

judge not only of their general merits, but of the congenial atmosphere he will find in each. This is the pre-requisite which it is assumed that every man who comes to the fraternity altar has fully considered and settled in his own mind. The fraternity and the chapter are entities before him for his consideration. From the invitation to its acceptance he is supposed to have investigated—not so much the question whether the fraternity system is based upon sound principles and embody good teachings, for the college man seldom debates this—but he seeks to decide whether the companionship offered him by this invitation will meet his desires for congeniality and prove helpful to him in social, scholastic, and moral way. We say that *this* is the question that every man must decide for himself ere he crosses the Fraternity threshold; and the decision once made, his duty to himself, his obligation, and his character demand that nothing but "cause" shall temper the loyalty entailed thereby.

The very first object of fraternity is to furnish a sure and sweet basis for the development of strong character. There should be intelligent choice of Fraternity association, and subsequent to this, the member's plain duty is to endeavor to make the Fraternity better for its membership, and in turn, to assimilate the privileges it may offer him that he himself may be the better man for his associations. For the furtherance of this object, membership assumes a compact for mutual helpfulness, each to supplement the efforts of the other in a common endeavor to put into practice the precepts of the Order.

Should the Fraternity or Chapter fail in its compact, what recourse has the member? If the member is lax to his obligations, where does the duty of the Fraternity lie? It is easy to quote rules where the Fraternity and members live up to their mutual obligations, but the line of action is not so easily mapped out where difficulties have arisen. We do not hold that Fraternity ties cannot be honorably dissolved, for we believe circumstances can arise making such dissolution proper. But we do hold that the supreme obligation of the candidate at the altar is summed up in the word loyalty. And through all the experiences of his Fraternity life, he who

makes the best type of this virtue his guide will not only develop the best grounded character on which he can build in later life, but will add to the benefit and pleasure of his fraternal ties.

Loyalty as a quality is instinctive in every person and enterprise, but its intensity is largely dependent on surroundings and teachings. We do not then, have to ask what is the duty of the Fraternity journal in regard to this question. Our only concern need be, how shall it best exert its influence for the development of the highest grade of the virtue.

It has not been with any intention of magnifying the importance of the editorial position that the papers of this Congress have dwelt on the wide-reaching influence of the Fraternity magazine upon the system, but rather under a sense of the responsibilities which the position must assume.

In the same spirit do we affirm that the Fraternity journal, where it exists, has more to do with the loyalty of a member to his Fraternity than any of its ritualistic, constitutional, or official declarations. He is taught that the Chapter is but a part of the Fraternity idea. He can easily judge of the principles which guide his Chapter, but for the general Fraternity which lies beyond he looks to the journal as the index. And, indeed, as his Chapter varies from the standard set by the journal, he is willing to believe that it is errant from the spirit of the Order. If loyalty is a duty of the Fraternity and of the member, it is then the duty of the journal to follow the course which will inculcate its highest standard.

By what means will this be best reached? We find it difficult to analyze what we consider the line of conduct which the ideal magazine should pursue, but under the following heads have mentioned principles which seem to us to be applicable to the Greek press as a body :

First.—There must be earnestness and sincerity in the work. He who conducts a Fraternity journal must be of the firm belief that the Fraternity system as it exists is a power for good in our colleges, and again, of the conviction that his own Society is exerting an influence helpful to all within its fold, and that its associations are worthy of the best social, intellect-

ual, and moral elements of our students. Unless the magazine can be backed by the earnestness which comes from such convictions, it can formulate little matter but what will be tinctured with formality and emptiness. The minister of cold heart, however rare his genius, can make few converts. The magazine can create little loyalty that is not itself thoroughly imbued with the idea it would teach.

Second.—Its policy must be broad and uniform. Any vacillating, fluctuating, weather-vane policy not only weakens its influence, but in turn gives the stamp of instability to its Order. For this reason the maturer hand is needed to control its destinies. From the undergraduate the Greek press has gone to graduate control, and from raw recruits has turned to those of longer experience in general Fraternity work. A member may have been most successful in Chapter work, one whom the Chapter may be pleased to call a model, yet until he has had experience in other lines of general work, and learned to harmonize the numerous influences at work beyond his Chapter, the Fraternity has not the assurance that he can justly represent the whole Order, for the magazine must rise wholly above any prejudices which may be the relic of undergraduate rivalries.

Third.—It must be Catholic in its recognition of the worthy merits of others. Fraternities, as we have said, are not all equal, but that does not deny rights of competition. Where merit predominates over weakness it should be recognized—not in mere formality, but in the respect at all times due it, and again in the spirit in which the accusations of its own Order are mentioned. Two classes of men deserve pity: First, those who are not thoroughly proud of their own Order; the other, those who conceive that their own is the only successful one.

Fourth.—It must be devoted to truth and truth alone, if it would inspire a lasting loyalty to the Order it represents. Any statement or claims into which the element of untruth enters, or any argument save what stands the searching test, is sure to rebound against the Order it is meant to defend. The college Fraternity is intrusted with the care of young manhood at its formative period when impressions are most easily made, and

longest retained. Shall these organizations then promulgate anything save that which the truth commands? Will true character accept anything less, or cleave to a support so frail? Can the Fraternity hope to retain the loyalty of the outgoing graduate whose yea or nay in years to come has much to do with the welfare of his Order, if he has to look back to associations that worked out its end in any but the ways of truth?

Fifth.—It should insist on the maintenance of the highest code of ethics recognized by its Order.

Human nature at its best is weak and liable to err, and if the journal, the criterion of the Order, accepts less than the highest code, we must look for many miserable compromises on the part of the Chapter, when it comes to a question of ethics.

It has seemed to us that no greater breach is open for the entrance of disloyalty than through the complaisance with which a journal may regard acts at variance with the accepted codes of its Order, which at the time may seem like acquisition over a rival. The Order which taboos lifting and yet defends the occasional accession to its ranks in this manner, cannot lay its (metaphorical) hand over its heart and cry "shame" when the treason it before justified is at its own expense.

The journal should be unwavering in its allegiance, then, to the code adopted by its own Fraternity, whatever that may be, hold fast to it and the duties it entails, being satisfied with nothing less. The code should be as solid as adamant until a better one was found. Respect for the law is the inspiration of prosperity. Its disregard is invitation to shame.

We are satisfied that harmonious views upon these lines and a determination on the part of each journal to enforce the standard of ethics of its Order will have much to do with further elevating the code by which each shall strive to work out its chosen ends. Not by pan-hellenic Constitutions or By-Laws, but through the individual sense of honor, instinctive to each Order.

THE ADVANTAGES OF NON-SECRECY.

By Ellis J. Thomas.*

A secret society is an organization which under solemn oath pledges its members not to reveal its purposes, its wisdom, its laws, or its forms. The above title then may be solved as follows: How does the absence of the oath of secrecy profit a society and its members?

At first, when the title "The Advantages of Non-Secrecy" was given me as the theme for a paper to be read before this body, it struck me as faulty in that it seemed to make the adoption of secrecy or non-secrecy purely a matter of policy. A little thought, however, convinced me that the discussion of secrecy from that point of view would be far from unprofitable, and that in this utilitarian age I might well seek to impress my convictions by appeal to the ego. Moreover, I am fearful that were I to make non-secrecy purely a question of principle, I would do little more in the case of those who are members of secret fraternities, than tempt them to harden their hearts, their opinions being already formed. As it is, I shall consider my work a success if I shall be able to convince at least a few of them that non-secrecy in a college fraternity is not only to be tolerated, but may be admired.

Notice that I say college fraternity. I am far from arguing that there are not organizations where secrecy is essential to success. Why, however, is it valuable in such cases? Either it is because such societies have information which is not the property of the world at large, which enables their members to prosper above their fellows, as was the case with certain priestly organizations; or their purposes are such that they cannot be made public without risk of failure; or experience has taught them methods which they have embodied in secret by-laws or constitutions. Let us see how these arguments for secrecy, sanctified by oath and enforced by threat, apply to college fraternities.

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Will any one dare claim that the college boys of fifty years ago were the discoverers of new truths, the possession of which made them vastly superior to their fellows outside the favored societies? What is more ridiculous than the conception that beardless youths were freighted with the arcana of the gods! And we know enough about the kind of interest that is taken in the active college fraternity, even by their most devoted alumni, to appreciate the fact that they are not made the receptacles of new learning as the members grow to mature years. The members of the average college fraternity, as such, have no truths which are not in the possession of the educated man of ordinary intelligence. Even if such illustrious secrets were theirs, who would applaud a man of culture who would restrict to the possession of a few bare thousands teachings which might well elevate the multitude and its millions. I believe that most alumni of every college fraternity would refuse to follow the course of selfishness, and would insist upon revealing to the world at large any extraordinary discoveries in wisdom. If they did not openly publish the doctrines, their lives must inevitably be moulded by the instructions of their fraternity. They would necessarily reveal them in public discourses or in writings, and would exhibit a superiority to the members of non-secret fraternities, for instance, in those regards. I have yet to learn that their average of achievement is higher, and the fact that such higher average is not visible, and that Greek alumni do not insist upon the evangelization of the world with new-found doctrines, is sufficient proof, to me, that the secret college fraternities have not the first mentioned requisite of a secret organization, namely, the possession of exclusive truths.

Charitably, I have assumed that if the college fraternities have any exclusive knowledge it is necessarily ennobling. As a matter of fact, I have no right to make the assumption, and any knowledge that they may have may as well be ignoble and debasing as otherwise, and in that case who is there in this educated assemblage who will defend secrecy which conceals from the eyes of possible members the degrading paths which they are about to tread?

As then the fraternities have no wisdom of moment, let us take up the question of the objects of the organizations. A little observation will convince anyone, as it has, no doubt convinced all here, that there is no very great difference in the purposes of the various college fraternities, and that those purposes are reasonably transparent in spite of terrible oaths inviolate. One fraternity seeks the social union of men of family and money ; another the cultivation of literary excellence in its members, and probably all of them serve primarily the ordinary purpose of bringing into friendly association congenial college men of the average type, which general object, after all, admits no very radical differences. I suppose the phrases, the promotion of friendship, the maintenance of morality, the cultivation of scholarship, would sum up the purposes of nine out of ten college fraternities. What a farce then the solemn oath not to reveal such innocent desires ! The very transparency of the mysteries is belittling to dignity, which fact, I have no doubt, most of us who are so fortunate as to reach mature years, fully recognize, consoling ourselves with the thought that after all it was boys' play which did no very great harm.

By-laws and constitutions of a society, and its actions in convention, I am free to admit, are its own concern. No oath is needed, however, to prevent publicity. The dictates of ordinary business sense and prudence should indicate to all the wisdom of privacy. No organizations are more shielded from public gaze than are city clubs, yet their members are not bound by oaths. Sufficient is the courtesy of gentlemen to insure all protection. I desire in this connection to protest against the opinion often declared, that because a fraternity is non-secret it is necessarily hypocritical, if it does not publish to the world its every action. An open fraternity has the same right with any business corporation to manage its affairs in business style. You may say that all the difference then lies in the oath. The oath, however, is a subtle influence exerted upon the whole character of members. Moreover, the members of a non-secret brotherhood can have no hesitation in exhibiting its purposes and other features held sacred by those secret. All it asks is the right to keep private or make public

its business affairs as it may choose, and that is the first privilege of every individual.

The forms alone remain, and here more than in the matter of truths and purposes there seems to be an advantage in secrecy. Even here, however, I think the advantage is largely apparent. Will the members of a society think the more of that organization because its ritualistic features are unknown to those not privileged to its membership? I resort rather to illustration than argument for an answer, and would ask you whether in the case of the church for example, whose ancient and beautiful services are known and visible to all men, there is loss of respect or dignity on that account? Rather it is true that the venerable organization stands thereby the higher in the estimation of the people.

What then remain as reasons for secrecy in the case of college fraternities? The oath to preserve silence is required, either on the account of the dangerous loquacity of members, or it is a piece of impressionalism. Few of you will be willing to admit that the members of your fraternity, even at the unsuspecting age at which they are usually admitted, will require such a muzzle to observe the rules of common sense and to preserve proper reticence as to society affairs.

What about impressionalism? Either it should commend itself on account of policy, or it should be in itself admirable. Certainly it cannot be the latter in the sight of educated men, who are taught to estimate all things at their true worth, to tear aside all coverings, to remove prejudices, to avoid sophisms in argument and to seek alone the unburnished good. Charlatanism will not commend itself to the sober thought. We deplore its use in politics, in the play of unprincipled leaders upon party passion and prejudice. Why is it less to be deplored in the small emergencies of college life? Impressionalism is but a variety of demagogism, whether viewed as a stimulant for those who are sentimental and thoughtless, or as an opiate for those who are discerning and critical. Admitting even that the event is insignificant, the nature of the evil is argument enough against its encouragement.

The policy of impressionalism alone remains for consideration. Are the alumni of secret college societies more loyal than those of the non-secret? Discussion of such a question is necessarily delicate. I can only say that after several years of active fraternity work, I have become convinced that the affection of most alumni rests upon other features than the secrecy or non-secrecy of their societies. The determining factors are rather the crowd that were in the chapter in their days, the good-fellowship experienced, the purposes of the organization and its equipment. I believe, however, that non-secrecy is more apt than secrecy to be one of the occasions of interest, even though the non-secret alumni are not more loyal.

I might go on to point out the ill-feeling engendered in college by the emphasis of secret privileges, the unfairness to the novitiate involved in asking his adhesion to unknown rules, and the shrinking of the college environment to the golden circle. I might emphasize the gradual obliteration of the more offensive features of the secret societies as proof that they are not dependent upon mysticism for their permanence and influence, and so the discussion might be indefinitely prolonged. I content myself, however, with the supreme argument, the teachings of common sense, and appeal to your sentiments of fairness whether enough has not been said to demonstrate at least that secrecy is unnecessary, and it being unnecessary I feel that I am not far wrong in the claim that it were best abandoned.

OMICRON DEUTERON REUNION.

The annual commencement week reunion of the Omicron Deuteron charge, held in their halls on the 26th of June last, was largely attended by the graduate Theta Delts in town.

The newly refurnished rooms, and especially the rehabilitated lodge-rooms, were objects of much favoring comment by the graduate brothers. In addition to the undergraduate brothers in Hanover, the following alumni of the charge were present :

- '74. James W. Putnam, Lyons, N. Y.
 '77. Chas. D. Adams, Hanover, N. H. ; John M. Comstock, Chelsea, Vt.
 '79. William H. Cummings, Meriden, N. H.
 '84. Thomas M. Hodgdon, West Hartford, Conn. ; Ernest Howard, Springfield, Mass. ; William Slade, Williamstown, Mass. ; George W. Woodward, Stamford, Conn.
 '89. Ralph S. Bartlett, Boston, Mass.
 '91. Herbert E. Colby, Danville, Vt. ; Herbert S. Hopkins, Milbury, Mass. ; Fred E. Pritchard, Newbury, Vt. ; Edward W. Tewkesbury, West Randolph, Vt.
 '92. Harry C. Allen, Bradford, Vt. ; Vernon A. Doty, Bradford, Vt. ; Frank W. Lakeman, Nashua, N. H. ; Elmer C. Potter, Peekskill, N. Y. ; Barron Shirley, Boston, Mass.
 '93. Samuel P. French, West Lebanon, N. H. ; John M. Rowell, Bradford, Vt.

THE CHI BANQUET.

On the evening of June 18 the Chi charge held a commencement banquet at their Charge House, 405 Alexander street. It was a most successful affair, and a number of the alumni were present. Irving E. Harris, '92, officiated as toastmaster. The following toasts were given :

Black, White and Blue	J. Prescott McKinney, '69.
Our Alma Mater	Dr. E. M. Moore, Jr., '71.
Retrospect	David J. Meyer, '94.
The Xi Charge	L. H. Elliott, '95.
Theory and Practice	J. P. Fleming, '92.
The Class of '94	J. R. Webster, '94.
All Creation	Jacob Spahn, '70.
The Occasion	H. D. Brookins, '80.
The Cold World Before Us	J. F. Galligan, '94.
The Chi Charge	P. A. Blossom, '95.
Reminiscences	

The Chi charge has met with the cordial support and sympathy of its alumni and is prospering. Recently the members of the charge were delightfully entertained by Bro. Wm. S. Kimball of the Delta, at his elegant home in Rochester.

Our Graduates.

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

F. M. Byron, Eta, '79, has just returned from a flying trip across the Atlantic. As city ticket agent and manager of Chicago office of L. S. & M. S. R. R. he had an unusually hard year's work, and when the tension of extra work was relieved at the close of the World's Fair found himself sadly in need of rest. On the 19th of April Bro. Byron sailed on the French Liner, La Bretagne for Havre. He visited in Paris, Brussels, was present at the opening ceremonies of the Exposition Universale at Antwerp, crossed to London, made a hasty tour through England, to Edinburgh, through the bewitching scenery of The Trossachs to Glasgow, thence to Liverpool, just in time to catch the Etruria bound for New York, which port he reached May 20. This truly flying trip brought to Bro. Byron the rest and recuperation he sought. He is a busy man, but never too busy to give any Theta Delt a royal welcome and secure for him the best services his line offers. Bro. Byron lives at 296 Erie street and does business at 66 S. Clark street.

Rev. Ebenezer Bean, Eta, '57, who in early life was intimately associated with educational work in Maine recently closed a successful pastorate of seventeen years at Gray, Maine. Bro. Bean is a true Theta Delt, as letters recently received from him amply testify. He is a charter member of the charge, and a man whom the present undergraduate members are glad to meet.

Benjamin B. Kingsbury, Eta, '57, another charter member of the charge is practicing law in Defiance, Ohio. In 1862 Bro. Kingsbury received an LL. D. from Harvard. He is well known in Ohio as a successful attorney.

Charles Jenkins Little, Eta, '57, is manager and one of the principal stockholders of the Worcester Woolen Company of Worcester, Mass. At one time Bro. Little was part owner of the Portland *Advertiser* and had James G. Blaine as one of his leading contributors.

Nathaniel R. Webster, Eta, '81, studied law at Gottingen, Germany, but has since abandoned his profession for a business career, and is in an extensive ice corporation.

Rev. Charles L. Nichols, Eta, '57, is another good brother, whose interest in the fraternity does not lessen as years go by. His son, T. S. Nichols, graduated from Bowdoin in 1892, and, of course, was and is a loyal Theta Delt.

Henry Newbegin, Eta, '57, and a charter member of the charge, kindly furnishes many of the facts connected with the establishment of the "Old Eta," which appear elsewhere. His interest in the charge has never slackened, and his three sons have all entered the Theta Delt fold, two in the class of '91 and one in '96. Bro. Newbegin practiced law in partnership with Bro. Kingsbury at Defiance, Ohio, for many years. For several years he was attorney for the B. & O. R. R. for Indiana.

Henry Asa Wing, Eta, '80, has been connected with several of the leading Maine daily papers since graduation, and is favorably known throughout the state as a clear-headed, progressive editor. He is now editor-in-chief of the Lewiston *Sun*, a daily recently established and fast gaining in popularity.

Wilson Névins, Eta, '75, has been teaching almost continuously since graduation, and is now at the Salem, Mass., High School.

Franklin P. Knight, Eta, '84, is principal of the Springvale High School. Bro. Knight is an occasional visitor at the charge hall and is always welcome.

Alvin C. Dresser, Eta, '88, who was last year principal of Bridgton Academy is now at the Harvard Law School.

Frank I. Brown, Eta, '85, was a member of the Bowdoin crew of '85 which won well merited honor for Bowdoin on Lake Quinsigamond. He graduated from the medical school two years ago, and is now practising at South Portland.

Frank W. Alexander, Eta, '85, was also a member of the '85 crew, as well as a good scholar and speaker. He is now teaching at East Providence, R. I.

Frank William Davis, Eta, '85, the third Theta Delt on the crew of that year, graduated from Bangor Theological Seminary two years ago, and is now pastor of the Cumberland Congregational church.

Albert W. Meserve, Eta, '88, is principal of the academy at East Corinth, Maine. Brother Meserve is a frequent visitor to the charge, and as enthusiastic and loyal as ever.

Horace E. Snow, Eta, '83, is a physician and surgeon at Bucksport, Me., and is having good success.

Herbert H. Chase, Eta, '82, is a member of the law firm of Chase & Bixby, Brockton, Mass.

Zachariah W. Kemp, Eta, '84, is Professor of Latin and Greek at the French Protestant college, Springfield, Mass.

Sydney G. Stacy, Eta, '89, is professor in Grinnell College, Iowa.

Oliver R. Cook, Eta, '85, is principal of Thayer Academy, Braintree, Mass.

Herman N. Dunham, Eta, '85, is principal of the Wethersfield, Conn., High School.

Clarence L. Mitchell, Eta, '89, is principal of the Wareham, Mass., High School.

Aretas E. Stearns, Eta, '90, is practising law at Rumford Falls, Me.

Fred W. Dudley, Eta, '91, is principal of the Hollis, N. H., High School.

Chas. H. Hastings, Eta, '91, is at Chicago University.

John R. Horne, Eta, '91, is at Andover Theological Seminary.

Edmund Mortimer Leary, Eta, '91, is lieutenant of the Second U. S. Cavalry.

Frank Durgin, Eta, '92: is studying law at Boston University.

Rev. E. M. Cousins, Eta, '77, is field secretary of Maine Missionary Society. Address is 12 Wescott street, Portland, Maine. He is one of the ablest and most prominent Congregationalists in the state.

J. A. Roberts, Eta, '77, is mentioned for legislative honors in the coming campaign. He represented his town, Norway, Me., in the last legislature. He is president of the Oxford County, Maine, Agricultural Society.

A. C. Shorey, Eta, '88, has recently acquired possession of the *Brunswick (Me.) Telegraph*. He has had considerable experience in newspaper work, and will doubtless produce a paper worthy to represent his college town.

H. L. Lunt, Eta, '85, is now in his second year as Supervising Principal of the schools of Ontario, Col.

C. H. Wardwell, Eta, '85, is a member of Boston University Law School, entering last fall.

A. M. Edwards, Eta, '80, has, according to the *Boston Sunday Journal*, resigned his position as superintendent of the public schools of Pittsfield, Mass., to enter the employ of a New York publishing house.

Gould A. Porter, Eta, '91, is engaged in the lumber business at North Anson, Me., being a member of the firm of Emery, Collins & Co.

Frederick C. Stevens, Eta, '81, is a lawyer at St. Paul, Minn.

Joseph K. Greene, Eta, '77, is practicing law in Worcester, Mass.

Daniel Henry Felch, Eta, '78, is in the law and real estate business at Cheney, Wash.

Frank Winter, Eta, '80, and Walter C. Winter, Eta, '83, are members of a law firm at LaCrosse, Wis.

Henry C. Hill, Eta, '88, is with Ginn & Co.

John F. Libby, Eta, '85, is the law partner of J. E. Hanley, School street, Boston.

Horatio S. Card, Eta, '88, is assistant principal of the Bath, Me., High School.

George A. Ingalls, Eta, '88, is in the insurance and real estate business at No. 209 Washington street, Boston.

Frank K. Linscott, Eta, '88, is a lawyer at No. 85 Devonshire street, Boston.

Charles A. Whittemore, Eta, '76, is teaching in the Central High school, Grand Rapids, Mich., and is curator of the Kent Scientific Institute Museum.

E. H. Sibley, Beta, '80, sends us a little pamphlet of selections from the wise words of Polybius Crusoe Smith Sage, of Cranberry Cross Roads, which reminds us of Petroleum V. Nasby's writings. If Bro. Sibley continues to develop in the same line he will become the rival of Artemus Ward.

W. W. Thomas, Jr., Eta, '60, has been receiving honors abroad, according to the following press dispatch: "Stockholm, May 2.—At the farewell audience which the retiring United States minister, W. W. Thomas, Jr., had of the king to-day, the latter presented Mr. Thomas with a life-sized portrait of himself in colors, quite an unusual honor. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas dined with the king to-night at the royal palace."

W. C. Kendall, Eta, '85, has been connected with the U. S. Fish Commission for a number of years. He has recently been investigating the fishes of the Southwestern U. S., and in connection with Prof. B. W. Everman has published a pamphlet of seventy-two pages, illustrated with forty plates, entitled "Fishes of Texas and Rio Grande Basin." Bro. Kendall has also published articles in the Bulletin of 1894 of the U. S. Fish Commission.

John R. Clark, Eta, '89, is studying medicine at the College of P. & S., New York.

Fred C. Russell, Eta, '89, graduates this month from the Maine Medical school, the medical department of Bowdoin.

Henry W. Webb, Eta, '90, is attending Andover Theological Seminary.

B. D. Ridlon, Eta, '91, graduates from the Maine Medical School this year.

Edward H. Newbegin, Eta, '91, after being admitted to the bar in Ohio last year, forsook the legal profession and last September entered the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, Mass.

George W. Stone, Eta, '72, of Jay, Maine, is mentioned as candidate for State Senator from his county. Bro. Stone is chairman of the Board of Selectmen of his town and has had legislative experience.

Dr. John W. Nichols, Eta, '81, has completed his engagement of two years as physician of the Vermont Keeley Institute at Montpelier, and in May last returned to his former home, Farmington, Me., to engage in general practice. Bro. Nichols has been very successful in his profession, and is one of the best read physicians in his section.

M. P. Frank, Kappa, '65, is one of the candidates for Collector of the Port, of Portland, Me., with the chances in his favor. The present incumbent's term expires in September next.

Frederic C. Allen, Omicron Deuteron, '94, has entered the field of life insurance. He will be associated in the employ of the Northwestern Life with Bertrand A. Smalley, also of Omicron Deuteron, '94.

John H. Bartlett, Omicron Deuteron, '94, has been elected principal of a Portsmouth, N. H., grammar school. Bro. Bartlett will be under the supervision of Bro. James Simpson, Omicron Deuteron, '87.

John P. Gifford, Omicron Deuteron, '94, has entered the Dartmouth Medical College, matriculating for the lecture term which begun in July. Bro. Gifford graduated last June with final honors in Chemistry, receiving a commencement appointment and an election to $\Phi B K$.

Frank A. Griffin, Omicron Deuteron, '94, (non-grad.) is a partner in the firm of Griffin Brothers, lumber dealers, Onset, Mass.

John Morse, Omicron Deuteron, '94, (non-grad.) late of the Cornell Law School, is convalescent after a long and dangerous illness.

Aubrey C. Lewis, Omicron Deuteron, '94, will study law.

Ernest K. Piper, Omicron Deuteron, '94, will study law at the Columbia Law School, Washington, D. C.

Rolla W. Bartlett, Omicron Deuteron, '94, will soon go into business in Eliot, Maine.

Frederic E. Chapin, Omicron Deuteron, '84, has recently been elected principal of the Bellows Falls, Vt., high school.

Jay B. Benton, Omicron Deuteron, '90, for several years connected with the Boston *Transcript* has accepted an editorial position upon the staff of the Boston *Journal*.

Warren F. Gregory, Omicron Deuteron, '88, has been summering in Hanover, N. H.

Walter S. Thompson, Omicron Deuteron, '92, will enter Boston University Law School this fall.

Duncan C. Lee, Psi, '91.—Prof. Lee's first year's work in the department of oratory at Cornell was an eminent success. The University is to be congratulated on the record. Never in the history of Cornell has she had so much to be proud of in the way of public speaking. What the possibilities are of course no one can now foresee, but it is certain Bro. Lee has infused new life into the oratorical work, and during the year

expended every atom of his vital energy in its advancement. We are glad to know the summer vacation has vastly improved his physical condition and he will be able to begin the new year's labor with his usual vim. An extended western pleasure trip and a few week's quiet sojourn at his father's home in Franklinville did it. Success to Bro. Lee. He richly merits it.

Clarence S. Burns, Psi, '95. It will be delightful news to many of the brothers to learn that Bro. Clarence Burns has been found at last. During the summer of 1892, he was canvassing in Watertown, N. Y., in company with Bro. Irwin France, Psi, '95. On the 25th of July he suddenly disappeared and in spite of all the efforts to find him put forth by friends and relatives, his whereabouts remained a mystery until the 1st of August, when George Millner of Stony Creek, Ontario, wrote to his father that his son was with him. It seems that Bro. Burns suffered a sunstroke when he disappeared. This completely unbalanced him for the time and he wandered into Canada, and finally brought up at Mr. Millner's, where he found kind friends. He proved a valuable hand, and the people with whom he was, recognized in him no ordinary laborer. He, however, never told Mr. Millner's people who he was, until recently, when he began to suffer a relapse. His health is very poor and at present he is in a state bordering on nervous prostration. Under the kind and loving care that he is now receiving at his brother's home it is probable that he will in a few months fully regain his health.

H. Grant Person, Iota Deuteron, '91, has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church of Chittanango, N. Y. "Jack", has the reputation of being one of the best preachers in the seminary at Auburn and will undoubtedly be a power in his new field.

Robert B. Perine, Psi, '90, has been called to Sunside, Greene county, N. Y., as pastor of the Presbyterian church. Rumor has it that "Rob" will not set up bachelor's quarters in his new home; but that another will share as well as add to the sunshine of Sunside's sunny manse.

Charles M. Dodge, Psi, '91, was graduated from Auburn Theological Seminary in April, and successfully passed the examination for licenses before the Utica Presbytery. He is now settled over a flourishing church in Oriskany, N. Y. Brother Dodge has had considerable experience as a preacher and the Presbyterian people of Oriskany may well feel proud of securing him and his charming wife for their church.

Edwin Lucius Rice, Psi, '94, may be addressed, Malden, Mass.

Joel J. Squier, Psi, '87, is developing a large law practice as a member of the firm of Smith & Squier, Duluth, Minn.

James D. Rogers, Psi, '89, salutatorian of his class at Hamilton and Fellow in Greek at Columbia College, took the "Doctor's Degree" at the recent commencement and has since sailed for Germany. After studying in Berlin and Halle a few months Dr. Rogers will proceed to Athens,

Greece, where he will be associated with Dr. Merriam in conducting the American school. Many flattering offers came to him but he wishes to further perfect himself in the Greek language before occupying a chair of Greek in this country. With a wonderful record as a student in college and at the University, and as a successful teacher, and with the added prestige and power of foreign travel and study, Professor Rogers may be depended upon to be called to fill a high position upon his return.

Rev. S. W. Brown, Psi, '87, was one of the speakers at the recent *Φ B K* Symposium at Hamilton College. Bro. Brown has gone abroad for the summer.

Rev. W. W. Dawley, Psi, '77, is doing a rousing work as pastor of the First Baptist church of Duluth, Minn.

Rufus S. Green, Psi, '67. Bro. Green has again met a sad bereavement in the sudden death of his aged mother, July 26th, at her home in Elmira. After an illness of only a day she passed away. The body was taken to Buffalo for burial.

Frank G. Smith, Delta, '59, Major Smith has been transferred from Fort Adams, R. I., to Washington, D. C. His present address is 1512 R. street N. W.

J. McBride Sterrett, Chi, '69. A new book entitled "The Ethics of Hegel," has just been issued from the able pen of Rev. J. McBride Sterrett, of Columbian University.

Charles E. Birch, Delta, '92, is Secretary and Treasurer of the Industrial Architectural Iron works in Cincinnati.

Carl H. Corwin, Omicron Deuteron, '87, has for more than a year past been pastor of the Congregational church at Hermosa, Ill. He has received and accepted a call from the First church at Kaukauna, Wis. Bro. Corwin is in the Chicago Theological Seminary and is combining the work of the pastor with his Seminary studies.

John Hay, Zeta, '58. The *Washington Post* of June 1st states that John Hay is expected to return during the month after an absence of more than a year abroad.

A. H. Kimball, Omicron Deuteron, '73. The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* of August 7th publishes a special dispatch stating that Dr. A. H. Kimball died suddenly at his home in Battle Creek, Michigan, August 6th. Bro. Kimball was well known among the medical profession of Michigan. No particulars have yet been received.

J. P. Houston, Omicron Deuteron, '84. Dr. Houston has just been appointed to the chair of electro-therapeutics in the Chicago Polyclinic, a post-graduate medical college.

Charles L. Bullock, Lambda, '89. Bro. Bullock has been attending Madison University for the past year doing post graduate work. He was granted a fellowship in economics at the last commencement.

John M. Comstock, Omicron Deuteron, '77, whose abilities as a statistician rank among the highest, is corresponding secretary of the Congregational Society of the State of Vermont. At its recent general convention Bro. Comstock read a report which called forth the following tribute: "It was a remarkably able paper, marshaling together a variety of facts of great interest."

Hon. John M. Clark, Delta, '56, is vice-president of the Chicago Normal Training School. In his official capacity Bro. Clark presided at the ninth annual commencement exercises of the institution and presented the diplomas to the graduating class.

A. K. Sedgwick, Epsilon Deuteron, '93, is a member of the boat crew of the University of Wisconsin. He is in the law department of that institution. Last winter Bro. S. made the trip with the University glee club. Theta Delta Chi is well represented in this institution.

O. S. Marden, Lambda, '97, is managing the Hotel Manisses, at Block Island this season.

Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68. A revised and enlarged edition of "Paine's Banking Laws," by Willis S. Paine, LL. D., has just been issued. It is a valuable work and an authority in the State of New York.

GOOD CHEER.

Tune—"Yankee Doodle."

Theta Delt's are just in tune,
 When free from mental labors ;
 They 're very straight each day, but moon-
 Light nights enchant their neighbors.
 Study has its just rewards,—
 But smacks of slight taxation ;
 A hocus-pocus time accords
 With well-earned relaxation.
 Keep the star light bright in sight,—
 Remember coming morning !
 The few last hours of night invite
 A nap before the dawning.
 Alma Mater had her day,—
 She's always tender hearted ;
 We pat her on the cheek and say—
 We'll think of you when parted.
 Theta Delt, good Theta Delt,—
 Collegiate or granger !
 With Shield like ours you never felt—
 We know, the slightest danger !

Editorial.

MISFORTUNES never come singly. The editor was sorely tried because the June number was so long delayed. At last when the copy was ready, it was rushed through the press and inadvertently the printers were incorrectly instructed, as a result of which the number of copies printed was not enough to reach all the subscribers. This fact was not discovered till the entire edition had been mailed, when thirty names were left. Every copy was sent out except those regularly reserved for binding. Our exchanges were at once courteously requested to return their extra copies, and as fast as received they will be forwarded to those who were necessarily omitted from the first mailing. Any of the brothers who do not preserve their copies for binding will confer a lasting favor upon the editor by sending back their June number after reading it so that deficiencies can be made up and a few files preserved for new subscribers.

Now the thought which weighs heaviest on the college fraternity man's mind is "rushing." It is the custom to act in haste and repent at leisure. Would that some fraternity law might be enacted which would preclude the admission of a freshman into any society. The result would be a boon to all fraternities and do away entirely with the misfortunes which must necessarily attend the hasty action which is called for by present methods. It is hardly possible that such a condition will be reached, this side of the millenium, so it becomes a present duty to caution the charges about too much haste, and advise more discretion. A copied article in Editorial Notes is commended to the careful attention of every active member. It is far better for the best interest of any charge to take but one man, than having taken a dozen to find one poor one in the lot. It takes but a trifling discordant element to

stir up sufficient sedition to kill the life of the very best charge in the fraternity. We urge upon you the importance of using the utmost discretion in selecting new men. Establish a high standard. Do not judge a man by his wealth, or good looks. Because a man has on good clothes do not argue by analogy that his character is above reproach. First of all look into his past history and family record. If you find that any alumnus lives in the same town or vicinity, write to him, for his home record. This is a most important duty which every charge owes to its alumni. It does not make any difference whether the alumnus is a member of your college or some other. He is a Theta Delt and as such is bound in self-protection to give you the best he knows. Just remember that you owe it to the alumnus from another standpoint. He was a Theta Delt long before you dreamed of the fraternity. Theoretically it is by his sufferance that you are a member and privileged to enjoy its advantages. As a matter of fact you have no well-defined right to take in a man from any town where a *graduate* Theta Delt lives without first having consulted him and obtained his approval of your choice. Such action would very often have saved all the trouble which has arisen in the past from mistakes in selection. Usually first appearances are deceptive, and this is more than true of college freshmen. They are continually under an unnatural restraint during their first term. Everything is new and strange. The lofty attitude of the upper classmen has a peculiar effect upon the innocent freshman. He appears about as the bashful young man for the first time present at a society reception. These and other conditions make it peculiarly difficult to form an accurate estimate of a freshman even upon what college men call intimate acquaintance. Very often the most awkward man in a class will develop into brilliancy before he has completed his course. His home record, therefore, is the only safe guide to quick judgment. You can safely calculate if a boy is well thought of at home by his companions, and moves in the best circles there, that he will make a record which will do the charge similar credit in college. There is another point which while it does not have so direct a bearing on the "rushing" question, has a

very decided influence on the after growth of the initiate as well as the alumnus. It is to be presumed that the graduate resident is a man of standing, and often prominence in his home community. A charge without consulting him initiates a student who lives in the same place. He is not of the character and standing which is acceptable to the alumnus, Naturally when this student comes home for his vacation the graduate brother fails to "warm up" and extend the fraternal greeting implied in membership. He cannot be blamed, because he has had no opportunity of expressing his disapproval before election. The result is disgust and alienation on the part of the graduate, and soon disappointment to the student who naturally expected to be received with open arms. It works to the disadvantage of the entire fraternity on both sides. Much of the graduate coldness now existing in all fraternities is due to this very factor. Theta Delta Chi has less of it than most societies. Her alumni are intensely loyal, but the editor knows that many of them have had their love sorely wounded by this very thing. Let the year 1894-95 witness a change. Think more about the loyal graduates at home who stand ready and more than willing to help any charge in their work. Did you ever stop to think what the standing of Theta Delta Chi would be if you were to eliminate her alumni? Who is it that spreads abroad the glory of the fraternity? Certainly not the boys in college, because they are yet unknown to the world. There is still another reason which must not be lost sight of. Some of the best material for fraternity membership cannot be obtained because the fathers are opposed to their sons joining a college society. A resident alumnus can do more with a refractory father in ten minutes than his son can in years. Many fathers have not been college men, and naturally they possess "the public antipathy" which is often hard to remove. When such a man is approached by the graduate Theta Delt he will listen to reason and be easily convinced. We have it on good authority that the fathers of several Theta Delt were induced to give consent to their sons joining the fraternity from perusing *THE SHIELD*. That is good so far as it goes, but personal contact is better. It has been many years since the editor did

any rushing, and in those days there was not so much competition. Fraternities were much less in number and of better general standing. It was harder work, perhaps, in some ways, there was less material to select from, but always of the best character. Then boys went to college to get an education, while in the present day many go because "it is the proper thing." This makes the work more hazardous. If we were in college now, our first step would be to get the name and home address of every new student. This list would be carefully scanned to see if any one lived in the same town where one or more graduates lived. If so we should make it our first duty to write EVERY graduate brother living in the town for the pedigree of the young man. If the report came back satisfactory, in every particular, then we should strike out to capture the victim, whether he were rich or poor, handsome or homely. If the report were adverse then his name would be crossed off from the list. Systematic work like this would be safe and effective, both for the present and future. Think about these things, boys, and don't forget the absent brothers who love the fraternity quite as much as you do, and are just as anxious for the prosperity of *your* charge as any one of its members.

READERS will notice the absence of charge letters in this number. This is through no fault of the charge editors. The June SHIELD contained the letters which would naturally have appeared in this issue. Vacation intervening, there would be nothing to write about. It has seemed a good opportunity to insert in their stead some of the articles which were written by different fraternity editors for the Columbian Congress. It was our original intention to publish them as they appeared, but there has never seemed to be sufficient space for them. It is not to be assumed that the editor approves of all or any of the ideas advanced by any reprints. They are published as a part of the general fraternity education which a Greek magazine should impart. It is never fair to give simply one side of a story. If both have a hearing then the fair-minded collegian can judge for himself whether he will approve of a fraternity

or not. Likewise fraternity men should know opposing arguments so as to combat them. The SHIELD never excludes an article which argues against the fraternity system, but aims to publish such for the purpose of giving answering arguments. These remarks do not refer to the particular articles published in this issue but to any which appear in the SHIELD from time to time.

THIS number of the SHIELD will reach many Theta Deltas who are not regular subscribers. Just look it all through carefully and then consider whether it would not be well worth the small subscription price to you. Don't you like to read over the personal information concerning your old chums? Don't you think you can afford to contribute the small sum of Two Dollars per year toward maintaining the best fraternity journal published? Even if you are not particularly interested in it, you certainly must be in the fraternity. There is nothing which contributes so much to the general good of the fraternity at large as its periodical, but sad to relate it can not exist without a good subscription list. Your subscription is only one, and may seem of little importance in your eyes, but when you stop to think of it, if every one thought so and no one subscribed it is easy to surmise the fate of the SHIELD. Do you want it to succumb, or do you expect the editor to do all the work of making up and issuing it, and pay for it himself beside? Now the fact is that this present number costs the editor the sum of one hundred dollars above the pro rata subscription list income. This amount was paid for the work on the Eta article. No two such numbers as the March and September issues have ever been issued by any fraternity. We regret to announce that this is the last year of service of the present editor, unless there is a large accession to the subscription list to meet the expense of getting out the kind of journal which we desire to publish. Now can you not add your name to the list as a permanent subscriber?

THE Convention is coming on apace and it is time for the charges to begin to direct their thoughts to any matters which

are of general interest so that delegates may be instructed. The editor wishes careful consideration of the SHIELD subject. This Convention must make some change. It is but fair to present in advance the ideas which we intend to promulgate, so that delegates may be prepared to act intelligently. It is not possible to publish a magazine such as that of the present year and furnish to the active members at a subscription price of one dollar, because the actual cost of printing the four numbers exceeds that sum very materially. Now when the additional cost of half-tone plates, postage, letter-writing and a hundred other incidentals are taken into account, the small margin of profit on the graduate subscriptions and advertisements is not sufficient to meet the double loss, and the result is a shortage which the editor is called upon to meet. Now if the price was two dollars uniformly there would not be any trouble about continuing the SHIELD and still have a small margin left for labor. The charges are asked to consider the question. Are the members willing to contribute two dollars each to the SHIELD and have it continue under present management? Some change which will increase the income must be made. The vital energies of the editor are on the wane and clerical help must be employed to do much of the detail work, Such an increase would go far to make the journal entirely self-supporting. This, or else the SHIELD must be restricted in its matter to fit its present income. What do you think? Be ready to act on it through your delegates.

THE SHIELD regrets its inability to publish accounts of the numerous charge banquets and reunions. Somehow the boys seem to forget about sending any notes of those gatherings to the editor, and yet possibly some of them feel a little disappointed because they see no account in the SHIELD. It is your own fault, boys. The brief mention we are able to make of the Chi banquet is based upon information given by Bro. W. S. Paine in a letter sent from Sweden. It traveled a long way to get here.

THERE is a way in which the brothers could aid the SHIELD materially and at the same time benefit themselves. The editor has on hand a large number of complete volumes of the SHIELD—especially of the later years, some bound and many unbound. These are entirely worthless except to subscribers who wish to complete their files. If you consider the SHIELD good enough to read it is certainly valuable to preserve. Each year it will become more valuable. Why not complete your set as far as possible? Such as are in supply we will be glad to supply at \$1.00 per volume unbound or \$2.00 bound. Volume 5 is the oldest one which any one can now procure. Volume 7 can only be supplied in bound form and there are but few copies left. Of the others we have an abundance. If the brothers would complete their sets the funds resulting therefrom would be of material aid in supplying the wherewith to complete the present volume in good shape.

THE next Convention will be held in New York City, Nov. 27th and 28th. At this writing it is impossible to give detailed information, as arrangements have not been perfected. The date, however, is fixed by general custom. If graduate brothers will bear it in mind and make an effort to attend they will enjoy it. Of late years a number of the older graduates have attended and revived their old-time love for the fraternity. There is nothing so inspiring to the old members as to see such an array of the boys and witness their expressions of pleasure at the presence of the older ones. We urge upon graduates the duty which they owe the active members. Prove by your presence at the Convention that there is something in the fraternity which abides with all its members as long as life lasts. One of the pleasantest experiences of the year is the Convention. We hope to see you there this year.

THE song book being issued by Bro. S. E. Barrett, of the Chi, is in the hands of the printer and will be out of press about September 20. A description of the book can better be made after the work is in our hands. We are quite sure it

will be something in advance of any song book ever issued by the fraternity. It will contain about seventy-five songs, all set to music. The issue is limited and nearly if not entirely ordered already. Those who wish to secure a copy would do well to address Bro. Barrett at South Alabama, N. Y., at once.

FREQUENT communications and kind remembrances from Bro. Willis S. Paine indicate that he is having a delightful trip in the old world. He returns to this country in October and will greet the boys at Convention. If there ever was a man filled to overflowing with love for Theta Delta Chi, that man is Bro. Paine.

MUCH credit is due to the brothers who have labored so faithfully to compile the article on the Eta charge which appears in this number. If the SHIELD continues under the present management more of the same kind will follow in subsequent issues. Several charges already have histories in preparation which will be published as fast as they are completed. As the years roll by these published histories will become valuable. Every charge should write a complete history from its birth. It is an easy task now, but ten or twenty years hence it would be impossible.

Editorial Notes and Comments.

HOW TO RUSH.

Much is said about the college friendship and it is just the most natural thing in the world that strong friendship should grow up between college girls, friendship which I assure you will not end at graduation day. But it is folly to think that such friendships can be the result of a few weeks impatient forcing at the beginning of the year, when the unsophisticated freshman, amid all the bewilderment of new surroundings and new duties, finds herself the object of interest of such devoted girls who hardly give her time to sleep, and surely not enough to look around and choose her friends for herself. *It is this hot-headed rushing that is bringing trouble to fraternities generally, disturbing their harmony within and bringing criticism from without.*

A fraternity is a society whose members have been invited to join because it is the wish of the society to have them and not as the result of the efforts of the individual. This puts the necessity of taking the initiative on the society. I see no way but that we must rush. But does that mean that we shall approach the attractive young lady as though we were a marshalled army and monopolize her to the exclusion of all others?

This method with all its details I need not tell you more of, for it is too familiar an occurrence in colleges where rivalry is sharp and the pledges are made in a few short weeks. You say we "just have to do it," *but have you counted the cost?*

It is most unjust to the girl who is rushed. You not only take her time and assume to impose your company on her while other girls might be much more to her taste, but it sometimes happens that girls are rushed in this way and then dropped. If you entertain extensively you put the girl under several obligations which she may feel that she cannot repay.

It is narrowing to the girl who works this way. If girls could only be college women first of all and try to find something good in all rather than all good in a few.

Any organization which does not fit the individual to get more and give more to all around him, is narrowing.

And then *does this kind of work help the cause of fraternity?* Does it carry the fraternity idea? I think rather it harms them and has made them the object of criticism. Shall we not take warning at this criticism?

The details of rushing must be left to each chapter to decide, for they must vary with the college and every individual. But there are some

general things to be mindful of. Be considerate of the girl you are rushing. Study her tastes and find out the things which give her the most enjoyment and then help her to get them. If you have no common interest then your society does not want her and she does not want you. You cannot afford to let your college work suffer, this for your own sake and for the standing of your fraternity. Take plenty of time. I should like to see the time when it was not considered good form to make pledges until the middle of the college year, or better still, until the Sophomore year. Then would the friendships formed be more natural and therefore more lasting.

One last word, however you rush, be womanly, do nothing under the name of the fraternity which you would criticise in another woman.—The Arrow.

The above is from the *Trident*, copied by that journal from the *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi. We had contemplated writing an editorial on this subject, but this article just seems to cover the entire subject in such a lofty womanly way, exhibiting so much purity and nobility throughout, that we desire to present it for the consideration of the charges as exactly our view concisely expressed. The italics are ours. Let every brother carefully weigh these thoughts. What is good for girls is just as applicable to boys.

HOW TO RAISE FUNDS.

Much has been written in recent years in regard to chapter houses and the chief element of all discussions has been how best to raise the funds for their construction. Many plans have been suggested. The SHIELD has had little to say on the subject because it seemed too large. Without a clear conception of the ways and means whereby any plan suggested could come to a practical conclusion, it has seemed best to let the subject alone. It is not our purpose now to take up the question in the abstract, because it is our belief that anything in this connection has local rather than general application. Chapter houses are good things in their proper place, but it can not safely be said that they should exist at all institutions. So long as the dormitory system is maintained by any college chapter houses are more or less antagonistic to the best interests of that institution and would be opposed by the faculty.

The time has hardly arrived when it would be wise to attempt any move against the regular policy of such institutions, and the SHIELD may be recorded as opposed to chapter houses wherever dormitory systems prevail. In any institution where no obstacle presents itself and the charge can handle the problem successfully, then a chapter house should exist. The standing of a fraternity is not, however, in any degree affected by the greater or less number of houses it owns or rents than a man is inherently affected by the clothes he wears.

Granted, however, that a house is in order, then the first question which merits consideration is, can sufficient money be raised to build it? The age of the charge has a material bearing on this point. It would not be good business policy to attempt the construction of a house on "wind." A major portion of the money should be in hand before actual building operations begin. It must necessarily consume considerable time to collect sufficient funds. Many ideas of good ways for doing this have been suggested, which are more or less open to question. At the present time the idea seems to prevail that some plan similar to the building and loan societies can be made a successful means of accumulating the necessary funds. This idea would seem to imply that the burden of raising the bulk of the fund was to be placed upon the undergraduates or active members. The SHIELD believes it to be the duty of the graduate members to bear the burden of building. It is not just to saddle so much expense on the undergraduates. It is this fact which incites in many parents antagonism to fraternities. Of course if there be active members who have plenty of cash, and willing parents join in their desire to appropriate it to the building of a chapter house, then no objection can be raised to as large contributions as such brothers may see fit to make. This theory of a necessity bars out any but old chapters, unless the graduate members of other charges see fit to contribute. We believe it is right, however. The fraternity which boasts of its chapter houses as a factor in its general standing does not exhibit good taste. There seems to be a strife among many societies to excel in the number and elegance of their chapter houses. Let it be noted that men and not

houses, make a fraternity what it is. But to go back to the original subject, the building and loan plan does not seem to furnish a solution of the problem. The writer is thoroughly familiar with the workings of the societies. He has been a director in one association for twelve years and founded another seven years ago which has grown to large proportions. They serve their particular purpose admirably. We speak of local associations. We are not a believer in the national plan. Now it would hardly be possible for a chapter to organize an association. The money it takes in must be loaned to earn interest, and the detail work would at once bar it out. The only plan which would have the least show of success would be this. The fraternity as a whole might organize and incorporate a building and loan society for the purpose of loaning money to chapters for constructing houses, but even then no dividends could be expected from the investment, and as for recovering the principal, that could never be thought of. If enough men can be found who are willing to subscribe for shares, and by extending small payments over a considerable period, put in a sum (which is literally a contribution to the cause) sufficient to construct all the chapter houses needed, then we are in favor of such a plan, otherwise there seems to be no practical way of utilizing the system. Really, the best way is that of securing enough subscriptions to guarantee the success of the effort and then build a house.

FRATERNITY ANTAGONISM.

In the Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record* of May appears in the editorial department the following :

"Professor C. A. Blanchard, of Wheaton College, delivered a lecture entitled 'The Search Light on Oath-Bound Secrecy,' in a Chicago church on February 19th. It was a scathing arraignment of secret societies from a sectarian standpoint. The professor's chief objections to secret orders are, he says, that they materially affect ecclesiastical and civil government and that they link together Christians and unchristian people. He declares that they work a positive evil both to his fellow man and to the religion of Jesus Christ."

The editor proceeds to give some very close-fitting arguments to this autocratic lecturer. Among them are these :

"Let us see. It was the Nazarene himself, who dined with publicans and kept company with sinners. It was the founder of Christianity who first linked the just with the unjust without fear of taunt. He exhorted his followers to follow boldly. His religion is positive and aggressive. When christianity becomes so puerile and selfish that its life depends on isolation ; whenever its tenets strike at the brotherhood of man, then will mankind know that it is dead and none of Christ's, for he lived with and loved and helped his fellow man.

It was the Pharisee who lived unto himself. Perhaps he preserved his predetermined predilections—it is no trouble to grow selfish, shallow and hide-bound. He may have saved his soul. But it is quite sure that the Pharisee never felt the exultant joy of kinship with God through the brotherhood of man, nor knew the quickening of a love for the human kind. In that he was not of Christ. The wish of Goethe, 'O that I might take the great world to my breast and kiss it!' is the soul of christendom.

Men linked in the holy alliance for the spread of philanthropy, for the exemplification of grand truths, for the practice of the charities, need not fear that they abridge the influence of Christ. Oath-bound as our ritual may be, as solemn as is the obligation to enact its precepts, search lights of inquiry reveal no wrong principle and criticism shows no inherent evil to God or man."

In the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* for June under the title "What Constitutes an Ideal Fraternity Man," we find another mind giving out opinions which are peculiarly apropos to this same subject :

"It seems at times that the majority of the Greek-letter fraternities have lost sight entirely of the meaning of the word 'fraternity,' and its real significance, in obtaining new men. *Athletes, prize-winners and book-worms* seem to have essential characteristics of an ideal fraternity man to most Greeks.

I have nothing but words of praise for these accomplishments. Our beloved fraternity has her share of these talented men. Beta Zeta is well represented, but my point is that one must possess some other characteristic than being a great athlete, a rich son, or a profound scholar to be an ideal fraternity man. Now, the Greek-letter fraternity is attacked on the ground of its secrecy and is even called un-Christian-like because it takes into its confidence the *few*, and discards the *many*. But God has created men with such a variety of dispositions that it is almost impossible for some men to come into close fellowship with each other. We must have unity ; in an ideal fraternity she demands this of us. 'In

Unity there is strength,' and in this case, moral, spiritual strength. If we are to have an ideal fraternity, we must have ideal men to constitute that fraternity, for a fraternity is what its members are. Then our aim must be to select those and only those men who are congenial, and who possess the essential qualities of good temper, kindness, usefulness, gentleness, generosity, courtesy, sincerity, and love. Add to these as many accomplishments as you may, the more the better, but these we must have in an ideal fraternity man. Men possessing these qualities abound in all colleges throughout the land."

Every little while some crank must speak his little piece and fire off his great load of suppressed indignation at something he knows nothing about. As the un-Christian man knows not whereof he speaks when he rails at religion because forsooth some church member has gone astray, so the college neutral vents his spleen on the fraternity system, because he has not been fortunate enough to be "bid," and rejoices in holding up to the gaze of the world the one "fraternity sinner," while the ninety and nine good men are lost sight of. When fraternity men themselves begin to decry the system then it will be time to look into it. So long, however, as we have distinguished clergymen, college professors and indeed men of every profession, who are themselves members of fraternity organizations, upholding the fraternity idea and zealously defending it we need not be discouraged at the ranting of Professor Blanchard and others of the same order. You can always safely wager that they are disaffected neutrals or natural cranks.

FRATERNITY HONOR.

The writing of an exchange comment on secret publications of other fraternities brings to mind a subject on which we desire to make a few remarks. It is strange that nothing has been written on it by others, so far as our knowledge goes, but that fact does not prevent a ventilation of our ideas on the subject. In the days when the writer was a college boy nothing seemed so to gratify the highest ambition of a chapter of any fraternity as the obtaining, by any sort of foul means, of the constitution or any other secret document of a rival fraternity. The boys seemed to lay awake nights making plans to raid the

rooms of some rival fraternity, and when the prize was secured to pass it around from one chapter to another. We had some personal experience. One day, just after supper, when nearly every one was on the campus playing ball, some miscreants from another society broke the lock of the writer's room door, pried off the lock from his trunk and rummaged the contents till they found what they wanted. In less than half an hour the theft was discovered. Fortunately for us the instrument used in prying the door open was an old screw driver which every one in college was familiar with and it was traced at once to the guilty party. The case was put into the hands of a bright lawyer and in less than six hours every thing was discovered and returned under our threat of immediate prosecution. This anecdote is merely given to prove that we have positive knowledge that such things do exist and that the boys will not hesitate to go to positive criminal action to secure the coveted prize. Our belief is that all fraternities should entertain a sacred regard for the possessions and secrets of their rivals. The writer, if he were to find the constitution of any other fraternity lying in the road, as soon as he should discover it to be such, would as soon cut off his right hand as to read one line of its contents. He would regard it more sacredly than any document of his own fraternity, and endeavor to restore it to its rightful owners at the earliest possible moment. This course in regard to any of the secret archives of any society, constitutes true fraternity honor. We assume that no active member of Theta Delta Chi, would steal his brother's pocket book, or for that matter even any person's. He might as well do that, however, as to secure by any sort of clandestine means, any secret document of a rival fraternity. There is just as much dishonor in one as in the other, and the culprit in either case is just as liable in the eyes of the law. Some may not have regarded it in this light, but it is the solemn truth. We hope that any fraternity man, be he Theta Delt or a rival, whose eyes shall meet this article will be imbued with the spirit which shall lead him to possess the same sacred regard for the rights of any other fraternity which he should and probably does possess for his own. If you know that such

documents are in possession of any of your brothers do not rest until you induce them to return them to the rightful owners. Let it never be said of a Theta Delt that he has put his hand on such an unholy thing. If you possess a sacred regard for the rights and archives of other fraternities you will also entertain the same regard for your own. Be as honorable in this regard as you would at home.

THE ADVANTAGES OF NON SECRECY.

We publish in this number an article under the above title. It is not our purpose to criticize this article. It is not difficult for any clear-headed fraternity man to recognize the effort of a *non-secret* society man to prove, by apparently plausible argument that his education in that line is the true education. An article which appeared in the *Key* some time ago contains an argument which shatters the whole text of this anti-secret article. Speaking of the action of the Chicago University faculty on the fraternity question, the editor says :

"The element of secrecy, which we understand was considered by them to be the most objectionable feature of fraternity life, is one which may easily be productive of evil results, but the same may be said of whatever can be made a source of power, and the element of mystery certainly is such a source. As such, however, it is our belief that it can be made a far more powerful instrument for good than it is for evil."

Here comes the knock down argument in a single paragraph :

"Whether, however, it is or is not a desirable element, it is one which appeals very strongly to a something—call it a weakness if you will—deep seated in human nature. History shows that mystery adds strength to an organization, be the organization social, political or religious. It rests with the organization as to how that strength shall be employed."

Exchange Cleanings.

[Our exchanges are requested to send three copies of their journal in one wrapper to Clay W. Holmes, Elmira, N. Y. In return we will send three copies wherever requested.]

The editor desires to express his appreciation of the courtesy extended by the exchange editors who so kindly returned their extra copy of the June SHIELD, and to thank them for thus helping him out of the unpleasant dilemma, resulting from a stupid mistake caused by too much business.

The June number of the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* completes the fourteenth volume, and is the final work of the veteran editor C. S. Van Cleve. The main article in this number is the editor's World's Fair paper on The American College Fraternity System, which is published entire in this number. The editorials naturally refer chiefly to the editor's retirement. Among other things he says :

We ought, perhaps, as some slight return for the kind words which our contemporaries have universally offered upon our retirement from the editorship of this magazine, to offer a parting greeting to them.

We cannot say "Good-bye, old friends," for you are for the most part new, and those of you who are older have not been altogether friendly to *The Shield*; but despite all the unnecessary, not to say ill-tempered criticism to which the present management of *The Shield* has been subjected, we have, on the whole, received our just meed of praise at your hands.

When it is once fairly understood that our ideals are radically different, and that from the beginning we have steadfastly believed and practiced the doctrine "*The Shield* for Phi Kappa Psi," all necessity for comment, favorable or unfavorable, passes away, and the so-called Exchange Departments are the veriest "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

We have taken pride in being the veteran editor of Greekdom, which may, perhaps, explain in some measure our indifference, not to say contempt, for the supercilious comments of untried fledglings upon our work. But all this is by the by.

It has been amusing, fellow workers in Greek-journalism, to be scored for devoting ourselves persistently to Phi Kappa Psi,—the very thing we

prided ourself upon and that which we thought you ought to concern yourself about, namely, your own fraternities, rather than spending your time on labor that was naught when it was done.

But with all this, it is a genuine pleasure to bid you God-speed in your work, having lived through the halcyon days of *Eatenswill Gazette* journalism to the present era of semi-respectful comity, and to express the hope that our refusal to call names under the caption "Exchange Department" has contributed somewhat, if only negatively, to bring about this new spirit of better feeling.

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In 1885, when about to retire from the unsalaried editorship of *The Shield*, the proposition was made at the Columbus G. A. C. to pay a salary to the present incumbent, but to continue the plan of making the publishing chapter the business managers of the journal. With courtesy, but firmly, the proposition was then declined, as in New York in 1894, because we believed and still believe that no freedom nor authority can be successfully maintained with a divided responsibility.

In 1886, at Indianapolis, the G. A. C. unanimously indorsed the editor's position, and upon motion of Bro. E. C. Little, the retiring editor, unanimously called upon us to assume the new and grave duties of Editor and Publisher.

For seven years, since April, 1887, we have pursued a Phi Kappa Psi policy in publishing *The Shield*, and, it scarcely need be attested, with the hearty approval of the fraternity.

Causes which compelled us to discontinue our labors in 1885 again prevail, and we yield *The Shield* to other hands, confident that we have betrayed no trust nor squandered any opportunity to truly represent Phi Kappa Psi.

The sequel will prove that the editor and publisher must be the same person, and that he is entitled to receive a liberal reward, both of gratitude and *gelt*.

It has always been our belief that the editor should publish—and we ask readers of the SHIELD to treasure up these remarks for the next convention, when the writer may have occasion to refer to them. In bidding farewell to Bro. Van Cleve we wish for his successor, the support and encouragement of Phi Kappa Psi, and assure him that he has our sympathy and kind wishes for success in the journalistic field.

The subject of paramount interest in the June number of the *Palm* is what might be called Alpha Tau Omega ethics, though it appears under different titles. The conservative and the liberal policy in regard to extension finds each its advocate, while

an editorial on the same subject indicates that Bro. Ehle occupies a safe and dignified position upon the fence. But in an article addressed to "Alumni, New and Old," he advances most clear and positive ideas, which are worthy the consideration of any fraternity man, no matter what badge he wears :

Last June considerable space was devoted to a consideration of the duty of those who have ceased to be active members of the fraternity to continue their support of its interests. If loyalty shall cease with the conclusion of the college course, then the time has come to close the records of Alpha Tau Omega and disrupt its organization. Inevitably, weakness and dismemberment, resulting in the establishment of disconnected local clubs, must follow on the failure of alumni to devote attention to their fraternity and advance her principles. * * * * *

Let us consider in what ways an alumnus may be helpful to his fraternity and himself.

There can be no question that its magazine is a feature of the most vital importance to every fraternity. It is its mouthpiece, and should be its pride. * * * It is imperative that our fraternity should not fall behind in the march of progress. The *Palm* must be kept at the very forefront of the column. That is what every Alpha Tau desires, and it lies with each and every Alpha Tau to bring this about. We have asserted time and time again that the ideal *Palm* must represent every chapter and every brother. But, if graduates are to cut themselves off from active work for their fraternity as soon as their college careers are ended, if they are to resign themselves to the enjoyment of the benefits of fraternity membership, without assuming any of the duties which it implies, then our conception must, indeed, remain an ideal.

The first great duty which devolves upon members, active and alumni, is the duty to support the *Palm*. As to active members, this is a duty which must be enforced ; and as to alumni, it is a duty whose performance should be pleasant and profitable. The burden is, indeed, a light one, but the responsibility is grave. * * * *Every alumnus should subscribe for the Palm.* It is the only way in which he can keep in touch with the fraternity to which he has pledged faith in no weak terms.

Furthermore, it is the duty of the alumnus to contribute in a literary way to the support of the *Palm*. If he can do no more, let him at least contribute personals in regard to himself. He should be on the lookout for items of interest to the fraternity. We insist, *every Alpha Tau is directly responsible for the Palm.*

The matter of the formation of alumni associations is one which should meet with more general attention. * * * In this way only can alumni bring their influence to bear effectively on the policy of the fraternity. We believe that the sentiments of alumni associations are apt to be particularly weighty, as they necessarily voice many different chapters. * *

We believe that the only fraternity worthy of existence is one which is live, active, progressive and truly expressive of the principles on which it is founded; but a fraternity is just what its members make it, and unless they are loyal, watchful and enthusiastic, membership in it confers no privilege, and entails no honor. We exhort alumni to take a deeper interest in their fraternity, to put more of their better selves into it, and assure them that the benefits which will accrue to them will be such as will never cause them to regret their activity.

There are other articles of sterling merit, which we make extracts from in other departments. Taken all in all the June *Palm* is a most interesting number, and even above the usual excellence of this good magazine, if that can be possible.

The editor of the D. K. E. *Quarterly* congratulates himself upon having in the May number "thirty-five chapter letters out of a chapter roll of thirty-five, reports from fourteen alumni associations and alumni news from all quarters." It is certainly a good showing and makes a full, strong D. K. E. number, but it is D. K. E. from cover to cover, there is no room for the discussion of questions of general fraternity interest, and very little for editorials. It is to be regretted, however, that in "Greek Clippings" room is found for a fling at Theta Delta Chi, which appeared in the January number of Beta Theta Pi, but not for the refutation which appeared in the March number of the SHIELD. Not only does slander wear seven league boots and get over the country at a tremendous rate of speed, but this particular little bit of spitefulness seems to be extremely long lived.

Two stories are told of Dekes, which we reproduce simply because they so well illustrate the true spirit which exists in every fraternity, and which every Greek takes pleasure in recognizing, whether the magic badge be his own or some other. The first is told of the late Senator Irwin:

A year ago a severe political contest took place in the city of Albany. The fight between the leaders was a sharp, but courteous one; the fight between their followers was a sharp one that was not so courteous. When the battle closed and the terms of peace were being arranged, the principal actors discovered that they were brothers in *ΔΚΕ*. From that moment all feeling of unpleasantness passed away, and a loyal follower gave to his leader an unmitigated, unwavering and unqualified support. After-

ward, another contest of a like kind took place, of which you may possibly have heard ; but in this latter contest the one who was the contestant of a year ago was the unwavering friend and lieutenant of the victor of the present.

The other dates back to the civil war :

Finally, after a picture of the grand reunion of Eta after the war, when she called together her young sons and battle-scarred veterans, who sat together in the chapter hall until some thoughtless individual flung open the blind and the morning sunlight, streaming in, broke up the reunion, one of those historic revellers was called upon to tell the story again. Col. Blackford, for he was the man, exhibited the battered diamond pin which had been placed upon his vest in the year of our Lord 1856, in Eta, and told how, in the course of an active war experience "on our misguided side," it had three times served as a protector, and how, but for its gleam at Chancellorsville, the association would have been spared his eloquence.

The May number of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record* indicates that the new editor, H. C. Burger, of Boston, is settling right down to business in earnest. He gives a number of much interest to all. A new chapter has been instituted at the Worcester, Mass., Polytechnic Institute. Illustrations of the institution and the chapter are given. Editorially he makes the following remarks about their secret publication :

"Sigma Alpha Epsilon has had two years experience in publishing a secret journal to discuss questions of fraternity policy, methods and means to attain desired ends. Going only into the hands of members of the Fraternity, there has been no necessity for aught but clear, pointed arguments. Such, it has proven are just what we most need, and the Fraternity is in much better condition to-day as a result of the plain, unvarnished articles which have been published within the last two years. It has enabled us the better to unite on plans of work, and has served an invaluable purpose in systematizing work and in checking a tendency to hasty legislation. The title page, from the very first issue, has borne the words which fully state its mission : 'A secret quarterly bulletin for the conservation of energy, comparison of methods and propagation of new ideas.' As far as the objects striven for are concerned it has been a grand success.

Previous to the birth of *The Hustler* Sigma Chi had published a secret quarterly bulletin. *The Hustler* was designed to consist of a very few pages, but up to date it has been a magazine, averaging over thirty octavo pages to the issue. Certainly that is not a bulletin ; it is more than it was designed to be. It is in no way a rival of *The Record*, but has served to strengthen the latter."

Several other fraternities publish a similar organ in connection with their regular journal or devote one issue of the regular periodical to a similar purpose. Of course, these publications are kept carefully out of sight of "foreigners," so we can not form anything but an idea as to what they really are. On first thought such publications might be a good thing. Theta Delta Chi, has never attempted to issue any. We do not believe that they are in the long run of advantage. If circulated at all, even within the confines of the various chapters there is danger of their meeting the argus eyes of outsiders. College boys are careless on general principles and such publications being more or less circulated among themselves the secret facts will cease to be regarded as sacredly as the same would be if communicated in the old way; hence, the publications themselves will not be as closely guarded. This objection would not prevail to the same extent if "Fraternity honor" was as much respected as it should be.

Descriptions and pictures of Vanderbilt University seem to spring up perennially in the fraternity journals. The latest instance is *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, the July number of which gives a brief history of the University and of the chapter there, with several illustrations. The leading article, however, is a very interesting sketch of the college of William and Mary. Probably no college in the country has been so mixed up with the fortunes of war as this, and the story of its ups and downs, from the time the hopes of the Virginians, for a school devoted to higher education and the education and conversion of the Indians, were nipped in the bud by a massacre by the Indians, who apparently did not appreciate these benevolent institutions, down through the troublous times of the Revolution and Civil War is graphically told. An institution enriched with history and tradition such as William and Mary enjoys, must, it would seem, always command respect, even with this end-of-the-century people. We smile at her endowment from her namesakes of one thousand, nine hundred and eighty-five pounds, fourteen shillings and tenpence, but

we cannot smile at the parent chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, nor at the honored names upon her rolls, at George Washington as chancellor, nor at the President of later years, who in its days of suspension caused the college bell to be rung at the beginning of each collegiate year, to remind the people "that although forgotten and neglected, William and Mary could not die."

Beta Theta Pi for May and June completing vol. 21 are before us. The May number gives a history of Knox College, with several good half-tone views. The Covington Dinner and a speech on "The Fraternity and Conscience," which by the way contains many beautiful expressions, go to make up the general matter. The June number gives a history of Dickinson College with several views. The portraits of the chiefs of the nine districts of the fraternity also appear in this number. The editorials would seem to indicate a difference of opinion in the fraternity as to the number of chapters. Some feel that they have already too many, while the editor thinks not. This is an internal question which might better be discussed in their secret issue. The exchange notes are brief but tempered with the most graceful courtesy. We find the following expressive note, which will be gratifying to our readers :

"The March number of the SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi has a fine article of sixty-one pages in relation to Dartmouth College and its chapter there. It is illustrated with photos. of groups of members, of the chapter rooms and of various views around the college, including a fine half-tone general view, and one of Dartmouth Hall. Had we the space, we should try and borrow from friend Holmes some of the good things he prints and shows concerning this college, which is of interest to our fraternity as well as his own. This is a model number of a magazine that has done much to raise both the mechanical and the intellectual standard of the fraternity press.

The editor feels that the last sentence is the most complimentary notice ever received by THE SHIELD. We certainly have endeavored to do nothing which would belittle the dignity of the Greek Press, and thank Editor Brown for his kind words.

We are at a loss to understand how it is that fraternities of such age and numerical strength as Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi and others confess themselves unable to maintain a fraternity journal when a weak stripling, the youngest and one of the smallest numerically of the Greek sororities, Delta Delta Delta, can successfully issue such a trim little publication as the *Trident*. It is now well along in its third volume, small, it is true, but crisp, neat and very interesting. The June number has four pages of pithy editorial matter which would grace any magazine; two excellent contributed articles; a brief account of the University of Minnesota with an excellent half-tone view of the University buildings. A dissertation on "How to Rush" is copied from the *Arrow*. It contains so much that is good advice for boys as well as girls, that we are glad to make extracts from the same article. A full collection of chapter letters, very appropriately called "ocean breezes" go to make up a creditable number. By the way, the girls know just how to write letters for their journals. They are newsy, spicy and full of true sisterly spirit. If the boys would only take pattern Greek editors would have a much higher regard for chapter letters. Some of those which come to the SHIELD are fearfully and wonderfully made. If the editor, or his faithful private secretary, did not possess a large fund of patience they would be better unpublished. Success to the *Trident*. Such pluck deserves recognition.

The *Arrow* for June is as neat as wax. A frontispiece of Dr. Bessie Evans Peery is mechanically a work of art and represents a smart woman, the firmness of mouth and brilliancy of eye indicated therein tell the story of her ability and earnestness of purpose quite as well as the well-written story of her trials and tribulations in securing a medical education. The editor can sympathize with her in the inhuman treatment accorded her by male students, as he was present at the first medical lecture ever attended by a woman student in this country, on which occasion he blushed for shame at the conduct of the hoodlums, whose guying of the ladies was an insult

which the professor should have resented on the spot. The June *Arrow* is full of good things and completes a volume which does credit to the able editress.

Kappa Alpha Theta for July is as usual a bright number. It opens up with "A Plea for Non-Secrecy" by one of the members. It seems a little strange for a woman to write such an article. We had always supposed that there was nothing so sweet to a girl as a secret. They are always full of them and just dying to tell some other girl. Somehow they can't keep them. For this reason we have always regarded the sororities as among the best educators. It is indeed a hard thing for any one to maintain a secret unless it be shared by some one. Like the boy with a quarter in his pocket, it fairly burns till he can get a chance to spend it, and usually it goes foolishly. Fraternities are good for boys or girls, if for no other purpose than to teach them that some things, no matter how simple or unimportant, must be kept secret. Secrecy per se is not useless, as this article states. The fate of nations has at times hung upon secrecy. It is one of man's best elements to be able to keep a secret, so it is of woman. We would like to reprint the article for the purpose of riddling it with argumentative bullet holes, but no doubt the writer was sincere and therefore we forbear. An article on Fraternity criticism brings out many good points and would make good reading for any fraternity journal. Many other good things in this number stamp it as a valuable and interesting periodical.

One of the three notable contributions to the *University Magazine* for June is "The Spring Term at Yale," a charming picture of the delights of undergraduate life, by a Yale man, presumably an undergraduate, as he is so thoroughly in sympathy with his subject. He explains the unwritten law which decides who are the favored mortals who may sit upon the fragment which remains of the old fence, and who must be content with a seat upon the new one.

"When the weather becomes warmer, and the long evenings set in, all the men, particularly the sophomores, crowd to the fence as soon as supper is over. There is a new fence now where the old one was torn down during the building of the addition to Battell chapel, and only a short strip of the old remains. This belongs exclusively to the seniors. It is one of Yale's chief glories that so many of the good old customs have been preserved; those customs which have done so much to bring into close contact all the students, and have made the life here so different from that pursued among the other large universities. Many a graduate will recall affectionately the memories that are connected with the original old fence, the one that stood on the site where Osborn Hall is now situated, and perhaps some may be surprised to hear how very nearly intact, comparatively speaking, the former customs have remained. * * * * And then are continually visible the evidences of all those other practices and institutions that are accepted and kept up from year to year, as a matter of course. The freshmen are even allowed a portion of the fence if their nine succeeds in defeating the Harvard representatives, and the rush to secure a place often assumes large proportions.

The other two articles mentioned are really one in unity of purpose, dealing with the Woman's Law Classes in the University of the City of New York, their history, scope and present success. They are profusely illustrated by portraits of the women who have made these classes possible, and who have taken advantage of the opportunities they have given, faces of women one is sure one would like to know. The object of the lectures is thus clearly defined.

The question of the advisability of the admission of the feminine element to plead in our courts does not enter into these lectures at all, as they are directed entirely to the enlightenment of each woman, in just the place and station she now occupies, not to the hope of revolutionizing the entire sex into nineteenth century Portias, as some seem to imagine. * * * * * It simply means that an opportunity is at last open to intelligent women, who have no time to spend on long, tiresome years of legal study, to obtain a general, accurate and livable knowledge of the history of our Nation, State, politics, laws and rights, at the outlay of a few dollars and three hours of time per week.

ONCE A THETA DELT ALWAYS A THETA DELT.

[The following article from an honored alumnus who is constantly giving most substantial proof of his loyalty to the fraternity was received too late for insertion in its proper place. We greatly regret that he requests that his name be not given.—EDITOR.]

The editor of the SHIELD has started a most pertinent discussion (which so far, however, has been theoretical) as to the relation of our graduates to their charges and the fraternity. What must be done to keep alive the spirit of loyalty in him who has left "the benign mother" for all time, and is no longer the student but the man of affairs; not one of the led, but a leader?

Suggestions of a practical character are in order, to the end that the problem may be solved. It should be made obligatory that every alumnus of each charge should pay at a certain period, *e. g.*, the first day of January in each year, until death doth him and his charge part, the sum of one dollar. In case his charge ceases or has ceased to exist, the same amount would be paid at the time mentioned to the treasurer of the Grand Lodge. No amount paid in advance, however large, to cancel this obligation. These payments to be made solely for the purposes hereinafter mentioned.

What are the objections? Is the amount, which must be uniform, too small? Not to the poor clergyman, who may be as faithful to the fraternity as his former classmate who has acquired ample means. Can it be collected? Yes, at all events the experiment can be tried. It is unreasonable to suppose that many graduates would decline to meet a debt of honor. Is it too much trouble for the corresponding secretary of each charge or of the Grand Lodge to send proper notices? Possibly yes, as to the Grand Lodge, although these are the days of type-writers as well as printing presses.*

As the Grand Lodge now does more work for less pay than perhaps any other like body now existing, it would possibly be well to constitute an executive council. The council to be composed, for example, of seven alumni of long-continued loyalty and of absolute integrity, a majority of whom should live in or near the metropolis. This council to have but one duty, to wit, to collect, invest and disburse the sums received, the council to report to each convention, and to be entirely distinct from a board of finance which each charge shall elect, composed of its own graduates. As members of the executive council such men may be suggested as I. P. Pardee, of Stanhope; Frank W. Stewart, of Easton; J. MacBride Sterrett, of Washington; Albert G. Hetherington, of Philadelphia; Daniel N. Lockwood, of Buffalo; William S. Kimball, of Rochester; T. Bissell Everson, of Pittsburg; Clay W. Holmes, of Elmira; Samuel D. Morris, of Brooklyn; William Dixon, of Providence; Seth P. Smith, of Boston; Charles D. Marvin, Charles V. Mapes, Franklin Burdge, Benjamin Douglass, Jr., William L. Stone, Charles R. Miller, of New York; the presidents of Tufts and Trinity Colleges, truly an embarrassment of riches.

Indeed, every charge should yearly send a printed report of its affairs to its alumni. The SHIELD recently mentioned the inauguration of this custom by one of the charges.

What would be gained by pursuing this course? Evidently two results would attain. First: Not the least important would be the most desirable result that the alumnus would thus keep in touch with his charge in a practical way. The undergraduate would know of the former's whereabouts as would also those members of the fraternity who knew the alumnus when a young man in college. This knowledge might prove of great benefit to a graduate engaged in active business, especially to a professional man. Those who are united by the bonds of Theta Delta Chi have helped each other in various ways, sometimes most quietly, and much more than the undergraduates who read these lines may well realize. The printed statement previously mentioned might be made still more interesting, by recording the address from year to year, as well as the business of each graduate, thus supplementing the altogether too laborious efforts of the editor of the SHIELD. Second: Within the last few years the whole theory of college secret societies has become materially modified. It is necessary for each charge to possess in fee its own charge house. Other fraternities are leading us in this respect, and we must not be laggards in the race.

What is to be done with the money thus raised? It must be deposited in a savings bank or invested in registered approved bonds, and kept under proper supervision to effect this very object, namely, to not only give each charge its own ground and building, but to improve the same, thus making it a place of resort of an exceedingly desirable character. But would not the amount realized be inadequate? No. We have a graduate membership of twenty-five hundred men. A small sum with the interest added to the principal semi-annually aggregates in a not long period of time a large sum. Illustrations of this fact can be given of a convincing character.

This article is written to stimulate discussion. Criticisms are most cordially invited, with the proviso that some other plan is at the same time submitted to the SHIELD. May my

critic kindly bear this fact in mind, that the most respected college brotherhood, next to our own, in the United States, is one that is so ordered that each member during his whole life is an active member. Its alumni have given most generously toward the erection of chapter houses and the like. The society in question has pursued an exceedingly ill-advised course as to the extension of its chapters.* It has never had a chapter in or near the city of New York, yet each member residing there or elsewhere invariably wears his badge, not ostentatiously, it is true, but nevertheless it is always worn, as it ought to be. The loyalty of our alumni should be such as to impress on the mind of every new member of our brotherhood the thought that no society which he may join confers so great an honor in admitting him within its portals as does Theta Delta Chi.

Our semi-centennial is approaching, and our brotherhood must start on its second fifty years of existence with our alumni still more united than at present to the undergraduates. The initiative should be taken at the coming convention. It is a truism to say something must be done by the graduates to aid the undergraduates of each charge in their efforts to own their charge houses. In the very few cases where a charge owns its house a much better one should be owned by it. Something must be done. Really, the efforts of these younger men are most disinterested, because each in his turn becomes in a brief period like the subscriber,

A GRADUATE.

*Although foreign to the subject, a statement may be made here to avoid misconception. Fewness of chapters is never an element of success in a college society, or a source of cohesion among its alumni. Undergraduates sometimes think a society with few chapters is necessarily more united than one with a larger number. This is wholly untrue. A Yale professor once remarked to the writer that he did not see how any man could take in after life the slightest interest in his college fraternity. Further discussion showed that his society had but seven chapters, and that he had never met a single member since he graduated. The writer desires to add that while the professor's observation may seem extraordinary, yet if the undergraduate reader knew the society in question as well as the subscriber, he would not wonder at the remark. That society will in all probability, like several other organizations, cease to exist in the not distant future. The fittest only can or ought to survive. The rise and fall of college societies is vividly shown in a recently published work giving their history, and which furnishes much food for reflection. Witness the almost accidental escape from extinction of the society to which many of us belong, and which has as its motto "Philosophy the guide of life."

College Notes.

There is no college paper published in England, while there are over 200 colleges in America that issue periodical publications. The college yell is also an American invention, and is unknown in other countries.—*Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.*

A movement is now on foot to postpone the "chinning" season, by declaring all pledges made before a definite time fixed by common consent—from six weeks to two terms after the beginning of Freshman year—invalid; but while all the societies would be glad to see such an agreement made and the agony of the first fortnight of the fall term, which is caused by the present method, avoided, yet the practical difficulties in the way of the scheme will probably prevent it from being carried into operation.—*Dartmouth Letter to D. K. E. Quarterly.*

Wabash College has received \$60,000 on condition that it admit women on the same privileges as men. It is the only college in Indiana that does not admit women.—*The Trident.*

Delta Tau Delta has established two new chapters; viz., at the University of Nebraska and University of Illinois, respectively. The latter is more properly a revival of an old chapter. She has also lost her Omega chapter at the Iowa Agricultural College, Ames, Iowa, by the enforcement of anti-fraternity laws.—*The Trident.*

A statistical writer has it that in this country 2,590 women are practicing medicine, 275 preaching the gospel, more than 5,000 managing post-offices, and over 3,000,000 earning independent incomes. Since 1880 the patent office has granted over 2,500 patents to women, and in New York City 27,000 women support their husbands.—*The Arrow.*

Alpha Tau Omega is agitating the subject of owning a chapter house at Cornell University.

Prof Fiske has presented a valuable Dante collection, consisting of three thousand volumes and pamphlets, to the library of Cornell University. This Dantesque collection is the finest existing out of Italy. It includes the earliest edition (Fuligno, 1472) of the "Divine Comedy," and also all the large illustrated editions published in England, France, Germany and Italy. The collection comprises, also, translations in nineteen different languages and six Indian dialects.—*The Advance, Chicago,*

The faculty at Cornell are considering the advisability of lengthening the college year at that institution.—*Ram's Horn, Chicago.*

The graduates of D. K. E. have organized two new alumni associations.

Williams College will soon graduate a native African who will return to his own land to become a king. He will probably introduce base ball and rowing among his benighted people.—*Ram's Horn, Chicago.*



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The Williams chapter of D. K. E. moves this fall into the house lately occupied by Alpha Delta Phi, while Alpha Delta Phi, Sigma Phi and Delta Upsilon expect to move into new houses of their own.

Many persons forget that, after all, the unit of every fraternity is the *man*, and not the chapter. Fraternity men are born, not made. They must be discovered, not manufactured. —*Alpha Tau Omega Palm.*

Just a word as to "rushing" new men. The time should be past when ΔKE has to start out and solicit membership. It should be now more a question of selection. Many of our chapters have formidable rivals to contend with and a certain amount of "rushing" is necessary, but this idea of a chapter hustling around and acting as though their very existence depended upon their securing one man, or any number of men for that matter, is in our opinion wrong. Our fraternity does not need it, a chapter cannot afford to do it.—*D, K. E. Quarterly.*

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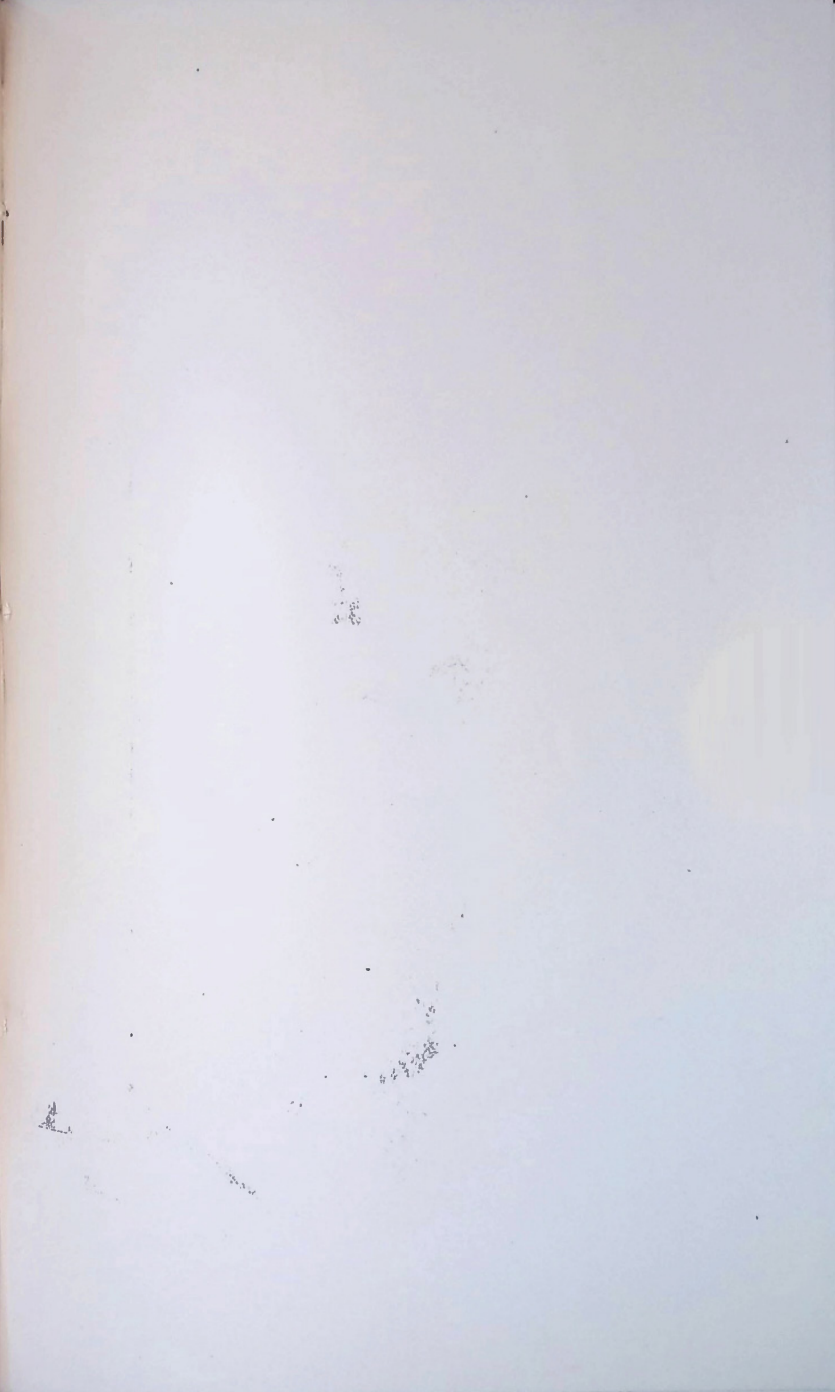
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RALPH HAMILTON SHEPARD.

The names of great men live after them, and so do those of good men, not in proportion to their age, but to the amount of good they have done. So it is that the subject of this sketch will be remembered, although he passed to the mysteries beyond while yet in the prime of his early manhood.

Ralph Hamilton Shepard was born in Frankfort-on-the-Main, October 15th, 1867. His parents spent the years of his babyhood traveling over Europe, returning to this country in 1871. His infant tongue first learned French and German. The next eight years were spent in this country, the summers at the homestead in New Haven, Oswego County, N. Y., and the winters in New York City or the South. In 1879, at the age of twelve, he went abroad and spent the winter in Dresden, pursuing his studies in German in the family of the Rev. Dr. Sauer, in close company with Count Castel and Count Otto von Plessens. Early in the following year he left Dresden and traveled extensively through the East, going up the Nile, and visiting Palestine, Syria, Cyprus, Asia Minor, Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Roumania and other historic spots. In the fall of 1880 he returned to the United States, and the next few years were spent in school in Oswego and later in Buffalo where he was prepared for Harvard under the instruction of Professor Pennell. After having passed the entrance examinations at Harvard in 1887 he again went abroad and traveled over the Continent, making great progress

in German and Italian. He returned in April, 1888, spent the summer in Cambridge, Mass., and at the family residence, and entered Harvard in the fall. Here for four years he faithfully performed the prescribed work, and graduated in 1892, being honored by an appointment as one of the five commencement orators. After graduation he spent most of his time at home on account of his father's prolonged and wasting illness. He visited the World's Fair in June and again in October. For the greater part of the year he had been ailing, and on November 4th he was obliged to take to his bed, to which he was virtually confined for nine weary months, till the death angel summoned him, August 17th, when he passed over to the silent throng, where suffering is no more.

Such in brief are the chronological facts of a short but eventful life. Having stated them our task is but begun. The record of what Ralph Shepard was and accomplished in his few allotted years would fill a volume. His chief characteristics were mental strength and a marvellous resignation during the intense suffering which finally overcame him. Here was a young man born and reared in the lap of luxury, surrounded by everything which unlimited means could procure, who devoted his life to the getting of knowledge. Scarcely one in a thousand sees during a long life as much as he had seen before he entered college. Having every opportunity, he toiled faithfully, impeded doubtless by a delicate physical constitution, still, never giving way to any obstacle till finally he had reached the goal and was ready to make for himself a name in the literary world. Indeed, during his college course and the brief months succeeding his graduation he produced many articles worthy a master hand, which gave evidence of a marked inherent ability. Even during his college career his name was not unknown as a literary writer. The *Boston Transcript* of May 24, 1892, in speaking of the graduating class at Harvard, says :

"Mr. Shepard is well-known for his attainments in modern literature and history. He has long been known as a graceful and forcible writer."

The *Boston Globe* of the same date contains the following

under the captions, "Brightest Men of Harvard," "Selections for Commencement parts from Class of '92":

"Ralph Hamilton Shepard has been selected by the faculty as one of the five speakers for Commencement day. The committee has announced that for fifteen years the choice has not been so difficult, owing to the distinguished excellence of almost all the candidates."

As the class of 1892 numbered between two and three hundred men this selection was really a brilliant honor.

In connection with his college life it may be noted that he is one among a very limited number of college men who have remembered the great need of their alma mater in the way of religious bequests. The sincerity of his manly Christian life is fully evinced by the fact that he left several thousand dollars to be devoted to Christian work at Harvard. An eminent divine connected with Harvard expresses himself to the family in reference to his bequest as follows:

"No gift to the college of late has seemed to me more beautiful than this expression of a young man's spiritual life, and with all your sorrow for his early departure you must find great consolation in so elevated and prepared an end."

Another Harvard man says:

"Did you know that Ralph stands almost alone, if not alone, in our history, as one who remembered the deeper life of his college?"

What Ralph Shepard was in his own home and the community the writer does not personally know, but the beautiful tributes paid by his sorrowing friends and the public press are absolute proof that he possessed a crystalline straightforwardness and tender thoughtfulness for others which made him universally beloved. The following article appeared in the *Oswego Times* of August 21st:

"When a young man in the prime of life is removed by death there is a mystery we cannot understand which is known only to Him whose ways are above our ways and whose wisdom is past finding out.

"It seems to us more inexplicable when the youth has by diligence completed a course of study for a useful life and has shown those qualities that are a sure and certain promise of success. But when in addition to all this he has the means to relieve him from all worldly care and anxiety we are filled with wonder and amazement at the dispensations of Divine Providence. All that we can say is to join with the Psalmist 'O Lord Thou knowest it altogether.'

"These facts find a most fitting illustration in the decease of Mr. Ralph Hamilton Shepard, who died in New Haven, N. Y., August 17th.

"As a student he was diligent and painstaking, coming out from college with a well-trained intellect and a mind stored with knowledge for future use. Since graduation much that he has written has been published and shows fine powers of mind and breadth of research. He became deeply interested in his ancestry and wrote a monograph on his father's family. This required wide investigation, but he performed the task well and with great zeal, anxious to delight his father with the result of his own works.

"With his superior mental endowment and well-stored mind he united a most tender and affectionate spirit. He was cheerful, buoyant and extremely tender of other people's feelings, being ready to make any sacrifice for the good of others. It seemed a pleasure for him to strive to promote the well-being and happiness of every one, thus patterning after Him who went about doing good. A spirit so tender and affections so strong, made him a most loving companion for all with whom he came in contact. He has been the victim of serious illness a number of times, but in these periods of suffering he never gave way to murmuring or repining. His last sickness has shut him up in all for some nine months, but he bore it all with a sweet resignation to the divine will. His sorrow, if he had any, was that he brought sadness on others. He had a simple and beautiful faith in Him who has brought life and immortality to light. In that faith he has passed away to a glorious life beyond. His last moments were calm and peaceful and he dropped to sleep in the arms of Jesus."

The Buffalo *Courier*, of August 22, said :

"Ralph Hamilton Shepard, whose funeral took place yesterday, was the youngest son of the late Sidney Shepard, one of Buffalo's most prominent business men. He was born at Frankfort-on-the-Main, October 15, 1867. His early years were spent abroad, but he returned with his parents in time to prepare for college at Prof. Pennell's, in this city, and was graduated at Harvard College in the class of '92. Since then he has resided at New Haven, N. Y., where he died on the 17th inst. At school and in college he developed a fine natural literary taste, which he was enabled to cultivate, and but for his early death, an honorable, if not a brilliant future in the world of letters, was within his grasp. He published many articles covering a wide range of subjects, and with abundant means at his disposal to prosecute his researches in any field of literary work, he could have earned for himself had he lived, an honored place in the ranks of our men of letters.

"His last work, completed during his final illness, was the preparation of an elaborate monograph giving a most interesting annotated history of the founder of his family in this country, Ralph Shepard, who came

to America in 1635. This was compiled largely from original manuscripts and involved much careful research.

"His personal characteristics were marked. Naturally high-spirited, impatient of control, and ambitious in the best sense of the word, he would have forced his way to recognition in any sphere of life which he might have undertaken. But unfortunately his physical endurance could not keep pace with his mental activity. From early childhood he was a great sufferer, and though at times Nature, aided by tender care, would seem to conquer the disease, its stealthy progress was sure to the inevitable end. During his last illness of over nine months duration, he suffered greatly, and death came to him as an emancipation from suffering. Through all his sickness and suffering he was patient and uncomplaining, Tried in the "hot breath of pain," he came from the test refined as nothing else could have purified him, and developed traits of resignation and self-abnegation which endeared him to those who knew and loved him best."

One of Boston's most famous surgeons, who attended him during his last illness, writes thus of him :

"I was very much impressed by the patient endurance and fortitude of the young man. Though I see, unfortunately, death very frequently, in all its phases, in all classes of men, and under all conditions of faith or the reverse, I do not recall any hopeless illness in which the unavoidable decree of Providence seemed more patiently and steadfastly met than at your home."

A man of such fortitude and Christian character must necessarily have been a dutiful and affectionate son, and a kind and loving brother. That he was we know from our personal knowledge of his life as a member of the fraternity, and to record that part of his history is the main object of this narrative.

Fraternity life in Harvard, or properly speaking, society life, had for many years been of such a character as to prevent many high-minded young men from enjoying the social advantages of a true fraternity membership. On that account it was that Brother Shepard spent the most of his college course as a neutral. Early in 1892, however, a band of sixteen young men of sterling character associated themselves together for mutual social improvement. Among them was Ralph Shepard. After a time they decided to apply for membership in our fraternity. On account of the unfortunate reputation of

some of Harvard's societies, these men were very carefully looked over. They proved, however, to be of such high standing, morally, socially and intellectually that they were at once admitted, and the Iota charge again lived. As a charter member Brother Shepard took an active part, and endeared himself to all the brothers. After his graduation he kept very closely in touch with the charge and the affairs of the fraternity at large. His is the first death to be recorded on the roll of the Iota. That he loved his fraternity and was in turn beloved by his associates is shown by the fact that nine of his classmates came from far distant places to pay their last tribute of love, and assist in laying away his mortal remains. Of this number five were Theta Delts, Brothers W. C. Damon, W. H. Wiggin, Jr., Perley L. Horne, A. M. Day and E. M. Moore. His years as a Theta Delt were very few, but enough to prove him well worthy our affection, and we mourn his loss deeply. His character was one of unswerving loyalty. The lessons to be drawn from his life history are many and should be carefully studied by every member of the noble fraternity which he was so proud to claim as his own. While early death has robbed him of the opportunity to place his name on the tablets of fame, it cannot take from us the privilege of cherishing his memory and emulating his lovely character. To his bereaved family the fraternity extend their heartfelt sympathy and mourn with them. As a fitting close to this memorial we append a contribution from his most intimate companions, who desire to join the SHIELD in placing on record a tribute to Brother Shepard.

By the death of Ralph Hamilton Shepard, Iota is for the first time since its re-establishment, called upon to mourn the loss of one of its members, one who from the first had been an earnest, enthusiastic and loyal brother, ever zealous to forward the interests of the charge and fraternity.

Brother Shepard, Iota, '92, who died at his home in New Haven, Oswego County, N. Y., August 17, 1894, was born in Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, October 15, 1867. A large proportion of his life previous to his entrance to college was spent in travelling in and about Europe, enjoying opportunities for education and culture which come to few men. His work in Harvard was characterized by that application to

study which showed his real strength of purpose. In the truest sense of the word he was a student; he gave that tireless research in his work which few men can give. In History and in English were his greatest interests and his best achievements. In the latter of these he attained one of the greatest of those distinctions to which a student may aspire. Since graduating he had given much time to the pursuit of these, his favorite subjects.

Possessed of ample means and surrounded by every circumstance which would be an aid in his efforts, his prospects for the future were most promising.

In college his health was good, but during his last illness, which extended through more than nine months, both strength and fortitude were sorely tried. Throughout it all he never swerved from that absolute standard of character, or ceased to show those Christian qualities which had always been his ideal.

To our fraternity and especially to those of us who knew him intimately, his death is an irreparable loss. The world is richer by his many deeds of kindness. Ever alert to lend a hand, ever solicitous to do good, he made many a life happier, better and more successful. To have known him and to have seen that he lived *well* is to us a deep and lasting memory.

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Tune—"Coronation,"

[In singing, the last two lines of each stanza to be repeated.]

All hail our grand confiding band !
 With loving hearts install
 The union, that with heart and hand
 We crown it King of all !

With panoply of love—forsooth,
 With Shield and ensign known,
 With sympathetic hearts of truth
 We hail with joy our own.

We hail the path our comrades trode—
 Leading to brighter scenes ;
 We hail the confidence bestowed,
 Where nothing intervenes.

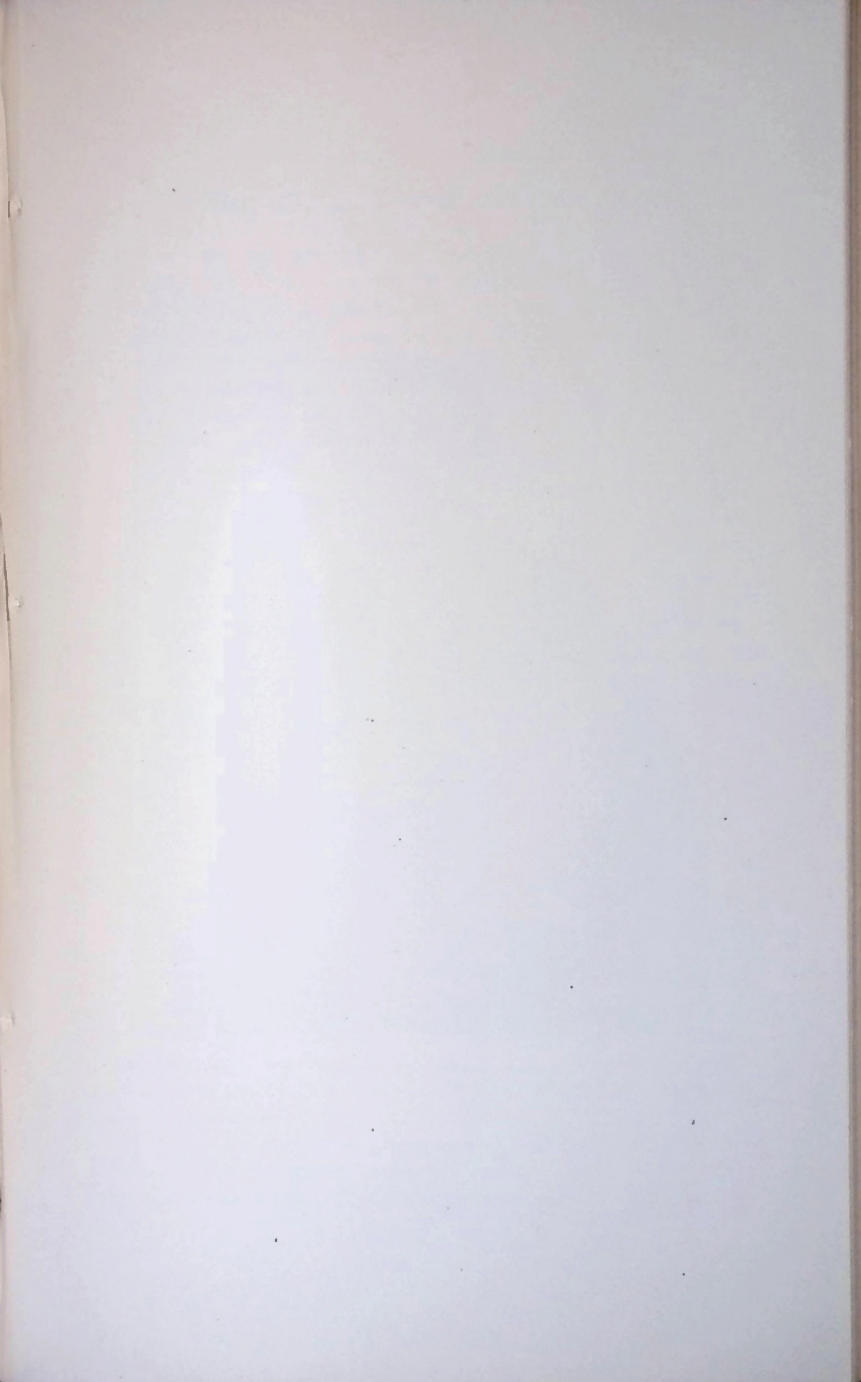
We mean with helping hand to bless
 Our loving brother—near ;
 His troubles calm—his hopes caress,
 In this our chosen sphere.

The stars that guide our pilgrim way
 Disclose our emblem bright,—
 To gild, at length, in perfect day,
 Its lustrous life of light.

Ye noble sons of chosen race,—
 Improving and improved ;
 Put on and greet eternal grace—
 To stand therewith unmoved !

O let our songs in realms above,
 Sound Theta Delta's praise !
 May truth, and faith, and hope and love
 Inspire unending days !

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The year eighteen hundred and ninety-four has seen the passing away of numbers of Theta Delts. Many charges have felt the break in the golden chain of friendship; and the departing of a brother, wherever he may have been, has in it a personal sorrow as it reminds us of our own losses. The dropping of the links, however, should serve but to bind us closer here, and to strengthen our affections among the ever increasing multitudes of Omega.

Many members of the class of '93, Columbia Law School, who were not Theta Delts, doubtless remember Robert George Dillenback, and have heard with grief of his death. Brother Dillenback was born in Albany, April 2nd, 1872. He received his earliest educational instruction in his native city, and towards the close of the grammar school course he moved to Portland, Maine, to live with his sister, Mrs. Wright. Here he entered the Latin school, and among his new chums he formed his warmest friendships—friendships that strengthened later in common membership in Theta Delta Chi. He was naturally a popular fellow, and his interest in military matters gave him added prominence. He was a private in Company A of the First Regiment of Maine Infantry at the time it distinguished itself by winning the state championship; and subsequently in the same regiment he received the appointment of Sergeant Major—the highest non-commissioned officer.

In 1888 Brother Dillenback left Portland to live with his parents in New York city. During the following year he studied at Packard's Business College, and in the fall of 1890 he entered the Law School at Columbia, and in 1893 received the degree of LL. B. It was about this time that he became a member of our fraternity; but his acquaintance with men was broader than than the fraternity, as is witnessed by his election to the secretaryship of the class, which numbered more than a thousand.

For a short time after graduation, Dillenback was with his father in the live stock business, but last spring he came to Boston to be in the office of the Eastern Dredging Company, of

which his brother-in-law is a prominent member. On coming to Boston in April he took lodgings at Hotel Woodbridge, West Somerville, a suburb of Boston, and near Tufts College, where he could have the companionship of his closest friends. Here he was taken ill with pneumonia and died October second.

Those who were with Brother Dillenback in the last days, saw more plainly than ever perhaps the sweetness of his disposition and the manifestations of love which had always gone out for his friends and his fraternity, and truly those friends at his bedside were spiritually strengthened as they watched that brave soul, so full of this world's hopes and ambitions, yield itself, and with perfect confidence pass from their sight into the valley of shadows.

HENRY PENNELL FRANK.

JAMES MACBRIDE STERRETT, JR.

To write the biography of a brother, who has lived the allotted number of years and after spending a long life in doing his country good service lies down quietly to a well earned rest, is a pleasure mixed with sorrow for our loss. Theta Delta Chi has for many years seemed to be favored by few deaths among the active members and her vigorous young graduates. Recently, however, the fraternity has been called upon to mourn the death of some of her youngest and brightest sons. The editor has been called upon so many times in recent months to prepare sketches of those who have just entered the arena of usefulness that he is loaded down with grief. It is, indeed, a sad and painful task to perform this last affectionate tribute for those whom he has learned to love as he met them within college walls, and witnessed their cheerful and earnest work in behalf of the fraternity. There is little to say of deeds actually done, but oh how much might have been recorded had these





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dear boys been permitted to live out such lives of usefulness as their early years bespoke. Several of the charges are now lamenting the death of some loved member, but none has been touched more closely than the Chi whose grief is so recent. James MacBride Sterrett, Jr., was born at Brookland, Pa., May 8, 1877. None need to be told whose son he was. No name is more familiar to brothers of the last twenty years than that of his father, who has done so much for the advancement of the moral and social standing of our fraternity. Jamie's early education was obtained at the Shattuck Military school in Fairbault, Minn. Upon the removal of the family to Washington, D. C., he entered the preparatory department of the Columbian University, from which he graduated in 1892. He entered the regular classical course of the University in the fall of the same year. In June, 1893, he visited Rochester University with his father, who graduated there in the class of 1867, and who was one of the original charter members of the charge. On the 20th of June Jamie was initiated by the Chi charge, and none can imagine the love and pride which filled the father's heart as he heard his first born son taking upon himself the vows of Theta Delta Chi.

His Sophomore year was completed at the Columbian University and the vacation nearly spent. Late in August his father left home for a brief vacation and a few days after the startling news came that Jamie was dangerously ill with cerebral meningitis. He hastened home and tenderly watched the painful decline—rapid and certain—which terminated in death September 10th. Sadly and tearfully he was laid to rest. Bros. C. W. Curtis and Emory M. Wilson of Beta and Jas. A. Tanner of Sigma represented the fraternity as pall-bearers. Even in death Theta Delta Chi was not forgotten. The shield which he had so affectionately worn in life was pinned to the lapel of his coat. Although his direct association with his charge had been very little, he had always been so intimately in touch with his father, that it only needed the ceremonial performance to make him an ardent and loyal brother. He loved the fraternity which he had long before learned to admire as a faithful son.

Jamie was a boy of beautiful Christian character. He was baptised Nov. 7, 1877, and confirmed in the Church of the Epiphany in Washington on Palm Sunday, 1894. He was his mother's boy. From babyhood even to the day of his death he was tenderly thoughtful of her. As the eldest of five brothers he was their leader. Always affectionate and kind he was beloved not only in his home, but by every one who knew him, for his sweet unselfish disposition. He was manly and noble as a boy, and during his few last years was rapidly developing a nobility of character which would have made him a natural leader among his companions. His anticipations were bright. All his ambition was centered on a post graduate course at Cornell, where he intended to fit himself for the profession of electrical and mechanical engineering. Brief as is the story, and short as was the life of this dear brother, there is much to be learned from the beautiful example which he leaves with us. The editor remembers meeting him for the first time in Florida several years ago. He was impressed with his manly bearing for one so young. Somehow he seemed to express his true character in every move he made, and the thought at once presented itself, what a splendid man is growing up to bless the world. A noble mission is his, and while we mourn with his grief-stricken parents at his untimely loss, we are comforted with the thought that he has gained a saintly crown, the refulgence of which shines upon us to inspire in our hearts more of brotherly love and tender affection for each other.

It is to be regretted that no recent photograph exists. The SHIELD gives a reproduction of the only one which can be secured, taken when he was 12 years old.

THE CONVENTION.

The forty-eighth annual convention was held at the Hotel Savoy, New York City, November 27 and 28. The first session was called to order at 10:30 on Tuesday morning by the President, Prof. A. G. Benedict. The following delegates represented the various charges :

Beta—A. L. Coville, '86; W. C. Dreier, '95; T. T. Hubbard, '95.

Gamma Deuteron—Lawrence T. Cole, '92; H. M. Cox, '95; H. H. Van Tuyl, '96.

Delta—M. R. Sherrerd, '86.

Epsilon Deuteron—L. C. DuBois, '82; A. R. Barton, '95; J. H. Welch, Jr., '96.

Zeta—W. H. Kimball, '94; H. L. Smith, '96.

Eta—J. R. Clark, '89; W. E. Leighton, '95; P. Dana, '96.

Theta—W. R. McKim, '94.

Iota—J. M. Carr, '93; G. LeClear, '95; F. B. Hill, '95.

Iota Deuteron—W. L. Sawtelle, '94; E. Putney, '96; G. W. Hunter, Jr., '95.

Kappa—T. Whittemore, '94; H. L. Folsom, '95; C. N. Barney, '95.

Lambda—F. B. Kellogg, '93; W. F. Adams, '95; J. A. Morrill, '96.

Mu Deuteron—E. D. Pierce, '92; C. A. Kelley, '95.

Nu Deuteron—C. E. Weaver, '97.

Xi—C. W. New, '95; J. B. Covert, '98.

Omicron Deuteron—B. A. Smalley, '94 ;D. E. Putnam, '94; R. D. Hazen, '97.

Pi Deuteron—S. C. Hayt, '92; R. Tombo, Jr., '95; W. Strobel, '96.

Rho Deuteron—R. Van Iderstine, '94; H. A. Uterhart, '96; W. J. Slichter, '96.

Sigma—Clay W. Holmes, '69.

Tau Deuteron—J. B. Moffitt, '94; H. F. McGaughey, '95.

Phi—F. W. Stewart, '69; O. G. A. Barker, '95; E. B. Twit-meyer, '95.

Chi—W. S. Paine, '67; P. A. Blossom, '95.

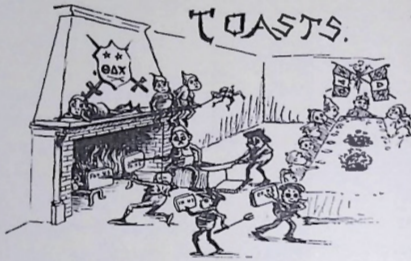
Psi—D. C. Lee, '91; J. I. France, '95.

The first day was largely taken up in committee work and the individual reports of the charges. During the various sessions of the convention several of the old graduates were introduced and made stirring speeches, Willis S. Paine, Chi, '67; the Hon. Gonzalo de Quesada, Pi Deuteron, '88; Rev. Alex. M. Rich, Xi, '85; G. E. Boynton, Zeta, '70; Jacob Spahn, Chi, '70; Rev. J. McBride Sterrett, Chi, '69; Carl Harstrom, Xi, '86; J. R. Mellon, Pi, '65, and others whom the editor can not recall. The election of Grand Lodge officers was quite spirited. The result was, Carl Harstrom, president; B. F. Mansfield, secretary; G. W. Kosmak, treasurer.

The entire convention was characterized by the complete harmony and good feeling which existed. The delegates attended strictly to business and the committee work was well done. The entire details of the convention will be published in the minutes. The convention voted to issue a sufficient number of copies so that any graduate brother who desired a copy might procure it from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge. On this account the SHIELD does not deem it necessary to publish anything more than this brief synopsis. The SHIELD report was discussed at length and the editor re-elected. He accepted conditionally. If the graduate membership comes to the front with better support he will edit the SHIELD for another year, or as long as he meets with the hearty co-operation of the alumni. To this end he was directed to issue an appeal to the alumni. If this is not responded to promptly and liberally then this number will be the last to be issued by the present editor, who is not willing to stand longer as the worker for no salary and pay all the bills beside. This appeal will be sent out immediately after this number issues, and if no SHIELD appears in April there will be no need for any to ask questions.

THE CONVENTION BANQUET.

On Wednesday evening, November 28, there assembled about a hundred loyal Theta Delts at Hotel Savoy, to participate in one of the most enjoyable banquets it has ever been the editor's pleasure to attend. There were so many points of superiority that it would be difficult to delineate them clearly on paper. At the head of the table were seated a number of the older graduates; men whose names are household words with the boys, Judge Samuel D. Morris of the Alpha—who joined the fraternity in its infancy, the Rev. J. MacBride Sterrett and the redoubtable Jake Spahn of the Chi, the Hon. Willis S. Paine, also of the Chi, just returned from foreign travel; retiring President Benedict and his successor, Carl Harstrom. With such a bevy was the veteran Walkely surrounded. Right across the table sat one of the faithful, who is always present: James R. Mellon of Pi, '65. Glancing around we saw the versatile wit, J. D. Cary, Psi, '84, and Homer D. Brookins, Chi, '80; F. J. Swift, Psi, '85; Luzerne Coville, Beta, '86. The banquet was elegantly served and every one seemed well pleased. The peculiar excellence of the evening however was developed in the post-prandial diet. The orator of the evening, The Rev. Rufus S. Green, was detained by illness. Bro. Bertrand A. Smalley, of Omicron Deuteron, '94, recited a poem the text of which is found on another page. The toastmaster of the evening, Webster R. Walkley, Omicron '60 then took charge of affairs and it is only necessary to state that every one staid till the entire programme was carried out. The retiring president of the Grand Lodge is entitled to much praise for the unique and original toast list which was presented, a beautiful little booklet, of "Brownie" illustrations, entirely original and of his own conception. By his permission we reproduce the contents of the book—which constituted the toasts of the evening.



The toastmaster in introducing the speakers made appropriate remarks. Wit, wisdom, jokes and laughter were all so combined as to delight the listening brothers.



"Noblest deeds are noblest preaching
From the consecrated few."

Responded to by Thomas Whittemore, Kappa, '94. This was certainly one of the most touching and eloquent speeches it has ever been our pleasure to hear. Taking as the basis of his remarks the character of Bros. Goodrich and Dillenback, he paid a beautiful tribute to the deceased brothers.



" You have done well and like a gentleman,
And like a prince; you have our thanks for all."

Responded to by A. G. Benedict, Psi, '72.



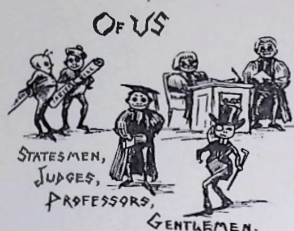
" As one would chant the history
Of that great race which is to be."

Responded to by Carl A. Harstrom, Xi, '86.



" A creature not too bright or good
For human nature's daily food."

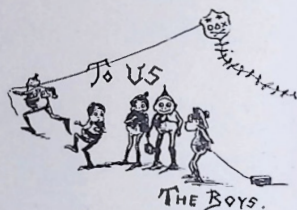
Responded to by E. S. Brown, Delta, '92.



"Then here's to our boyhood, its gold and its gray;
The stars of its winter, the dews of its May!"

Responded to Hon. Willis S. Paine, Chi, '67.

Our new Theta Delt song, written by C. W. New, Xi, '95.
was here rendered by the glee club.



"Shades of the chapter house begin to close
Upon the growing boy
But he beholds the light, and whence it flows,
He sees it in his joy,"

Responded to by Hon. Samuel D. Morris, Alpha, '50.

It was with difficulty that the venerable Judge began his remarks, owing to a severe cold, but the inspiration of the occasion soon overcame everything, and it is doubtful if the Judge had ever before been so eloquent. His heart was touched, and so was every one else's in the room. The occasions are very rare when such a scene is witnessed. It was the crowning event of the banquet, and no man who was present will ever

forget the beautiful words which fell from the lips of this veteran who, although he has received the homage of thousands, said that he never felt prouder in his life than upon this occasion, when he could address such a body of young men whose hearts were glowing with love for the fraternity which he had cherished so dearly for nearly half a century.



"What were our lives without thee."

Responded to by J. D. Cary, Psi '84. From the sublime to the ridiculous in one frightful jump. For some time after Bro. Cary began to speak, those who had never met or heard him before were amazed, and yet all nearly died from laughter. The cat story captured the house. After having expended his store of wit Bro. Cary launched out into an eloquent speech, which, in contrast, was all the more brilliant.



"When Art, sweet lark translates the sky
Into a heavenly melody."

Responded to by Will R. McKim, Theta, '94.



"The health of a soul, a voice to cheer and please."

Responded to by Jacob Spahn, Chi, '70. The remarks of Bro. Spahn were decidedly jovial, but interesting, especially the story about Judge Morris. After a standing toast in silence to the Omega charge, the gathering quietly broke up. Everybody was delighted to have been present at one of the best banquets ever held by the fraternity. The delegates were all present. A full list can not be presented, as the SHIELD menu was not well circulated, and no complete record can be given.

BANQUET POEM OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

BERTRAND A. SMALLEY.

November's leaves are sere and brown,
 November's fields are bare,
 November's skies forbidding frown;
 A gaunt old hag with tattered gown
 Of snow-wreaths swirling up and down
 She wrestles with despair.

Yet grey November, like a Druid priest
 Stern symbol of a savage century dead,
 Rules o'er our revel, master of the feast
 Where late the laughing, light-foot hours were sped—
 Rules gruesome, solemn, though no forest aisles
 Smoke with their altars grim, nor bends o'er head
 The beauty of the stars' eternal smiles.

O June, sweet month of roses, would our fate
 Forbade aught but thy sapphire days to crown
 The forehead of the years ! Sweet joy should wait
 Upon our feasting, sad-eyed sorrow drown
 Unwept, unsung, in choicest wine that flows.
 Unhappy we, with leaden hearts cast down
 By dreary dreams of chill November's snow.

But

November's snows are rose-leaves white,
 The ghosts of yester-year ;
 November's hearts are warm and bright,
 November's hearths ablaze with light
 Fling far into the wintry night
 Their promise of good cheer !

Then why should we, the driftwood of the years
 Tossing at random on Life's idle sea
 A little space, sit sorrowful, in tears
 Enwrapped as in a garment, why should he
 Be sad who in this halting measure comes
 Or, since a wreath of violets may not be
 The minstrel's guerdon, spurn chrysanthemums ?

What though the grey-cowled morrow's rising sun
 Flood but deserted banquet halls with gold ?
 What though the spendthrift years will one by one
 This hour in grim forgetfulness enfold ?
 What though the world for us has toil and pain ?
 Life's but a phantasia when all is told,
 To-night alone is ours ; let revel reign !

Brim every cup with sparkling wine,
 Crown lordly Bacchus king !
 A wreath of bays and laurel twine,
 An offering to the god divine,
 As round his grape-empurpled shrine
 A bridal song we sing !

A wedding this, and this the nuptial feast,
 Old Father Time, a Benedict at last,
 Yields him to witching Cupid, Love's high priest.
 Now first since years began, his reign o'er past,
 His useless glass and scythe flung idly by
 He seeks his bride with tremulous eyes downcast
 Sweet Friendships born of Theta Delta Chi.

A beauteous bride, before her wondrous power
 The iron years are vanquished; sweetly strong
 The incense of her presence. As a flower
 Long dead exhales its dying perfume long,
 The eternal music of her passing swells.
 List to the triumph ringiug through the song
 Of them who peal the merry wedding bells.

SONG OF THE RINGERS.

Comrades mine, whose hearts are strong,
 Haste ye, to the steeples throng,
 Peal the stirring, iron song
 Loud and clear!
 Hark the wild tempestuous notes,
 How their wrangling, jangling, floats
 From the belfries' brazen throats
 To the ear!

Belfries sway like willow wands
 Neath the toiling of our hands,
 Tell the news to other lands
 Far away
 That foul Death has lost his sting
 That old Time no more is king
 That the Winter and the Spring
 Wed to-day.

Ring it long and ring it loud,
 Wing with song the passing cloud,
 Fling the music swelling proud
 To the sky.

Come what may—or woe, or weal—
 Swing it, ring it, peal on peal,
 Hearts of oak and thews of steel
 Naught may try.

Bridal bells ring knells for sorrow,
 Care lies dead, no trouble borrow,
 Ring to-night and feast to-morrow.
 Rosy wine
 Shall be spilled that ye may try it,
 Traitor he who yearns for quiet
 Ring it out with joy and riot
 Comrades mine!

Loud the tumultuous warring of the bells,
 In sweet-tongued discord thrilling, wild and free,
 The souls of men wherein eternal dwells

The love of Friendship, holy ecstasy
 Which kings her foster-brothers, now drawn nigh
 To kiss thy garment's hem in fealty
 O mystic mother, Theta Delta Chi.

Thy children gathered where thy altars flame
 In menace to foul care's unerring dart
 In reverent silence celebrate thy fame,
 O mystic mother. May thy mighty heart
 Forever surge with pulsing tide of youth
 Ebbing and flowing as the years depart
 In ceaseless vigil 'gainst the crags of Truth.

For

Sweet is the lilt of the hermit-thrush
 Stealing through dusk of June
 Sweet is the breath of the meadows lush,
 Sweeter the rose of a sweet-heart's blush,
 But sweetest far, the holy hush
 Of Friendship's silent river.

HOTEL SAVOY, Dec. 28, 1894.

THE CHI BANQUET.

On the evening of Oct. 26th the Chi charge held its annual initiation and banquet at the club house, 405 Alexander street. By far the most enthusiastic gathering of Theta Delta Chi men that ever assembled in Rochester met at that time to see the goat let loose upon the nine frisky freshmen who were anxious to receive the grip of $\theta \triangle X$. And it is needless to say that no other fraternity here secured the equal of the following:

Roy Neil Burgess, Edward Dyer Hardy, Herbert Ira Harris, George Lionel Hayes, Frederick Tecumseh Lent, Freeman Elton McNall, Harlan Watson Rippey, Bertram Edward Wilson and George Merriman Winegar.

By the time the goat had done his work all were ready to assemble round the festive board, where full justice was done

the tempting viands. Not less appreciated, however, were the remarks of the toastmaster, A. P. Little, X '72, who roused the enthusiasm to its highest pitch before calling for the toasts. It is the influence of such men that has put Theta Delta Chi foremost in the fraternal world. The toasts follow :

The Fraternity	Dr. C. R. Barber, X, '79.
The Foundations for True Eloquence	Major Jacob Spahn, X, '70.
The Chi Charge	Stanton E. Barrett, X, '95.
"To-night, Oh, What a Night"	Freeman E. McNall, X, '98.
The Chi "goat"	Arthur R. Anderson, X, '96.
The Freshmen	Harlan W. Rippey, X, '98.
Through College on a Trolley	Ivan Powers, X, '72.
Poem	T. Thackeray Swinburne, X, '92.

This ended the regular toasts, but there was so much eloquence yet uncorked that, even though "the deep of night had crept, upon our talk," calls were made for E. S. Brown, A, '92, who responded for "Delta." Rochester's most noted physician, E. Mott Moore, Jr., X, '71, dropped in on us just at this point, and the boys went wild. Dr. Moore spoke on "Our College Days." Joseph R. Webster, X, '94, 6 feet 3½ inches in "gym" dress and the most bashful and retiring (?) one of us all, took "The Ladies" as his text. Calls for "Pa" were then heard and "P. A." Blossom responded feelingly. E. B. Graves, B, '97, was with us and gave Chi greeting and congratulations for the Beta charge. The toasts, of course, were interspersed with singing, led by Bros. Bottum, '71, and Hanks, '73. Other alumni present, but whose names have not been given, were Harris, X, '93; Meyer and Galligan, X, '94.

Letters of regret were read during the evening from Pres. Benedict, of the Grand Lodge; Clay W. Holmes, of the SHIELD; Wm. S. Kimball, A, '58; J. Macbride Sterrett, X, '67; J. E. Rogers, X, '80; Rev. Loren Stiles, X, '80; Rev. Willis P. Odell, A, '80; W. B. Woodruff, X, '96, together with letters of greeting and congratulation from many of the charges. That the evening was a huge success was attested by the reluctance with which both the oldest and the youngest left the house.

OMICRON DEUTERON'S QUADRO CENTENNIAL.

The completion of a quarter century of continuous and honorable existence was celebrated by the Omicron Deuteron charge November 16, 1894, in connection with their annual initiation ceremonies. The occasion was most enjoyable, the presence of a large number of graduate brethren adding greatly to its success.

The exercises opened at the halls. Shortly after 9 o'clock the candidates, having striven with more or less success with the preliminary intellectual tests, were ushered into the presence of the goat, and the time-honored rites performed revealing to them the mysteries of the brotherhood. The lodge room of the Omicron Deuteron is especially adapted to the ritualistic features of Fraternity work and the solemn and impressive surroundings, together with the beautiful ritual of our order combined to make the ceremony one which brought home to all alike the sacred truths and ideals of Theta Delta Chi. In the halls of Omicron Deuteron the address of welcome to the new brethren was delivered by Norman J. Page, '95, while the response for the incoming delegation was by Charles L. Day, '98.

Shortly afterward the gathering adjourned to "The Wheelock," where fifty-eight loyal sons of Omicron Deuteron were soon discussing the bountiful spread by mine host Lawrence, which from "Blue Points" to "coffee and cigars" were most toothsome and appetizing.

After the viands had disappeared and the goddess nicotine had been enthroned President Edward S. Watson, '95, in his most happy manner introduced as toastmaster of the evening Carroll A. Davis, '95, who in turn called upon John E. R. Hayes, '95, to respond to the sentiment "Omicron Deuteron." "Theta Delta Chi" was ably toasted by Edwin R. Davis, '95, after which a part of the letters of regret from the alumni were read. All were teeming with fraternal love and loyalty, but as in the case of the Scriptural feast, one had to look at some land, an-

other had bought a yoke of oxen, another had married him a wife, and Seth P. Smith had to run for Alderman at a Boston caucus!

The muse was then introduced in the person of Joseph F. Ryan, '97, who read a poem abounding with witty hits on the faculty, the brethren, and the freshmen, which was received with great applause. Arthur G. Bugbee, '95, in responding to the toast, "Athletics," departed from the usual custom and in place of exploiting past achievements, outlined the plans of the athletic management of the future. "Friendship," the subject of the Oration, was admirably treated by Raymond D. Hazen, '96, whose eloquence more than once "brought down the house."

"Theta Delt Girls," without whose praises no Theta Delt banquet would be complete, was responded to by George E. Tent, '97, whose reminiscences of the seashore girl, the Hanover girl, and the Chelsea girl were most affecting, being taken, evidently, from his own experience, so truthful to nature were they. The toast of the new-comers, "Ninety-eight" was given by Everard W. Snow, '98, who promised in behalf of his delegation unswerving allegiance and faithful endeavor to attain Theta Delt ideals. The Anniversary Poem was by Bertrand A. Smalley, '94.

With the remark that this was his one chance to even up matters Toastmaster Davis "called up" Professor Herbert D. Foster, '85, to respond to "The Past." In a bright speech sparkling with anecdote he recalled the stirring history of Omicron Deuteron, making clear the fact that present success rests upon the solid foundations laid by the hard up-hill work of the brethren of the seventies who, though Omicron Deuteron was often on the point of dissolution, persevered in their efforts and made it possible for the classes of the early eighties to bring the grand old fraternity to the front rank of Dartmouth chapters.

"The only thing better for lunch than cold roast beef and a bottle of beer," said the toastmaster, "is cold roast beef and two bottles of beer! and so the only thing better than a professor on the faculty is two professors on the faculty!" With

these spirited remarks he introduced Professor Charles D. Adams, '77, to prophesy on "The Future." After telling how for years he had been in training for an endowed chair of Prophecy, the only up-to-date subject, the professor made some startling revelations from the private history of the acceptance by Dr. Tucker, of the presidency of the college, which were of a nature highly edifying to Theta Deltas and were received with tremendous applause. The future, while it must depend largely upon the undergraduate members, is now past ruin from the accidents of Fraternity history. A future full of all good things is the wish of the alumni for the charge and if every man but does his duty it is secure.

Informal toasts were then in order, the toastmaster calling upon members of the alumni present, among them being Charles W. Floyd, '85, of Boston, Mass.; William P. Kelly, '86, of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Edward W. Tewkesbury, '91, of West Randolph, Vt.; Fred E. Pritchard, '91, of Bradford, Vt.; Fred C. Russell, Eta, '91, Hanover, N. H.; Walter S. Thompson, '92, of Boston, Mass.; Samuel P. French, '93, of West Lebanon, N. H., and John P. Gifford, '94, of West Randolph, Vt.

It was announced that twenty-five dollars, the gift of the alumni, would be offered in prizes for excellence in debate and oratory in the charge halls during the present year.

Throughout the evening music by the Omicron Deuteron orchestra, comprising William E. Ela, '97, first violin, leader; Loren E. Mosher, second violin; John M. Poor, '97, clarinet; Harry W. Newell, '95, double bass, and William S. Hardy, '97, piano, enlivened the program. The anniversary song was rendered by the charge quartette composed of John W. H. Pollard, '95; William S. Hardy, '97; William D. McFee, '97, and Guy L. Gary, '98. The closing toast to Omega was drunk standing in reverent silence, the more so that so many of Omicron Deuteron's choicest spirits have entered her gloomy portals during the year just closed.

With song and story, jest and joke, the night had worn away and before the last yell had rung across the campus and the last happy and enthusiastic Theta Delt had tumbled into bed the east was grey with coming dawn.

Brothers who had not missed a Theta Delt banquet for a decade united with those who had not attended one for more than half that time in declaring the evening the most enjoyable in all their experiences.

MU DEUTERON'S INITIATION BANQUET.

The Mu Deuteron charge held its eleventh annual initiation ceremonies and banquet Friday evening, October 12. A freshman delegation of nine men was taken in, all of whom show especial promise, and the new year of life for the charge was fittingly opened. The spread was held at the Amherst House and the festivities were brought to a close at three-thirty o'clock. The undergraduate brothers were especially fortunate this year in being able to listen to seven brothers from the alumni, all of whom brought pleasant messages from the outside. A favorite topic with several of the speakers was the tenth anniversary of Mu Deuteron's establishment, which will take place next June. Bro. Palmer, '85, a charter member, spoke particularly on this subject, and a formal celebration of the anniversary seemed to be so universally favored that arrangements will without doubt be made at the proper time for the event. A pleasant feature on the program was the singing by a quartet composed of Bros. Bliss, '96; Porter, '96; Kidder, '97; and Merriam, '97. The following was the toast list :

- Toastmaster John A. Rawson, Jr., '95.
 The Fraternity Arthur J. Hopkins, '85.
 "A life of glorious labors past."
 The Freshmen Charles W. Cobb, '97.
 "He wears the rose of youth upon his cheek."
 Music Quartet.
 The Alumnus Frederick D. Hayward, '94.
 "What change is there in you? You look more anxious and more
 thoughtful than you used."
 First Impressions William E. Walker, '98.
 "Oh ! the joy of young ideas painted on the mind."
 Music Quartet.
 Poem Oscar A. Beverstock, '96.
 Tremor Cordis Chester T. Porter, '96.
 "It is not good that man should be alone."
 Our Future Clinton E. Bell, '95.
 "I dipt into the future far as human eye could see."

Speeches were also made by Bros, F. L. Palmer, '85; J. J. Walker, '89; G. P. Hitchcock, '92; M. T. Baldwin, '93; W. H. Ross, '93, and H. R. Russell, ex-'96.

The initiates were Edward H. Barnum, Auburndale, Mass.; Frederick W. Fosdick, Fitchburg, Mass.; Edmund A. Garland, Worcester, Mass.; Frederick R. Griffin, Northampton, Mass.; William H. Hitchcock, Fitchburg, Mass.; Robert A. Holmes, Elmira, N. Y.; Robert A. Price, Fitchburg, Mass.; William E. Walker, Amherst, Mass.; Edward S. Ward, Brookfield, Mass.

FRATERNITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Among the excellent things to be read in a recent copy of the SHIELD I notice this sentence under "Our Exchanges," page 262, in commenting upon an article in the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* :

"Why should not a wealthy alumnus endow a scholarship to be at the disposal of the chapter? or why should he not establish a loan fund to be used under proper restrictions, at the discretion of the chapter?"

I should like to see this made an earnest subject of discussion and of some definite action by the fraternity, for I think it an excellent suggestion.

I believe it would be one of the very best ways of showing the meaning and value of fraternity life, it would be a real and practical performance of the truest brotherly love.

We find in the church that she provides scholarships, fellowships and loan funds to assist those of her children who otherwise must give up all hope of attaining the education which is to fit them for their struggle with the world.

Other professions do the same, and why should not $\theta \lambda X$ provide for her sons who glory in professing her worth?

Ofttimes a brother whose life and influence has been a blessing to his fellows has, through the caprice of fortune, been compelled to forsake that mystic circle, give up his coveted diploma and accept a clerical position to gain a simple livelihood.

Some of the very best men in the world to-day owe their success to the education they were enabled to receive by some such fund as this.

Now, to apply this to the fraternity, a charge might many times see a diamond in the rough which by some such fund as this could be cut and polished, and finally set as one of the gems of the diadem.

There are several ways in which such a fund might be managed; but I think the best way would be, that the general legislative body should be the trustee, and application be made through the charges.

A loan fund has this advantage over a scholarship fund that while the rate of interest would be low, yet it does accumulate and the sum will ere long be doing double duty.

Wealthy alumni are pleased to honor their Alma Mater by similar gifts, why should not a wealthy Theta Delt think also of his loved fraternity at the same time? It would also be a graceful thing for each brother, after he graduates, to turn over all or a part of his first professional fee to this fund as a return in some degree for the unspeakable benefits which he has derived from his fraternity.

WILL R. MCKIM, *θ*, '94.

AD CANDIDATOS.

Poem read at the Lambda Initiation Banquet by C. L. Goodell.

A Theta Delt came to my room
 And bade me mount and ride
 My Pegasus, but gave me naught
 To spur his calloused side.

So long since from his stable door
 The foundered steed I led,
 I really fear he'll balk with me
 Or throw me o'er his head.

A gad-fly sent by Jupiter,
 Stung Pegasus of old
 So that he threw Bellerophon
 That cheeky man and bold.

But why should I, a minister,
 A winged steed surmount,
 Since I swore off from college "horse"
 Full twenty years I count.*

The Theta Delts of long ago
 Took kindly to "horse play";
 Perhaps to show the old-time pace,
 You bring me here to-day.

But "tempora" and "mores;" too
 Have fugited since then,
 And things which quite became us boys
 You'd scarce expect from men.

A royal company were they,
 Friends of the mystic tie,
 Our souls were bound by hooks of steel
 In Theta Delta Chi.

Just change the figure 9 to 7 *
 And that will make it right,
 For blotting out those twenty years
 Makes us all boys to-night.

Give up your prefix, suffix, all,
 Scratch out the R-e-v,
 The only letters boys affect
 Are "let her" R-i-p.

Old Time has said "Good Boy" so oft,
 And stroked that fellow there,
 That you can see across the room
 He's lost full half his hair.

Sure, never till my latest breath
 Shall I forget the night
 When Theta Delts led out the goat,
 For me, a luckless wight.

Grace and decorum now appear
 In all we see and hear;
 So solemn are the A-n's words
 They almost draw a tear.

But I, a Nestor, could unfold
 A tale of other days,
 Where candidates were welcomed in
 In very different ways.

*'74 to '94.

Our robing-room had other things
Than black and seemly gowns ;
You'd be surprised ! but I shan't tell,
The old man knows his bounds.

With shaking knees I faced my turn
" Sans " collar, coat and tie ;
What sights I saw, when chanced to slip
My bandage from one eye !

Four fellows stout an ample sheet
Had grasped on either side,
A white-faced youth within it lay
His hands behind him tied.

They straightened back ; he doubled up
And toward the ceiling sped,
As if a pound of dynamite
Had backed an ounce of lead.

That youth since then has fairly climbed
At cost of toil and sweat
The path which leads to honest fame—
But you can safely bet

That never in the coming years,
Though backed by might and right,
Will he go up at such a rate
As he went up that night.

'Tis well such scenes are passed away,
The merry romp of youth—
But changeless through the changing years
Our Friendship, Love and Truth.

Those friends so true are scattered now,
But ne'er forgot shall be,
Tho' some are in the churchyard laid
And some sleep in the sea.

We bid you take the vacant place
Where gleamed the planets bright
Of those brave souls who overcame
And now are crowned in light.

No stain was on their holy shields,
Let there be none on yours ;
Be captain of the faithful host
That to the end endures.

As pure as good King Arthur's Knights,
 Without reproach or fear,
 " Whose strength is as the strength of ten,"
 Such men we welcome here.

And now I lift a brimming cup
 As pure as Cana's wine,
 No sting is there, nor bitterness ;
 'Twas filled at Friendship's vine.

In such a cup I drink your health,
 Long life and many joys,
 Right sure I am you'll ne'er regret
 The night you joined *The Boys*.

ONCE A THETA DELT ALWAYS A THETA DELT.

Every loyal Theta Delt must have read with exceptional interest the article under the above caption in the September number of *THE SHIELD* and the lines of thought there taken up should not find that article their final expression, but the discussion which "A Graduate" invites should be carried on until it results in action. The problem which must, from the nature of things, constantly demand the earnest study of loyal Theta Delt, is how the strength of our fraternity is to be increased, its power and dignity enhanced, and above all, how the ties of friendship which find beginnings in it are to be made most binding and lasting.

Theta Delta Chi fraternity possesses so many points of superiority that the limits of this article would be transcended if an attempt were here made to rehearse them, but we cannot grow strong by a contemplation of present excellence; the question is, where is there room for improvement?

Let us learn a lesson from history. No other institution would have answered the purposes, required by the conditions which it confronted, so well as feudalism; but under it no great political power could arise, or, having arisen, could