

maintain itself, except through the personality of some great leader, until William the Conqueror taught the doctrine, by example, that every man who held land or privilege in the realm must swear fealty directly to the central power.

A later instance in point was the comparative insignificance of the achievements of the Union arms in the war of '61 until all military movements were directed by one mind, to one harmonious end. Now our fraternity possesses the best possible elements through which to organize the strongest society in the Greek world, but the mere possession of these elements, high character of its members and lofty principles, does not in itself constitute strength any more than the possession of the finest material for the erection of a house or bridge necessarily makes the structure strong. Poor material put together by an architect or builder who thoroughly understands the laws of strain and who can most skillfully design a frame or a truss will make a stronger structure than any material, however good, can make, if great care and skill is not exercised in its use.

What the fraternity needs is not better men to fill its posts of responsibility and honor, but a far more thorough and permanent and effective form of central organization.

Whatever efficiency the Grand Lodge possesses is due wholly, at present, to the eminent capacity and interest of its presiding officer, whoever he may be, who is chosen from year to year. If it should happen that that place should be filled any year by a brother who looked upon it as chiefly an honorable eminence, and not as mainly an opportunity for zealous, unpaid labor, the results would be a year of stagnation or retrogression for the fraternity. And even if the incumbent of that position were to take it with a full understanding of its demands and a resolution to merit the highest praises of the fraternity, unforeseen events might render it impossible for him to give the labor which would be demanded.

As arranged at present it is doubtful how full a knowledge of the past of the administration of the fraternity's affairs an incoming presiding officer of the Grand Lodge may possess.

What would seem to be demanded is a council, a central

standing committee, a senate, staff, or cabinet, or whatever one may wish to call it, but under whatever name, the thing should be permanent, eminent and strong. The suggestion of "A Graduate" on this point is good as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. If the council were to consist of seven men, a good number, as suggested by "A Graduate," the normal term of each member should be seven years, one member being elected each year, after the first. But it is a question whether the council ought not to be more numerous than this in order to meet all the requirements which should be put upon it. It must embrace several brethren who combine with undiminished loyalty a certain ripeness of years and eminence both in the fraternity and out of it; but who would expect to put upon such brethren as Charles R. Miller, Willis S. Paine, or the presidents of Trinity or Tufts the duty of collecting and keeping an account of one dollar yearly from two or three thousand men? So that while the council should embrace a half dozen or so of such men it must also include an equal number of men who have the leisure, and taste, taking the ability as largely a thing of course, to do that and similar work.

The older and eminent men should not consent to become members of the council unless they were determined to give the work sufficient care and oversight so that they would be willing to be considered equally responsible with the younger and more active men for what was done. The younger and active men should keep fully posted as to all of consequence that transpired throughout the fraternity, year after year, and it would then be most natural to select the presiding officer of the Grand Lodge from among their number, although any brother who had in any way kept fully in touch with the life and movement of the whole fraternity would be equally available and eligible, as at present.

What relations the fraternity should decree to be established between the Grand Lodge and the council need not here be discussed, evidently the two bodies should act in harmony and indeed in unity, and while very few if any of the present functions of the Grand Lodge should be absorbed by the council

the two should deliberate together, perhaps quarterly, and upon call in the intervals of quarterly meetings. And the council should sustain such relations to the annual convention as would add its wisdom to the convention and aid in giving continuity of policy, purposes and method to succeeding conventions. Very likely as good a plan as any would be simply to have the members of the council members ex-officio of every convention, with the power of having a vote for an absent member of the council cast by proxy, so that the full number of votes to which the council was entitled in a convention should always be cast, irrespective of the fact that such men as named above might not be able to lay aside their other duties for two or three days to personally attend throughout all the sessions of a convention. Or possibly the council ought to have a relation similar to that of a senate in state or national legislation.

But whatever the other functions, the council should be the custodian of the funds of the fraternity intended for investment in real estate, and of any other permanent funds which it might possess. And moreover it should, most emphatically, be the body in which the title to all real estate purchased by the general fund of the fraternity should vest. To this end it should have a legal corporate existence and if the law of the state where incorporation was effected required that such a body be self perpetuating that could easily be arranged by a tacit understanding that the council should annually elect the nominees of the fraternity to the vacancy occurring.

Having a council, or body of whatever name, of this character the fraternity can make progress in the line of acquiring charge houses and other eminently desirable things, which it must make up its mind are practically out of reach until some such body is created.

And now the new specific work to be accomplished by the aid of such a body :—In the first place call upon each graduate to pay yearly to the council one dollar as a matter of course and with the understanding, on the quiet, that any brother who is so disposed may make the amount twofold or threefold or fivefold or tenfold or may fold it as many times as he

likes, but one dollar is the minimum actually called for and sufficient to prove abundant loyalty.

This being a new thing it is not unlikely that many of the alumni, now several years out of college may be slow to fall into the plan, and possibly some brethren who are already alumni may never fall into the plan, but let this plan be understood from henceforth to be as much an essential part of the fraternity's life as initiation, and let every man who is now an active member give in his adhesion to it, and let every man hereafter to be initiated be made to understand from the hour of initiation that this plan is one of the things to which his Theta Delt oaths bind him and the result will be both more loyalty and more money. The payment of a small standard fee yearly through life will do more than any other one thing to keep the rank and file of the brethren of the alumni in touch with the fraternity and quick to its interests of every sort. Where a man's money goes, if it is but a dollar yearly, there his active interest will go, and when the undergraduates see funds coming from the alumni this will not by any means diminish their earnest love of the fraternity, the result will be as far the contrary from that as one can imagine.

This dollar per year plan is not to be the exclusive matter of the alumni, it is to work with every initiated Theta Delt from the year of initiation, if for no other reason in order that the habit of remitting the dollar may be formed in the undergraduate, which is to be the lifelong custom of the alumnus.

Then how is the money so accumulated to be disbursed by the council? In the acquiring of charge houses for the various charges until each is well housed, excepting, of course, such funds as may be put in its care for other specified purposes.

But are members of all charges to contribute to building of houses for one charge not their own, before their own is provided with a house? Yes, most certainly, for in no other way will any charge ever have a house, while by this plan of co-operation all will in due time have all that can be desired.

Which charge is then first to have a house?

This is a question the answer of which is to lie in the breasts

of the council which controls the funds, but the character of the council is to be a guarantee that no favoritism for any charge, but the general good of the whole fraternity shall control.

But these considerations are to determine what the general good of the fraternity demands at the hands of the council, viz. : Where can we build cheapest in a place where rents are highest? And, by the way, it is understood that rents shall accrue to the council from the charges which have had its funds to build with, but of this more later.

Then, by using the common funds for part of what is needed, what charge can and will secure the largest amount in its aid from its own particular alumni and active membership?

And then, where is a house most essential to the good of the fraternity? And, where can building operations be best looked after by a competent representative of the council?

In a word, all the above and many more points are to be weighed by the council in its arriving at an answer to the question where the expenditure of the funds at its command can best be made for the benefit of the fraternity at large.

Under some circumstances it may be well to buy land at once when a desirable site can be secured, or a site with a poor old house, and then not build there until buildings are erected for other charges, for in some places the question of a desirable site is the most difficult of solution, while in other places perhaps plenty of good sites may be had at any time for a song.

One point not mentioned above which demands especial consideration in determining where first to build is whether the laws of a state where building is contemplated will grant immunity from taxation or not, for possibly some states might take the view that a charge house was of such an auxiliary character to a college that it should be exempted from taxation, while elsewhere a high rate of taxation might deter building.

And, in this connection, it is to be remarked that in securing incorporation the council should have its charter so drawn that it would be set forth that the objects of the organization are of a literary character, and that it is calculated to further

the objects and assist in attaining the purposes of liberal education as auxiliary to eleemosynary institutions for that purpose established, and if it is a fact that fraternal orders generally enjoy exemption from taxation throughout the Union, then that characteristic of the fraternity which brings it under that head should be prominently mentioned in the charter of the council.

It is so evident that numerous points of this sort are unlikely to be fully provided for by undergraduates, of the average age of twenty years, that it should be at once evident that the old heads should be left to manage the affairs of the council, and that such an organization of old heads is the present need of the fraternity. And the great advantages of such an organization for the fraternity include the following, among others :

Suppose that to-day some brother who had accumulated \$25,000, and had no children or relatives who needed his help, were to set out to draw a will. He might, perchance, leave \$2,000 each to five nephews and nieces, and then set out to dispose of the remaining \$15,000 to various institutions, he might want to remember the church to which he belonged, give a few thousand to his native town to help its library or endow a cot in its hospital, leave a thousand or two to his alma mater to found a scholarship or a prize fund, and be well disposed to leave a thousand or two to aid in building a house for his charge. How could he practically do this latter to-day? He does not feel that a proper distribution of his estate would warrant him in leaving a sufficient sum to build a charge house complete, and even if he did he would have to select especial trustees for that purpose, he would like to leave something to aid in this purpose of building, but what disposition can he make of \$1,000, say, so that it would be safely kept till the project was feasible to build by that charge and the funds, with accumulations, then applied to that purpose?

If a brother is a millionaire and wants to build a charge house for his charge during his lifetime nothing is easier, but the trouble is that millionaires are as few in the fraternity as elsewhere, and houses must consequently be built by the cooperation of brethren of a very different financial standing.

Suppose then that the brother who wants to leave \$1,000 to aid in work of this sort finds a chartered council of the sort contemplated, it will then be an easy matter for him to provide in his will that his executor shall pay to that corporation the amount named, to be held by it in trust and to be placed at interest until such time as a building shall be erected for the charge of Theta Delta Chi fraternity in such and such a college when the said sum with the interest thereupon accumulated shall be used in aid of the purpose specified. How largely giving of this sort would be stimulated by such proper provision for the care of the gifts, and then how further gifts by subsequent testators, would be stimulated if a thousand or two had been bequeathed already.

The sources of income to the trust funds of the council would be, 1st, the one dollar yearly from all members ; 2d. the special larger gifts of brethren to the general fund or to be held for the building of structures, or purchase of land, for the use of particular charges ; 3d, bequests for the same purpose, and 4th, rent from those charges which had houses through the aid of the council ; 5th, a little interest from funds while they laid waiting.

It ought not to be expected or intended that any charge should enjoy the use of a house free of all charge, especially while other charges were quartered in rented properties.

The amount of rent to be paid in any case should be about the same as would be charged by any landlord for similar accommodations in the place where the property was.

If \$10,000 is expended on a charge house in a given place, which house includes a hall for meetings, while hall rent had previously cost \$150 per year, and suites of rooms to accommodate fifteen members at an average cost of \$30 per year to each, then the allowance for insurance and repairs would be perhaps \$100 per year out of this total of \$600, leaving \$500 as the amount which should go to the council yearly as rent, this being at the same time five per centum on the amount in the property, which is a moderate or low rate, and, as is evident, about the fair thing for all concerned, supposing that \$30

would be about what each brother would average to pay as room rent—\$60 for a suite to accommodate two.

At first the operation of this plan would not bring in cash nearly so fast as the waiting brethren would be anxious to see it come; it is doubtful if the fund would amount to over \$1,000 in the council's hands at the end of the first year, but nearly if not quite all alumni whose names once got on the roll of those who had taken part in the plan for one year would probably persevere and the roll would grow, steadily and surely, if properly attended to, although that growth was small.

But consider what would be the working of the plan after ten years of successful operation, by that time the number of yearly contributors would be nearly, or in excess of, two thousand, possibly three thousand, if good attention were given to the matter through ten years, and if by that time two houses had been built from which the council got \$1,000 yearly, the income would be at least \$3,000, which would suffice to provide a property worth \$10,000 for a charge in three to four years, and all the time the number of paying alumni would be increased as well as the number of properties contributing rent to the funds. This would very greatly stimulate those brethren who were able to contribute their fives and tens, and twenties and fifties, hundreds and even thousands, and while the early years of the plan may show results below the natural expectation of its friends, as time goes on and the plan is well developed and matured the wonder will be how fast the funds accumulate. The time will come, in the future, if such a plan as this is well worked out, when the buildings will bring an aggregate of \$6,500 income to the fund and when the yearly dollars will number 3,500, and when that time comes it is evident that a property worth \$10,000 can be provided each year, apart from special donations.

The suggestion of a plan of this sort gives occasion for the suggestion of the working of many more minute details than have here been touched upon, but enough has already been said to show the writer's idea of the general scheme which ought to be worked out and, in the phraseology of an assembly endeavoring to proceed according to some sort of parliamentary

usage, if "A Graduate" will put his remarks in the form of a motion and accept some of the above suggestions as amendments he can consider the writer of this as the motion's

SECOND.

BANQUET SONG.

Tune—"Ring the Bells of Heaven."

Come, ye Theta Delt, spread your feast to-day;
 Come mingle with the boys in love again;
 Call them from the city, call them from the main
 To revel in our joys and be gay.

Glory, glory, let the glad hearts ring;
 Glory, glory, let the voices sing;
 Brothers, join our chorus, sing it loud and long—
 Of our noble Theta Delta Chi.

Come, my worthy brothers, sing with me to-day,
 Joining in the anthem loud and free;
 Come and drown your sorrow in our merry lay—
 Telling of our love and treasured glee.

Glory, glory, let the glad hearts ring;
 Glory, glory, let the voices sing;
 Brothers, join our chorus, raise it to the sky—
 For our noble Theta Delta Chi.

WILL R. MCKIM, ©, '94.

KENVON BANQUET, June, 1894.

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 *an courant* with and pleasantly mention every graduate member and will be glad to do so if our wishes are fulfilled.—EDITOR.

Wallace B. Lucas, Psi, '66, was for eighteen years pastor of the Presbyterian church in Meridian, N. Y. In the spring of 1887 he was chosen by the Synod of New York to have charge of its missionary work in the western half of the state. That position he filled with acceptance for six years. He travelled 58,277 miles; visited 660 congregations; preached 952 sermons and made 3,737 missionary calls. His home was still in Meridian. In May, 1893, he gave up his synodical work and with his wife made an extensive trip through the west. They spent last winter in Southern California. Dr. Lucas assisted several pastors in that state in special evangelistic services, and lectured in many of the towns on "The Manners and Customs of Palestine To-day as Illustrating Bible Teaching." In the spring of 1891 the doctor visited the Holy Land and gathered the material for his lectures. Last summer he supplied the Second Presbyterian church of Los Angeles, Cal., while the pastor was east as a commissioner to the General Assembly at Saratoga, N. Y. Since then he has been traveling with his wife through Northern California, Oregon, Washington and Canada. In October they returned to their home in Meridian. The Rev. J. P. MacPhie, who has been pastor there since Dr. Lucas left in 1887 has just resigned, and the doctor has again taken up the work in the old church of which he was so long the pastor, at Meridian, N. Y.

Arthur J. Hopkins, Mu Deuteron, '85, began this fall his work as assistant professor in Chemistry at Amherst College. His work is chiefly with the beginners in Chemistry and his division numbers 100 men. Dr. Hopkins was one of Mu Deuteron's charter members and his interest in the fraternity at large and in Mu Deuteron in particular has always been active. After being graduated from Amherst in '85, he taught for three years and then continued his studies in a two years' course at Johns Hopkins University, where he received his degree of Ph. D., and was also honored with an appointment as an assistant and instructor in Chemistry. After holding this position for a short time, he was made the head of the department of Chemistry at Westminster College, holding the position until the close of the last college year. His work at Amherst is sure to be crowned with success.

Marcus Michaels, Chi, '73, is making a six months tour on European soil.

David G. Meyer, Chi, '94, is connected with the Rochester *Democrat and Chronicle*.

W. P. Kelly, Omicron Deuteron, '86, is principal of the St. Johnsbury, Vt., High School.

David L. Hower, Phi, '92, is serving his third year as vice-principal of schools in Honesdale, Pa.

Frank R. Magee, Lambda, '88, was married September 20 to Miss Kate G. Culyer of Brooklyn, N. Y.

J. F. Galligan, Chi, '92, is reading law with Foote & Havens, attorneys, Sibley Building, Rochester.

J. W. Erf, Tau Deuteron, '93, is in the engineering department of the Gillett-Herzog Mfg. Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

James P. Fleming, Chi, '92, is a student of medicine. He is now taking his third course of lectures at the University of Pennsylvania.

Irving E. Harris, Chi, '92, has taken up the study of medicine and is attending lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia.

W. A. Simonton, Tau Deuteron, '94, is compiling mortgage statistics for Bro. LeGrand Powers, Labor Commissioner for the state of Minnesota.

Henry F. Russell, Nu Deuteron, '96, is in the employ of Walbridge & Co., general hardware merchants, 317 Washington street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Willard J. Fisher, Mu Deuteron, '92, has been forced to resign his position as principal of the Medway, Mass., High School on account of ill health.

Albert M. Webster, Tau Deuteron, '91, is superintendent of schools at Montevideo, Minn., and also treasurer of the Minnesota State Educational Association.

Rev. E. C. Camp, Mu Deuteron, '89, was ordained to the ministry and installed as pastor of the Congregational church at Worthington, Mass., October 10.

Paul C. Phillips, Mu Deuteron, '88, continues his work this year as physical director of the Young Men's Institute, New York city, with headquarters at 232 Bowery.

Dr. E. L. Gedney, Gamma Deuteron, '94, has located at Winnebago City, Minn., entering into partnership with one of the most successful dentists in the southern part of the state.

W. I. Gray, Tau Deuteron, '91, is the senior member of the firm of W. I. Gray & Co., electrical contractors, 619 Nicollet avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. Bro. Gray was awarded the contract for the electrical work in the new Library Building, now being built by the University of Minnesota. This will be the first conduit contract completed in Minneapolis.

Arthur S. Cooley, Mu Deuteron, '91, is in his third year of study at the Harvard Graduate School in the department of Classical Philology. Address 34 Bigelow street, Cambridgeport, Mass.

Hobart K. Whitaker, Mu Deuteron, '90, for four years principal of the High School at Amherst, Mass., has gone to Chicago, where he is studying History and Political Economy in the University of Chicago.

Hon. Willis S. Paine, Chi, '67, was appointed Assistant Quartermaster General on the staff of Governor Flower, December 12. He retired with the expiration of Governor Flower's term holding the rank of Colonel.

Nathan P. Avery, Mu Deuteron, '91, is for the third year principal of the High School at Chittenango, N. Y. He was toastmaster of the banquet at his class reunion in June, and was re-elected president of the class.

Lewis W. Gunckel, Epsilon Deuteron, '91, is treasurer of the Seybold Machine Co. of Dayton, Ohio, manufacturers of printers machinery. Judging from their catalogue no finer machinery is made anywhere in the country.

Herschel L. Gardner, Zeta, '92, has taken up his residence in Elmira, N. Y., where he has opened an office and will practice law. Bro. Gardner is a frequent visitor to the editor's office, and a welcome one. His address is 711 North Main street, Elmira, N. Y.

E. C. Chamberlain, Psi, '93, has located in New York city and opened an office for the practice of medicine at 54 West Eighty-third street. He has received an appointment to the post graduate college in the diseases of children, and also has charge of the obstetrical department of the North-eastern dispensary.

Ozora S. Davis, Omicron Deuteron, '89, who graduated from Hartford Theological Seminary last June, with high honors, received a traveling fellowship from the seminary and after touring through southern Germany and the Hartz mountains is now located in Berlin, where he expects to spend the next two years in study.

Nelson T. Barrett, Chi, '92, who has been reading law for the past two years in the office of Petrie, Timmerman & Pardee, of Buffalo, was admitted to the bar at the November general term held in Rochester. Where Bro. Barrett will hang out his shingle is as yet unknown to the SHIELD, but wherever it is he certainly has our wishes for his eminent success.

Arthur Veysey, Gamma Deuteron, '93, is assistant professor in the English department of The Shattuck Military Academy, located at Fari-bault, Minn. Bro. Veysey spent the year, following his graduation, at the General Theological Seminary in New York city. He has visited the Tau Deuteron boys several times and is always welcomed. They appreciate a call from Theta Delts in a manner hard to be realized by men of the Eastern charges.

Hon. John Dahl, Tau Deuteron, '91, was elected representative to the lower house of the Minnesota legislature at the November landslide. Since his graduation Bro. Dahl has devoted his time to law and court reporting. He is an accomplished stenographer and the SHIELD was much indebted to him for the accurate report of the Tau Deuteron inauguration banquet. We extend hearty congratulations upon his preferment, and wish for him a successful career as a statesman.

James E. Bradford, Tau Deuteron, '92, graduated from the law department of the University of Minnesota in June last. He spent the summer months in the celebrated law office of Winkler, Flanders, Smith, Bottom & Vilas, at Milwaukee, Wis. In September he joined issues with Bro. Harlan E. Leach, '91, who graduated from the law department at the same time, and they have opened a law office at Winoua, Minn., with a branch office at St. Charles, Minn.

Willis C. Belknap, Omicron Deuteron, '92, will deliver, during the present school year, a set of lectures on Constitutional Law before the students of one of the prominent schools in Chattanooga, Tenn. Brother Belknap has been located in South Pittsburg, where he established a law office under the firm name of Belknap & Early, but has recently moved to Chattanooga, where he has opened with Brother Barron Shirley, Omicron Deuteron, '92, an office with the shingle, Belknap & Shirley, at 201 Temple Court. Besides this, he has made a reputation this fall as a stump speaker. His dry, sarcastic, drag-net style never fails to bring down the house. Populist speakers in Tennessee have learned to let him severely alone and declined all joint debates.

Warren F. Gregory, Omicron Deuteron, '88, for some time prominent in educational circles in Hartford, Conn., presented a paper at a recent meeting of the Connecticut State Teachers Institute at Hartford. Brother Gregory spent his summer in Hanover, N. H., combining a vacation visit to his alma mater with the labor incident to the preparation of a new edition of Goldsmith's "Traveller and Deserted Village." This book is shortly to appear in the English Classics series issued by Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, Boston. As an editor in this series Brother Gregory is in rather fast company, yet a hasty glance at the copy of the book indicates an originality of treatment which, combined with comprehensive introductions and a thorough compilation of notes, should win the favor of the critics.

Rev. Arthur Chase, Omicron Deuteron, '89, (non grad.), for the past two years one of the masters of St. Mark's school, Southboro, Mass., began work August 1 as a curate of the Church of the Advent in Boston. This is a large parish requiring the work of three clergymen.

Barron Shirley, Omicron Deuteron, '92, distinguished himself upon the stump in the Third Tennessee Congressional district during the late campaign. He is now counsel for the Chattanooga Banking company.

J. S. Moore, Zeta, '94, attends the Harvard Medical School.

C. A. Selden, Zeta, '93, is city editor of the Providence *News*.

Wm. R. Jarvis, Omicron Deuteron, '93, is in business at Claremont, N. H.

E. C. Frost, Zeta, '90, is a prominent member of the Providence Art Club.

S. A. Hopkins, Zeta, '93, is advertising manager of the Providence *News*.

Myron E. Powers, Psi, '86, is principal of the public schools of Plainville, Conn.

F. M. Kendall, Beta, '78, has removed from Aurora, Ill., to LaGrange, Ill.

Henry O. Aiken, Omicron Deuteron, '87, passed his summer vacation in England.

Wm. C. Hill, Zeta, '94, is teaching in the Mystic Valley Institute, Mystic, Conn.

E. H. Cole, Gamma Deuteron, '91, is teaching in the high school at LaGrange, Ill.

Leslie H. Ingham, Omicron Deuteron, '89, is professor of Chemistry in Kenyon College.

E. C. Stiness, Zeta, '90, graduate of Harvard Law School, is practicing in Pawtucket, R. I.

Hon. D. B. Pond, Zeta, '64, ex-mayor of Woonsocket, R. I., has removed to Albany, N. Y.

Rolla W. Bartlett, Omicron Deuteron, '94, is also in his first year at Boston University Law School.

Geo. C. Selden, Omicron Deuteron, '93, recently took second honors in the Junior class at the Kent Law School, Chicago.

Rev. Geo. M. Woodwell, Omicron Deuteron, '84, has resigned his pastorate of the First Congregational church of York, Me.

P. C. Gilbert, Xi, '62, has returned to Warren, Pa., his old home. Whether the change is permanent or not we are not advised.

Rt. Rev. M. N. Gilbert, Xi, '70, made a flying trip eastward to Warren, Pa., in December, to officiate at the wedding of a relative.

M. C. Stewart, Zeta, '94, has been spending a few weeks this fall in Providence, and will enter a business life at his home in Quincy, Ill.

John Wenzel, Lambda, '91, has opened an office at Room 57, No. 209 Washington street, Boston, and will practice law for all there is in it.

Hon. A. S. Miller, Zeta, '71, ex-speaker of the Rhode Island house, is prominently mentioned as probable Democratic candidate for mayor of Providence.

Robert VanIderstine, Rho Deuteron, '94, is practicing law at 32 Liberty street, New York.

A. E. Peterson, Kappa, '92, is principal of the High School at South Manchester, Conn.

F. P. Ladd, Zeta, '93, of the Providence *Journal* says he has lost ten pounds since leaving college.

Dr. Otis H. Marion, Omicron Deuteron, '73, was one of the speakers at the November dinner of the Dartmouth Lunch Club of Boston.

Dr. C. F. Ober, Omicron Deuteron, '73, has been chosen to the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of New Hampshire.

Geo. Sherman Mills, Omicron Deuteron, 90, who is at Andover Theological Seminary, supplied the pulpit at Newcastle, N. H., this summer.

Fred C. Allen, Omicron Deuteron, '94, is a first year student in the Boston University Law School. Address, 28 Hancock street, Boston, Mass.

H. K. Whitaker, Mu Deuteron, '90, who for four years has been principal of the Amherst High School, will study at Chicago University this year.

H. K. Stiles, Mu Deuteron, '91, has received an appointment at the Carnay Hospital in South Boston, and will return to the Harvard Medical School for a fourth term.

C. S. Sweetland, Zeta, '66, of the board of trustees, Brown University, is a member of the committee upon plans and location for the new dormitory at Brown University.

Alexander Meiklejohn, Zeta, '93, has been appointed instructor in the Latin department at Brown, and is secretary and treasurer of the Brown University Philosophical club.

Dr. William S. Thompson, Omicron Deuteron, '78, a prominent physician of Standish and Portland, Me., is reported to have died recently. No particulars are at hand.

Dr. W. F. Morrison, Lambda, '70, now occupies his new home at 683 Broad street, Providence, R.I. Bro. Morrison enjoys an established practice and is popular in society circles.

Frank H. McCall, Nu Deuteron, '91, is at present located in Fall River, Mass. He is electrician for the Dartmouth and Westport Street Railway Co. His address is 45 Stafford Road.

Harry C. Allen, Omicron Deuteron, '92, has recently purchased an interest in a large grocery establishment and is now a member of the firm of Mann & Allen, of West Randolph, Vt.

M. W. Kern, Zeta, '92; G. H. Eiswald, Zeta, '94, and W. H. Kimball, Zeta, '94, are respectively president, treasurer and advance agent of the Hope Glass Cutting Works of Providence.

Lewis E. Lee, Iota Deuteron, '94, is in the Junior class of the McCormick Theological Seminary at Chicago. Address, 1060 North Halsted street.

Alfred H. Campbell, Omicron Deuteron, '77, was recently elected to the Executive Committee of the Vermont Association of Dartmouth Alumni.

Herbert Tetlow, Omicron Deuteron, '93, read a paper on "Formaline, the new Preservative," before a recent meeting of the Dartmouth Scientific Association.

J. P. Pardee, Phi, '74, has given up the iron business and removed with his family to Hazleton, Pa., where he will hereafter reside. He is president of the Hazleton National Bank.

Perley O. Place, Omicron Deuteron, '93, after a year of post-graduate work at Harvard, is located in Little Rock, Ark., where he is professor of Greek and Latin in the Little Rock Academy. His address is 525 West Fifteenth street.

E. M. Wilson, Beta, '93, secretary of the Grand Lodge 92-3, and during the past year Fellow in Political Science in Cornell University, is conducting the department of History and Political Economy in the Washington, D. C., High School. His success is gratifying to all the brethren.

Professor Merlyn C. Findlay, Psi, '92, continues to fill most acceptably the chair of Science in Park College, Parkville, Mo. Five hundred dollars have recently been expended upon the equipment of the Science department. Brother Findlay finds the work at Park very agreeable. He spent his summer vacation at Franklinville, N. Y.

Rev. A. S. Coats, Psi, '74, together with his congregation, has bidden farewell to the old Washington Street Baptist church in Buffalo, the property having been sold for business purposes. The congregation, numbering about 700, are now worshipping in Concert Hall, though it is expected that in due time a handsome church edifice will be erected in an up town locality.

Dr. Levi W. Clapp, Zeta, '70, died September 18, 1894, at his home in Pawtucket, R. I. The cause of death was accidental. He fell from a wall in the rear of his residence and was killed instantly. Dr. Clapp was one of the leading physicians in Pawtucket. He was born January 3, 1849, in the house next to the one he resided in. He was a graduate of Brown University and of Harvard Medical School. He has practiced medicine 21 years, always with eminent success. He was a friend to all who knew him, and those to whom he had administered feel a sense of personal loss. While not a public man in the ordinary sense of the term, his loss will be felt by the whole community in which he resided.

Rev. F. P. Harrington, Xi, '73, is rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hamilton, N. Y.

Walter H. Small, Omicron Deuteron, '78, is superintendent of schools at Palmer, Mass.

Rev. David L. Ferris, Xi, '88, is in charge of St. Matthews' Church, Horseheads, N. Y.

Charles A. Clark, Omicron Deuteron, '92, (non-grad.) is now at 100 Kingston Street, Boston, Mass.

James McLachlan, Psi, '78, was elected to congress from the Los Angeles, Cal., district in November.

Lewis B. McCabe, Xi, '94, is in business with his father in New York City. His home is in Cold Spring, N. Y.

William E. Hills, Xi, '91, is practicing law at No. 120 Broadway, New York City, as a partner in the firm of Martin & Hills.

Ernest K. Piper, Omicron Deuteron, '94, is ill at his home in Belmont, N. H., having left Harvard Law School some weeks since.

Frank T. Beede, Omicron Deuteron, '72, is a member of the firm of L. T. Jests & Co., shoe manufacturers, located in Hudson, Mass.

James C. Simpson, Omicron Deuteron, '87, took a prominent part in the last meeting of the New Hampshire State Teachers' Association, held in Manchester, N. H., October 26-27. Brother Simpson is vice-president of the organization for the ensuing year.

Rev. Dwight A. Parce, Xi, '93, was ordained to the diaconate on Oct. 11th, at St. Thomas' Church, Slaterville, N. Y., where he had been a lay-reader, by Bishop Huntington, of the diocese of Central New York. Bro. Parce will remain in charge of the parish in Slaterville.

Rev. William F. English, Omicron Deuteron, '82, is the author of a book just issued from the press of the Arena Publishing Company, of Boston, under the title "Evolution and the Immanent God." The object of the work is the reconciliation of evolution and christian thought.

Bertrand A. Smalley, Omicron Deuteron, '94, is employed with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in Boston, Mass. Address, 41 Hancock Street, Boston. Fred C. Allen, also Omicron Deuteron, '94, is to be reached at the same address. Rolla W. Bartlett, Omicron Deuteron, '94, is at 45 Hancock Street.

Henry S. Morris, Tau Deuteron, '91, was re-elected clerk of the circuit and county courts of Roberts County, South Dakota, at the November election. His campaign was a hot one, so he says. He was accused by one of his contestants of being an A. P. A. man, who, to prove it, pointed to his Theta Delt badge and said "he knew what that was all right enough." That is the first time we have ever heard of a fraternity badge proving so disastrous a companion. Bro. Morris, however, did not discard the badge, but proceeded to enlighten the heathen.

Rev. David H. Montgomery, Zeta, '61, who was reported as dead in the last Catalogue, is still in the land of the living and resides at No. 37 Holworthy Street, Cambridge. It is not to be wondered at that Bro. Montgomery was lost sight of, for he has spent much of his time for years in England at Oxford and Cambridge. He has won fame as a writer and devotes his time still to books. Seven hundred thousand copies of his American history have already been published and he is now writing another which will soon be issued by Ginn & Co.

N. L. Bachman, Psi, '72, was elected member of assembly for the 63d district of California in November. He was the only democrat elected in the district. He ran five votes ahead of the governor, who was the only democrat elected on the state ticket and the most popular man in the state. He beat his republican opponent by 108. He had nothing to put into the campaign but popularity and raisins, but he got there just the same. Bro. Bachman has of late been doing good work as editor of the Fresno daily paper. Here is a little of his poetic wit—clipped from the Fresno *Republican* :

“O, why should the spirit of Bachman be proud,
And hungry for glory or thirsty for fame?
It is true I outran the whole candidate crowd,
Coming in on the homestretch ahead of the game.

“But why should I glory in winning the race?
And why should I fancy that Budd and myself
Are the chosen of heaven? 'Tis the fact of the case
We came mighty near being laid on the shelf.

“Have I gained? That's the point I am talking about.
Just look at my feet—they are bigger than boats,
And full of rheumatics, neuralgia and gout
Contracted while hoofing and sloshing for votes.

“Am I winner? While Ashbrook is digging for gold,
And Reese dries his fruit, far removed from the crowd,
In the assembly I'll linger, all lonely and cold—
O, why should the spirit of Bachman be proud?”

Dr. Arthur H. Kimball, Omicron Deuteron, '73. The following particulars in regard to the untimely demise of Brother Kimball are clipped from *The Dartmouth* of December 14th: “'73—Dr. Arthur H. Kimball died at Battle Creek, Mich., August 6th. For a year after graduating from college he was assistant at Barre Academy, where he fitted for college. Dr. Kimball graduated from the Medical College with the class of '76. He located at Cummington, Mass., where he met with decided success. Failing health induced him to sell his practice and seek a more favorable climate. In April, 1883, he located at Battle Creek, Mich., where he built up a large and remunerative practice. At the time of the railroad accident near Battle Creek in October, 1893, his services were called upon so much that he was completely exhausted and never recovered from the prostration which followed. He leaves a wife and two sons, besides a large circle of friends.

Dr. John B. Huber, Psi, '87, has been appointed deputy coroner for New York city, by Coroner-elect Hoeber, to date from Jan. 1, 1895.

Donald M. Marrener, Pi Deuteron, '96, died on Christmas day at his home in New York city, of typhoid fever.

Geo. Rebec, Gamma Deuteron, '91, who spent last year in Germany, has returned to Ann Arbor to take a position again in literature at the University.

Ross C. Whitman, Gamma Deuteron, '94, is teaching Latin in the High School at Manistee, Mich.

M. H. Manuel, Tau Deuteron, '94, is superintendent of public schools at St. James, Minn.

Louis E. Durr, Theta, '92, was ordained last June and is now preaching at Bellaire, Ohio.

Hon. W. G. Raines, Xi, '70, resides at 97 East 116th street, New York city. He is practicing law and has an office at No. 11 Pine street.

O. S. Marden, Lambda, '77, is at present located at 43 Bowdoin street, Boston. He has just published a very interesting book for boys and girls 'an account of which will be found under the head of Exchanges. We have just received a copy of the book and after examination pronounce it a most charming and readable work, which is commended to all Theta Deltas as a desirable addition to their libraries.

W. H. Wiggin, Jr., Iota, '92, is located at 801 Medinah building, Chicago, Ill.

P. M. Davis, Xi, '94, is teaching English, and instructor in Athletics at St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wis.

Frank P. Bellmeyer, Phi, '73, for many years a resident of Bloomsburg, Pa., has recently removed his family to No. 40 East Twenty-sixth street, New York city. Bro. Bellmeyer is manager of the United States School Furniture Co., at 74 Fifth avenue. There are many Theta Deltas who are interested in school furniture and supplies and have something to say about purchasing. We would advise all such to correspond with Bro. Billmeyer, who will be happy to put them on to all the facts.

POTTER—RICHARDS.

Rev. Leslie Fenton Potter, Xi, '93, and Miss Maude Richards of Iola Kansas, were married Tuesday morning October 24, 1894, at the home of the bride's father by the Rev. John Bennett, of Ft. Scott, Kansas. After the ceremony a reception was held, in the midst of which Mr. and Mrs. Potter, with the best wishes of all their friends who had known them from childhood, left for their home in Mexico, Mo.

ELY—FRENCH.

Lester H. Ely, Nu Deuteron, '90, was married to Miss Marion R. French, October 11, 1894; in Hyannis, Mass.

STEPHENSON—OSGOOD.

Frank H. Stephenson, Kappa, '91, was married to Miss Clara M. Osgood, November 7th, 1894. They will reside at 28 Hyde Park avenue, Jamaica Plains, Mass.

LEACH—LOWER.

Harlan E. Leach, Tau Deuteron, '91, was married November 7th to Miss Eva Lower at the residence of her father, the Hon. M. P. Lower, mayor of Spring Valley, Minn. The bridal couple have taken up their residence at 762 West Mark street, Winona, Minn.

CHAMBERS—ORCUTT.

Will Grant Chambers, Phi, '94, was married to Miss Claudia Orcutt at her home at DeGolia, Pa., June 19, 1894. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Weisley, '91, and Bro. Barker, '95, was best man. Bro. Chambers is now professor of Mathematics at the Indiana State Normal School of Pennsylvania.

PERINE—HOOD.

A genuine Theta Delta wedding was celebrated in Auburn the 19th of September, when Robert Benedict Perine, Psi, '90, was married to Miss Rachel Hood, daughter of Mr. Peter Hood, of Auburn. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Charles M. Dodge, Psi, '91, and Duncan Campbell Lee, Psi, '91, acted as best man. It was quite a fraternity reunion and Brother Perine and his accomplished and charming bride were showered with many fraternal good wishes. Bro. Perine is nicely located as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Sunside, Greene County, N. Y., where he is doing a good work and one that is appreciated by the members of his church and the community.

SPOONER—SMITH.

Henry J. Spooner, Jr., Zeta, '91, was united in marriage to Miss Helen N. Smith of Dighton, Mass., in December, at the residence of the Hon. Henry J. Spooner on Humboldt avenue, Providence. Henry A. Monroe, Zeta, '94, was best man, and the ushers were Stephen A. Hopkins, '93; H. L. Gould, '92, and Martin Kern, '92. The bridal couple enjoyed a three weeks tour and are now located at their residence No. 125 George street, Providence. Bro. Spooner is connected with the Burden Seamless Wire Co., of which his father is president.

 In Memoriam.

ROBERT GEORGE DILLENBACK.

RHO DEUTERON, '93.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite goodness to call from our number our brother, Robert George Dillenback, and

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

RESOLVED, That, while humbly submitting to the decree of Almighty God, we, as a brotherhood, deeply mourn our loss, and extend to his bereaved family and friends our warmest sympathies.

RESOLVED, That in the death of our brother, Rho Deuteron Charge has lost one of its most valued members, and the Fraternity one whose loyalty and upright character, whose spirit of friendship and manliness won the respect of all.

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of our deceased brother, to the Grand Lodge, to the Charges and to the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD for publication.

For Rho Deuteron Charge,

ROBERT VAN IDERSTINE, '94.

GEORGE WILLIAM KOSMAK, '94,

EDWARD C. EHLERS, '95.

 In Memoriam.

RALPH HAMILTON SHEPARD.

IOTA. '92.

RESOLVED, That the members of Iota charge have heard with sorrow of the death of their brother, Ralph Hamilton Shepard, and desire to express the affectionate regard in which they held him, their sense of personal loss by his death, and their sympathy with his afflicted family in their bereavement.

For the Charge,

FREDERICK B. HILL,

EDWARD M. MOORE, '92,

H. A. L. SAND, '95.

In Memoriam.

LEVI WHEATON CLAPP.

ZETA, '70.

WHEREAS, We, the Zeta Charge of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity, have learned of the death of our brother, Levi Wheaton Clapp, which occurred September, 18, 1894.

RESOLVED, That in our deep sorrow we extend to his bereaved family our warmest sympathy.

RESOLVED, That in the death of Brother Clapp Zeta Charge and Theta Delta Chi lose a valued member, one whose loyalty and kindness will remain ever in the memory of this charge.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother and to the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD and the *Brunonian*, for publication.

For Zeta,

W. E. GARDNER,
G. L. MINER,
R. S. EMERSON.

In Memoriam.

JAMES MACBRIDE STERRETT, JR.

CLASS OF '96.

The Chi charge of Theta Delta Chi fraternity, having learned with great sorrow of the death of our beloved brother, James MacBride Sterrett, Jr., do hereby bear witness to the deep esteem felt for our brother, to his genial nature, his sterling worth and his manly, Christian qualities.

We feel that we have lost a dear friend and the fraternity a true brother, and we extend to his family our most sincere sympathies in their deep affliction.

For the Charge,

STANTON E. BARRETT, '95,
P. A. BLOSSOM, '95,
JAMES A. HAMILTON, '97.

September, 25, 1894.

At a Symposium of the local Theta Delta Chi members in Washington, D. C., held Thursday, September 20th, 1894, the following resolutions were voiced and unanimously passed :

WHEREAS, In the plan of Divine Providence, our brother, J. MacBride Sterrett, Jr., Chi Chapter, has been called from our circle of friendship here to the Supreme Symposium in the skies, therefore, as an expression of our loss and his transfer above, be it

RESOLVED, That we extend to our frater, his esteemed father, and family, the deepest sympathy of our hearts, in this sudden bereavement.

His manly and fraternal spirit and presence will be sadly missed in our meeting and our council. Young, ardent, gifted and promising, we had hoped for him a long, brilliant and useful life among us. Bowing humbly to the Divine decree, we can only hope, when the call to each of us shall come, to be well prepared to enter the celestial lodge, and, in the presence of the Great I Am, sing the songs of Friendship, Love and Triumph.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our departed brother, and published in the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD of our fraternity.

ALVARO F. GIBBENS,
CHARLES R. WRIGHT,
C. W. CURTIS.
Committee.

In Memory of

DONALD MARSHALL MARRENNER.

PI DEUTERON, '96.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in his infinite love and wisdom hath pleased to call to himself our beloved brother, Donald Marshall Marrenner; and

WHEREAS, In his death Pi Deuteron Charge of Theta Delta Chi loses one of its most valued members, and the fraternity one of her most promising sons; be it

RESOLVED, That while humbly submitting to the decree of Almighty God, we deeply mourn the loss of our brother, and extend our deepest sympathies to his bereaved parents, and to all those to whom he was dear; and be it

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of our deceased brother, to the Grand Lodge, to each of the Charges of Theta Delta Chi, to the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD and to the college papers for publication, and that they be entered upon the records of the Charge.

For the Charge,

RUDOLF TOMBO, JR., '95,
ALFRED A. WRIGHT, '96,
FRANCIS A. ADAMS, '97.

Editorial.

THE SHIELD is pleased to note that its tenth volume met the hearty approval of the Convention. The editor was unanimously re-elected. Could the same enthusiasm which was indicated by the delegates pervade the entire graduate membership, happiness would possess his soul, because in that event THE SHIELD would have enough names on its subscription list to insure its permanency beyond question. The Convention directed a personal appeal to all graduates to help THE SHIELD by subscriptions or contributions. If everybody would do a little, it would be a very easy matter to produce a good periodical. The editor accepted his re-election conditionally. If every one puts a shoulder to the wheel and helps he will probably remain at his post and conduct another volume. It all depends on what the graduates do in the matter. If enough subscriptions and funds are forthcoming to meet the required outlay it will continue. Our valedictory for Volume X is summed up in a few words—THE SHIELD has maintained her position and is at peace with the Greek press. Uniform courtesy has been extended by all and malice exists toward none. To those who have contributed brains or money to make the volume a success our hearty thanks are extended. For the coming year we can not predict what is in store. Much depends upon the work which each brother does toward increasing the subscription list. What will you do?

AGAIN THE SHIELD appears over a month late. This was rendered necessary by the editor's business affairs. Having resigned his position as general manager of the *Elmira Daily Advertiser*, to take effect January 1, 1895, it became necessary to devote the time usually spent in editing the December number to closing up the office affairs. January 1st has come and we have stepped out of newspaper shoes. After completing

the present number it is our purpose to take a rest from labor and recuperate, or rather gratify the lazy longings which have possessed us for years. For twenty-five years we have been harnessed up every day and worked quite as hard as the common horde. Now for a season of rest. What time will develop can not now be told. As to the effect upon THE SHIELD, little can at present be said. The existence of the journal does not depend so much upon the mood of the editor as upon the support which the fraternity accords. If there be any of the brothers who have any lingering desire to become famous in the editorial field, now would be a good time to apply. We will gladly turn over our effects and ambitions. We confess to having grown weary in well-doing.

THE forty-eighth convention is now a matter of history. As usual it was a successful and pleasant gathering. No business of radical importance was transacted. Everything was harmonious and the record of the year exhibited a most prosperous state of affairs. The banquet was one of the most delightful occasions the editor has ever witnessed. The able toastmaster did his work up brown, and the set of brownie toasts, which emanated from President Benedict's ingenuity were unique, something so out of the ordinary line that the SHIELD is glad to reproduce them. President Benedict retires from a gratifying career of two years with honor. He has been faithful to the work, and no one knows better than the editor how many, many times he has neglected his own affairs to give his best energies to the fraternity work. Psi charge knows how sterling a Theta Delt he is, and in fact so do all the members of the fraternity who have been so fortunate as to know him. The SHIELD congratulates Asa Gardner Benedict on his success as a president of the Grand Lodge and joins heartily in the unanimous vote of thanks which was tendered him by the convention. To the new president and his associates the SHIELD extends hearty greetings, and wishes for them a pleasant year of successful work.

DURING the SHIELD discussion at the convention the fact was developed that in some charges, at least, the SHIELD has been accorded a very doubtful reception. One of the brothers said, speaking of his own charge, "You might as well send us only three or four copies because the boys all read the copy in the charge house and throw the rest in the waste basket." This fact at once explains the reason why the boys as they graduate say good bye to the SHIELD and do not subscribe for it. A person can not form an attachment for a periodical by simply reading it. The interest in it is simply for the time being. Now if every one of the active members had sufficient regard for their copy to preserve it while in college, they would be lost without it after graduation. The SHIELD is published largely in the interest of the active members and it should be their first duty to the fraternity to cultivate a liking for their fraternity organ. Much might be said on this subject. The editor was certainly shocked to learn that his efforts met so poor a return. Undergraduates, ponder on the question a moment. Have you no personal interest in your society journal? If not, your loyalty to the fraternity at large should inspire you to lend your support in every way, but first of all by giving to it your own affection. Remember that you are a part, yes, a very important part of the fraternity, and that it can not maintain a successful existence without your unswerving loyalty in every way. As a living factor in its existence it becomes your duty to cherish and support the SHIELD.

The year 1894 has brought to Theta Delta Chi much of joy and more of sadness. It is expected that those who have filled life's measure must pass over the river, but when we see the young and vigorous brothers just ready to do valiant battle in the world, stricken down right and left, we are led to pause and reflect. We do not question the inscrutable ways of Providence, nor ask what was the object to be accomplished by the taking of such a noble Christian brother as Ralph Hamilton Shepard, for whom life held such grand opportunities. There must have been a divine motive, and we bow in silent

grief. His name will live long years to guide the brothers into the straight and narrow path. But Ralph Shepard is not the only one—those who knew Jamie Sterrett, can now recognize the influence of his sweet, gentle life, which had just begun to bud into a most promising manhood. Others too have gone, who although unknown to the editor were no doubt just as lovable and good. We should rejoice that Theta Delta Chi numbers in her ranks such noble young men, souls of honor, with characters which can safely be emulated by all who come after. Let us take the lesson of their lives as a pattern for our own.

SOMEONE has recently criticised THE SHIELD in regard to the "College Notes" department. It may not be generally known that the daily press of New York and other cities has not for some time past devoted any regular space to college news. There was a time when several metropolitan dailies gave nearly a page every week to a college department, but for some reason it has been dropped. THE SHIELD gleaned many of the college notes it formerly published from such sources. With this supply cut off it is hardly possible to maintain this department successfully. In future it will be merged into a general department for news of every character or omitted altogether, as may be deemed best.

IN THE June number appeared an article which was received just as THE SHIELD was in press and after the editorials had been printed. "Once a Theta Delt always a Theta Delt" opens up a question which will bear much thought and more action. There is no doubt that the writer struck a chord which will vibrate to a successful solution if carefully considered and wisely acted upon. We are glad to publish another article on the same subject in this number. Something should be done. Don't let the fire thus kindled go up in smoke.

THE article on "Fraternity Scholarships," by Bro. McKim, is one which should receive more than a passing thought. It suggests a subject which merits careful consideration by those who have the means to devote to a good cause. THE SHIELD would be glad to hear from others on this subject.

AT last the song book which was promised some time ago by Bro. Stanton E. Barrett of the Chi charge has appeared. There are seventy-two songs arranged to music, many of the old familiar ones and some new ones. We see in it much faithful work by Bro. Barrett, for which due credit should be given by the fraternity. Owing to the weak support extended by the charges he was obliged to curtail the expense of the publication to the lowest possible limit. As a result the book is not the artistic production which it should be. The print is decidedly poor, and although the work was done by a reliable house in one of the large cities, we are not surprised at the fact that they were evidently ashamed to put their imprint on it. Now the SHIELD wishes it distinctly understood this is no fault of Bro. *Barrett*. He paid for better work than he got, but he could have supplied a much finer book if the charges had been more liberal in their subscriptions. The fact is that about one-half of the charges did not subscribe at all. It was ever thus. The boys all want a nice song book and elegant catalogues and so on, but they want some one else to pay for them. We can sympathize with Bro. Barrett. While the book is not a work of art, we can sing from its pages just as well, and we have no doubt every one will welcome it and thank Bro. Barrett for his faithful effort to benefit the fraternity. Bro Barrett has been sick with typhoid fever for two months and will hardly be able to return to college for some weeks yet. There are quite a number of copies yet unsold, which can be obtained by writing to any member of the Chi charge. Help Bro. Barrett by buying one of these books, so that he may not be obliged to pay anything out of his own pocket.

THE attention of the active charges is called to the fact that Simons Bro. & Co., of Philadelphia, have completed a pattern of the regulation badge, which is in exact accordance with the official standard adopted by the convention. The pattern was made under the direct supervision of the editor of the SHIELD and was approved by the Grand Lodge just too late for notice in the September number of the SHIELD. This now gives the

Fraternity their choice of four first-class houses from which to purchase pins, John F. Newman, of New York ; Simons Bro. & Co., of Philadelphia ; Roehm & Son and Wright, Kay & Co., of Detroit, Mich. With such an array of supply there is no need to go outside. In fact we can see no reason why any one should. These houses make the best pins in the country; they make them for as little money as a badge could possibly be procured anywhere in the United states, and more than that, they make the regulation badge, which none of the others do. In addition to that they all patronize the SHIELD, quite as much to do their share toward supporting the fraternity magazine as for any profit which they may make thereby. For these reasons the charges are morally bound to patronize some one of these houses. It should be the desire of every member of the fraternity to adhere strictly to all of its requirements. One of the most vital things to our comfort and convenience is to have a uniform badge so that it may be readily recognized. The convention have adopted an official badge, and it is the duty of every member to have the same regard for this requirement that he should have for the *Constitution* or any part of it.

Editorial Notes and Comments.

THE FRATERNITY IDEA.

There appears in the *Sequoia*, for October, a most excellent journal published at Stanford University, from the pen of Edward A. Ross, formerly of Cornell University, a very interesting article on "The Fraternity as a Social Institution." After a lengthy dissertation on the parallel relations existing in the family circle and college fraternity Mr. Ross sums up as follows :

The fraternity idea, as I understand it, is simply this : Because college life involves long separation from the family before a young man is ready to found a family of his own, and because a student's relations to his fellow-students are often too numerous, indefinite and superficial to satisfy his social nature, it is wise and sensible for a small number of young men, congenial in tastes, pursuits and ideals, to segregate themselves from the great body of students and enter into closer relations by means of impressive ritual, frequent meeting, intimate association, and by the common life in the chapter house. Such a union cannot replace the family, but it can mitigate the evils of isolated life until a young man is independent enough to stand alone or mature enough to marry. The fraternity is liable to drawbacks and abuses, great enough in some cases to destroy its usefulness, but the ideal underlying the general Greek letter movement is sound and wholesome.

Many of the evils of fraternities are found in the family as well, and are common to all forms of intimate association. The fraternity is charged with being secret. What is this for the most part but the privacy that is so zealously and properly guarded by the family circle ? It is declared to be exclusive in spirit. Is not this the counterpart of the family spirit, so absorbed in home, so indifferent to outsiders ? It is charged with forming cliques that aggressively seek to control all college affairs. Do we not recognize here often the bane of our politics ? It is shown to distract from study. And is it not true that the day pupil is inferior to the resident student, that many a man can pursue his work only by withdrawing from the charms and seductive associations of the family circle ?

The fraternity has come and is like to stay. What is wanted is not shortsighted prohibition, but such regulation by college authorities and by non-fraternity men as shall strip it of its objectionable features and check its excesses, while allowing it room to expand to the full scope of its usefulness.

We are glad to publish such sensible and convincing arguments as these. It seems a great mystery that college faculties can not be led to see this question in its true light. If those

who are opposed would spend the energy they exhaust in antagonizing fraternities, in endeavors to elevate the social and political condition of such societies' how much good would result to their own institutions. There is a direct and vital relation between the college faculty and the fraternity, which should be cultivated. It is of equal interest and advantage to both.

THE COLLEGE AND THE FRATERNITY MAN.

From the Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* we clip the following extracts from a most excellent article :

The attention of the writer was recently called to some contributions to a weekly paper, published in one of the Southern colleges, where a revival of anti-fraternity agitation was taking place. The articles, it is to be supposed, and much more to be hoped, represent the feeling and sense of a very small portion of the class from which they come, though there is the same sounding brass and tinkling cymbal sound to it that characterized a like agitation in the early days of the institution.

It will be amusing to examine for a short moment the manifesto of these agitators. I find under "A Religious Editorial for Sunday Reading," that fraternities "create an artificial air of superiority resulting in snobbishness," a snobbishness which the writer says is greater than that of the English or Russian aristocracy. Being unacquainted with any members of those despicable societies we can only regret that any set of young Americans can have fallen so low. The next crime laid on the head of the scape goat is that the country boy is neglected, because he "has had less advantages, social and educational" and wears less showy dress, which dress is said to be the universal criterion of worthiness to fraternity men. It is impossible to reconcile these statements. If the educational advantages of the city boys enter for a moment into consideration as qualifications for fraternity, the statement that dress is the only criterion must be false. If social attainments, good manners and polite culture recommend a man as possibly fit to be a fraternity man, dress cannot be more than symptom, and the dress criterion is false again, but I shall not attempt to pick out the many contradictions in this editorial, contradictions are excusable. We find that "a majority of the best students always have been non-fraternity men," that "the mere fact of a man's belonging to a one-horse organization with a Greek name, without either Greek brains or Greek culture, so puffs him up that he is able to treat with disdain those who are not so signally blest as to belong to this great and honorable organization whose standard is *dudishness, money, asininity and cigarettes.*" it is useless to quote more, though there is much more in point. The virtuous boys of this school, who do not smoke cigarettes, who scorn neatness in their dress, who have a moral loathing for money, who monopolize the brains of the place, and who rejoice that they are superior to nobody; have found out that the men who congregate in fraternities, are moral lepers, are snobs, dudes, cigarette fiends, bloated bond holders and clanish holders of dangerous secrets. It is hard to see why, on such grounds, the writers under examination should show so much heat. The fraternity men, I feel confident,

will allow them to enjoy their self adulation and self abasement without objection. If the paper is the result of a righteous resolve to purge the college world of objectionable characters, a much easier way could be suggested, by asking the appointment of a committee of the faculty to see that no well-dressed man, no man who does not come from the country shall be admitted to the college. Such a committee could forbid the entrance of all who are not beneficiaries, only such as admit that they have no inferior need be admitted, and the slightest show of good breeding, which no man can hide who has it, could be made a disqualification. The rules governing the committee could be set out so explicitly as to insure a goodly company of kindred souls, who would be after the heart of the writer of the editorial, and no doubt the country would be the better for their aggregation in one place.

The motive of the article in question, however, appears in another phase of the question; we find that "it has become a most painful and embarrassing question to be asked, 'Are you a fraternity man,'" and why? The foolish people of the viciage have the "absurd idea" that the "brightest and best men belong to fraternities." It would seem that the boys *have* a sort of standard, one accepted out of college by the world at large, and that the non-fraternity men in question have not measured up to it. The boys may be wrong in their standard, the few may have truth on their side, and all the world beyond the college gates may be mistaken, but harsh words will not set them right. If this should come to the sight of a non-fraternity advocate let me advise him in all charity and good will, to revise his conclusions carefully; if he is right and we are wrong let him come to us privately as we do to each other and tell us of our error, but if we are right, if it is well for men to associate together in a deep and helpful friendship, if we have a standard which is above him, let him seek to qualify himself by purging his behavior of meanness and fill his mind with great thoughts of helpfulness to his fellowman, and he too in time will be chosen. Hard words do not argue, for our part we are gratified that there is something in the association of fraternity men which lifts them up above the average. There is an intellectual aristocracy to which it is good to belong, there is a congregation of noble minded friends, among whom to be numbered is happiness and multiplied usefulness; if fraternity lifts a man into either of these it is well with it.

No plan has ever been proposed for the uplifting of human nature which has not been held up on the road to success by prejudice, ignorance and suspicion. No doubt the results of this are good, that which is mature and vital passes through the fire purified, while immature plans and hopes are made to bide a probation time in conflict until they are ripe, after which the obstinate alone still resist and their reward is to see the institution the more firmly established for their resistance. So has it been with fraternity.

Until recent years our college institutions have resembled that Spartan constitution which it was death to propose to alter. Innovation meant destruction, and a departure from the established precedents of college society and college government was mourned as the departure of the glory of Israel. Into such an atmosphere as this the college fraternity was ushered by a few sincere souls who desired something nearer to complete friendship than was furnished by the old and most honorable literary society. The suspicion and opposition which this institution encountered were but opportunities for it to demonstrate its place and its mission in the college life of the future, and this it has done. A long line of poets, historians, statesmen, professors and leaders in every field of thought and action have testified, and their testimony has prevailed,

the college fraternity is established. Nothing could suffice to discredit the institution which has helped to mould the characters of such men as respond to the roll call of the various organizations of the kind in question. Scarcely an issue of a fraternity magazine appears which has not a letter from some "old brother," who in the evening of life sits down to recount the influences which have made his life, and finds that unselfishness, purity of thought and act, ambition for the best things and a healthy whole-hearted devotion to his fellow men and his country, he learned among his fraternity associates. The gloss and glitter of college life have faded from recollection.

Those friends who sought their fellow's small faults with a friendly suggestion, who shared in one another's ambitions and aspirations, these are the green spots of recollection in the old man's mind, he dates his manhood from them.

I do not wish to claim too much or to place the whole fraternity system upon such a lofty plane of sentiment and usefulness. Many a man who has not known such associations has tried his character by other tests and has come out of the best. Many men within the fraternity do not yet realize its greatest blessings to the full, and perhaps do not yet recognize a picture of their experience in the account which I have given, but the fact remains that the theory of the institution is built of the material that makes for just such character building, and those fortunate people who have a realizing sense of their fraternity opportunities will derive just such benefits from the association. The many young men who have left too shielding influences at home, to struggle self-reliant in the college throng, these have been upheld and strengthened as they alone can tell by the association with older, wiser heads and stronger hearts which have perceived their possibilities and chosen them as friends. As an institution, fraternity has been, as Draper so finely says of the Roman Church "the shadow of a great rock, in many a weary land." Its usefulness is confessed by the whole consensus of intelligent opinion, and in the *Century Magazine* some years ago the testimony of eminent college presidents was adduced to show that as a factor in college life its place was established and its influence recognized to be most wholesome. It is not the purpose of this article to go over again those familiar evidences which are usually adduced in support of this claim. I shall take it for granted that right thinking people the world over have formed their conclusions on this subject, and that fraternity, again meaning the theory of the institution, is beyond question a positive good.

It now becomes pertinent to inquire what should be the relative attitudes of the college and the fraternity man? And first as to the college.

Recognizing the value of this institution the college authorities should foster its growth, should frown down the petty spites and jealousies of its enemies, and should restrain, as far as in them lies, the perversion of fraternity from its proper sphere. The professors of colleges should be, and most of them are, fraternity men, and as such they should take an active interest in the chapters of their fraternity at the college. My experience has been that such an interest is most heartily appreciated by the boys, and that the chapter which has the presence and interest of a professor brother, counts itself happier and stronger in proportion. This furnishes the link between the boy and the teacher which is so hard to bind by a general college regulation. It gives the faculty an opportunity to suggest, by the presence of one of its members, such things as will promote the best interests of the college, and it teaches the college boys to be men in their association with older and wiser councilors. It is evident that if each fraternity in college had an active member in the facul-

ty, college discipline would be, as it should be, a matter of student *esprit de corps*, and the amenities of college life would be multiplied until they became universal.

Now as to the college man. Most important of all is it that the fraternity man shall not forget that he is a college man. In most cases, I am bold to say, in nearly every case, the best interests of the college, its athletics, its scholarship and its honor are dear to the hearts of fraternity men. Sometimes feuds arise and fraternity is taken into college politics, where it has least right to be, and no doubt, under the lash of such furious opposition as has been developed in some schools, the fraternity men withdraw to themselves and become a caste apart from the non-fraternity men. All this is opposed to the spirit of the institution. The fraternity man should have the college and his college mates in every thought connected with college life. He should be patriotic, enthusiastic and active in advancing the welfare of the college. He should strive in common with every man in college to choose the best men for college offices, and his conduct toward non-fraternity men should be conciliatory without any tinge of patronizing. As men of one common faith in college matters all should work together. As to his fraternity relations he is the sole and entire judge. No man has a right to dictate your friendships any more than he has the right to dictate your menu at dinner, or to choose a wife for you.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Many from time to time denounce secret college societies, and some institutions have abolished them. If you are where they are not allowed, you will have nothing to decide upon this subject. My own experience and observations do not justify me in saying anything against secret *literary* societies. I belonged to two—one in a seminary and the other in college. With both I connect memories not only of pleasurable associations, but of profitable criticisms and instructions. There is a man, now a colleague of mine, a member of the senior class when I was a freshman, whose caustic remarks upon an essay first opened my eyes to the difference in value of authorities for historical statements. A secret society requiring literary performances, followed by criticism, and governed by parliamentary laws, in which students of different classes meet, performs a service which no public society can render.

Certain cautions are necessary. Do not be guilty of the littleness of thinking that all the brilliant and able students are in your society; nor cherish a spirit of antagonism to the members of other societies, or jealousy of them; nor resort to ignoble methods of securing members. Prepare with utmost care every paper you have to present; attend closely to the animadversions upon it, never being stung. Never criticise on a future occasion in retaliation for what was said to, or of, you or your paper. By all means take part in every debate, not as a mere talker, but preparing, or, in the absence of preparation, speaking only those things which you deem pertinent in the best language you can command. This is a most useful practice. When the members of a society "cultivate"

you, they may seem the noblest characters you ever met. Should they cease their attentions when once you have been initiated, be not surprised. Among the members you will find others whose charms will be permanent.

It does one good to read such sensible advice as that contained in the above article clipped from the *Christian Advocate*. We heartily approve the *literary* remarks. A young man's first object in college life is the attainment of an education. In a fraternity conducted upon the lines advocated in this article, he not only obtains intellectual advantages of the highest sort but also gets a social culture which is of benefit during his whole life. We are glad to recall the delightful literary treats which have greeted us in the eastern charge rooms in days past.

COST OF MEMBERSHIP.

There are two valid arguments which may be urged against the fraternity system, of which our friends the enemy take little advantage. These are the cost of membership in money, and the tendency to aristocratic exclusiveness. It must be candidly admitted that the fraternities cost more money than they should. It is the fault of inexperience, very largely, and may be avoided with the exercise of some care. We dislike to see costly badges. A simple badge, modestly displaying the fraternity's symbols, is just as effective as a means of recognition as one overloaded with jewels, and it is not the subject of one-half of the care and anxiety that attend the possession of the costlier ornament. The chapters should cultivate simplicity. Do not let the externals obscure the real essence of fraternity life. Do not run the risk of losing the brainy man with limited means because he fears that the delights of fraternity membership are beyond his meager resources. The chapter that is composed of the right kind of material needs no costly badges or expensive banquets to attract attention to its membership.

The above is the leading editorial in the October number of *Beta Theta Pi*. Now all fraternities are not expensive. Our observation leads us to believe that the real essential expenses of a membership in almost any fraternity are comparatively light. They are entirely dependent upon the character of the men composing them. If they are fast then money flows freely, but not for *membership*—it goes for beer,—but like all the other false charges it is all entered up against fraternity membership. The legitimate expenses however, are sometimes needlessly large. We agree with Editor Brown on the badge question. There ought to be but one style of badge and one price for all,

which might be within the reach of the poorest college boy. We were poor once ourselves, and have not forgotten the struggle to accumulate enough to purchase a badge. Those who have unlimited means should sacrifice their pride for the benefit of the much larger class who are restricted in their expenses, by limited means. In the same way a crust of bread where love is produces more real happiness than the most expensive layout made for show. Good practical talk Editor Brown gives his readers.

HAZING.

"The college fraternities have it in their power to put a stop to hazing in all colleges where the fraternity system prevails. The brightest men are members, the brains, manners and brawn of the college are gathered under their flags, and with little effort the evil practices could be put down. The advocates of the fraternity system recognize this power, and have been disappointed because in so many instances it has not been exercised. Not only have the fraternities not exercised it, but they have too frequently practiced hazing at initiations in their own ranks."—*Editorial in Beta Theta Pi.*

Editor Brown hits the nail squarely on the head. College fraternities could rule the world if they set about it in the right way. They certainly could stop hazing with very little effort, and who knows how soon this one fact would turn the scale and at once put the faculties in closest touch with the fraternity system. Nothing but the most impressive dignity should ever characterize initiation ceremonies or any public demonstrations. If all fraternities would unite in common cause on this one question it would revolutionize college life. The SHIELD urges every charge of the fraternity to consider this question upon its merits and govern themselves accordingly.

RESPECT THE NEUTRAL.

"Do not snub the neutrals! There is a deal of human nature in boys, and he who is a novice in social life, and has only recently come out from the ranks of the unadorned, is apt to make his badge over-conspicuous, and sprinkle the words 'our fraternity' and 'our chapter' throughout his conversation, with a view to impressing the uninitiated.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

The mere fact that one is a fraternity man gives him no right to assume a false dignity, or regard himself as better than his fellows. There are many neutrals who are such, not because they have not had an opportunity to join some college fraternity, but from choice. Then there are others who are not built that way. In either case there is no reason why they should be antagonized. No gentleman would ever stoop so low as to snub a fellow student simply because he is not a Greek. None but *snobs* snub their companions in college. There is much more in the "Yale policy" of secrecy in regard to mentioning their society, than appears at first glance. Let your fraternity be everything to you, but don't make yourself disagreeable to all outsiders by parading self-importance.

Charge Letters.

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

BETA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

A new year has opened and Beta sends her best wishes to all the charges for their continued success and prosperity.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce in this issue of *THE SHIELD* four new brothers. They are Bros. Roger Roberts, '98, son of Prof. Roberts of Cornell and a brother of Bro. Perry B. Roberts, Beta, '87, Frederick A. Briggs, '98, of Waterloo, Canada, William A. Ainsley, '98, of Englewood, Ill., and O. R. Beckwith, '98, of Collinville, Conn. All these new members we feel sure will be energetic workers and a credit to the fraternity. We have another man pledged whom we expect to initiate soon, and several others in view. Beta now numbers in all fourteen men.

We were sorry to lose Bro. Maurice Morrison, who, on account of his health, considered it advisable to go to Stanford University. "Mort" was a jolly fellow and his loss is greatly felt.

This fall has seen very little under-class disturbance and the old era of cane-rushing and "scraps" seems to have gone out with the unfortunate occurrence of last year; The under-class supremacy this year was decided by regularly organized contests arranged by the upper classes and approved by the faculty. Ninety-seven was victorious.

Bros. Hubbard and Dreier were our delegates to the Convention and Bro. Luzerne Coville, '86, who acted as our graduate delegate. Bros. Collins and Tobey also attended. All report a most enjoyable time and much profit.

We have been favored with visits this term from Bros. Morrison, '90; Parker, '89; Stewart, '91. Bros. Bachman, Wake-man and Cook, of Xi, also made us a brief visit.

The trustees of the charge at present are William H. Corbin, '73, Elizabeth, N. J.; Seward A. Simons, '79, Erie County Savings Bank Building, Buffalo, N. Y.; W. B. Rappleye, '82, 325 Jersey Street, Buffalo, N. Y.; E. W. Huffcut, '84, Ithaca, N. Y.; E. A. DeLima, '86, 70 William Street, New York City; Duncan C. Lee, Psi, '90, Ithaca, N. Y., and W. C. Dreier, '94, Ithaca, N. Y. A meeting of the trustees to take final action on the erection of the new chapter house is to be held before Christmas. Those interested in the project are invited to communicate with any member of the board. It is hoped that the final plans can be given in the next number of THE SHIELD.

Very fraternally yours,

HARRY R. TOBEY.

GAMMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

By some coincidence Gamma Deuteron's charge editor was sent to convention as a delegate, and upon his rather tardy return to college found a notice saying that the charge letters should be in the editor's possession on that very day. This meant that the charge editor was a day or two behind hand and as a result the SHIELD will be spared a very long letter.

The rushing season has long been past and the six new men who came among us last October are now thoroughly identified with the charge and the fraternity, and their presence goes a great way toward making up for the absence of the brothers who graduated last year.

The freshmen seem to be interested in their class affairs, for one has made the class foot ball team and one has been elected manager of the class base ball team.

Our charge numbers eighteen and as all are near enough to take meals in the house, our dining room is pretty well filled.

Bro. Sexton, Zeta, '93, is with us studying medicine.

During the Thanksgiving recess Bro. Whitman, '94, made a short visit.

Bro. Gedney, '94, also spent Thanksgiving in Ann Arbor, coming all the way from Minneapolis. It may seem strange that he should make such a long trip and then be in Ann Arbor at a time when many of the undergraduates were away from college; but announcements are not out yet, so of course we can give no explanation.

Bro. Hackley Butler, '91, has established a new charge record. On Thanksgiving day he became possessed of a male heir, and the fond papa tells us that Ronald weighs eleven pounds and of this two or less is hair. These qualifications will doubtless gain him a place on the foot ball team when he enters the University with the class of 1918, and steps will be immediately taken to pledge him.

On their way to convention Bros. VanTuyt and Cox visited several charges and were much pleased with the cordial welcomes they received, and they are in hopes that they may sometime have the pleasure of receiving some of the brothers whose acquaintance they made, at No. 10 Cornwell Place, Ann Arbor.

HOWARD M. COX.

DELTA.

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Since the opening of the college year last September Delta has done more than the usual amount of hustling. We have thus far initiated one '98 man, and take this opportunity of introducing Bro. L. H. Foley, '98, of Cincinnati, Ohio. One other man from '98 has been pledged and also one man from '97, and before another SHIELD is published we hope to be able to introduce two more Theta Deltas.

Our charge headquarters are the same modest apartments we occupied last year at No. 351 Broadway, and while we look forward to a bright future, our present circumstances will not warrant any more luxurious rooms than we now have.

Bro. G. H. Beebe, '95, did not return to the Institute this year, he is in charge of bridge construction for the Engineer's

Department of the city of Syracuse, N. Y. He expects, however to resume work here next year and graduate with '96.

Bro. J. C. Hallock, Delta, 91, writes from Esmeraldas, Ecuador, where he is stationed, that South American life has many drawbacks, foremost among which for people from the north is the native fever. This plague has visited him three times since his residence there.

We are pleased to have had visits from the following during the past few months : Bros. A. G. Benedict, Clinton, N. Y.; P. A. Blossom, Chi; Cox, Gamma Deuteron, and Sampson, Iota Deuteron. The latter comes quite often and we are beginning to look upon him as one of our own. It is hoped that more may visit us before the year is over. Theta Delts are always welcome.

W. J. TOWN.

EPSILON DEUTERON.

YALE UNIVERSITY.

In introducing myself as Epsilon Deuteron's charge editor I take great pleasure in extending to all hearty fraternal greetings and best wishes for a prosperous year.

Fortune has been kind to us of Yale, and the charge is advancing with very perceptible strides along the path laid out for her by her founders.

We began the year with seventeen men, as follows : Seven Seniors; nine Juniors and one Freshman, a brother who was obliged to leave college last year on account of illness, but who is with us again this year and has been of inestimable assistance to us in working for new men among the Freshmen.

So far we have taken in one Junior and four Freshmen, thus making our quota of Juniors full. Our Freshman delegation is as yet small, but the year is not yet far advanced, and before its close we hope and expect to take in six more as good ones as we already have. Some may think, by looking at it from their point of view, that we aim to make too large a charge, but the fraternity spirit, as it exists at Yale, is such that it permits such a number without any danger of division into cliques.

Another reason that demands attention is that we have simply *got* to do it in order to successfully compete with the other societies and chapters here located. The strongest of them have a membership of from thirty to forty-five men, and while we do not believe in forty-five we think we can safely and with advantage to the fraternity and our charge take in ten men from each class.

Well, the thirty-eighth convention is now a thing of the past, but we have not yet ceased to talk of the good times we had there, and of the evidences manifested on every hand of the prosperity of our fraternity in all quarters. One thing particularly pleasing and encouraging to us was the fact of there being such a large number of the older men of the fraternity present.

I do not know what others think about it but our charge feels that its chief strength and the strength of the fraternity as a whole lies, not so much in the active membership as in the graduates. It shows that the fraternity is something more than a mere companionship during the college days, to see such men as some of those at the last convention, who have long been enrolled among the alumni, retaining their enthusiasm and taking such an interest in the advancement of the fraternity's influence and strength. The undergraduates may well be inspired by their example, and the graduates who are not so zealous would undoubtedly find great pleasure in following it.

This letter might easily be lengthened into a book on the subject above barely touched upon, but I will not take the time and space to expatiate on what we all know and what we all feel is true, nor will I here outline the numerous college events which, I believe, have no right to a place in a charge letter and which the newspapers are well able to take care of. It is certainly very monotonous and exasperating when one is looking for news of a charge in which he may be interested, to find nothing but long accounts of athletics or other college events, which he has read all about in the papers weeks before. To be sure my point does not apply when members of the charge are directly concerned in the happenings described. In a university numbering so many students as Yale, a "crowd" of

twenty-five or thirty members cannot have a very large representation on any of the teams or clubs, and we consider ourselves as holding our share of the honors in having two men on the "Varsity" glee club.

Epsilon Deuteron is congratulating herself, as she congratulates the fraternity, on having Bro. Harstrom president of the Grand Lodge. We feel almost that Bro. Harstrom is a member of our own charge. He lives only thirty miles from New Haven, and has often been present at our meetings and on other occasions. We have learned to know him and to appreciate the love he has for the fraternity. We know his sterling qualities and realize, as perhaps no one else can, what a wise action the convention took in electing him.

We see very few men from other charges in New Haven, and it was, therefore, with genuine pleasure that we received a surprise party shortly before convention tendered us by Bros. Cox and VanTuyt of Gamma Deuteron, and Bro. Moffett of Tau Deuteron. We have, on the other hand, been exceedingly fortunate in having a large number of our own "grads" with us, nine being here at once and others at different times.

This is perhaps as fitting a time as any to close, and I will do so, extending a cordial invitation and the promise of a hearty welcome to all who can visit us.

Very fraternally,

WILLIAM H. VANSLYKE.

ZETA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

There are so many interesting things to report from Zeta this fall that it is hard to know where to begin. In the first place our meetings are now held in new rooms which were secured at the beginning of this term, and our new quarters are fully three times as large as the old rooms. We have now the whole top floor of a business block, and in addition to a commodious lodge room are two good-sized apartments used as pool and smoking rooms, while the rest of the floor is occupied

by a large reception room which we are furnishing as sumptuously as possible. The alumni are becoming more interested in the charge and the outlook is most hopeful.

Zeta's delegation of new men this year was creditable indeed, five Freshmen and two Sophomores having been so far initiated, several of whom had received pressing invitations from other Brown fraternities. The new men are Bro. M. H. Merchant, '97, of Warren; Bro. Justin H. Brown, '97, of Westerly; Bro. Richard J. Barker, Jr., of Warren; Bro. Warren J. Ballou, of Woonsocket; Bro. William K. Potter, Jr., of Providence; Bro. Harold H. Totten, of North Attleborough, Mass., all of the class of '98.

Kappa charge has furnished us with a new member, Bro. Frederick E. Thompson, of Bangor, Maine, who has entered the class of '95 and has been affiliated as a member of Zeta, forming a most welcome addition to our Senior delegation.

Theta Delts are taking prominent part in affairs at Brown this year. Bro. Will E. Gardner has been elected treasurer of the Brown University Press Club, is a member of the board of editors of the '95 *Liber Brunensis*, conducts the "Outlook" department of the *Brown Magazine*, and is making quite a career as the regular reader for the Brown musical clubs.

The Brown 'Varsity team has made the best record of its existence under the management of Bro. William B. Hopkins, '96, the captain, while Bro. Edward W. Shead, '97, is regular substitute on the eleven.

Zeta's showing on the musical clubs is especially brilliant. Bro. Arthur C. Stone, '96, is business manager of the consolidated clubs and director of the Banjo Club. Bro. Edward S. Roberts, '96, is director of the Mandolin Club and a member of the Banjo Club, while Bro. J. H. Brown, '97, sings second tenor on the Glee Club.

The Brown Daily *Herald* has on its board of editors Bro. Edward B. Morse, '96. The college correspondence for the Providence Daily *Journal* is conducted by the writer.

Bro. Alexander Meiklejohn, '93, received the appointment of instructor in Latin but resigned and is now filling the position of secretary-treasurer of the Philosophical Club.

During the past few months Zeta charge has received occasional pleasant visits from her alumni members and from a number of Theta Deltas from her sister charges. Bro. Herschel Gardner, Zeta, '92, of Elmira, made several enjoyable visits to the charge. Brothers Kimball, Hill, of Zeta, '94; Hopkins, Ladd, Meiklejohn, of Zeta, '93; Kern, of Zeta, '92, and many other of our resident alumni are taking great interest in the affairs of the charge.

In conclusion Zeta extends a most cordial invitation to all brother Theta Deltas who have the opportunity, to visit us in our new rooms. We trust they will find the charge in the most prosperous year of its existence, with a bright outlook for future success.

GEORGE LELAND MINER.

ETA.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

In this, the first charge letter of the new college year it is my pleasant duty to report that Eta is in a flourishing condition and to introduce to the fraternity eight new men, Brothers Cleaves, Eames, Gould, Hall, Spear, Studley, Wiggin and Williamson. We feel sure that they will always be a credit to Eta and to the fraternity at large.

The foot-ball season which has just closed, under the management of Bro. Stetson, '95, has been a very satisfactory one to all Bowdoin men. We were represented on the team by Bros. Kimball, '95, and Stone and Newbegin, '96. The Sophomore-Freshmen game this year was very close and exciting, and although the Sophs were not beaten, as seems to have been the case in several of our sister colleges, the issue was long in doubt, '97 finally winning by the score of 6 to 0.

Bros. Bodge, Hull, McMillan and Stearns were on the '97 team and Bros. Eames, Gould and Spear on the '98 team.

Bro. Dana, '96, won the championship in the State Tennis Tournament this fall.

We are all glad to have back with us once more Bro. French who entered with '96 but remained away from college last year and has now entered '97.

Bro. Swan, '96, has been obliged by poor health to go to Florida for the winter, and the best wishes of all the boys go with him.

Our delegates to Convention bring back pleasing reports, as usual, and we are all glad to hear that THE SHIELD is to continue under the present management.

I will close with the best wishes of Eta to all her sister charges of $\Theta \Delta X$.

WALTER W. FOGG.

THETA.

KENYON COLLEGE.

The fall term opened at Kenyon with a fair sized class. Though the incoming class did not quite equal the expectations of the old students, yet it was large enough to overpower '97 in the hardest fought rush seen at Kenyon for years.

Through the generosity of an alumnus, the athletic team is now furnished with a fine training room containing hot and cold baths, shower bath, lockers, etc.

All those who attended the convention probably heard in the report for Theta, that we now are very comfortably settled in a chapter house, it being the first and only fraternity house at Kenyon.

Owing to the extra expense of moving into and furnishing our new quarters, none of the undergraduate members were able to attend the convention this year, but there will be both graduate and undergraduate members at the next one if it is a possible thing.

This year we had the pleasure of being represented by Bro. McKim, '94, at present pursuing a Theological course at the General Seminary in New York.

Bro. A. L. Johnson, '77, president of the Portsmouth Firebrick Co., made us a short visit early in the fall.

The members of the charge together with a few friends, composed a tally-ho party to the Thanksgiving foot ball game between Kenyon and Ohio State University at Colum-

bus; and don't mention the good time we had at the reception in our honor in the evening after the game!

Bro. Durr, '92, made us a very pleasant call a few weeks ago.

Bro. Wing held his former position at right guard this season.

Bro. Wilson, '96, acted as sub. quarter on the 'Varsity, the latter part of the season. Bro. Wilson is also vice-president of the Athletic association.

Bro. Baker, '96, is on the Lecture Course committee for this year.

Bros. McAdoo, Wilson and Redhead are on different committees for the Junior Promenade.

Bro. Hawley is secretary of the class of '97. He, together with Bro. Babst, '97, keep up the reputation of the charge, as "lovers."

Bro. Redhead holds the office of vice-president of '96.

The charge unanimously seconds the invitation given at the convention by Bro. McKim to all Theta Deltas to visit us at our new quarters, No. 4 Brooklyn avenue, Gambier, Ohio.

JOSEPH J. McADOO.

IOTA.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

This is the quiet time of the year at Harvard, for the foot ball season is over and training for the other teams has not yet begun.

Iota has been very prosperous and stands now on a firmer footing than ever before. The fraternity feeling is decidedly stronger, and attendance at meetings is improving. Unfortunately, the multiplicity of interests at Harvard makes it impossible to give as much time to the interests of $\theta \Delta X$ as one would wish. However, when one does get an evening at the house it is sure to be pleasant. Just now there is a handicap pool tournament in progress, which with "smokers" and initiations leaves little to be desired in the way of attractions.

In the matter of getting in new men we move slowly but

surely, and I can heartily recommend to the fraternity the following new members of Iota: L. F. Sise, '97; E. V. Huntington, '95; E. E. Whiting, '97; O. C. Gallagher, '96; E. F. Champney, '96; D. T. Perry, '97.

We were glad to see Bro. Moffat of Tau Deuteron, who stopped over a few hours on his way to the convention.

Iota is always open to Theta Delts and is herself the one favored by receiving them.

CHARLES E. SMITH.

IOTA DEUTERON.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

Already the fall term is drawing to a close and the steady grinding of the students announces the approach of the semi-annual examination. Looking back over the months through which we have just passed, Williams sees therein much of which she is justly proud but much also that is sad.

Iota Deuteron began the year with sixteen men and started out immediately to replace the seven men whom she lost on the graduation of '94. The large number of fraternities in proportion to the number of eligible men makes the "rushing" at Williams extraordinarily fierce, and after a vigorous and protracted struggle, we finally settled down in peace and quiet, happy at having been able to ensnare even two freshmen.

But even amid the wild excitement of the rushing season, foot ball was not forgotten and our team under the leadership of Captain Townsend and the coaching of Upton was showing such steady improvement as caused the hope to spring up within the breast of every loyal supporter of the "Royal Purple," that '94 was to see a championship flag in Williams-town. Alas! fate had decreed against us and the "Purple" was once more forced to yield to the "Green," but Harvard, Yale, Amherst, and especially Cornell can testify that it was not an eleven to be despised or confronted with a team of substitutes. The foot ball season wound up with the usual

Freshmen-Sophomore game in which the Freshmen were victorious.

During the week just past the entire college was plunged into sadness over the death of Pennoyer, '98, who was stricken down by typhoid, and the terrible accident at Southbridge, resulting in the death of John Street, '89, and severe injuries to Taylor, '95, end rush on the "'Varsity" foot ball team. Street was also a very promising foot ball player, being brother of Street, '92, the famous Williams half back and of Charles Street, '95, the present quarter back. Funeral services were held in the college chapel for Pennoyer on November 26, and a memorial service for Street Sunday, December 2nd.

Our delegates to the recent convention report an exceedingly pleasant time and dwell especially on the numerous speeches made during the sessions by alumni of the various colleges, as one of the most pleasant features. They also were delighted with the Savoy as a place for holding the convention.

Iota Deuteron sends best wishes for a pleasant Christmas vacation to all brothers.

EDMONDS PUTNEY.

KAPPA.

TUFTS COLLEGE.

The first duty of your correspondent in writing his December letter is a most pleassant one,—namely, that of introducing to the fraternity the men whom Kappa has considered worthy to wear our beloved shield.

On the evening of November 5th, we initiated James Frank Donaldson, of Salem, Mass.; Irving Read Bancroft, of Woburn, Mass., and Edward Dunbar Johnson, of Methuen, Mass. All three are members of the entering class. On December 17, we initiated Paul Capen, '98, the son of our president, Bro. E. H. Capen, '60.

Kappa extends the hearty grasp of welcome to all those whom her sister charges have to make known to us; and now that all introductions are over, we can sit down and talk at our ease.

Of the brothers who graduated last year, Bro. Hersey is established in the electrical business in Hingham, Mass., and we learn that he is very successful; Bro. Walker is taking a course in our Theological Department; Bro. Whittemore, as instructor in English, is by no means lessening the popularity which he has always enjoyed on the Hill, and Bro. Eastwood is studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

This is an age of progress for Tufts. The new buildings which have recently been erected and the additions which have been made to the corps of instructors have greatly increased the facilities for work.

Our new enclosed athletic field has enabled us to bring other teams to the home ground to play, and the interest in and support of athletics has consequently been strengthened.

Two new chapter houses were completed during the summer vacation, and now all the fraternities here represented, with one exception, either own or hire commodious houses.

Co-education has now become an important factor in the college. A large number of ladies entered in the class of '98; and the completion of Metcalf Hall has afforded to the girls a base of operation hitherto lacking in their campaign. Invitations are already out for a dance in the above named building, and Theta Deltas have by no means been forgotten.

It is to be hoped that one or more sororities of good standing will soon establish chapters at Tufts. Nothing can be more quickening to the social life of a co-educational institution than the harmonious co-operation of fraternal organizations of both sexes.

Taking all the fraternities here into consideration, initiations have been later this year than ever before. Not only is this so, but last year they were later than in any year preceding. This fact clearly shows that there is a tendency on the part of the various chapters toward deferring the reception of new men; and it also points out a strong possibility of a reluctance on the part of the freshmen themselves to submit hastily to the blandishments employed in the now notorious rushing season. That this tendency should result in a definite

inter-fraternal policy of mid-year initiation is "a consummation devoutly to be wished;" and the writer feels sure that it must so result in the not far distant future. As a college increases in size it soon gets beyond the point where the old rushing system is necessary or even safe for its fraternities. Things must go more slowly, and I sincerely hope that before long the fraternity men of Tufts will free themselves from the unworthy suspicions of jealousy, and take the step which is recognized by all to be rapidly becoming necessary.

We hope to make additions to our scanty stock of house furnishing before the Christmas recess. A subscription paper has been circulated among the brothers, and by this means, with the aid of several kind contributions from our alumni, we have raised enough to purchase quite a little nucleus of furniture.

On the evening of the eleventh we held a reception for our graduates and their ladies; and the affair went off most successfully.

The class of '94 has made its appointments for class-day, and the Tree Oration has been assigned to Bro. Barney.

As some results of the other fall elections, Bro. Marvin was elected vice president of the Junior class; Bro. Sanford, president of the Sophomore class, Bro. Pierce, manager of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs; Bro. Williams, secretary and treasurer of the Evening Party Association, and the present scribe chairman of the executive committee of the same.

The re-election of Bro. Knowlton, '67, to the office of Attorney General of Massachusetts has been chronicled by more widely read, if less interesting, journals than the SHIELD.

Tufts is just now priding itself on considerable originality in class publications. Ninety-five is soon to issue a Tufts song book, and ninety-seven has just voted to publish an illustrated history of the college. Both of these works will undoubtedly be more valuable than the average college annual.

We were very much pleased to have with us on initiation night Bro. Hebb, of Eta, and were also extremely glad to receive a call from Bros. Dennon and Van Tuyl of Gamma

Deuteron, who came to see us on their trip east to the convention.

We sincerely hope that many other brothers will visit us this year. The heartiest of grips will always await every wearer of the shield.

ALARIC BERTRAND START.

LAMBDA.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

In our letter to the SHIELD we cannot tell you of any thrilling news for this is just the season of year when things here are quiet, but we can tell you of Lambda's success, which is, of course, good news to all the brothers.

The fall term opened at Boston University with the largest entering class since the founding of the college, which is encouraging to B. U.'s future; and not only is it encouraging to the college, but also to Lambda, whose standard has been raised and planted more firmly by the brothers who did such noble work during the rushing season.

We believe this is due in great measure to the sociability of the charge members and the attitude which they assumed to the newcomers. This was very manifest from the first, and instead of relaxing it increased as the season advanced.

In the early part of the fall term we entertained the boys of '98 on a yachting trip down the harbor, giving them a fish-dinner, treats, etc., on board. Several of the alumni were members of the party and fortunately calm weather prevailed. The trip was indeed a pleasurable one, and through the efforts of the brothers five good men were pledged. Later in the season we secured five more, thus adding to our ranks ten picked men and such as are now giving evidence of their interest in and loyalty to Theta Delta Chi.

We take great pleasure in introducing Brothers Andrews, Gifford, Grant, Mansfield, Marsh, Nays, Simpson, Stratton, Thorne, '95 and Wilkins.

We will not speak separately on the merits of the brothers

just initiated, but will simply say that '98 has given us the best material she possesses and we can in no way complain.

At our initiation banquet we were pleased to greet some of our alumni, who are as true to Theta Delta Chi as ever, Among them were Hon. Seth P. Smith, who acted as toastmaster, Rev. C. L. Goodell, who contributed a poem to the occasion, and many other honored members.

During the evening old songs were sung, class yells were given, and till a late hour the banquet hall rung with merriment which gave to each departing a new enthusiasm for our beloved fraternity.

The debating club is in a prosperous condition with Bro. Mason, '96, at its head, and every two weeks debates are given on current questions of the day.

Lambda's representation on the Glee Club is good, for she now affords one-half its members. The club is in a prosperous condition and already has many engagements for the coming season.

Our representation on the Banjo and Guitar Club is also good.

Bro. Baldwin, '88, is instructor of History and Political Economy in the Free Academy of Norwich, Conn.

Bro. Wyman, '93, has secured a position as principal of a high school in Maine.

Bro. Kimball, '94, is employed as private tutor in Springfield, Mass. In the early part of the term we received many visits from him, whose devotion to Lambda was marked throughout his college course.

Bro. Rogers, '94, is in the successful employ of Alden, Spear & Co. Bro. Rogers often visits us and is always a very welcome guest.

Bro. Smith, '94, recently made us a friendly call. He has just finished a successful term of school at Smithtown, and after a vacation of two weeks will again resume his duties as instructor.

Bro. Coyle, '94, is studying law in California.

Bro. Woodvine, '94, is studying medicine at B. U. Medical.

Bro. Adams, '94, is passing the year in the south.

Bro. Tilton, '94, is engaged in the successful pastorate of a church in New Hampshire.

Lambda extends to all sister charges fraternal greetings and best wishes for future prosperity.

C. E. HURD.

MU DEUTERON.

AMHERST COLLEGE.

Mu Deuteron has opened another year of prosperity and growth. When we returned at the opening of the term the first thing to be done was the making up of a delegation from the freshman class, and owing to the early opening and short duration of the rushing season at Amherst, the task is by no means an easy one. Amherst's fall terms always open on Thursdays, and the rushing season during the past few years has been well started by the preceding Monday evening. Hence it is essential to the success of the work that the upper classmen should return to town at least three or four days before the term opens, rearrange their rooms at the house and appear perfectly at home, in order to give the freshmen as cordial a reception as possible.

Under the able generalship of Bro. Bell our rushing season proved a most successful one. Two men had been pledged in June, and on the second day of the term we pledged the ninth man, and more than satisfied with the results of our work, decided to consider the delegation filled. The nine freshmen taken in were Edward H. Barnum, of Auburndale, Mass.; Frederick W. Fosdick, of Fitchburg, Mass.; Edmund A. Garland, of Worcester, Mass.; Frederick R. Griffin, of Northampton, Mass.; William H. Hitchcock, of Fitchburg, Mass.; Robert A. Holmes, of Elmira, N. Y.; Robert A. Rice, of Fitchburg, Mass.; William E. Walker, of Amherst, Mass.; Edward S. Ward, of Brookfield, Mass. The initiation ceremony and banquet, of which an account is found on another page, were held Friday evening, October 12.

For the first time since December, 1889, death has come

among us, and it is with no slight feeling of pain that Mu Deuteron records the departure from this world of Bro. John Pickett Trask, '95. Almost before many of us could bring ourselves to realize that poor "Jack" was seriously ill, the sad news came on the morning of November 9th that he had passed away at midnight. For ten days he had been given the best of care at a private hospital in Amherst; but typhoid fever in one of its most virulent forms had so firmly fixed its grasp upon our brother that the end was inevitable. Jack was of a genial, sunny disposition that created for him a warm love in every one of us. To the members of the senior delegation the loss was especially hard to bear, and Bro. Kelley in particular, with whom Jack had roomed since the beginning of his sophomore year, and who, as the two brothers had discovered much to their surprise, was born on the same day (June 29, 1873) felt that he had had taken from him not only a brother in the bonds of Theta Delta Chi but a brother in flesh and blood. Funeral services were held at Bro. Trask's home in Beverly, Mass., on November 12th. The senior class sent representatives, and from the fraternity there were present C. E. Bell, W. W. Breck, C. A. Kelley, H. W. Lane and J. A. Rawson, Jr., of the senior class, C. J. Adams, '96, and A. H. Merriam, '97. At the head of the casket was placed the floral offering from the charge—a large shield in purple and white, the Amherst colors, bearing the fraternity letters and two stars as arranged on the badge. The senior class sent a beautiful anchor of roses, and many other floral pieces sent by friends in Beverly testified to the dead brother's universal popularity at home as well as among his college mates.

Mu Deuteron's old reputation for foot-ball ability has been well maintained this fall. Bro. Tyler, '97, has held his position on the eleven throughout the season, and by his brilliant work has often filled with dismay the camp of his enemies. Bro. Penney, '95, and Bro. Fosdick, '98, have also played on the team during the season, the former in both of the championship games. Bro. Cobb, '97, has done much good work on the second eleven. Amherst's accomplishments on the foot-ball field this year have been meager, but the prospects for next

year are exceptionally good. Bro. Lakeman, of Dartmouth, won much praise from Amherst men by his splendid work in the Dartmouth-Amherst game of November 10th.

Two of the brothers were awarded prizes last commencement which have not yet been recorded in *THE SHIELD*. Bro. Beverstock, '96, was given the second prize in sophomore Latin and Bro. Cobb, '97, took first prize in freshman Latin.

In the class elections this fall Bros. Jewett '96, and Cobb, '97, were made secretaries of their respective classes, and Bro. Fosdick was chosen vice-president of '98.

The charge is well represented on the musical organizations this fall. Bros. Porter, '96, and Bliss are on the glee club and Bro. Kidder, '97, who was on the glee, banjo and mandolin clubs last year, has resigned his place on the glee club in order to give his time more fully to the banjo and mandolin clubs. At a musicale given for the benefit of the foot-ball association, October 11th, Bro. Porter gave a baritone solo and Bro. Kidder a violoncello solo. Bro. Porter is also a member of the church choir.

Bro. Kelley is chairman of the senior class committee on statistics.

The fall athletic meet was held October 17th, the sophomores being victorious in the struggle for the class prize after a close fight with '98. Bro. Chase, '97, won third places in the mile walk and the shot put, and Bro. Woodworth, '96, took second in the half-mile run.

Bro. Bell is Mu Deuteron's representative on the '95 senior promenade committee.

The charge was represented at the annual convention in New York by Bro. Kelley, '95, and Bro. Putnam, '94.

Members of our '94 delegation can now be found at various places on the surface of the earth between Amherst and the south pole. The most venturesome member of the delegation is Bro. Charles Oakes Seymour, who when last heard from had set sail for a nine months trip to Valparaiso. His whereabouts at present are about as well known in this section of the world as that of Darwin's missing link. Bros. Howes and Rice are maintaining the dignity of the delegation as far as possible by

attendance at theological seminaries, the former at Andover and the latter at Yale. Three of the delegation are full-fledged pedagogues, Bro. Haskell at Dudley, Mass., Bro. Hayward in a young ladies' school at Amherst, and Bro. Putnam in New York City, together with Bro. Cole, 93, with rooms at 19 East 59th Street. Bros. Bartlett and Craig are members of the great army of the unemployed, the former at North Brookfield, Mass., and the latter at Falmouth, Mass.

J. A. RAWSON, JR.

NU DEUTERON.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Another college year has rolled around. Once more we have come back to greet the incoming freshmen and labor among them for the interests of Theta Delta Chi.

And now the long winter months are upon us, the excitement of the rushing season is over, the last foot ball game has been played, and we can sit down and look back over the progress of the charge.

The past term opened in an extraordinary way at Lehigh. Three new fraternities but recently entered, and this increased the already numerous list, so that from the beginning there was an unusual amount of competition. As the result of Nu Deuteron's efforts we beg leave to introduce Bros. F. J. Myers, F. B. Smith, J. W. Gannon, S. J. Gass and E. J. Newbaker, all fine fellows and zealous for the interests of the fraternity.

In regard to the general standing of the charge in the eyes of the college we feel that it is well up to the prosperous standard of former years. We are represented on the foot-ball team by Bros. Okeson and Gass, We have five representatives on the glee and banjo clubs, while in class and college politics we rank with any fraternity here.

In conclusion let us extend a hearty invitation to all Theta Deltas. Even a few hours of social intercourse tend to further the social life of the fraternity, and thus strengthen the tie of brotherhood.

XI.

HOBART COLLEGE.

It is with no little regret that we realize that our duties as charge editor are now over. It was and always will be a pleasure to every brother to have the opportunity of telling our alumni and sister charges what we are doing and how Theta Delta Chi fares at Hobart. We took especial delight in trying in some way or other to again stir up the youthful enthusiasm of our alumni, and to keep them in touch with us, and then to unite our mutual efforts, old and young, in advancing the good old cause of Theta Delta Chi. How far we have been successful the alumni themselves can better tell; but judging from the enthusiastic speeches at our annual banquet and the general good time we had that week together, one would hardly think it necessary to remind such men of their alma mater and least of all of the fraternity of their choice. It is not to these men that we make such urgent and heartfelt appeals for the remembrance of their college ties; but to those brothers whom we know only by the Catalogue, who have never once paid us even a passing visit. We can not think that they do not know our anxiousness to see them, and to talk over times old and new, and thus to link the past to the present and make the history of Theta Delta Chi one grand continuous progression of efforts for good fellowship and true mankind, of which we all feel so proud.

Xi began the year with seven men and we have selected two more to help in keeping her banner in the front at Hobart. They are Bros. Cook, '96, of Warren, O., and Colton, '97, of Biddeford, Me., who succeeds in the charge editorship; both of whom can better speak for themselves than anyone else can.

We do not hold quite so many college honors as we did last year, owing to Bro. Davis' departure; still we have a good share, consisting of six members on the foot-ball team, including also the captain, and will have three representatives on the base ball team. Bro. Elliott is again business manager of the *Herald*, Bro. New president of the senior class and also on the *Herald* board, Bro. Bliss leader of the glee club, Bro. Colton president of the college debating society.

Our foot-ball team played in Buffalo Thanksgiving day with the athletic team there, consisting mostly of old college players. We won, 12 to 6. Bro. Wakeman and Captain Bachman especially distinguished themselves, along with the rest of the team, who played the best game of foot-ball ever played in Buffalo. After the game they were treated elegantly by our Buffalo brothers, who still, although grayheaded, retain fresh recollections of Xi and Hobart and are as enthusiastic as ever for $\theta \Delta X$.

Among our visitors the present term were Bro. A. G. Benedict, Bro. Graves, Beta, '97. The Chi brothers exchanged visits with us on our foot-ball trips.

And now trusting in the continually increasing prosperity of $\theta \Delta X$ in general we give over our pen to an abler successor who will honor the position and work faithfully to secure our desired results.

ALBERT G. RICHARDS.

OMICRON DEUTERON.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Another term has passed and we are feeling elated over another championship won for our college. Without doubt we feel doubly pleased because of the prominent part Theta Delta Chi has taken in it. Two of the regular members of the foot-ball team were Theta Delts and two of the substitutes. We feel quite well satisfied at the showing which Omicron Deuteron has made in this branch of athletics, and feel sure she will continue her good record of the past in the future.

The twenty-fifth annual initiation and banquet was held at "The Wheelock" on November 16th. Sixty plates were set, and many of the older alumni were present. Very interesting speeches were given by Bros. Adams; '77, and Foster, '86. Bro. C. A. Davis, '95, was the toastmaster. The initiates were H. W. Blake, C. L. Day, Charles Duncan, H. L. Ford, G. L. Gary, J. A. Gilman, E. M. Gleason, E. W. Snow, E. E. French and D. C. Macandrew.

At the senior class-day appointments Bro. J. E. R. Hayes

was given the address to the Athletic Field, Bro. Watson the Address to the Chapel, and Bro. Pollard the Address to the Old Pine.

Bro. Hayes, '95, is still tennis champion of the college, having won for the third consecutive time this fall.

Bro. Bugbee, '95, is athletic manager for the coming year.

Bros. Lakeman, '96, and Macandrew, '98, were right-end and quarter-back respectively on this year's foot-ball team. Bro. Wilson, '95, was a substitute guard, and Bro. Kelley, '97, a substitute half-back.

Bros. Hardy, '97, Hilton, '97, and Ryan, '97, are teaching school during the winter term.

Bro. McFee, '97, was re-elected first tenor on the glee club for the coming year.

Bro. Davis, '95, has entered the Thayer School of Civil Engineering.

Bro. Hazen, '96, holds the position of junior director in the athletic association.

Bro. Kelley, '97, coached the Cushing Academy eleven at Ashburnham, Mass., this fall.

Bro. Pollard, '95, coached the Kimball Union Academy and Tilton Seminary teams during the fall.

Bro. Harris, '96, is editor-in-chief of '96's *Aegis*.

Bro. Gary, '98, is noted for his bicycle riding. He has defeated Zimmerman in a handicap race and it is expected that he will make a fine showing at Worcester in the N. E. I. A. A. meet this coming spring.

J. W. H. POLLARD.

PI DEUTERON.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Half of the first term is nearly over, and it pleases me very much to be able to report that *II^a* is in a flourishing condition.

Since the last charge letter three brothers have left college, C. Nelson, '96, a brother of Dean Nelson, *II^a*, '90, is now studying naval architecture; L. L. Griffiths, '97, and J. Hamill, '97, who is now at the University of the City of New York;

but to make up for their loss we are pleased to introduce to the fraternity Bro. C. Tombo, '97, a brother of R. Tombo, '95, and Bros. Foster, '98; Bryant, '98, and Barnhurst, '98.

On the evening of November 3 we held a charge reunion at the opening of our new rooms, in West 42d street, in conjunction with Rho Deuteron. It was one of the largest we have held in a number of years, and I am sure we all passed a very pleasant evening. Seven charges were represented; fifty brothers being present, among whom were Bros. B. F. Mansfield; *E*^Δ; Taft, *Z*; Brookins, *X*, and McKim, *θ*.

Our active membership in college at present numbers twelve; we have pledged four good men and are rushing a few more.

In the College Athletic Association and politics *Θ Δ X* is occupying an enviable position. Bros. R. Tombo, '95, and W. Strobel, '96, were elected respectively president and vice-president of the Athletic Association. On the Lacrosse team we are well represented, Bro. R. Tombo, '95, being president; Bro. Barnhurst, '98, secretary, and Bro. Strobel, '96, captaining the team.

In football we are represented by Barnhurst, '98, and I. Nelson, '96.

Bro. Wagner, '96, is vice-president of his class, with Bro. I. Nelson, '96, second vice-president. Bro. Bryant, '98, is second vice-president of the Freshman class.

At one of our meetings in October we had the pleasure of having with us Bros. Disbecker and Pratt, *E*^Δ, '94.

In conclusion let me add that the charge expresses an earnest desire to have all Theta Deltas make us a visit when in the city.

OSCAR WAGNER.

RHO DEUTERON.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

This year Rho Deuteron can send a more hearty greeting to her sister charges than for some time. Last year, on account of the graduation of some of our men, we were left with very few workers in college, and so did not make a truly encourag-

ing beginning. But this year we have more men to start with and some hustlers, too. Already two men have been swung who will sustain well the high standard of Theta Delta Chi, namely: William C. Uhlig and John C. Maben, both of the Mines. We are also rushing several other desirable men and hope to announce their initiation in a short time.

Some of the delegates to the convention dropped in upon us at our rooms and we were very glad of the privilege of entertaining them. Our rooms in 42d street, which we occupy together with Pi Deuteron, were in a state of confusion at our first meeting, but we had them in order in time for our reunion. This was a most enjoyable affair, about fifty being present. We hope that all Theta Delts when in New York will not fail to make themselves known to us and at home in our new quarters.

Bro. Luqueer is back at Columbia pursuing a post-graduate course.

Bros. Uhlig and Sargent represent P^A on the '96 football team, of which Bro. Slichter is manager.

Bro. Mansfield of Epsilon Deuteron gave us a pleasant call last meeting.

Bro. Brown represents us in the Musical Society.

Bro. Uterhart is back in the law school.

WILLIAM WINANS.

TAU DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Since our letter of last June there have been many changes in the membership of Tau Deuteron. We lost several men by graduation last year and two undergraduates did not return this fall. We have initiated three men this fall and are pleased to introduce them to the fraternity as men in every way fitted to be Theta Delts; they are: H. Bert Chouinard, Harry S. Swensen and Fred E. Cobb. The first named made the 'Varsity foot ball team this fall, his first year in college. At our initiation services we were honored by the presence of a number of our most loyal alumni.

Of our '94 men, besides those who were reported in the last letter, Bro. Simonton has been tabulating statistics for the State Labor Commissioner, Bro. Powers. Bro. W. C. Weeks is located at Leech Lake, and Bros. Bradford and Leach are practicing law in Winona, Minn. Two of our older brothers have become Benedicts in the last month, Bro. T. J. McElligott, Tau Deuteron, '93, and Bro. H. E. Leach, Tau Deuteron, '91, law, '94.

Our standing in the University is still maintained. We are represented on the foot ball team, we have men on most of the important senior committees, and of the first five members of $\phi B K$ elected this fall one was a Theta Delt.

Early in the season the charge was entertained at the home of Bro. E. P. Shelden, Tau Deuteron, who is instructor in Plant Taxonomy.

A number of informal social gatherings have been held at the house during the past term and the older and younger members are thus brought into closer touch with each other.

We have had flying visits from Bros. Gilmore, *E*²; E. C. Ryan, *B*, '94, and Graves, *B*, '97. Each of these brothers brought us the kindly word and hearty grip so characteristic of the members of our beloved fraternity.

FRANCIS RAMALEY, '95.

PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

The Christmas vacation is rapidly approaching, hurrying on before it the dreaded "exams." But as the days of this term become fewer in number every member of the Phi charge looks back over the work accomplished during the past twelve weeks with a feeling of rejoicing and pride.

As the result of our rushing season we have thus far initiated six men from the Freshman class. They are all good men and are already catching the true spirit of our fraternity. Among them is Bro. J. L. Griggs, son of Hon. J. W. Griggs, '69, who was one of the charter members of Phi charge.

Our foot ball season closed on Thanksgiving with the Buck-

nell game. Altogether we feel jubilant over the work of the team and congratulate ourselves upon the number of victories scored for the "Maroon and White" this year. The success of the season is largely due to the efficient management of Bro. R. J. Glick, '95, and to Bro. Gus K. Voigt, '94, who coached the team for some time. Bro. Voigt is an ideal foot ball man and is possessed of the faculty of inspiring a team with that snap and confidence which is always an essential element of success upon the gridiron.

Phi still holds her large share of college honors. Bro. Marsh, '97, and Bro. Ahbe, '96, are on the Glee Club. Bro. Backer, '95, plays first mandolin on the Banjo Club. Bro. Lobingier, '96, is business manager of the *Lafayette*, this being the fifth consecutive year that this position has been filled by a Theta Delt. We also have the presidents of the Senior, Junior and Freshman classes.

We have been making further improvements in our rooms and now justly boast of the finest suite of fraternity rooms at Lafayette.

At our last initiation held very recently Bros. Stewart, '69; Jones, '92; Albertson, '93, and Nightingale, '94, were present. We are always glad to have our alumni with us and receive much encouragement from their presence.

Bro. Barker, '95, and your humble servant had the pleasure and honor of representing Phi charge as undergraduate delegates at the convention. We came back with a new love and zeal for $\theta \Delta X$, and with a fixed determination to labor more earnestly and loyally for her in the future.

The brothers were all glad to hear that Bro. Holmes would continue as editor of the SHIELD and offer him their hearty cooperation in the work of the coming year.

EDWIN B. TWITMYER.

CHI.

ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

Chi's message to the SHIELD this month is a simple one, yet one which might inspire tongue or pen. Suffice it to say, however, to any who were in doubt as to the advisability of re-

organizing Chi or in case that were done, thought she would need a large amount of "nursing," drop those pessimistic thoughts and look to your laurels lest Chi shall be your paragon. The battle has been fought and won — "Port Rochester" is taken. Men desired by every other fraternity here have enlisted in our cause. Far be it from my purpose to extol unwarrantably or to say anything other than will show our true position.

Your correspondent considers himself most fortunate in having been sent as a delegate to the convention. The bonds of love and friendship were drawn still closer and the resolution to go home and work still harder for our beloved fraternity grew in me as a burning fire. Such harmony, such enthusiasm, such good fellowship are seldom seen and such wit, oratory and learning never outside of Theta Delta Chi. And Chi is especially proud of her alumni who appeared in the convention. Of the five or six who were called upon for speeches when they appeared, three were from Chi, Bro. Sterrett, '67; Paine, '69 and Spahn, '70. Nor would I forget to say that the genial Brookins, Chi, '80, than whom there is no more loyal Theta living, was there.

Wm. S. Kimball, Delta, '58, before his recent hunting trip to Virginia Beach, opened his art gallery to the boys and a few of their friends. Bro. Kimball is one of the old ones but he has a warm heart for the boys yet.

Ivan Powers, Chi, '72, made recently a running trip up from Washington, where he holds a government position. He was at the initiation and banquet and astonished us all by his eloquence.

Caleb S. Hanks, Chi, '73, who removed from Olean to Hudson, N. Y., about two years ago made a visit to the boys October 22, and also attended the banquet. Upon his return home he sent us his picture and suggested that we secure those of all other Chi men.

Bro. Sterrett, '67, is president of an important little society in Washington known as the "Society for Philosophical Inquiry," which meets in the doctor's recitation room every Saturday.

Willis P. Odell, D. D., Lambda, '80, delivered an eloquent and instructive sermon in the First M. E. church here October 7th.

Mention will be made elsewhere, no doubt, of the marriage of E. S. Brown, Delta, '92, to Miss Clara Hazeltine in this city November 22nd. Bro. Brown is all right as delegates to the convention can testify.

N. T. Barrett, Chi, '92, who was recently admitted to the bar, has opened an office at 31 Church street, Buffalo, N. Y. Rumor has it that he expects to take a partner soon.

Bro. Holmes of the SHIELD made us a flying visit November 19th in behalf of the Grand Lodge. We were glad to see him as we are all other wearers of our shield.

Bros. VanTuyt and Cox of Gamma Deuteron, made us short calls on their way to the convention.

I. E. Harris, Chi, '92 has recently had an attack of appendicitis.

S. E. Barrett, Chi, '95, is at home sick with typhoid fever. We hope his strong constitution may pull him through the dreaded disease.

On my way to the convention I took occasion to call on the Psi and Delta boys and right royal good fellows they are. I thank them for my hospitable entertainment.

I had about forgotten some of this year's honors; Bro. Glass, '96, is president of the *Interpres* Board, and also plays left guard on the 'Varsity eleven. Bro. Harris, '98, also played left end in the last game. Besides Bro. Harris there are also on the Freshman eleven Bros. Burgess and Wilson, while Bro. McNall is the manager. Bro. Hayes is the best soloist in college and of course is on the Glee Club, as are also Bros. McNall and Winegar, with the probability that Bros. Rippey and Wilson will make it next year. Bro. Wilson is also on the Mandolin Club and your humble servant is manager of both clubs.

P. A. BLOSSOM.

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.]

This world is full of uncertainty. How little we know what to-morrow will bring forth. The year is rapidly drawing to a close, and who knows what 1895 has in store. None can tell who will wield the pen. It is perhaps proper to revise the work of the year and to note the growth in fraternity journalism. The Greek press has grown stronger in its entirety. Some changes have been made and some of the veterans have dropped out. The year has not witnessed any bitterness in editorial criticism and all seems to be going merry as a marriage bell. THE SHIELD has to thank the craft for many kind words spoken in print and much said in private correspondence. One communication indicated so much of appreciation that we are led to reproduce it, having received the author's consent. Under date of December 10 a brother editor writes :

"I have made it a rule not to introduce into my magazine complimentary notices from the organs of other fraternities, and believe I have kept it religiously, and, owing to the press of other matter in my last number before our Convention, I have omitted entirely my Exchange Review Department. But I do not think that I should permit to pass without acknowledgment, your very kind words in a recent number in regard to my work.

"I have just had occasion to write to the editor of another magazine in complaint of the unfairness of an article which I have just noted, and I assure you that your very fair treatment of your exchanges is in such marked contrast with that of some other editors, that I feel particularly grateful. Favorable criticism from without the fold is, of course, even more pleasing than when it comes from fraternity brothers. I may say that I am accustomed to state to my friends, with whom I can afford to be egotistical, that there is only one fraternity magazine which is better than ours, and that is the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD. I have been an admirer of your splendid enterprise and commendable achievement, and especially of the broad spirit in which you treat all the matters which you find occasion to discuss, ever since I have been connected with fraternity journalism.

"Again thanking you for your kind fairness, and with all hopes for your continued success, and the proper appreciation of your splendid work on the part of your fraternity members, I am,

Very truly yours."

The editor of *THE SHIELD* has always felt that it was not *egotism* to publish the kind words spoken or written by other fraternity men. Our belief is that it is a good thing to let Theta Delta Chi know just how others see *us*. *THE SHIELD* is an integral part of the fraternity. Who knows how much influence such a kindly notice might exert upon some active chapter of the fraternity in their treatment of the members of that other fraternity in their college? What is this but the true rudiments of the great pan-hellenic spirit which has been so much talked about? We do not believe that *egotism* exists in any of the Greek editors. Certainly not in the mind of any veteran who has cut his eye-teeth. If because *THE SHIELD* has always faithfully reproduced, for the benefit of Theta Delta Chi, all the kind words written by others, any editor or other person feels that the writer is egotistic, he is perfectly welcome to that belief. An editor's shoulders are broad and he can stand anything. If perchance this should be the last time he wields the editorial pen, let it be well understood that he speaks of his compeers with malice toward none and good will to all. In that spirit we endeavor to note what may be said of the journals which have greeted us since September.

The Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* for October, closing the year's volume, is a very interesting number, and we find much in it worthy of notice. First comes a well-written biographical sketch of Bishop McLaren with a frontispiece portrait. We are attracted by the face, as we see in it that which reminds us forcibly of our own Rev. Dr. Gregg. Such histories grace any fraternity magazine. The idea is a good one, and although *THE SHIELD* was criticized when it entered upon this line of work, passing years seem to have softened the criticism, as all the Greek periodicals now teem with similar biographies. An article on "College and the Fraternity Man," by a contributor, is so good that extracts are reprinted, while space forbids a reproduction of the entire article. Then comes "Individualism in the Fraternity," which is too good to be lost, but

we cannot reproduce everything. These articles surpass anything we have before seen in good points. Other articles more pertinent to the fraternity follow, which bristle with good things for Phi Gamma Delta. The exchanges follow and THE SHIELD receives liberal mention, quite a peppery dose, so we give it for the benefit of those who enjoy a rake down :

"We are now and then treated to a lot of rubbish, even by as good a magazine as THE SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi. For the benefit of some of our readers we will remark that the present policy of Theta Delta Chi is in the direction of contraction. Out of 35 charters which have been granted 22 active chapters remain. Five of these chapters were Southern, but they are among the dead on Southern battle fields. Some of the most prominent men in the fraternity were taken in in the Southern chapters. The following extracts from an article on "The Fraternity Idea" must be as grievous to them as they are absurd to us."

About a page of extracts are given, then the editor expresses his ideas in the following words :

One would hardly imagine from the above that even Theta Delta Chi had died out in Harvard in 1889 and had been revived only in 1892.

Unless the article under discussion is to compete in a contest of "Essays on Nonsense" there is no fear that we will "*flatter ourselves* that its spirit is the fear of competition." That the writer of the article cannot feel the same respect for a fraternity which meets his own in the East, and has vitality enough to extend into the South and West, may be due to a sort of mental myopia which draws a magic line around the sacred precincts of Plymouth Rock, and sees other not less fertile regions as through a glass darkly. That the so-called "*mixed fraternities*" do not come into the Eastern colleges to "*take the leavings*" or to take "*anybody*," is sufficiently evidenced by the fact that the gentleman himself escaped being taken into a "mixed fraternity," and landed in the promised land of the "*first grade*." That the gentleman should feel qualified to express the entire respect and admiration of all Eastern men, as in the last extract above, may show that the gentleman has not known many eastern men, or that he has had the unparalleled misfortune of meeting others like himself. That fraternities of the first grade "*patronize*" and "*make cats-paws*" of those less highly favored orders of the second and third grade certainly evinces a commendable unselfishness on their part, in assuming large responsibilities, though the remark reminds us of the old story about the king of the guats offering his omnipotent protection to his humble servant, the elephant.

The truth is, that the present writer has lived somewhat among the people of the South, and has known several Western men, and can affirm, however much it may astonish some of our worthy friends, that they have not horns, nor even, like the men of Cornwall, tails. They seem to be remarkably intelligent people, all things considered, deport themselves almost well enough to argue that they have been near enough to Boston to hear how things should be done. The most remarkable thing about them is that they are bold enough to whisper that all Eastern men are not *ipso facto* infallible arbiters of all manner of questions, but that even the immaculate Eastern men sometimes allow themselves to verge close to the line of snobbery and parvenuism.

Dismissing once for all the idea that the gentleman speaks for anybody but himself, it is a matter for proper rejoicing that God has given affection, sincerity, honor and noble ambitions alike to all mankind, and perhaps it is the noblest function of a noble institution that fraternity, knowing no North, East, South or West, unites in a national bond the young men of this great republic. Under such influences the unhappy memories of our troubled past melt away, and we become patriotic citizens of a common country.

The article referred to was one of a series contributed by Wm. Neely Freeman, and for which the SHIELD does not stand sponsor in any way. In fact they have appeared for the purpose of presenting the different views on the subject. The editor had expected to take them up seriatim and give his views which differ widely in many points, but time has not permitted. We would not have any one understand that these articles are in any way the expression of the views of the fraternity, because they are not. One of the strongest desires existing in the mind of the editor, and uppermost in the hearts of all the older alumni is the resurrection of our old-time southern connections. Somehow the older alumni do not seem to prevail.

Editor Howe presents some very excellent and forcible thoughts in his editorials. He says :

So far as our knowledge goes the Greek Press has completely passed from the hands of undergraduates into the hands of old and tried alumni. It is but a mark of the change which has passed over the fraternity system during the past decade or more by which it has come to assume a higher and more dignified position in the minds of men and especially in the eyes of educators, who almost without exception recognize in the fraternity an essential part of the scheme of education in this country. We need only look to the labors of those high in authority in our own Order to find sacrifices and loving subordination of their own self interests which can probably not be equalled outside the fraternity system.

It is now nearly a decade since the *Quarterly* passed from the hands of an active chapter into the hands of graduate editors, and during that time it has, in a fair way, kept pace with the growth of the fraternity and the development of fraternity literature. There have been ups and downs, periods when the issuance of the next number appeared highly problematical and uncertain, but by the grace of Providence and the courtesy of our publishers, we have been able to come to time on the date of publication with considerable regularity, and if the words of congratulation which from time to time find their way to our desk are to be relied upon, each succeeding volume has been somewhat better than its predecessor.

Judging from the tone of our contemporaries the difficulties which beset us are by no means local or confined wholly to our own sanctum. The problem of ways and means, the lack of literary co-operation, the decadence of the *ars familiariter scribendi* and the general tendency of college men to permit things to shift for themselves, are trials as wide spread as the fraternity system. Some of our friends have succeeded in solving these problems in part by the adoption of retaliatory measures,

by the imposition of fines and by raising the publication to a purely business basis. We confess that we see no relief from the difficulties which beset us save by the adoption of some stringent measures. If a publication is worthy of maintenance at all it is worthy of being entrusted with means for meeting its recurring expenses rather than by being rendered dependent upon the caprice of chapters and the uncertainty of alumni subscriptions. With some such assurance as this furnished, it would be possible to proceed with many improvements and attain a standard of publication more consonant with the standing of the fraternity. It is from the desire to be relieved of this uncertainty as well as the conviction that the *Quarterly* can only by some such means attain results demanded by the growing needs of the fraternity that the recommendations to be found in the *Bulletin* are advanced. We trust they will be found worthy of consideration by the Convention.

Now this editorial talk just fits our case, and SHIELD readers are requested to read carefully and ponder well. Fraternity journalism means a great deal or it means nothing. If the latter why should veteran editors waste their energies on desert air simply because they love their fraternity. Those who turn the cold shoulder on their fraternity periodical have no realizing sense of the death blow they are dealing their fraternity by such a course. Even the SHIELD can not live without loyal support. If Phi Gamma Delta realizes what a splendid magazine they have, it will be supported. We hope no change will be made in the editorial management, as Mr. Howe has more than kept the *Quarterly* up to its old standard.

"*The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*," it was last year and during the career of our retired friend VanCleve, but now it is *The Shield. The Phi Kappa Psi Magazine*. We note the period after *The Shield*. That makes two SHIELDS. But it was ever thus. Phi Kappa Psi first imitated the badge of Theta Delta Chi, and now they take the title of the Theta Delta Chi magazine, which has been its rightful and distinctive title since 1869. We assume, however, that this fact was because the new editor, Mr. George Frederick Rush, desired to have the periodical so distinctively different that he inadvertently duplicated a magazine title to which the periodical had no inherent right. Certainly no one would ever mistake it for *Our Shield*. The cover is a gaudy production. Pipes, base ball bats, guitars, mandolins, owls, ram's horns, sheep's

heads, canes, guitars, all intermingled with ribbons, go to make up a medley border which quite takes the whole bakery, It produces a striking contrast to the severely plain cover which we had all been familiar with for so many years. Inside the cover we find a new broom everywhere. Fanciful tail-pieces and striking head-pieces, but withal a number of very fine half-tone plates. The first article is devoted to the retiring officers, and gives a most excellent portrait of ex-Editor VanCleve, which is really quite as well-executed a half-tone as we have ever seen in any other magazine. Other excellent portraits are given which give the journal a better appearance and indicate a high class of work. The opening editorial is a Japanese war-cry against the "Chinese Wall of Finance." If Editor Rush works as effectually as he talks, his career with the journal will not be one of failure. The October number opens with a history of the new officers, giving excellent portraits of each, and here we receive an introduction to Editor Rush. We do not desire to hurt Mr. VanCleve's feelings by saying that Editor Rush is handsomer. He is certainly younger and parts his hair in the middle with a sort of a "foot-ball twist" on it. It is quite evident that he has not yet settled down to the sterner realities of life, because he is a "bachelor forlorn" advertising for a wife. We would infer from his portrait that it ought to be an easy matter for him to make a "quick Chicago mash," because his cheek is fair and he has the proper curl on his moustache, but then he may be hard to suit. We certainly wish him well. When he has edited the Phi Kappa *Shield* for ten years he will be considerably wiser in the peculiar ways of fraternity magazine money getting. In spite of this raillery at the latest edition to the ranks which we hope will not be taken seriously to heart, it is clearly evident from the first two numbers of his work that success sits on his brow, and Phi Kappa Psi will still have a good magazine, and perhaps one which will strike the boys with better effect. We old horses are liable to get into a rut so deep that we can not escape from it, and perhaps a change is a good thing and might enliven Theta Delta Chi even. Success to the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi and hearty greetings to Brother Rush.

Seven half-tone groups, representing as many different chapters located in institutions from classic Boston to Arkansas and Georgia, grace the October number of the *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*. Well-written sketches of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and of the University of Arkansas, as well as of the chapters at these institutions, accompany the illustrations, the others are pagged with the letters from the respective chapters. The subject of chapter letters seems to agitate the fraternity press just at present, and the different journals are treating it from quite varied standpoints. The *Record* in a few pertinent words urges that they be written in a spirit of reasonable modesty and of fairness to rivals. And it is only fair to say in passing that this spirit of reasonable modesty and fairness characterizes the *Record* as a whole. The editor's shoulder is adorned with no chip which other people are invited to knock off at their peril. His judgment in questions which involve fraternity ethics is sound and we are glad to reproduce some extracts from what he has to say in regard to the old subject of "lifting."

"In an editorial in the *March Record* we spoke in no uncertain tones the sentiment of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in regard to the practice generally termed 'lifting.' When that editorial was written one or two of our chapters were contemplating the initiation of men who were members of other fraternities which had no chapters at the school which they were attending. Happily, wiser counsel prevailed, and the scheme was not carried out. * * * * When we get down to the moral tone in the matter, no man has the right to enter a rival fraternity. If he has taken the oath to be true to one fraternity, he is a man unworthy membership in that fraternity, if he violates his oath. His adherence to his new fraternity would be as uncertain as his devotion to his old. * * * * In Sigma Alpha Epsilon we would exclude even the man who comes with an honorable dismissal. The initiation of such a man cannot but foster the spirit of disloyalty. The man who has renounced his loyalty to one order cannot bring much loyalty to the other. Nor can the men who initiate him be inspired with loyalty to their own order. It may be regarded as an evidence of excellence or good-fellowship in one chapter, when a member of a rival fraternity joins it. In the very moment of triumph, seeds of disloyalty are sown in the hearts of those who initiate a rival fraternity man. Disloyalty can never foster loyalty; it can only multiply after its kind. Loyalty can be instilled into the new men only by the utmost fidelity to *right*, not by putting, as it were, a premium on

disloyalty in other fraternities. * * * * The question now recurs to us, Shall we foster disloyalty in our own men by lifting members of rival orders? No! Shall we foster it by initiating men who present honorable dismissals? No! * * * * In our temple of fame there must be no stone of dishonor. To place as a chief stone a local chapter or fraternity, is not dishonor—it is honorable acquisition. So to use a disgruntled chapter of a rival fraternity, or the brightest men who have already sworn allegiance at some rival altar, is perfidy supreme. From this time forth, Sigma Alpha Epsilon will stand on this platform.”

We reproduce the kindly comment which the exchange editor makes upon THE SHIELD.

“If THE SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi is noticed more frequently in this department than any other journal, it is for the reason that we find more in it of general interest to all society men. The March number devoted sixty-nine pages to Dartmouth College, a subject of great interest to any college man, whether he be a Theta Delt or not. In the editorial department of the same issue, Brother Holmes says: ‘We submit this number to the candid consideration of all Theta Delts, as well as outsiders, as the finest sample of fraternity journalism ever published.’ And after a careful examination of the 170 pages which go to make up the number, we gracefully admit that it is the best of all the exchanges that have come under our observation.”

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* opens volume XII. with Editor Keeble at the helm. We are glad to know that he has recovered from his protracted illness and is now full of his old time vigor. While the *Journal* has been of excellent quality during his indisposition it lacked perhaps some of the editor's peculiar decisiveness, which adds much to its general tone. In his leading editorial the statement is made that being full of vigor he may “prod with sharpness.” The general contents of the October number do not so much attract our attention as the exchanges, which are full and expressive. Once upon a time we remember reading in the *Journal* the statement that the SHIELD had become too massive to review, and would hereafter be let severely alone. He must have forgotten himself, as he opens his meal with an extended article on the SHIELD. His appetite being whetted with long silence he strikes out upon our innocent head as follows :

“There is a class of men that excite the envy of those who mingle with

them, either in person or by reading the product of their minds. This class is composed of men who know well their own merit, and who are not mealy-mouthed in advertising their virtues. They live in a halo of self-esteem and self-confidence. Such a realm is a veritable paradise. No man can enjoy greater happiness than he who regards himself and his work as supremely excellent. The calm, deliberate, innocent way in which the editor of THE SHIELD refers to his organ as 'the best fraternity journal published,' and in reference to two particular issues, 'no two such numbers as the March and September issues have ever been issued by any fraternity,' has great weight in forcing a reader to place him in such a class. O happy man! What insanity is so filled with charming delusion as the state of egomania! Mr. Holmes has reason to be proud of his excellent magazine. It is indeed one of the very best magazines of its kind, but there can be nothing but regret to see such pride sticking out.

"He resembles the youngster who is so eager over his candy as to fill his cheeks with it, and thus plainly betrays his happiness to his fellows. Well, well, it is all in a lifetime, and we daresay Mr. Holmes will not like this little criticism. Perhaps he will have a hard feeling against us. Nevertheless Mr. Holmes cannot incur our ill will. He is too good a fellow to fall out with."

Really now, we feel altogether squelched, and presume Mr. Keeble feels better. We wonder what answer he would give if a Kappa Alpha should ask him which of the Greek journals was the best. No sane man would expect any other answer than "Kappa Alpha *Journal*" is the best. He forgot the fact, however, that the editor was talking to Theta Deltas, and not to him. That being the case we argue that no egotism was indicated, and he must have been looking through green glasses. We think that if Editor Keeble will look carefully through the files of the SHIELD he will find more compliments paid to Kappa Alpha *Journal* than to any two other journals. Such a dose is rather bitter then, but we can stand it if the other fellow can. There is a little lameness in the illustration. The boy's candy is soon dissipated, but the SHIELD will live long years to prove the truth of the statement, which so far as Theta Delta Chi is concerned is true and proper. Next.

The first number of the twenty-second volume of *Beta Theta Pi* appears in a new dress, which is very attractive. The blue tinted cover has given way to a cream, with a black and gold

impression which is more cheerful. The interior is like the last volume. Matters pertaining to the fifty-fifth convention at Niagara occupy considerable space. An interesting article on the "Influence of the Chapter House," written by an Amherst Chi Psi is well worth reading by any fraternity man. The editorials in this number are among the best Editor Brown has ever written. Although brief they present many good points. It is not often we are able to extract so much good general matter from any single one of our contemporaries, but some of them are too good to be lost. They are reproduced under the proper head with ideas of our own. We have always felt that the opinions and arguments advanced by any Greek editor, exert a powerful influence on the undergraduate readers. What an immense amount of good one man can exert if he puts forth in every number of his journal such capital editorials as are found in this issue. The journal entire is a very interesting and satisfactory one.

Although the November *Beta Theta Pi* in commenting upon an extract from the September *SHIELD* makes the qualifying statement that "the rushing season is over, some of the very best things in that number are upon that very subject. An editorial upon the number of men to be taken from each class contains the following :

"Many of our chapters pay little attention to securing about the same number of men from each incoming class. This is not as it should be. It is unusual that the quality of the freshmen will vary from year to year, so that a chapter must one year take seven, the next one, the next five and the next two. Such an unevenness shows a lack of judgment. We are not now saying that a certain number must be secured, irrespective of quality, but that a certain number should be aimed at, with due regard to quality. A chapter certainly should have some settled policy in regard to this matter. We know of one chapter that has five seniors, two juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen, and announces that, having attained their ideal number, they will make no more initiations this year. A little foresight will show that a year from now that chapter will have only eight, instead of eleven, to compete for the next freshman class, that from extraneous circumstances one or two members may not return, and that for three or four years the chapter may be a laggard in the race, from one act of self-satisfied folly. We know of another chapter that regularly purposes to secure six men each year from the freshman class, and to keep its delegation in each other class at five, at least. Sometimes

they take seven and sometimes four, but whenever there is a deficiency they are a little more keen in examining the available material than they would be otherwise. Full ranks means strength, depleted ranks weakness. It is a matter of administration that should be carefully watched."

One of the most interesting articles is "Grif's Candidate," a Beta classic, which is by request reprinted from the number published just ten years ago. It is full of the true fraternity spirit, and enforces the lesson which the SHIELD has so often tried to make plain, that it is not wise to judge altogether by mere external appearances, for underneath a reserved or even awkward manner there may be the sterling qualities of honor and loyalty that need only the warmth of such sympathetic friendship as is found in the fraternity to develop in a way that makes the wisdom of the choice apparent to every one. Only a fraternity man can fully appreciate the force of such a paragraph as this, though it is worthy the careful consideration of the few college authorities who have no room for fraternity influence in the government of their little world :

Did it mean this, then—the fraternity bond he had entered into? Did it mean that men came to know each other, not merely in their ordinary traits of mind and character, but in the very inmost recesses of their souls, where only their dreams abide? He had not supposed such things could be. It was as if a new world had been suddenly unveiled in void mid-air. Little by little he felt himself drawn into the current of the talk, timidly at first, as a voyager on an unknown stream, but with more and more of a freedom and earnestness as the new, strange force took possession of him. And when he went to his own room at last, he knew right well that his real entrance into fraternity life had been made. Men who have had one such talk together will never be strange to each other again in all the world.

In an article entitled "A True Kappa Sigma," in the September *Caduceus* we find some stirring words which with a change of Greek letters would apply as well to the alumni of every fraternity in the country :

To my mind, it is incumbent upon each Alumnus to maintain an active correspondence with his old Chapter; not a cold, formal, lifeless correspondence, but one through which breathes fraternity and devotion; one which should encourage new brothers to add lustre to the past, to guard well its teachings; to aid in building for the future. The ideals

should be dwelt upon; the old names recalled to mind; their work recorded and appropriated for the present. In this way would true relations be maintained with the past, and our membership at this day will appear to us as great and grand, because we are working *with* the past *for* the future. It has been pressed upon us time and again that the finishing of our college career is not the finishing of our fraternal life, and now I think that the obligation of our oath should be presented as strongly as possible. I would not by any means make our relations dependent only upon our oaths—a mere legal fiction—but I feel confident that our faults arise from ignorance and carelessness, and not from wilfulness. It is not right that men should leave off their active membership with only the most vague conception of the things which constitute the real essence of the Greek life, and yet this has happened.

We believe that a man's obligations to his fraternity are in no way lessened when he leaves college. The fraternity has by no means done all that she can do for him, neither has he done all that he can do for the fraternity. If his loyalty means anything it means that he keeps up an active interest in his own chapter and in the fraternity as a whole, in her policy and her enterprises. It is not a part of a dead and buried past which only meets with a brief and spasmodic resurrection once in a while when he happens to stumble upon a number of the fraternity magazine, or meets a brother whose enthusiasm is sufficient to warm him into life while they are together. It does mean hearty and ungrudging support—with dollars where dollars are needed, and with moral encouragement always—of those who are trying to carry on the work of the fraternity, and command for her the respect of the world. It should be a part of his life, and no more a burdensome obligation than his right hand is a burden.

The November *Caduceus* is a conclave number. The account of the eleventh biennial conclave of Kappa Sigma held in Richmond, Va., October 10th is vastly embellished by several group portraits of delegates and attendants. There is nothing so good to perpetuate fond memories of a delightful occasion as group portraits. The oration delivered at this conclave by Mr. Lindley G. Long is a grand exposition of "Unity of Thought, Fraternity of Action." We regret our inability to reproduce it entire. He opens with these words:

"Fraternity is the watchword of the age. The human race is drifting

toward brotherhood. All the forces of history—religious, industrial, political and social—are drawing and binding men together. Never did the human heart know a broader, a deeper fraternal feeling. Touch the chord of sympathy, and it vibrates around the world. Reason may teach the unity of God; faith leaps to a trinity, but faith and reason both declare the fraternity of man. The statesman of to-day is circumscribed by national boundaries. To-morrow he must burst these narrow limits and bask in the brighter sunlight of international glory. Long since has the poet tuned his harp to chord with the heartstrings of universal man. Long ago the philosopher, searching for the hidden treasures of the human breast, discovered the magic chord which binds soul and soul and every soul to God. Nothing better portrays the spirit of the present age than its philanthropy. Philanthropy, the white-winged angel of mercy, has come to relieve the distressed, to dispel the darkness from the dismal abodes of poverty and vice, to educate and enlighten the benighted souls of every land, and above all to teach mankind a broader benevolence, a sweeter charity, and a more comprehensive love."

After considering man's dual nature, his altruism and egoism, the speaker proceeds to an analysis of the various motives of fraternal organization.

The lowest, basest motive is *crime*: The second motive is *fear*; The third motive is *revenge*.—These he calls the unjustifiable motives. Next he considers the motives which are positive in their character, permanent in their nature and always justifiable. The first motive is based on *common suffering*; The second is a *common interest*; The third is a *common belief*; The fourth is *love*. The various kinds of fraternal organizations are classified as follows:—The *Industrial fraternity*—this does not apply in general, but each specific laboring interest is or may be controlled by a specific fraternity; The *Political fraternity*. This type has existed through all history, sometimes inspired by fear, sometimes by revenge, always by a common interest in a common cause; The *Religious fraternity*; The *Social fraternity*; The social is the highest possible relation. He finds justification for the fraternal relation in the all-embracing, all-pervading fraternity of nature, and closes as follows:

"The earth, the air, the sky, the sea are one great temple of fraternity. Nature, with all her immensity—her incalculable lengths, her immeasurable breadths, her insuperable heights, her unfathomable depths—is comprehended in our all-embracing fraternity. Nature, man, and God speak with a single voice, and that the voice of fraternity."

The illness of the exchange editor explains the absence of the usual review. The entire volume of *Caduceus* which this number closes is very creditable indeed.

Perhaps no one of the fraternity magazines can be said to have a more strongly marked personality than the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*. A blind man would recognize it by the touch of its heavy antique paper, and there would be almost no

need of the mystic letters to tell the reader what fraternity it is whose doings are chronicled in its pages, for they all bear an imprint, which though hard to define is nevertheless ineffaceable. The November number contains two extremely well written historical sketches, one of the Cornell chapter, accompanied by a fine half-tone engraving of the chapter house ; the other of the chapter at Bowdoin, which has just celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. The latter article gives a noble list of honors won by her men, and continues with words which will find a response in the heart of every man worthy the name of Greek, no matter what the symbols which he wears, for loyalty is the same quality in every fraternity.

And thus we might go on. Figures and statistics are all right in their place. They show how grandly Theta of $\Delta K E$ has surpassed all her rivals in scholarship, athletics and all branches of college work that give a fraternity high standing. But there are other things yet, more prominent and more important still, in the history of our fraternity that neither figures nor statistics, no, nor words of tongue or pen, can ever show. They can never tell how great and strong has been that spirit of fellowship, of friendship, of brotherhood, that has bound the heart of our members together, that has been the secret of our chapter's power and success, that has made members of $\Delta K E$, not only in college, but all through life, firm friends from the heart ever. Figures and statistics cannot tell the grand friendship formed within our chapter; the solid and substantial preparation given in our halls for the true work of life; the broad and noble character-building effected by our high ideals; the happy hours of social pleasures that are longer remembered than lessons, and form the brightest spots in college life as the alumnus looks backward with a sigh; the magic and life-lasting influence for good that $\Delta K E$ exerts over its members; nor, in short, any of those grand and unspeakable things which are the life, the glory and the hope of our great fraternity.

The August number of the *Delta* of Sigma Nu is a fat number and is almost exclusively devoted to a complete chapter roll of the fraternity. It is a record of much value to Sigma Nu and required much labor to compile. Numerous groups and portraits add to the general appearance. As a frontispiece the portraits of the High Council are given. Bro. Harrington has on a uniform which looks strangely familiar to us. It cer-

tainly seems a little out of place, because some might stop to ask which society he thought most of, Sigma Nu or the Masons. For that reason we have always been scrupulously careful to exclude any reference to secular societies in THE SHIELD. Probably the idea never occurred to the editor, but it seems to be the custom with nearly all editors to make no allusions to them. This number of the *Delta* closes Vol. IX. with 438 pages—a successful volume, the best and largest ever issued, and a source of satisfaction to the editor, without doubt. ™

The *Arrow* for October might be classified as a thoroughly representative magazine for educated women. The subject-matter is not by any means confined to the affairs of Alpha Phi, but it takes a comprehensive survey of woman's work and progress. The department entitled "Of Interest to all Women." is very ably edited, and should be of interest to every intelligent man as well, for it gives facts and figures which will be somewhat startling to those who have not kept pace with the work women are doing in the realm of the highest scholarship. That the editor possesses that indispensable balance wheel, a level head, is shown by the following paragraph.

"Her heart was really in the subject, and she set herself earnestly at the task of writing a message which should arouse each laggard and inspire all to better work. She brought the most telling rhetoric of which she was mistress to bear. She said a great deal about the lofty ideal of our fraternity, the high standard of our creed, and the responsibilities of our sisterhood. She urged to greater effort and to broader views in the fraternity field. She urged, plead, besought, implored. When she laid down her pen her cheeks were flushed and her hand trembled and her heart burned with enthusiasm. But this burning eloquence was destined never to try its effect on the chapters. After serious thought the editor decided that the effect of such an appeal would be, merely to arouse a comfortable glow of satisfaction that we have such high ideals, and such broad aims, and every one would settle back into profitless placidity, so she discards her fine words and glittering generalities, and will deal with specific faults and definite remedies. She has ready a bottle of bitter medicine—criticism—and a large spoon with which to administer to each her share. * * * * Now this general work, the work carried on by the Grand Council and other general fraternity officers, is by far the most important work of the fraternity. It is that which gives

us our unity, which gives us our standing among other fraternities and keeps us abreast of the times. We heartily advocate the dismissal of each member who neglects to reply to fraternity correspondence, who takes no interest in the *Arrow*, and the withdrawal of the charter from chapters who are continually indifferent to all these matters. * * * * The root of the whole matter is, after all, *individual responsibility*. Are *you* faithful? Are *you* loyal? Are *you* an intelligent worker?"

Who would have ever thought that our modest sister *Alpha Phi* would have launched out in such gay and dashing style as characterizes the first number of Vol. VII? The girl who designed that cover must have worn bloomers and conceived the idea as she was flying over the Boston Common on a bicycle. Yet she must have struck some obstacle as her eye left the track to gaze at the old Bunker Hill Monument, and just then she took a "header," because the cover is bespangled with stars. The title is not exquisite, but then it is so esthetic, you know. It may be that some of those naughty boys had a hand in it and played a joke on the poor innocent girl—but we would never have thought it of *Alpha Phi* girls; no, never! The interior of the magazine looks quite natural and is as good as ever. Don't get too giddy. *THE SHIELD* has too much admiration for the handsome periodicals issued by the soroses to have it so suddenly shattered. We hope you are sorry and wont do it again.

Two widely separated chapters, those at the University of the South and at the University of Vermont, are given place in the December number of *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*. The latter article in particular is written in a very clear, discriminating fashion, recognizing both the advantages and limitations of the institution, which, to use the writer's own words, "although bearing the name of University has not yet grown to the dimensions of one." The importance to every fraternity of such chapter histories cannot be overestimated. Not only do they serve to give the fraternity itself a better knowledge of the conditions under which the chapters work, but whenever they fall into the hands of members of other societies

they help to give a clearer understanding of what is being done and aimed at, and intelligent knowledge of a rival is not favorable to the unreasoning prejudice and antagonism which has worked so much harm among fraternities.

From "Obiter Dicta" we take a paragraph which is worthy of careful thought.

The editor of a college fraternity magazine is in an exceptionally good position to note the condition of colleges and universities. His returns are a fair index of weakness or strength. Except under peculiar circumstances, a strong chapter is found only in a strong college, and the decline or increase of strength of a chapter almost invariably indicates a corresponding change in the fortunes of the institution at which it exists.

The Chi Phi *Chakett* is one of the periodicals which we are always glad to see, but which is as irregular in its appearance as a ten cent clock. The November number, opening Volume VII is the first we have seen in some time. The editor makes some remarks about the publication of *Chakett* which indicates that his experience is that of every other journal. He says?

"Recognition of any sort has been so rare as to convince us that the fraternity magazine which depends upon an unsalaried board and the loyalty of an average body of alumni for its support will not have an extended career."

Most people never know a good thing till they have lost it. Readers of THE SHIELD should ponder this well.

The *Crown* of Phi Theta Psi is a new guest at our table. The journal has just closed its fifth volume, and is ably edited by Mr. E. T. Boggs of Northport, N. Y. It is published at Charlottesville, Va. Phi Theta Psi is not a large society, having only five chapters, and is planted on southern soil, but if so few chapters can maintain so creditable a journal it speaks well for the society. In its infancy the *Crown* was but a four page sheet. It has grown to a magazine of the average size. Mr. Boggs has conducted the journal for two years. The Exchange department is conducted by Mr. B. L. Ancell, of Richmond, and is quite extended.

The first number of Vol. XVIII. of the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta is the work of Max Ehrmann of Cambridge, Mass., who succeeds H. J. Eberth as editor. The excellent character of the articles which make up this number indicate that good work may be expected from the new pen. The general character and appearance of the magazine is maintained.

The *Trident* opens up the fourth volume with a number which has the same general appearance of excellence as the preceding volumes. We have always admired the persistent pluck of the *Trident* management, and have only words of congratulation to offer for the continued prosperity which seems to follow in her wake.

Pushing to the Front or Success Under Difficulties is the title of a new book just issued from The Riverside Press of Cambridge, by O. S. Marden, Lambda, '77. This is one of the best books we have seen. It has for its particular object the inspiration of boys and girls—who, while they long to be somebody in the world, lack sufficient confidence in themselves to strike out. The standard of the book is measured in growth, personal power and character. The style of the book is such that it will at once interest and claim the young reader. Its effect is to inspire all the latent zeal which exists in the youth and direct it to a high plane. The author is entitled to great credit for the completion, after years of labor, of this book. It should have a place in every library and be read by the sons and daughters of every Theta Delt. An exchange says of it:

This book is the fruit of wide reading and patient studies. The author has ransacked the field of biography for materials with which to illustrate his work, and he has produced, in some respects, an ideal book for youth, a book which, as the basis and inspiration of character building, is, in its uplifting, energizing, suggestive force, more than an argument to stir up young people of both sexes to do their best. It appeals to every one who feels that character is success, and that there is no other success. It is so vigorous, interesting and uplifting that every young person who reads it will feel the benefit of it, and for family use as well as school purposes no book has ever been published which is superior to it. Mr. Marden has worked for many years upon this volume, and has

counted no effort too great to make it ; he has succeeded in producing a work which is thoroughly modern, full of point, and destined to be read in nearly every home in the land. It reaches out to the fundamental principles of character and illustrates them in the happiest manner.

Some fraternities are peculiarly fortunate in the possession of men who seem to have a penchant for devoting more than the allotted time to the laborious task of publishing works which are valuable additions to general fraternity literature. Probably no man has been a more earnest worker than William Raymond Baird of Beta Theta Pi. He has published two volumes of statistical information which are of great value, and now he comes forward with another work, entitled *Fraternity Studies*, a manual of information concerning the fraternity of Beta Theta Pi. The first chapter refers to the system of college fraternities, giving a brief account of the societies organized before the founding of Beta Theta Pi, in 1839. Then continuing for six chapters with a complete detailed history of the fraternity, bringing it down to 1893. The seventh chapter relates to federal members of the fraternity, i. e., other societies absorbed into it. Chapter eight contains a history of individual members, giving the names of noted men ; chapter nine is devoted to the testimony of experience, wherein many prominent men relate what the fraternity is and has been to them ; then the social life of the fraternity receives attention. A chapter is devoted to the chapter houses, two chapters tell the ups and downs of the *Beta Theta Pi* magazine, the two following give an account of the publications of the fraternity, such as catalogues, song books, &c. A chapter is devoted to insignia, flag, flowers, seals, &c.; then comes an interesting chapter giving brief accounts of the entire Greek world. The badges of nearly all the societies are illustrated. The volume closes with tables giving officers and delegates of all conventions since 1842. The 370 pages which constitute this interesting volume are filled with valuable information, and the book is certainly a prize to Beta Theta Pi. The SHIELD highly appreciates the volume received from the editor and hopes that the book can be obtained by all Greek letter enthusiasts, as it is one of the important volumes which go to make up a limited fraternity library.

College Notes.

Three new scholarships have been presented to Tufts college.

Delta Tau Delta has revived her chapter at Wabash college.

Delta Tau Delta has entered Ohio State University with ten initiates.

The sorority, Delta Delta Delta has entered the University of Michigan.

Debating is said to have received a great impetus at Harvard this fall.

It is announced that the long promised catalogue of Beta Theta Pi is now in press.

The Sigma Nu fraternity has just opened a new chapter house at Lehigh University.

Michigan University has an association of Japanese students, with a membership of thirteen.

Beta Theta Pi and Delta Kappa Epsilon have new fraternity houses at the University of North Carolina.

Alpha Tau Omega has entered Brown University with eight men, who have already secured a chapter house.

The Fourteenth Biennial Congress of Alpha Tau Omega was held at Washington, D. C., December 26, 27 and 28.

A "co—ed" has bought a ticket in the Athletic Association, for the first time in the history of Michigan University.

The new Japanese minister to the United States, Mr. L. Kurino, was graduated from the Harvard Law School.—The Campus.

Rochester University is to have a new song book for use at the next commencement. Each fraternity in the university is represented by a song.



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Two new dormitories were opened at Harvard this fall.

The Union College chapter of Alpha Delta Phi will soon have one of the finest chapter houses in the state, located on the college grounds overlooking the campus. It is to be finished next summer.

The University *Magazine* is authority for the statement that the faculty of Michigan University made a rule that any man caught slugging at a recent great game of foot ball should be expelled from the University.

The students and faculty of Rutgers College have agreed upon a scheme of self-government, by which a committee is chosen from the faculty and students to investigate all breaches of discipline and to recommend action to the faculty.

The extension question will not down, so long as colleges are developing in age and attractions and great universities are being established. Banquo's ghost, the Wandering Jew, and the Phoenix are not to be compared with it.—The Rainbow.

The decision of the faculty of Tufts College that in future all members of the college teams or of the Glee Club must be in regular standing in the college is said to be well received by the students, as it will tend to make professionalism impossible.

The Cornell chapter of the Delta^o Kappa Epsilon college fraternity has just completed a handsome lodge. It is three stories high, built of St. Lawrence marble, finished in hard wood, and furnished with all modern conveniences. Besides parlors, dining rooms, smoking rooms, etc., it contains study rooms and bed rooms for sixteen young men.—Ex.

As the daily chapel exercises had to be discontinued at the University of Michigan, on account of change in recitation hours, it has been decided to have vesper service at four o'clock twice a week, for the whole University. The great World's Fair organ will be used at these services, which will certainly be more dignified than the ancient custom of early prayers to which students in some colleges were wont to rush, breakfastless and half dressed.



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A gold medal is to be given annually to that student of civil engineering at Cornell, who maintains the highest degree of scholarship in the subjects of the four years course.

The curriculum at Brown University has just been increased by the addition of a new course in architectural work, in connection with the department of fine arts.

One of the most famous Harvard societies, the Hasty Pudding Club, celebrates its centennial next year.

College libraries in America are increasing their lists. The Johns Hopkins library now has 60,000 volumes ; that of Amherst, 61,000 ; Brown, 73,000 ; University of Michigan, 80,000 ; Lehigh, 90,000 ; Princeton, 91,000 ; University of Pennsylvania, 100,000 ; Cornell, 150,000 ; Columbia, 155,000 ; Yale, 180,000 ; University of Chicago, 250,000, and Harvard, 430,000.—The Campus.

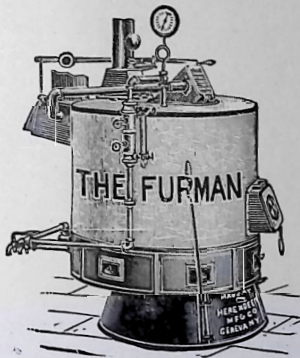
A chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, starting with seventeen men, has been organized at Northwestern University.

C. W. French, '79, B. J. Wertheimer, '76, Kimball, '85, G. C. Selden, '93, represented Omicron Deuteron at the annual banquet of Dartmouth alumni in Chicago, December 7, 1894. The occasion was made a celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the college. In honor of this event the ladies were invited. Bros. French and Wertheimer were accompanied by their wives. Bro. Selden responded to a toast, as per clipping from the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*, which is given below. Bro. J. P. Houston was elected one of the vice-presidents of the association. "What Dartmouth College Can Do for Chicago Youth" was the subject of a speech by George C. Selden, who was enthusiastic in his praise of the college as it is to-day and well qualified to bring its history up to date, as head of the class of '93."

Sigma Chi has established a chapter at Columbia College.

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The University of Chicago has adopted scarlet as the college color.

The Harvard Art Collection is already too large for the Fogg Art Museum.

The Orrington Library Building, of the Northwestern University, built at an expense of \$100,000, was opened in September.

The new school of English Literature, established last year at the University of Virginia, continues to be the most popular course in the academic department.

The new arrangement for a three years' course at Yale Law School will not go into effect until the fall of 1896, and students entering before that time will be graduated under the present conditions, after two years' study, as heretofore—N. Y. Tribune.

The faculty of Pennsylvania State College have established the following rigid rule: "Within twenty-four hours before leaving college to engage in any game, each man shall obtain a certificate from each teacher under whom he has work that he has a standing above sixty-five per cent. for such subject for the term, and has no condition in any subject."

The Student Committee on Discipline, which was tried as an experiment last year, proved so satisfactory to the faculty that they offered at the close of the year to continue the existence of the committee and to enlarge its functions, so as to invest the committee with original jurisdiction in all cases of university discipline. The committee voted to accept the faculty's offer, and in view of its altered duties decided to change its name to the Student Self-Government Council. Cornell students have thus gained at a bound what the students of many other colleges have been trying for years to secure, a system of college government which makes the joint action of the faculty and a representative body of students necessary to the infliction of college discipline upon any student.—N. Y. Tribune.

