to which he belongs.

The decadence of the "Socials" and "Fraters" may be directly traced to two causes; first, the unwieldy and cumbersome size of the bodies, and second and more important, the usurpation of their function by the Greek letter fraternities.

It may not be generally known outside New England that



THE ATHLETIC FIELD.

the eastern idea of the field of a fraternity differs somewhat from that entertained farther west. In our New England colleges the fraternity is made the centre round which the literary as well as the social life of the college revolves. It has been often asserted by the adherents of the strictly social idea, that if literature is developed it must be at the expense of that fraternal love and fellowship, which is so much to be prized. On the other hand it is claimed by the believers in the New England notion, that it is possible to develop a high literary standard without materially injuring the close brotherly feeling, which is necessary to the success of a Greek letter fraternity. There may be a modicum of truth in both arguments. It seems, however, that a President of the Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi, who shall be nameless, once started on his tour of inspection of the New England charges with the idea in mind that success in the two fields was not attainable. Upon his return he expressed his revised opinion as follows: "I came, I saw, *they* conquered." The present article will not attempt to discuss this much-mooted question, and only so much of the matter is introduced as may serve to give a clear idea of the status and field of the Greek world in the New England college.

With but four fraternities represented in Dartmouth many worthy men were debarred from the privileges granted their classmates, who were favored with election to the fraternities. At the time when the class of 1872 entered Dartmouth the opening for a new fraternity seemed especially bright. The class was large and contained an exceptional number of bright men. To a coterie of kindred spirits in this class of '72, headed by Charles Ransom Miller, Omicron Deuteron of Theta Delta Chi, owes her existence. The idea of forming a new order at Dartmouth originated with Miller, aptly called the Father of Omicron Deuteron, who worked quietly among the members of his own class, until some fifteen or sixteen men had practically become pledged to the new movement. When an organization had been perfected, applications were made to different fraternities for prospectuses and data in regard to their orders. Replies were received from about a dozen and



CHARLES RAWSON MILLER, '72.

after careful investigation and due deliberation Theta Delta Chi was selected by an unanimous vote as the charge records show.

Matters were in this condition at the end of the college year 1868-9. Early in the next academic year Miller went to Tufts College and was there initiated into the mysteries of Theta Delta Chi by the brethren of the Kappa charge. Returning to Hanover with Brother P. C. Gilbert, Xi '62, then President of the Grand Lodge, the remainder of the faithful were invested with the responsibilities of the order, and, a charter having been granted, Omicron Deuteron was fairly launched upon the troubled sea of college life. No. 16 Thornton Hall witnessed the birth of the new charge and is hallowed ground to all Dartmouth Theta Delts.

For a year or more the meetings of the charge were held in the old "Tontine," an unsightly yellow structure which graced, or rather disgraced Main street until the great fire of 1887 when it went up in smoke, thereby adding much to Hanover's general appearance. If the traditions of the charge may be trusted, these first quarters were hardly palatial—dirt, dust and vermin all combining to render the room cheerless and uninviting.

Before the initiation of the '73 delegation, the charge removed its Lares and Penates to a room on the top floor of "Old Dartmouth," which opened through a guard room occupied by two loyal Thetes, upon the passage remembered by Dartmouth men from time immemorial, under the euphonious title, "*Bed-bug Alley.*"

Of the status of Theta Delta Chi in Dartmouth College at this time a '73 brother writes as follows :

"We of '73 were initiated into Theta Delta Chi in 1870. Heavy burdens and not a little opprobrium were heaped upon us because Theta Delta Chi was then in its feeble infancy in Dartmouth. Burdens of extra expenses and responsibilities, opprobrium from other and older Greek letter fraternities unjustly cast upon us because they untruly claimed that Omicron Deuteron was started by the '*oudens*' of '72, who were such by compulsion or by being overlooked as the scum and refuse of the class, like the general class of 'old maids,' who never had a chance! As to the fact, some of the leading men of '72 steadfastly re-



CHARLES D. ADAMS, '77.

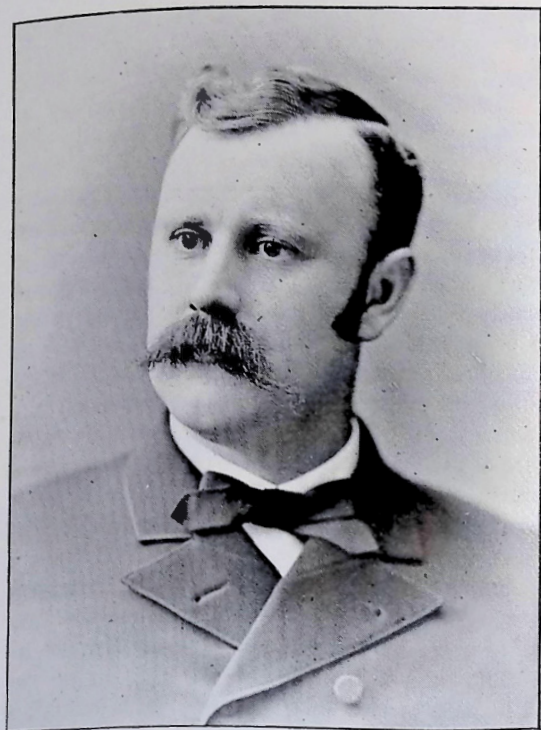
fused to pledge to any of the older fraternities, realizing that the opportunity had arrived to establish a new and *better* charge in Old Dartmouth. Beede, French, Sawyer, Wales, Ward, and Miller were among them and hard workers they were too, loyal and enthusiastic for the dignity and name of the grand old fraternity. 'Chuck' Miller was a leader and his subsequent phenomenal career as a journalist proves that he was of the stuff Theta Delta Chi is ever proud to own."

It was about this time that the charge was materially strengthened by the acquisition of Brother Hogan, '72, who entered from Tufts. A staunch and loyal Theta Delt, he became one of the strongest pillars of the feeble charge and by his wise counsels and ardent love did much to keep the ship afloat.

The '73 delegation was composed of eleven men and, the class being large, upwards of twenty men, or '*oudens*' as they are called at Dartmouth, were left, thus in a measure confuting the claims of the older societies that Theta Delta Chi in Dartmouth was an '*ouden*' organization. Of the delegation four subsequently became ministers, three physicians, two lawyers, one the president of a commercial college. The remaining brother received an honorable dismissal from the college upon his attaining his majority and immediately married and settled down upon a farm. He has since represented his town in the legislature of the state and is well known as a breeder of fancy Jersey stock.

Of "Quintus" Clarke, of this '73 delegation, a good story is told. It seems that he had been putting in his time, student-fashion, among the Vermont hills, and to such good advantage that he brought his bride of twenty-four hours out from the seclusion of the Green Mountain State to witness his graduation. The class deemed this to be taking an unfair advantage and in their farewell class-meeting, with but one dissenting vote, and that his own, debarred him from competition for that time-honored trophy, the "*class cup*." Accordingly, though he had the first child of the class by a margin of five months, the prize went to an Alpha Delt and Omicron Deuteron lost a twenty-five dollar cup because "Quintus" was a little "too previous" in scoring his hymeneal "*rush!*"

Of course in these early days the struggle for existence was a hard one; how hard is evinced by the fate of the chapter of



SETH P. SMITH, '82.

Zeta Psi, which, though instituted fourteen years before Omicron Deuteron, perished in 1874 on account of this very feeling against a new fraternity. The charge was not a considerable factor in the college life of the time. It had no representation upon the athletic teams of the college and was considered in college politics only as a convenient cats-paw for the older and stronger fraternities.

Once, however, tradition has it that the worm turned. In the spring of '72 a coalition was formed by the other societies against *K K K* and *Δ K E*, who up to that time had "generously taken everything in sight." It was agreed that Zeta Psi and Theta Delta Chi should divide the four librarian-ships, and Adams, '73, and Hayward, '73, were chosen to make the running. *K K K* and *Δ K E* at this time numbered nearly one-half the fraternity men in college and at first laughed at the idea of anybody's opposing them; then, seeing their mistake, went to work, but too late. The fusion ticket went through by a majority of ten or twelve in a vote of the whole college and the "Autocrats" were downed. But that this was the exception, not the rule, is shown by the very fact that the memory of it still lingers in the minds of the older brothers, who still delight after twenty years in rolling it as a sweet morsel under their tongues.

It was indeed a long, weary, up-hill road. The men who composed the charge were for the most part steady, not brilliant; solid, not showy; but men. earnest men, struggling, as as one graduate of that period naively puts it, "against the flesh and the devil in the earnest pursuit of learning." "We did an unconceivable amount of sturdy intellectual and oratorical work," says another, "to which we boned down with alacrity * * though we were not without our genial good times."

The charge was of necessity cut off in great measure from the rest of the fraternity by its isolated geographical position and also by the loose methods of inter-charge communication then in vogue. It would be humorous if it were not pathetic, to see, as we may from the old records, the hungering and thirsting of the lonely charge for the fraternity news and gos-



JAMES P. HOUSTON, '84.

sip now so abundantly furnished by the charge correspondence and the SHIELD. Notwithstanding the distance, however, Omicron Deuteron was represented at the annual conventions. At the convention in the winter of '71-2 Hogan, '72, and Hazen, '73, were delegates, and a legend of that trip still lingers, though both may have long since forgotten the incident.

It seems that after buying tickets in New York for White River Junction (Dartmouth's metropolis) they had just fifteen cents left between them. Being filled with the good things of the banquet, it did not occur to them that they would ever care to eat again, but on their arrival in Boston they found themselves very hungry, and besides, being addicted to the weed, they could not do longer without a smoke. Havanas and porter-house were out of the question, so after much thought and calculation as to the proper division of their assets they invested eight cents in tobacco, purchased two "T. D's" for two cents, and laid out the balance of their capital, five cents on rolls, which had to last them until Hanover was reached.

The class of '74 brought to Omicron Deuteron eleven men of whom time has failed to blot out the faithful work of Ball, Petrie, Putnam and others, whose efforts did much toward keeping Theta Delta Chi alive in Dartmouth. It was Burnham, of this delegation, who was the first of Dartmouth's Theta Delts to enter the portals of the Omega charge. He died in Hanover in his Sophomore year at the age of nineteen, and with his death a life of exceptionally brilliant promise was brought to a sudden close. Archibald, Brown, and S. A. Reed, of this class, have been settled for a number of years in Minneapolis, and that their love for the shield has survived the twenty odd years of business life is shown by their active interest in the establishment of the Tau Deuteron last year. There is a very entertaining legend of Archibald's trip to New York as a delegate to the convention of '72-3, but out of respect for his position as president of a business college it must not be printed.

The delegation from '75 originally contained seven men, but two of whom completed their course. The smallness of the



HERBERT D. FOSTER, '85.

'75 delegation was compensated as far as numbers were concerned by '76. Sayres, '76, was the champion "chinner" of the time, and it is more than suspected that it was the valuable practice obtained in thus advancing the black, white and blue that has made his life-work as a missionary so successful. Marshall and Sargent were the literary spirits of the delegation and led in the solid intellectual work of the period.

From '77 twelve men were initiated, and it was with men from this class that Omicron Deuteron made her first considerable entry into the athletic life of the college. The Wallaces were both prominent in boating, then in its prime at Dartmouth, and Sumner Wallace was on the 'varsity crew. In the winning boat at the class regatta that year three of the four oarsmen were Theta Delts and the pennant then won long graced our halls but has recently been claimed by one of the crew. This delegation also included the scholarly Adams, who has this year been called back to his alma mater to fill the Lawrence professorship of the Greek Language and Literature; the acute Comstock, now a leading educator and the statistical secretary of the Dartmouth Alumni Association; Campbell, Robertson, Sutherland, all prominent in fraternity work and, with others, doing all in their power to maintain the good name and fame of Theta Delta Chi in Dartmouth College.

'78 brought in eleven men who all completed their course. One of the brothers of this delegation writes in regard to the condition of the charge in his under-graduate days: "Most of us had serious purposes in life. As plain living was a necessity we strove to compensate for it by high thinking. Our motto used to be '*Spectemur agendo*,' and we *did* something—a part of us. To be sure we had brothers capable of enjoying themselves very well indeed and of making others enjoy themselves. I remember some very festive initiations and other good times, but these were not allowed to blind us to the more serious side of life. To this end we did not find it necessary to have a skeleton at our banquets." Of the literary side of fraternity life at this time the debate was the most important exercise. Very weighty questions were handled and



FRANK J. URQUHART, 87.



JAMES C. SIMPSON, '87.

problems which were vexing the statesmen of the nation were not too serious for discussion. If a fact was needed to clinch an argument, there sat Comstock with his miraculous memory and *penchant* for statistics. Fox, since dead, was the wit, while Sayres, '76, previously mentioned, shone as a humorist or indeed in whatever else he attempted. It is related how on one occasion he spoke with such eloquence and pathos that a committee of seven was appointed by the chair to tender to him the gratitude of the charge.

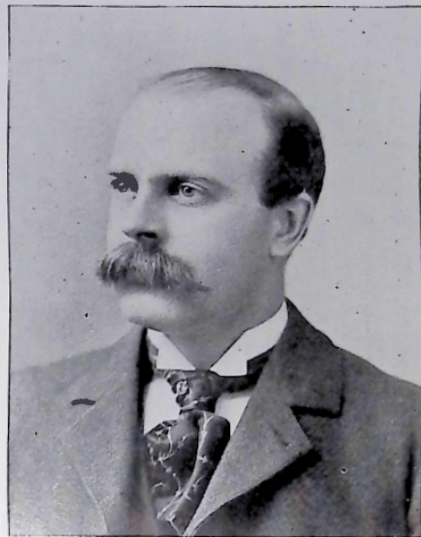
Of the '79 men, Cummings, Irish, Long and Rich were able men whose reputation as society workers has survived the flight of years and come down to us of the latest generation fragrant with true Theta Delt love and loyalty. Young maintained the fame of his delegation in the athletics of the times, winning a goodly number of prizes.

In the fall of '78, largely through the efforts of Adams and Campbell, '77, and O'Neil and Small '78, the altars of the charge were removed to the bank building, the entire third floor being leased and finished off "to order."

It may be of interest to review at this point the status of the charge at the end of its first eight years of existence. The reports of the relative importance of Theta Delta Chi as compared with the other fraternities represented in the college are not wholly in accord. It is true that Omicron Deuteron was not wholly a cipher, but it is equally true that as far as influence and reputation were concerned, she was easily at the foot of the class. The great difficulty to be overcome in pledging new members was the fact that the young charge had no alumni to send men to them nor did they have a "cinch" on the men from some particular fitting school as did the older fraternities. At this time Omicron Deuteron was not a "gens togata" and as one of the alumni of this time tells us: "We were in mortal fear lest some one should gain access to our lodge rooms and find out, not what we had there, but *what we didn't have.*" Yet despite these drawbacks the literary life of the charge continued to be strong and healthy, nor was the social side of fraternity life wholly neglected. The fellowship existing between the brethren was clear and cordial. The



NEWTON M. HALL, '88.



WARREN F. GREGORY, '88.

charge treated itself to two banquets a year, one, the initiation banquet, in the spring, the other, an informal social spread in the fall term. At this time the life of the college was much simpler than at present and the banquets of all the fraternities were informal affairs, the discussion of an oyster or a turkey supper being the feature.

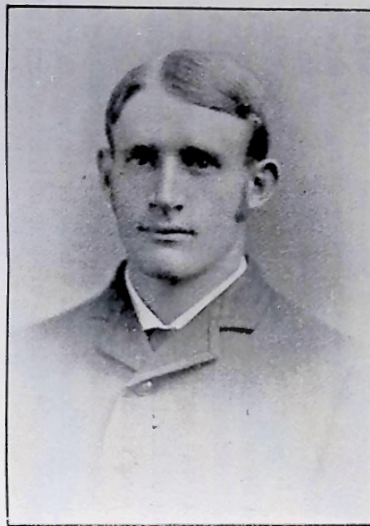
It was the external appearances, not the inner workings in which the charge was at fault. Every meeting was a solid hard-working gathering and the charge turned out *men*, but it became plain about this time that if the charge was to survive something must be done. The handicaps must be lightened. Men would compare the uncertain prospects of Omicron Deuteron with the flourishing condition of the older fraternities, would look at their pretentious quarters and then at her hall—or rather lack of one—shake their heads and pledge elsewhere. It must be admitted that those were dark days, darker than the old charge shall ever see again if loving hearts and willing hands may insure her prosperity. At that time the prospect was so gloomy that only the most fortuitous combination of hard work and favoring circumstances tided the charge over its difficulties.

Among these fortunate happenings was the procuring of the new hall, just mentioned. It was do or die, and so with the assistance of the lady friends of some of the brothers a beginning was made in a small way and the foundations laid for the prosperity and success which followed, especially under the energetic leadership of Seth P. Smith, '82. This hall, which the charge still occupies, fronts on the campus and across it commands a view of the college buildings clustered on the east side of the old field. Without it the charge could not have lived, with it it has taken its place among the foremost. All honor to the wise minds who planned and carried out the project of securing it.

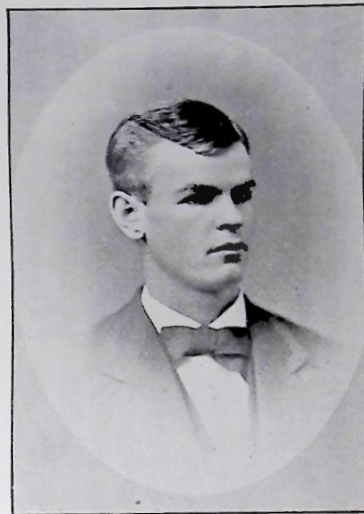
Of the initiation of the next delegation, that of '80, which was the last to take place in the old hall in "Bed-bug," a story is told that may recall that service to those present. Deeming the "swinging" of such a promising set of youngsters worthy of especial preparation, the hall was trimmed with



EDWARD F. DILLON, '88.



HENRY O. AIKEN, '87.



SUMNER WALLACE, '77.

sombre black that the freshmen might be duly impressed. Whether they were or not has never been ascertained. Neither has the answer given the guileless youths of '80 who inquired in all seriousness, "Who is dead that the *mourning* should be displayed?" This '80 delegation was most unfortunate in losing men, only three—King, Morton, and Warner—completing the course.

'81 may be noted as the delegation in which Omicron Deuteron secured a hold upon her first "prep." school, Cushing Academy of Ashburnham, Mass., a noble institution which has sent Dartmouth and Theta Delta Chi some of its brightest minds. Of this '81 delegation Adams, Dennett, Wentworth, were leading spirits in the coterie headed by S. P. Smith, '82.

The '82 delegation was small, only six men, but included two who practically saved the life of the charge during the crucial period 1879-81, when Omicron Deuteron went through sore trials and was for two years upon the point of dissolution. These brothers were Henry Richard Foster, one of the most loyal sons of Theta Delta Chi in any college, to whose triple signal the portals of Omega have long since swung wide, and our own original, irrepressible, inimitable Seth Pecker Smith,—"Seth Pecker" for short—than whom no more enthusiastic brother ever wore the shield or gave the grip.

"Seth" used to be the greatest chinner in college and legends of his exploits in that line are still whispered with bated breath by rival fraternities. The one thing that fastened that enviable reputation upon him was a little incident that occurred in the fall of 1880. The day before college opened, "Seth" was on a still hunt for freshmen and found a man who had never even *heard* of a college fraternity until he came to Dartmouth. It goes without saying that he was soon nailed by the genial "Seth," but, lest he should forget to what fraternity he had pledged, "Seth" gave him a card inscribed "*Pledged to Theta Delta Chi by Seth P. Swith.*" Next morning the freshman was visited by a "Tri-Kap" chinner who began forthwith to enlarge upon the benefits to be derived from membership in that society. The freshman told him that he had already pledged; whereupon the chinner asked to what fraternity. "I



GEORGE S. MILLS, '90.



OZORA S. DAVIS, '89.

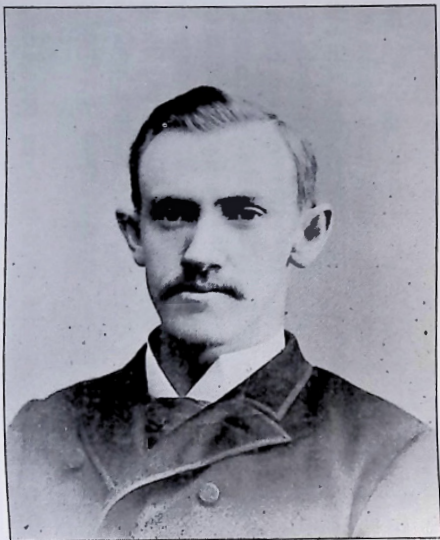
don't know' replied the embryo Theta Delt, "*but I'll see!*" and hauled out his card with its mystic symbols $\Theta \Delta X$. The story spread about college and soon everybody was asking "Seth" if it was his custom to *tag* his men. The junior History of '82 contains this paragraph, " $\theta \Delta X$ flourished under 'Seth's' direction. 'Seth' used to catch a freshman, soap him over and gobble him up, then give him a tag inscribed as follows: 'Pledged $\theta \Delta X$ by S. P. Smith.'" The '84 man whom "Seth" tagged is to-day a prominent professor in a far-famed New England preparatory school and has himself since then, sent good men to Dartmouth to be tagged " $\theta \Delta X$."

"Seth" had a classmate who was a mighty chinner for Alpha Delta Phi and many were the challenges to joint debates before freshman juries. Oftentimes the arguments waxed warm and many a freshman was "salted" by the "sitting-out" process. Many stories of "Seth's" chinning might be told but they would all be to the same point.

'83 had an average delegation both in size and abilities. There were a number of well-to-do men in this class and their assistance made possible many improvements in the halls. In Marble of '83 it was that Seth P. Smith found a congenial friend and partner in crime, and the two made an almost invincible team.

In the '84 delegation may be found "Seth's" proudest monument. Up to the time when their work began to be felt in the college, though there had been hard work and conscientious endeavor to put Theta Delta Chi on a par with the other fraternities at Dartmouth, still the effort had been in vain, the corner had not been turned and Omicron Deuteron was still a tail-ender. But with the rise of '84's influence a new order of things was inaugurated, and instead of becoming defunct about the year 1881 or '82, Omicron Deuteron, illustrating the old saying that the darkest hour is just before dawn, pulled herself together and entered upon a period of unexampled prosperity.

The class of '80 had graduated in June preceding, three men, two of whom were on commencement. The class of '81 contained ten Theta Delts, two of whom were candidates



WILLIS C. BELKNAP, '92.



HERBERT S. HOPKINS, '91.

for commencement honors. '82 had six men two of whom were afterward commencement speakers. '83 contained ten men, including one who was to be on commencement. At that time Omicron Deuteron had no voice in athletics, and very little in class organization save perhaps in '82, when the great popularity of Henry R. Foster made him almost always a class officer. In base ball Omicron Deuteron had no representative upon either class or 'varsity nines. At the fall athletic sports she had no candidate or at least no successful competitor. In the literary field she was accorded her place on the *Dartmouth* and the *Aegis*, but her representative was always given a subordinate position. In the matter of prizes, fifty dollars would cover the whole amount ever taken by wearers of the shield.

Such was the status of Theta Delta Chi in Dartmouth, when, in welcoming the '84 delegation, L. R. Wentworth, '81, told them in all seriousness that they were "to take the foremost place, to do the battling, to bear forward the standard against the solid phalanx of our united opponents." That solemn charge sank deep into the hearts of the new brethren, and that year marks the turning point in Omicron Deuteron's history. It is no invidious comparison to say that '84 brought into the old halls of the Omicron Deuteron a royal set of men, men whose faithfulness in the discharge of their obligations is still sweet incense in the nostrils of Dartmouth Theta Delts. Let him who knew them best describe them. "The classical Hodgdon, a universal favorite in the class; Tower, the keen, active go-ahead fellow; Chapin, the greatest schemer the charge ever knew; Howard, clear, forcible, eloquent; Thurston, poet and Tower's inseparable, the closest of friends to every one; Woodwell and Slade, retiring sort of men, but of the proper stuff, always true to the charge and their duty; Laird, good-natured and dubbed "Fatty"; Woodward, who had a faculty of fastening himself upon some freshman and keeping hold till he got him, as witness Floyd, '85, Batchelder, '86, and Dillon, '88, who were his victims; all brought strength to the charge, all honored the fraternity." To which *we* may add Houston, sympathetic, earnest, thoughtful,



OMICRON DEUTERON PARLOR.

never for a moment wavering in his allegiance to the fraternity, helping the charge since graduation no less than before by cheery words of counsel and a deep and sincere interest in her doings, which distance and time can not destroy.

It was during this period that a great deal was accomplished in furnishing the halls. Of their appearance at the time of his own initiation in 1881, Brother Houston writes :

“With the fear and trembling, supposed to be required in a candidate for the goat, we went through the usual ceremonies and were marched into a hall where the dull tread of the luckless neophyte sounded like an anvil stroke unmuffled by any carpet. Then when the beautiful ritual was said, when all our fears had been changed into admiration and the *scales* were taken from our eyes, we saw—well, not a very luxurious sight. The substantial furniture, some old cretonne curtains, a small plain organ, little else. The pictures were cabinet photographs of the first three classes, in large frames, each in his *respective hole*, and the charter. The stove was an old dilapidated wood stove and the gas jets were decidedly plain and made no pretence to brilliancy. The walls were white-washed and bare. The effect of the whole thing, now as I look back upon it, was almost grotesque. It was such an inhospitable place! Why, when the cold weather came on the stove made red hot was not sufficient to properly heat one of the rooms, and as winter lasts half the year up there the halls were cold and in part useless.”

The next year from a fund raised by S. P. Smith, the walls were kalsomined, a new coal stove purchased, and the bare floors given a coat of paint. This was the first move toward “fixing up.” The new stove heated all the rooms, tables were put in, hat racks and more appropriate pictures were hung upon the walls; the parlor began to come into use as such and afforded an opportunity for the more general manifestation of the social side of the charge life. The spirit of improvement was rife; '84 carpeted the parlor, '86 purchased curtains and '87, newly initiated, bought a border for the wall. Numberless little things were added to make the halls more attractive and that they were was evidenced by the fact that almost every evening some little knot of brothers could be found congregated there, while on Wednesday and Saturday nights the halls saw a large proportion of the membership till late at night. Whist, music, consultation and planning went on till near midnight though a brother writes to say that, “no



FRANK W. LAKEMAN, '92.



GEORGE C. SELDEN, '93.



ELMER C. POTTER, '92.

orgies ever took place there nor were the meetings ever protracted till after midnight on Saturday night."

All the good times and social gatherings were held, and are now for that matter, in the parlor. It is a singular yet expressive fact that there has always been a sort of reverence for the lodge-room and, never, except on initiation nights in the olden time when the parlor was filled with the banqueting tables, has the social life of the Charge, entered its sacred portals. There is no rule, written or unwritten, upon the subject, but the silent consent of all confines the whole social side of the charge to the parlor, and now that the banquets are held outside, it is *never* permitted to enter the lodge-room doors.

An incident which happened during '84's senior year bears so directly upon the Omicron Deuteron of that day, that it is given in the words of the brother to whom we are indebted for most of the material bearing upon this period. "I remember," says Brother Houston, "one day sitting in my room, saluting from my window Brothers Batchelder and Snow, '86, as they came along the opposite side of the street. There was on their faces an expression of gladness and pleasure which told of what they felt, and although they had seen me only six hours before, there was unfeigned gladness evident at our meeting then. A $\Delta K E$, who happened to be in my room, said rather sorrowfully, 'You Theta Delts thiuk more of each other than any other Frat. in college. Why is it?' To him I gave the same answer then as my larger experience would suggest now. I said, 'My dear fellow, *we* are a brotherhood, not a society. *Men*, not simply prize-winners, are what we want and try to secure. When once we have them it is our aim to make them a unit by developing, as far as may be, those qualities which go to make up a sterling manhood, and thus insure a fraternity of good will and fellowship of the highest type.'"

Magnificent tribute! Let only the brethren of future generations heed well the sublime principles of Theta Delta Chi herein expressed and her future is secured.

One might write forever of this glorious '84 delegation; tell of their merry-makings, when the old halls rang with laughter, tell how Chapin regaled the table with his stories of Brer



AUBREY C. LEWIS, '94.



FRED C. ALLEN, '94.



JOHN P. GIFFORD, '94.



JOHN H. BARTLETT, '94.

Rabbit and Brer Fox, *a la* Uncle Remus, of his recital of the expeditions, exploits and tragic end of the Great King of Pompanoodle (?), how he would set the table all aroar with his humor. One might tell of Hodgdon, whose verse making ability was equalled only by the facility with which he read Greek, of the sly jokes of the elder Thurston, of "Sam" Tower, the slimmest, sharpest, gamiest man in college, with a game leg, a new style of whiskers every term, and an eye like a coal. The memory still lingers of the consummate skill with which he used to preside, restating a ten line motion in ten words, and holding the house with a stiff bit. Never flush, "Sam" had a most astonishing way of turning up at fraternity conventions, much to the delight of the Omicron Deuteron delegates and the rest who knew him. When "Sam" came home one year with the second Latin prize, his father remarked dryly, "Why didn't you stay out the *other* half-year and take the *first* prize?" The absence referred to was one of the pedagogical winter excursions so familiar to Dartmouth men, during which "Sam" had been winning laurels and ducats in northern New Hampshire and laying the foundations of his distinguished success as a teacher. One might write, too, of Woodward, whose chinning maxim is still the foundation of Omicron Deuteron's chinning policy. "Woodie" used to say, "Boys, we must chin these Freshies *after* they are pledged to make the right Theta Deltas of them!" Many a freshman says, "*God bless him,*" and Omicron Deuteron may well echo the sentiment, for his pet policy of chinning a man until Commencement of his senior year, and even after, has resulted in making Theta Delta Chi the most consolidated fraternity in Dartmouth College. One more man must be mentioned, James P. Houston, nick-named "Sam" from his illustrious Texan namesake. A phenomenal worker, he compiled almost single-handed the catalogue of the Omicron Deuteron Charge, which appeared in 1883. The work involved was simply endless, but "Sam" was boiling over with enthusiasm all the time. Never an unkind word passed his lips about a brother Theta Delt and no sheep was so black that "Sam" could not find in him some valuable trait to commend. Always an enthusiast,



ARTHUR C. BUGBEE, '95.

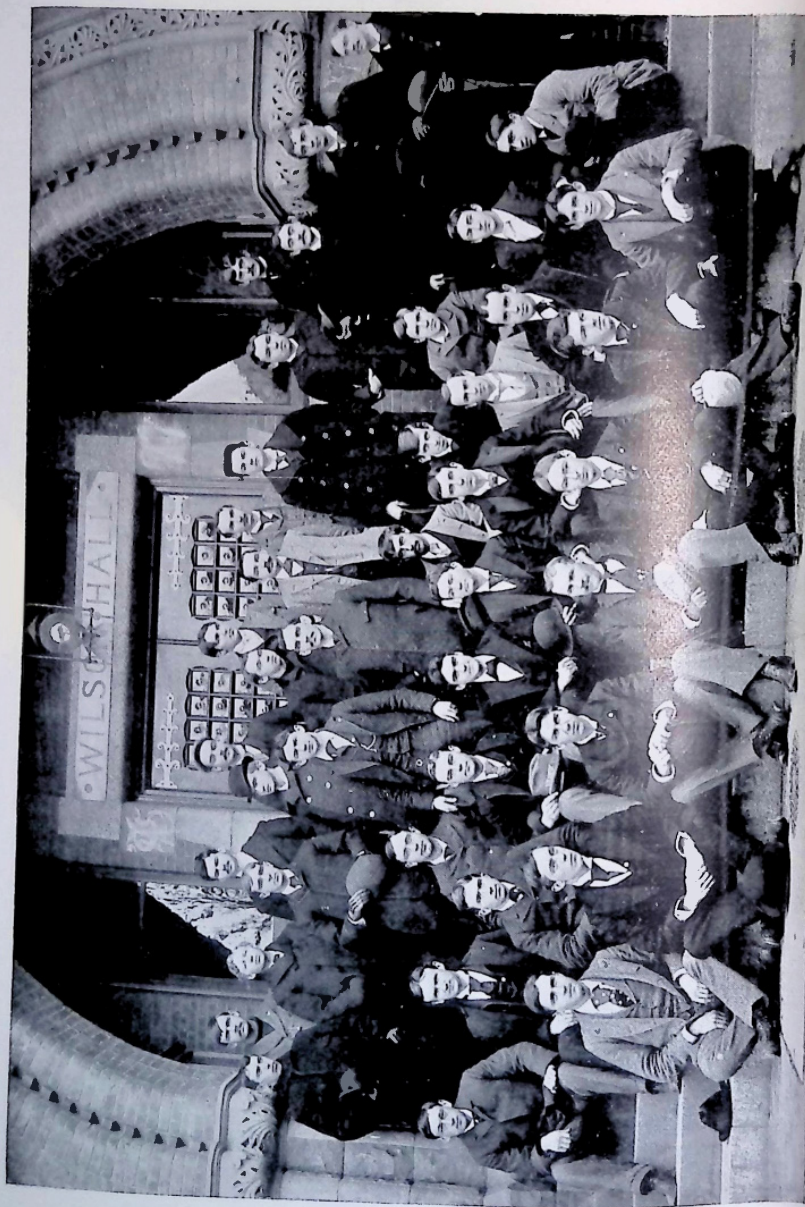


JOHN E. R. HAYES, '95.

he considered a thrust at the fraternity a personal insult and treated it accordingly. Of '84, let an '84 man say the last word. "When as seniors we bade the old halls and all their dear memories farewell, when with the good old grip we said good-bye to the brothers left behind, not a few eyes were dimmed by the ready tear. That was a glorious company but though we knew it then we didn't appreciate all its worth. The years of knocking about through life make the fact stand out all the more clearly."

But the boom which Omicron Deuteron took at this time was not wholly due to this exceptionally brilliant delegation. With the new blood and vim thus acquired, under the leadership of Seth P. Smith, '82, a delegation from '85 was secured, which included Lyford the valedictorian to be, and other men of whom Kimball, Wakefield, Floyd and Bean may be mentioned, who were an honor to the charge and who helped their older brothers to carry the standard of the fraternity to the front all along the line. There was the same wide range of talents, the same brilliancy of thought and steadiness of purpose. Emulating the proud record of '84, of whose twelve men, eight received commencement appointments, and were given an election to $\Phi B K$. '85, out of a delegation of eleven, had seven commencement men including the class leader. Herbert D. Foster of this class deserves more than a passing mention. Always true to his fraternity, his name is still familiar to the boys of to-day and it will be with genuine pleasure and enthusiasm that the charge will welcome him back next September, when he will assume the chair of History in Dartmouth College.

'86 brought into the old halls a fine set of men, who for hustling aggressiveness in society work have never been surpassed. Batchelder, Kelly, Snow, Thurston and Vaughan were among the leaders in promoting the internal growth of the charge. A fine upright piano was put into the halls through the efforts of Kelly and Vaughan aided by the generous financial support of the graduate members, regalia were purchased, and to crown their work '86 left behind them as a memorial of their love, a book-case in solid antique oak,



which is a beautiful ornament to the parlor. With the arrival of the piano there begun that marked interest in music, which has characterized the charge ever since.

Of '86's initiation a brother writes, "Every man remembers his own initiation as the best one, but from the time 'Chape' sent me the summons till we turned out the last jet and straggled off to bed, I think there was nothing better than when Brother Waring, '83, in responding to the toast 'Our Charge' brought down the house by saying that he 'would rather sit and turn the turkeys in the kitchen of the Theta Delts, than to dwell in the sanctum sanctorum of the Tri-Kaps.'"

In the fall of 1883, after successes in class-room, successes in class and college politics, and successes in seeking honors and prizes, Omicron Deuteron took from the class of '87 ten men of whom she was justly proud. They showed themselves worthy the honor done them by obtaining six of the first twelve places in rank their freshman fall, by taking up successfully athletics and base-ball, and making a record in the class room and in class politics second to none. The pledging of this delegation was the work of Chapin, '84, who marshalled the hosts of Theta Delta Chi and by several brilliant flank movements out-generaled the forces of his opponents. The story of this "chinning season" eclipses all previous records, and throws in the shade the time-honored yarns of how Hodgdon and Houston "sat out" the $\Delta K E$'s in Brother Foster's ('85) room; how Tower scooped the rest of the fraternities and gathered Brother Howard into the fold; and all those other tales of battles won, with whose like all fraternity men in every college regale themselves by the open fire or round the banquet board.

The '87 delegation consisted of good timber but it was not allowed to develop at its own sweet will. One of these same '87 men writes in glowing terms of the training given her freshmen by the Omicron Deuteron of that day. He says: "If asked to point out one distinguishing feature of their work I should say it was this; that they almost to a man were *coaches* of men—more definitely, they did not merely see to 'chin-

ning' and electing a good delegation of freshmen, but kept up a close and brotherly interest in them throughout that most trying year of their course, contrary to the usual custom of those days. They spurred on the literary ability of '87 in both the society and college work; they not only suggested athletics to those inclined but coached them in it. For one instance, three of them, fairly good tennis players, took one fellow who had never had a racquet in his hand till he entered Dartmouth, seeing some latent talent in him, and coached him so well that in the following spring he took the college championship in doubles with a junior brother. In short they studied their freshmen, noted the lines of their abilities and helped them along those lines with such brotherly care and encouragement that they started them on a course of purpose and success in college which might almost be said to have given them a handicap on the other fraternity delegations of the same class. They did not *spoil* their freshmen, they *developed* them early by wise and wholesome advice and encouragement."

There can be no wonder after this statement that from '87 Omicron Deuteron developed Aiken, aptly termed the Stag of Dartmouth; Simpson, whose facile pen won him many honors; Urquhart the graceful writer of graceful verse; beside the long list of faithful workers and true brothers who did their delegation honor.

At their initiation, for the first time in the history of Dartmouth fraternities, the banquet was served outside the fraternity halls. The innovation was quickly taken up by the other fraternities as was the then unique idea of an elaborate menu which was originated by Omicron Deuteron the next year, the design being the handiwork of Brother Kelly, '86.

Among the choicest recollections of these years may be found the tender memories of the official visits of Brother Bachman and Brother Simons while they were at the head of the Fraternity. "Among the happiest recollections of my college days" writes a graduate of this period, "is the stirring eloquence of Bachman as for nearly two hours he talked to us on the history, the life, and the ideals of our fraternity. I

hardly breathed through it all. When Simons came, he also took the boys by storm. Foster, Urquhart and I took him up to Pinneo Hill for a drive the morning he was to leave us and I never shall forget how he entertained us with songs, stories, and repartee. We saw him off at the Junction in the afternoon and the train rolled away with him on the rear car and us on the platform all singing 'Farewell Forever.' It was not forever, though, as the brother was one of the Dartmouth delegation who helped President Simons institute the Mu deutron charge at Amherst in 1885, and still again met him at Northampton whither he had gone to claim the finest lady of her class at the Smith College Commencement.

The work of the delegation from '88 helped maintain the previous high standard the charge had attained in College literature and athletics. The advent of brilliant writers like Hall and Gregory coupled with the poetical talent of Lawrence made possible the foundation of the Dartmouth Literary Monthly, a publication which was begun under peculiarly Theta Delt auspices and which has continued to seek a moiety of its editors and contributors from Omicron Deutron until the present year when for the first time she has but one representative upon its editorial board. In this delegation, too, was Dillon, whose fame as the coming college pitcher was assured. Poor Dillon, the tears come unbidden to the eyes of many a Theta Delt as he recalls Eddie's tragic death amid the red flames of that awful disaster at Hartford Bridge. It was not enough that a delegation of Theta Delt bore the charred body to its final resting place, not enough that the emblems of Theta Delta Chi wrought in fragrant blossoms attested the fraternal love of his sorrowing brothers; ah no, the truest tribute to his memory is the silent heart-throb in the hearts of those who knew him, the tenderness with which his name is still spoken in the halls of Omicron Deutron.

In athletics '88 was prominent, Livermore being a crack sprinter while "Link" Artz was the mainstay of the nine where he caught in a superb manner the delivery of Dartmouth's star pitcher, Brother Aiken, '87. Meredith, Morrill, Shapleigh completed the delegation. All were earnest workers and strong men in the charge and in the college.

If we may judge from the related experience of one of the prominent men in the '89 delegation the same careful coaching and judicious advice was accorded him upon his entrance into the privileges of Theta Delta Chi. The social side of the fraternity life was carefully fostered and the brotherly feeling which broke down class lines, always strong at Dartmouth, was a revelation to the new men from '89. The literary spirit of the charge was in its prime and Omicron Deuteron was beginning to see the fruition of the seed planted long before in the solid intellectual work of the '70's.

The farewells of the '86 men will be long remembered by the brothers of that time as one of the tenderest hours in the old halls, and that they left their impress upon the younger brothers is seen by the tenor of their writings. Of the '89 delegation Boyd was prominent in the college as an orator, winning prize after prize for excellence in that line; Sullivan was writing the daintiest of verse; Ingham, Bartlett and others were giving to the fraternity their earnest endeavors for its success, and Davis—but then, there never was but one "Hozy" and all the fraternity knows him. Why tell of his distinguished successes as a litterateur? Polished prose and thoughtful yet sometimes playful verse flowed easily from his pen. With characteristic enterprise he undertook the editing of a volume of *Dartmouth Lyrics*, which was the first of a considerable series of literary ventures all by sons of Omicron Deuteron, and its success amply testifies to the ability with which he carried out his plan.

Under the direction of the '90 delegation music came to the front. A musicale was given each winter, a custom which is still continued. In this feature of fraternity work Benton's musical tastes were a rare acquisition and it was in "Bennie's" fertile mind that the idea of an original operetta, which was successfully presented, found its source. Mills was doing fine literary work and Bacon, Abbott and the rest would occasionally pause in their society work to "eat fried oysters and toast Omicron Deuteron."

'91 was a small delegation which graduated seven men out of the nine originally connected with it. Hopkins was the

most able writer and his verse has often been heard at the banquets of the Fraternity. Colby was the brilliant man of the delegation, Allison, Pritchard and Tewksbury the solid society workers, and Plummer and Watson the mighty chinnners. "Tewkey" was an especially loyal man and any one who heard him say with beaming face at Omicron Deuteron's last initiation banquet that it was his "eighth annual" and that he was "coming next year to help swing '98" could not but recognize the true Theta Delt spirit. Only once did "Tewkey" ever come to grief and that was when he lost his wager against a gastronomical phenomenon of Sigma Chi. This, however, is more than compensated, if all is true that "Tewkey" tells us of his last summer's meeting with an elderly graduate of the Delta charge and his charming daughter. Nor shall we ever forget the seriousness with which "Wattie" advised "Teddie" Allen to pledge before it was too late as the delegation was filling up fast and, having landed him, sighed and said to himself "Well, that's *one!*"

From '92 Omicron Deuteron took what was admittedly the strongest delegation in college. Allen, Doty, "Fud" Hayes, earnest, conscientious workers, men for whose efforts the life of the charge is stronger to-day; Potter, champion all-around college athlete of New England; Weston, another Aiken, combining an unobtrusive yet earnest Christianity with fine physical culture and exceptional brilliancy on the gridiron field; the redoubtable "Shurty," who "hated hypocrisy far more than he did Satan" and who captained the 'varsity nine during that memorable spring of '92; "Tommy" Thompson, the lean first baseman and captain of the Reserves; the only "Bob" Lakeman, for four years one of the leading foot-ball men in college and for two years captain of the eleven; honest "Pa" Belknap and the energetic and brilliant "Baron" Shirley, whose work on the "*Lit.*" speaks for itself; such was the class of men brought into Theta Delta Chi by Dartmouth, '92.

As this history of Omicron Deuteron approaches the more recent classes whose personal memory is still green in the hearts of the present undergraduates, reminiscences multiply and stories without end could be told of their varied exploits.

One yarn on Potter is too good to be consigned to the waste basket. Writes one of his class-mates: "When we went into chapel that first morning I, as have been many better men, was afraid lest I make myself ridiculous and offensive by getting into a wrong seat, but I strolled in and taking the first one handy, turned to my neighbor and said, "Are-are-are-are you a-a-a-a-a freshman?" and he replied with that indescribable sneer-like snicker which we afterwards knew so well, "He-he-yers gree-en as gra-a-as!" and he was. Especially did we realize the fact when a few weeks later he announced that he was going to be on several of the 'varsity teams. How we geyed and howled! But he kept his word; then, we were proud."

The recollections of the "chins" of the fall of '88, written in the characteristic style of "The Baron" must be here recorded. "The first chin I attended I came red-hot from a rush. The redoubtable Sherman Mills presided and the one and only 'Hozy' lent the occasion the aid of his *savoir faire*, his more than exquisite tact, his whole-souled kindness. 'Hozy,' you know, was a real star, and his quiet Christianity used to take much of the curse off some of us hopeless cases, both then and afterward. 'Kid' Knight approached and informed me what very dear friends our parents were. 'Kid' lived in West Virginia and my eyes opened wide, but he told the truth. Then George Mills took me by the arm as lovingly as if I was a long-lost brother and in hushed and awe-struck tones told me confidentially how many square inches Omicron Deuteron had furnished to the '*Lit.*' I think he had it down to nine decimal places. I wasn't initiated that fall. One evening early in February of Sophomore year, about eleven o'clock, I was studying in my room when in came 'Shurty,' 'Cub' Baehr and 'Bob' Lakeman. After sitting around a while they said something about joining the Fraternity and I jumped up, kicked down three doors at once, upset the stove, *howled*, and then offered them a drink. They refused! Shortly after I was initiated.

It was in this year that the great society novel, "Oh-Zorah" was originated in which every one tried to wind and twist it

up, so that his successor couldn't do anything with it, or else by a catastrophe to kill off all the *dramatis personae* and leave the writer of the next chapter nothing to work on. The illusions, mistakes and strange rescues that were listened to that winter would have honored the late lamented Baron Munchausen. When Francis Bacon left them all dead by a lake in equatorial Africa, having transported them there from San Francisco in about twenty-four hours, "Tummy" took up his pen, declared that this lake was the fountain of life, that the Behemoth of Holy Writ was sporting in its waters and that a splash of his mighty tail flicked a few drops of the divine liquid into the faces of Francis' victims, who were thereby revived and after a voyage on the tail of Sinbad's Leviathan, reached America.

Another venture in the line of "co-op" literary work was the burlesque written by Belknap, '92, Shirley, '92, and Selden, '93, and produced by the charge dramatic troupe, much to the delectation of the brothers.

Of course this sort of thing may be condemned as literary pyrotechnics but a sky-rocket now and then, albeit it is a good one, is not permanently harmful. The launching out into these fields, which have never to our knowledge been attempted by other fraternities in Dartmouth, shows at least the ambition of the period and the resolute purpose to carry into effect what was once planned.

Of '93 it is perhaps too early to make any extended comment. "Dayton" Miller and "Sam" French are still warmly remembered by the boys of to-day. "Billy" Jarvis' wonderful skill in weaving melodies from the strings of his guitar has won many a heart, both in the charge halls and upon the public stage, where he became well known as a guitar soloist on the Banjo and Guitar clubs. Place is now tutor in Greek in Kenyon College and should make many friends among the Theta undergraduates. But the one brilliant man of the delegation, and for that matter of the class, was Selden, to whom Brother Shirley once paid magnificent tribute, saying that a close acquaintance with him was the equivalent of a liberal education. Fiery energy, intense application, bull-dog

tenacity of purpose, massiveness of intellect, all were incarnated in the whole-souled, manly fellow, who was the friend of all. For him no uncertain future waits.

And now the story is done ; the sore straits, the dark days, the gradual rise in power, the full fruition of effort, have all been treated with a loving, if faltering pen. Only undergraduates remain and it would be more fitting for others to write the history of our successes and failures. Yet as each man in turn firmly believes that *his* delegation was the best, I may be excused if not forgiven, if I venture to lay my offering at the feet of those whom I have learned to honor and love. Consisting originally of twelve men, '94 has lost during its course four, three of whom went so early that of them only a memory remains. Eight are left, together with one other, whose visits to Old Dartmouth are so frequent that we can hardly be said to have lost him. As I go out from the old halls the tenderest and most precious memories of my college days will be of Lewis, the mighty athlete, whose prowess has won him medals galore and whose love for Omicron Deuteron is best measured by the time and labor he devotes to her service ; of Gifford, dubbed "Tuffy," whose chinning is a model of excellence owing to his peculiar method of finding the correct structural formulæ of his freshmen from his researches in Organic Chemistry, which, once found, he applies according to the principles of Constitutional Law, his pet hobby ; of John Bartlett, aptly termed the "Judge" from his severe judicial aspect, whose fame as a stump speaker is abroad in the land ; or "Curly," his namesake, whose un-failing good nature has won him the title of "The Pirate" ; of "Pat" Murphy, the silent man, whose thinking is in inverse ratio to his loquacity and whose capacity for work seems almost unlimited ; of Piper, the genial whole-souled friend, always mindful of his duty to the charge, always watchful for an opportunity to serve her interests ; and last of all, of Allen and Griffin, true-hearted, impulsive, devoted brothers, nature's noblemen, whose friendship I prize above all earthly possessions and to whom I am proud to point as my beau ideals of loyal friends.

Of the Omicron Deuteron of to-day the SHIELD letters and alumni letters give adequate information and lists of prizes or college positions of trust or honor have no place here. In brief, athletics, music, literature and oratory, all these find Omicron Deuteron in the front rank. She holds the tennis championship of the Amherst-Dartmouth-Williams league in the person of Brother John E. R. Hayes, '95. Bugbee of the same class has won much renown on the cinder track and is one of the crack milers of the college world. Putnam, Lakeman, and the rest are able and willing workers and to go further would be only to give a catalogue of the fraternity at Dartmouth. In '97 we are training up a delegation of whom we are going to be proud. Pledged after the most unprecedented campaign, when all that was necessary was to shake the tree and freshmen dropped off in great profusion and on our side of the fence, it is not remarkable that the delegation should be the large one it is, nor that with almost the whole class to pick from there should be such a high degree of excellence. If they do not do great things for themselves and the charge, we shall be most bitterly disappointed.

The secret of Omicron Deuteron's success in winning an acknowledged standing among sister chapters is not far to seek. Theta Delta Chi has always stood in Dartmouth College for strong manly friendship. There may have been isolated breaks in the warm fellowship of her sons, but it is true that she is more often taken to task by others because her men fraternize with each other so much. Not that her sons withdraw themselves from the companionship of men like turtles,—nothing could be more utterly foreign to the sentiments and traditions of this ultra-democratic institution among the New Hampshire hills,—but there is a bond of love and sympathy between her men that cannot be ignored.

The past at least is secure. The present is our own, and while round the banquet board the burden of our toasts continues to be friendship, its sweetness and power, for the future we need not fear.

BERTRAND A. SMALLEY.

AN INTERESTING STORY.

The following is an interesting story in the history of Omicron Deuteron. In 1871 J. J. Wertheimer entered Dartmouth Class of '75, hailing from the town of Troy, Ohio. B. J. Wertheimer, his brother, entered the class of '76, C. D. Tenney, the class of '78, George S. Long, class of '79, T. B. Kyle, class of '80, H. T. Kincaid, class of '83, J. P. Houston class of '84, W. P. Kelly, class of '86, W. S. Sullivan, class of '89, all from Troy, Ohio, and all became members of Theta Delta Chi; thus from 1871 to 1889 Troy had a representative in Dartmouth and Omicron Deuteron. This is rather remarkable owing to the location of the two points. Of these brothers it may be interesting to know their present location and work. J. J. Wertheimer is a shoe manufacturer and jobber at 621 N. 8th St., St. Louis, Mo. B. J. Wertheimer is a lawyer at 100 Washington St., Chicago, and an active $\theta \Delta \chi$. C. D. Tenney is private instructor to the sons of one of the Princes of the Chinese Government at Tientsin, China. Geo. S. Long is one of the foremost lawyers of Troy, has been mayor of his native town several times, and tho' a democrat, has been kept in office by republican votes in a town of large republican majority. T. B. Kyle is law partner of Long, and Prosecuting Attorney of Miami Co. H. T. Kincaid is Principal of DesMoines, Ia. High School, having served as Professor of Greek several years in Dayton, Ohio High School. J. R. Houston is a physician, located in Chicago. W. P. Kelly has been for three years Professor of History in Worcester Academy, Worcester, Mass. W. S. Sullivan, after a trip to Germany was employed for a time on the *New York Times*, but for some time has been manager of the Advertising Department of the *American Economist*.

J. P. H.

SETH P. SMITH.

On the 4th of January, 1857, in Hollis, Maine, Seth P. Smith first saw the light of day. His preparatory education was received at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill, Me., from which he graduated in 1878. In September of the same year he entered the freshman class of Boston University, Liberal Arts College. After remaining there one year he entered the Sophomore class at Dartmouth, at once taking rank as a speaker of merit. He took the only speaker's prize awarded to his class during the Sophomore year. Later in his course he was elected Editor-in-Chief of the *Dartmouth*, which honor he declined. He graduated in 1882.

During his college life he devoted one half of his time (to use his own words) to Theta Delta Chi. He never missed a meeting during his course. That he was a prime factor in putting the charge on a firm foundation at a time when near an ignominious end, none will dispute. He is proud of this distinction and well he may be. Of the good work he did in this line the record is so perfectly delineated in the Omicron Deuteron history that no mention is necessary here. His next step after graduation was to take up the study of law, entering Boston University Law School. He was a hard and faithful student and graduated in 1885, taking L. L. B. *cum laude*. While in the law school he was principal of an evening school and continued his teaching for several years after he was admitted to the bar. Soon after graduation he was admitted to the bar of Suffolk Co., and opened an office in the Adams Building, 23 Court Street where he is still located. During the years since that date his practice has steadily increased and his reputation likewise. As a citizen of Boston he has been honored and respected. Politically his constituents accorded him a seat in the lower branch of the Boston City Council for three years. The Boston *Herald* in an editorial published in Nov. 1892 said of him, "In our mind Seth P. Smith is the ablest man in the lower branch." During his term he gained the reputation of being the leader of the Republicans as well as the most aggressive and fearless man in the city govern-

ment. He was also noted as a speaker. At one time he delivered a powerful speech against the return of a "Rebel Flag" which was quoted in the public press from one end of the country to the other.

Finding that his political duties encroached upon his professional work he deemed it wise to retire from politics in justice to his large clientage. This he did last year and now he devotes himself strictly to business.

Socially Seth P. is probably as well and favorably known as any man in Boston. He is a prominent member of the following Boston clubs, "Congregational Club," "Dartmouth Alumni Association of Boston," "University Club," "Dartmouth Lunch Club," "Congregational Club of Old Boston," "The Republican Club of Massachusetts," "Park Street Club." Of the latter he is serving his second term as President. In addition to all these he has recently been elected a member of the "Middlesex Club." He is an active member of the Park Congregational Church, where Bro. David Gregg preached when located in Boston.

Bro. Smith is and always has been a busy man. People often wonder how it is that busy men find so much time to devote to outside matters. The editor from experience notes that if one improves the minutes as they fly, much can be accomplished which the "man of leisure" loses sight of entirely. So it is that Seth P. has always had a wonderful amount of time to devote to his fraternity. Unlike many other men, his active interest did not die with the advent of a "sheepskin." His record in this line since leaving college is quite as brilliant as that of his under-graduate life. He affiliated with the Lambda at once and has ever since kept in close touch with that charge. In 1887 it was discovered that the growth and progress of the fraternity made it necessary to revise and amend the Constitution in order to have an instrument which would fairly meet the demands of the hour. The convention of that year authorized the appointment of a special commission of three to present to the next convention such a draft as might seem to them desirable. Bro. Smith was appointed Chairman of the Commission. After the draft had been pre-

sented and referred it was brought before the Convention of 1889 for final ratification. How Seth P. Smith labored to perfect this work and bring it to a successful conclusion those who attended that convention well remember. The result of his indefatigable labor during the three years occupied in the task will stand as a monument to his painstaking interest for years to come.

For five years he has been President of the New England Association of Theta Delta Chi, and by earnest personal effort has made it the most flourishing college fraternity association in the United States. In April of each year the association holds a banquet at Young's Hotel in Boston. The attendance always averages over a hundred. The editor has been present at these banquets for the last four years. No matter what else is missed the New England Banquet is one of the things that does not escape us. We are always well paid for the effort taken to be present. Every Theta Delt in and around Boston knows and loves Seth P. He is looked up to as a sort of fatherly adviser. He always has time to stop and visit with any brother even during "office hours." Many times we have run in on him and noted the peculiar pains he took to make it pleasant for us. The following little incident which actually occurred will serve to illustrate just what a good, loyal, whole-souled brother Seth P. is, we give it in the language of the brother who was the visitor. "I went to Boston to attend the New England Banquet. The next morning I wanted to see Bro. Smith to consult him on a charge matter. I went to the Adams Building and took the elevator to the fourth floor, seeking out Room 414 (I think it is), I rapped and entered in obedience to a curt summons from within. 'Is this Mr. Smith, I asked?' 'Yes,' he answered with a somewhat annoyed air. 'Well,' said I, 'I have called to see you about a matter of business.' 'My name is so and so and I am from Omicron Deuteron.' 'Young man,' said Seth, with awful solemnity, 'do you mean to say you are a Theta Delt?' 'I said 'I hope so.' 'Do you mean to say you are a Dartmouth Theta Delt?' My heart sank but I plead guilty. Then his voice grew sterner still as he said, 'Young

man I'd like to know what you mean by rapping on my door?" and then as I tried to back out of the door, 'Don't you know that *no Theta Delt is allowed to rap on my door? The idea of a Dartmouth Theta Delt rapping on my door! Why sir, Theta Delts and especially Dartmouth Theta Delts walk into this room without rapping as if they owned the whole business!*' And so we might go on for pages reciting the good qualities possessed by Bro. Smith. Those who know him best love him most. The editor has spent many pleasant hours in his company and received from him much sound advice for which he is deeply grateful. The portrait which we present on another page gives a fair impression of the outward semblance of the man whose whole anatomy pulses with unswerving loyalty to Theta Delta Chi, which to him is one of the dearest things on earth.

JAMES P. HOUSTON.

The subject of this sketch was born August 28, 1860, at a farm house near Sidney, Ohio. The next year his father removed to a farm located six miles from Troy, O. When in his fourth year a cousin chopping wood in the yard accidentally cut off his right foot below the ankle. In spite of this, however, at twelve years he was doing a man's work on the farm and has ever since been able to keep up with most robust men except where heavy lifting was to be done. During his boyhood days Houston attended district school at Troy in winter and worked on the farm in summer. In 1875 he entered the intermediate department of the Troy Public School and the next year entered the high school at the head of his class. Here he remained, graduating in four years with the highest average ever before or since attained by any scholar of the institution. In 1880 he entered Dartmouth College, in the classical course. He had never studied Greek and was conditioned in Latin and all the preparatory Greek. The first winter vacation he spent at Hanover and at the beginning of the second term had made up sufficient Greek to enter the Greek classics.

Before the close of the year he made up all the conditions and was in full standing with his class save a hundred pages in Greek history. In May, 1881, he was initiated by Omicron Deuteron. He had been pledged before entering college by H. T. Kincaid, another Troy boy. The first man Houston met in his class was Hodgdon, another pledged Theta Delt. They were mutually "stuck on each other" and during their entire course were boon companions. They were '84's representatives on the chinning committee during Sophomore and Junior years. During the college course Houston received numerous honors at the hands of his fellows. One term he was senior director of athletics, vice-president of the Y. M. C. A., and later president. He was several times a delegate to Y. M. C. A. conventions. In Junior year he received honorable mention in physics, chemistry and astronomy. He was *Pontifex Maximus* at Sophomore cremation. He was chairman of the committee of arrangements for the Convention of 1882, held in Boston. He was present at the first banquet of the New England Association and one of the committee which drafted the constitution and by-laws of the Association. He graduated with honor in 1884 and was admitted with the highest third of his class into Phi Beta Kappa. In September, 1884, he went to Farmington, Mo., to teach in the Carleton Institute. In January following he became principal of the high school at Sandwich, Ill. In September he was elected principal of the high school at Bellaire, O. At the end of the year he was re-elected but declined to accept. He took up the study of medicine, entering the office of Dr. E. C. Dudley, in Chicago, and attending the Chicago Medical College. During his medical course he taught a night school. He was president of his class for two years and represented the medical department in the Annual University Day at Evanston, February 22, 1889. He graduated in March, 1889, third in a class of forty-eight, a Harvard man being first, another Dartmouth man second. Neither of them had to work their way through and had all their time for study. He won the Ingalls prize of \$100 in gold for the best competitive examination in literature, science and medicine. During his last year in the medical

school he was elected Assistant Physician of the Illinois Eastern Hospital for the Insane, at Kankakee, Ill. In the summer of 1888 he went to Scotland with a patient, expecting to take in England and the continent. Unexpected illness prostrated the patient at Edinburgh. While detained there he had access to all the Royal hospitals and improved his opportunities to the utmost. He came back in August and after graduation took the position at Kankakee. In November, 1889, he resigned and went to Somonauk, Ill., where he soon had a fine country practice. In April, 1890, he was married to Miss Minnie G. Adams. An account of the wedding was published on page 194 of Vol. VI. An attack of appendicitis while at Kankakee came near proving fatal, and the hard work of a country practice undermined his health so much that in 1892 it became necessary for him to give it up. During his residence at Somonauk he was president of the school board and chairman of the board of trustees of the Congregational church. In May, 1892, he removed to Chicago and formed a co-partnership with Dr. W. H. Marble, of Omicron Deuteron, '83, taking up his residence at 296 Erie street. Since that date he has been slowly regaining his wonted health, and has met with as much success as the impaired condition of his health would admit of.

These are the details in general of an apparently uneventful life. Held back by ill-health, no doubt caused by much overwork in his early and strenuous efforts to obtain an education, one may not be able, perhaps, to predict just what degree of success professionally may be his future lot. One thing is certain, however. No such self-made man ever fails to score success if health overcrowded in youth does not revolt in later life, and being blessed in this way Bro. Houston must succeed and win the laurels to which he is justly entitled. Without attempting to predict what may be his lot we turn from his professional life to record that which many men would prize vastly more than professional fame. One has but to study closely the portrait of Bro. Houston which appears on a previous page to discover there the noblest gifts of manhood. Back of a well-expressed professional dignity, showing that he can be kindly stern, we see a nobility of manhood in its truest

sense ; the kind which bespeaks the warmest affection for his family and brotherly love which has been strongly depicted in every day of his life since he joined Theta Delta Chi. Unassuming and extremely modest, yet self-reliant and enthusiastic to a degree in everything he undertakes, it is no wonder that he is popular with all who know him. It has never been our pleasure to meet Bro. Houston personally, but one thing is certain. No one person has done more for the SHIELD during the last five years, or contributed more good cheer to the discouraged editor than has this earnest and loyal brother. Always prompt to render service, he has given more personal news for the graduate personals than any other dozen brothers combined. Without him this department would many times have been a sorry collection. The history of Omicron Deuteron indicates what he was to the boys at Dartmouth. The Graduate Association of Chicago have indicated by their vote what he was to them, because to him has for two years been entrusted all the detail work as secretary and treasurer. What part he took in the first organization of the Central Association we do not know, but one can easily guess that much of its existence is due to his fertile brain and enthusiastic work. We are glad to know that such men belong to and constitute an important part of Theta Delta Chi. We know of nothing more expressive as a closing paragraph to this imperfect sketch of a truly noble man than his own words in a recent letter. He says :

"Write me down as a plain man who loves his fraternity and its interests, and who regards it as one of the highest honors he may achieve to have had the privilege of such associations as Theta Delta Chi has given him."

DO COLLEGE FRATERNITIES REPRESENT AN ARISTOCRACY?

At first thought, it may seem a cold statement to declare that an affirmative answer to this question is the only answer to be given. But if we dwell upon the subject more at length, and give due consideration to facts always before us, the truth of the assertion that the fraternities are but a synonym for an aristocracy, cannot be denied.

Webster defines aristocracy as the "The chief persons in a state." It is not to be supposed that the definition refers alone to geographical boundaries, but that the definition has a more elastic application, in that it refers to those who lead in the stations in which they are placed, but always with reference to a high standard of ability and integrity and moral worth.

When we consider that a fraternity is composed of men who are chosen, because possessing the best qualifications among those who compose the college classes, that an honorable fraternity must leave the impress of pure motives and lofty ideals upon its standard-bearers, we must regard it as a reasonable and just claim that men who *truly* represent the principles and high standards of a college fraternity, will in public and private station, represent the principles, and make real the standards, of the commonwealth.

If they do this, are they not "the chief persons in a state?" Are they not of the aristocracy? And should we lose sight of the fact that many men who fill honored places in our country's history to-day, owe, in a great degree, their accession to present usefulness and positions of honor, to the fraternity which ever urged upon them, more lofty aims, and aspirations for greater usefulness?

The educated man, whose college training and developed power of concentrated effort have secured him a well disciplined mind, will, and must receive the respect of those around him.

A college fraternity aims to secure the men who represent the college ideals, both of scholarship and social life, and perfectly understands that for every man enrolled, of low grade in either the class room or the college "world," so much lower must be the prestige of the fraternity.

If a college fraternity does not recognize her duty to keep always in harmony, and in close relation to and be guided by her principles, then must her power become weakened, her prestige gradually wane and her followers lose interest in and affection for their fraternity.

So, brothers, it behooves us to keep in mind, more constantly than perhaps we are apt to do, the principles to which we

have sworn allegiance, and to make it our purpose to show them forth, not with our lips alone, but by the example of our lives.

And if our lives exemplify the principles of our fraternity, we cannot but prove ourselves worthy of the trust of our fellow-men. And they cannot but admit that if the principles that guide us are paramount in each and every Theta Delt, our fraternity most truly testifies to the truth of the assertion, that College Fraternities represent an aristocracy.

FREDERIC CARTER, *F*^a.

THE FRATERNITY IDEA.

(Continued from last number.)

We must conceive of the fraternity idea as a progressive thing—a thing of evolution. Nevertheless the traditions of our past will ever be dear to us. Holding to that past we will resolutely face the future and put our faith in the present. The used-to-be's are behind the times in these racy days,

However I am forced to go back to the beginning again in order to score another argument for the cause I have chosen to champion. The college fraternity idea was the first attempt on the part of under-graduates to govern themselves, and like all new movements it was regarded as a rebellion rather than a revolution by the powers that be. In the good old days when college men were under a strong faculty discipline, a student had to be told what he should eat and what he should drink, and wherewithal he should occupy his time. The college men of that day were to be divided into two classes—the very good boys that obeyed all rules and the very bad boys that broke them. There was no half-way between. The fraternity entered this void and compromised the two. It protested against too close restriction on the one hand and lawlessness on the other. Right here its real virtue lay, in that it aimed to make the social ideal popular among college men. It was founded by students anxious to develop those all around quali-

ties that have so much weight in society. Therefore the fraternity idea is a practical thing. It combines the ideal of college life with the actual of real life and that in the most charmingly perfect fusion. Nor is that all. The fraternity idea has given college men a more dignified position in relation to faculty government. Independence now, independence forever, must have been written on the rolls of the founders of our orders, and the college fraternity was everywhere hailed with enthusiasm as a deliverer from faculty thralldom. However, it had its enemies in a bigoted faculty that could not or would not see good in it, and the first era of the fraternity existence became essentially a faculty fighting one.

The fraternity then was founded on strictly local lines, and fraternity men soon fell to wrangling among themselves. Their field was a prescribed one and they were so taken up with their trouble with their faculty and among themselves that they could not see anything beyond their own narrow circle. College cosmopolitanism had hardly been developed as yet. But in these days the fraternity field has been so broadened that we have no time to quarrel about small points of precedence, as in the old days. Inter-fraternity courtesy is better understood to-day than ever before.

The fraternity stands for the club idea as it has been developed. There are people who believe the club idea is destined to play a very important part in the civilization of the future.

One word here about our secrecy. There is a college order that was started in opposition to the fraternity idea. *It had no imitators.* Moreover it has denied its early principles, becoming non-secret instead of anti-secret. It virtually admits then that anti-secrecy does not pay. If imitation is the sincerest flattery, it is also a good proof of success. The secret fraternity has had imitators all over the college world, and this fact alone should prove that it has won the battle.

Some fraternities there are that have stuck too long to the old time methods. They have yet to learn that they cannot take everybody and be virtually monopolists of the field. It has taken a long time to teach some of them this, and the wail

they put up when it dawns on their very respectable perception that a dog-in-the-manger policy will not be tolerated, is almost pathetic. Our competition is our strength and and it is in keeping with the American idea.

Cosmopolitanism stands for refined democracy. Its opposite is provincialism. Its deadliest weapon is its intense refinement. It leaves the boor to foil himself against himself. It does not criticise, it only ignores. College cosmopolitanism means college democracy if you please. I have heard it said that the fraternity idea means college aristocracy, not in any objectionable form, however. It is only the kind of social aristocracy that goes along with our most democratic society. Are we selfishly exclusive? Are we socially intolerant? Prove to us that a social Utopia is possible and we will change our policy,

Just as a man can have but one mother so he can have but one Alma Mater. Nevertheless the fraternity idea does much to unite men of different colleges in a closer bond. It is destined to move steadily forward in the future as in the past towards the broadest and noblest college brotherhood.

There is one class of objectors to the fraternity idea that I am tempted to deal with playfully at this point. They are the men that decry it because it has built itself up at the expense of the old time debating society. My father used to tell a story once about a man that was always kicking because the steam engine had been invented and the railroad put in use. He charged that all the stove wood in these United States and the territories thereunto attached would be consumed by this rapacious engine within a time figured out by himself. After that period there would be no wood left to warm our houses with and the temperate zone would become uninhabitable except in the summer months. Men would rapidly degenerate into an Edenlike savagery in warmer climates all on account of the steam engine. He might have argued in the same fashion that there would come a time when there would not be enough wood left on the face of the earth to cook our food so that men were likely to drop back into the primitive stone age of man. He died thanking God that he was not to

live to witness the degeneracy of the human race brought on by the steam engine, and ere he had been dead a year coal was discovered and used for fuel.

After some such fashion as this these objectors saw in the rise of the fraternity the overthrow of the debating society. It grieved them sore to think that the future college would not be hurling little red school house oratory at the heads of future Daniel Webster under-graduates in an effort to prove that fire is more destructive than water or vice versa. However their direful predictions have not come to pass. The debating society holds its proper place. Neither has the department of oratory or rhetoric deteriorated in our colleges.

WM. NEELY FREEMAN.

THE CHICAGO BANQUET.

On the evening of January 26th a crowd of merry feasters gathered in the parlors of Leland Hotel, Chicago. They were Greeks of the highest type and all leal and true Theta Delts. The occasion was the annual banquet of the Central Association, and the event extraordinary was the presence of Bro. A. G. Benedict, President of the Grand Lodge. As this was the first time any officer of that body had been in attendance the evening was anticipated by Thetes with no small degree of pleasure. The meeting was marked by the usual good feeling and fraternal greetings of Theta Delt gatherings and was a pleasant one in all its details.

Led by Bros. Burdick and Spahn the brothers marched to the banquet hall, where the *menu* furnished by "mine host" was discussed to the complete renewal of the inner man. At the close of the feasting the president of the association named a committee of three on nominations for officers for the ensuing year.

Pending their report the annual report of the secretary and treasurer was read. The points of interest to the fraternity at large in this report were the publishing of a Cook County Directory of $\theta \Delta X$, the resolutions of the associations sent to

the last Convention in favor of the granting of a charter to the petitioners from Wisconsin and the report made previously by the committee appointed to look after our interests in the University of Chicago, to the effect that the faculty of the University has so far changed front on the fraternity question as to make it possible for $\theta \Delta X$ to enter the University honorably and under no ban of official displeasure.

The report of the Nominating Committee was received and by unanimous vote adopted. It was as follows: President, C. N. Kendall; vice-presidents, Hon. John M. Clark, Dr. Henry F. Lewis; executive committee, Louis Spahn, chairman, E. C. Ryan, George M. Lovejoy; secretary and treasurer, J. P. Houston.

Later in the evening it was voted "That it is the sense of this meeting that the Grand Lodge use every honorable means to establish charges in the Universities of Wisconsin and Chicago at as early a date as possible." This was a unanimous vote and expressed the calm judgment of every member present.

The president in a few words introduced the toastmaster of the evening, Bro. Wm. M. Lawrence, who, in taking possession of the gavel, startled the brothers present by quoting a long Greek sentence as glibly as any college student in training for Hellenic honors. After asserting the fact that the fraternity idea had no place in the thoughts and lives of the original Greeks but was the product of our new civilization, and claiming prominence for $\theta \Delta X$ among all its compeers, Bro. Lawrence proposed the toast "Our Fraternity," to which the President of the Grand Lodge was called upon to respond. Bro. Benedict was given cordial and hearty applause as he rose to respond. He extended to the Association greetings from the twenty-two charges and from Bro. Holmes, of the SHIELD. His report of the last convention and of the condition of the several charges was listened to with evidence of great interest. In the course of his remarks Bro. Benedict spoke of the interest taken in the fraternity by members of certain defunct charges who were desirous of the re-establishment of these charges. These are located in the south, and their expressions

of continued interest and loyalty to the fraternity struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the members present. Voicing the sentiments of the Association the toastmaster, lifting high his glass, said, "Brethren, are your glasses charged? I propose this toast: 'The South, the new South, the better South, land of heroism and romance; the home of brave men and beautiful women; rich in nature's gifts but richer in her children—I pledge the South-land, beloved of Theta Delta Chi.'" The enthusiasm with which the members joined in this toast left no doubt as to how they would vote on the re-establishment of these old charges were they given an opportunity.

The remainder of the programme was as follows:

"Western Extension"—C. W. French.

"One of the Youngest"—C. E. DuPuy.

"The Ladies"—C. N. Kendall.

"Hard Times"—C. S. Thompson.

"Reminiscences"—Hosea Webster.

Theta Delt songs formed a conspicuous part of the programme, though not on the printed list.

Several extempore toasts were proposed by the toastmaster and responded to happily.

After the usual vote of thanks to the host and others Bro. Lawrence proposed the toast "The Omega Charge," pledged in silence, standing.

Though the "wee sma' hours" were upon them the brothers seemed loth to separate and quite a large contingent remained to talk over with the President of the Grand Lodge the affairs and interests of our beloved fraternity.

Judging by the interest manifested by the Chicago alumni in the work of the fraternity and the charges, it is safe to assert that her welfare will be well looked after in this region.

All that was needed to make the affair a perfect success was a representation of undergraduates with banjos, etc., to liven up the music and awaken all the old-time memories of college days and their happy associations in Theta Delta Chi. Looking upon that gathering of serious men engaged in life's work, those closing lines of Brougham's "Age of Gold" seemed wonderfully appropriate to the occasion:

How beautiful amid the cares of life,
 The transient bitterness of party strife,
 The thousand devious, separated ways
 Through which men wander in maturer days—
 A scene like this, that for a space renews
 On life's meridian the refreshing dews
 Of its young morn. To see hands grasping hands
 With equal ardor, while the clogging sands
 That time has heaped up since the days of yore
 Are swept away and we are boys once more.
 What is the mystic power that can compel
 Such joy as this? 'Tis Friendship's sacred spell
 Friendship! That death's keen arrow cannot quell.
 For while the eternal stars night's purple robe
 Begem, while swings in space the pendent globe
 Friendship must live. Ah! may its impulse high
 Still guard and guide the Theta Delta Chi."

The following brothers were in attendance :

Beta—G. D. Bills, C. A. Cleaver, J. S. Collman, F. L. Connard, J. M. Dodson, F. M. Kendall, J. T. Mannierre, E. D. McConnell, C. R. Murphy, E. C. Ryan, Hosea Webster.

Gamma Deuteron—C. E. DuPuy.

Iota—H. F. Lewis, C. S. Thompson.

Iota Deuteron—R. P. Ward.

Kappa—W. M. Lawrence, F. C. Spaulding, George M. Lovejoy.

Lambda—A. W. Hobson.

Nu Deuteron—C. E. Thomas, J. H. Spengler, W. L. Neill.

Omicron Deuteron—C. W. French, B. J. Wertheimer, J. P. Houston.

Rho—W. T. Chandler.

Rho Deuteron—C. R. Smith.

Chi—J. W. Harris, Louis Spahn.

Psi—A. G. Benedict, C. N. Kendall, J. G. Campbell.

J. P. HOUSTON.

SOUTHERN GRADUATE BANQUET.

The Eighth Annual Reunion and Banquet of the Southern Graduate Association was held at Washington, D. C., on the evening of Feb. 5th at the Down Town Club, which occupies the upper floor of the Washington Loan and Trust Building. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Hon. Daniel N. Lockwood, President, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. J. McBride Sterrett, vice-President, Washington, D. C.; C. W. Curtis, Secretary and Treasurer, Washington, D. C.; Executive Committee, E. W. Byrn, C. W. Curtis, R. A. King, T. E. Rogers of Washington, D. C.; Geo. E. Boynton, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. G. T. Atkinson, Crisfield, Md.

The fraternity colors, black, white and blue were profusely used in the decorations of the banquet room, and when, at 9 o'clock, the guests sat down to a most excellent supper, it was found that the same colors predominated, even to the blue and white flowers bound with black ribbons. In the centre of the table, rising from a mass of flowers and ferns, was a beautiful figure of a Moorish girl, gayly decked out in black, white and blue ribbons and wearing a jaunty tri-colored cap.

Supper was served in the main dining hall of the club, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. There were twenty-two covers laid, and after grace had been said by Rev. J. McBride Sterrett of Columbian University the college men proceeded to the next order of business, consisting of the discussion of an excellent menu.

Daniel N. Lockwood, member of Congress from New York, presided, and, while no set toasts were prepared, many bright and witty speeches were made. After an excellent address by President Lockwood others were called on. Among those who spoke were S. Douglass Cornell of Buffalo, N. Y.; Maj. R. A. King, who gave a humorous description of college and fraternity life at old Hobart way back in the early sixties; F. J. Metcalf, who told of the sad disaster at Ford's Theatre last June, in which he was an unwilling participant; C. W. Curtis who played a delightful violin solo as his best speech; Rev.

J. McBride Sterrett, E. W. Byrn, Thos. E. Rogers. J. M. Williamson spoke as follows :

MR. TOASTMASTER, —To emphasize the point made by our Bro. Curtis, that we should recommend the worthy to our brothers of the chapter in whatever college new men may be going, and the propriety, indeed the necessity on the part of our brothers now in college halls, to faithfully try those who come recommended, I wish to say a few words.

A good deal has been said of our faithful brother Clay W. Holmes, and how he became a Theta Delt will not only prove of interest to you all but illustrate the point made by our Bro. Curtis.

I am one of those who proudly claim sponsorship for Clay Holmes, and how he became a Theta Delt was thus. In 1866, or thereabouts, there was no chapter of Theta Delt at Lafayette, but in that college there were one or two who were of us and loved us. So these who knew Clay Holmes and valued him, sent him from Lafayette, where he was a student, to Dickinson, where was Sigma Charge, with letters of introduction. He came as our guest, we welcomed him for our brothers' sake, we tried his worth by our own means, we judged him worthy of our love and confidence: and, after a short probationary period we made him our brother even like those who sent him.

It was not long before Lafayette had a charge, and I am sure all who aided in making Clay Holmes one of us feel that the day was a day well spent. Let us not neglect to send good men well introduced to our charges: and let our charges remember to be hospitable to strangers for some have entertained angels unawares.

A telegram of regret was read from Clay W. Holmes and letters from C. B. Adamson, Rev. A. M. Rich, J. H. V. Ballard, Dr. W. R. McKnew, Jacob Spahn, The Phi Charge, Commander B. P. Lamberton, and many others. Theta Delta Chi anthems were vigorously sung at intervals and at midnight all rose and joined in a farewell song composed for the occasion by E. W. Byrn.

The following brothers were in attendance.

- Alpha—Hon. Daniel N. Lockwood, '65.
- Beta—F. V. Coville, '87; C. W. Curtis, '88; Wm. Stockbridge, '88; W. F. Willoughby, '88; Wm. Stranahan: '89.
- Theta—F. S. Curtis: '89.
- Lambda—F. J. Metcalf, '86.
- Mu Deuteron—Prof. J. D. Hird, '86.
- Nu Deuteron—W. R. Steinmetz, '93.
- Xi—S. Douglass Cornell, '60, R. A. King, '67.
- Sigma—E. E. Hastings, '65; Thos. E. Rogers, '66; J. M. Williamson, '67; Dr. G. T. Atkinson, '68; Charles R. Wright, '69; E. W. Byrn, '70; D. W. L. Ryle, '93; Jas. S. Tanner, '95.
- Chi—Rev. J. McBride Sterrett, '67; J. McBride Sterrett, Jr. '96.

GRADUATE RELATIONSHIP.

There are many interesting points in connection with the question of the relationship which should exist, or does exist between the under-graduate and the alumnus. When a college student becomes a fraternity man there is perhaps no definite idea in his mind as to the extent of his relationship. He only thinks of the present and his immediate surroundings. As time passes and he becomes a full fledged worker, his interest increases, his enthusiasm prompts him to devote his energies to the advancement of his chosen fraternity and he enters really upon his life long work. As he passes out from college to enter upon the duties of active life he carries with him a heart loyal to the core. For four years he has materially helped to make for his fraternity a name, which shall endure for all time. As he becomes associated with other men in his business or professional life, he often finds himself meditating upon what relations should exist between himself and the fraternity—particularly so in regard to his own charge. It is his duty to retain his old-time love for the shield he wore, and look around to see if he can do anything to help the boys in college, or shall he let them drift as they will, while he wends his way thoughtful only of himself and his present interests? To answer this question logically it would be necessary to take up the "Fraternity Idea" and come down to this point by a series of logical deductions. The true fraternity idea is not based upon theory or logic, but upon love for our brother, rather than personal adoration of self, therefore, really the answer should be self-evident and father of the question itself. No genuinely loyal fraternity man can read the question without framing the correct answer in his heart. It is not the purpose of this article to treat the subject in the abstract, but rather to bring home to the alumnus and also to the under-graduates some thoughts which seem to have been lost sight of or ignored, by the latter especially. It should be readily understood that the alumnus of any fraternity is quite as likely to be *intensely* loyal to his charge as any of the active members, if not more so. He has

already experienced much which has not yet fallen to their lot. He has discovered how the college fraternity man is regarded by the world at large. As a veteran he is competent to advise his younger brothers. It is true that young America does not always take advice kindly from experienced elders, and it has ever been so since the world began. This fact should not debar elders from doing their duty in the matter and in this light the attention of the various charges is kindly asked to the following extract from a letter written to the SHIELD by a brother who is as loyal to the "Black, White and Blue" as any man who ever took upon himself her vows. He writes :

"Upon several occasions I have taken pains to write to different charges telling them of certain boys who were attending their college, or who intended doing so, and asking the charge to look after them. The charges not only did not rush the men, but did not even look them up or let me know anything of it after my writing them. Our charge had the opportunity of securing two splendid men from our city but they never made any attempt to even meet them. It has so happened that I have had four or five such 'spurns' and it hurts my enthusiasm."

What this brother writes is the experience of others who have met the same obstacle in their efforts to get good timber prepared for a Theta Delt market. There are many reasons why this should not be. If the boys will bear with the editor while he presents a few reasons on both sides it may awaken some new thoughts. The aim of every charge is to get good men. They must as a rule secure them quickly or some other fraternity will secure them. In the past many mistakes have been made by judging too quickly of a freshman's merits. A new man in college is not natural, and usually not what he seems. He is in a strange place, surrounded by new and unfamiliar conditions. He is on his good behavior and both actions and language are more or less strained. He knows that he is the target for all the societies. If he has made up his mind that he would like to join any particular society, whenever the members of that society are rushing him he is on his mettle to make a good impression. He does not arrive at a natural state until after his fraternity destiny is settled. For these reasons and many others it is not always easy to size up a man at once. Sometimes the boys have plenty of time to re-

pent at leisure—both over the bad qualities of men they have secured, and the brilliant opportunities they have lost in men who have not shown up well at first. The general rule is that the very best fraternity men make the poorest showing in their early days. They are too honest to dissemble and too diffident to appear at their best when in the company of the fraternity critics. There are other and very important considerations which have a decided bearing on the eligibility of a candidate. What has been his previous history? What are his family connections? What social standing has he at home? It is safe to assume that a young man, who is well connected, and has the respect and confidence of the community in which he resides, is likely to be a creditable member of a respectable fraternity. Therefore, when these points are settled no risk is taken in pressing home to him the leading question. Now who is it that is most competent to judge of their most essential qualifications? The alumnus of your charge who is entirely familiar with all the requirements necessary for membership. Imbued with commendable zeal he looks around among the incipient college boys to find those who stand well in school and have a good name among their fellows. He finds one who perhaps is led by his influence to decide that he will attend the same college. He sows in his mind a few fraternity seeds. He studies him carefully and deliberately. He sees in him bright possibilities. Feeling that he would do credit to the fraternity, a letter is sent to the charge, recommending the boy for membership, and urging them to capture him at once. Now what is the most natural thing for the faithful alumnus to expect? What, in the opinion of the reader, should be the proper thing for the charge to do in the matter? The answer ought to be self evident. What is really done in most cases? From the numerous instances which have come directly under the writer's own eye and many others which he has heard of, the usual result is that the boy thus recommended stands the least show of any. Somehow many of the charges seem to get nettled and make no effort to secure those who come thus recommended. They seem to feel that the alumnus is interfering with their work or dictating their course of action. At

least so it looks at first glance. What is the effect on the alumnus? He must be cold-blooded indeed if he can stand such treatment many times. There is no surer way of killing all the affection there is in the graduate's heart for his fraternity. When this result has been accomplished then the active members wonder how it is that a man can be so cold and indifferent. The writer speaks from personal experience. He does not desire to have it understood that all charges are in the habit of repelling their graduates, for it is not so. He further believes that there is no wilfulness on the part of those who have done it. He trusts that all who read this will take the matter home to their heart and come to a more realizing sense of the value of graduate influence and work in their behalf. Boys, do not disregard the efforts made by your alumni in this direction. There are times when you need their help badly. You can not hope to get it if you turn a cold shoulder to them all the time, when they are trying to help you in securing the best men.

CONVENTION SPEECH.

BY BRO. W. R. WALKLEY, OMICRON, '60.

Mr. President; Dear Brothers: I did not come in here to make a speech. I have received your kind invitations year after year, and have been at some of your dinners, particularly the dinners of the New York Alumni. I have not been to a convention since I was a delegate from Wesleyan, about 1858. It was the first time I ever attended a convention, and I made some very dear friends there. We went out in the evening and serenaded the girls afterwards, and had a first rate time. I kept your invitation upon my desk, and hope to be present at your dinner to-morrow.

I do not feel prepared, gentlemen, to address you at this time, but as I sat there a moment ago looking you over, and I look pretty sharply at men; I must flatter you all. I do not remember to have looked upon as intellectual a body of men in a long, long time. I feel that Theta Delts, if this is a fair rep-

resentation, are not only a credit to our fraternity, but also to the colleges where these charges are located. I see no one here, who as it seems to me should not be a power in the world. I have just been through a very exciting canvass in Brooklyn, where I reside, and have spoken twice a night during the campaign. I have not been interested in politics since my early manhood, but this year the old fires have revived and rekindled, and have again made me quite enthusiastic. I was particularly urgent in calling upon young men to work, men of thought and of brain, men who strike wisely, who shoot with intelligence back of the bullet, who strike for the right and the truth everywhere; and when I look upon a body of young men as intelligent as you are, who come from the various colleges throughout our land, I feel that you have within yourselves power and influence that you can wield for the betterment of mankind all through your lives.

If I were young again and stood
 Where these young men do stand to-night,
 I'd welcome fire, and storm, and flood,
 And battle nobly for the right.—
 With all my mind, and soul, and strength,
 Through darkest night and brightest day,
 Through all my days, whate'er their length,
 I'd fight for truth, and win my way.

There is, gentlemen, enthusiasm, culture, honesty of purpose, in intelligent young men, and I feel when I look upon you as the representatives of your various colleges and charges, that I would encourage you to do nothing better than to do your best; that will make you most powerful for the right, that will make you stronger, that will make the work which you choose useful to the age in which you live. Gladstone has said, that to have lived during the last twenty-five years was greater than to have lived during any century in the history of our world. You are just coming to the front in the most decisive hour in our country's life. I can remember when the war broke out I was in college, how men awoke from their dreams, how men saw visions, and how they were called from their humble places in life to the most exalted positions in the government. Such men were Lincoln, Grant