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TRIBUTE TO GOVERNOR GRIGGS.

The New York Graduate Association Pay Tribute to a Worthy Brother.

It seems fitting that the most memorable year in the history of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity should also witness her greatest ovation to an honored member. The evening of February 14th, 1896, will long be remembered as the occasion of the most enthusiastic reception and banquet ever held by Theta Delta Chi. The New York Graduate Association, through her president, the Hon. Willis S. Paine, tendered to his excellency, John W. Griggs, governor of New Jersey, a dinner, which was given at Delmonico's on St. Valentine's Day. A reception was held in the parlors from 6:45 to 7:30, and the assembled host of graduates and undergraduates greeted the governor with lusty good-cheer. The governor took his honors easily and for the time he was a boy again. With no thought of the "cares of state" he smiled upon each brother as he gave him the friendly grip, and scenes of youth were recalled and reviewed with delight. The presence of a larger number of old graduates than usually attend the fraternity gatherings was a marked feature in the success of the occasion. Many busy men left their work and traveled long distances to pay their respects to the honored guest. The Phi charge, of which the governor was a faithful member, was largely represented, having 21 men in attendance. The Pi Deuteron was the only one exceeding it in numbers, having 29 men there. This was due to the fact that the Pi Deuteron and Rho Deu-

teron charges had been invited to join the alumni instead of having distinctive banquets of their own. This gathering, therefore, represented the 16th annual dinner of the Pi Deuteron charge and the 13th for Rho Deuteron, who had 15 men present. The total attendance as given by the treasurer was 122.

Promptly at 7:30 a procession was formed headed by President Paine and the guest of the evening, and the banquet room was occupied. Covers had been laid for 100. These were filled and yet there were more. An overflow table was prepared in the next room, where over twenty of the later comers were seated. At the head sat President Paine, on his right Governor Griggs, James Cruikshank, one of the first members of Alpha, Edward Schenck, the last man initiated by Alpha, and Webster R. Walkley; on his left Prof. Carl A. Harstrom, President of the Grand Lodge, William L. Stone, Franklin Burdge, Hon. H. J. Spooner and Clay W. Holmes.

The room was profusely decorated with Theta Delta Chi flags. The tables were a beautiful sight, loaded with smilax interwoven with beautiful cut roses. The menu card was elaborate, on the front cover a half-tone portrait of John W. Griggs, on the back cover the flag of Theta Delta Chi. The inside contained beside the menu, selected songs, which were sung during the evening. The SHIELD is averse to printing menus for obvious reasons, but this one was so pointed that all Theta Delts will enjoy the reading of it. It was as follows:

Huitres on the half shield.

POTAGES.

Consomme a la St. John.

Bisque of Lobster a la St. Carl.

HORS D' ŒUVRES.

Celeri.

Radis.

Olives.

POISSON.

Broiled shad a la Goddess Minerva.

Pommes de terre perscillade.

RELEVE.

Fillet de Bœuf with Madeira.

Tomatoes Trerise a la St. Homer.

ENTREES.

Poulet a la Grand Lodge.

Petit Pois, Norwalk Style.

Ris de Veau, a la Lafayette.

Haricot vere, New Jersey Fashion.

SORBET.

A la St. Clay.

ROTI.

Ruby Ducks.

Escarole Salot a la Chi Theta Delta.

ENTREMETS SUCRES.

Savarins a la St. Rudolph.

Moulded ice creams.

Gateaux a la Black, White and Blue.

Eta? Pi(e) (Deuteron) a la "Rho, Brothers, Rho," Phi(e).

Fruits de saison.

Cafe.

The various courses were edibly good but the service was not such as one would expect at Delmonico's. Waiters were too few. Still everything passed off smoothly and at nine o'clock President Paine as toastmaster called the assemblage to order with the following remarks :

Æsop has a fable of a jackdaw, which, curiously enough is a kind of crow, that managed to secure several handsome feathers of a peacock. The bird by some means attached these plumes to its tail, and then went strutting backwards and forwards, very proud of its new glory. The other birds covered the vain fowl with dismay and confusion, when they discovered its fraudulent pretences, and that the bright feathers were not its own, but belonged to another. Other college fraternities have naturally been tempted to make themselves conspicuous from time to time by initiating as members those who have become prominent in after life in the educational or political world. All the gems that glisten upon and around OUR shield are our own. Possibly by reason of our carefully conservative growth during almost fifty years of existence, we may not have as many brilliants as some others, but they are genuine, and certainly one genuine diamond, our emblematic gem, is worth a hundred counterfeits.

I have here a pamphlet upon which I intend to comment later in the evening, containing an account of the literary proceedings of one of our fraternity dinners at which I had the honor to preside, and which was held at the Metropolitan Hotel in this city, lacking one week, twenty-three years ago this very night. One-third of those who participated in the literary exercises, who then as now resided hundreds of miles apart, are here this evening and among them is our distinguished guest whom we have assembled to honor. Why is it that our alumni have always taken this remarkably deep interest in our organization? It is for the very reason I have indicated. While necessarily few in number, all our men are of our own raising. Whatever light in our half century of life we may have given forth, be the rays, in the opinion of others, weak or strong, they are at least all our own. Every Theta Delta Chi became a member when an undergraduate, hence there is a nearness of feeling coming from long association that draws us very closely together. Our distinguished guest became a member of our fraternity at Lafayette college in the year 1866, and he especially while climbing the professional, political and social ladder, has always taken an active interest in Theta Delta Chi from the time of his initiation to the present hour. For this reason preeminently we have come to congratulate him.

One of the most remarkable documents I have read in a long period of time was the inaugural address delivered by our guest and brother which he gave when he assumed the duties of his office about three weeks ago. The first governor to be elected by his party in his state in thirty years and elected by a very large majority, it would have been indeed almost impossible for many men to have spoken of such an election other than as an indorsement of a partisan character, but he takes no such view. He declares, that the verdict of the people must be construed to mean that they desire a better government because they have naturally become dissatisfied with the past management of affairs, that it is the duty of his own organization, I quote his words: "Not to wreak vengeance on political adversaries," but "improve upon the quality of ser-

vice" and "secure greater efficiency." What the commonwealth desires is "above all partisan considerations the very highest, purest and best government that human wisdom can give them," and to emphasize his words, he pledges himself to keep the charitable, educational and penal institutions of the state "free from political control," to insist upon the most rigid economy in administration, the discontinuance of useless offices and the reduction of swollen salaries.

Without dwelling longer on this portion of his address, I wish to call your attention to the fact that this document is remarkable in another way. Nearly every governor when inaugurated must needs, like the editor of the average country newspaper, instruct all the governments of Europe as well as our own. For example, he will ask the continental powers to stop quarreling before the Gates of Moslem and unite to free Armenia; he will scold those who claim there is an irreducible minimum to the Schomburgk line. He will sympathize with those who believe that the Pearl of the Antilles should be an independent government, as well as with those who believe that the flag that floats over the Sandwich Islands should be everywhere recognized as that of a successfully reorganized republic. He will not hesitate to advise the president and his cabinet as to the financial shoals to be avoided and advocate the good results of higher duties, or demonstrate the benefit to be derived from a more complete tariff reform. Our guest has done none of these things. In his inaugural he devotes himself, as he ought, to a consideration of his duties as the chief executive of his state. To illustrate, in every state of the Union too many laws are passed at each session of the legislature. The general statutes of New Jersey fill three large volumes of a thousand pages each, or twice as much space as the Revised Statutes of the United States. The enactment of so many laws leads to no end of litigation, to a great waste of time and money, and to a contempt for the courts and the government. The new Governor of New Jersey does not hesitate to state that no bill will be signed by him that has not some substantial and convincing reason for its enactment. He urges most earnestly and emphatically the uniformity of local gov-

ernment, the protection of life and limb, as well as many other reformatory measures, all of a kindred character. Those of us who have known him these many years will not question his sincere intention to bring about these great improvements of a reformatory character. If successful, certainly there is no office in the gift of the people to which he may not aspire. I quote his concluding words: "To the attainment of these things I am already pledged. But here in this presence with all the earnest solemnity that befits this occasion, I renew the pledge. To the service of the people, all the people of our loved and honored state, I devote whatever of wisdom, whatever of patience, whatever of ability it has pleased God to endow me with, and for my assistance I invoke the good will, the patience, the loyalty and the patriotism of my fellow citizens and the favor of Almighty God."

Dear! beloved! I ask you to rise while I propose this sentiment: Here's to our guest, although the snows of the autumn of life have begun to whiten his brow, we assure him that so long as he continues his fidelity to the principles of Theta Delta Chi, which are founded on the squarely cut ashlar of straightforward integrity, no frost will ever touch his heart.

GOVERNOR GRIGGS:—Mr. Chairman; Brethren in Theta Delta Chi: I confess to some natural and I hope excusable embarrassment. Your greeting so cordial and flattering, so enthusiastic and hilarious, (Laughter) puts me in a dilemma as to exactly the attitude that I should assume in receiving it with propriety. But I am profoundly conscious of the beautiful compliment that you pay me to-night, a compliment in which participate a larger number of Theta Deltas than I have ever seen assembled together in my life; coming from a wider extent of territory and from more different directions and from longer distances. It touches my heart; I will not say it inspires my gratitude, for between brothers gratitude is not a proper term. It draws out all my old affection. It brings up fresh again all my old love. It revives my old memories. It takes me back thirty years, when I, a young lad, was first introduced to the mysteries of our fraternity. I again stand with my old brothers of the Phi, who are here in such goodly numbers to-night. With them I participate in recollections of those Attic nights, those feasts of the gods, which we remember yet, and which have left a taste in our mouths never to be forgotten and sweeter than anything we have known since. Thirty years is quite a long time, and Brother Paine alluded a little more plainly than my wife would care to have him, to the fact that my brow was

frosted. (You will observe that my poll is not bare.) In that time many things have happened, and much has come about, but I desire to say here, in the presence of all these brothers, old and middle-aged and young, that there has never been a time when I was not proud that I have belonged to the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. There never has been a time in all my life when her glorious principles, her noble fellowships, have not stood me in good and useful stead. I have never yet seen a time when I had any cause to be ashamed of anything that she has taught me. I shall go further. If I have achieved anything of success, if I have had anything of prosperity, I believe it has been due to the fact that I have tried in my life to exemplify those principles that inspire the heart of every Theta Delta Chi. And so, when after thirty years, my son went to my alma mater and joined it as a freshman, I was sincerely delighted, and glad to know that he had cast in his lot with the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. I was willing to trust my son with the members of that fraternity anywhere, in the daylight, in the dark, and could not wish him in better company. So here to-night we renew those memories of our youth; as we meet around this festive board we forget the business of our daily lives. We let the great world go on and wag as it will. They can settle the boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela, and we don't care to-night where they put it, we are not disposed to fight about it. They can settle the difficulties way down in South Africa; none of us here has any interest in the gold fields of the Rand mines, nor does anybody care who gets them. I am not interested to-night, or at any other time, in the stocks of Cripple Creek, but if I were I should try to forget them to-night. If I had made an unsuccessful bid for government bonds, I should not think of that to-night. They can settle the silver question and make a law for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 or 60 to 1, if they please; it is all the same to us Theta Delts to-night. They can go on nominating their presidents by the score, it makes no difference to us. They can have the politicians of New York execute a song and dance, as they did two nights ago, it does not make any difference to us. We are here as brother Theta Delts, to renew our devotion to those glorious principles of truth, and honor, and brotherhood, and good fellowship, and fidelity to each other and to all the world, that we learned when we first entered into her sacred precincts. We are here to pledge the right hand of fellowship one to the other; we are here to take new courage for whatever the future may have in store for us. For our beloved fraternity, we have the most glorious, the most promising prospects. We wish her success, not only to continue as great as before, but to become still greater. In New York here you have the nucleus of a splendid organization, which is responsible for the success of this magnificent demonstration to-night, and I believe that from this meeting new inspiration and new life will be taken throughout all the charges. Some of you younger brothers may think that we older fellows don't take as

much interest in it as you would like to have us. Remember that we have sometimes other things to look after. But we are looking after you, boys. We read about you, we think of you, we trust in you, we believe you can run the thing all right, and when you want our help, just call on us, that's all.

"Men are only boys grown tall,
Hearts don't change much, after all,"

and that is our sentiment to-night. There is something in this fellowship, there is something in this brotherhood, that always keeps the heart young, that preserves the glorious inspirations of youth, that preserves the glorious ambition of youth, that seems somehow to cast aside, to throw away, all that ennuï and tired feeling, that comes to the men who have not had the glorious experience that we have had in youth. And so prosperity to our fraternity, prosperity to every brother here! May we see the light of her stars shine brighter and brighter; may we see her numbers increase; may we see her quality improve; may we see her glory extend, until all the world shall know, everywhere, that the most perfect assurance, that the best endorsement of a man as a gentleman, is the fact that he can wear the badge of THETA DELTA CHI.

THE TOASTMASTER—The first regular toast is "The Grand Lodge." We have with us to-night three of the best presidents of the Grand Lodge that our fraternity has ever seen. Our fraternity is constantly growing, and the labors of the President of the Grand Lodge are becoming more and more arduous. While I do not wish to indulge in comparisons, I desire to say that I have watched the career of Prof. Carl A. Harstrom with a very deep interest, and certainly a more efficient and capable President of the Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi we could not have. My friends, this is very strong language, but I say it advisedly, and every one of you who has read the circulars issued from time to time by the Grand Lodge, who have watched the doings of the Grand Lodge as portrayed in the SHIELD will bear witness to me in support of my statement. Brothers, I introduce to you Prof. Carl A. Harstrom, who will speak on "The Grand Lodge."

PRESIDENT HARSTROM—Mr. President, brothers in Theta Delta Chi. In the presence of so many distinguished speakers as we have here this evening, I should very much prefer to play the part of a listener to that of a speaker. But since the honorable President of the Association has given me such a flattering introduction, I feel that I should be paying a poor return indeed, did I not say something. He places me, too, in an

embarrassing position,—and yet I would indicate to you that I love Theta Delta Chi, that what little has been my share in the work of the fraternity, has been done with a good will and with a good heart. But I would not measure my love for Theta Delta Chi by the little I have done, nor by any feeble words that I can utter, but rather by what I feel,—and that I cannot indicate to you.

Bro. Paine told me half an hour or so ago that he was going to ask me to speak on the Grand Lodge and I replied that it was rather a personal matter and one quite delicate to deal with. Then he said, "Say anything you like." My colleagues are here and can speak for themselves; for me there is hope, because one of our well-known brothers present this evening, with whom I had the pleasure of being on the Grand Lodge as secretary when an undergraduate, told me to-night that I was beginning to look intellectual. I refer to Bro. Simons, of the Beta, and he refers, I think, to a certain facial change of mine.

When a man goes to college in these days, we think and believe that he goes there for the development of his intellect, and we rejoice when in addition thereto he cares for the development of muscle and brawn. Now that combination makes a pretty good college man, but it does not by any means make the *perfect* college man. There is one thing lacking, and that is, the culture derived from an association like Theta Delta Chi, which makes men with big hearts, generous souls, and noble impulses. We need in this stage of the world's unequal commercial and industrial progress a corrective influence of some kind. Men must not only have their intellects developed and their muscles trained, but they must be taught that there is something higher, something nobler, something even more beneficent to be attained—that extension of personal love is necessary to secure equality of rights. I believe that college fraternities, rightly organized, have a mission; that their sphere is to produce manly men, men loyal to their college, men who have a high regard for the rights of their brethren in the world at large.

I believe and I know, as do you all, and as our distinguished guest has testified to-night, such are the principles of Theta Delta Chi, and the cultivation of those principles has made this fraternity strong. From the opportunities which have been presented to me in my official position, to obtain a good idea of the present status of the fraternity, I can say unhesitatingly that Theta Delta Chi has never been stronger than she is at this moment, and I attribute this not so much to the kind of men we have in college to-day, as to the achievements of eminent brothers, who left college 20, 30, and 40 years ago. We shine to-day by their reflected luster.

This meeting to-night is certainly an inspiration to us all. I am glad that there are so many undergraduates present. If they come to banquets of this kind and hear the words of the older brothers, they will learn something about what Theta Delta Chi is. You undergraduates

should remember that the universe does not revolve around any particular charge. There are 21 other charges in the fraternity; and there is a host of graduates just as good as you are, and better,—because they have been Theta Deltas longer and have stood the test of time. The presence of many of them here to-night graces the occasion. It is proof to the world that Theta Delta Chi's are loyal. The last three banquets have revolutionized some of the charges of the fraternity, and have put them on a higher plane than they ever occupied before.

THE TOASTMASTER—I have before me a picture which was bought in Rome, Italy, by one of the governors of the state. It is a representation of the famous statue, in the Vatican, of our patron goddess Minerva. This picture I now present, through Bro. Tombo, to the Pi Deuteron and Rho Deuteron charges for this reason among others: Both charges very kindly and courteously not long ago unanimously passed resolutions extending to the Theta Delta Chi Graduate Association the use of their rooms, and it seems only proper that the association should make some little effort to show that they appreciate the courtesy. You may notice that this picture has upon it a shield containing these words: Presented to the Pi Deuteron and Rho Deuteron charges by the Theta Delta Chi Graduate Association, 14, 2, 1896. As I stated in the reception room I hope that we may now have a club which will be a source of inspiration to all of us. The first steps have been taken to-night. The club, as I have said, has been started on an entirely different basis from the formerly existing organization, but there is no reason to believe otherwise than that it will be a success. Certainly the features which characterized the old organization will be eliminated, and that being so, we have reason to believe that success will crown our efforts in this connection.

RUDOLF TOMBO, JR.—Mr. President and members of the New York Graduate Association: In the name of the Pi Deuteron and Rho Deuteron charges I thank you most heartily and sincerely for this token of your love and regard for the younger members of the fraternity. If there is one thing more than another that instills a feeling of loyalty for his fraternity into the heart of an undergraduate, as well as a determination not to waver in his devotion, come what may, it is to realize on an occasion like the present, that friendships in Theta Delta Chi last through life.

Undergraduate members of Pi Deuteron and Rho Deuteron, you have cause to rejoice in the interest that the alumni of this city take in your welfare, which has found an outward manifestation in this beautiful gift. Let the example of our honored guest be a lesson to each and every one of you ; let it prove to you, that unflinching devotion to the principles of manhood inculcated in Theta Delta Chi, will find a reward. Show yourselves worthy of the protection of the Goddess Minerva. Cast not aside your shield, the proud symbol of this glorious fraternity, nor cease to cherish all that this emblem signifies. Take to heart the words of Carlyle : "To thee, Heaven, tho' severe, is not unkind;" Heaven is kind ; as a noble mother, as that Spartan mother saying, when she gave her son his shield, 'With this, my son, or upon it.' Thou, too, shalt return home, to thy far distant home in honour, doubt it not, if in the battle thou keepest thy shield "

Members of the Graduate Association, 'it is impossible for me to express in words our gratitude not only for the handsome and appropriate gift, but for the kindly thoughts that prompted the giver, yet may deeds prove what lies beyond the power of utterance, that your gift has been appreciated, and may the fruits of its teachings be manifested in future years.

THE TOASTMASTER—I desire to call your attention to an extraordinary circumstance ; we have here with us on this occasion the makers of four catalogues. The first catalogue, which came into existence in the year 1869, was a labor of love on the part of Col. William L. Stone. The second catalogue, which came into existence in the year 1875, with its most beautifully designed engravings, was a labor of love on the part of Franklin Burdge. The third and fourth catalogues, which have been prepared with the utmost care, to the fidelity of which in all respects we older men can testify, are also labors of love on the part of Clay W. Holmes. I spoke to you in my address of my holding a pamphlet, containing the literary proceedings of the convention which was held at the Metropolitan Hotel a number of years ago. Upon that occasion Col. Stone brought to our gathering at about half-past 11 o'clock in the evening our never-to-be-forgotten John Brougham. I must read to you—for they should be printed in letters of gold—the concluding words of Bro. Brougham's famous poem, "The Age of Gold." [This extract appears in THE SHIELD, Vov. XI., p. 217.] I shall call upon these two brothers to speak one after the other. They have been most

intimate friends from the time they were schoolboys together. As members of the Zeta charge in the fifties, their friendship has continued up to this time. First I shall call upon Bro. Stone to respond to the toast, "The Memories of Theta Delta Chi," with special reference to our friend John W. Griggs.

WM. L. STONE—Brothers of Theta Delta Chi: The toast naturally divides itself into two parts: First, the "Past of Theta Delta Chi" and second, "Brother Griggs." In responding to the first portion I wish here to exhibit an apron made for me by a sister of George A. Pomeroy, one of the earliest members of the Alpha, and a "clarum et venerabile nomen." This apron I wore forty years ago in the Zeta charge and afterwards in 1881, when, through the courtesy of the Pi Deuteron charge I was allowed as the temporary presiding officer to initiate my son, William L. Stone, Jr., as one of the charter members of that chapter and who is present with us to-night. And let me here say, that if I have been of any service to the fraternity, you owe it all to Brother Burdge, who electioneered and initiated Brother Hay and myself.

(Here the speaker exhibited the apron of black velvet with the mystic symbols and stars embroidered on it in silver, and with a rich silver fringe and tassels, which was then hung behind the President's chair.)

In replying to the second part of the toast has it ever occurred to you that the personality of our honored guest, whom this evening we so delight to honor, is unique in the annals of our fraternity. While our fraternity covers with its protecting Ægis, men recognized as eminent in every walk of life—ambassadors, dramatists, physicians, divines, bishops, jurists, lieutenant-governors—this is the first time we have ever had a real live Governor.

In another respect also, Brother Griggs is unique. He is the first one I know of, who has gone into office untrammelled by any promises, and this is a great thing to say, when it is remembered that this political age, irrespective of party, is not excelled for corruption even in the days of George III. and Horace Walpole! And in this regard, Brother Griggs sets an example to other Theta Deltas. For instance, Brother Hanna of Theta, who, in 1880, was delegated by the citizens of Cleveland to receive General Grant and Senator Conkling, and who then promised, if Garfield was elected, to make every Theta Delt a postmaster. Yet the only Theta Delt who was benefitted by this promise was one who was made a postmaster at some crossroads in Arizona, where he took in \$5.00 a year and paid out \$100.00. This, however, may have saved a defalcation, and thus disgrace to the fraternity was avoided. Eventually this brother went crazy and is now in an insane asylum! Then again, there was "Dan" Lockwood of the Alpha, Earl of Warwick, the president maker, if not the king-maker, who went one better than Brother Hanna and assured me if Cleveland was elected he would make every Theta Delt a member

of Cleveland's cabinet. Well, how did he fulfill his promise? Are any of you members of the cabinet? I guess not! But even worse than this, he allowed Brother Burdge's and my old college mate, "Dick" Olney—a splendid fellow personally, but an Alpha Delta Phi—to be appointed Secretary of State!

And here I am reminded of two anecdotes relating to Bro. Griggs' late campaign for the governorship—the first shows him possessed of more moral firmness than even the immortal Lincoln. I would, however, first say, that you are doubtless all familiar with the story of Lincoln, that when an officeseeker called on him asking to be made an ambassador, he ended off by asking and receiving from Lincoln one of his old coats! Well then, at the beginning of the campaign I went over to see Brother Griggs and asked if he would, in consideration of my working for him, use his influence to have the next administration make me an ambassador. "I would greatly like to do this, Brother Stone," he replied, "for your living in New York and hence being a foreigner, would have great influence in New Jersey, which is, you know, out of the United States, but I really cannot do it." Well, then," said I, "can you not give me a consulship?" "No." "Well then, the office of constable?" "No." "Well then, as my hat is rather shabby, can't you give me the price of a hat?" "No, not even that." "Well then, you must and shall give me the grip of the Theta Delta Chi." "Certainly, and most heartily," he replied, and brothers I tell you I valued that grip far more than if I had secured the ambassadorship!

The second anecdote is as follows: During the campaign two Southerners stopped at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The Sunday previous to their departure for home, the clerk recommended them to go in the morning and hear Dr. Hall, he being a distinguished divine. Accordingly they went, and were much disappointed when Dr. Hall arose and introduced a Mr. Spoopendyke, a lank, cadaverous individual of Davenport, Iowa, who preached on the missionary enterprise, taking as his text, "And Simon Peter's wife's mother lay sick of a fever." In the afternoon they went to hear Rev. Dr. McArthur, who to their yet greater chagrin introduced this same Rev. Mr. Spoopendyke, who again preached from the same text, "And Simon Peter's wife's mother lay sick of a fever." In the evening, the clerk sent them on to hear Dr. Talmage, of Brooklyn, but to their perfect horror, he also introduced Spoopendyke, who held forth on the same text. While crossing on the ferry after the service, the two Southerners chanced to be seated next to Spoopendyke, who was also crossing in the same ferry. At twelve o'clock the various tugs and barges, as is their custom at midnight on Sunday, set up a tremendous whistling and tooting, whereupon the reverend gentleman asked the Southerners what this noise all meant. They replied that the reason was, that news had just been received that Simon Peter's wife's mother was dead, and they were thus celebrating the event! On their return to

the hotel, on their relating to the clerk their various disappointments of the day, the clerk said : "Now you must not return South till you have gone over to New Jersey and heard a young man, Griggs by name, who is stumping the state for governor." So they went ; and on their return they told the clerk, that although of different political opinions, they were very glad they had taken his advice and heard Griggs—that he was no Spoopendyke ; and that they in listening to his eloquence, felt fully repaid for their long watching during Sunday at the death-bed of Simon Peter's wife's mother !

In closing, I shall read the last paragraph of an oration delivered by Bro. Griggs fourteen years ago, in this very room, where the brothers were all assembled. How well I remember the occasion ! There was Brother Cruikshank on the right, and Brother Burdge on the left, with Brother Paine where he now sits. I read this to show, that the high ideals then laid down by Brother Griggs, have been carried out by him during his remarkable career. The paragraph is as follows :

"For us, as members of a friendly social order, founded not for business enterprise or material gain, there is especial opportunity to prove the truth of our belief in the life and power of these higher principles of manhood. Our association is of little worth if it exist as a mere formal order, having a name to live and yet being dead in all the essentials of a beneficial force. Let every young man, who takes upon himself the mystic ties of our fraternity, show by his conduct and bearing in the world that he comprehends what is meant by the Brotherhood of Man. Let him cultivate in himself these higher virtues ; let him keep alive the sacred fire that bespeaks his divine derivation. Above all, let him show an enthusiasm for his beliefs. Avoid the spirit of stoical repression. Heart kindles heart. Soul responds to soul, as the strings of the wind-harp answer to the strains of other music. The power of example is not less in the nobler than in the baser traits of our behavior. The beauty of a noble life is both subjective and reflex. It is possible—and oh ! how compensatory, that of each one of us, some other should say—

O friend, my bosom said,
 Through thee alone the sky is arched.
 Through thee the rose is red,
 All things through thee take nobler form,
 And look beyond the earth ;
 And is the mill round of my fate
 A sun-path in thy worth ?
 Me, too, thy nobleness has taught
 To master my despair :
 The fountains of my hidden life
 Are, through thy friendship, fair."

THE TOASTMASTER:—The scene which is depicted in the following few lines is very familiar to me, because, as some of

you know, I followed the footsteps of Franklin Burdge in making a recent trip through Egypt and the Holy Land. It is just as he pictures it. As most of you know, Damascus has been thought by many of our ablest commentators of the Bible to be the scene of the Garden of Eden. Certainly it is a place that is most worthy of this distinction, for it is always green and beautiful, and to a person coming from a desert, it is beautiful in the extreme. In this oration, Brother Burdge gives the history of our fraternity, that is to say, tells of the lives of the founders of our organization, and after he has done this at considerable length, he concludes in the following exceedingly beautiful language. [See the SHIELD, vol. XI, p. 217, for this extract.] It is impossible to gild refined gold or paint the lily. I introduce to you Franklin Burdge.

Bro. Burdge will now speak on the older Theta Delta Chi:—

FRANKLIN BURDGE :—I always hate to speak on an occasion of this kind. But I am compelled to, by the flattery I have received, which I do not deserve at all. So I think I will get up and show myself at least. But you will get no speech from me; I may say a few words and that is all. I don't know why the committee selected me to speak on the "Future of the Fraternity" unless it was on the poetic idea:

"Till old experience do attain
To something like prophetic strain."

I don't claim to be a prophet, not even a weather prophet; but I confess to a considerable antiquity in the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. It was 42 years ago that I joined this society. It is a long time, but as I look around here to-night, it really seems only a little while; for on this occasion we are all boys once more. I notice that the fraternal feeling is the same now, that it was in my time. The numbers have increased, but after all we had some banquets like this. I saw as many Theta Deltas together, as there are here to-night, at the Convention dinner in New York in 1870. I suppose societies are like families, the smaller they are, the more attached they are, and fewer of us staid home then. The greatest point of difference I notice in the fraternity is the number of our graduate members. When I was a member of the Zeta at Brown University we had only one graduate residing in Providence and that was the late Alexander L. Holley, whose monument you will see in Washington Square of this city. By the way, I think Brother Holley is the only Theta Delt that has ever attained the honor of a monument outside of a cemetery. The increase in the number of our graduate members will in many respects be a great advantage to the undergraduates. No doubt as time goes on we shall get from the graduate members many donations to

the different charges, which will enable every charge to build a handsome charge house. I hope that day will come even before it is my time to join the Omega charge. Another point of difference that I find in Theta Delta Chi now is the distinguished rank to which many of our graduates have attained. In the days when I was at college, all our graduates were young men. None of them had reached any great place in the world. Now everything is changed. Among us we have bishops, and judges, and generals, and a governor, and as the future unrolls we shall have more of these, and I have no doubt we shall have a president of the United States. A governor who distinguishes himself in his own state by his energy, his honesty and his intelligence, need set no bound to his political ambition. There is a good road from Trenton to Washington. The high rank of our graduates will have a great effect on the fraternity. A pale reflection of their glory will shine upon the undergraduate members. Their own dignity will be exalted, their own character will be strengthened for good, and their own aims will rise to noble heights of achievement. I shall close my remarks by saying that I cannot expect to see very much of the future of Theta Delta Chi. But I felicitate myself that I have had a share in shaping and moulding an institution which in the future will do so much for the pleasure and good of the college world.

THE TOASTMASTER—We have had such an exceedingly pleasant letter from Colonel John Hay, that I think we might all join in the beautiful song he wrote a great number of years ago.

(Reunion song.)

THE TOASTMASTER—Dearly beloved: I have been handed the following communication from the Phi charge:

HALL OF PHI CHARGE, }
EASTON, Pa., February 13, 1896. }

WHEREAS, The citizens of the state of New Jersey have paid themselves the high compliment to bestow the highest civic trust within their gift upon a member of our beloved fraternity, no less distinguished for his private virtues than for his ripe public honors, and no less than our esteemed and honored brother John W. Griggs; and

WHEREAS, We as members of the Phi charge of $\Theta \Delta X$ desire especially to add our little ray to the lustre which already enhalos the name of a son of old Phi, although it were but seeking *à la Shakespeare* says:

“To gild refined gold, to paint the lily,
To throw a perfume on the violet,
To smooth the ice or add another hue
Unto the rainbow or with taper light
To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to garnish.” And

WHEREAS, By unforeseen difficulties and hindrances, no one of our undergraduate members are permitted to share in the heartfelt joy of doing honor to our brother upon this occasion ; be it

Resolved, That we send our heartiest greetings and congratulations to our distinguished brother upon the very high honor which has been conferred upon him ;

That we desire to express our sympathy with him in the great and arduous cares of state and our fullest confidence in the ability of our brother to fulfill the high hopes that are entertained of him, both by the brethren and the citizens of the commonwealth over which he is called to preside ;

That we owe a debt of deep gratitude to our brother for the lustre which he has added to the roll of Phi's distinguished names and for the honor which he has reflected upon the fraternity in general.

That it is with profound regret that untoward circumstances compel us to forbear the extreme pleasure of being present upon this occasion and giving personal testimony of the very high regard and honor in which we hold our brother.

C. K. READ,
WM. A. JONES, JR.,
STORRS MYRON BISHOP, '95,
Committee.

THE TOASTMASTER—Speaking of the Shield : We have had oysters on the half-shield, and shall now have the whole shield. I want Bro. Holmes to respond to the toast of "Our Semi-Centennial." At the same time I want him to respond to the toast "The Old Phi," of which he is the father, and here (pointing to Bro. Griggs) is his son.

CLAY W. HOLMES—Mr. President, dearly beloved guest of the evening, and brothers of Theta Delta Chi. Perhaps there may be no one present who has attended more banquets of Theta Delta Chi in number than has the speaker. He has this to say, that of the banquets he has attended this outstrips them all. And it is, Mr. President, the first time I have been entirely subdued. Looking round about me I see talent which so far overshadows mine that I would fain be silent. This is the rarest banquet which this fraternity has ever experienced. You may not realize the fact, but we have here to-night that which we have never had before, and which we may never have again. We have with us the brother who bears the highest honor which it has ever been the privilege of this fraternity to have conferred upon any of its members. We have with us a man, who, although not a founder, was intimately associated with the earliest history of the fraternity, a member of the class of '51 of the Alpha. We have also the last man who was initiated by the Alpha charge, and this self-same man is one of the five who voted upon the last

charge which was granted by the Alpha in 1866, the Phi charge. In that, therefore, the Phi charge is one of the most honored charges in the fraternity, Being last, she is not least. Now it might be well to say, that perhaps we do not owe it to any kindness of the brother that the Phi charge was voted favorably upon by the Alpha, because we had been very smart. Every petitioner for the Phi charge was a member of the Theta Delta Chi. Through the kindness of various charges, one and another of us had stolen away, and been initiated, believing that unless we did this, it would be impossible to win from the Alpha their consent. When we presented our petition, it was not in the light of poor, weak, struggling freshmen, desiring to be taken in, but we said, "Here we are, a band of brothers, and you must give us recognition and give us a name, whereby we may work." Have we worked? Look across this table and see that row of men, who have come from the Phi charge, and then tell me whether that brother who sits opposite me did right when he added his vote, which was one-fifth of the entire number, to establish the Phi charge. When we were small in numbers as well as in charges, our noble brother who sits here at the head, our honored guest, was one of those who helped to establish the fame of the Phi charge and of Theta Delta Chi.

But, brothers, beyond this, it is with much pride that I stand before you to-night, not to tire you with the story of the Shield, nor to tell you the story of the glorious semi centennial event which we hope soon to experience, but to call your attention to a few facts in regard to the results of this work of the Phi charge. First of all allow me for a moment to stray, and remind our guest that he has been very unkind. When he was relating to you the beauties of his constitution, and how wonderfully he had been preserved for these thirty years, he stated among other things that his poll was not exposed. I think that was very unkind. My poll is exposed. But I wish to remind you that it is the positive pole, the negative pole is still out of sight.

I congratulate myself to-night in your presence upon the fact that I have the honor of having walked our honored guest up and down the streets of Easton for six consecutive nights, after the labors of the day were over, endeavoring to convince him that his destiny rested entirely upon his joining Theta Delta Chi. He said to me: "I don't know. I should like to know more about it, and what are its principles, what must I do if I become a member? Will it prevent me from following the dictates of my own conscience?" I told him that if he were to join, the dictates of his conscience might become the conscience of the fraternity and I submit to you to-night, brothers, that it was a very prophetic sentiment, because I believe that the conscience of the fraternity is founded upon those principles which have brought our honored brother to his present position in the esteem of the people of this country. His name is known beyond the state of New Jersey, and his honor will not sto

within her confines. We have predicted that he might reach beyond her borders, and you have been told that the road between Trenton and Washington is very smooth. I might add, that it is slightly down hill, and he will get there very easy, and I hope the day may come when we shall be enabled once again to have him as our honored guest, and that the city of festivities may not be New York, but Washington.

The year of 1896 is destined to be one of high privilege for Theta Delta Chi. We open it with paying honor to our distinguished brother, and we hope to close it by celebrating the semi-centennial of our existence. The fates seem to prosper it. We hope to gather in this city again on the 24th day of November next, and its succeeding days, to unite in showing to those who are outside of the pale, that we have had an honorable existence, and that our future will be more glorious than our present. I will not weary you at all with a delineation of what we hope to do, but I shall invite your attention to what you can hereafter read in the SHIELD.

I am glad to be here and I am glad to welcome all the brothers about me, but more especially am I pleased and rejoiced to meet the faces of my good brothers of the Phi. It is over twenty years since I have met some of them. I rejoice that we together can pay our loving respects to our honored guest, and in the fact that so many members of Theta Delta Chi have gathered together this evening to show their regard, not only for Brother Griggs as a brother, but as one who has received the highest honor which his native state can bestow.

THE TOASTMASTER—I am very much tempted to relate an incident that occurred not very long ago in this city, and in view of the speaker I am about to introduce to you, I shall do so, because I know of no one that can illustrate more thoroughly the poetry, as well as the prose of Theta Delta Chi, than he. Some of you I notice wearing badges, are members of the honorary fraternity Phi Beta Kappa. There is a Phi Beta Kappa club in this city, which has a nominal existence. Along about four years ago the members made up their mind that there ought to be a big dinner held in this city. There never had been one held, and after due preparation a dinner was advertised to be given at the "Waldorf," and being a member of the organization I attended, and this incident occurred: A member of the bar, and one of the most prominent in this country, inadvertently in the course of a rather long address, eulogizing Phi Beta Kappa, as was the proper thing to do, instead of saying Phi Beta Kappa spoke his own fraternity name. Of course it was a mistake that any speaker

talking extemporaneously might make. There was a quiet smile among the audience, but the thing was passed over. In the course of his speech, about four minutes further on in eulogizing Phi Beta Kappa, he repeated it. Of course some of the younger members laughed very loudly and our speaker was very much disconcerted. But curiously enough, as he went further on, at the end of a most extreme eulogy upon Phi Beta Kappa he again made the same slip. Of course you can imagine what happened. Some of the members fairly rolled off their chairs in merriment, and dire confusion ruled for quite awhile. The speaker at last lost his temper and shook his fist, and of all things the thing he should not have said, he said: "Well, gentlemen, my fraternity has done something for the world, Phi Beta Kappa has done nothing," a most extraordinary error for such a man as this to perpetrate. I institute no comparisons between Theta Delta Chi and other fraternities, but there is one man that can tell you what Theta Delta Chi has done, and that is a man who became a member of our fraternity in the early sixties. He is a poet, a gentleman and a scholar, and his name is Webster R. Walkley, whom I take pleasure in introducing to you.

W. R. WALKLEY—In the presence of these learned theologians who so often discuss the power of the human will, the decrees of the Infinite, and set up high moral standards, and lay down rules for action; in the presence of these distinguished members of the bar and of the medical profession; in the presence of these editors and correspondents who write up or write down their fellow men, who have eagle eyes to see and judgment to discern the true from the false, who long ago had a cinch upon the indescribable and unknown ray which penetrates the impenetrable, and reveals the unknowable; in the presence of these young men whom our fraternity honors and who honor our fraternity, I bring to his excellency the governor of the commonwealth of New Jersey my kindly greeting. It is true he patiently waits the honor set before him.

We meet to honor him not more as governor than as brother. We need not say with bated breath, but we may speak aloud that the very principles which lie at the foundation of our fraternity, and that what the Greek letters upon our shield signify, were his first stepping stones to greatness. The ladder upon which he climbed rested upon the solid rock—its top may reach to the eternal heights of fame. That strength of arm may be given him to firmly grasp every rung, and strength of limb to stand securely in every advancing upward step is the hearty wish and

earnest prayer of every member of Theta Delta Chi. We meet to honor him for what he is, for the strength of purpose, for the courage of conviction which has always enabled him to dare and do, and ever to the truth be true.

It is said that the clock strikes the hour of destiny. But clocks are the product of human thought and human hands, clocks strike as man wills them to strike. If somewhere in the universe the Almighty has instruments for the measurement of time and the swinging worlds are the pendulum, the meteor's flash or the comet's trail may mark an hour of destiny. But I forget, with God one day is as a thousand years.

So out of all that is or has been wrong may our honored guest and brother bring our sister state. May his work be enduring, and may his name be spread and honored by the people who entrusted him with the duties of the executive of the commonwealth of New Jersey. Long live Governor John W. Griggs.

THE TOASTMASTER :—I have heard a story lately, a new story, which all of you who live in New York city will appreciate. Of course you know that the laws in regard to drinking, especially what is known as "rushing the growler," to use a newspaper expression, have been very thoroughly enforced by the police commissioners of this city. The story is told that quite recently one Sunday afternoon a policeman saw an Irishwoman come out of a saloon, her apron before her, with apparently a large object concealed underneath. He said to her, with great emphasis, "What have you there under your apron, have you a tumor?" "No sir, indeed, I have no tumor, I have a can-sir."

Without further preliminary introduction, I shall call upon a gentleman, whom we all of us know considerably well, and whom we are all always delighted to hear, and that is Dr. Daniel S. Dougherty.

D. S. DOUGHERTY :—Mr. President and Brothers :—Were I anything but a medical man, I might feel somewhat embarrassed at being asked to address this audience extemporaneously. But, of course, being a physician, I am used to facing all kinds of dangers. Were I a business man, a minister, a lawyer, or even a politician, I might feel very much like the young minister at the Methodist conference who, when called upon late in the evening to say a few words, said, "Well, brethren, after all that has been said, after all the bright things that have fallen from the lips of superior age and wisdom, I don't know what to say. Brethren, everything has been said, and I don't know what to say." A voice by the

door called out, "Say Amen, and say it d—n quick." But as a physician, I am of course expected to look wise and give a lengthy opinion at all times.

Now I don't intend to speak on our medical brothers. The lives of great men all remind us, we should follow their example,—Longfellow, revised. Our distinguished brother said to-night, that he would not speak on politics, international law or anything of the kind, that he would drop all these things and be a Theta Delt and nothing but a Theta Delt, and that is the way I feel to-night. Goodness knows, I get enough of medicine all day long, and when I get out with the boys, I want to drop medicine and be a Theta Delt. In the sixteen years that I have been a Theta Delt, this has been the grandest gathering that it has been my good fortune to attend. I think these reunions have a great tendency to ennoble our fraternity, to bring us in closer relationship with each other, to show us really what the fraternity is. Laying aside the cares of business, of private and public life, we all, old and middle-aged, become boys once more. I was trying to think just then of a verse of one of Moore's poems, which aptly fits the occasion and which I will repeat if I can recollect it.

" As onward we journey, how pleasant
 To pause, and inhabit awhile
 Those few sunny spots like the present,
 That mid the dull wilderness smile !
 But Time, like a pitiless monster,
 Cries, onward ! and spurs the gay hours.
 Ah, never does time travel faster,
 Than when his way lies among flowers.
 But come—may our life's happy measure
 Be all of such moments made up ;
 They're born on the bosom of pleasure,
 They die 'midst the tears of the cup."

God bless the brothers in Theta Delta Chi. I have seen them during these sixteen years travel onward, steadily onward, true to the principles of manhood and friendship, and to-night, feeling the touch of the hem of the purple garment that has descended upon the honored shoulders of Brother Griggs, we feel that we have pushed aside the clouds which have confined our reputation to the college world, and have burst through whatever obscurity kept us from shining in the eyes of the national public.

" As some tall cliff, that rears its awful form,
 Swells through the vale and midway leaves the storm ;
 Tho' round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
 Eternal sunshine settles on his head,"

That to-night is Theta Delta Chi.

I would perhaps be derelict in my duty as a member of the Pi Deuteron charge, should I not refer to one thing. This is an age of bacteriology and all things have their origin or cause in the germ theory. In my analytical medical mind, I have been searching carefully for the cause of the dinner, and I have found two germs, which we might say were the causes direct and indirect. The first is the Griggs baccillus, an active baccillus, only a little lower than angelic, for by strength of character and intellect and largeness of heart, it has won so many New Jersey Democratic votes, that it has been elected their governor.

But this is only the remote cause of the dinner; the immediate cause is another baccillus, which we can christen by the name of another brother of the fraternity, a brother who in his loyalty to Theta Delta Chi is head and shoulders above every one of us with no exception, who has devoted his valuable time, his brain, his heart and his pocket book to advance the interests of Theta Delta Chi. The idea of this dinner was conceived in his active brain, and carried through by his tireless energy, until with the valuable aid of Brother Tombo, it reached a glorious climax this evening. He is respected and loved, yes, almost adored by the younger members of the Pi Deuteron and Rho Deuteron charges.

Brothers:—I give you—Willis S. Paine! (Three cheers were lustily given for Bro. Paine.)

THE TOASTMASTER:—Are you aware that to-night you have a brother among you who became a Theta Delt forty-nine years ago? I refer to Brother James A. Cruikshank, Alpha '51. Theta Delta Chi can point with pride to such members as he. He is one of the men who have taken a deep interest in this fraternity from the very inception of his becoming a member. I ask him to respond to the toast, "The Beginnings of Our Fraternity."

JAMES A. CRUIKSHANK—Mr. President and brethren in Theta Delta Chi: I was not aware that there was to be a roll-call of the charges to-night, otherwise I should have asked my good brother upon the left, who is the youngest member of the Alpha, as I am one of the oldest, to respond. I have not yet felt that I am a very old man, and I feel even younger to-night than I am accustomed to feel. I am here with the rest of you, to unite in the tribute to our brother who is our guest. I noticed in the morning papers that we might expect to listen to words from John Hay and Doctor Gregg, and to be entertained by the eloquent words and sallies of wit that we have heard from the other brothers to-night, and was willing to content myself with having a night of enjoyment and being a spectator, so far as standing upon the floor and uttering a few words are concerned. And if I had prepared a speech, I should have

left it at home. But, brethren, I have brought my heart with me, and it warms more and more not only for this illustrious brother, but also for these young brethren, who have come up year after year to swell our ranks, and to do honor to the fraternity. We speak sometimes of Alpha as being on the retired list. I notice that Brother Holmes keeps alive in print the names of the founders of our order on the cover of the SHIELD, and I know that those names are kept alive in many and many a heart, and that we remember the founders of our order with a feeling of gratitude. But, brethren, I think a moment of reflection will lead us to say, that anxiously as we may desire that the Alpha shall be restored,—and I hope to live long enough to see it flourishing as it did in the olden times,—the Alpha is not on the retired list. If you would know what Alpha is, THIS is the Alpha. I come to-night to assure the younger brethren,—and I know that I echo the thoughts in the heart of every older brother present,—of our earnest sympathy in whatever they are doing, to wish them all manner of success in life, and to urge them to carry with them perpetually, into whatever field of labor or usefulness they may enter, the principles of our beloved fraternity. I join with you in my last words to pay my respects and extend my best wishes to our honored guest.

THE TOASTMASTER—I have listened with the greatest interest and pleasure to the remarks made by Bro. Cruikshank, and he has very truthfully said, that *here* is the Alpha, not at Union, not at Brown, not at Yale, not at Rochester, not at Hobart, not at C. C. N. Y., not at Columbia, but *here* is the Alpha charge.

Brothers, we have with us to-night one whom we have met but seldom, one who lives a long distance from here. Brother H. J. Spooner, of Zeta, '60, will respond to the toast "Theta Delta Chi in Congress."

HENRY J. SPOONER—Mr. President and brothers: At the outset I think I ought to say that whatever criticism might be made upon the present gathering, it certainly compares favorably with anything I had occasion to see in congress during my term of service, and with that I think I shall leave the toast to which I have been asked to respond. I came here to-night from the goodly city of Providence, where I have made my residence for a great many years,—as you can judge from my silver locks,—to bring greetings from the Zeta charge to our honored guest upon this occasion. I am one of the young members of the Zeta charge, and you will believe me when I tell you that when I was first initiated into the fraternity, in the Zeta charge at Brown University, my friend who sits upon my right (Franklin Burdge) was a tradition. I had never seen him; he had passed out long prior to my being initiated into the fraternity.

Zeta had one great object in taking into its fold those who came to Brown University. They looked for those into whose hearts they could instill the vigor of honesty, of sterling manhood, those whom they could instruct in the beauty of the divinity of friendship. The Zeta charge had the honor, long before my day, in that historic age to which my friend Burdge belongs, to send forth from its ranks such men as Burdge, as Holley, as Upton, as Simons, as Pond, all of whom most of the old members will recollect when I speak their names, and who have occupied high and honorable positions in life since their graduation. Hay, also, at whose hands I had the honor to be initiated, was one of our distinguished members, and Zeta, performing her part among the chapters of the fraternity, has from that day to this continued to turn out good men, men of true manhood and integrity, men who, in whatever position in life they have chanced to fall, have in no instance, that I am aware of, done discredit to our glorious fraternity, but have in almost all instances done honor to the teachings that they received at her hands.

I am delighted to be with you to-night, my friends, and to join in your cordial greetings to our honored guest. I am glad to know that we have broken the record in the matter of governors, and I don't doubt but that there are many of these seated around this board who, as time rolls on, will be governors of some other of the great commonwealths of this country. But, my friends, although we cannot all expect to be president of the United States or governors of great commonwealths, we are all, what is almost equally satisfactory, Theta Delta Chi's. And here to-night I appreciate with delight the fact that at some period of our history I have become identified with this great fraternity. It was called a young fraternity when I joined it. It has gotten to be an old fraternity, it is beginning to show, it has shown during past years the fruits of its early teachings, and in the future I think we may well hope that its fruitage will be even more ample, more illustrious, than that which has preceded it. And so, my friends, without detaining you any longer, and bidding you a very cordial good night, I hope that I shall have the pleasure and the satisfaction of joining in other similar occasions and meeting my brethren in the Theta Delta Chi.

THE TOASTMASTER—It is now the witching hour when graveyards yawn. Our concluding toast will be given by a past grand master, Seward A. Simons, of Buffalo, who will respond to the toast "Our Western New York Alumni."

SEWARD A. SIMONS—Mr. Chairman and my dear brothers of the fraternity: We have had a most enormous variety of topics to-night. We have seen the snake in the Garden of Eden and the poor slave liberated at the end of centuries of time. We have had our honored guest designated by every name in the alphabet, but have not yet heard him called Spriggs. We have had from the lips of many speakers eloquent words,

but I confess to you that the remarks of the last two brothers, our venerable friend Cruikshank and our eloquent brother at my right (Spooner) in my mind have contained the real sentiments of the evening, sentiments that do away with time and with the sweep of the imagination. The words that these brothers spoke this evening concentrate themselves into one thought, that *to-night we meet as brothers*. I sav to you to-night that there is no distance in the world which would have kept me from this meeting. There is in us all a feeling that a man must be the exemplification of something. We know that the principles of Theta Delta Chi must have a personification, and as the struggle went on in the State of New Jersey, throughout the length and breadth of the country the thoughts of all Theta Delta Chi were with the man who had the courage to throw the gauntlet into the face of all his foes and say: I shall win this fight upon principles of honor and integrity and pure government, or lose it forever.

So gentlemen and brothers, I say to you, that to night, in honoring Governor Griggs we celebrate the personification of that principle, to which we all must bow, it is the courage, the simplicity, the honor of a *man*. My dear friends, I have been touched by many things that have been said to-night, but what affected me most were the words of our friend, Gov. Griggs. He said, you know, that his boy, HIS BOY, had become a Theta Delt. In this building, a few years ago, I heard that matchless wit, curly Hetherington,—God bless him, speak of his boy. The tears rolled out of the eyes of every man who heard his words. To-night as I came here, away from my home, the first words almost that Brother Griggs uttered were that his boy had become a Theta Delt. And my heart turns back across this state to my home, and to my boy, a tender lad; but brothers, may he grow up in the light of a courageous manhood, and may he remember, as his father tells them to him, the principles and characteristics which have made the name of Griggs memorable to us and to his people. And so to-night, dear brothers, let us all rise again now and pledge anew our faith to the dear old Theta Chi in its half century of existence.

In eighteen hundred and forty-seven,
An Angel bright came down from Heaven,
And brought the charter from on high
Of dear old Theta Delta Chi.

Upon his breast he wore a Shield,
Which to the human eye revealed
The stars and arrows, raised above
The golden symbols of our love.

THE TOASTMASTER—Brothers, please do not take your seats. As is our invariable custom in concluding our proceedings, let us drink to the Omega charge in silence.

During the speechmaking some songs were sung from the menu collection, and frequently the younger brothers, especially from Epsilon Deuteron and Pi Deuteron, would break forth in their college yells, always ending with "Griggs, Griggs, Griggs." After Bro. Tombo responded to the toast-master's gift he read the following letters of regret :

CHATEAU DE CLAPBOARD, FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 6, 1896.

Dear Brother—I am in receipt of your kind letter, as well as other enclosures under separate cover, together with an invitation to locate my nether extremities under the club house mahogany on the 14th instant alongside the governor of New Jersey. I am obliged to you for the invitation, but on that eventful evening I shall be at the chateau above-named with glass in hand and demijohn of good Fresno wine, wafting you a zephyr from the land of grapes, with a Don Quixote face and bowed head wailing "Ay de mi," and heaving sighs as big as a pound of wool, because I cannot be present and promulgate. I assure you that grief stands knee-deep on my expansive countenance, while Woe and Misery vie with each other in twanging discords on my responsive and resonant heartstrings, because I cannot put myself in evidence on that occasion. So please be bearer of my tear-stained messages of regret to Brother Griggs, and assure him that I rank him among the best fellows I ever knew. Why that man is fit to fill a chair in the Sanhedrim of democracy. Every one who knows him will admit that he is endowed with great ability and personal magnetism. That fact is so plain and patent that a wayfaring man, though a Populist, would not dispute it. I have known him since 1869—back in the days when he was red-lipped and had not forgotten how to blush. Although I am an East Tennessee Democrat, from right jam up against the rosing end of North Carolina, I take great pleasure in the notable evidences of reform manifested by the Republican party of New Jersey in the last gubernatorial election. At this rate the party will, at no distant date, become eminently respectable—and die. Respectability is "dead medicine" in politics.

In my capacity of member of the editorial staff of a local daily, I took note of the contest, prior to the nomination of Brother Griggs, through our press dispatches. When the announcement of his nomination came I executed a "flax-brake hoe-down," after the manner of the dark-complected people down south "belo' the wah," and as I was thus engaged in agitating my expansive mud spreaders the managing editor heaved the query as to whether I was trying to dance or just doing it for fun. I explained the cause of my elephantine hilarity, when he informed me that Brother Griggs' chances for election were on a par with a clawless cat in the torrid precincts of perdition; that New Jersey had not had a Republican governor for about thirty years. I told him he did not know Griggs—the man with heart of fire, upon whose lips persuasion sat, while

eloquence oozed from every pore. I dwelt upon his personal magnetism and address, and assured him that while he was politically a sort of green colt, fresh off the grass, that he would go through the state of New Jersey like the grace of God through a campmeeting. The editor then made some remarks, accompanied with an elaborate ingenuity of lurid imprecation that would have deserved special mention in general order by the first Duke of Marlborough when in command of "our army in Flanders." The day after election the editor informed me that "that inspired idiot of yours in New Jersey is not only elected but has got votes to loan to Kentucky."

I may suggest, in passing, that most of the Theta Delts, who have come to California, preach. However, a few of us practice. Dr. Harry E. Snow, Eta, '81, late of Santa Maria, Cal., and myself now unite to save Fresno from Sodom's fate. I admit that I so far fell from grace in 1894 as to get elected to the assembly from a Republican district, notwithstanding the general "landslide" which defeated all the rest of my ticket, but I have the consolation to know that my offense is not so heinous as that of "Jim" McLachlan, Psi, '78, of Los Angeles, California. He ran for congress, and what's more got elected, down in that "greaser" district, and it is "odds with moruing which is which" between gamblers and horse thieves. And yet in the face of all these convincing evidences, Bob Ingersoll insists that hell is a myth. One term in the legislature has convinced me that if there isn't, there ought to be one, and that beyond the reach of any pardoning power. It's a glaring necessity.

Please remember me on the occasion of your banquet to all the old "back numbers" present who may have known me and, therefore, been tormented before their time. If the gods and my creditors permit, I hope to be with you at the next convention to organize the jubilee, along with Jake Spahn and other and similar forerunners of national calamities. I mail you under a separate cover a photograph of the mortal remains of the undersigned for the use of your club house.

I am indeed sorry that I cannot be with you on the 14th. I know you will have a glorious time and envy you that may participate. Remember me kindly to all and believe me in the bonds of $\Theta \Delta X$, as ever,

Yours faithfully,

N. L. F. BACHMAN, Ψ , '72.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8, 1896.

Dear Brother—Your favor of the 1st has reached me here. I have been home very little since the first of the year, giving all my time to the reorganization of the Republican party in Virginia, and you may know my heart is in it when I tell you that I am paying my own expenses, and of the organization in the state without the assistance of any one. I had not received the invitation you so kindly sent me, but I don't see how it is possible for me to get to New York on the 14th of February. I have

an engagement to be home at the public celebration of the Daughters of the Revolution on the 11th of February, and as president of the Virginia Alpha of the Phi Beta Kappa society of the College of William and Mary, I have to be in Williamsburg on the 18th of February at the celebration of that society.

Very much obliged for your reference to the Governor of Virginia, but I have no desire to fill the position. It was offered to me in 1889 by the Republican party and the railroads of Virginia, and the nomination would have been equivalent to an election, but I was unwilling to give up my business and leave my home for the honor, great as it was, and am still less inclined to do so now.

Wishing you all a glorious time in honoring Governor Griggs,

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM LAMB, E, '53.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1896.

Dear Brother—Yours of the 3d inst. was duly received. I have delayed answering in the hope that I could so arrange my time as to be present at the reception to the governor of New Jersey on the 14th inst.

I have been compelled to be away from home for some time and only returned this week, and I now find that it will be absolutely impossible for me to be with you on the occasion of the reception to Brother Griggs. I should be especially pleased to meet him, and I should also be very glad to meet you personally and the other members of the fraternity. It is with deep regret that I am forced to write this note.

With the kindest regards to all, I remain, with great respect,

Yours fraternally,

D. N. LOCKWOOD, A, '65.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1896.

Dear Brother—Yours of the 9th at hand, informing me of the reception and dinner to be held at Delmonico's to-morrow night.

I had fully intended to be present to shake the hand of Bro. Griggs in congratulation, to meet in brotherly fellowship the members of our beloved fraternity there assembled to do honor to him who is already honored, to eat and be merry, to dry the barrel unless the spigot breaks, and I thought perchance I might be useful in helping homeward some of the weary and heavy laden who might not, otherwise, find rest, but the fates decreed that I should remain here. An ill wind blew me no good, it struck me square in the neck, perambulated up and down my spinal column, settled where it could do its work most effectually, and I am deprived of the pleasure of helping you whooperup for Theta Delta Chi and Griggs' kind of Jersey politics.

With the very best wishes for everybody, individually and collectively, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

A. P. LITTLE, X, '72.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 13, 1896.

Dear Brother—I am in receipt of your courteous favor of the 10th inst., inviting me to participate in a reception to be given to his Excellency Governor Griggs of New Jersey, at Delmonico's, on Friday evening, and regret very much that an imperative engagement prevents me from being present. I have not the pleasure of the acquaintance of Governor Griggs, but I have no doubt I am the loser, for whenever a party usually in the minority succeeds in electing a governor he is sure to be a first-class man.

I would like to go, but cannot. New York has a fine harbor and some advantages, but its situation is very remote.

Very truly yours,

HOSEA M. KNOWLTON, K, '67.

SPOKANE, Wash., January 25, 1896.

Dear Brother—The invitation for the dinner to Governor Griggs reached me to-day. A distance of three thousand miles may lend enchantment, but not facilities for being present with you on that occasion.

Remembering well and pleasantly the John Griggs of a quarter of a century ago, I, though a Democrat, wished him luck during the last campaign, and rejoiced in his success.

Regretting that I am unable to share in the delights of February 14th with you, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

J. KENNEDY STOUT, Φ, '70.

HARTFORD, Conn., February 13, 1896.

Dear Brother—I wrote some time ago that it was uncertain whether I would be able to attend the banquet tendered to Governor Griggs on the 14th inst. I regret to have to say that imperative duty takes me to Boston on that day, and I must forego the pleasure.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. WILLIAMSON SMITH, Ξ, '57.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 12, 1896.

Dear Brother—Your kind letter has just reached me. I regret that a prior engagement will prevent my presence to greet in person Governor Griggs, 14th inst. I am proud of the Governor. He is an inspiration to the rest of us in Theta Delta Chi. He stands forth square—symmetrical in endowments, in character, in development and in life. His re-election is a foregone conclusion. And after that may there be a clear pathway from the White House on the Delaware to the White House on the Potomac. I do not congratulate Governor Griggs upon being Governor of New Jersey, I congratulate New Jersey upon its Governor. The career of the present Governor of New Jersey is brilliant. Let no man outside of Theta Delta Chi attempt the iniquity of a parallel.

Fraternally yours,

DAVID GREGG, II, '65.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Feb. 12, '96.

Dear Brother—Nothing would give me more pleasure than to meet the Theta Delt on the occasion of the reception and dinner to be tendered to his excellency, Governor Griggs, the 14th inst., and especially some of the older members whom I have not met for many years. Nor would I except the newer members, for, while I date back quite some ways, if a man is no older than he feels, I am quite sure that on such an occasion I could average up with some of the younger fellows.

Whatever else in our lives may change, the friendships pledged in the Theta Delta Chi seem to be endowed with perpetual youth and freshness. When you tell me that Stone and Burdge and a half a dozen other old and personal friends are to be there, you make it additionally attractive, and no ordinary excuse could keep me away, I can assure you.

Please remember me warmly to all inquiring friends, and extend to all the brothers, and especially to the guest of the evening, my fraternal greetings. The state of New Jersey is to be congratulated in securing a Theta Delta Chi for its governor. It is a guarantee of good administration.

Yours sincerely,

DANIEL B. POND, Z, '57.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4, 1896.

Dear Brother—I am extremely sorry that engagements from which I cannot get free prevent my joining in the reception to be given to Governor Griggs on the 14th inst. I rejoiced heartily at his election and hope and expect great things from his administration, and sincerely regret not being able to take him by the hand and wish him godspeed in person.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN HAY, Z, '58.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 22, '96.

Dear Brother—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed note of 11th inst., inviting me to be present at a banquet in compliment to my valued friend and former college associate, Hon. John W. Griggs, Governor of New Jersey.

Pleased be assured in all sincerity, I should be infinitely gratified and delighted to participate in this banquet, but I shall not be able to absent myself from home at the time named.

The fraternity is highly honored in securing such a member as Mr. Griggs, whose recent political triumph has been hailed with earnest pride and delight by our brotherhood at large.

Truly am I sorry I cannot be with you all upon this joyous occasion.

Kindly convey my thanks and regrets to the gentlemen of the committee and believe me, dear sir,

Yours faithfully,

JAMES VERNON LONG, Φ , '70.

Ex-U. S. Consul, Florence, Italy.

In addition to the above, letters of regret were received from the following :

- Luman P. Norton, A, '58, Bennington, Vt.
 Willie M. Rexford, A, '60, New York, N. Y.
 Benjamin C. Potts, A, '63, Media, Pa.
 Henry G. Merriam, Z, '58, Waverly, N. Y.
 Walter Howard Ross, M^a, '93, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 S. Douglass Cornell, Xi, '60, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Mortimer C. Addoms, Xi, '62, New York, N. Y.
 Rev. Albert C. Bunn, Xi, '67, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 W. Ray de Lano, Xi, '77, New York, N. Y.
 William E. Hills, Xi, '91, New York, N. Y.
 Charles R. Miller, O^a, '72, New York, N. Y.
 Samuel T. King, O^a, '80, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Walter S. Sullivan, O^a, '89, New York, N. Y.
 G. B. Schoonmaker, Pi, '70, Plainfield, N. J.
 Clarence LeC. Howe, Pi^a, '89, New York, N. Y.
 William H. Wettlaufer, Pi^a, '90, New York, N. Y.
 A. Edward Wupperman, Pi^a, '91, Puebla, Mexico.
 William H. Bogert, Pi^a, '93, New York, N. Y.
 S. S. Wallace, Sigma, '90, New York, N. Y.
 Rev. J. Macbride Sterret, Chi, '67, Washington, D. C.
 Marcus H. Briggs, Chi, '71, Rochester, N. Y.
 E. M. Rewey, Psi, '73, New York, N. Y.
 James McLachlan, Psi, '78, Pasadena, Cal.
 N. Archibald Shaw, jr., Psi, '82, New York, N. Y.

Telegrams were received from Willis Lyman, Iota, '95, and Harry H. Shepard, Epsilon Deuteron, '91.

Thus terminated the most delightful banquet which it has been the good fortune of the editor to participate in. A careful perusal of the speeches will reveal the spirit of the meeting, the intense fervor of the greeting to the guest of the occasion, and the beautiful sentiments, which served to make the affair a typical representation of the high place which educated men must be accorded in the social and political world. There are several points worthy of mention. The idea of this testimonial to Bro. Griggs was the product of the fertile brain of Bro. Willis S. Paine, who spared no effort to make the occasion a success. He was ably assisted by Bro. Rudolph Tombo, Jr., who performed the clerical part of the work under Bro. Paine's direction. It goes without saying that Bro. Tombo was a faithful and painstaking assistant, and to his indefatigable labor a great

portion of the success of the effort is due. Not only that, but as for the magnificent report which the SHIELD is able to give, it is all due to Bro. Tombo, and we cheerfully accord to him our most sincere thanks, as will every brother who reads it. A fact of public interest is that no college fraternity gathering ever before received the same amount of attention from the daily press. Every New York paper had an account of the banquet. The New York *Tribune* and the *Herald* gave a column or more. This is noteworthy in several ways. It was one of the red-letter occasions of Theta Delta Chi and will pass into history as a typical event. The only point of regret is that some of the brothers who came were unable through unforeseen delays to reach Delmonico's in time to enjoy the whole feast. Bro. Stanton E. Barrett, who is teaching in Buffalo, left home expecting to reach New York at 7:20, but a wreck delayed him so that he only reached New York at 11:50, and the banquet had broken up when he arrived at Delmonico's. Others were delayed and came in very late. This all goes to show that while it is difficult for business and professional men to leave their home duties, many did make the effort. The absence of the war-horse of the Phi charge, Bro. Frank W. Stewart, of Easton, was noted with deep regret. He was detained at home by illness.

The following is a list of those who were in attendance.

ALPHA.

James Cruikshank, '51, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Rev. James Demarest, '52, Flushing, N. Y.
 Edward Schenck, '69, New York, N. Y.

BETA.

William H. Corbin, '73, Elizabeth, N. J.
 Merritt E. Haviland, '77, New York, N. Y.
 Seward A. Simons, '79, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Elias A. de Lima, '86, New York, N. Y.
 Charles H. Werner, '92, New York, N. Y.
 Leroy A. Kendall, '96, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Christian W. Feigenspan, '98, Newark, N. J.
 O. C. Hoyt.

DELTA.

Clark Fisher, '58, Trenton, N. J.
 Eugene Vanderpool, '66, Newark, N. Y.

EPSILON DEUTERON.

- Mark S. Bradley, '89, South Manchester, Conn.
 Frederic Carter, '90, Bloomfield, N. J.
 Francis D. Wanning, '94, Derby, Conn.
 George W. VanSlyke, '95, Albany, N. Y.
 Charles A. Morrogh, '95, New York, N. Y.
 Robert A. Perdue, '96, New Haven, Conn.
 Paul Darling Wright, '96, New Haven, Conn.
 William B. Deau, Jr., '96, New Haven, Conn.
 Adolph G. Hupfel, Jr., '96, New Haven, Conn.
 Benjamin N. Mansfield, '96, New Haven, Conn.
 Ralph P. Wright, '96, New Haven, Conn.
 James H. Welch, '96, New Haven, Conn.
 Frank R. Palmer, '97, New Haven, Conn.
 B. Beinecke, Jr., '98, New Haven, Conn.
 N. M. Ayers, '98, New Haven, Conn.
 James Hess, '98, New Haven, Conn.
 R. Krementz, '98, New Haven, Conn.

ZETA.

- Franklin Burdge, '56, New York, N. Y.
 William L. Stone, '57, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
 Henry J. Spooner, '60, Providence, R. I.
 Henry L. Smith, '96, Providence, R. I.

ETA.

- J. H. Morse, '97, Bath, Me.

THETA DEUTERON.

- Clarence E. Whitley, '91, Hartford, Conn.
 Horace H. Ensworth, '91, Hartford, Conn.
 George W. Baker, '92, Hartford, Conn.
 Herbert S. Miller, '92, Elizabeth, N. J.
 Walter C. Daggett, '94, West Somerville, Mass.

IOTA.

- William H. Wiggin, Jr., '92, East Orange, N. J.

KAPPA.

- Charles D. Clark, '95, New York, N. Y.

LAMBDA.

- James A. Stockwell, '88, Stoneham, Mass.
 Charles T. Snow, '91, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
 Herbert J. Bickford, '91, Boston, Mass.

XI.

- Carl A. Harstrom, '86, Norwalk, Conn.
 Charles C. Hoff, '90, New York, N. Y.

OMICRON.

Webster R. Walkley, '60, Brooklyn, N. Y.

OMICRON DEUTERON.

Albert W. S. Proctor, '74, Brooklyn, N. Y.

PI DEUTERON.

Daniel S. Dougherty, '84, New York.
 George N. Grass, '86, New York.
 William L. Stone, Jr., '87, Staten Island, N. Y.
 Gustave R. Tuska, '88, New York.
 William H. McIntyre, '90, New York.
 Frederick H. Patterson, '90, New York.
 George C. Goebel, '91, New York.
 Charles Hibson, '92, New York.
 William M. Seufert, '92, New York.
 S. Carlton Haight, '92, New York.
 Walter W. Lee, '93, New York.
 William T. Lawson, '93, New York.
 Clifford Wilmurt, '93, New York.
 Henry Spofford, '93, New York.
 John W. Remer, '94, New York.
 Rudolph Tombo, Jr., '95, New York.
 Charles F. Wilken, '95, New York.
 Walter E. Strobel, '96, New York.
 Oscar Wagner, '96, New York.
 Alfred A. Wright, '96, New York.
 Leonard L. Griffiths, '97, New York.
 Carl Tombo, '97, New York.
 Charles E. Morrison, '97, New York.
 Charles P. Schmid, '97, New York.
 Mortimer B. Foster, '98, New York.
 Charles E. Neidlinger, '98, New York.
 Carleton E. Bryant, '98, New York.
 William S. Ottmann, '98, New York.
 George P. Ferguson, '99, New York.

RHO DEUTERON.

Fred E. Sondern, '89, New York, N. Y.
 Frank N. Dodd, '91, New York, N. Y.
 Edw. C. Ehlers, '92, New York, N. Y.
 Edwin F. Hicks, '93, New York, N. Y.
 Robert VanInderstine, '94, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 George W. Kosmak, '94, New York, N. Y.
 Louis E. Eickwort, Jr., '96, New York, N. Y.
 Elliott M. Sergeant, '96, Summit, N. J.
 Walter I. Slichter, New York, N. Y.

- William C. Uhlig, '96, New York, N. Y.
 Paul McGahan, '96, New York, N. Y.
 Alexander M. Brown, '97, New York, N. Y.
 Charles H. Crampton, '97, New York, N. Y.
 George Ehret, Jr., '98, New York, N. Y.
 ——— DeYoung, '98, New York, N. Y.

TAU DEUTERON.

- H. Burt Chouinard, '98, Nashotah, Wis.

PHI.

- John W. Griggs, '68, Paterson, N. J.
 Clay W. Holmes, '69, Elmira, N. Y.
 John A. Chrystie, '69, New York, N. Y.
 William B. Adamson, '70, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Jonathan M. Harris, '70, Pottsville, Pa.
 Benjamin Douglass, Jr., '71, Orange, N. J.
 William J. Hogg, '71, Worcester, Mass.
 Franklin B. Billmeyer, '73, New York, N. Y.
 Israel P. Pardee, '74, Hazleton, Pa.
 C. B. Adamson, '77, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Alexander Elliott, Jr., '78, Orange, N. J.
 Charles D. Marvin, '78, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Daniel C. Herr, '79, Harrisburg, Pa.
 John Markle, '80, Jeddo, Pa.
 Morris R. Sherrerd, '86, Newark, N. J.
 William A. Jones, Jr., '92, Easton, Pa.
 Edward C. Chamberlin, '93, New York, N. Y.
 George G. Honness, '93, Newark, N. Y.
 Joseph H. Robinson, '93, Patchogue, N. Y.
 Gustavus K. Voigt, '94, Newark, N. J.
 Joseph T. Losee, '94, Patchogue, N. Y.

CHI.

- Willis S. Paine, '68, New York, N. Y.
 Jacob Spahn, '70, Rochester, N. Y.
 Frank M. Bottum, '71, Rochester, N. Y.
 Homer D. Brookins, '80, New York, N. Y.
 Stanton E. Barrett, '95, Buffalo, N. Y.

PSI.

- Joseph W. Nichols, '81, New York, N. Y.
 John A. Hill, '94, New York, N. Y.

CHICAGO BANQUET.

The Central Graduate Association held its sixth annual dinner at the Hotel Wellington on Saturday evening, Nov. 30, '95. It was one of the most successful ever held. The infusion of undergraduate spirit and enthusiasm, and the delightful charm of the music furnished by the Σ^a orchestra were features which contributed largely to the enjoyment of the occasion. Bro. MacDermott's report of the convention was a decided hit, bringing fresh news from headquarters and the enthusiasm of the larger gathering in the old stronghold.

Thirty-one brothers sat down to table. Bro. J. K. Mitchell, *II*, '71, was up from Galesburg, Ill.; Bro. E. S. Hobbs, *H*, '74, came in from Aurora, and Bro. J. M. Frost, *E*, '84, brought a large bundle of his graduate enthusiasm all the way from Lacon. We missed some of the familiar faces, but there were new ones to take their places. It is gratifying to know, however, that the old reliables were absent on discharge of duty, and we expect next year to again greet them at our annual feast.

One of the interesting events of the evening was the meeting between Bros. J. K. Mitchell and C. C. Roberts, *II*, '71. They had been classmates at Bethany College, W. Va., (and thereby hangs a tale to be told later in the *SHIELD*,) and had not met before since graduation, nearly twenty-four years ago. It was a pleasure to see this reunion of men in the prime of manhood, men who for nearly a quarter of a century had not met, nor had they heard or seen much of Theta Delta Chi in that time, but the old fire of Theta Delta Chi spirit was soon awakened and gave anew evidence of the value of our fraternity's principles. After doing ample justice to Mine Host Gage's menu, the secretary gave the report for the year, reading telegrams from Bro. Henry Newbegin, of Defiance, Ohio; Bro. C. W. French, who had gone to Ann Arbor to address the Schoolmasters Club, and from Σ^a . Letters from Bro. Holmes and Bro. Harstrom were read and elicited hearty applause. The association heartily endorses the administration

of the Grand Lodge and the conduct of the SHIELD. The following brothers were elected to fill the offices for the ensuing year :

President—W. T. Chandler, *P*, '71.

First Vice-President—G. M. Lovejoy, *K*, '82.

Second Vice-President—Rev. J. W. Harris, *X*, '67.

Secretary and Treasurer—E. C. Ryan, *B*, '95.

Executive Committee—Dr. H. A. Lewis, *I*, '85 ; O. T. Eastman, *M*^a, '86 ; R. P. Ward, *I*^a, '95.

After clearing away the routine business Bro. Lewis laid aside his role of president and assumed the directorship of the intellectual symposium he had arranged for us.

TOASTMASTER—In every martial engagement there is first the music by the band and drum corps, during which time the hosts prepare for action. We shall now listen to the Σ^a orchestra discourse some of its harmonies.

So well did the brothers from Wisconsin weave the melodies that they were given an encore, and the success and enjoyment of the feast of reason was assured.

TOASTMASTER—After the call to arms and while the army is getting into battle array, it is customary to open upon the enemy with the big guns, pouring shot and shell into their ranks so fast and furiously as to completely disconcert them. We have such a gun with us to-night, large of calibre, capable of causing great havoc in the enemy's ranks. Will our gun please go off? I call upon Bro. W. M. Lawrence, *K*, '73, to respond to the toast "Our Fraternity Spirit."

Bro. Lawrence was welcomed by a hearty applause, and after alluding in humorous vein to the antiquity of our order and the origin of the shield and symbols, an Olympus brow in the court of the Mighty Thunderer, of the tendency to segregation traced all through the history of evolution, proving beyond all question the early origin of our fraternity, Bro. Lawrence said, "I will speak seriously now on serious matters.

"While there must be a distinctive individuality in each chapter, and each of us must have a peculiar love for his mother charge, I like to think of our organization as a whole, as the harmonious union of many members, with a common sympa-

thy, a common aim, and above all a common fraternity spirit. Probably there is a stronger tendency with us who are graduates to feel a strong kinship with the entire fraternity—to thoroughly unify it in our thought—than is found among student members of the several charges, and if there are some who feel that our fraternity exists mainly, if not wholly, for active members we must not be quick to condemn. Probably we all once felt much the same. And if the fraternity idea is to be deepened and enriched it must come slowly, and must be rooted in graduate sentiment. But the growth and fruitage must be through the active charges. Certain it is, the graduate associations will never ask to be made in any way an advisory body, much less will they endeavor to dictate policies. The active members have now and always must have the full and unhampered control of all fraternity action. We could not wish it otherwise.

“While our society is essentially social, yet there is more to say. It is not simply a protective organization, not simply an aid in worldly advancement. We hear of political animosities being softened through fraternal influences, or of battlefield rescues through the display of a badge, but dramatic as these incidents are, we know they are casual and have little to do with the reasons for our fraternity’s existence. In short, while ours is primarily a social and not a protective or benevolent organization, still we may not look upon it entirely from a selfish point of view. It must be regarded to some extent as an instrumentality of culture, having the approval of college authorities, and, therefore, responsible in some measure for the formation of character. If this be true the interest of a member can not cease on graduation, nor can he cast aside obligation. What then can graduates do for the fraternity?

“First, they can respond loyally to the appeals of their parent charge when it is proposed to erect a chapter house. The policy of erecting chapter houses is sure to continue. Generous contribution by graduate brothers will not only cement bonds of brotherhood between alumni and active members, but will give the former a right to advise. And while this building policy is sure to be continued it is equally sure that it

needs to be wisely directed. Who so well as graduates can urge the policy, *chapter-houses* whenever they can be safely built—but *men first*; houses that are plain, *men* who will grace any position; houses that are comparatively inexpensive, men who are rich in the noblest qualities of mind and heart. The chapter-house should be something more than a boarding-house; it should be a college home during the years of student life, and an oasis in the dreary waste of mature endeavor, to which the weary brother can turn for refreshment and rejuvenation. It is good for the graduate to keep in touch with his younger brothers—is it not good for the younger to greet his elder brother and listen to the message that he brings? Such fraternity homes will give an added stability to the charges, and to our order as a whole. In fancy I can see a chain of such oases reaching from ocean to ocean and from lake to gulf—and in every one of them every loyal Theta Delt, young or old, will be sure of a royal welcome and a chance to “renew in union social joys.” This is but a fancy now, yet it may come to pass in your day, brothers. When it comes the policy of our order will be, not few charges and small, nor many charges and large, but many charges, not too large—and above all worthy.

“If it ever come, this mutuality of interest and effort between graduates and undergraduates will have been secured largely through our noble magazine, THE SHIELD—not only the best fraternity journal published, but a most worthy exponent of the lofty spirit of $\theta \Delta \chi$. All honor to the self-sacrificing editor who has given himself so freely for the good of our glorious order. Let it be the prayer of every Theta Delt that when Brother Holmes joins the Omega chapter his soul may transmigrate into a worthy successor. And if we believe this, brothers, let us strengthen his hands for the good work while he is yet with us—let every graduate subscribe for the SHIELD. If he can not help build a chapter-house he can help build up this living temple of our order. Vive la Theta Delt and her shining, trusty SHIELD. While this lives our beloved fraternity will be ably defended and will less need defending.”

Bro. Lawrence was given a hearty applause, accompanied by

a Theta Delta Chi yell from Wisconsin men. The latter part of Bro. Lawrence's address struck a responsive chord in Bro. Eastman who, like the good Methodist I suppose he is, (Bro. E. lives in Evanston) spoke right out in meeting with a resolution to the effect that the association say "them's my sentiments too, and back them up with thirty-one five dollar bills." The resolution went through with a rush and Bro. E. was appointed to gather in the shekels.

TOASTMASTER—You see we didn't overestimate the calibre of our gun.

The convention was toasted in approved style by Bro. T. J. McDermott, of Tau Deuteron.

TOASTMASTER—Another regiment to the front. Bro. O. T. Eastman will follow the star of empire westward and tell us of the claims of Chicago for the convention of 1897.

BRO. EASTMAN:—I have learned that at Boston the apparent center of $\theta \Delta X$ chapters, with the attractions of an annual convention, its enthusiasm, its delegates, and everything it brings, only 105 members sat down to the banquet. The objection urged constantly against Chicago as a convention city for $\theta \Delta X$, is that it is too far away and the crowd could not be induced to come. If the last convention is to be taken as a standard, Chicago can easily come to the front. We have in our city almost 100 members, alumni and undergraduates. Within 200 miles of the city are at least 100 more. If on such occasions as this, with only the ordinary attractions of a dinner and local reunion we can gather thirty-one members, why may we not expect from this number of available members to easily gather a hundred more for the occasion of an annual convention? Tau Deuteron, Sigma Deuteron and Gamma Deuteron will all send large delegations. We can make such a convention a complete success. The best way to do a thing is to do it. The best way to get the convention is to get it, and for one I'm willing to go out and hustle for that convention and to make it a success when we've gotten it.

The applause given Bro. Eastman showed that the association would back up his claims, and that Chicago is in the hands of its friends.

"The Theta Delt's Love" was sung at this point, after which the toastmaster called out Bro. C. S. Thompson, I, '87, to respond to "The Ladies." In his more than felicitous manner Bro. Thompson toasted the sisters, paying high compliments to the gentler sex.

TOASTMASTER :—After the ladies appropriately comes the baby. I will call upon Bro. Geo. P. Hambrecht, Σ^{Δ} , '96, to toast our "Our Baby."

BRO. HAMBRECHT :—I appreciate the honor conferred upon me in being called upon to respond to this toast. As Σ^{Δ} we existed for more than two years and had established for ourselves in Madison a reputation which was quite enviable. Our social occasions were attended by the elite of the city and university and were pronounced among the best given by fraternities there ; our men have held honors in joint debate, the greatest event of the year at the university, every year since our organization. In the inter-collegiate debates with Minnesota our men have taken part, and in other ways we have carried off more than our fair proportion of literary and class honors. In athletics we have representatives on all the teams. We have shown ourselves able to hold our own against our competitors, by successfully rustling men whom they had worked hard to get. We feel that we have a sure place in the university life and that we shall be more than able to hold our own in the front rank. Σ^{Δ} has the most kindly feeling for the Central Graduate Association. We are pleased with the spirit you have shown us, and know that you have done much to help us reach the place we now occupy. We appreciate all this and can assure you that hereafter Σ^{Δ} 's orchestra will furnish the music for your annual dinner.

TOASTMASTER :—"The Grenadiers of the Guard." Bro. C. C. Roberts, Pi, '71, will tell us of Theta Delta Chi in the south.

BRO. ROBERTS :—"When I received a note the other day from our toastmaster asking me to respond to this toast, in a fit of emotional insanity caused by enthusiasm, due to a recent resurrection, I promptly answered that I'd try to rattle around in the place. I know nothing of Theta Delta Chi in the south,

and so cannot say anything on the subject, but I want to say that you have erected a monument to Theta Delta Chi of the south in elevating my good friend Chandler to the presidency of your association. I am glad of it." After recounting briefly the history of the attempt to establish a charge at Bethany College, Bro. Roberts assured the association that after twelve years of life in the city without seeing a Theta Delta Chi to know his connection with the fraternity, he was glad to be resurrected and promised himself the enjoyment of all such occasions as it should be possible to attend.

The toastmaster then called out Bro. J. M. Frost, who spoke of the associations the other speakers had called up, paid a glowing tribute to Bro. Harstrom, whose classmate he was at Hobart, and gave evidence of his old-time loyalty to the fraternity and continued interest in its affairs.

In response to the toast, "The Greatest Thing in the World," Bro. Dreier spoke of the influence exerted by the Central Graduate Association as felt by the undergraduate membership in the past two years.

Bro. Louis Spahn was called upon and gave a brief review of the work done by the association, declaring that it was quite evident that the Central Graduate Association was not only equal to its routine work, but that the perfect accord of its membership on all vital points enabled it to meet any emergency and handle all the problems presented in a most effective manner.

THE TOASTMASTER:—Brothers, all, the ancients had a custom of seating at their feasts a skeleton to remind them of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. To them death was depicted as a hideous monster striking down his cowering victim shrinking with terror from the blow. Let us boldly set forth this skeleton at our feast, and as we gaze steadfastly and bravely our grim monster gradually changes to an angel, Azrael, stern and sad in mien, but beautiful and sweet to look upon. Brethren, in conformity to our custom, let us standing and in silence drink the toast, "The Omega Charge."

Thus ended one of the pleasantest of our reunions. The Sigma Deuteron boys were the guests of the association. The

undercurrent of extreme satisfaction and exultation felt by all the older members of the association as they contemplated the great addition of undergraduate enthusiasm, the delightful music, and the vim and go instilled by them into the old songs, were the things required to make the association a permanent force in the affairs of the fraternity and to keep it in touch with the active work of the fraternity. Long live Theta Delta Chi! Long live the Central Graduate Association!

The following members were present:

Beta—F. M. Kendall, E. C. Ryan, W. C. Dreier, G. W. Collins, C. A. Cleaver.

Gamma Deuteron—E. R. Cole.

Epsilon Deuteron—R. W. Sprague.

Eta—E. S. Hobbs.

Iota—H. F. Lewis, C. S. Thompson.

Iota Deuteron—R. P. Ward.

Kappa—W. M. Lawrence, G. M. Lovejoy.

Mu Deuteron—O. T. Eastman, P. C. Phillips.

Xi—J. M. Frost.

Omicron Deuteron—J. P. Houston.

Pi—C. C. Roberts, J. K. Mitchell.

Rho—W. F. Chandler.

Rho Deuteron—E. P. Smith.

Sigma Deuteron—G. P. Hambrecht, E. A. Stavrum, E. C. Tillotson, G. H. Jones, H. H. Ryan, F. S. Barrows, jr., W. S. Ferris.

Tau Deuteron—T. J. McDermott.

Chi—Louis Spahn.

Psi—J. G. Campbell.

J. P. HOUSTON.

THE HARTFORD BANQUET.

The first reunion of Theta Deltis ever held in Connecticut occurred in the city of Hartford, Jan. 24, 1896. Twenty-one loyal brothers assembled in the parlors of "The Hartford" between the hours of 6 and 7. A splendid dinner was served in the large dining room of the hotel at 7:30, after which Bro. A. E. Peterson, K, '92, of South Manchester called the brothers to order, and addressed them with words of welcome in behalf of the Theta Deltis of Hartford and vicinity. Letters of regret were read from Prof. J. J. McCook of Trinity College, C. N. Kendall, Superintendent of New Haven schools; Rev. F. W. Perkins of Hartford, Rev. T. M. Hodgdon of West Hartford, Frederic G. Perine of the Hartford *Sunday Globe*, and others, after which Bro. C. Collard Adams, O, '59, of Waterbury, was introduced as toastmaster of the occasion. After some very felicitous remarks, heartily enjoyed by all the brothers, and happy allusions to many of the Theta Deltis of his day, including Col. Wm. L. Stone, Hon. H. J. Spooner and Charles M. Stead of the Zeta charge, Bro. Adams introduced President Carl A. Harstrom of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Harstrom spoke in announcement of the reception to be tendered Bro. Griggs, recently elected governor of New Jersey, in New York on Feb. 14, also of the arrangements in progress for the semi-centennial of the fraternity next November. He further spoke of the flourishing condition of the fraternity, of its steady progress, and the proposed new charge at the Columbian University at Washington. In response to Bro. Harstrom's desire that the members present be sounded upon the matter of the presence of ladies on the occasion of the semi-centennial, it was almost unanimously voted that, while the presence of the ladies would surely be indispensable at the proposed ball and gladly welcomed at the public meeting, the banquet should be for the members of the fraternity only.

Bro. Geo. Williamson Smith, D. D., president of Trinity college was then introduced to the assembly; when introducing him the toastmaster informed the brothers that Bro. Smith had

declined four other invitations in order to meet with the Theta Delts on this occasion.

Our loyal and revered brother was greeted with hearty applause as he arose; he spoke of his early days at Hobart, of the formation of a local organization which was three times dissolved and as many times resuscitated in order to make its membership as select as possible, and finally granted a Theta Delta Chi charter just 21 days before his graduation in June of 1857.

He referred with apparent pleasure to many of his fellow brethren at that time, and later when he was teaching in Washington and to the earnest love they all bore to our beloved $\theta \Delta \chi$. (We would that we might have been able to give Bro. Smith's address to the SHIELD verbatim, for a summary of this sort does him very poor justice.) He spoke in conclusion of his earnest belief in reunions of this sort and of his hope that Hartford would be the scene of one every year.

Bro. Smith was followed by Bro. M. E. Powers, Ψ , '86, of Plainville, who spoke in behalf of the Psi charge and of the teaching profession.

Bro. Lisle, Z , '91, was then introduced as representing Zeta and in a business way the Pope Manufacturing Co. In the course of his remarks he said that it is with Theta Delts as it is with Columbia wheels: "You don't see them everywhere, but you will."

Bro. Carter, E^a , '90, then gave a poetic flavor to the gathering by reciting a poem.

We were fortunate to have with us Bro. Porter, leader of the Amherst Glee Club, and Bro. Terrill of the Yale Glee Club, who had at intervals been leading the brothers in fraternity songs, and at this point Bro. Terrill gave us a solo, "The Anvil Song," which was highly enjoyed.

Bro. Porter, M^a , '96, followed with some good words in behalf of our chapter at Amherst, as did also Bro. Merriam, M^a , '97.

Bros. Bradley, '89, and Blair, '93, both of E^a then spoke earnestly in favor of the formation of a Connecticut Graduate Association and of an annual dinner, and they were followed

by Bros. Hall, '91, Gunn, '91, and Clark, '93, all of *E^A*, and then the undergraduates from Yale were all called upon for a few words.

It was voted that a committee of five, with Bro. Peterson as president, be appointed to make all the arrangements for a second annual dinner next winter. Bro. Bradley, *E^A*, '89, Bro. Lisle, *Z*, '91, and Bro. Blair, *E^A*, '93, were appointed on the committee, the fifth member to be announced later.

The following brothers were present :

Epsilon Deuteron—Frederic Carter, M. S. Bradley, B. D. Blair, R. Kremnitz, C. N. Gunn, E. A. Edwards, James Hess, J. H. Welch, Jr., R. H. Perdue, R. P. Wright, H. D. Clark, F. M. Terrill, J. B. Hall.

Zeta—F. D. Lisle.

Kappa—A. E. Peterson.

Mu Deuteron—C. T. Porter, H. Merriam.

Xi—Geo. Williamson Smith, Carl A. Harstrom.

Omicron—C. Collard Adams.

Psi—M. E. Powers.

A. E. P.

A FITTING TESTIMONIAL.

The editor of the *SHIELD* has many times been complimented in terms of highest praise, both by the enthusiastic brothers of Theta Delta Chi and the editors of other fraternity journals, for the successful journal which has appeared during the years of his editorial career. Many of the brothers who have knowledge of his personal and business affairs have said, "How in the world do you manage to do it all?" The answer to this question is very easy. We might maintain silence and take all the glory for this work of love, but it would not be just to another. So we need not extend any apology for telling this little story. A year or more before the *SHIELD* first came to our hands, the need of a competent stenographer was so great that we employed a young lady who, although a stranger, came well recommended. We soon discovered that her ability was greater than represented and very soon she be-

came a private secretary, and so thoroughly familiar with her surroundings as to enable her employer to reach out and do many things which otherwise would have been impossible. The SHIELD was stranded. We took it in upon her voluntary offer to participate in the labor. The office of President of the Grand Lodge was added. We leave the readers of the SHIELD to judge whether its duties were carelessly done. To sum it all up, for seven years this faithful secretary was always at the helm, doing her part of the work and more. Then on January 1st, 1895, the editor's health being on the wane he decided to give up all work for a time—leaving the private secretary in the employ of the newspaper, whose management he resigned. For ten months the only work the editor did was to make up the copy for the catalogue and edit the SHIELD. In addition to her duties in the newspaper office she continued her assistance as of old on the catalogue and SHIELD, neither of which could have been published without this help. We are glad to announce that we are now on deck for business again, and that the valuable assistant will return March 1st to her old position as private secretary to the editor and become the actual hard worker on the SHIELD. This fact insures a continuance of its present publication so long as the editor is able to wield a pen and the brothers support it.

These facts will enable readers of the SHIELD to appreciate the justice of the following account, wherein the handsomest compliment ever extended to any person outside the membership, of any fraternity, was paid to a deserving recipient.

This account would have properly appeared in the December issue, but it was our desire to surprise the lady—and so the report was cut out and reserved for the next issue, that before its appearance the presentation might be actually made.

The committee on SHIELD report presented the following resolution in their report to the last convention :

We recommend the adoption of the following :

WHEREAS, Miss Sarah A. Moore, of Elmira, N. Y., has, during eight years of service as private secretary to the editor of the SHIELD, rendered continued and most valuable assistance in editing and publishing our fraternity organ, be it

Resolved, That the thanks of the fraternity are due and are hereby extended to her by this convention for her faithful and extended service, and

Resolved, That the President of the Grand Lodge is authorized and empowered to procure a jeweled Theta Delta Chi badge upon which shall be inscribed: "Miss Sarah A. Moore, Elmira, N. Y. Presented by the 49th Convention, 1895," and present the same to her as a proof of the regard in which she is held by the fraternity.

This resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and the delegates made voluntary contributions to a fund, which was turned over to President Harstrom. A full diamond crown jeweled badge was ordered from Roehm & Sons, of Detroit, who while taking great pains in its making pushed the work and delivered it on the 23d of December. The badge and letter were sent to the editor, who invited Bros. Herschel L. Gardner and A. W. Hobson to join him in presenting the emblem. Repairing to her office the editor first presented a copy of the resolution printed above, then the following letter from President Harstrom together with the badge:

NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 23, 1895.

Miss Sarah A. Moore, Elmira, N. Y.:

Dear Miss Moore:—By the direction of the Forty-ninth Annual Convention of our fraternity, held in Boston last month, it becomes my agreeable duty to inform you that that body passed a resolution in recognition of the valuable services you have for years been rendering Theta Delta Chi. Believe me that we appreciate most heartily not only the excellence of your work, but also the ardent zeal and loyalty which characterize it.

As an evidence of the esteem in which you are held, and as a further token of appreciation, I am instructed, on behalf of the Convention, to present to you the accompanying fraternity emblem. Please accept it as a Christmas present from the fraternity we delight to honor, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

CARL A. HARSTROM,

President Grand Lodge.

No words can portray the expression of Miss Moore's countenance as she slowly read the letter and more carefully gazed at the handsome badge which she handled daintily, and at last pinned upon her person. The following letter sent to President Harstrom the next day tells the story:

ELMIRA, N. Y., December 26, 1895.

Mr. Carl A. Harstrom, President of the Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi :

Dear Mr. Harstrom :—My surprise was only equalled by my delight when yesterday afternoon three of my Theta Delt friends called upon me, and Mr. Holmes as spokesman presented me first with the resolution passed by the convention, then with your very kind letter, and last of all, with the most beautiful fraternity badge I have ever seen.

I could not express adequately to them, nor can I to you now, how much I prize the pin and the kind recognition of which it is the sign. The work I have done for the fraternity has been a great pleasure to me, and through that and the personal friendships I have made among its members, I have come to regard the shield as a coat of arms, bearing, as did the shields of the knights of old, the record of high aims and noble deeds, a veritable insignia of royalty. I am proud to wear it, and appreciate most highly the honor bestowed upon me by the fraternity in giving me the right to do so. I am, therefore,

Very gratefully and sincerely yours,

SARAH A. MOORE.

It is perhaps superfluous to state that no undergraduate ever wore a Theta Delt badge with more persistency or pride than does Miss Moore. Now that she returns to her former position the work of personal correspondence will bring her again into more intimate touch with the fraternity, and who will doubt her faithful performance of a pleasant task? As to the beauty of the sentiment portrayed by this gift, we have heard from the lips of other fraternity men, many expressions of congratulation that Theta Delta Chi was so chivalrous as to recognize thus publicly the faithful services of a most worthy helper. To the editor it was a most enduring reminder of the loyalty of the fraternity in recognizing his labors, and those of his assistant, who performed them willingly, not so much on account of Theta Delta Chi as because she desired to advance his personal renown with the fraternity he delighted to serve.

GOVERNOR GRIGGS.

The name of John W. Griggs is destined to receive due recognition in the history of this country. Believing that the SHIELD, as a permanent record of the fraternity, should contain some account of the fame he has already attained, we reproduce here some items which have appeared in the daily press. Bro. Griggs was inaugurated at Trenton January 21st. He is the fourth Republican governor elected in the history of the state. We take from the *New York Tribune* the following :

“The inaugural address of Governor Griggs was terse yet comprehensive, simple yet entertaining, and the frequency of the applause showed that it contained the right stuff. It was as follows :

Gentlemen of the Senate and General Assembly : With these brief and simple ceremonies the executive administration of the state passes from my predecessor to a new incumbent. Such simplicity is befitting the nature of a republic, where the imposition of the authority of a government is not the conferring of personal title, but the official investiture of the power of public service upon the selected agent of the people. Trite though the remark may be, it cannot be too often repeated, that the public officer is merely the trustee of the commonwealth and owes to the people the duty, superior to all other considerations, of loyal and unselfish service.

It would be an affectation were I to leave unmentioned the fact that is in the thought of every citizen, that this event implies the passing of the executive control of New Jersey out of the hands of a party that has held it for nine successive terms.

The valuable function of political parties in republican government is too well established to be questioned, and too universal to be ignored in official addresses. It is well, however, to keep clearly in mind the truth that they are themselves but agencies whereby the people are enabled to obtain the first and only desideratum of an organized state—that is, good government for the whole people. When the popular voice dismisses the representatives of one party and calls those of the opposition into office, it is not for the purpose of enabling the new incumbents to wreak vengeance on political adversaries, or merely to strengthen their own organization ; it is to improve upon the quality of service theretofore rendered, and secure greater efficiency and devotion to the public welfare. In so far as I may on this occasion, with propriety, address the representatives of the party that now assumes control, I would conjure them not to imitate, but to avoid the mistakes of their political opponents ; where they

have been weak let us be strong ; where they have been excessive, let us be moderate ; if they have been selfish, let us devote ourselves entirely to the interests of the commonwealth, with an eye single only to her glory and the prosperity of all her people. The fair-minded and patriotic official can readily distinguish the line across which partisan considerations should not go, and will find no difficulty in rendering aid of the most important kind to his party if he will govern his conduct by the primary motive of true public service.

It is fortunate that there are few, if any, subjects of legislation in our state that furnish the occasion for party differences. You will, therefore, be able to give to each matter your independent, deliberate judgment, and to share with your political opponents the labor and responsibility.

It is scarcely my proper function at this time to call your attention to particular topics upon which legislation is desirable. If I deem it necessary, I will hereafter, by special message, communicate to you such matters as may need especially to be brought to your notice.

I consider it most important, however, that you should at once take into consideration the object of restriction in the volume of legislation. The mass of statute laws has now become so immense that it may be said to be almost beyond the power of the legal mind to acquire it, or the judicial mind to interpret it. It was intended by the amendments to the constitution adopted in 1875 to decrease the quantity of statute law by the abolition of special legislation upon several subjects, notably the government of counties and municipal corporations. Such decrease was for several years effected. But gradually, aided by experience and a sharpened ingenuity, the draughtsmen of statutes came to know how to draw up laws, which, while possessing the form of generality required by the constitution, had all the substance of special application to the desired locality, without becoming fastened to any unwilling municipality. It was the undoubted object of the constitutional amendments referred to to provide a uniform system of laws for all the counties, cities, townships and other political subdivisions of the state ; a system not merely applicable to all, but to be compulsorily applied to all, so that all cities, all counties, all townships, of the same class should be governed by the same uniform systems. Unfortunately, our courts have held that this constitutional requirement is satisfied in a statute when by its terms it is applicable to all the members of a class, although as a matter of fact it may be practically applied to only one of the class. In other words, the courts hold that it is only necessary that all members of a class may take the benefit of a statute, but that the law need not be compulsory on all.

So it has become easy, by means of different forms of local option, such as popular elections for or against the adoption of any act, to pass laws in form of the most perfect universality, which in effect are special charters for a single city. On account of this unfortunate interpretation of the constitutional intent the so-called general laws relative to cities have

become multitudinous. They fill over 350 pages in the new volume of general statutes, and the laws under the title of municipal corporations will fill as many more. This condition of legislation as to cities might not have been unexpected in view of the fact that when the constitutional amendments requiring general legislation were passed all the cities of the state were already in existence under different special charters.

BOROUGH LAWS AN EXAMPLE.

But a more striking instance of manifold legislation exists in the laws relating to boroughs. These forms of local government did not exist until recently. They were all created under so-called general laws. The spirit and letter of the constitution required that they should be governed by a uniform system. Yet we find three different general acts now in force regulating the creation and government of boroughs. At each session of the legislature numerous amendments to each of the three systems are passed, until this one title in the general statutes now covers 111 pages. So variant, inconsistent and confused are these acts that no legal adviser or judicial interpreter can safely say what the law is on many subjects relating to boroughs. Besides boroughs, we have separate systems respectively for borough commissions, for towns, for villages, for seaside resorts, and for townships, each possessing indiscriminately similar powers, and differing only in name and arrangement.

For some years past the annual volume of the laws has been growing in thickness. As an example, let me refer to the most recent, that of 1895. It contains 106 different acts relating to cities, forty-three relating to boroughs, thirty-three relating to townships, thirteen relating to villages. It cannot be that any such number was necessary.

Take some other subjects. There are nine separate amendments to the school law, seven different acts on the subject of sidewalks, eight relating to the state house, five relating to swamps and marshes. Similar variety and multiplicity will be found in any volume of annual statutes for the last six or seven years.

When we consider that the power of legislation is the greatest that can be exercised by any human agency, that every law changes the rights and modifies the duties of a greater or less number of citizens, it is proper to inquire whether proposed laws are sufficiently considered before they are adopted. The same tendency to multitudinous and slipshod legislation prevails in other states of the Union, and has attracted the attention of many thoughtful persons.

Besides the uncertainty and confusion that ensue from the existence of so many separate statutes, the easy change of existing law tends to create popular disrespect for the sanctity of the law. What can be so readily made and so easily altered can fairly be considered as of small importance.

The general statutes of the state now in press will comprise three large volumes of over one thousand pages each, and in bulk will be about

twice as large as the general statutes of the United States. Unless we are to have to confess that our legislative system is a failure, we must find a method of remedying this excess. It is not yet too late to pass a system of laws of comprehensive form for the government of municipalities, which should be compulsory upon all, so that the uniformity of local government contemplated by the constitution may be attained.

This increase of laws, affecting almost every interest in life, cannot continue without involving many important subjects in serious confusion and difficulty. Many of the acts relating to one or another kind of municipal bodies affect the levying and collection of taxes and the issue of bonds, matters in which not only the public, but many private persons, are financially interested. I shall offer some suggestions which, if adopted, will, in my opinion, mitigate, even if they do not entirely remove the difficulty.

No law should be passed unless there is some public necessity demanding it. The fact that a proposed law is, as is often said, unobjectionable in itself is no reason for its enactment. There should be positive reasons for law-making, not negative ones. Settled rules should not be easily disturbed. It is not enough to say of a bill that it does no harm; it should be one conferring positive benefits and demanded by public necessity or convenience to entitle it to the solemn sanction of the legislature and the governor. Every bill should be carefully considered in committee before submission to the proper house for passage. Its *verbiage* should be tested to see if it is accurate and expresses only what it is intended to effect. It should be compared with the existing law on the same subject, to ascertain if it harmonizes or is inconsistent therewith. It would save much trouble and confusion if, where there are several amendments proposed to the same law, they should be consolidated into one act.

And let it be remembered that in the discharge of the duty of a legislator there can be no consideration for such things as courtesy to a fellow-member or to the introducer of a bill, when the rights of the people of the state are to be affected.

In accordance with these views, I shall consider it my duty to withhold executive approval from all bills that have no positive advantages to the public, or are trivial or ill-considered in substance. I believe it is better to bear some inconvenience than to be constantly altering the statute law of the state.

These expressions are not intended to discourage or impede the passage of necessary laws in the interest of reform. Reform is necessary in the matter of legislation, as well as in other things.

There are subjects to which I hope the legislature will give their most serious attention. The protection of life, limb and health against danger from public uses of the highways and streams of the state is one. Some well-considered and equitable plan of providing overhead or under-

ground crossings where railroads intersect the streets of populous cities should be devised and enacted. The experience of other progressive states that have dealt efficiently with the subject is available for our instruction and guidance.

We all know how the calendars of our courts are crowded with causes arising from accidents from trolley cars. Doubtless many such accidents are due to the carelessness of the injured party. Nevertheless it is the duty of the legislature to guard, if possible, even against the carelessness of people, because there are many, including especially children, not endowed with the full measure of ordinary carefulness. The existence of this new agency of electrical propulsion, which, through the most crowded of our streets, impels at speed such dangerous vehicles makes it obligatory on the legislature to provide such safeguards as are possible, consistently with necessary public convenience, in order to minimize the danger of accident. How far these lines should be permitted further to be constructed upon the streets and highways should be a matter of consideration for the legislature. In some instances, especially in country districts, it would seem only right to require that electric railroads should hereafter be constructed either on the side of the road or entirely off the limits of the highway, thus preserving the roads for the use of the public in the manner originally intended.

The pollution of the rivers of the state by cities and towns through sewers and otherwise, whereby a public nuisance and menace to health is created, is another subject that I am informed will be brought to your attention.

All these subjects are of the highest importance, and extremely difficult to deal with. They call for the exercise of the highest ability and judicial spirit in the attempt to deal fairly with the rights of all concerned. Possibly upon some of these subjects you may not be able to advance beyond the stage of investigation. If so, it would be wise to have the result of your inquiries embodied in such form as to be available to the next legislature.

WHAT THE PEOPLE DEMAND.

I consider the result of the recent election in this state as a declaration of the people that they approve the policy of keeping our state charitable, educational and penal institutions free from political control; that they desire the most rigid economy in the management of state affairs; that no useless offices shall be created or continued; that officers who are receiving inordinate compensation through fees should be put upon the basis of a fair salary and the fees be paid into the treasury of the state for the benefit of the people; that public officials shall be held to strict account, not only for the discharge of their ordinary duties, but also for the public funds which they may handle; that frauds upon the state shall be fittingly punished, and moneys fraudulently gotten shall be recovered, if possible.

If I have learned anything of the sentiments of our people, it is that they desire, above all partisan considerations, the very highest, purest and best government that human wisdom can give them. The prosperity, the peace, the honor of our state, are dear to them all. They want strict economy, wise counsels, prudent and guarded legislation, absolute honesty, fearless and unswerving adherence to those things that make for righteousness and exalt a people.

To the attainment of these things I am already pledged ; but here, in this presence, with all the earnestness and solemnity that befits this occasion, I renew the pledge. To the service of the people, all the people, of our beloved and honored state, I devote whatever of wisdom, whatever of patience, whatever of ability it has pleased God to endow me with.

And for my assistance I invoke the goodwill, the patience, the loyalty and the patriotism of my fellow-citizens, with the favor of Almighty God.

The following extracts from the news items in the *Tribune* speak for themselves :

TRENTON, Jan. 21.—All the talk here to-day is about the new Governor and his inauguration. Governors come and governors go in New Jersey, but as a rule the change of men has not brought any alteration in methods, principles or policies. It has been so for a quarter of a century.

To-day's ceremony has greater meaning, however. Not only is there a new commander at the helm—not only is he the first Republican governor to take the oath of office since Marcus L. Ward was sworn in thirty years ago, but much more is implied in the transfer of the great seal of New Jersey from George T. Werts to John W. Griggs. When Mr. Griggs took possession of the executive chamber this afternoon a new political era in every sense of the word began in the state.

The hour had come for a radical reformation and with it the man. The people clamored for a state government with intelligence, honesty and economy for its guiding light, and to inaugurate that they chose John W. Griggs as governor. He is a plain man with no frills about him. Born in Sussex county, like so many more who have won political prizes in this and other states, he spent his boyhood days among its mountains and valleys. His early training as a farmer's son stood him in good stead when he came to the city and began his struggle for life. Manhood found him a member of the lower house of the legislature. His ideas were raw and crude then, but he was on the right track. Contact with men and affairs developed him considerably, and he returned to Paterson better equipped than ever for his chosen profession of the law. Nearly another decade passed and then the citizens of Passaic county sent him to the state senate. At once he took rank as a leader.

During the three years that he served in the senate Mr. Griggs won high repute as a legislator having correct notions of the functions of the law-making body. He sought not to please the mob by cheap claptrap, nor would he abase his powers as a servant of the people to dole out favors to the friendly few at the expense of the indifferent many. He was straight, stern and unyielding in following the path that he had marked out for himself.

John W. Griggs left the senate an "unpopular" man. These were the days of compromises and deals—the days when the highest art of statesmanship in New Jersey was to carry water on both shoulders and make terms with the great and powerful while catering to the multitude by cheap demagoguery that meant nothing. Mr. Griggs had disdained all these tricks. So it came to pass that as he retired to private life the papfed newspapers and organs of the politicians told how little popularity he had.

The best part of another decade had passed, and the people had been sorely tried. They saw in high station men who recognized no law but self-interest and knew nothing more commendable than a bargain which promised personal aggrandizement. They saw dishonesty and trickery rampant. They saw democratic government mocked at, and the rights of citizens filched from them much in the same way as a highwayman steals your purse. A strong man—a man of inflexible purpose and indomitable will—was needed for the emergency. Then the people turned to John W. Griggs, who, a few years ago, they had regarded lightly, according to the fashion of the day. He came, he saw, he conquered.

Let us take a look at this Sussex county boy as he stands here to-day in a gathering representing the sovereign people of New Jersey. He is forty-six years old. The silver threads are marking his head. His face has an ashy color that suggests physical weakness at first glance, but a close inspection reveals every trace of vigorous, vital manhood. His blue eyes are piercing, but they can soften at times to the tenderness of a child's. His jaws and chin are strong and self-assertive. In all he measures fully five feet nine inches from toes to head, and he has little more superfluous flesh than the trained athlete. He strikes you as a man who could neither be bullied nor coaxed to do an act that he would fear to have repass him in that mental inventory which every thinking man takes of himself once in a while. Talk to him and you will find his manner the same as it was two, three, six months or six years ago. You are "Tom" or "Dick" or "Mr." now, just as you were then.

That's a rough daguerreotype of Jersey's new governor. What do you think of him.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

As all readers of the SHIELD are aware, the last convention voted to hold the semi-centennial in New York city in November of this year, beginning Tuesday, the 22th, and continuing three days. The executive committee consists of the following: Clay W. Holmes, chairman; Carl A. Harstrom, Norwalk, Conn.; Rev. J. Macbride Sterrett, Washington, D. C.; Dr. J. P. Houston, Chicago, Ill.; Webster R. Walkley, New York.

By direction of the convention this committee has selected the following ten brothers, who will act as an advisory board: Hon. W. S. Paine, New York; Franklin Burdge, New York; F. W. Stewart, Easton, Pa.; J. P. Mellon, Pittsburg, Pa.; Rt. Rev. M. N. Gilbert, St. Paul, Minn.; O. T. Eastman, Chicago, Ill.; Hon. S. P. Smith, Boston, Mass.; A. G. Benedict, Clinton, N. Y.; Frederic Carter, Bloomfield, N. J.; Prof. Duncan C. Lee, Ithaca, N. Y.

Thus far the committee has only been able to draft a proposed program of exercises which they would like to carry out, and the same is submitted for criticism:

TUESDAY, NOV. 17, 1896.

10 A. M.—First session of Convention.

2 P. M.—Second session for regular business.

8 P. M.—Reception tendered by Grand Lodge and committee to visiting Theta Deltas and ladies, with either a concert or dancing afterward, as contributions may admit of.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18.

10 A. M.—Third session of Convention for regular business.

3-5 P. M.—Reception tendered to the founders of the fraternity.

8 P. M.—Public open meeting of the Convention in a suitable place, to be addressed by several of our most prominent and able members. Music by orchestra and glee clubs.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19.

10 A. M.—An open historical session of the Convention, at which the historical addresses of the first and second quarto-centennial periods will be given. If any time remains, speeches by the brothers.

3 P. M.—Regular session of Convention, for installation of officers and general work.

8 P. M.—Grand semi-centennial banquet of the fraternity. Plates laid for 400.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20.

10 A. M.—Concluding session of the Convention, if business is not already completed at previous session.

It is estimated that to properly carry out such a program as the above will cost between \$3,000 and \$3,500. The first step in the work will be to solicit subscriptions and when responses are received to make preparations in accord with the amount pledged. Blanks are already prepared and will be sent to every member of the fraternity whose address is known, very soon after this copy of the SHIELD is in the hands of its readers. The committee invite opinions and criticisms or suggestions from any subscriber to the fund. Those who do not share the expense are not in a position to criticise. It will be understood that the proposed program is only a form which will suggest ideas to the brothers. The most desirable plan will be carried out, depending entirely upon the funds received. Every effort will be made to carry out such exercises as will best show outsiders of what Theta Delta Chi consists, as one of the the great social and educational factors of the age. By permission of the committee the editor desires to present the following as being pre-eminently his own wish. The committee are entirely non-committal upon the subject and will decide the case in accordance with the majority of expressions received from graduate subscribers to the fund. Attention is asked to the careful consideration of the points presented, and a full expression of your views is asked. It is but fair to state that the idea was suggested by the editor as chairman of the committee, and he fully and firmly believes in the desirability of doing it. Here is the question. Shall ladies be admitted to the banquet? We present the following arguments in its favor:

1. This banquet must not be regarded as a Convention banquet, because it is not. It is the first ever held of its kind and will not occur again in fifty years, therefore whatever may be done at this banquet is no criterion, as of the past or future.
2. It is the only opportunity which will occur in our lifetime when we can without interfering with regular customs introduce a pleasant feature.
3. We believe that there are many married brothers who would like to show their wives just what a royal good fraternity banquet consists of. The editor has attended hundreds

of Theta Delt banquets and feels this point keenly. He has attended banquets where ladies were present and the enjoyment was doubly keen.

4. Those who are married know the added pleasure which the wife's free endorsement gives to a "stag banquet." They also know how uncomfortable it is always to leave a wife at home while we are having a good time elsewhere.

5. There are many brothers who have married "sorority girls." Take for example Lambda—with them Theta Delta Chi means Alpha Phi, and vice versa. We know there would be no objection on either part to a joint banquet.

6. It would afford a grand opportunity of convincing the mothers of our younger brothers that Theta Delta Chi is good for their boys, and other boys also.

7. It is believed that many of the brothers will come and bring their wives, who would not care to leave them at home.

8. Since on this account the committee have endeavored to provide entertainment wherein the ladies can take part, it seems very desirable that they should not be ruled out of the most attractive gathering of all.

9. The committee assume in connection with point seven that a week in New York will be greatly appreciated by the wives and lady friends of the brothers, and that many will improve the opportunity of bringing their wives to share in their enjoyment. It would be distasteful to leave them alone in a hotel while enjoying the great feast.

10. The committee further assume that none would desire upon this momentous occasion to indulge their appetites in any way which would cast reproach on the gathering or upon the good name of the fraternity.

All these things being so, will the graduate brothers indicate what conceivable objection there is to the presence of ladies at this semi-centennial banquet. There are no secrets to be divulged, nothing will be said which they might not with propriety hear. In fact there is nothing spoken at any convention banquet which they might not listen to with perfect propriety—because those who attend and speak are gentlemen. Now the fact is that the only thing in the way is the prejudice of

custom, and no one is brave enough to stand up boldly and declare for the ladies. Well, the editor of the SHIELD is, and he boldly declares his belief that seven out of every ten married brothers who read this article will in their inmost hearts agree with him. We believe it would be one of the most graceful compliments which could be paid to our wives, mothers and sisters. It would, perhaps, be an innovation, but whose business is it but ours. We are not followers of the customs laid down by others. Should the brothers agree to this proposition one of the greatest points in fraternity history would be scored. It is never dangerous to make a move which will add to our honor, and surely this will stamp Theta Delta Chi as bold enough to admit to our convivial feast those whom we love best, who may go forth and bear witness for us that we are indeed gentlemen. We can never be harmed by the sex to whom we owe all that we are or hope to be.

The editor presses home the point because he believes that it will be a good thing for the fraternity and add materially to the happiness of those who attend. There are many of the brothers who know from personal contact with the editor's family in his home that his wife has always extended them most cordial welcome. Now, to be able to conduct her into the semi-centennial banquet hall of Theta Delta Chi and let her enjoy its pleasures would afford one of the proudest occasions of his life. And there are hundreds of good, loving Theta Delt wives who have made it pleasant for many of us on numerous occasions. Let us break away from the selfish custom for once and give these good wives one good, happy Theta Delt time. They will enjoy the songs—yells—speeches and cigars—and nothing will be detracted from our pleasure. Let's have the ladies.

The brothers who respond to the subscription requests are asked to express their candid views on the question.

We have before stated that it will probably cost about \$3,500.00 to carry out the proposed program on the lines contemplated. This means that we must have some exceedingly liberal contributions. When you get the blanks you are ex-

pected to subscribe as much as you can afford to. Some can not give largely, and from such we do not expect it.

It was voted by the convention that a memorial volume be published by the editor of the SHIELD after the event, containing a full account of all the exercises—the history of the fraternity and all speeches. It is also proposed to give in this book portraits of as many of the prominent brothers as funds will allow. It is our desire to publish the handsomest volume ever issued by the fraternity. The cost of this book printed on plate paper and full bound in elegant style will be \$5.00. This edition will only be supplied to those who subscribe this amount expressly for the book in addition to their regular contribution to the semi-centennial. Those who do not subscribe expressly for the book will receive the same printed in the style of the SHIELD, and which will be issued as the fifth number of the present volume. The banquet tickets will be five dollars, and this is a special charge—all sums additional will be applied to a general fund to provide the balance of the entertainment. The subscription list has already been started by a brother who gives one hundred dollars. We must have several such subscriptions—a goodly number of fifties and many twenty-fives. By the time the next number of the SHIELD is issued the subscription blanks will be all in, and the committee hope to be able to make definite announcements.

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.

Louis Spahn, Chi, '79, is a brother of Jacob Spahn, an earlier alumnus of the same institution, known throughout the fraternity from Boston to San Francisco for his irrepressible good humor and geniality. The brother, Louis, is quiet and sedate, as becomes a student and scholar. He was born in the city of New York, January 10, 1858; received his elementary education in the common schools of the city of Rochester, N. Y., to which locality his parents removed in 1863, and there entered the free academy in 1872, graduating from the same in 1875 with the second highest honor of his class, to wit, a prize scholarship to the University of Rochester. He entered the classical course of that institution in the class of 1879 and soon joined Theta Delta Chi. He took a ranking position in his class from the very start. At the close of his first year he won the second prize in mathematics, which was then the only study open to prize competition. In his sophomore year two prize studies existed, that of Latin and rhetoric, and he succeeded in obtaining the award of the first prize in the former and the second prize in the latter study. During the junior year he secured the second Greek prize and was elected class president, while in the senior year he took the Sherman scholarship, the principal prize in the course, representing \$250, and the second Davis gold medal; ranking in a class of thirty as the fourth in marks according to a computation that took in the entire four years of the college course. He was also a class day officer and in 1885 became a member of Phi Beta Kappa after getting his diploma of M. A. in course. Upon graduating he was tendered a position upon a local daily and for a brief period officiated upon the reportorial staff of the Rochester *Morning Herald*, after which he went into the employ of the Western Electric Manufacturing Company, an offshoot of the great American Bell Telephone corporation, where he remained continuously in various capacities for ten years, being the cashier and paymaster of the same, first in New York city and thereafter till the fall of 1889 in the city of Chicago. In 1890 he concluded to quit commerce and enter the profession of law, enrolling himself as a student in the Chicago College of Law, where he pursued his studies, doing two years' work in one, inclusive of

a post-graduate course, till 1892. Upon receipt of his sheepskin he entered the office of Hon. Charles H. Aldrich, the Solicitor General of the United States, doing work upon special government litigation against the Pacific railways in a series of cases, some of which are still pending and some of which were only recently decided by the National Supreme Court favorably to the side briefed by Brother Spahn for the solicitor-general. When that distinguished jurist was relieved of his office by a change in the national administration, as is usual in the ups and downs of our political system, Brother Spahn entered the law office of Aldrich, Payne & Washburn, remaining until the second member of the firm, the Hon. John Barton Payne, became a judge of the superior court of Cook county, Ill., whereupon our brother branched out for himself and since 1892 has practiced his profession at No. 1444 Monadnock building, in the city of Chicago, under auspices that augur not alone a successful career but a distinguished position in the future for the subject of this sketch. He has held the office of president of the Western Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi and been a member of its executive board. He is the attorney for the Western Electric Building and Loan Association and one of the directors of that company. While a student he interested himself greatly in music, which he cultivated from a love of the art. Being the possessor of an excellent bass voice he came to be in demand everywhere a high cultivation of vocal music was sought, and he is now a director of the Apollo Musical Club and the treasurer of the Chicago Mendelssohn Club, both of which organizations are ranking musical associations in the western metropolis. Besides this he is an athlete from way back, being a magnificent specimen of physical manhood, tall in stature, big and broad in girth and massive no less than hard in limb. Like his brother "Jake," all Thetes are twice welcome who call upon him; but he seldom comes east, where "Jake" is the better known.

Rev. James H. Ecob, Psi, '69. From the *Outlook* we take the following: "As has already been mentioned in the *Outlook*, the Rev. James H. Ecob, D. D., who for fifteen years has been pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Albany, has accepted a call to the First Congregational Church in Denver. Dr. Ecob is well known not only for his work as pastor, but also for his frequent contributions to periodicals, religious and secular. On the occasion of his leaving Albany the church of which he has so long been pastor tendered him a reception, which was in many respects almost unique. The large building was beautifully decorated, and thronged not only with the members of his own congregation, but with many of the most prominent citizens of Albany. The chair was taken by Judge Learned, who in his opening address paid a feeling tribute to the work which Dr. Ecob has done in that city. Letters were then read from many who were prevented from being present, and most hearty and generous tributes came from Bishop Doane, of the Episcopal Church, Bishop Burke and Father Waldo, of the Roman Catholic Church,

and Dr. Abbott and Mr. Mabie, of the *Outlook*. Afterwards addresses were delivered by Dr. Battershall, of the Episcopal Church of Albany, Dr. Selden, of the Reformed, Rabbi Schlesinger, of the Jewish Synagogue, Dr. Sawen, of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Melvil W. Dewey, State Librarian, and Dr. A. H. Bradford, of Montclair. At no similar gathering has the unity of feeling been more manifest, or the regret at losing a pastor deeper or more widespread. The addresses and letters were ungrudging in their praise of the work which Dr. Ecob has accomplished in Albany. He was spoken of as a 'true prophet,' a man of almost unique sincerity and spiritual power, and a preacher who had impressed himself upon the whole life of the great city in which he has lived. The reception was a credit alike to the church who gave it and to the pastor who received it. Dr. Ecob, in his reply, said that if he had appreciated the depth of the feeling of regret at the step he was taking, he did not know what the result would have been. The church in Denver is to be heartily congratulated. Dr. Ecob is in the prime of his powers, and one of the ablest and most vital preachers in the whole country; without a trace of sensationalism; with a fineness of literary finish which few preachers ever approach; with the intensity of a Hebrew prophet proclaiming the essential truths of the Christian revelation. He goes to Denver not simply to be pastor of the First Congregational Church of that city, but, as he finely puts it, to be "one of the pastors of the Church of Christ in Denver." The number of men who regard the church as one, and their duty as being not simply to the local fellowship, but to the whole body, is happily increasing, and among them Dr. Ecob is a recognized leader."

Eliel S. Ball, Omicron Deuteron, '74, was born at Townsend Center, Mass., in 1848. He graduated from Lawrence Academy, Groton, in 1869 and from Dartmouth in 1874. He immediately became a teacher in Lawrence Academy and after four years was appointed principal, serving in this capacity three years more. He was then called to the position of superintendent of schools in Bradford, Pa., but in one year left to become superintendent of schools and principal of the high school at Westerly, R. I. He was very successful and well liked during his career as an educator, but his health necessitated a change of occupation and after five years at Westerly he went into business life. A year later he bought out a stationery and fancy goods store in Waltham, Mass., which was so successful that at the time of his death he was arranging for a second enlargement of his store. Suddenly, as it seemed, he was stricken with acute Bright's disease, and when apparently rallying so much as to give hope of recovery, died almost instantly on January 1st, 1892. He left surviving a widow (*nee* Ella F. Sawin, of Townsend, Mass., married to him August 4, 1875,) and two small children, both boys. He was a man much respected in Waltham. He was always loyal to the fraternity and was constantly inquiring of its members' welfare, and in the city was

somewhat active in public affairs, being at the time of his death a member of the school committee, a director and the treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. and the superintendent of the Sunday-school of the First Congregational church.

Henry G. Thomas, Eta, '58. The Bowdoin *Orient* of February 5th contains the following pleasant mention of Brother Thomas: "Oklahoma will send as a delegate to the Republican national convention Gen. Henry G. Thomas, U. S. A., retired, of Oklahoma City. General Thomas is a member of the well-known Portland family of that name, a long-time friend of Tom Reed, and a loyal son of Maine and Bowdoin in the bargain. There cannot be much doubt, they say, who will get General Thomas' vote in the convention."

Charles W. Wardwell, Eta, '85, graduated from Boston University Law School in the class of '95. He has been admitted to the bar and is now practicing law in the office of Burdett & Snow, Boston.

John R. Horne, Jr., Eta, '91, is the leader and hero of an active crusade now being waged against the rum-sellers and lawless element of Bartlett, N. H., where he is pastor of the Congregational church. One night recently some of his enemies made an attempt to burn his church, but a timely discovery of the blaze prevented serious loss. Those who know Brother Horne feel sure that his perseverance and energy will in the end make him master of the situation.

Pliny F. Stevens, Eta, '94, has entered the Jefferson School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pa.

Frank H. Mead, Eta, '95, is principal of the Searsport High School.

Arthur H. Stetson, Eta, '95, is in Boston University Law School.

William B. Leighton, Eta, '95, who was accidentally shot last September has fully recovered and has entered the Harvard Medical School.

George R. Wicker, Beta, '90, after graduating became vice-principal of the Union school at East Bloomfield, N. Y. After two years he resigned to accept a position on the editorial staff of the *Ontario County Journal* at Canandaigua, N. Y. After fifteen months he was tendered the principalship of the Victor, N. Y., High School without any solicitation on his part. There had been forty-five applicants for the position, but the board of education rejected all and selected Bro. Wicker. Under such flattering conditions he decided to accept the position, and since that time he has acceptably filled it. In 1894 Bro. Wicker married Miss Mabel L. Sweeney, a graduate of the Geneseo Normal school, who had been under his instruction at East Bloomfield. His wife is now teaching with him in the school. They hope to go abroad during the summer of 1897 and spend three years in the schools of France and Germany. Mrs. Wicker will give special attention to music, while Bro. Wicker will delve into economics and sociology. Although a hard worker ever since leaving college the true spirit of Theta Delta Chi still burns deep in Bro.

Wicker's breast. He has the promise of a successful career, and will yet win a name in the teaching world. Note the change in catalogue address from Canandaigua to Victor, N. Y.

A. M. Edwards, Eta, '80, is in the employ of Sheldon & Co., and has recently changed his quarters. He is now located at 364 Washington street, Boston, Mass. Catalogue should be corrected to correspond.

Henry H. Baker, Jr., Mu Deuteron, '93, was born in Hyannis, Mass., May 24, 1871. He is a graduate of the Barnstable and Springfield High schools. After two years in Amherst College he studied law in the Boston University Law School, in the office of Hon. Geo. A. King at Boston, and Edward A. Baker, Esq., at Springfield, Mass. Was admitted to the Springfield bar June 27, 1893, on motion of ex-Gov. Robinson, (Lizzie Borden's counsel,) one of the examiners. He has since practiced law at Hyannis, Mass. For three years he has been on the list of "stump" speakers employed by the Republican State Central Committee of Massachusetts. His first political speech was made when only 17 years old. In the campaigns of '92 and '93 he was the youngest "stump" speaker in the state. He delivered the oration at the soldiers' monument, Centreville, Mass., last Memorial Day, which made him the youngest Memorial Day orator in the state. He delivered an oration July 30, 1895, "Grand Army Day" at the Yarmouth camp ground before a very large audience, in behalf of the Sons of Veterans. His services are constantly in demand throughout Barnstable county on public and patriotic occasions. At the last election he was chosen special commissioner for Barnstable county.

E. S. Carman, Zeta, '58. Bro. Carman has for many years been editor of the *Rural New Yorker*. He has spent most of his life in originating new plants. His potatoes—Carman No. 1, Rural New Yorker and Carman No. 3—are everywhere regarded as the most valuable varieties ever produced. Two other varieties will be introduced next year. One has not yet been named; the other will be called Carman's Peachblow. A dozen hybrid wheats and hybrids between rye and wheat which originated with him are now on the market. He was the first to cross rye and wheat. He was also the first to cross the Japan *Rugosa* rose, *Rosa rugosa*. One of these, named Agnes Emily Carman, was introduced four or five years ago. It has proven to be as hardy as any variety known. The foliage is remarkable for the great size and thickness of the leaflets. The flowers are the color of Gen. Jacqueminot. Bro. Carman has never introduced any of his productions. His reward has been in originating them. They have been introduced by several leading seedsmen and nurserymen, and he has had no pecuniary interest in their sale.

John H. Cuntz, Delta, '86, is taking a post-graduate course at Yale this year, in political economy, with special reference to perfecting himself in literary work. Bro. Cuntz was graduated at Stevens' Institute, and has

the degrees of C. E. and M. E. He has already done much expert work in mechanical engineering, and is destined to make his mark in the engineering field.

Wm. C. Hawley, Delta, '86, has lately been appointed superintendent of the water works in Atlantic City, N. J., and enters upon the duties of his new position Feb. 20th.

Walter J. Towne., Delta, '95, is assistant engineer on the New York State canals, with headquarters at Syracuse. His appointment was through civil service examination, and he obtained the highest marks of any applicant.

Rev. Wallace B. Lucas, D. D., Psi, '66, the former efficient superintendent of mission work of the western half of the Synod of New York and something of a traveller in the Holy Land and on the Pacific coast, has returned to his first love, the Presbyterian church of Meridian, N. Y., of which he was pastor from 1869 to 1887. He has supplied the church with great acceptance since October, 1894, and the congregation are now moving in the matter of securing him again as a settled pastor. This is one of the few flourishing rural churches in the state. It has a membership of 264, all but 97 of which have been received within the last ten years. Forty-four have been received since Dr. Lucas' return.

Alexander H. Sherrerd, Phi, '70, is now permanently located with Baeder, Adamson & Co., glue manufacturers of Philadelphia, Pa. He is chemist in their works at Port Richmond. His residence is 4014 Spruce street, Philadelphia. Correction should be made in the catalogue.

Rev. H. Martin Kellogg, Omicron Deuterou, '73, is acceptably filling the pastorate of the Congregational church at Wolcott, Conn. He is evidently satisfied with his surroundings, as he has recently declined a call to the Montville Congregational church. Bro. Kellogg is improperly located in catalogue. Change address as above noted.

Arthur Watson, Zeta, '70, has been elected president of the Continental Steamboat Co., which controls the summer traffic in Narragansett bay.

Walter Kimball, Zeta, '94, has been elected secretary of the Providence Art Club.

James R. Craighead, Iota Deuterou, '95, is teaching in the Lansingburg, N. Y., academy.

John A. Sampson, Iota Deuterou, '95, is attending Johns Hopkins medical school.

Geo. W. Hunter, Jr., Iota Deuterou, '95, is assistant in Biology at Williams College.

Millard P. Millspaugh, Iota Deuterou, '95, is teaching in Mt. Pleasant Military Academy at Sing Sing, N. Y.

John H. Peck, Iota Deuteron, '95, is attending the Harvard Law School.

Charles D. Tenney, Omicron Deuteron, '78, many years ago went to China in the interest of the Mission Board. Some ten years since he became a tutor in Li Hung Chang's household. He served in this and other capacities under Lord Li until recently. A cable dispatch of Jan. 18 says that he is to become the head of the first Chinese university about to be established in Tien Tsin on the European model.

Hon. H. W. Cory, Kappa, '67, who is extensively known throughout the western country, was elected president of the Northwestern Curling Association at their last annual meeting in Duluth.

Frank W. Wilder, Kappa, '80, is treasurer of the Vermont Loan and Trust Company, of Grand Forks, North Dakota. He is married and prospering. A daughter was born to the happy pair on January 9th last.

Rev. C. B. Perry, Zeta, '67, is located at Johnstown, N. Y., as rector of St. John's Episcopal church. He entered upon his duties January 12. For the last three years previous he was located at Schroon Lake, N. Y.

Samuel Cole Fairley, Mu Deuteron, '92, taught one year at Sharon, Conn. Since that time he has been instructor in Latin and Greek at the Granger Place School, Canandaigua, N. Y. In subscribing for the SHIELD this year Bro. Fairley writes: "I always enjoyed reading the SHIELD while in college, but since graduating have failed to subscribe, I don't know why. While at home recently I read one of my brother's and decided to take it myself."

Arthur S. Cooley, Mu Deuteron, '91, is in his fourth year in the Harvard Graduate School and is a candidate for the degree of Ph. D. in classical philology at the next commencement. Address, 34 Bigelow street, Cambridgeport, Mass., until July 1st, 1896.

Robert S. Woodworth, '91, Mu Deuteron, has resigned his position as instructor in mathematics in Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, and entered upon a course of advanced study in philosophy at Harvard. Address, 157 Mt. Auburn street, Cambridge.

H. H. Whitaker, Mu Deuteron, '90, is studying history at Harvard. Address, 18 Hollis, Cambridge.

J. L. Chamberlain, Mu Deuteron, '89, is taking a year of graduate work in classics and pedagogy in Harvard Graduate School. Address, 84 Wendell street, Cambridge, Mass.

F. C. Babbitt, Iota, '90, received the degree of Ph. D. in classics in June, 1895 and is at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Greece, this year.

William B. Perry, Mu Deuteron, '92, and M. T. Baldwin, Mu Deuteron, '93, are in the Harvard Law School, the latter in his third and last year. Address, 10 Mellen street, Cambridge, Mass.

Seward D. Allen, Psi, '70, was recently nominated for mayor of Duluth, Minn., by the Republican city convention. The political pot boils well for Theta Delta Chi, and we trust our brother will be as successful as was the governor of New Jersey.

John M. W. Farnham, M. D., Mu Deuteron, '91, in a recent examination for the Massachusetts Medical Society (?) stood second among thirty. Address at Newton Center, Mass.

H. K. Stiles, M. D., Mu Deuteron, '91, has finished a service of about eighteen months at the Carney Hospital, South Boston, and will soon hang out his sign. Address at Newtonville, Mass.

Emory Warren Lane, Lambda, '82, is proprietor of the Waltham Church Organ Factory, Waltham, Mass. He is the builder of some of the finest organs in the country, among which might be mentioned those in the Park Congregational church, of Worcester, Mass.; Baptist church, of Adams, Mass., and Congregational church, of Franklin, Mass. Others very recently built by his factory are in the Methodist church, York Village, Me.; Universalist church, Derby Line, Vt.; Congregational church, Freeport, Me.; Baptist church, Braintree, Mass.; Episcopal church, Ashton, R. I.; Baptist church, Houlton, Me., etc. At the present time he is building a very large organ for the First Presbyterian church of Newport, R. I. Pipe organ building is Bro. Lane's life work, and any readers of the SHIELD interested in the subject would do well to correspond with him. Bro. Lane is married, has one child, a daughter, and lives at 55 Weston street, Waltham, Mass.

Prof. N. Archibald Shaw, Jr., Psi, '82, was elected corresponding secretary of the "Patria Club," at Sherry's, New York, on January 10th.

Fred H. Patterson, Pi Deuteron, 90, and G. M. S. Schulz, Pi Deuteron, '92, have opened offices for the general practice of law at 31 and 33 Pine street, New York, under the firm name and style of Patterson, Schulz & Faucett.

Hon. S. F. Nixon, Psi, '81, was made chairman of the New York State Republican caucus of assemblymen held at the assembly chamber at Albany on December 31, 1895, without a dissenting voice. He was also named for the assembly caucus committee for the session.

D. M. Cole, Eta, '88, is teaching in the science department of the Westfield High School, at Westfield, Mass. Bro. Cole and a friend spent the summer of 1895 in a wheel trip through Europe. Landing at Glasgow, Scotland, on July 8th, they re-embarked for America from Southampton on August 24th. In the meantime they wheeled through Scotland, England, France, Germany, Switzerland and Holland, covering by bicycle alone 1,883 miles. The first even month scored just 1,511 miles. They carried American wheels with them and made no mistake in so doing.

Luther G. Paul, Mu Deuteron, '93, is in the Harvard Medical School. Address, Newton Center, Mass.

Wilbert F. Gilman, Lambda, '92, is junior partner in the firm of Gilman & Son, Springfield, Vt., manufacturers of lathes for shoe lasts and hat blocks. Bro. Gilman was married October 12, 1892, to Miss Nettie A. McKinnon, a member of Eta chapter of Alpha Phi. The SHIELD has recorded many marriages between the two societies and knows of more which are to take place in the future. If it keeps on a reunion of Lambda will not be complete unless the Eta of Alpha Phi joins in. What a delightful time a joint banquet of married graduates would be. Let the good work go on.

Lawrence T. Cole, Gamma Deuteron, '92, who finished his theological course in New York last summer, is doing special work in philosophy at the University of Michigan.

Henry Quinan, Epsilon Deuteron, '97, is now at the University of California, where he is manager of one of the base ball teams, and is likely to make the first glee club.

H. George Field, Gamma Deuteron, '93, is engaged in a very successful business in Detroit, Mich. He is a member of the firm of Field & Hinchman, consulting electrical and mechanical engineers.

F. F. Van Tuyl, Gamma Deuteron, '95, holds a responsible position with a consulting electrical engineer in Detroit, Mich.

Frank Briscoe, Gamma Deuteron, '95, is at present studying music in Berlin.

H. M. Cox, Gamma Deuteron, '95, is with the Denver Engineering Co., Denver, Col.

C. T. Snow, Lambda, '91, has recently leased the Kissingen Spring at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. The products of the spring are Kissingen Water and Kissingen Ginger Ale. Any Theta Delt who visits Saratoga will be cordially welcomed at the Kissingen office, opposite the Washington street entrance of the Grand Union Hotel, and filled to the brim with fluid that does not intoxicate.

John C. Mason, Psi, '86, was, at the last general election held in the city of Johnstown, N. Y., where he resides, elected recorder on the Republican ticket.

Newcomb B. Thompson, Theta, '84, is agent of the American Sugar Refining Co. at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Wm. E. Hills, Xi, '81, studied law with the firm of Tracy, Boardman & Platt. After being admitted to the bar he formed a partnership with Mr. Wm. P. Martin, under firm name of Martin & Hills, offices in the Equitable building, 120 Broadway, New York. Bro. Hills resides at 57 West 10th street.

Isaac Eckert, Phi, '78, of Reading, Pa., was recently elected president of the Farmers' Bank. The following extract from a Reading paper is of interest: Mr. Eckert, the newly elected president is about 35 years old, a son of the late Henry S. Eckert and a grandson of Isaac Eckert, both of whom were presidents of this bank. The late Isaac Eckert was president of the Farmers' Bank for nearly 40 years and continued to hold the office up to the date of his death, being the oldest bank president in continuous service in the United States. He was succeeded by his son, Henry S., who ably and successfully conducted the affairs of the bank until he died, when his brother, George B. Eckert, was elected to fill the vacancy. Ill health induced George B. to resign, when Mr. Arnold was elected in his stead. The new president comes to the office well equipped for the duties. He has been a director of the bank for some time, the head of its finance committee, and has had a large experience in business matters. He is executor of his father's estate, owner of the Topton furnace and has been closely identified with successful business enterprises since he attained his majority.

I. P. Pardee, Phi, '74, is president of the Hazleton National Bank of Hazleton, Pa. Frank Pardee, Phi, '79, is vice-president, and Dr. H. B. Cassellbury, Phi, '80, is one of the directors. Any Theta Delt can borrow money at this bank if he gives good security. At least the editor thinks they ought to loan it, for it is certainly a Theta Delt bank.

Rev. Robert C. Bryant, Phi, '91, is pastor of the Floral Avenue Presbyterian church in Binghamton, N. Y. Bro. Bryant was married July 3d, 1895, to Miss Margaret Tims of Binghamton. In September he had a narrow escape from death. A careless young scapegrace fooling with a revolver which went off—same old story—the bullet grazed Bro. Bryant's head, making a gash several inches long. The inclination was all that saved him. He has fully recovered and is doing splendid work in his chosen profession. His residence address is 181 West End avenue, where he will be glad to welcome any of the brothers to a happy home.

Ernest N. Bullock, Gamma Deuteron, '94, is doing double duty. He is choirmaster and teacher of Latin in the Belmont School at Belmont, Mass., and at the same time studying for the ministry at the Cambridge Episcopal Seminary.

Harlow E. Bundy, Psi, '77, is one of the most active and enterprising citizens of Binghamton, N. Y. He is treasurer and general manager of the Bundy Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of the celebrated Bundy automatic time recording clocks. These recorders are in use in nearly every country under the sun, and have an especially large sale in Great Britain. Bro. Bundy was born in Auburn, N. Y., in 1856. He was educated in the Auburn schools and was graduated from the High School at that place in 1873. He then entered Hamilton College, and after graduating went to Oneonta where he took up the study

of law with his uncle, Lewis L. Bundy, the famous criminal lawyer. After his admission to the bar in 1878, he formed a partnership with his uncle which lasted until the latter's death in 1885. In 1883 he was appointed assistant clerk of the state assembly, serving under Clerk Walter H. Bunn. While in Albany, he became intimately acquainted with Dan Lamont and Grover Cleveland, and when Cleveland became president for the first term, Mr. Bundy was appointed postmaster of Oneonta. He held this office until 1889, when he came to this city and organized the Bundy Manufacturing Company. Mr. Bundy has always been an active Democrat. He is married and has three lovely children, two girls and one baby boy.

William B. Shober, Nu Deuteron, '85, is instructor in organic chemistry at Lehigh University. The Philadelphia *Press* of recent date contains the following: Dr. W. B. Shober, of Lehigh University, is translating for Macmillan & Co. Dr. Ludwig Gattermann's work on Organic Chemistry, entitled *Die Praxis des Organischen Chemikers*. Prof. Remsen, in the *American Chemical Journal*, referring to the German edition of the work, says: "This is a thoroughly practical book, written by one who is a skilled experimenter and who has had much experience in teaching organic chemistry to students in one of the busiest laboratories of the world. (Heidelberg.) It differs from the much-used *Anleitung* of Emil Fischer and that of S. Levy in that it contains directions for carrying out the different kinds of operations that are necessary in organic work, such as crystallization, sublimation, distillation, extraction, drying, filtration, heating under pressure, determination of melting points and of boiling-points. These operations are described in detail and many valuable "tricks of the trade" are presented in a thoroughly clear manner. Under the head of analytical methods are given in detail the methods in use in the best laboratories.

Samuel W. Mendum, Kappa, '85, has recently been elected chairman of the board of visitors of Tufts College for the year 1896. He is also president of the Citizens Municipal Union of Boston.

Frederick D. Lyon, Kappa, '92, is now a senior in the Harvard Medical School. He is taking a full four years course and will graduate this spring.

Rev. Arthur W. Grose, Kappa, '91, is pastor of the Stoughton, Mass., Universalist church. This church has obtained considerable notoriety through the article of Rev. W. B. Hale in the January *Forum* on "Church Amusements." It need only be said that the reference to Bro. Grose's church gives a very false impression. Some thoughtless young people said one or two things which were simply in bad taste, and Mr. Hale eagerly seizes upon this opportunity to bring the church into disrepute. Bro. Grose's church has for 151 years been the leading church in Stoughton and its character needs no vindication.

J. V. W. Reynders, Jr., Delta, '86, has for some years been engineer of the bridge and construction department of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, located at Steelton, Pa. He has charge of all their bridge building. His reputation as an expert authority on bridge construction is rapidly rising. The SHIELD predicts that his fame will one day become national. Bro. Reynders was married in October, '95, and resides in Harrisburg.

Rev. J. G. Robinson, Xi, '91, has charge of a Mission Parish in South Boston, under the auspices of the Boston Episcopal Missionary Society.

Frank D. Edgell, Mu Deuteron, '93, is instructor in Mathematics and Gymnastics in the Blair Presbyterian Academy at Blairstown, N. J.

Eugene Vanderpool, Delta, '66, resides in Newark, N. J. The catalogue address is a misprint and should be corrected. At one time Bro. Vanderpool was president of one of the Newark gas companies, but recently they were all consolidated. Now he is connected with the consolidated company and is regarded as one of the best gas experts in the country.

James Spencer Moore, Zeta, '94, is attending the Harvard Medical school.

Walter H. Ross, Mu Deuteron, '93, after graduating from Amherst, taught for a time in the high school at Springfield, Mass. He is now studying medicine and attending Bellevue Hospital Medical College. He was recently elected president of the class of '98.

Rev. Leroy F. Baker, Beta, '73, is rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Harrisburg, Pa. He was chaplain of the Pennsylvania senate in 1892. He was a delegate to the General Episcopal Convention of 1892, held at Baltimore, and also to the one held at Minneapolis in 1895. Here he was a member of the committee on expenses.

E. L. Hallman, Omicron Deuteron, '80, resides at Rogersford, Pa., and is a lawyer. He was admitted to the bar in 1881 and has been a hard worker ever since. His office is in Norristown, where he is a member of the firm of Hallman, Place & Hendricks. He has been president of the board of education for three years and in September last was elected president of Schissler College, at Norristown. He is president of several corporations and counsel for many others and closely identified with the business interests of Norristown. Bro. Hallman has a summer cottage at Mascoma Lake, in New Hampshire, only sixteen miles from Dartmouth, where he spends July and August each year.

C. W. Curtis, Beta, '88, for several years the great hustler of the Theta Delt camp in Washington, has removed to Rochester to engage in business. We have received no particulars and assume that Bro. Curtis must be very busy, as during his Washington life he was a frequent contributor to the SHIELD. We hope to give further news later. Bro. Curtis resides at 21 Avenue B, Vick Park.

W. G. Reynolds, M. D., Mu Deuteron, '90, is senior assistant surgeon at the hospital for the ruptured and crippled, in New York city.

W. M. Stockbridge, Beta, '88, now resides at 133 W street, N. W. Catalogues should be corrected to correspond.

James T. Howes, Beta, '88, resigned his position with the Caledonian Insurance Company, in New York City, January 1st and returned to Utica, N. Y. The constant confinement undermined his health and outdoor life became a necessity. He is now traveling as special agent for the Fire Association of Philadelphia. His territory covers New York state.

Rufus S. Green, Psi, '67, resigned the presidency of Elmira College January 1st, and removed to New York city to become president of an investment company. His office is Room 15, eleventh floor, 100 Broadway. His family will remain in Elmira till midsummer.

Rev. Alex M. Rich, Xi, '85, is assistant minister of Trinity P. E. church, 3d and C streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. He is living at 220 Indiana avenue.

Dr. John B. Huber, Psi, '87, was physician to Coroner Hoeber. He tendered his resignation January 29th, owing to personal reasons. The coroner made some misstatements which the doctor could not stand and his resignation was made in self-defence.

D. G. Hearne, Nu Deuteron, '90, is located in Wheeling, W. Va., as assistant to the superintendent of the steel department of the Riverside Iron Works. Last year he was in Steubenville, O., as superintendent of the blast furnace department of the same company. His present address is No 60 14th street. His brother, J. G. Hearne, is also with the same company in the tube department.

A. C. McLachlan, Psi, '81, is a school institute conductor, connected with the New York State Department of Instruction. There are only four conductors in the state.

William H. Chapman, Kappa, '90, one of the leading undertakers of Everett, died at his home on Oakes street, that city, on Sunday morning, of consumption, after a long and lingering illness. A short time before Christmas he went to Atlanta, Ga., for his health, but remained there only four days, when, finding that he was getting worse, he left for the north, arriving at his home only last Thursday. Mr. Chapman was only about twenty-eight years of age, but had become one of the most popular citizens of Everett. He was a graduate of Tufts College, studied law in the office of Dudley P. Bailey, entered the Boston law school but did not graduate, and shortly afterward entered upon the undertaking business. At the time of his death he was a member of the school board and of the board of water commissioners, and he was also one of the commissioners on the new Ferry street schoolhouse. He leaves a widow and one child.

In Memoriam.

FRANK C. BURRINGTON.

KAPPA, '91.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in his infinite love and wisdom to call to himself our beloved brother, FRANK C. BURRINGTON, and,

WHEREAS, Kappa charge of $\Theta \Delta X$ has in his death lost one of its most valued brothers and one whose love for the fraternity has commanded the admiration and esteem of all ; be it

Resolved. That, while humbly submitting to the decree of Almighty God, we as a brotherhood do deeply mourn our loss and extend our most heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends ; and be it

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to his family and to the SHIELD for publication.

For the Kappa charge of Theta Delta Chi.

JOHN W. KNOWLTON,
FRED E. TOWN,
IRA R. KENT.

REV. JAMES EASTWOOD.

KAPPA, '60.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom and love hath pleased to call to himself our beloved brother, JAMES EASTWOOD, be it

Resolved. That we the members of Kappa charge of Theta Delta Chi, while humbly bowing to the will of God, hereby declare our sorrow at the loss of one who was bound to us by the closest ties.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of the departed brother, to each of the charges, and to the SHIELD for publication.

For the Kappa charge of Theta Delta Chi.

CHARLES G. JORDAN,
ROLLIN B. SANFORD,
EDWARD D. JOHNSON.

WILLIAM HENRY CHAPMAN.

KAPPA, '90.

Since it has been the will of God to call from this world our beloved brother, WM. HENRY CHAPMAN, we cannot but bow to the decree of a wisdom above our own ; but we desire to express our heartfelt sense of bereavement, and to extend our sympathy to those by whom our brother was held dear.

For the Kappa charge of Theta Delta Chi.

GUY C. PIERCE,
ALARIC B. START,
SAM P. CAPEN.

Editorial.

It is distasteful to harp upon the ups and downs of the SHIELD, but it is necessary in opening the new volume to make a few remarks explanatory of a new system which we have adopted and shall rigidly adhere to in future. It ought not to be so, but the fact remains that there are some of the brothers who will permit the editor to send the SHIELD one year, two years, yes forever, if he would, without ever deigning to reply to bills. Heretofore we have placed confidence in everybody, feeling that sometime the money would be forthcoming. But each year we have had to cross off names, pocketing a loss of one hundred dollars or more every time. In this way we not only lose the money but also the cost of the journal and postage. Every year by hard work and much solicitation we secure some new subscribers, but the result is not a gain, as more old ones are taken off than new ones added. Under the stimulus of the free catalogue collections were better last year than ever before, still the names dropped exceed the additions. There is a little of the old Adam in us, and we do not relish the idea of doing all the work for nothing when so much of it is absorbed by unappreciative readers. We would much prefer to feel that every copy sent out brought a return. There are many good, faithful brothers who have always paid promptly, and would as quickly pay five dollars as two, if necessary to maintain the SHIELD. Now this move is not made with any reference to those who have been faithful, but unfortunately the good men always have to suffer with the bad. We can not make a rule without adhering to it, and we trust the faithful ones will forgive us—because in self-defence we are driven to it. Hereafter he who gets the SHIELD must pay for it in advance, the same as he does for his *Century* or *Harper's*, and no man will receive it who has not paid for it, and the same rule will apply to undergraduates. Instead of making out bills, a

printed notice of expiration has already been sent to every subscriber, and in the event of no response being received this is the last SHIELD he will receive till he pays up. This method saves the severe burden of writing so many bills, and also a considerable outlay of postage. We will in this way know at the beginning of the year how much money we have at our disposal and the journal will be regulated so as to come within the sum received. No extra copies will be printed for delinquents, and in this way a material sum will be saved in first cost. Do not take offense at this innovation. It is not just to expect the editor to do it all and pay the bill. As proof of the necessity we give the results of our labors in opening the volume. One thousand circulars were sent out to graduates who were not subscribers. From these 30 new subscriptions have thus far been received. Forty-eight names have been dropped from the roll of those from one to three years in arrears. Fifty-nine new subscribers were received last year on the strength of the catalogue. Of this number only 16 have thus far renewed. From all the information we can gather all fraternity journals experience the same difficulty in a greater degree even than the SHIELD. That is no excuse, however, for Theta Deltas to be delinquent. It does seem that the small sum of two dollars can be set aside for the support of the fraternity and its periodical without a great amount of self-denial. Arguments are useless. These are our own sentiments, and on that line we will conduct the SHIELD, and if it can not be successfully operated we will retire from the business and let some one else get a taste of hard work and no pay. With this sombre introduction we enter upon the duties of a new and eventful year, and promise this to be our last sermon on this text. If you don't come to the point the SHIELD will—go to the rear.

HARDLY a number of any fraternity journal appears without an editorial on chapter letters, either of complaint because of inattention or directions about writing on one side of the paper and so on. The SHIELD has had little to say, feeling

that if the charges did not have sufficient interest to write them they could be spared. Our thoughts have been turned in a new direction lately, and now we have a word to say. We never realized what the charge letters meant to the alumni, and we doubt if the charges have ever realized it. The alumnus looks for the letter from his own charge, hoping to learn from it something about his alma mater. A score or more have recently expressed their deep sense of disappointment when they fail to find a letter from their charge. We will not mention what an important factor these letters are in retaining our graduate subscribers. We wish to call the attention of the charges to the vital interest which their letters have to themselves. Every charge sooner or later desires to call upon their graduate members for some kind of assistance. Suppose their charge letters have been neglected. The graduate has become disgusted because he never finds a letter from his charge in the SHIELD, and he loses his deep interest in their welfare. When an appeal comes he throws it aside without consideration. We urge upon the charges the importance of keeping in closest touch with their graduates. In no way can this be as easily accomplished as by having an interesting letter in every number of the SHIELD. The best correspondent should be selected, and he should take pride in writing a creditable letter. It should contain any pertinent news about the college which would be of interest to the alumni—any proper charge news is also desirable—a little athletics perhaps is not amiss, but the graduates do not care so much for such news as for other matters. We hope every charge will consider this question very carefully and urge upon their SHIELD editor to make a great effort to produce a better average of letters for this volume than ever before. There is room for much improvement. Let this semi-centennial year's volume be resplendent with superior charge letters.

NORMAN H. HACKETT of Gamma Deuteron seems to be having about the best time of any Theta Delt we have met lately. He is a favorite member of Mme. Rhea's company

and has visited many places where charges are located. In every place the charges turn out en masse to greet him. He writes glowing accounts of his reception by Theta Deltas everywhere. He is so full of good cheer himself that he inspires the boys with enthusiasm, beside gathering fresh supplies himself. He has made many very warm friends, and we imagine that he has left pleasant memories in many places. Certainly this is so in Elmira. His two visits did us much good. Bro. Hackett is certainly an honor to the stage, and proves that an actor can be a perfect gentleman.

A HISTORY of Tufts College and the Kappa charge is now in preparation and will be published in the June SHIELD with illustrations.

THE June number will go to press May 10th, so that it may be sent out before commencement. If possible the September number will appear just as college opens, and the fourth number, which usually appears in December, will be issued November 1st, giving final and complete semi-centennial information, and a special semi-centennial number will appear in December.

SO MUCH matter of an unusual kind has been crowded into this issue that we are obliged to omit Exchange Notes and Editorial Comments. Time is a valuable commodity just now, as the semi-centennial work taxes every spare moment.

THE attention of the charges is called to the vital defect which exists in all obituary notices and resolutions which are sent to the SHIELD. Not one of them mentions the date or place of death. The date, especially, is of importance as a matter of history. Very often no other record is obtainable and the Catalogue should contain it. Will the charges hereafter be careful to give the date of death, place, and age, if possible.

IT is a notable fact that the large majority of the graduates who keep in touch with the fraternity and attend the banquets and conventions are those who are constant subscribers to the SHIELD. If, perchance, some stray wanderer happens by accident to be lured to a fraternity gathering, the first thing he does is to subscribe, and afterward his face is frequently seen where Theta Delts are wont to congregate. Who, therefore, will say that the fraternity journal is not doing a good work?

UNDER Graduate Notes may be found the pleasing intelligence that a Theta Delt, Bro. Charles D. Tenney, is to become president of the first Chinese university. This is a great honor, but Bro. Tenney has played a prominent part in Chinese history lately. No one knows just what influence he had in the war with Japan, but it was not slight, if all reports are true.

THERE is a high school in Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, called the "Howe High School." It should be called the Theta Delt high school, as it is conducted by three of Sigma Deuteron's able graduates. Guy S. Ford is principal, Theodore W. Brazeau is first assistant and George P. Hambrecht second assistant. That is no bad send-off for Sigma Deuteron. By the way, if any brother should happen to light in Grand Rapids, he can count on a good rousing welcome, as in addition to the three brothers named above, Bro. I. P. Witter, who made an extended eastern trip last year and got well loaded with Theta Delt enthusiasm, lives here also and would make it interesting for any visitor. Don't skip this Theta Delt town in your travels.

THE undergraduate charges will please note that in accordance with the new rule of advance payments, payment for the SHIELD is now due. This number is sent as usual to all, so that they may be advised of the change. A bill for charge subscriptions will be sent as soon as the present number is mailed. The customary charge is included for bound copy of

Vol. XI. Owing to delay in binding this volume has not yet been delivered, but it will be sent out in a few days, as soon as completed. It is expected that the charges will be prompt in paying for their SHIELDS. Those who are not will receive no more SHIELDS till the bill is paid. We treat everybody alike in this matter. If payment is delayed it may be difficult to secure the copies later on.

ANY one who desires to purchase a copy of Bro. Beach's book of poems entitled "Western Airs" can procure it from the editor of the SHIELD at \$1.00 per copy. Every brother should have a copy of this little book. It contains a portrait of Bro. Beach and his autograph signature.

WE have received a copy of Bro. O. S. Marden's latest work, "Architects of Fate, or Steps to Success and Power," and regret that we can not make a review for this number. It is a successor to "Pushing to the Front" and is meeting with a wonderful sale. It is a charming book and is being well received. A full review will appear in the next number.

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.]

GRAND LODGE LETTER.

The brevity of this letter should not be construed into meaning that the Grand Lodge is not busy ; on the contrary our hands are now about as full as they can well be, but the nature of our affairs is such that they have no place here.

Our first meeting was held in New York City, Feb. 14th, and at its conclusion the Grand Lodge in a body attended the Griggs dinner. To say that the reunion was a red-letter event is putting it mildly. Everybody was charmed with our governor.

The vote on the Columbian University petition has not been announced at the time of this writing, but the result will be declared the first week in March.

Owing to a press of work in preparation for the Griggs dinner the Grand Lodge stenographer has not yet made return of the convention proceedings, and so our routine work has been very much delayed. Those who have applied for copies of the convention report will therefore understand that they are not neglected. They will hear from us at the earliest possible moment.

We received several weeks ago a petition from a local society in Vermont to re-establish the old Gamma charge, but courteously declined the same. The frequency with which such requests are made, however, is decidedly complimentary.

The Chi charge received the president's official visit on Feb. 24th. It is the writer's hopeful intention to visit all the charges in person during the calendar year.

Faithfully yours,

CARL A. HARSTROM,
President.

BETA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Things are going along just as smoothly here as they were last year and Beta is still prospering.

We have just finished our Junior week, which has been one of the gayest Cornell has ever had. Theta Delta Chi was well represented at both the Junior prom. and the Sophomore cotillion, especially at the Junior where Beta had the largest and as nice a company of guests as any other fraternity. On last Thursday afternoon we gave an afternoon reception and dance to our friends, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Several of the boys went as far as Geneva with their departing friends and are now visiting the brothers in Xi charge.

Theta Delta Chi expects to be well represented in athletics this coming spring. Bros. Oddie and Grimshaw are candidates for the Freshman crew. Bros. Simpson and Walter are promising members of the track team, and Bro. Ansley is a candidate for pitcher on the nine and Bro. Briggs for the Varsity crew.

Brother Roberts, '98, left us last term and enters Leland Stanford this term. Bro. Morrison, '96, Law, is also there.

We expect to be able to go to Geneva and see Xi charge in their new house before the end of the term.

Faternally,

T. G. HUBBARD.

GAMMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Bro. Kreis, our charge editor, has been away all this week working on a boiler test, so it devolves on me to write our SHIELD letter. I was sorry not to see Gamma Deuteron's letter in the last number, and was greatly surprised when told that none had been written.

We started out this year with but thirteen members. Fortunately we are not superstitious, else we might have been greatly discouraged when we saw the hard work that was be-

fore us. We have had considerable trouble in convincing certain prejudiced parents that Theta Delta Chi is the best thing in the world for the right sort of men. But we have succeeded in getting five excellent men, three of whom we have already initiated. They are Bros. Frank V. Sackett, '98, of LaGrange, Ill.; Charles R. Morey, '99, and M. Charles Huggett, '99, of Charlotte, Mich. The other two men we will probably initiate soon.

But we have been unfortunate in losing some of our members. At Thanksgiving time Bro. Tatem, '97, lost his father, which necessitated his leaving college for the next year. Then at the end of this semester (Feb. 14,) Bro. Hyde, '97, leaves us to take up work in the Chicago Art Institute; and Bro. McGee, formerly with '92, who has been with us this year, completes his course and will start out at once into business. Thus we lose three of our older members, whose loss will be greatly felt.

We have given several informal parties in our house during this semester, which have been very successful. On the evening of Dec. 13, '95, we gave ourselves a 'birthday party.' The brothers took considerable pains to make it a success and their efforts were well repaid. Next week occurs the "Annual Prom." Bro. Williams, '96, is chairman of the invitation committee, and Bros. Hyde, '97, and Heames, '98, represent us on two other committees. Several of us have invited young ladies from out of town to be our guests for a few days at that time, and we expect to make it a very pleasant occasion.

Bro. F. J. Sexton, Zeta, '93, is with us again this year and will coach the 'Varsity base ball team in the spring. He has won a name for himself and much merited praise both here and throughout the west for his work with the team last season, and the coming season bids fair to eclipse the last.

Bro. W. F. Holmes, '96, played right half-back and quarter-back on the 'Varsity eleven this fall, and was instrumental in winning many of its games. He has recently been elected captain of the 'Varsity base ball team for the coming year.

Bro. R. H. Sutphen, '97, is one of the soloists of the Glee Club.

Bro. G. M. Cox, '98, played end on his class eleven this fall. They won the inter-class championship.

Yours fraternally,

HORACE H. VAN TUYL.

EPSILON DEUTERON.

YALE UNIVERSITY.

When college reopened for the second term on January 7th Epsilon Deuteron met with twenty-one brothers and at present has the same number.

Scarcely had we become fairly settled again in the regular routine, when Junior Promenade week came, which means that for three or four days old New Haven was fairly alive with pretty girls, drawn here by the gayeties which reign, day and night, during this period. As has been our custom in previous years, Epsilon Deuteron gave a reception and tea on Monday, January 20th, the day before the Prom. The parlors were beautifully decorated in myrtle, ferns and carnations, and dainty refreshments were served in the rear smoking-room, which for the nonce was cleared of all smoke. An orchestra was stationed behind a great bank of palms in the hall, and played there during the afternoon. Over two hundred and fifty called during the hours announced—from three to six o'clock—and everyone pronounced it a great success. Later in the evening, after the Prom. Concert of the Glee Club, we had a very pleasant informal dance at "36." Too soon, however, the girls had to leave, and now we are well settled for earnest work until Easter.

Athletic training for the various teams is on in earnest, and we hope for Bro. Davis, '98, (s) to make a place on the '99 or 'Varsity base-ball team, as he was on Andover last year.

Eros. Hopton (M. E.) and Jackson (Biolog.) '96, have recently received high honors in the form of Senior appointments for commencement.

We have enjoyed visits this month and last from several old grads., both of our own and other charges. We are always

delighted to see any brother, and we want to assure all Theta Delts of a hearty welcome at "36" if they are ever in town.

With best regards to all, I am,

Yours in Theta Delta Chi,

R. C. LANPHER.

ZETA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

A quiet and steadily progressive fraternity life has been the lot of Zeta charge for the past quarter: few events of note, but if anything a higher level of union and good fellowship.

Another member of the Freshman class has been taken into Zeta. He is George Davis, of Providence, the nephew of ex-Governor Davis, of Rhode Island, and was received into the charge at the first of the year.

The latest newly-developed star in short-distance sprinting at Brown is Bro. E. W. Shead, '97, who won glory for himself, to say nothing of a fine silver cup, at the Boston Athletic Association games, on Saturday, the 8th of February, where he tied the amateur record for the forty-yards novice in one heat, running the distance in four and three-fifths seconds. Bro. Shead was admitted to have had a winning chance in the forty-yards handicap, but unfortunately was forced to run five heats in succession and was too weakened to win at the finals. Bro. Charles Hull also entered in the one-mile and acquitted himself creditably for the fast pace that was set.

As is usual, on the musical clubs Zeta Thetes have been prominent. Under the instruction of Bro. Knights the glee club has attained to a high standard of excellence, being called by the press of several towns the best club sent out from Brown for some years. Bro. Stone has continued to impart instruction to the members of the banjo club. Bros. Merchant and Miner, of the junior class, have contributed to render the Symphony Society a greater favorite than ever at local social events.

Bro. Charles Low, '99, has sustained physical misfortunes that finally compelled him to return for a time to his home in

Brockton. He was exercising in the gymnasium and wrenched his knee out of joint. When it was almost well further complications set in and eventually he decided to leave college. It is hoped that he may be with his fellow Thetes by the beginning of the spring term.

The social affair of the year at Brown was the sophomore ball, which occurred February 6th in Sayles Memorial Hall. A number of the blue, black and white enjoyed the pleasures of the dance, which was conducted on a larger scale than has been customary.

A fire that threatened to consume the entire Hope College gave several Thetes a good fright for their property. It also gave the others a chance to display their valor as firemen, and as a result was confined to one section of the dormitory without injuring Thete rooms. Thetes in other dormitories generously threw open their rooms to those unhoused, who will not be able to resume their former quarters for another month.

EDW. B. MORSE.

ETA.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Eta is enjoying unbounded prosperity. The rushing season has long since passed and we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity eight new men from the freshman class, Brothers Lincoln L. Cleaves, Ralph H. Greenlaw, Philip C. Haskell, Lucien P. Libby, Waldo T. Merrill, Winford H. Smith, William P. Stockbridge and Carl V. Woodbury. We feel sure that they will prove loyal Theta Delts, and a credit not only to Eta but to the fraternity at large. They have caught the right fraternity and college spirit and are already making themselves prominent in our college organizations. Bro. Stockbridge represents us on the glee club and Brothers Haskell and Merrill on the college orchestra. Bro. Woodbury has been elected president of his class. Brothers Cleaves, Stockbridge and Smith played on the freshman football team and did good work.

Bowdoin has just experienced the most successful football

season she has ever known, and Theta Delta Chi was well represented on the team by Brothers Newbegin and Stone, '96, French, Stearns and McMillian, '97. It is our good fortune to have in our midst a phenomenal football player in the person of Bro. Stearns. No more fitting words can be said of him than the following, taken from the Lewiston (Me.) *Journal*:

"BRUNSWICK, Me., Feb. 3—(Special).—The Bowdoin football team have elected Frank Austin Stearns, '97, captain for next fall. The delay in the election has been caused by the absence of several players from college, making it impossible to get the whole eleven together since the season closed. The successor to Captain Bates is a star player and a popular young man, who will prove an efficient leader of next falls' eleven. Mr. Stearns was born in Quincy, Florida, April 13, 1876, his parents, both of whom are now dead, being Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Stearns, of Lovell, Me., who resided in Florida for many years. His uncle, M. L. Stearns, was at one time governor of Florida. Young Stearns lived in Florida until five years ago, since which time Norway, Maine, has been his home. He fitted for Bowdoin at Bridgton Academy, where he took a prominent part in athletics, although he never played football before coming to college. He was a member of his class eleven, freshman and sophomore years, and the latter year played end on the second eleven. This year he was left end on the 'Varsity eleven, and did brilliant work in each of the eight games of the season. He is a hard player, a sure tackle, and never gets hurt. His weight is 175 pounds and he stands about 5 feet 11 inches. Stearns has also made a mark as a bicycle rider, and during last season won races at Bath, Rockland, Norway, Sanford and Lewiston. At the state fair he won the half-mile race in 1:11, breaking the Maine competition record for that distance. He will keep up bicycle racing this spring and summer, and is sure of more honors in this line. He was counted on to win the Maine intercollegiate field day at Waterville last June, but a punctured tire at the start threw him out of the race. Mr. Stearns has just returned to college from a term of teaching. He is a good scholar and is much liked by all. His college fraternity is the Theta Delta Chi."

While Eta has just cause to be very proud of her football captain, she takes equal pride in introducing Bro. Robert L. Hull, '97, captain of the 'Varsity base ball team. He fitted for college at Westbrook (Me.) High School, where he took a very prominent part in athletics, and especially in base ball. It is very rare in our college history that a junior captains the 'Varsity ball team, yet Bro. Hull has shown by his two years' work on the diamond that he is eminently fitted for the position.

Bro. John H. Morse, '97, manager of the general athletic association and of the 'Varsity track team, is very busy preparing for the coming athletic exhibition and indoor field meet which is to take place shortly. The field events are new features in our annual exhibition, and under Bro. Morse's management are sure to prove a success.

Bro. Edwin E. Spear, '98, has been elected assistant manager of the football association, and Bro. Thomas C. Keohan, '97, fills the position of scorer on the base ball team.

The forty-ninth annual convention is now a thing of the past, but we who were present at the convention and banquet have not ceased to talk of the good times we had there. We were particularly impressed by meeting the older brothers of the fraternity and seeing the enthusiasm displayed and the interest taken in the advancement of Theta Delta Chi.

Just previous to the convention we received our annual visit from the Grand Lodge in the person of Deputy, Bro. Frederic E. Carter, Epsilon Deuteron, '90. His visit was one of profit and enjoyment to the whole charge. Bro. Carter has found a warm place in the hearts of the Eta men, and another visit from him would be looked forward to with the greatest pleasure.

Eta seldom receives visits from the sister charges, but it is hoped that in the coming year many of our brothers will take the opportunity to call on us, for they will be assured of a most cordial welcome.

Very fraternally yours,

CASSIUS C. WILLIAMSON.

THETA.

KENYON COLLEGE.

We at Theta are still alive, although owing to our non-appearance in the SHIELD, some charges have thought that we had disappeared from the face of this mundane sphere. However the college and we are still here, and both are in good shape. Dr. Luther has been elected to the president's chair in Kenyon, and although he has not accepted as yet, it is expected that he will in a short time.

Last term it was very doubtful whether or not Theta would be in Kenyon next year; and the other fraternities were also doubtful about their existence, but it looks now as if all will be here. We have lately initiated W. Howard Mann, '99, who is a fine fellow, and we already have men pledged for next year, so we will be on a firm footing.

Preparations are now going on for the Junior promenade, which takes place Feb. 17. Although the present Junior class is not as large as the one last year yet a fine dance is expected. A minstrel show is to be given the night after the promenade, and Bros. McAdoo and Wilson, '96, will take part.

The Mandolin Club has been organized, and Bros. McAdoo and Wilson are on it.

Bro. Redhead, '96, is vice-president of the Senior class, and Bro. Wilson, '96, is president of the College Assembly. Bro. Mann, '99, is historian of this class.

The baseball team has done some practicing, and Bro. Wilson, '96, will be on the team for the coming season.

Rev. L. C. Durr, Theta, '93, paid us a short visit in order to assist Bro. Mann, '99, in learning the mysteries of Theta Delta Chi.

Bro. Wing, '89, has gone into the insurance business at Lancaster, O., and he will be glad to insure the life of any $\theta \Delta$ for reduced rates; half-fare for clergymen.

C. WILSON BAKER.

IOTA.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

The first term of the college year has drawn to a speedy close, and the dire period of mid-year examinations, that fortnight of cramming and three-hour agonies, is a thing of the past. There is a visible relaxation throughout the university. It's the professors' turn now to burn the midnight oil and "flunk" the unfortunate.

" Now in short we must acknowledge
That the college takes its fun,
Now we frisk as in our kid-years,
For the mid-years all are done."

There is a premature odor of spring in the air, while the perennial cold in the head reminds us that winter has not lost his grip.

Iota shares the general good humor—for we have more time to idle. The club house is a bee hive—of luxurious drones. The click of the billiard ball is almost never silent, and the card-room resounds with cries of "I open," "Stand pat," etc. William the Silent, the dark shadow, is kept busy scrambling ancient eggs from dusk till dawn, and popping corks add their music to the song.

Expectation is rife for our prospective pool and billiard tournament with Kappa. Iota is confident of victory, having still two sharks in her aquarium. (Bros. Sand and Canfield).

In athletics great approbation is expressed on all sides over the quadrangular eight-oared races in the spring, and little regret that the Elis are forced to go abroad for fruit this year.

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity a new brother, S. R. Hayter, '96.

In short Harvard is happy and Theta Delts may look for a rousing welcome at Iota.

C. F. CHAMPNEY.

IOTA DEUTERON.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

At old Williams during the winter term the studious spirit is supposed to rule supreme. Our glorious outdoor life, which is one of the greatest delights of our four-years' sojourn among the Berkshire hills, gives way to the more quiet pleasures which are to be associated with a glowing fire upon the hearth and the best of good fellowship. Now the Classical Society, the Art Association, the Lyceum of Natural History, the Chemical Society, the Dramatic Club, the Debating societies have a brief supremacy over athletics, and the athlete released from his months of severe training for a few brief weeks gives himself up to the luxury of his faithful blackened briar.

Iota Deuteron has little to offer in the way of personal news. She has one new member to introduce, Bro. R. S. Chandler, '99.

Bro. Beattie, '99, has been kept out of college for a month or so by severe illness.

Bro. Dater, '96, ran in the Amherst-Williams relay race at the B. A. A. games January.

Bro. Durham, '96, has for the past few months been conducting classes in Greek at Drury High School, North Adams, in addition to his regular college duties.

The college athletic team is gradually getting into training. Bros. Dater, '96, and Putney, '96, are members of the team.

A debating league has been practically formed between Amherst, Dartmouth and Williams. We would like to see Williams represented by at least one Theta Delt.

J. M. PEAKE.

KAPPA.

TUFTS COLLEGE.

The first term of the college year is about to draw to a close. Fortunately we have not now at Tufts those barbarous, all-day, mid-year examinations, which used to leave so many well-intending college students by the road-side. We have passed that stage of our college history and have great sympathy for

any of you, our brothers, who are still confined in the claws of professors and instructors who want you to tell all you know in a few hours. To be sure we have an occasional little test, but these tests are given merely for the purpose of getting a small sample of what we do not know. Do not think that it is all bliss, however, in this pretty system of ours. On the contrary there is a continual examination going on and we are obliged to keep up to the mark the whole year 'round, and now at the close of this term we are watching with anxiety to see who of us will be the first to receive that dreaded valentine, the official notice of dishonorable discharge.

An effort has been made this winter to establish a more intimate relationship among the fraternities on College Hill by instituting a series of duplicate whist games. Each fraternity has been scheduled to play a game of twenty-four hands with every other fraternity. A very warm contest is taking place and great effort is being put forth for first position, but Kappa cannot promise you to carry off any honors on this occasion.

In the indoor meet, which was held February 1st, Bro. Pierce, '96, and Bro. Davis, '97, won great honors for themselves and for us by breaking three of the college records. Bro. Pierce now holds the record in standing high jump at 4 feet 7 1-5 inches and in the running high jump at 5 feet 6 inches. Bro. Davis holds the record in the fence vault at 6 feet 3-5 inches. Bro. Clark, '97, took third prize in the running high jump.

We take great pleasure in saying that Bro. Davis, '97, after three years of faithful training, and hard work on the field has been elected captain of the football team for next season.

We have lately added a little reading room department to our house in subscribing for a large number of the best magazines, and we find that they contribute a great deal towards making home attractive, as well as towards increasing the size of the light bill.

April 8th has been set down as graduate night at the house. We believe that this night is a very efficient means of keeping alive the interest of our graduates, not only in us, but what is far more, in Theta Delta Chi everywhere.

Kappa is enjoying one of her most prosperous and fruitful years and is rejoicing more and more in all that our beloved fraternity is offering to her.

ROLLIN B. SANFORD.

LAMBDA.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

The past few weeks have been quiet and have furnished little news. However, there has been a steady growth of interest and fraternity spirit among the brothers, both old and new.

Through the efforts of the house committee our halls are being well furnished, and Lambda will begin the social season by a "house-warming" and a reception in honor of Bro. Baldwin, '88, for whom Lambda has very high regard. Also a committee are arranging for a reception to our Alpha Phi friends and the other ladies' societies.

The "Men's Club" of the college hold their third annual banquet March 6th at the United States Hotel. Bros. Boultenhouse, Wilkins and Currier are on the committee and the banquet will be largely under the control of Lambda.

The brothers will soon begin to look for "Klatsch" invitations. This is the great social event at B. U. and Lambda always gets her share of "invites" from the co-eds.

We are looking forward with interest to the coming "Debate" with Wesleyan, in which Bro. Ruston, '99, will represent Lambda.

Bro. W. P. Odell, '80, pastor of a Methodist church in Buffalo, N. Y., has been in Boston a few weeks and preached for Bro. Pickles.

Bro. Pritchard, '77, is principal of the "Everett School" and is among the best educators of the city.

Bro. Marden, '77, is gaining much fame as an author. About a year ago his "Pushing to the Front" had an immense sale and ere this has doubtless inspired many a young man. His new book, "Architects of Fate," is now ready, and like the former is receiving the unqualified praise of public men

and educators. Every Theta Delt should read these pithy and popular products of Dr. Marden's pen.

Bro. Fall, '83, will give a course on "Roman Law" in the University next term.

Bro. Bullock, '89, recently remembered Lambda very generously.

Bro. Newell, Omicron Deuteron, '95, and Bro. Field, Iota, '91, called recently.

We shall have many improvements and additions to the college buildings next year and doubtless a good class of men for "1900," and Lambda's victory this year will aid greatly in getting good Theta Delts next year.

Lambda extends a cordial invitation to all the brothers to call at 6 Ashburton Place when in the city.

Fraternally yours,

F. M. MARSH.

MU DEUTERON.

AMHERST COLLEGE.

During the two months since our last SHIELD letter was written Mu Deuteron's career has been comparatively uneventful. We all went home to eat turkey and to gather in at short range the numerous Christmas presents we expected, and most of us preserved during the three weeks of relaxation that "pat me on the back" demeanor and optimistic view of things in general which is possible only to the man who has passed safely through the ordeal of final examinations, and whose attendance on the secular and religious functions of our college life insures him against any hint from the powers that his presence is desired "at the registrar's office on nine o'clock of the day before college opens." We all returned from the vacation, too, and have entered on the usual routine of winter term work with prospects of unusual success in all lines of fraternity activity. There seems to be every probability that the charge will not lose a man this year from any of the causes that have robbed us of beloved associates in the past.

Bro. Tyler, '97, fulfilled our expectations by receiving a

unanimous election as football captain for next year and winning for the second time the silver cup offered to the player who made the best record during the season, thus securing the trophy as his own. For a long time our weak point has been our work in speaking, but Bro. Crosby has brought us fame by demonstrating his ability as an actor and is to take a leading part in the Senior dramatics. From the work our freshmen are doing as writers and debaters we dare to hope that our '99 delegation will make up for all our past weakness in Prof. Frink's department. Three of the freshmen, Bros. Atkinson, Bullock and Lyman, have made the rank division in Latin, and Bro. Flaherty is one of the freshman platoon captains. Bro. Merriam, '97, has been elected assistant business manager of the *Student*.

During the term we have continued our usual custom of having the delegations entertain in turn Saturday nights, and the spreads have been enjoyed by all. The senior delegation is preparing to present a farce next week which promises to be especially entertaining. One informal dance has been given this term and a formal reception is being planned. Of course we have also taken part in social functions outside our own parlors, and several of the brothers are doing loyal service in representing the fraternity among the fair collegiates across the river.

Here is a brief summary of Mu Deuteron's position in college. We have two men on the glee club, one of whom, Bro. Porter, is leader. On the library monthly we are represented by Bro. Jump, editor-in-chief, and we have two men on the *Student*, beside the assistant manager, Bro. Merriam. We have one man on the 'Varsity baseball team, a man on the Freshman baseball team, and the captain and centre of the football eleven. Our representative on the athletic team is expected to win many points this spring. We have three first drawing Phi Beta Kappa men, and expect to get one more when the second drawing from '96 is announced. It is probable that we are to have three men on the commencement stage in June, beside representatives in the prize speaking contests. When there is need of an artist on the violin or 'cello they

come from the north, the south, the east and the west for our musician, Bro. Kidder, and the college orchestra "becomes as sounding brass or tinkling cymbal" without the critical supervision of Bro. Cobb. In religious circles we have numerous representatives holding prominent places in Y. M. C. A. and missionary work. When you consider that there are eleven active fraternities in Amherst you must concede that we have our share of representation in college organization.

As this is my last SHIELD letter a more personal word in regard to the scholarship of the senior delegation may be pardoned. Since '96 entered college its members have taken some fifteen prizes for excellence of work in particular branches. Of these fifteen Mu Deuteron's men have taken nine, and the nine best ones, too. One hundred and eighty of the two hundred and ten dollars awarded in many prizes for scholarship during the present senior delegation's freshman year was won by our delegation. If the old monitor system of appointing on the basis of scholarship had been continued, Mu Deuteron would have had three out of the four chosen from '96.

Bros. Porter and Merriam represented us at the Hartford reunion, and reported a glorious time. Bro. Walker, '96, recently paid us a flying visit, which we all enjoyed. Bro. Rice was up from Yale to address the college on the Day of Prayer, and we all agreed that his success in the Yale-Princeton debate, which he won for Yale has not had the effect of destroying his genial qualities as a brother. Theta Delts interested in the Armenian troubles will be glad to hear that we are very closely connected with the conflict. Bro. Barnum, '98, is the son of Dr. Barnum who has done so much to shelter the Armenians at Harpoot and whose articles in various religious papers have aroused so much attention.

With the best wishes of Mu Deuteron to the other charges I lay aside my duties as SHIELD editor, hoping that my successor may find the task of depicting the glories of Mu Deuteron as pleasant work as I have found it.

OSCAR A. BEVERSTOCK.

NU DEUTERON.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

The second term is well under way and finds Nu Deuteron in a prosperous condition. Since the last issue of the SHIELD we have initiated Bro. R. R. Hornor, '99. He is a good student, a first-rate fellow and an enthusiastic Theta Delt.

At this time of the college year matters are usually quiet, but this winter is an exception. Between the athletic association and the musical organizations, these dull winter months are being enlivened by smokers and concerts. The tendency of the charge at present is toward athletics, and even now, when the weather forbids outdoor exercises, you can find our embryo athletes amusing themselves with lively wrestling and boxing bouts, and gym. work seems to be the popular fad.

The base ball team, under the supervision of Bro. Senior, is in training, and the prospect of having a winning team this year is very good. Nu Deuteron will be represented on the team by four men.

Bro. Garver, of Phi, called on us a short time ago and we are anticipating a joint banquet with Phi, to be held sometime in March. We believe the idea to be a good one and regret that Sigma is no longer here to join us as she has in former years.

The Banjo Club is in a flourishing condition, under the efficient leadership of Bro. Pettinos. Bro. Wettlaufer is assistant manager, and Bros. Lehman, Cable and Meyers are prominent members of the club. The college expects to give a minstrel show shortly, in which Bros. Pettinos and Lehman will be the end men, and several others of the brothers will take part.

Bro. Howard, '96, who left college last year on account of sickness is with us again.

Bro. Pettinos has been elected stage manager of the "Mustard and Cheese," vice Bro. Okeson, resigned.

Bro. Post, '95, has entered the insurance business at Wilkes-Barre.

Bro. Johnston, '89, has just sailed for Russia to inspect the

armor-plate furnished for that government's war vessels by the Bethlehem Iron Company, in which company Bro Johnston is superintendent of the ordnance department.

We are fortunate in having a number of undergraduate brothers located here at present.

Bros. Johnston, '89, Morris, '91, and Heilig, '91, are with the Bethlehem Iron Company.

Bros. Shober and Ullman are instructors in the chemistry department of the University.

Bro. Luckenbach, like the poor, we have always with us.

We will close, extending not only a cordial invitation but an earnest solicitation for all Theta Delts who happen in this section of the country to visit us.

Very fraternally yours,

W. T. HUTCHINS.

XI.

HOBART COLLEGE.

Xi opens the second term of the college year under very auspicious circumstances. Everything looks favorable towards the securing of a charge house. Our graduate brothers have taken much interest in the subject, and within a month we hope to be domiciled in a large brick house, situated on the bluff overlooking Seneca lake. The situation is an extremely pleasant one; a hundred feet below the house spreads out the broad Seneca, making in its various hues a beautiful scene. It is but a few hundred yards from the college buildings, which fact also enhances its value.

During the past few months we have been favored with visits from a number of our graduate brothers. Bros. Davis, '94, and New, '95, both of whom are now teaching at St. John's, Delafield, Wisconsin, spent a few days with us during their vacation; S. Douglas Cornell, '60, J. McKinney, '84, and Brush, '92, have also called.

Bro. McKinney, Chi, '69, and Bro. Hackett, Gamma Deuteron, '98, were welcome visitors.

Bro. Slosson, '62, has gone to Colorado to spend a few weeks for his health.

Much interest is at present being shown in base ball, there being some good material in college. Xi's men are prominent, however, and will probably be present when the team is selected.

Bro. Covert, '98, was elected president of the sophomore class and Bro. Moore, '99, of the freshman class. Bro. Bliss is president of the junior class and is also leader of the glee club, and Bro. Richards has been elected paddle-orator for the class-day exercises.

Yours fraternally,

W. S. WATSON.

OMICRON DEUTERON.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

We are having an unusually pleasant winter at Dartmouth, with much to dispel the usual monotony. The inter-fraternity whist tournament for the college championship is now being played. Bro. Harris and Bro. Day represent Omicron Deuteron. The lecture association has been revived and a course of lectures provided. A course of lectures on American history will be given by ex-Senator Dawes.

Arrangements have been made for a joint debate between Williams and Dartmouth, to occur early in the spring. In preparation for this event a debating union has been formed by representatives from the fraternities, from whom the debaters will be chosen. We are represented by Bro. Harris and Bro. Poor.

Our college annual, "The Ægis," has made its appearance, edited by the class of '97.

The glee club made its usual tour during the holiday vacation. Bro. McFee is a member of the club.

A new fraternity has been established at Dartmouth, the Phi Kappa Psi. There is ample opportunity for another fraternity here and we are assured that the Phi Psi's will have a prosperous growth.

Our initiation banquet occurred December 13th. A large number of old brothers were present and a royal good time was reported by all.

The following are the new brothers : From the class of ninety-eight, J. M. Connelly, Clinton, Mass., J. P. Carney, West Gardiner, Mass.; from the class of ninety-nine, H. H. Dearborn, Milford, N. H.; J. J. Dearborn, Milford, N. H.; P. T. Drake, Rye, N. H.; J. M. French, West Lebanon, N. H.; J. W. Hobbs, Kittery, Me.; A. P. Irving, Chelsea, Mass.; E. J. Smith, Winsor, Vt., and R. G. Rowe, Brentwood, N. H.

Contests in original orations and extemporaneous debate for prizes offered by Bro. Foster and Bro. Adams of the faculty and others of the alumni are soon to occur. These contests, together with the whist tournament, will form the principal features of our meetings this term.

Bro. J. M. Boyd has returned to college after several weeks as principal of the Boscawen High School.

Bro. Boardman is tutoring during the winter at Gerlach Academy, College Point, N. Y.

Bro. Ryan is canvassing.

Bro. Simpson is vice-president of the base ball association. Bro. Edgerly is senior director.

Bro. Gary is president of the class of '98.

Bro. Snow has been elected editor of the '98 *Ægis*.

JOHN WM. MERROW.

PI DEUTERON.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

We are all happy in having passed that "Juggernaut," the mid-year exams., and we are now well entered upon the work of the second term.

The charge held its annual Christmas reunion on the evening of December 23d. It was a decided success. We have held this annual reunion for the last four or five years, and we find it an excellent thing for the charge. It is good both for the graduate and undergraduate brothers, for the undergraduate because he then sees and becomes acquainted with many of

the older graduates, and also with brothers of other charges, for these are always well represented at this reunion. It is good for the graduate, as he meets the new initiates and keeps in touch with his old charge.

There were about forty brothers present, and it is needless to say we had a good time. After the collation was served we had the pleasure of hearing a few words from Bros. Wiggin and Harter of Iota, Brookins of Chi, Dr. McIntyre of Pi Deuteron, and Eichwort of Rho Deuteron. Among those present were: Bros. McKim, Theta; Brookins, Chi; Harter, Iota; Lyman, Iota; Wiggin, Iota; Eichwort, Rho Deuteron.

The charge will be well represented at the dinner and reception tendered to the Hon. John W. Griggs, governor-elect of New Jersey, by the Theta Delta Chi Graduate Association of the city of New York. This affair promises to be one of the red-letter events of our beloved fraternity.

OSCAR WAGNER.

RHO DEUTERON.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

The Rho Deuteron charge can report very fair progress and finds itself this winter in a more flourishing condition than before. The principal news of the college is the change of name from "Columbia College" to "Columbia University," the School of Arts being called "Columbia College," as it was called long before the many departments that go to form the present university came into existence.

We are all looking forward with great pleasure to the coming banquet tendered Bro. Griggs, governor of New Jersey, at Delmonico's on the 14th. It promises to be a very brilliant affair.

The mid-year exams are all over, and the '96 delegation is congratulating itself on its escape from calamity, and the bright outlook for the future, which is very cheering, as there is only one set of exams. left.

The prospects for a winning crew next spring are bright,

and we all hope that the brilliant performance of last spring will be repeated at Poughkeepsie.

At the last meeting of the class of '96 of the School of Mines we succeeded in electing the following brothers to posts of honor in the class :

Bro. Wm. C. Uhlig, Class President.

Bro. Walter I. Slichter, Class Historian.

Bro. Paul MacGahan, Class Poet.

This is pretty nearly a clean sweep, and we felt quite elated over our victory.

PAUL MACGAHAN..

SIGMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

We are just now feeling very happy over our first semester's examination being over with, and are looking forward to easier times. What we especially anticipate now with great pleasure is the Junior promenade, with us the great social event of the year. Bros. Greenwood and Tillotson are on the committee.

On the Philomathian Sophomore debate Sigma Deuteron was represented by Bros. Nelson and Compton, each one being a closer.

In the election of the three men to represent the Philomathian Debating Society on the annual joint debate for next year, Bros. T. W. Brazeau and F. E. Compton were chosen, the former as closer.

This joint debate is the great literary event of the year, and an election is considered the very highest honor that can be bestowed on a member of the debating societies. So you can imagine we are glad to have two men on.

There is a greatly renewed interest in athletics now, as is shown by the large number of men training for the crew, the track team and the baseball team. Bro. Gregg, '98, will be catcher this year.

Not long ago we had a very pleasant visit from Bro. O. E. Clarke, Chi, '76, of Appleton, Wis. He is a member of the State Board of Regents and a very prominent man in the state.

We hope that each Theta Delt who is ever within easy reach of Madison will come and pay us a visit. Sigma Deuteron will do all in her power to make him feel repaid for it.

Fraternally yours,

E. A. STAVRUM.

TAU DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

As a result of our last election I find myself honored with the position of charge editor. My predecessor, Bro. Clifford, has left college for the present and accepted a position on the staff of the Minneapolis *Times*.

There is not much news in fraternity circles at present. We initiated another man last night, Fred. E. Andrews, '99, a good student and a fine fellow. We are making active preparation for an annual banquet, which will occur on the evening of the 21st of Feb. From present indications it will be the largest and most enthusiastic banquet we have ever held.

Immediately after the Christmas vacation occurred the election of officers for the Athletic Association. There was a hot campaign, and when the smoke of battle floated away Bro. Thomas was declared elected vice-president of the association. Bro. Savage, '97, has been distinguishing himself lately in debate, and recently has been selected as one of three debaters, against the "U" of Wisconsin. The debate will come off some time in May.

Bro. James H. Bradbury, Kappa, '79, paid us a pleasant visit the latter part of January. He is traveling with "The Railroad Ticket" this year, but declares his intention of "starring" next year. The charge "took in" the show while here, and the amusement of the evening was greatly enhanced by Bro. Bradbury who interspersed his role with "josh" for our especial benefit.

The brothers of the class of '98 extended the privileges of the charge house to their classmates the latter part of January and a very successful party resulted. The class, however, has been torn up lately by the old fight between "Frat" and

"Barb." The election for members upon the "Gopher" board occurred last week and as the non-fraternity element greatly outnumbers the "Frat" element they carried the day, and decided to freeze out the Fraternities. As a result the Fraternities are thinking of publishing an annual of their own.

Bro. E. P. Sheldon has returned from his extended trip east and brings glorious news that is of much interest to Tau Deuteron. While en route he visited many of the charges and returns with whole loads of enthusiasm. Tau Deuteron has passed through a severe siege of sickness lately. Bro. G. H. Johnston, J. W. Erf, C. Louis Weeks and H. S. Swensen have been very ill, but are all now on the road to recovery.

In closing I must say that the outlook for Tau Deuteron is bright indeed, and we extend a cordial invitation to all Theta Delt who happen in our vicinity to come and see us.

Fraternally yours,

W. D. HARTMAN.

PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

The winter term, in the midst of which we are at present, is always spoken of by the average college student as the most monotonous time in college life, but to a Theta Delt this term is not what it seems to most others, although the weather may be disagreeable outside, nevertheless this fact tends to bring the brothers in closer touch with each other and the long winter evenings are spent in a most delightful manner, as we sit and smoke our pipes before a cosy fire with an ever-increasing fondness and affection for our beloved fraternity.

According to custom this is the term for the different class banquets at Lafayette, and by the following you can readily see that Phi has not been neglected in the distribution of the honors for such occasions. The Junior "Browse" was held at the Franklin House, Feb. 7th. Bro. Bishop represented us as toastmaster, and your humble servant was on the committee of arrangements.

The Sophomore banquet is to be held in New York on Feb.

21st. Bro. Newman will respond to a toast, and Bro. Griggs is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

The Freshman banquet was held at the Trenton House, Trenton, on the evening of Jan. 20th. Bro. Lakin responded to a toast, and Bro. Bunnell was a popular man on the committee of arrangements.

Phi intends giving a smoker at her rooms on Feb. 19th for her alumni in the near vicinity, and we hope to spend a very pleasant evening together. We also cordially invite all other Theta Deltis who may find it convenient to be present with us on this occasion.

Bro. Dounton, '72, of Upsilon charge, paid Phi a short visit last week. Although a member of a defunct charge he is still a loyal Theta Delt, and we hope to see him in Easton many more times.

Bro. Lobingier, '96, has been elected class prophet for Senior class day exercises in June.

Bro. Newman, '98, has been elected to the *Lafayette* board.

Phi closes her letter, sending regards and hearty grip to all her sister charges.

Very fraternally,

RABE F. MARSH.

PSI.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

Nothing of any consequence has occurred to ruffle the calm surface of life upon this historic hillside during the past three months. The opening of the winter term found everyone in his accustomed place hard at work, except Bros. J. R. Bachman, '98, and O. A. Knox, '96.

During the first part of the term our much beloved corresponding secretary was confined to his bed by a severe attack of acute rheumatism. Our northern climate and his southern body apparently don't coalesce very easily. However, after a hard struggle of four weeks, he recovered sufficiently to enable him to return to college.

January was a gay month. The Sophomore hop occurred on the evening of the 12th. It was generally believed that no dance would be able to surpass the Junior prom. of November in brilliancy. The evening of the Sophomore was awaited, therefore, with feelings of expectancy and curiosity. The Sophomore class is noted for being nothing, if not original. All of the preceding day workmen were busily engaged in trimming the gymnasium with the customary buff and blue. The floor was crashed. The orchestra was placed behind a bank of evergreens. The deep windows with their luxurious cushions and pretty hangings furnished appropriate places for quiet tete-a-tetes. Every one felt gay and happy, and consequently every one enjoyed himself and voted the Junior prom. outdone. In accordance with the usual custom several of the fraternities gave receptions in honor of the out of town guests.

Hamilton's situation upon the brow of a lofty hill furnishes excellent coasting during the winter months; consequently coasting parties are quite the rage. The proximity of Bro. A. G. Benedict's young ladies' seminary furnishes the means to make them enjoyable.

The college faculty has lately changed its excuse rule so that it is possible now for a man to be sick one day and get an excuse. Under the old regime a student was obliged to stay away from college three days in order to get an excuse, thus losing much valuable instruction.

Recently we were pleased to greet with the warm grip of Theta Delta Chi Bro. Norman H. Hackett of Gamma Deuteron, '98. Bro. Hackett dropped in upon us one afternoon and for several hours pleasantly entertained us with a recital of his experiences as a member of Rhea's opera company. He impressed us as a loyal and hearty Theta Delt. We trust that we may see him again soon.

CARL G. CUNNINGHAM.

College Notes.

The Tau Deuteron charge held her annual banquet on Friday evening, February 21st, at the charge house.

The Epsilon Deuteron charge held a reception on Monday, January 30th, from 4 to 6 P. M. The patronesses were Mrs. Timothy Dwight, Mrs. James S. Pettet, Mrs. H. G. Thompson, Mrs. Edward V. Reynolds and Mrs. N. Albert Hooker.

There is a determined effort being made by Mayor Thacher to have Union College moved from Schenectady to Albany. Union College is part of Union University, whose law school, medical college, observatory and other departments are here. The proposed plan is to group all the departments in the western part of the city. Mayor Thacher ran on this issue alone last fall, and carrying out his preconcerted plan, has called a public meeting for Saturday night at the Albany High School to further the movement. J. Newton Fiero will preside, and it is expected that there will be a representative gathering of business men and those interested in education. A plan for legislative enactment will be formulated if matters pass off as outlined. The plan is to have the city of Albany bond herself for \$1,000,000 for the purpose of advancing education and use the money in the transfer of the college.—*Tribune*.

Within a few months a revised catalogue of the legal fraternity of Phi Delta Phi will be issued. Said order has about 4,000 members, most of whom are graduates of the twenty-two law schools of the United States and Canada. Each member of said fraternity to whom these presents shall come is hereby requested to write to the Secretary, Geo. A. Katzenberger, at Greenville, Darke county, Ohio, giving him necessary data for said catalogue.

Alpha Tau Omega has organized an alumni association in Boston.

The third annual intercollegiate debate between Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania was held at Ithaca on the evening of February 21st, in the opera house. The question discussed was: "Resolved, That the federal government should provide by public taxation for the establishment and maintenance of a national university in Washington, D. C." Pennsylvania took the affirmative; Cornell the negative. The speakers were: For Pennsylvania—Charles Lewis McKeehan, '97, of Philadelphia; William Meredith Hanna, '98, of Philadelphia, and Joseph Hume, '97, May's Landing, N. J. For Cornell—Haley Nutting Crosby, '96, of Wrightson, N. Y.; Fayette Ehle Moyer, '96, of Fort Plain, N. Y., and James Carson Dixon, '96, of New Orleans. The decision was unanimously in favor of Cornell. The debate was presided over by Lieutenant-Governor Charles L. Saxton. J. H. Cunningham, Psi, was one of the judges. Prof. Duncan Campbell Lee, of Cornell, was a prime factor in the establishment of these competitive debates and is largely responsible for Cornell's success.



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At last Psi Upsilon will enter the University of Wisconsin. The new chapter is the Rho, and will be established March 27th with 100 charter members, absorbing all the members of the local order Rho Kappa Upsilon.

The annual dinner of Bowdoin alumni was held February 15th, at the Falmouth Hotel, Portland, Me. Bro. W. W. Thomas, Jr., Eta, '60, responded to the toast "The Next Administration," and Bro. F. W. Pickard, Eta, '94, to "The Newspaper."

The alumni of Lafayette College held a reception and dinner at the Hotel Savoy, in New York, Friday evening, February 21st. Mr. David Bennett King was toastmaster. Governor John W. Griggs responded to the first toast, "Our Alma Mater." Eighty graduates were present, among them ex-president Rev. Wm. C. Cattell.

The last catalogue of Amherst College shows a larger number of students than at any time in its previous history.

Ninety-two of the Columbia courses are open to the women of Barnard College on the same terms as men.

Although there are nine fraternities at Ohio Wesleyan University, none of them occupy chapter houses.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has withdrawn her chapters from Pennsylvania College and from Cornell University.

There are five fraternities at Colgate University, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Upsilon owning their houses.

The local organization at the University of Chicago, known as the "Lion's Head" has been granted a charter by Alpha Delta Phi.

There are eleven fraternities at Northwestern University and nine sororities. This number includes the departments of medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, law and oratory, as well as the main college of liberal arts.

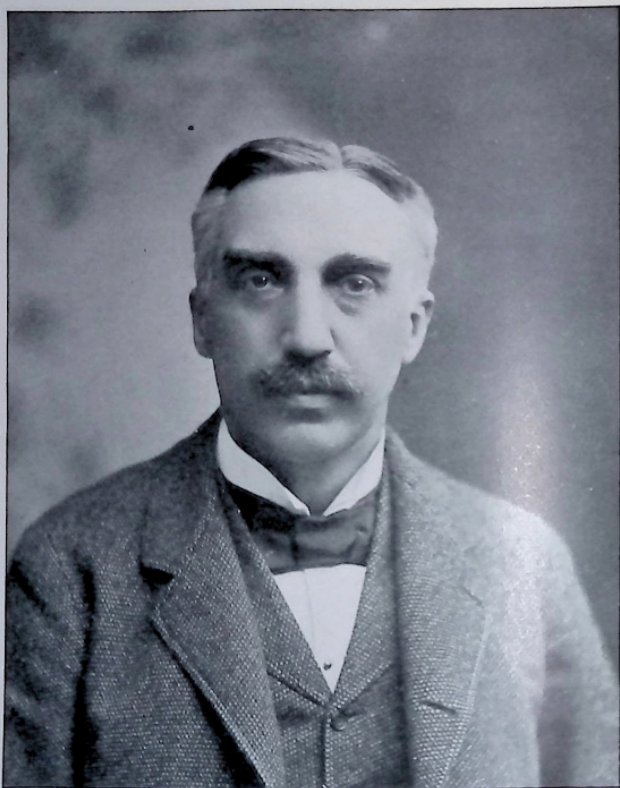
The alumni of Amherst College held their annual dinner at the Cooley House, in Springfield, Mass., February 21st. President Gates announced the creation of a fund for a special course of lectures. Chauncey N. Depew will deliver the first lecture.

By a recent vote of the trustees Columbia becomes a university in name as well as fact. The School of Arts retains the name Columbia College, the Departments of Instruction and Research, under that corporation, will be called Columbia University.

The New York and Pennsylvania chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon held a district convention in New York February 21st, at No. 2 East 42d street. In the evening they gave a banquet at Clark's, in 23d street. Postmaster General W. L. Wilson, the supreme archon of the fraternity, was present.

A new society has been formed at Northwestern University. It is called "Deru," its motto is "college spirit," and it has for an emblem a Roman gold ring marked with the skull and cross-bones. Members of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, D. K. E., Delta Upsilon and Phi Kappa Sigma are on the list.





JAMES R. MELLON, "Pi, '65.

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