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THE COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Paris is the great educational center of France ; Berlin stands in the same relation to Germany ; and the signs of the times all indicate that Washington is to become the great educational center of the United States. Three universities are already located at the capital : The Columbian University, the Catholic University, which is a purely graduate school, and Georgetown University, the oldest, also a Catholic institution. Three more universities are projected, which are to be open to graduates of colleges only ; and work has already begun on the first building of the American University, in which the Methodists of the country are specially interested. The Episcopalians are maturing plans for the erection of a great cathedral which is to be the center around which it is their intention to locate the buildings of still another university. They, like the projectors of the American University, already own a large tract of land here, amply sufficient for their purposes. Finally, there is the long expected National University. The bill to create such an institution has only recently received a favorable majority report from the House committee to which it had been referred. The recent renewal of the discussion concerning the establishment of *this university* would seem to indicate a growth of favor toward it. All these institutions, established and projected, indicate an appreciation of the advantages to be derived by locating an educational institution at the seat of the national government, especially a graduate school.

Columbian was early on the field. Like Harvard, Yale, and

Princeton, Columbian "owes its origin to the zeal of a Christian Denomination for an educated ministry. Early in the year 1817, the Rev. Luther Rice, a returned missionary from India, conceived the idea of founding a college in the city of Washington for the education of 'gospel ministers' in the special service of the Baptist denomination. Around this School of Theology he projected Schools of Classical Culture, of Science, and of Philosophy which should be entirely unsectarian in their aims."

In 1819 an association was formed for the purpose of purchasing 46½ acres of land immediately adjoining the city of Washington, "with the understanding that it should be held for the use of an educational establishment under the direction of the General Convention. They paid \$7,000 for the land, and among the contributors to this sum are found the names of John Quincy Adams, William H. Crawford, and John C. Calhoun (members at that time of President Monroe's cabinet), together with thirty-two members of Congress, and many among the leading citizens of Washington."

The charter was granted in February, 1821, during the presidency of James Monroe. The first building was completed in 1822, and the college was launched, bearing the hearty good wishes of President Monroe and the members of his cabinet, who recognized the national character of the institution, its unsectarian spirit, and the university range of its proposed studies.

"The first Commencement of the College was held on the 15th day of December, 1824, the president of the United States, the Secretaries of State, of War, and of the Navy, leading members from both houses of Congress, and General Lafayette being present at the exercises."

Like most educational institutions, Columbia has passed through many struggles for existence. Yet through them all there has been a steady growth. Especially during the last decade the University has been making rapid strides. The severest trial was the civil war.

"At the outbreak of the war the number of students in attendance was greater than at any previous period, but most

of them soon left, and shortly afterward the College buildings were occupied by the Government for hospital purposes. The College exercises, however, were not suspended, and the few students who continued in attendance received able instruction in the class rooms."

Under the administration of the late President James Clarke Welling, LL. D., great improvements were made. In 1873, two years after President Welling's administration began, Congress passed a supplemental act of incorporation in which the name was changed from the Columbian College to the Columbian University; and Dr. Welling's efforts made it what its name indicates.

"In 1879 it was decided to remove all departments of the University into the heart of Washington, and in 1884 the present University building, at the corner of Fifteenth and H streets, was occupied by the Academic, Law and Scientific Schools of the University." As the Law and Scientific departments meet at night, until the recent large increase of students, the building has answered its purpose very well, since it is in many respects an ideal building, and admirably adapted to its uses. It is situated only one block from the massive Treasury Department; two blocks and a half from the White House, and three from the State, War and Navy building. After reaching the State, War and Navy building, a walk of three more blocks brings one to the beautiful new Corcoran Gallery of Art. Standing on the steps of the University building, you can see the top of the tall white shaft of the Washington monument rising above the dull gray of the Treasury Department. Three of the principal car lines of the city are almost at the University's door. Thus the University is truly in the very heart of the city. At the inauguration of President B. L. Whitman, last November, six thousand people thronged the largest hall in the city to do honor to old Columbian. It was an occasion engrafted in the memory of every one present, never to be forgotten. The students of the University, from all departments, were there in a body. On the platform, besides the officers and speakers of the evening, were many distinguished men of national reputation in the fields of

letters, science and government, as well as the officers and trustees of the University, and last, but not least, a hundred and twenty-five or thirty of the combined faculties of all departments of the University. When it could get a chance in the intervals of speaking and cheering, the Marine Band delighted the assemblage with its fine music. But when the cheering was on, the band might as well have been in Jericho, so far as being heard by the assemblage was concerned.

The speakers of the evening were Dr. Greene, the out-going acting President of the University; Dr. Strong, President of Rochester Theological Seminary; Dr. Patton, President of Princeton University, and Dr. Whitman, who delivered his inaugural address. When the presiding officer introduced him and he appeared at the front of the platform, a very pandemonium of cheers and applause raged for several minutes. He is an ideal speaker. His presence is imposing and his voice is truly wonderful in its depth, richness and power. He was the only speaker whose every word, from beginning to end, was distinctly heard in all parts of the immense hall. This was accomplished, too, without any appearance of effort. His style was clear, terse and striking, and the oration a masterpiece of thought. When he had finished, every one in the hall realized that Columbian had great reason to rejoice over her new president. The occasion was of special importance, also, in arousing university spirit.

Columbian is not great in the number of buildings at her command, or in the amount of her endowment; but she is truly great in the character of the work done by her large body of students under the direction of her correspondingly large faculty. Her magnitude in these respects is too little, however. The total enrollment for this year is 1,036. The faculty, including a very few non-resident lecturers, numbers one hundred and fifty. The University's plant is valued at \$1,000,000. No other university does so great a work with so little money. There are seven departments of the University: a preparatory school, called the Columbian Academy, which is in a commodious building of its own on H street, not far from the central University building; the College, with full





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classical and scientific courses, open to both sexes; the Corcoran Scientific School, also open to both sexes; the Dental School; the Medical School; the Law School, and the Graduate School. The Dental and Medical schools occupy a building of their own on H street, a short distance from the Academy.

It would be very difficult to excel the libraries open to the student in Washington. Within a five or six minutes' walk from the main University building, any one of fourteen different libraries may be reached, mostly governmental, in which a total of 235,000 volumes may be found. If no one of these libraries contains the books he is seeking, the student can, within a five or ten minutes' car ride from his previous starting point, reach any one of eight other governmental libraries, which contain altogether 254,000 more volumes. But if the student is still not satisfied, he has but to take a fifteen minutes' ride on the street cars from Columbia University to obtain access to half a dozen other libraries, in which there is a total of 1,042,000 volumes; a grand total indeed. All told, there are fully 1,600,000 volumes accessible to the student investigator. Within one block of Columbia is the newly started public library. There is certainly no lack of books. One great point about the library facilities is that they are all, with one notable exception, the Congressional Library, special or technical libraries. All these libraries and all the many fine collections and museums here do not, of course, cost the universities one cent for their keeping, though their use is open to all.

The oldest existing departments of the University are the College and the Academy. The Medical school ranks next in age, and has done a great work here. It has long ranked high, and of recent years its graduates have carried off the honors in competitive examinations for government appointments. Its course of four years' length is alone sufficient to indicate the character of the school. Four years of hard study effectually prevents quacks and impostors from graduating, those people who possess the form of medical knowledge but not the substance thereof. The Dental school was organized in 1887, and is in excellent repute. Its course is three years.

It has seventeen professors and unusual facilities. The Medical school has thirty professors and assistants.

Of our Law school we are all justly proud; first of all, because it is the oldest and largest law school in the District of Columbia; secondly, because of its four years' course, three for LL. B. and one additional for LL. M.; and last, but by no means least, because of its faculty. It is worth a great deal to sit under the teaching of such masters of the law as Justice Harlan and Justice Brewer of the Supreme Court of the United States; and they are both active workers on the Columbian Law School faculty. Two associate justices of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia are also on the faculty. The Hon. Benjamin Butterworth, formerly Commissioner of Patents, is the Professor of Patent Law; and, with one exception, the other members of the faculty of twelve are prominent members of the District bar, eminent in their specialties. Columbian's was the first law school in the country to establish a graduate course leading to the degree of Master of Laws. There are various quiz clubs and an excellent debating society connected with it.

In 1884 the Scientific school was endowed by Mr. William W. Corcoran, who had already, on more than one occasion, shown his good will to the University by generous gifts. Its faculty contains many men connected with the government who have international reputations in their various specialties. The school is doing excellent work and growing from year to year.

The last great achievement under the presidency of Dr. Welling was the establishment of the Graduate school, in which definite attempts are made to add to the existing stock of knowledge by means of original research. The professors now number thirty-two, and the number of courses has been increased and strengthened. The first year there were twenty-four students enrolled as candidates for degrees; the second year, thirty-eight; the third, this year, forty-three. Thirty-three have already received degrees from the school, as a result of the first two years of the school's work.

Another thing which has been most gratifying to the officers

and teachers of the school is the mature character of the students who have entered ; some of them hold eminent positions and are already men of no small attainments. For instance, on the registry book one can find such names as the librarian of the Patent Office, the librarian of the Weather Bureau, several clergymen of the city, and mathematicians of the Nautical Almanac office. Last year the Assistant Secretary of the Interior was enrolled as a candidate for the Master's degree; and he is now a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Ability to read French and German fluently, determined by sight translations in an examination, two years' residence at the University in the study of one major and two collateral minor subjects, satisfactory examinations, an acceptable thesis which shall embody the results of original research and prove an actual contribution to knowledge, and a defence of this thesis before a board of experts, are all required of the candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, who must already be the possessor of a Master's degree.

Mention has already been made of the recent large increase of students. Instead of receiving almost all of our students from Washington, they are now beginning to come to us from various parts of the country. This has created a demand for dormitories. President Whitman has given assurance that this demand will be met for the opening of next session.

The late President Welling had one ambition for the University unsatisfied when he died. He hoped soon to organize a school of Comparative Jurisprudence, which should be the crowning glory of his work. Those at the head of the affairs of Columbia are bearing this in mind, and when opportunity arrives such a school will be organized.

No sketch of the University, however brief, would be complete without at least a mention of the strong Alumni Association, whose enthusiastic meetings are largely attended.

The University is not conveniently situated for athletics, but last year a foot-ball team was put into the field, and just now our base-ball team is doing very creditable work. We expect athletics to be more prominent from now on, as President Whitman is a firm believer in them.

With this scholastic year The Columbian Call came into existence as the University's news sheet. It received a warm welcome and has come to stay.

Columbian stands for the highest things in educational matters. The great labor of laying the foundation has been done, and the superstructure is already well under way. It only remains for the completion of this for Columbian to enter upon the career so clearly before her and to acquire both the national reputation already her due and the international renown so easily within her possibilities.

EDWARD A. PLAYTER.

THE SOUTHERN GRADUATE ASSOCIATION.

So long as youth is bright and joyous, and memory sits enthroned, so long will men continue to live over again the happy experiences of college days. Whatever of real happiness is appropriated to ourselves in the formative period of life, this becomes an immortal memory, revivifying, regenerating, and strengthening into inspiration as we grow older, standing in sharp contrast to the cold matter of fact realities of life and imparting its flavor of sweetness to existence. But few methods of crystallizing tender sympathies and high ideals into character, are richer in effect than the graduate associations of college fraternities, and we think no college fraternity finds in the sweet fellowship of its fraternal ties so substantial a continuation and profitable use of these ties as Theta Delta Chi. The Southern Graduate Association is perhaps the youngest of all such associations of the fraternity, and therefore needs and claims the sympathy, encouragement and tender regard of the brethren. On the 14th day of December, 1896, it will have reached its tenth birthday. Well do we remember the night of its birth. Brother Calbraith B. Perry, an Episcopal clergyman, then a resident of Baltimore, had been over to Washington in company with Bro. A. M. Rich; and as is usual with





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visiting Theta Delts, they had hunted up the "boys." We had the pleasure of meeting them at that time, as did also Bros. Tom Rogers, Charlie Wright, and very likely many others. Bro. Perry's call was coupled with a most cordial invitation to meet him with other neighboring Theta Delts at his rooms. 226 N. Eutaw St., in Baltimore. Anyone who has had the pleasure of personally knowing Bro. Perry, knows that his cordiality is simply irresistible, and so it proved in this case, for on the evening of the 14th of December, 1886, Bros. Tom Rogers, Charlie Wright and the writer met on the train on the way to Baltimore and proceeded in company to Bro. Perry's rooms. Representatives were present from Washington, D. C., Delaware and Maryland. The meeting was an informal and delightful one, having in view the formation of an interstate association of the graduate members of the fraternity in Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and Delaware.

A temporary organization was effected and the following officers chosen: President, Dr. Wm. A. McKnew, Xi, '62, No. 1401 Linden Ave., Baltimore; Secretary, Alex. M. Rich, Xi, '85, Reistertown, Md. An executive committee was appointed consisting of Rev. C. B. Perry, Zeta, '67, Baltimore; George E. Boynton, Zeta, '70, Baltimore; Thomas E. Rogers, Sigma, '66, Washington, and Edward W. Byrn, Sigma, '70, Washington.

An exhaustive discussion of the merits and possibilities of the movement ensued, and the general consensus of opinion tended toward a belief in the success of the project.

While an interchange of views was in progress, Bro. Perry ordered in creams, ices and bonbons, after which Bro. Rich opened up two large boxes of cigarettes, exquisitely gotten up in black, white and blue satin cases, each case bearing the mystic emblems and the date, "December 14th." They were sent by the late Wm. S. Kimball, a Theta Delt manufacturer of cigarettes in Rochester, N. Y. The meeting was honored with the presence of Bro. Jack Curtis, Sigma, '65, then President of the Grand Lodge, and besides those already named we remember Bros. J. R. Stifler, Sigma, '86, J. H. Foss, Xi, '87, R. T. Coursey, Sigma, '86, O. P. Baldwin, Nu, '73, and Chas.

E. Cassell, Sigma, '70, to the chronicles of whose newspaper we are indebted for much of the data of this first meeting. Various impromptu speeches were made, and so much enthusiasm was stirred up within us that we parted that night fully determined to carry the project to its consummation. Bros. Rogers and Wright have doubtless a lively recollection of the return to Washington, for when we arrived at home in that city the street cars had ceased to run, and Bro. Rogers was compelled to walk a long distance to his home in Le Droit Park, while Bro. Wright footed it a little further to Mount Pleasant. We are not sure that their knees were in good condition for walking, but can testify to the fact that neither one of their names was found in the police court records the next morning.

The movement initiated in Bro. Perry's rooms in Baltimore rapidly extended itself, as every good cause does, and two months later the committee appointed had arranged for a reunion banquet, believing this to be the best method of bringing out the boys and polishing up their fraternity affections. The record of this first banquet of the Southern Graduate Association has been preserved in the columns of Bro. Cassell's newspaper, from which we make the following extracts :

“THE FIRST BANQUET.

“On Friday evening, February 18th, 1887, the graduate members of the Greek letter college fraternity, Theta Delta Chi, who have organized a Maryland and District of Columbia Association, with visiting brethren, held their first banquet at Willard's Hotel, Washington.

“Twenty-one sat down to the table that was a model of the florists' and epicurean's art ; button-hole bouquets and elegant menu cards were by the side of each cover and several handsome floral designs ornamented the table. Owing to the enforced absence of the president. Dr. McKnew, Rev. C. B. Perry presided, with Col. John Hay upon his right and Hon. E. O. Graves upon his left.

The only business of the evening was the enacting of the role of good fellowship, and this was carried through after a

lively and general debate, spiced with several Theta Delt songs and many good speeches. Brother Wm. S. Kimball again remembered the brethren, having forwarded a goodly package of cigarettes, in satin cases, black, white and blue, and bearing the emblems together with the date and place of the banquet.

Letters and telegrams were read from Wm. M. Coleman, of Prince George's county; Rev. G. W. Smith, president of Trinity College; Hon. Willis S. Paine, of Albany, N. Y.; Wm. L. Stone, of Jersey City; Hon. Daniel Lockwood, Buffalo, N. Y.; T. H. Lee, New York; Maj. Innes Randolph, of Baltimore; Mayor Wm. Lamb, of Norfolk, and others.

In the following list will be found the names of all present:

From Washington, Hon. E. O. Graves, Hon. H. J. Spooner, Col. John Hay, Chas. R. Wright, Ed. W. Byrn, Dr. R. A. King, Wm. M. Stockbridge and F. C. Roach.

From Baltimore: Rev. C. B. Perry, O. P. Baldwin of the *Sun*, G. E. Boynton and J. H. Foss.

Dr. John Curtis, of Wilmington, Del., president of the Grand Lodge; W. Jas. Dale, Pa.; A. J. Harbaugh, of Midvale, Pa.; Dr. Gordon T. Atkinson, Crisfield; J. Royston Stifler, of Belair; Dr. Jas. Ward Scott, of Darlington; Alex. M. Rich, of Reisterstown; Chas. G. Biggs of the *Herald and Torch*, Hagerstown, and Chas. E. Cassell of *The Catoclin Clarion*, Mechanictown, Md.

The above represent Cornell University, Brown University, University of Virginia, Hobart College and Dickinson College.

The committee previously appointed, composed of Brothers McKnew, Rich, Boynton, Perry, Rogers and Byrn was re-elected, and it was decided that we should hold an annual banquet and reunion alternately in Washington and Baltimore. The most notable of these were the *first*, held Feb. 18, 1887, at Willard's Hotel in Washington; the *third*, held March 4, 1889, at Wormleys in Washington; the *sixth*, at Willard's in Washington, Feb. 26, 1892; the *ninth*, Feb. 21, 1895, at the rooms of the Down Town Club in Washington, and the *tenth* at the Shoreham in Washington, March 26, 1896, at which latter occasion the Southern Graduate Association entertained the brethren of the new Chi Deuteron charge of Columbian

University at Washington, of which fuller account is given elsewhere. One of the most pleasing and profitable features of the Southern Graduate Association is its frequently repeated symposia or "Dutch treats," in which swallow-tailed coats and formalities are left at home. It is a plan adopted by the boys (many of whom wear gray hair or none at all). We have postal card invitations printed and whenever the spirit moves the secretary, he sends them out to all Theta Delts closely accessible, and with a notice rarely exceeding twenty-four hours summons them to these informal meets, where the feast of reason and flow of soul is supplemented with something for the stomach's sake. These are very enjoyable occasions, and do far more to perpetuate the graduate association than do the more formal banquets at longer intervals. The fact is that these little gatherings have made nearly all of the Southern Theta Delts to know each other personally, and recurring as often as they do, the boys are not given a chance to drift away from each other. It is astonishing how many good fellows we find in the world that we wish we had known before. It is the mistake of most men to be too backward and negative in friendly offices; for although at heart one may be a good fellow, still too many of us have somehow or other a disposition to stand aloof. In the stern realities of life there are many conditions of ill health or misfortune that bear down upon us with such an imperious power that make it impossible to smile and be joyous or companionable, but diffidence, a morbid sensitiveness, and a distrust at being not well received too often cheat us of what would otherwise be a rich and generously accorded friendship. Let us then be positive and aggressive in our friendships, remembering that he who would have friends must *first show himself friendly*. It seems strange that we should so assiduously cultivate potatoes and turnips, but let our friendships materialize only by chance, or environment, or perhaps not at all. Why should we not cultivate friends just as sedulously as we do turnips? This cultivation of friendships is one of the cardinal principles of Theta Delta Chi, and the Southern Graduate Association is moulding it into the realities of its life.





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The territory from which the Southern Graduate Association is chiefly recruited includes the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. Of these several sections, the District of Columbia musters 49 Theta Delts, Maryland 35, Virginia 31, and Delaware 11. To this number must be added last year's crop of Theta Delts, which is not yet reported. A few out of the numbers given are still at college, but most of them are graduates.

There is one name we would like to mention, for it belongs to one who deserves honorable mention among Theta Delts as an enthusiastic worker for her interests, and a most genial and worthy brother. We refer to Brother C. W. Curtis, popularly known in Washington as "Will" Curtis. For a number of years he was the zealous secretary of the Southern Graduate Association, was the father of the "Dutch treat" recreations, which have become so popular, and with his fiddle, his songs, his never ending vivacity and good humor, he has made a place for himself in the hearts of the Southern Graduate Association that will never be obliterated.

As often happens in the course of human events, Brother Curtis found it desirable to change his abode last fall, and moved from Washington, which is rightly his home, to Rochester, N. Y., where he has taken a responsible place in the Sill Stove Works. It was with great regret to the Southern Graduate Association that the change was made, for Brother Curtis had grown up in Washington, and although a young man had so endeared himself to his friends there, that his departure was attended with the genuine and heartfelt regret of the whole community. He deserves a happy and prosperous life, and with a well equipped mind and a genial temperament hedged about with the domestic happiness which a most estimable wife and charming baby afford, he will be sure to have it.

We cannot close the article on the Southern Graduate Association without mentioning some of the "Fathers in Israel." There are quite a good many of them, but we wish especially to do honor to Brother Tom Rogers and Brother Sterrett. For an upright, downright, broad-souled, big-hearted friend and

brother, commend me and every other Theta Delt to Tom Rogers, whose jolly beaming face and short rotund figure is expected and seen at all Theta Delt gatherings. Tom can't make a speech—at least he says he can't and won't try, but oh! how we wish there were some others like him. We have designated him as one of the Fathers, but we should have said grandfather; for although a very young-looking grandfather, yet he can't deny the charge. Notwithstanding this fact, Tom is as ardent a Theta Delt as lives in the country. He goes to see every new Theta Delt that comes to town, is always ready with a helping hand, and enjoys the fellowship of the brethren wherever found. For many years he has occupied a very responsible position in the Treasury Department at Washington as Superintendent of the National Bank Redemption Agency, and in this connection as illustrating the principles of Theta Delta Chi, we wish to chronicle a fact. For many years preceding him in this office, the position was held by Hon. E. O. Graves, and these two men were associated for sometime in the office together, and so devoted to the business of "Uncle Sam," that it was quite a little while before they found out that they were brothers in Theta Delta Chi. This fact, once developed, was the basis of much closer and more pleasant relations, and when Brother Graves resigned his office, what more natural than to have Brother Rogers succeed him? Let every Theta Delt who comes to Washington run in to see Tom Rogers.

And now for Brother Sterrett, we propose to do him up brown, or rather "black and blue," for he has much to answer for. More than any other he is responsible for the Chi Deuteron charge. Besides this Brother Sterrett has three Theta Delt sons of his own, two in the Chi Deuteron charge, and one in the Omega. It is sufficient to say that Brother Sterrett is the king-pin of the Southern Graduate Association, the idol of the Chi Deuteron charge, and a man whom the fraternity may well be proud of. A clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal faith, broad-minded and liberal, and withal a boon companion for young or old, he enters with zest into the sports of the young, as heartily as into the philosophical communion of the old. Brother Sterrett is an author, and an authority on philo-

sophical subjects, and for a number of years has ably filled the chair of Philosophy in the Columbian University. The new charge is particularly fortunate in the possession of such a Mentor. Brother Sterrett is another Theta Delt that you must meet when you come to Washington.

The Southern Graduate Association earnestly recommended the establishment of the Chi Deuteron charge at Washington, and, realizing that this fact has had considerable weight in determining the brethren to a favorable consideration of the question, wish to make their acknowledgements to the fraternity for their acceptance of our recommendation, and to assure them of our continued interest in the matter. There is no doubt that the two organizations in Washington, of the graduates and undergraduates, will exercise a mutually beneficial influence, and as time reveals the result of the decision we feel sure that the wisdom of the same will become more and more apparent.

E. W. BYRN.

THE CHI DEUTERON CHARGE.

The first move in the direction of establishing a charge at Columbian University dates from 1892. In that year James Macbride Sterrett, Jr., Henry Rogers Pyne, George Roscoe Davis and several others petitioned for the establishment of a charge. This petition, although considered in convention, was not approved by the Grand Lodge. In June, 1894, Sterrett went to Rochester, and was there initiated by the Chi charge, at the request of his father, but his sad and untimely death for a time put a stop to all negotiations. In the meantime, our enthusiastic Brother Sterrett, senior, continued to foster plans and urge upon the fraternity the desirability of the establishment of a charge at Columbian, the move being now rather a monument to the memory of his first born son.

At the opening of the present college year a new petition was made and submitted to the Grand Lodge. This petition

contained the names of Pyne and Davis, who had remained faithful and constant, while the other petitioners had joined other fraternities. Added to this petition were the names of all the other initiates as they appear in the subsequent list. At this time the Southern Graduate Association took hold of the matter, and it was presented not only to the convention of 1895 with great enthusiasm by the Rev. Dr. Sterrett and Rev. A. M. Rich, but also to the various charges. President Harsstrom spent a week in Washington, as the guest of the Southern Graduate Association, examining carefully the institution and candidates. Later on the editor of the SHIELD, as the invited guest of Dr. Sterrett, spent a delightful week looking over the University and becoming acquainted with the would-be Theta Deltas. It was also the occasion of a very pleasant visit with many brothers of the Southern Graduate Association who were old chums in college days. The recommendations based upon these visits, together with the wishes of the old alumni composing the Southern Graduate Association were so powerful with all the charges that their consent was speedily obtained for the establishment of the Chi Deuteron charge.

On Thursday, March 26, at 5 p. m., there gathered at the rooms of the coming charge, No. 1509 H St., N. W., which had been previously selected and furnished by the Southern Graduate Association, a band of faithful Theta Deltas to witness the ceremonial initiation and establishment of the Chi Deuteron charge. The embassy appointed to conduct this initiation was Rev. James Macbride Sterrett, Thomas E. Rogers and Clay W. Holmes. Upon their invitation President Harsstrom, assisted by Emory M. Wilson, Thomas E. Rogers and S. J. Gass initiated the following candidates :

1893—Henry Rogers Pyne.

1895—George Roscoe Davis.

1896—Edward Alfred Playter.

1897—Edmund Kemper Broadus, Joseph Finckel, Victor Louis Mason.

1898—Elliott Johnstone Dent.

1899—Fauntleroy Barnes, George Wadsworth Gordon, Donald Calvert Fugitt, Stanton Canfield Peelle, Henry Hatch Dent Sterrett, Robert Sterrett.

After the initiation ceremony the charge was duly constituted and the charter delivered by the president of the Grand Lodge, and upon his request Clay W. Holmes instructed the new charge as to the method of conducting their meetings and their relationship to the fraternity at large, followed by Bro. Sterrett with some fatherly advice. As this is the first southern charge established in the present generation, it seemed fitting that some connecting feature should be established between the old line and the new. The president of the Grand Lodge loaned to the Chi Deuteron charge a Bible found in the archives which had formerly been the property of the Nu charge. On the front leaf of this Bible was inscribed the name P. H. Ward, by his pastor, James E. Dunlap. Little is known of the history of this Bible except that it had been the property of the charge during its existence, and was delivered with its archives to the Grand Lodge.

Officers were then elected and the meeting adjourned.

It is not often that a charge is able to secure such rooms as Chi Deuteron possesses. Nominally the Southern Graduate Association secured and furnished them, but those who saw the antics of our zealous father in Israel—J. Macbride Sterrett—as he walked and bicycled all over Washington to find a suitable place for a charge home to shelter his boys, would know where to place the largest portion of this credit. The rooms are pleasantly located at 1509 H street, N. W., within half a block of the University, and in the very center of the city. The lodge rooms are on the upper floor with a cozy reception room on the floor below. The rooms were furnished plainly but in good taste by the committee of the Southern Graduate Association, Bro. Sterrett and Tom Rogers being the chief actors.

As to other fraternities in the University, the Epsilon chapter of Sigma Chi was established in 1864 with eight charter members. It died out in 1880 and was revived in 1892. It confines itself strictly to the Academic department and has an active membership of six.

Phi Kappa Psi entered the University in 1869 and now has a membership of sixteen. It exists in the Law and Medical departments.

Kappa Alpha entered in 1894 with twelve members and now has eighteen, composed of thirteen law students, four scientific and one academic.

Phi Delta Phi exists in the Law department with about twenty members.

The Sorority Pi Beta Phi entered the University in 1889 and now has a membership of thirteen.

The Chi Deuteron charge is composed of twelve academic and one scientific, and is pledged to exist only in the regular Academic department. (By academic we mean college classical.)

The following brief biographical sketch of each of the initiates is given as a matter of future history rather than present information :

HENRY ROGERS PYNE was born at Hamilton, New York. His family moved first to Eastport, Maine, and thence to Wiscasset in the same state, where his father was rector of a parish for twelve years. His grandfather was rector of Calvary parish in New York, and then of St. John's in Washington from 1846 to 1865.

Mr. Pyne took the examination for Bowdoin College in '89, but in the same year came to Washington, D. C., and entered Columbian University, whence he graduated valedictorian of his class in '93. At the same time he took a medal in Greek and one in Latin. In 1892 he was appointed instructor in Greek in the University Preparatory School ; in the same year he was also appointed instructor in Greek and Latin in the Corcoran Scientific School. In '94 he took his A. M. in Columbian, and is now studying for his Ph. D. He was one of those who tried to enter Theta Delta Chi in '92.

EDWARD ALFRED PLAYTER was born at Butler Center, Iowa, October 12th, 1870. His father is a native of England, where the family line can be traced back into the 15th century. On his mother's side Bro. Playter is descended from the mate of the Mayflower. He attended the Iowa public schools until the age of eleven, when, having picked up a working knowledge of telegraphy, for fifteen months he had entire charge of

the telegraph office at the railroad station of which his father was agent.

In 1883 his family removed to Washington, D. C., where he again entered the public schools. He graduated from the High School in '90. During the next two years he was employed in the Census office, part of the time as a section chief in the Population Division. In the fall of '92 he resigned his situation in the Census office and entered Columbian College as a candidate for the degree of A. B. In '95 he won the Gore prize for excellence in parliamentary law in the Enosinian Society of the College. The faculty have recently elected him valedictorian of his class, '96. He was president of his class for over three years.

HENRY HATCH DENT STERRETT, third son of J. Macbride and Adlunia Dent Sterrett, was born January 25th, 1880, at Coudersport, Pennsylvania. He attended the Shattuck Military School, Faribault, Minnesota, for two years and the Columbian Preparatory School for two years, graduating at the latter in June, 1894, and taking the second Webster and Depew gold medal for declamation at the commencement. He entered the Freshman class, classical course, in Columbian University September, 1894.

VICTOR LOUIS MASON was born in Washington, D. C., December 9th, 1870. He was educated in the public schools of that city, including the Washington High School. Entered the Corcoran Scientific School in the scholastic year 1893-94, and is a member of the class of '97.

He is the confidential clerk and stenographer of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification, U. S. Army, an advisory board to the Secretary of War created by special act of congress, and has held this position for the past five years directly under the late Lieutenant-General Commanding the Army, General J. M. Schofield, and now under Major-General Nelson A. Miles, presidents of the board.

Mr. Mason has written short newspaper articles of a technical character; also a serial article for the Isaac Pitman (English) *Phonetic Journal*. In the February number of the *Century Magazine*, 1895, he has an article entitled "New Weapons of

the Army," and in the April, '96, number of the same magazine he has an article entitled "The Four Lincoln Conspiracies." He is also editor for the scientific school on the staff of the *Columbian Call*.

JOSEPH FINCKEL, eighth son of George K. and Sophie L. Finckel, of Maryland and New York respectively, was born January 27, 1874, at Washington, D. C., where, at the age of seven, he entered the first grade of the public schools, graduating in June, 1893, from the High School, president, without an opposing candidate, of a class numbering one hundred and eighty-three. In September, '95, he entered the Sophomore class at Columbian University to pursue the course leading to the degree of B. S.

At the age of thirteen Brother Finckel undertook the study of the violin, providing himself with a competent professor at his own expense. He has practiced daily up to the present time, and now, and for some years past, has used his music in a professional way.

STANTON C. PELLE, the only son of Judge and Mrs. S. J. Pelle, was born at Indianapolis, Indiana, July 4th, 1880. In 1881 his family removed to Washington, D. C., where they lived during his father's terms as member of congress. They then returned to Indianapolis, where Brother Pelle spent three years in a private school, and a year and a half in the Indianapolis public schools. Upon the appointment of his father as Judge of the Court of Claims the family again moved to Washington, and Brother Pelle entered the Columbian Preparatory School. At the end of three years he graduated with the second honors of the school, receiving two medals and honorable mention. He is now a member of the Freshman class, taking an A. B. course.

GEORGE ROSCOE DAVIS, the son of Dr. Charles R. and Mrs. Hattie L. Davis, was born in Woodstock, Oxford county, Maine, May 17th, 1873. In 1885 he entered South Lancaster Academy, South Lancaster, Massachusetts, where he remained two years, graduating from the English course. In 1887 he began his preparation for college at the E. M. C. Seminary, at





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Bucksport, Maine, where he completed the four years' classical course in three years, graduating at the head of his class. The winter of '90-'91 was spent in studying medicine at the Columbian Medical College at Washington, D. C., where his parents had moved in 1889.

In the fall of '91 he entered the Freshman class of Columbian University, graduating in 1895 with the degree of A. B. In the spring of '94, at the end of his Junior year, he won the Staughton gold medal in Latin, and the Elton first prize in Greek. In 1895 he won the Ruggles prize in Mathematics. He was president of his class for the four years, and also valedictorian, having made the highest general average in his class. He is at present studying law in National University at Washington, D. C. He was one of the original petitioners to Theta Delta Chi in 1892.

EDMUND KEMPER BROADUS was born in Alexandria, August 27th, 1876. On his father's side he is descended from an old Welsh family. His mother is a niece of ex-Governor Kemper of Virginia. He went first to the Episcopal High School near Alexandria, and then went through the Columbian Preparatory School, taking the Latin medal at graduation. He entered Columbian University in '93; took special French medal in his Sophomore year; is now college editor of the University paper, the *Columbian Call*.

ELLIOT JOHNSTONE DENT was born at Brookland, Pennsylvania, November 1st, 1877. His father, William Dent is a native of Maryland, and his mother, Fanny Elliot Johnstone Dent, is a native of South Carolina. Brother Dent entered the Episcopal High School of Virginia in 1889, whence he graduated in 1895. In '92-'93 he won the Ligett Junior Prize Medal for general excellence, and in '94-'95 the Wilson Prize Medal for English composition. He entered the Sophomore class of Columbian in 1895.

DON C. FUGITT, son of Nathaniel B. Fugitt, of Huguenot ancestry, was born October 14th, 1876, at Washington, D. C., where he has lived all his life. He attended the public and high schools, and spent a year and a half at the Columbian Pre-

paratory School, entering college last fall. He was chosen captain of the college football team which did not receive a single defeat before being merged into the 'Varsity team, and ran up 106 points to its opponents 4, being scored against only once. He also played tackle on the 'Varsity team, and in consequence of his executive ability, his skill as a player, and his knowledge of the game, has been elected captain of the 'Varsity team for '96. He is also catcher on the 'Varsity baseball team.

FAUNTLEROY BARNES was born September 15th, 1878, at Washington, D. C., and is the son of the late Dr. Barnes of this city, and grandson of Surgeon-General Barnes, the founder of the Army Medical Museum, now known the world over. Brother Barnes attended the Friends Select School for a year and a half, and then entered Emerson Institute in 1880. He graduated at the head of his class, having taken, in all, thirteen medals during his course at the Institute. Entered Columbian last fall.

GEORGE W. GORDON, son of Professor Joseph C. Gordon, of Gallaudet College, was born in Washington, D. C., January 18th, 1879. He has been educated in the Washington public and high schools. While a student in the Central high school he won the Kendall scholarship to the Columbian University. This scholarship is given to the high school graduate having the highest standing in a system of marking of which three-fourths is determined by the entire record of the student at the high school, the other fourth being determined in a competitive examination. He entered Columbian last fall.

ROBERT STERRETT, second son of J. Macbride and Adlumia Dent Sterrett, was born June 29th, 1878, at Coudersport, Pennsylvania. Attended the Shattuck Military School, Faribault, Minnesota, two years, the Columbian Preparatory School two years, and Cheltenham Academy one year. Entered the freshman class in Columbian, September, 1896.

THE SOUTHERN GRADUATE BANQUET.

The tenth annual banquet of the Southern Graduate Association was held at The Shoreham, on Thursday evening, March 26th. After the completion of the Chi Deuteron ceremonies the brothers all repaired to the Shoreham, escorting the newly initiated members, who were the guests of the evening. An informal reception was held in the parlors for half an hour, and officers of the association were elected for the ensuing year. The list as elected appears in the usual place in this number. At 8:30 forty brothers formed in line and proceeded to the banquet hall, President Harstrom and the Hon. John Hay taking the lead. A very elegant menu was served and much enjoyed. Hon. James McLachlan, Psi, '78, a representative from California in the present congress, officiated as toastmaster. Before calling upon the speakers of the evening the toastmaster said that it had been thirty years since he had been present at so large a gathering of Theta Deltas, as soon after graduating from college he went to the Pacific coast, and since that date California had been his home. In very happy fashion he expressed his satisfaction at being present and his thanks for the honor of being chosen to preside at such a banquet.

The following toasts were presented :

The Grand Lodge—President Harstrom.

Southern Graduate Association—Rufus King.

The Poet of Theta Delta Chi—Hon. John Hay.

The Baby Charge—Edward A. Playter.

The Shield—Clay W. Holmes.

The Fraternity Flag—H. H. D. Sterrett.

Theta Delta Chi Clergy—Rev. J. W. Wightman.

Chi Deuteron—Victor L. Mason.

Theta Delta Chi in Other Lands—Hon. Gonzalo de Quesada.

Our Graduates—Alvaro F. Gibbens.

Theta Delta Chi Sisters—Rev. A. M. Rich.

The Omega Charge—Standing and in silence.

The absence of a stenographer prevents the record of all the speeches made.

Bro. Playter spoke as follows :

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS—I think it is only fitting that I should, before saying anything else, make acknowledgment of the debts of gratitude due from the Chi Deuteron charge.

We realize that in all probability we should not now be Theta Delt had it not been for Dr. Sterrett, whom no obstacles could retard, who was daunted by no opposition, and, from first to last, spared no efforts. To the pleasant relations of intellectual indebtedness already existing between some of us and the doctor, by means of which he has left inefaceable impressions on our minds and hearts, this new bond of obligation has been added and is gladly acknowledged. We are heartily glad to enter into this new relation with him, that of brotherhood in Theta Delta Chi, and our affection and high regard for him will ever be strong and enduring.

We wish also to acknowledge our sincere gratitude to the members of the Southern Graduate Association for their earnest support, and especially to those of their number who have given their personal effort to our cause.

Nor do we by any means forget the unstinted and hearty, and therefore weighty, words of President Harstrom in his letter to the charges on behalf of the Grand Lodge, after his visit here to personally inspect the situation. He talked to us like a Dutch uncle at that time, and we did not know whether he was going to favor us or not, but he came to believe in the situation, and his letter embodied his convictions. He already has our respect and gratitude.

Clay W. Holmes, also, the genial editor of the SHIELD, has no small share of our gratitude for his uniform and warm support of our cause. We are especially glad to have him with us to-night.

The Chi Deuteron charge has not come into existence without an effort, long and determined, and we intend to show you that we have been worth working for. As far as it is possible for the members to make it so, the Chi Deuteron charge shall be worthy of its place in the national capital. We of the charge pledge ourselves individually and collectively to that end. If we have had ambitions, they are strengthened by the fact of our entrance into this brotherhood, and our desire to become an honor to it. Whatever have been our incentives toward character, usefulness, and the manifestation of the true spirit of the brotherhood of man, they have been, and will continue to be, enlarged and broadened by the duties and obligations of brotherhood which we have taken upon ourselves in becoming Theta Delt of the Chi Deuteron charge. This idea is tritely summed up in that homely old saw, "Charity begins at home." And it is not true charity unless it does begin at home, for otherwise it is mere evanescent emotion of no genuineness or depth.

But in the midst of the rejoicing to-night there comes a soberer thought. There is one who has left us and gone to join what you so poetically call the Omega charge. I refer to Brother James Macbride Sterrett, Jr.

If he were with us he would be one of our most loyal and best members.

It was my privilege to become intimately acquainted with him, since he and I were classmates for two years. During all that time I never knew him to do or say anything in or out of the classroom that could have caused his father any uneasiness. I early learned to like him on account of his many manly qualities, and lively, attractive ways. He was my friend and I was his. He had a true Theta Delt friendship for me and I for him. He was not only a manly fellow; he was more. He was a Christian lad, for he had been confirmed at the Church of the Epiphany in this city, only the spring before he left us. He had early become imbued with his father's enthusiasm for our beloved fraternity, and had been initiated at his father's charge, the Chi. He was specially fond of mathematics and physics, and often spoke to me of his intention of taking a post-graduate course in electrical and mechanical engineering at Cornell, where he expected to affiliate with Beta charge.

In concluding this brief mention of my friend, I do not think I could say anything more in his favor than to mention the comradeship which existed between him and his father. Very soon after entering college I noticed something which both pleased and touched me, that in so far as it was possible, he and his father were the best of chums. Now I say that speaks well for both father and son; and, knowing Dr. Sterrett as I do, it is my highest tribute to his son. And I know that if it is possible for him to look down upon us to night from the Omega charge, and know what is taking place, he is rejoicing with us in our success.

I have been told more than once by Dr. Sterrett that he believed that his fraternity life did more for him than his college life apart from it. I didn't understand this at first, but as I have pondered over it from an a priori standpoint, I have come to see more than one thing which would indicate that this would generally be true. It is always profitable to help a man; and a true fraternity man gets his best opportunity for this in his fraternity. His relations with his fellows are more intimate; he becomes more catholic, less individual in the bad sense. He goes out of college better able to grapple with the world because he understands more phases of existence.

I have often said that I believed that one of the main benefits to be derived from a college life is the getting intimately acquainted with seven years of students, one's own class and the three classes above him when he enters, and the three classes below him when he graduates. As institutions become larger this becomes impossible, except through representatives, as in a fraternity. On entering, a man, if thrown into contact with the picked men from the upper classes, speedily acquires his college traditions, and understands what sort of a world he has dropped into, and has rational helps from interested fellow-students familiar with the ground. He gets an idea of what is ahead of him in the way of college life, and in the way of studies and mental attainment, and he thor-

oughly appreciates the kindly ministrations of genuine friendship. As he progresses from year to year he gradually takes upon himself the offices of helper, and all the while by this very means, keeps in touch with those below, as well as with those above him. He acquires ability to deal with men, and gets the angularities of his nature gradually effaced.

There are no friendships like college friendships, and there are no college friendships like those fostered and sustained in a Greek letter fraternity, for the vows of friendship which we have taken mean something more than merely a friendly shake of the hand. They mean help, mutual assistance, and if needs be, sacrifice for one another.

In closing, I can only repeat that we of the Chi Deuteron charge intend to spare no effort or devotion to make it worthy of its place, representing Theta Delta Chi at the capital of the nation.

After Bro. Holmes had concluded his remarks, President Sterrett called the attention of the members to the beautiful Theta Delta Chi flag which was draped on the wall, and in behalf of its donor, James R. Mellon, Pi, '65, presented the flag to the Chi Deuteron charge, calling upon Hatch Dent Sterrett to respond.

Bro. H. D. Sterrett spoke as follows :

MR. TOASTMASTER, CHAIRMAN AND BROTHERS—We of the Chi Deuteron may now call all present brothers. We are called the baby charge and babies, you know, should be treated tenderly and not have hard work thrust upon them. I feel like bewailing this hard task, but my father—now my elder brother—asks me to speak, and as I have been taught that children should obey their parents I shall try to do so.

The members of Chi Deuteron may be compared to an Indian, to whom, during Grant's administration a gift was sent from the President. It was presented to him by an officer who told him that he should send his thanks to the President as a white man would do. He replied as follows: "White man receives gift with his head, and head has tongue. Indian receives gift with his heart and heart has no tongue." So it is with us. We receive the gift of Theta Delta Chi with our hearts and not with our tongues. So, too, we are nearly speechless, but not heartless in receiving this handsome fraternity flag.

The tone and spirit of Theta Delta Chi, as we have learned it thus far through our association with the members of the Southern Graduate Association and the SHIELD is that of devoted friendship, of the best of social culture and noble manhood. We have formed a high ideal of Theta Delta Chi, and we hope and expect that through it we may be enabled to realize a noble fraternity manhood.

We pledge our fidelity to the tone and traditions of Theta Delta Chi and loyalty to her flag—the emblem of its ideals and traditions. We

shall bear it proudly on every possible occasion, flaunt it to the breezes from our rooms, resent every insult offered, guard it from injury or disgrace through any ill-conduct on our own part. We shall send Brother Mellon a fitting acknowledgment of his beautiful gift, "our flag," and invite him to visit us and see how proudly we wave it and how loyally we love it.

I wish to say that the baby charge promises to be a very manly charge and faithfully cherish the true Theta Delta Chi spirit. I also wish to express the deep appreciation we feel for the great honor of being received into so goodly a brotherhood.

Bro. Mason spoke as follows :

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS—It is my misfortune not to be gifted with that degree of eloquence which would enable me to convey to you any conception of my feelings on this occasion. And at the outset I beg of you to believe me when I say that this is not due to the fact that I am in that condition which is sometimes termed "too full for utterance." The sensations I refer to are not of a physical nature—not confined either to my stomach or to those plethoric feelings which arise with the speaker after a dinner of this kind. They are of an entirely different and more exalted character.

I said that I could not describe them, and I cannot, but I think I can convey to each and every one of the older brothers present a faint idea of what is meant when I say that these same sensations have been experienced by every *true* Theta Delt upon similar occasions, and when I say that you know I mean a great deal.

It has been a long, hard and well-fought fight that culminates in this banquet to-night—a contest, brethren, which differs from all other battles in that it terminates in a love feast and leaves, I feel confident, no sore heads. A victory for which I am constrained to state we are not entirely indebted to the zeal, the energy, and the affection of others—great as their efforts for us have been—for if it were due to them alone that our charter had been granted, we would not feel that we deserved it—there are those qualities inherent in us, we believe, which give us the privilege of calling you brothers to-night. And yet, please do not interpret what I have just said, I beg of you, as any indication of want of gratitude or lack of appreciation on our part for the heroic work that has been done by the members of the Southern Graduate Association, without whose help we are thoroughly conscious our efforts would have been in vain. We appreciate it, brothers, and we thank you for it, more than mere words can indicate—but when it is our privilege to clasp your hand in the manner which you have instructed us to night—believe me when I say it will always have for you a double significance, an added warmth.

We appreciate the feelings of every charge that has been slow in granting the charter to Chi Deuteron, and we have only the warmest feelings of affection for those who saw fit to oppose the establishment of Chi

Deuteron as long as they did. We recognize the necessity for their thoughtfulness and caution; but at the same time we have ever been confident that a full and unbiased investigation on their part could lead to but one result. We congratulate ourselves upon our success, but in doing so at the same time appreciate that the eyes of all Theta Delta Chi are fixed on the infant charge. Infant, perhaps brethren, but yet Chi Deuteron is in the full vigor of Theta Delt strength—and you know what that means.

It is true that we have been and are supported by very zealous, very strong, and I might say, loving arms; but the responsibility now rests with us. Chi Deuteron feels the responsibility that has been placed upon her. And I can only say, in conclusion, that the confidence which Theta Delta Chi has bestowed on us—has not been and will never be misplaced. I make this statement with a positivity that I do not think is unwarranted; and I voice the sentiments of every brother of Chi Deuteron when I say, borrowing the idea of another, that our motto will ever be:

Theta Delta Chi always right; but whether right or wrong, Theta Delta Chi!

Bro. Gibbens spoke as follows:

Brother Toastmaster:

Nearly four decades ago, about a half dozen of collegiate undergraduates, at Jefferson, in Pennsylvania, met to receive, young gentlemen, as you did to-night, initiation into one of the best Greek letter fraternities of that day. I well recollect—as doubtless does my charter brother Wightman, present—the fond anticipations that preceded the event—the hopes and fears, the responsibility; the waiting for the coming to the village of the Commission from Alpha (for she was the Grand Lodge then) to confer upon us the desired honor and secrets. We longed for the right to emblazon upon our coat lapels the insignia of Theta Delta Chi, the shield the stars, the arrows. It was in an upper chamber of the best hotel, and the work of establishing was to be done somewhat sub-rosa, as the faculty, from the antique prejudices of the time, frowned upon the formation and existence of such societies. The gathering therefore was to be at night, by single comings, without public premonition.

It was a royal occasion, and with fluttering hearts and stealthy tread we approached the hour and place. The initiation, with solemnity, proceeded, our fealty was pledged, we were duly instructed, and with heart-felt grip welcomed into a grand brotherhood. Were we satisfied, proud? Yes, proud certainly, and have grown none the less so as we stand here to-night to welcome sons of another generation. The festivities of the banquet which followed initiation began, were enjoyed and ended, and ere the night wore quite away, we were tucked in our several beds, full-fledged Theta Delt, and





CHARLES R. WRIGHT, SIGMA, '69.

"Dreaming of the hour
When Greece, her knee in suppliance bent,
Should tremble at our power."

The foe of our visions was, of course, the opposing Greek-labelled fraternities with which we should contend in the forum of debate, competing for literary, class and other honors, and to win the brainiest and most desirable matriculates as each year began.

Flitting through, and interlaced in our dreams till morning, and for long thereafter, was the wonder and surprise and admiration we hoped to see depicted in the faces of our "best girls," as we, for the first time, wore in their presence our beautiful star-gemmed emblem, fairer to our eyes *then*, as *now*, than the famed lilies with which "Solomon in all his glory," might have been, but was not, arrayed.

The arrows upon the field of our escutcheon are aimed forward and upward. The stars are to win us in the same direction, to a higher plane. Fraternity, it is in this age conceded, will best accomplish this. The social and mental make an an excellent combination for success in life.

Those of us resident, are glad to witness the institution of a charge of our loved fraternity at the national center of education. We believe it is the first, the pioneer. Under the sunshine of the Southern Graduate Association, we trust it will prosper, but on you who are novitiates, will necessarily depend the vigor and perpetuity of the charge here. Looking into the faces of our brothers, we are assured they will endeavor to honor and advance the name, banner and reputation of glorious Theta Delta Chi. Chi Deuteron, we predict, will do her duty in the years to come.

I will not further long detain you from the full enjoyment of all before you, and in closing beg to inflict a few verses, which I hope some member, like Brother Wightman, who is a true poet, or own distinguished Col. Hay, with laureate honors, or Brothers Sterrett and Rich, who possess the religious key, will hold themselves responsible for. They may not vouch for the The-ology, nor the *non fit, but nascitur*, yet My-thology will not resent the innovation I shall make.

(This poem, dedicated to Chi Deuteron, appears on another page.)

We deeply regret our inability to reproduce the beautiful sentiments expressed by Dr. Wightman, or the soul stirring words of Bro. Quesada. The sympathies of Theta Delta Chi are heartily and cordially given to Bro. Quesada in the noble work he is doing for his mother country, and none who listened to his eloquence at this banquet can doubt that his whole soul is in his work. He gave utterance to one beautiful metaphor as a climax to his eloquence. "And brothers; when Cuba shall have become a new charge of that great and glor-

ious fraternity, the United States, we shall hope to receive you, one and all, within her hospitable shores."

During the speeches many songs were interspersed, notably one written expressly for this occasion by Bro. E. W. Byrn, and dedicated to the new charge; also several written years ago by our veteran brother, Wm. M. Coleman, who was present and joined heartily in singing the products of his youthful brain efforts. To the editor this banquet was one of the happiest in many ways he has ever attended. It inaugurated a re-opening of the ante-bellum connection with our Southern brothers, a condition long hoped for by many of us who in those days realized the sterling worth and unswerving loyalty of the Southern Theta Delts.

Among those present, in addition to all the members of the new charge, were the following:

Beta—F. V. Coville, '87; W. F. Willoughby, '87; F. S. Curtis, '88; W. M. Stockbridge, '88; Emory M. Wilson, '93.

Zeta—John Hay, '58.

Theta—S. P. Johnson, '88.

Lambda—F. J. Metcalf, '86.

Mu—Wm. Coleman, '58; Kerr Craige, '62.

Nu Deuteron—W. R. Stinemetz, '93; S. J. Gass, '98.

Xi—Rudolph King, '63; A. M. Rich, '85; Carl A. Harstrom, '86; H. I. Beers, Jr., '89.

Pi—A. F. Gibbens, '60; J. W. Wightman, '60.

Pi Deuteron—Gonzalo de Quesada, '88.

Sigma—Thomas E. Rogers, '65; Chas. R. Wright, '69; E. W. Byrn, '70; C. J. Hepburn, '92.

Phi—Clay W. Holmes, '69; W. H. Wright, '75.

Chi—J. Macbride Sterrett, '67.

Psi—James McLachlan, '78.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

There seems to our mind no part of the SHIELD which in the years to come will prove of more interest or value than the sketches which are given of the various members of Theta Delta Chi, young or old, who have or will become famous, either in fraternity or general history. It is easier and pleasanter to record a biography during the lifetime of the subject. It has been our good fortune to secure a galaxy of our Southern Graduate Association for the present number. Washington contains a host of enthusiastic Theta Delts, all of whom we hope, sooner or later, to present in the SHIELD. At this time we give a brief account, with portraits, of seven. Among them there are three of the editor's personal college associates, whose successful career it is a pleasure to note.

James Macbride Sterrett needs no introduction to the SHIELD reader. In the June number of Vol. VIII we gave a sketch of Dr. Sterrett as a Western man. The half-tone picture was a poor one, so we have procured and herewith present a more satisfactory representation of one of the most loyal, enthusiastic and whole-souled men who ever joined Theta Delta Chi. Taking up his history where the last one left off, we can only note continued success and prosperity, tempered with the one great grief of his life. The Doctor went to Washington to accept a professorship in Columbian University. The educated Washington people soon began to discover the capabilities of Dr. Sterrett and we soon find him interested in all the educational movements and an active participant everywhere. The society of Philosophical Inquiry honored him with the presidency, to which he has been re-elected. He is secretary of the Washington Harvard Club. The Doctor is a picture of health and vitality, much of which is due to his love for outdoor sports, in which he is not only interested but takes an active part. He is a member of the University Athletic Committee and also president of the Washington Cricket Club. The *Evening Star* of May 2d says as follows in an account of the Cricket Club:

“The Rev. Dr. J. Macbride Sterrett, the president, professor

of philosophy at the Columbian University, and assistant minister in the Church of the Epiphany, is a graduate of the Universities of Rochester and Harvard, and a lover of healthy athletics. He learned the game during college days, and later aided materially in organizing a cricket club whilst in charge of a parish at Bedford, Pa. He is a tennis player, is a good shot, fond of the rod, being especially devoted to trout fishing, and is a member of the board of directors of the Green Brier Hunting and Fishing Club, which has a preserve of 60,000 acres. He is a sportsman of the best type, and a man of tremendous energy, and it is largely owing to his efforts that the cricket club has grown so rapidly this year."

The most recent honor which has fallen to the Doctor is that he has been selected to represent Columbian University, in response to an invitation from the University of Glasgow, at the Jubilee Semi-Centennial of Lord Kelvins' professorship, which takes place in Glasgow, Scotland, June 15-18. This invitation extends the hospitality of the University and city of Glasgow to all guests. The Doctor has accepted this distinguished honor and will sail for Scotland June 6th.

In spite of his busy life the Doctor somehow always turns up at Theta Delt gatherings, and never lets an opportunity of advancing Theta Delta Chi's best interests escape him. It goes without saying that the Chi Deuteron charge would never have existed but for his untiring efforts. Not only this, but as his efforts to establish the charge were persistent so will his efforts be to make the charge excel in all that goes to make good men and a loyal, successful charge. We might fill pages with loving expressions, but of what use? Those who know him do not need to be told of his good qualities, and those who do not know him can never appreciate him till they meet him and learn from personal contact what a noble man he is. Of one thing we may be permitted to speak. We were during a recent visit taken by the Doctor to his delightful suburban home, and in the sanctity of that home we saw the same love for the fraternity, in the memory of the first-born, gone to the glory of the silent Omega, in the bright and smiling faces of the two boys who now are an integral part of Chi

Deuteron, and in the expectant hopes of the younger boys, who will later on knock at the portals, all overshadowed by the cheerful mother love which has blessed each of the boys as they have followed in the footsteps of their father. It is a pleasure to visit such a home. How much such influence does for Theta Delta Chi we will leave our readers to ponder upon. There certainly must be something worth while in such fraternity, and that our brother James Macbride Sterrett has it in its fullest measure none will doubt.

James R. Mellon, of whom we give an excellent portrait in this number, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., January 14th, 1846, of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian parentage. The unswerving allegiance of the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians to their king and their religion, is not only historic, but has in it the element of romance as well, and it finds its counterpart in the steadfast loyalty which Brother Mellon has always shown for Theta Delta Chi. He entered Jefferson College at Cannonsburg, Pa., as a member of the class of 1866 and at once joined the Pi charge. He did not continue and graduate with this class, on account of being obliged to go west in search of health. He studied law with Finches, Lynde & Miller, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1866 he returned to Pittsburg, where he engaged in the mining and shipping of coal. This proved successful, and in 1870 he entered the banking business and is now largely interested in banks, railroads and real estate. He has a beautiful home in Pittsburg, at Negley avenue and Rippey street, East End, and also a winter residence at Palatka, Fla., where he spends his time from January to April.

The foregoing brief outline gives but an inadequate idea to one who has not known Brother Mellon of his deep interest in the fraternity and all that pertains to its growth and welfare. He is ready to give aid, both with purse and influence, to every forward movement. Those who are in the habit of attending the conventions and annual banquets will remember his familiar face, for he is one of the most faithful attendants, and the boys listen with the greatest interest to the few stirring words he utters. He is naturally very quiet and unobtrusive, but we have met Bro. Mellon more times at the various ban-

quets than any other one brother. His loyalty is deep-seated and as lasting as the hills.

Thomas Eckstein Rogers was born at White Horse (now Kirkwood), Camden Co., N. J., July 24, 1848. His early education was obtained at Bolmais Academy, in West Chester, Pa., where his father was employed as a teacher, and at Lock Haven Academy, Lock Haven, Pa., of which his father was principal. From here he went to Carlisle, Pa., entering the grammar school connected with Dickinson College. Later going to the College, he entered the class of 1866, and joined Sigma charge very soon after its establishment. While in college he was one of the most active men in the Sigma charge. He left college before graduation to enter the Provost Marshal's service, and was stationed at Williamsport, Pa. After the war was over he was for a time in the employ of a Philadelphia company operating a rolling mill and coal mines at Farrandsville, Clinton Co., Pa. From 1866 to 1869 he was engaged in the hardware business at Williamsport, Pa. In 1870 he moved to Charleston, W. Va., and for four years gave his attention to the manufacture of lumber. While here he was in 1872 elected a member of the West Virginia legislature, and enjoyed the distinction of being the youngest member of that body. In 1874 he went to Washington and was employed as a stenographer. In 1875 he entered the civil service of the United States and at once became connected with the National Bank Redemption Agency of the U. S. Treasury. For nearly nine years he was principal bookkeeper. During that time Brother E. O. Graves, Xi, '64, was superintendent of the Redemption Agency. They were associated together for some time before the discovery was made that a mutual bond of sympathy existed. In 1883 Bro. Graves was appointed Assistant Treasurer of the United States, and what more natural than that Brother Rogers should succeed him. This succession did take place, and for thirteen years the position has been ably filled and is still held. Thus for twenty-one years Bro. Rogers has been the most important factor in one of the most intricate departments of the Treasury. That he has been more than faithful is proven by the fact that he has not taken a day's vacation

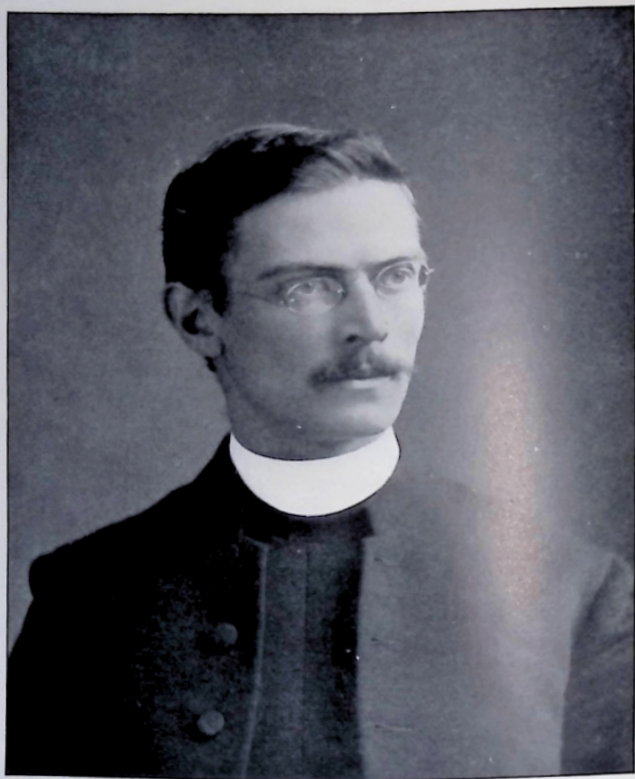
for recreation in many years. Whenever the Treasury Department is open for business Superintendent Rogers is at his post. Bro. Rogers has been twice married. In 1869 he married Miss Alice Huling, of Williamsport, Pa., who died Jan. 29, 1887, leaving one child, a daughter, who is now married and a mother. His second marriage occurred May 31, 1888, to Miss Lily Chapman Dent, of Washington. As a business man, connected for so many years with the Treasury Department, his long continued experience has made him perfectly conversant with all subjects relating to the national currency, and the fiscal operations of the government. The minuteness of detail existing in his department is something wonderful, and that Bro. Rogers has so successfully managed it as to win the commendation of every administration, is of itself sufficient proof that he has perfect mastery of the situation. As one of the original members and organizers of the Southern Graduate Association he takes a lively interest in all its affairs and has served continuously as one of its officers. As a loyal Theta Delt he is deeply concerned about the welfare of the fraternity at large, and is ever ready to lend a helping hand. As a brother he is one of the most cordial men to be met anywhere. Our knowledge of Tom Rogers dates back to 1867, and he has always been one of the chums to whose affection Theta Delta Chi is much indebted for the work produced as editor of the SHIELD. The pathway of a worker is not one scattered with roses. Tom has always had a cheering word and kindly advice to offer, and we are glad to pay a merited tribute to his sterling worth. Look at the splendid picture of him which graces this number and you will see depicted there the characteristics which make him such a noble man among men. To those of our readers who have never had the pleasure of meeting him we would suggest that on the first visit to Washington a call on him in the Treasury Department will be one of the pleasantest parts of the trip. He is never too busy to greet a brother, and he does it in such a manner as to make it certain that he is welcome. Long live our dear Tom.

Edward W. Byrn was born September 30, 1849, in the old town of Cambridge, in that part of Maryland known as the

"Eastern Shore," long noted for the superior quality of its peaches, sweet potatoes, oysters, terrapin and college boys. He was prepared for college at the Cambridge Male Academy, and in 1866, at seventeen years of age, matriculated at Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pa., where he took the regular college course. He stood well up in his class, and at graduation was elected to write the class ode. The natural bent of his fancy was, however, for scientific studies, and this led him to take, in the latter part of his stay at college, a special course of laboratory work in the field of chemistry, in which he excelled, being designated by the professor as one of the class lecturers. Bro. Byrn did not care to enter any fraternity at first, and although invited to become a Theta Delt soon after entering college, remained unattached until his sophomore year, when he became a member of the Sigma charge, to whose interests he has ever remained faithful and loyal, serving in the last year of his college life as a delegate to the twenty-third annual convention, held Feb. 16-18, 1870, at the Astor House in New York.

After graduating he accepted the position of a teacher in one of the public schools of Dorchester county, in his native state, and at the same time took up the study of law. Soon after attaining his majority he became identified with the Republican party, and was one of the few active workers in his native county. In 1871 he received an appointment to government office in Washington, and entered the service of the Census Bureau, but this disbanding soon after by reason of the completion of the work, he returned again to his home in Cambridge and resumed the study of law. Always a staunch Republican in politics, he again came to Washington in 1873, by the invitation of Judge Spence, then Assistant Attorney-General for the Post Office Department, with a view to taking a responsible place in the office of the latter, but finding a more congenial field of employment in the practice of patent law, he entered the service of the old firm of patent attorneys, Messrs. Munn & Co., of New York and Washington, taking a portion of the technical work of this well known firm before the Patent Office, and contributing from time to time to the





REV. ALEX. M. RICH, XI '85.

columns of its paper, the *Scientific American*. Bro. Byrn's staying powers have been well demonstrated in this last association, having scored twenty-two years of continuous service with this well known firm. His life in Washington has been a very busy one, in which the practice of his profession has been interlarded with a variety of other interests in mercantile enterprises, landed speculations and building operations, having added half a dozen fine houses to the beautiful city of Washington. His present home fronts on the beautiful grounds of the United States Capitol, No. 31 B St., N. W., where all Theta Deltis are welcome. In 1876 he married and now has an interesting family of four daughters and a son. In 1891 he undertook a course of medicine in Columbian University at Washington, with a view to conducting a series of scientific investigations, but under this heavy tax broke down in health and was obliged to abandon the project. It has been his misfortune to suffer ill health more or less ever since, but we are glad to note his marked recuperation, and hope soon to see him as good as new. The doctrine of once a Theta Delt always a Theta Delt is well exemplified in his life, for although a very busy man, he finds time to attend the local banquets of the Southern Graduate Association and to contribute now and then to the literature of her song-book. Bro. Byrn was one of the original twelve Theta Deltis who organized the Southern Graduate Association and enthusiastically backed Bro. Sterrett in establishing the Chi Deuteron charge, and rightly considers himself one of its god-fathers. Bro. Byrn was privileged to vote on the admission of the editor of the SHIELD to the fraternity and was present at his initiation. He has always been one of the chums of our boyhood, whose friendship is most highly valued.

Charles R. Wright was born in Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md., Aug. 14, 1847. When about two years old his parents moved into the country about three miles away, and here Charles spent his boyhood days. During his early boyhood he attended the public school, later going to Cambridge Academy, where he prepared for college. He entered Dickinson College in 1865, taking the classical and scientific courses com-

bined, and graduated in 1869. From that time till 1875 he was a farmer. He became principal of the Milton, Delaware, Academy in 1876. In September of the same year he left there to accept a position in the office of Munn & Co. in Washington. Since that time he has continued his connection with the same firm as patent attorney. In 1873 he was married to Miss Mary J. Pattison, of Cambridge, Md., and now has a happy family of four children, two boys and two girls, the oldest 21 and the youngest 14. Bro. Wright has a pleasant home at 1524 Howard Ave., Mt. Pleasant, about four miles from the city. Bro. Wright is one of the original members of the Southern Graduate Association, and with Bros. Rogers and Byrn attended the preliminary meeting in Baltimore. Charlie is another of the editor's particular chums. He was privileged, like Byrn, to vote on the editor's membership and assisted at his initiation. We can never forget how kindly Charlie took us in the first time we appeared on the old campus at Dickinson, a stranger to everybody. We spent our first night there in Charlie's room, and came very near making some trouble for him. A cranky old bachelor professor roomed directly under, who did not like noise. The editor, as a youth, was gay and frisky, and made considerable noise while Charlie was absent at recitation. The next morning he was called to account for it. Charlie says that his visitor owned up to the professor like a little man and saved his unlucky head from censure. At all events, during all the years since Charlie has been regarded as one of our dearest friends. Many times during college days we met and enjoyed ourselves. Since that time we have met at rare intervals, but we always find him the same Charlie still. He was one of Sigma's best workers while in college, and has never forgotten his youthful ardor. As professional business men he and Ned Byrn have for more than twenty years worked faithfully side by side in Munn & Co.'s offices, and that they have both done good work goes without saying. Any Theta Delt who wants to secure a patent can be assured of careful attention at the hands of these two brothers. The two, with Tom Rogers, form a faithful Sigma trio, who for a generation have been successful workers

and important factors in a national business way, and it may be truly said of each that their faithful propensities have extended to their fraternity as well. They are justly entitled to enumeration among the most faithful and prominent of the old time Theta Delts.

Alexander Miller Rich was born at Reisterstown, Maryland, son of Rev. Arthur J. Rich, an Episcopal minister. After attending a private school, in 1880-81 he attended St. James Grammar school, near Hagerstown, Maryland, finishing the course there in June, 1881. From September, 1881, to June, 1882, he taught in this school. From September, 1882, to June, 1883, he pursued a special course of studies (in the languages) at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. In January, 1884, he entered the Junior class at Hobart College and graduated in June, 1885. In September, 1885, he became a teacher in his father's school, the Hannah More Academy for young ladies. In September, 1890, he was ordained a deacon of the Episcopal church by Bishop Paret, in Baltimore, after which he was made assistant minister to his father in his parish work, at the same time having charge of St. Luke's chapel, Harrisonville, which was built under his charge. In September, 1891, he was made chaplain of the Hannah More Academy, and later on, after his father's death, had full charge of the Academy until July, 1894. From September, 1894, to June, 1895, he spent in New York city taking a special course in the General Theological Seminary, at the same time being assistant minister at St. Matthew's Episcopal church in New York city. In June, 1895, he accepted a call as assistant minister to Trinity P. E. church, Washington, D. C., where he now lives in the parish hall, corner of Third street and Indiana avenue, N. W., and where he will always be glad to welcome any Theta Delt. Since the death of the rector, April 3d, '96, Bro. Rich has had full charge of Trinity church. He has always taken a great interest in Theta Delt affairs. He, with Bro. Rev. C. B. Perry, had an informal meeting at Mt. Calvary Clergy House, Baltimore, in December, 1885, where assembled about eighteen brothers, when the Southern Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi was organ-

ized, with Bros. C. B. Perry and A. M. Rich as its founders. Bro. Rich was elected secretary and treasurer of the Southern Graduate Association of Theta Delta Chi at its foundation, which office he held until 1893, when by force of circumstances he was forced to give it up. Certainly much credit is due Bro. Rich for his untiring zeal in the cause, and for the enthusiasm of the annual banquets of the Southern Association. Since coming to Washington he has been made a member of the Executive Committee of the Association, of which he was so long secretary and treasurer.

James Alfred Tanner was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1874, and removed to Washington, D. C., in June, 1889. He entered the Preparatory School of Dickinson College at Carlisle, Penna., in Feb., 1890, and Dickinson College in the fall of 1891 joining the Sigma charge.

He left college in 1893 after completing his sophomore year. Brief as was his college career, it was of sufficient length to enable him to acquire the true sentiment of Theta Delta Chi. After leaving college he became identified with the Southern Graduate Association, and has since been an enthusiastic member.

In December, 1893, he accepted a lucrative position under the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives. At present he is studying law at the Columbian University of Washington, D. C.

Bro. Tanner might be better known as the son of his father, James Tanner, who attained prominence as a former Commissioner of Pensions. He is one of the younger members of the Washington contingent, but none the less enthusiastic. Some day a future editor of the SHIELD will be able to write a longer biography, but short as this one is it merits a place which is cheerfully accorded.

Last but by no means least in our aggregation of celebrities is the "man with the fiddle." There are two reasons why we present the combination to SHIELD readers. First, because those who know him best have the violin intimately associated with his presence, and secondly, because we could get no other photograph. Charles William Curtis was born Sept. 12, 1864, in





C. W. CURTIS, BETA, '88.

Washington, D. C. His early education was obtained in the public schools of his native city. After graduating from the high school he entered Cornell University, taking the civil engineering course and graduating in 1888. He joined the Beta charge during his Freshman year. Immediately after graduation he was called to the bedside of his father, whose death occurred in the fall after a lingering illness. He was at once taken into the law firm of which his father had been senior partner. He studied law in the National Law School of Washington, graduating in 1891. He was married June 8, 1893 to Miss Stephanie Marx, a classmate at Cornell, and a sister of C. D. Marx, Beta, '78. In October, 1895, Bro. Curtis was tendered a lucrative position with the Sill Stove works of Rochester, N. Y., as manager of their advertising department. Recognizing some advantages of a personal nature in this change of base, Bro. Curtis regretfully severed his connection with the law firm and his native city and moved to Rochester to accept the proffered position. It was with deep regret that the Washington boys said good bye to him as he had been a faithful worker for Theta Delta Chi, and a prominent factor in the Southern Graduate Association. Bro. Curtis was the inventor of the "Dutch treats" which became famous as the pleasantest informal gatherings of the Theta Delts in Washington. The farewell symposium tendered him was a fitting tribute to his worth, and the kind words spoken there will never be forgotten by him. The violin was a favorite companion always. When in college Bro. Curtis organized and led a large college orchestra. In Washington he was one of the original members of the Georgetown Amateur Orchestra of sixty pieces, and for two years previous to his departure he was treasurer, and for a time he was concert master, Bro. Finckel of Chi Deuteron was also a member of this orchestra, and is rated as one of the best amateur violinists in Washington. So also was Tom Rogers. Many delightful hours have been spent by Theta Delts in his company, because his natural musical ability makes his violin the expression of his personality. No one was missed from the Chi Deuteron ceremonies more than Bro. Curtis, who had been an earnest worker in be-

half of the new charge. It has never been the editor's pleasure to meet a more zealous Theta Delt than Will Curtis. His enthusiasm is catching. We have been the glad recipient of much valuable assistance from him in many ways. Letters by the score have come to cheer the disconsolate editor, and now that he is more deeply engrossed in business we miss him. We know, however, that it is not because he loves his fraternity less, but because in the presence of much business he can not find time to follow the bent of his personal inclination. It would not be proper to close without referring to a bright youth who now graces the home of Bro. Curtis, Wallace Burdett Curtis, whose destiny he hopes some day to link with Theta Delta Chi. Rochester is the home of Mrs. Curtis, and his chief reason for settling there was because the climate of Washington did not seem conducive to her best health. They are pleasantly located at 21 Avenue B, Vick Park.

Bro. Curtis can be found any week day at the Sill Stove Works, 810 Oak street, and in the evening at his home, where he will be glad to welcome any brother Theta Delt.

THE NEW ENGLAND BANQUET.

The thirteenth annual dinner of the New England Association of the Theta Delta Chi was held at Young's Hotel, Boston, April 10th, under the auspices of Iota charge. Fifty-seven brothers were present.

Although the attendance was not so large as was expected, a representative and enthusiastic body of undergraduates was present, and enough of the alumni to lend dignity to the occasion.

This was the first time that the Harvard charge had given the banquet, and every effort had been made to have it successful.

The toastmaster of the evening was Arthur P. Stone, Iota, '93, who presided in a most happy and informal manner.

Dr. O. S. Marden, Lambda, '77, was orator of the evening. His address was an inspiration to the younger men and brought forth much enthusiasm.

The poet for the evening, Bertrand S. Smalley, Omicron Deuteron, '95, found at the last moment that he was unable to attend. Toastmaster Stone, however, was equal to the occasion, and resurrected from his scrap bag a poem replete with local allusions.

Music was furnished during the evening by two members of the Iota charge, E. M. Waterhouse, and R. P. Starkweather.

Bro. Waterhouse is the finest tenor at Harvard. His solos and those of Bro. Starkweather were heartily appreciated.

The toasts were as follows :

"The College Girl," Edward H. Barnum, Mu Deuteron, '96.

"College Athletics," Lemuel R. Hopton, Epsilon Deuteron, '96.

"The Undergraduate." A. G. Hebb, Eta, '96.

"The Grand Lodge," Carl A. Harstrom, Chi, '86.

President Harstrom was warmly received and his address did much to quicken the ardor of the brothers in the fraternity cause.

Letters of regret were read from Gov. Griggs, of New Jersey ; Rev. Dr. Gregg, of Brooklyn ; Bros. Seth P. Smith, E. H. Capen and Clay W. Holmes.

Bro. Fox was re-elected president of the association.

W. F. GARCELON.

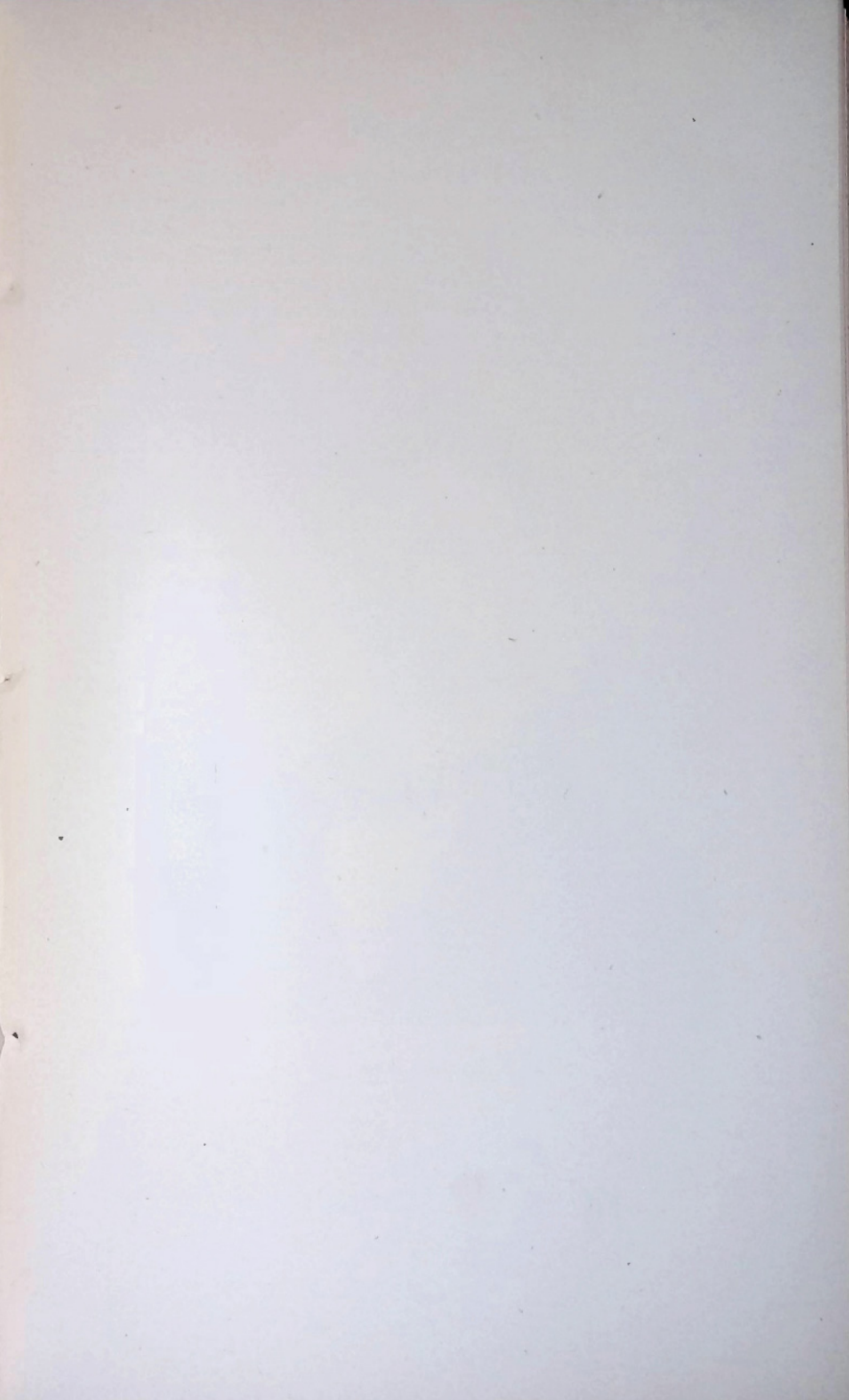
A THESPIAN VISITOR.

How often we hear it said that a fraternity is a valuable thing for a young man to belong to while he is in college, but that when he enters upon the active duties of life its benefits cease, he gradually loses interest and drifts away from fraternity influences. To every loyal brother such an erroneous opinion at once appears untrue, and especially to those who have come into contact with the ex-collegiate portion of the fraternity, as I have the past year.

My association with Gamma Deuteron charge at Ann Arbor was a period of extreme happiness, and naturally I parted with much reluctance from the brothers whose friendship and fellowship had done so much for me, to begin my work upon the stage among strangers; but the thought that I would meet other brothers wherever I went gave me courage, and to testify to the fact that I have realized my fondest faith in the fraternity and in its universal bond of friendship, is the object of this letter to the SHIELD.

My journeyings as an actor have afforded me an excellent opportunity of visiting the charges of our fraternity in all parts of the country. The first of these was that of Brown University, Providence, R. I. I was but a few moments climbing the hill that leads to the college, and soon found myself surrounded by the Zeta brothers, who welcomed me as if I had always been one of them. We passed the time in a most delightful manner, and I was so reluctant to leave, and they to have me go, that I almost missed my train. The interim was not long before I had the opportunity of visiting another charge—this time Delta. The same cordiality manifested itself at once, and made my stay at Troy a most pleasant one. Possibly no other charge in the fraternity can boast of more distinguished alumni than Delta, and it was indeed a pleasure to see the historic old walls of Rensselaer, that famous institution which has given so many notable men to the world and to Theta Delta Chi.

It has been my good fortune to be the guest of Epsilon Deuteron twice this year, and I have never had better times. If any brother wishes to see an ideal charge, where the true fraternity spirit dominates everything and leaves nothing to be desired, let him go to New Haven, where the doors of 36 Elm street are always open to Theta Delts. I never have been prouder of my membership in Theta Delta Chi than when I met the brothers at Yale. On both occasions they attended our performance in a body, and I am sure Mme. Rhea and those of the company who met them will not soon forget the many other courtesies they extended to us, especially the kindness of Bros. Perdue and Mansfield. Another charge which I





JAMES A. TANNER, SIGMA, '95.

had the extreme pleasure of twice visiting was at Geneva, N. Y., where nine of the finest fellows I have ever met constitute the Xi charge. That spirit of *bonne camaraderie* which should be the distinctive feature of all fraternity life is in its perfection here. On my second visit I found them nearly ready to move into their new house, which I am sure will be worthy of such a happy family. A member of our company who has met many brothers in the various charges, and who has become very enthusiastic in her admiration of the fraternity, said after our first visit to Geneva that the Xi boys alone would suffice to make her a loyal Theta Delta.

In New York I much regretted not being able to see more of the brothers from Pi Deuteron and Rho Deuteron. I succeeded, however, in reaching the charge rooms on their respective assembly evenings before they had departed, and in each case I was given a most cordial reception. I had for a long time cherished an especial desire to visit our metropolitan brothers, and, as everywhere else, I have found them true Theta Deltas, brim-full of enthusiasm, and the kind of men that are an honor to the fraternity. The evening's pleasure with the Pi Deuteron brothers was greatly enhanced by a happy incident which followed. Just as we left the room and were lingering on Broadway a moment before saying good night, we were delightfully surprised to meet President Harstrom, who had just arrived in the city from the west. This was the first time I had ever met Bro. Harstrom and I shall never forget the pleasure it gave me. We may well be proud of our distinguished President.

Hamilton College, at Clinton, N. Y., may be said to have an ideal location, situated as it is on the top of a high hill, where the view of the surrounding country is indeed beautiful. The Psi charge house is charmingly home-like. Solid comfort dominates every corner of it, and the geniality of its occupants gives it a pleasant atmosphere of welcome. To a person familiar with the spot, the words hill and coasting at once suggest themselves. The day I went out to Hamilton the hill was white with a glistening mantle of snow. We had a jolly time together, and I hope I may be able to visit Psi many times again, for I never left a place with more regret.

In Rochester I was able to spend three days with the Chi brothers, whose hospitality I shall ever cherish with sincerest pleasure. I wish to speak especially of their house, for it impressed me as being the best I have seen. They have been very fortunate in being the recipients of many fraternity emblems, in the way of flags, banners, large pictures of prominent brothers, and other interesting things, which they have arranged throughout their house in a most striking and unique manner. All these give to a fraternity home a characteristic appearance which all Theta Deltas love to see, and certainly there is nothing more appropriate and at the same time beautiful for decorative purposes than these symbols of the fraternity. I think all the charges would do well in following the example of Chi in these respects.

Our week in Washington was as a whole the most enjoyable of the season, and I feel that I can never repay the alumni brothers for the attention they paid me while there. I was of course deeply interested in Columbian University and the young men who have since been admitted into the membership of Theta Delta Chi.

Through the kindness of Bro. Sterrett I learned a great deal about the University, and after having once visited it, there can be no doubt in any one's mind that it is a suitable place for a good fraternity. I am sure from the uniform excellence of the young men I met, their high standing in college and their enthusiasm, Theta Delta Chi will ever find in Chi Deuteron a charge to be proud of. They in return should be most grateful to the Southern Alumni Association, which has labored so faithfully to secure them a charter, and especially to their father and founder, Dr. Sterrett—a grand man, a pillar in the fraternity and exerting an influence upon all who meet him.

Six months away from my own state and intimate friends had made me rather homesick. Therefore it was quite natural that I looked forward to the 13th of last March with the keenest anticipation, and though we are all apt to become extravagant at times and call every new pleasure the greatest, I am certain going back to Ann Arbor and visiting my own charge will ever hold the supremacy with me. The most important

feature of the occasion was the first performance of a little comedietta, used as a curtain-raiser, which Madame Rhea produced out of compliment to me and in which I played the leading part. In the afternoon the brothers gave a delightful reception at the house, at which I was kept busy for a couple of hours renewing old friendships. In the evening the theater was filled with students, conspicuous among whom were the Gamma Deuteron boys in a body; three curtain calls, the college yell five times and a compulsory speech were the substance of a greeting which I shall never forget. After the play the fellows gave a banquet for me at the house, and although it was a quiet affair just among ourselves, I doubt if the spirit of friendship and loyalty ever floated more freely around a Theta Delt table. There was but one thing lacking to make the occasion complete—the presence of some of the brothers who were with us last year, a much-regretted feature of all reunions. It was a source of gratification to me to find the charge more prosperous than ever and to make the acquaintance of five new brothers—ideal fellows, worthy in every respect of the high standard that has always been maintained at Gamma Deuteron, and which has made the name of Theta Delta Chi second to none among the fraternities at the University of Michigan.

Our brothers at Minneapolis, though isolated from the fraternity in the matter of location, are by no means separated from it in interest and enthusiasm. At present I find myself happily installed in their home during our week's engagement in their city, and to say that I am enjoying every minute of my stay with them is an expression far too mild to convey my feeling, and I am not the only member of the company who has enjoyed their hospitality, for yesterday they gave a reception for us and attended our performance in a body. It is my opinion that no charge has a firmer foundation, together with brighter prospects before it than Tau Deuteron. Their home is by far the finest among the fraternity houses here; the large number of alumni who reside in Minneapolis and St. Paul take an active part in their affairs; their social prestige is an enviable one, and many prominent college positions and honors are filled by the brothers.

I have mentioned briefly a few of the pleasures I have enjoyed during the past year in visiting the different charges, but as yet I have said nothing about meeting the alumni brothers—an experience fully as enjoyable as my visits to the colleges. In my travels I am never without the fraternity catalogue, which is invaluable in pointing out the brothers who are scattered all over the country. In almost every city that we have visited I have found Theta Deltas—lawyers, ministers, doctors, artists, writers—men distinguished in every prominent pursuit of life—and I have yet to meet the first brother who falls below the high standard of manhood which makes Theta Delta Chi what it is, and in whom I did not find a deep interest in the active doings of the fraternity.

Indeed, this spirit of loyalty and love has been most remarkable to me—not that I had expected less, but that I have seen more. Many times have I been greeted with that friendly grasp of sincerity by brothers who have been out of college thirty-five and forty years, but whose devotion to the fraternity has increased with time. Space forbids me from speaking of all the good times I have had with individual brothers, yet I cannot forego the opportunity of mentioning several visits to our esteemed brother, Clay W. Holmes, and his charming wife. No one understands the meaning of hospitality better than they, and any one who has ever enjoyed a visit at their home will acknowledge the truth of what I say.

Thus have I found the fraternity, and it has been a joy to me to experience in Theta Delta Chi the realization of the words of William Dean Howells: "We shall not have fraternity—human brotherhood—without trying for it. From nature it did not come; it came from the heart of man, who in the midst of nature is ever above it. Where there is love between brothers, it is of the very same quality as love between friends. It comes of the interchange of kindnesses, or from the early associations and a community of tender memories, or from hardships borne together, from pleasures enjoyed in common. But these, even, will not lastingly suffice unless there is sympathy of purpose for good;—sympathy of purpose for evil will not do; that will unite men through interest, but it

will not unite them in love, for evil is full of hate and men can not seek it in trust of each other.''

NORMAN H. HACKETT, 1st '98.

THE NEW CHARGE.

Dedicated to *Chi Deuteron Charge* by Alvaro P. Gibbens, Pl., '60.

It was night, save on highest Olympus,
 The stars were set in deep sky ;
 Apollo was pondering a problem,
 In his home quite celestial on high.
 Beside him stood Juno, in shadow,
 With goddess-like smiles to ensnare,
 And watching her Lord in dilemma,
 As frowns swept his brow in deep care.

He wanted some social enchantment
 To stimulate sons of the Earth ;
 Some new sphere to blaze in the dawning,
 Some new world to bring into birth.
 The thunders were growing too mellow ;
 The roll of the clouds monotone ;
 The winds and the waves were too listless ;
 Some grander thing still *must* be done.

So, glancing at orbs back of Juno,
 At sun-rays beyond on the globe,
 At warriors, brave but defenceless,
 On Neptune with trident and robe,
 The thought, like a flash, then environed,
 And quick into being it sped :
 "I'll create a new Order to brighten
 The skies from which luster has fled."

Then, calling to those who obeyed him,
 Well skilled in the finest of Art,
 Who longed for some noble achievement,
 In which they might each take a part :
 "Produce me a shield for defences,
 And on it place arrows two-fold
 Above them insert, in Night's grandeur,
 Two stars in their radiant gold ;

Now form into line the best mortals,
 Whose hearts are as true as the steel,
 And to them the pass-words and emblem
 Of Theta Delt' Chi now reveal."

Orion grew dim in the distance
 The College Bells chanted in Greek,
 And out of the chaos and ennuie
 There sprang the Apollo conceit.

The shadows fled joyous Olympus,
 While anthems rang oft to the sky,
 And heroes of earth sang the pæans
 Of Theta, the Delta, the Chi.
 The altar of Friendship is lighted ;
 Its fires with the years do not pale
 The bond of true brotherhood, strengthened,
 Extends from Potomac to Yale.

The ages had passed in their fleetness ;
 Apollo again touched his throne ;
 " Be, Juno, to-night at the Banquet,"
 He whispered in tenderly tone ;
 For the Thetas are out with their forces ;
 They add to their triumphant line ;
 Chi Deuteron springs into being,
 And takes up the chorus divine."

Yon hero, with hatchet, is listening ;
 The monument wavers below ;
 The Capital City is conquered ;
 The stars in the shield are aglow.
 To each novitiate a Greeting
 Such only as Thetas can give ;
 A welcome to the charge which is newest,
 Long, long may Chi Deuteron live !

March 26, 1896.

Our Graduates.

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

Gonzalo de Quesada, Pi Deuteron, '88. The following article appeared in the New York *Journal* of March 26th :

"The cause of Cuba has taken a new turn. Dupuy de Lome, not satisfied with the work of the Spanish troops on the island, has begun a social war against Gonzalo de Quesada, secretary of the Cuban Legation. It is a merry fight, although Dupuy de Lome has become much angered at what he is pleased to consider the affronts given him by the swell society of this city in inviting Quesada to dine, the latter calmly pursues the even tenor of his way.

Upon Quesada's arrival here De Lome tried in every way to have him ostracised. The enterprising champion of Cuban liberty promptly took up the gauntlet thrown by the Spanish Minister, and soon he was received into the houses of the ultra-fashionables.

Quesada is a graduate of an American college, and a member of a well-known secret college fraternity, so that upon his advent he found more than one brother among the highest public men of the country. He was invited to dinners at the homes of his friends. Meanwhile, Dupuy de Lome had refused to recognize the belligerency of Quesada.

A month ago Quesada brought his pretty wife over from New York, and she was immediately lionized by society, which is in sympathy with the struggling patriots. The atrocities of General Weyler are now discussed at almost every Lenten gathering. Senor and Senora Quesada attended various entertainments, but the Spanish Minister and his spouse were conspicuous by their absence.

Finally it was announced that Dupuy de Lome would not attend any affair where Quesada was invited. This was his ultimatum. The culminating fiasco occurred at the home of Mrs. S. S. Howland, who had invited Mr. and Mrs. Quesada to attend one of her Sunday night entertainments.

Senor Quesada has his coat-of-arms hanging in his parlor at the Raleigh Hotel, and those versed in heraldry claim that his goes further back than Dupuy de Lome's. Quesada does not travel on his ancestry. Society is taking a deep interest in this social duel, and the general impression is that Quesada has a little the better of it."

This reads well. Any one who doubts Bro. Quesada's ability to down the Spaniard should have heard his speech at the banquet of the Southern Graduate Association. The elite of Washington society have received Bro. Quesada very kindly. He is just as enthusiastic as ever for Cuba and Theta Delta Chi. The Washington Theta Deltas have, as the article says, given him a pull which the other fellow can not overcome. Well, if any man on this free soil deserves it Bro. Quesada does. He is working for his native land with all the energy of a patriot and should win.

Albion D. Gray, Eta, '81. The following is from the *Bowdoin Bugle*: Professor Albion Dwight Gray, mathematical master in the William Penn Charter School, died of typhoid pneumonia, at his residence. No. 4,310 Sansom street, Philadelphia, Pa., Sunday morning, February 23d, at eight o'clock. Since Saturday, a week before, Mr. Gray had been ill with the grippe, but not until Thursday was his condition thought to be dangerous. At that time, however, typhoid pneumonia developed and the patient grew steadily worse until the end came painlessly Sunday morning. Albion Dwight Gray was born in Foxcroft, Me., January 19, 1861, and was educated at Bates College, where he passed three years, and at Bowdoin College, where he spent his senior year, graduating with honors in the class of '81. At Bowdoin he made a name for genius, wit and analytical power. Even during Mr. Gray's undergraduate course reports came from Bowdoin College of his fine, scholarly enthusiasm, brilliant ability, striking originality and high promise. Immediately after graduation Mr. Gray began his life work, teaching, and was engaged successively in the high schools of Bath, Me., of Woonsocket, R. I., and of Springfield, Mass. In 1884 Mr. Gray was married to Miss Hannah Lane of East Sangerville, Me., who survives. From the position of Science Master in the Springfield High School he was called in 1888 to be mathematical Master in the William Penn Charter School of Philadelphia. "During ten years," says one of his colleagues in the Penn Charter, "his heart has been every moment in his work. His devotion to his profession, his solicitude for the welfare of his pupils, his deep anxiety in all that concerned the school, and his constant readiness to make any sacrifice of time or labor in its behalf, were daily manifested in all his words and deeds. Mr. Gray was a most uncommon teacher. His personality was powerful; his manner alert, courteous, and wonderfully sympathetic; his statements were accurate and definite; his demonstrations in the classroom compact and forcible; his illustration of a principle unsurpassed in fitness; his wit and humor were ever-waiting handmaids to his reasoning, but were always subordinated to the purpose in view. He belonged distinctly to the new school of educators." Mr. Gray believed that the duty of secondary education is not to make men of boys, but to conserve the boy into the man. And so he always instructed, always interested, always entertained his pupils and never fatigued or wearied them. His

wit was as inexhaustible as it was exquisite ; his humor overflowing and sparkling ; but he husbanded these resources of speech with admirable skill. " His temper was admirable, calm, well balanced, serene. He was never confused, rarely impatient, seldom nervous and never weak. He was merciful in the extreme ; suffering touched him to the quick. He was compassion itself to distress ; as gentle as a gentle woman to the young, the weak, the feeble. To all men he was charitable—charitable to human frailty in every shape, and form, and phase. He saw 'good in everything.' To his family and friends he was all tenderness and indulgence ; his great heart always beat with sympathy, with the highest chivalry toward women.

Tom A. Reily, Sigma, 64. After many years of silence we have heard from our old-time friend. He is a helpless invalid, being sorely afflicted with locomotor ataxia. He is at his wife's home in Fort Wayne, Indiana, No. 63 Riverside street. Those who knew Tom in his halcyon days remember one of Sigma's most loyal and enthusiastic brothers, and as warm-hearted a Theta Delta as ever lived. We hope to give a full biography with some old-time portraits in a future number. Any of the older men who knew Tom Reily when he was in his vigor would make his lonely hours happy now by writing to him a letter of sympathy and affection. We wrote him such a letter, and his faithful wife, whose whole time is occupied in nursing him, writes that the tears filled his eyes when she read the letter to him. It is very hard for one naturally so active to become helpless, and it is but charitable kindness to remember him in his sad condition.

J. W. Carr, Iota, '92, is teaching school at Morristown, N. J.

Lewis Dana Hill, Iota, '94, has been appointed assistant instructor in Harvard and instructor in physics at Radcliffe for 1896-'97.

Charles D. Clark, Kappa, '95 is soon to make his debut on the stage. He was for several years dramatic reader on the Tufts glee and banjo club. The remarkable success he attained with that organization led him to think seriously of becoming an actor. After completing his college course he went to New York, and for the past year has been studying at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. At a performance given at the school, Mr. Daniel Frohman was present. Mr. Frohman was so impressed with Bro. Clark's work that he immediately sent for him, and the result is that Bro. Clark has been engaged for his "Prisoner of Zenda" company, which will tour the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific the coming season. This is indeed a brilliant start for a young actor to achieve and Bro. Clark is to be congratulated for procuring such a fine position solely upon his merits.

C. H. Gray, Gamma Deuteron, '95, who has been instructor in English at University of Michigan this year, expects to spend the vacation in England.

W. F. Garcelon, I. S., Iota, '95, has been coaching the Bowdoin track athletes this spring.

Robert Van Iderstine, Rho Deuteron, '94, announces that he has formed a partnership with Mr. Henry Schreiter, under the title of Schreiter & Van Iderstine, for the transaction of a general law business, including patents. Their offices are located at No. 20 Nassau street, New York city.

Hon. John Hay, Zeta, '58, will sail for Europe May 20th to spend the summer. He will wander where fancy dictates and return when tired of travel.

F. S. Herendeen, Xi, '87, is now General Passenger Agent of the Seneca Lake Steam Navigation Co. The family of Bro. Herendeen own the controlling stock. The ride on Seneca Lake is a most delightful one, and Bro. Herendeen will be glad to make it pleasant for Theta Deltas who wish to take a trip on this line.

George Lincoln Kimball, Eta, '95, is now in the employ of the Portland *Transcript*. The annual convention of the Maine Intercollegiate Athletic Association voted to present Bro. Kimball with a special gold medal for breaking the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association record in hammer throwing.

Frank H. Knight, Eta, '94, is in the drug business at 392 Boylston street, Boston, Mass.

William C. Weeks, Tau Deuteron, '94, has recently gone to Venezuela as civil engineer of the Venezuela Coffee Co.

R. B. Wentworth, Tau Deuteron, '94, has accepted a position in the Minneapolis office of the Carnegie Steel Co.

William M. Coleman, Mu, '58, is now residing in Washington, D. C. He is engaged in the preparation of a monograph on "Kant's Critique of Pure Reason," which will be published if sufficient subscriptions at \$1.00 each can be secured. The work is meeting with much favor and is endorsed by the leading educators of Washington. It will doubtless be a good book for any library, and Bro. Coleman will be glad to receive Theta Delt subscriptions.

Rt. Rev. M. N. Gilbert, Xi, '70, of St. Paul, recently met with a painful accident, although perhaps not serious. He tripped on a wire fence and broke one of the bones of his left wrist.

Stillman Shaw, Kappa, '93, taught school one year after leaving college and then took the position of resident engineer with the Massachusetts Highway Commission. He has spent the past two seasons at Leicester in charge of the construction of a section of the state roads. Bro. Shaw was married Feb. 19, 1895, to Miss Clara Louise Thurston, of Woburn, Mass. His business office is 15 Court Square, Boston.

A. W. Hobson, Lambda, '89, has just returned from a visit to his home in Vermont. While so near, he quietly sped away to Maine. Perhaps some can guess why? The SHIELD will tell all about it in a future number. Well, Bro. Hobson is doing splendid work in his new field. We often see him and enjoy a good visit.

N. Archibald Shaw, Psi, '82, has recently been elected corresponding secretary of "the Patria Club," and is also a member of the admission committee of the Colonial Club, two of New York city's flourishing organizations.

William L. Stone, Zeta, '57, was recently honored by Mayor Strong of New York city, who appointed him a member of a commission of five, who are to look into the affairs of the city library for ascertaining what it needs to make it of value to the public; also to publish the Dutch records, reaching back to 1635. There is no politics in this—a clear case of merit. Bro. Stone's reputation as a historian is noteworthy.

Andrew Lees, Sigma Deuteron, '95, has taken a position in the law office of Losey & Woodward, of La Crosse, Wis., holding the office of claim agent for the C. B. & Q. R. R.

W. G. Hartwell, Sigma Deuteron, Law '95, has entered into partnership with Capt. J. G. Rusk, of Chippewa Falls.

T. H. Nicolls, Eta, '92, who has been instructor in mathematics in the University of Wisconsin this year, has accepted a position on the faculty of Hamilton College.

John D. Cary, Psi, '84, has met with a great bereavement in the loss of his wife, who died early in April at their home in Richfield Springs.

Edward Y. Ware, Epsilon Deuteron, '91, is located in Los Angeles, Cal., where he is electrician for the West Side Lighting Co. He says he is now as far west as he can get without leaving the land of the stars and stripes, and that as he has invested something there, if things go his way he may stay for some time.

James Cruikshank, Alpha, '51; Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68; W. M. Rexford, Union, '60; N. A. Shaw, Jr., Psi, '82; Gustave R. Tuska, Pi Deuteron, '88, are members of the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of New York.

Edw. L. Gedney, Gamma Deuteron, '94, is practicing dentistry at Winnebago City, Minn. He wishes to introduce to the fraternity Edw. L. Gedney, Jr., who we trust will make as loyal a Theta Delt as his esteemed father.

Elmer L. Clifford, Tau Deuteron, '95, is taking a course in law in the University of Minnesota, at the same time doing special work for the Minneapolis *Times*.

Warren E. Fisher, Lambda, '90, is principal of the school in the historic old town of Stonington, Conn.

J. William Erf, Tau Deuteron, '93, who has just recovered from a very severe illness, has returned to his position in the firm of Gillette-Herzog Iron Mining Co.

Rev. Lawrence T. Cole, Gamma Deuteron, '92, who has been spending the past year at his home in Ann Arbor, was ordained in St. Andrew's church there on the 22d of last March. The Gamma Deuteron boys attended the service in a body, and additional interest was lent to the impressiveness of the ceremony from the fact that Bro. Waters preached the ordination sermon.

Robert W. Hyde, Gamma Deuteron, '97, has given up his college work and is studying art and architecture in Chicago. Bro. Hyde has shown unusual talent for his chosen profession and will undoubtedly make a name for himself.

George Sherman Wills, Omicron Deuteron, '90, is pastor of the North Congregational Church in Belfast, Me., beginning his work there upon graduating from Andover Theological Seminary.

Andrew H. Green, (Syracuse) Alpha, '49, is not so old but that he could both try and win a suit before the Supreme Court and a jury at Brooklyn Feb. 26th. At the court house he introduced himself to Bro. the Hon. Samuel D. Morris, of Brooklyn (affiliated with Alpha while at the Ballston Law School 1850.) The valiant Judge as usual was in the thickest of the legal fights going on, and bearing himself bravely every time. While in New York Bro. Green called upon Bro. and Mrs. Ed. H. Jewett (Columbia '93), at their residence in 93d street, and had a most enjoyable visit. Bro. Jewett is a nephew of Mr. Green, so these gentlemen are doubly bound in friendship.

W. W. Dawley, Psi, '75, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Duluth, Minn., has been doubly afflicted by the loss of his youngest child and his own serious illness with typhoid fever.

R. W. Crowell, Mu Deuteron, '89, expects to spend the summer abroad in charge of a tourist party which he has organized. The itinerary includes London, Paris, Switzerland, Germany and Italy.

Robert R. White, Mu Deuteron, '89, is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Macon, Ga.

C. Park Pressey, Iota Deuteron, '93, has recently taken the management of the Boston office of Winchell's Teachers' Agency, 50 Bromfield street. There is a lecture bureau connected with the agency, which, Bro. Pressey writes, will keep him busy during the winter.

W. H. Wiggin, Jr., Iota, '92, can be found at 1508 American Tract Society Building, N. Y., engaged in advertising and publishing.

Frederick W. McCall, Mu Deuteron, '90, was recently for the second time re-elected secretary of the Sixth District Dental Society of the State of New York.

E. M. Moore, Iota, '92, has been retained as counsel for Houghton & Dutton, of Boston.

Cassius C. Roberts, Pi, '71, was elected one of the directors of the Sons and Daughters of Maine, at the late election held in Chicago.

H. S. Card, Eta, '88, has the sympathy of many friends in the recent loss of his wife.

J. J. Julbe, Iota, '95, is in Columbia starting a coffee plantation.

F. H. Stephenson, Kappa, '91, has entered the employ of the city engineer of Newton, Mass.

H. W. Thayer, Eta, '95, who ranked his class at Bowdoin last June, is taking post-graduate work at Harvard. His residence is now Portland.

Howard W. Poor, Eta, '92, is business manager of the *Cambridge Magazine*, published at Cambridge, Mass.

F. J. C. Little, Eta, '89, of Augusta, Me., for some time city attorney, is steadily advancing in his profession, and is generally regarded as one of the coming lawyers of the state.

F. W. Pickard, Eta, '94, has been serving as editor-in-chief of the *Portland Transcript* since last November. Bro. George L. Kimball, Eta '95, is employed by the same paper.

W. C. Hill, Zeta, '94, has recovered from a serious illness which threatened to terminate fatally. Bro. Hill is teaching in Presque Isle, Maine.

H. F. Hill, Zeta, '96, has entered a law office in New York city.

F. P. Ladd, Zeta, '93, has been taking a much needed rest from his duties on the reportorial staff of the *Providence Journal*.

BROWN—PHILBROOK.

Dr. Frank I. Brown, Eta, '85, was united in marriage to Miss Edith A. Philbrook, of Bethel, Maine, at high noon, Wednesday, Feb. 19th. The wedding was very elaborate and took place at the home of the bride's parents in Bethel. The house was profusely and handsomely decorated with flowers and ferns. The bridesmaid was Miss Grace Stone, of New York. John E. Fisher, of South Portland, Me., officiated as groomsmen. The bride is an attractive and talented lady. Bro. Brown has a large and lucrative practice at South Portland, Maine, and he is always happy to meet Theta Deltas. Dr. and Mrs. Brown are "at home" Thursdays, after March first, at their home, 5 Pine street.

BALDWIN—LOSEY.

Foye Spencer Baldwin, Lambda, '88, assistant professor of political economy in Boston University, and Miss Cordelia Schultz Losey, of Alpha Phi, were married in New York city March 5th.

COSTIGAN—WHITTEMORE.

G. P. Costigan, Jr., '92, was married to Miss Alice Maude Whittemore, of Cambridge, on March 31, 1896. Brother Costigan is junior partner of a law firm in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In Memoriam.

ALBION DWIGHT GRAY.

ETA, '81.

WHEREAS, It has been pleasing to our Heavenly Father in His infinite love and wisdom, to call to Himself our beloved brother, Albion Dwight Gray; and

WHEREAS, Theta Delta Chi 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 deepest heartfelt sympathies to his bereaved relatives and friends; and be it

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, to each charge of Theta Delta Chi and to the *Orient* for publication.

For the Charge.

T. C. KEOHAN,
E. E. SPEAR,
L. L. CLEAVES.

WILLIAM MANNING MILLER.

GAMMA DEUTERON, '91.

WHEREAS, It has been pleasing to our Heavenly Father in His infinite love and wisdom, to call from our number our beloved brother, William Manning Miller; and

WHEREAS, In his death Gamma Deuteron of Theta Delta Chi has lost a respected and beloved member; be it

Resolved, That while humbly submitting to the decree of Almighty God, we do extend our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family and friends; and be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, to each charge of Theta Delta Chi, and that they be entered upon the records of the Gamma Deuteron charge.

For the Charge.

T. D. MCCOLL,
R. H. SUTPHEN,
R. M. HEAMES.

Died at Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 20, 1896. Aged 28.

Editorial.

THE best laid plans of men are often side tracked by an influence more powerful than human will. The editor realizes this painfully in the present number of the SHIELD. Most of the copy has been in hand for a month, and probably no reader can realize just how near we came to such a physical condition as would permanently disable us from performing editorial work, nervous prostration brought suddenly on by severe eye strain, from night work in editorial labor. A month's enforced idleness, and now, against common sense advice, we are trying to complete this number. But we know every SHIELD subscriber will bear with us, and take this number just as it is without complaint. We are under the care of an eminent oculist who promises relief in six months. The summer will be quietly spent at home, and we hope to have the September number ready when college opens. We might say much editorially, but our eyes refuse permission. We wish for all a delightful summer's rest, and look for renewed vigor in the fall campaign.

THE semi-centennial is still a subject of earnest deliberation by the committee. Subscriptions have been solicited from all alumni, but the responses are not such as to justify the committee in attempting in any degree to carry out the ideas presented by the committee at the last convention. The general sentiment is that a fitting memorial volume will better celebrate our anniversary than the expense of mere evanescent show. The actual fact is that a sufficient amount has not yet been contributed to warrant the committee in preparing to publish the volume. If more liberal subscriptions are not soon forthcoming the committee will be obliged to make such ar-

rangements as the funds in hand justify, regardless of what their desires might be. The editor is not at present in condition to say more.

It is not the aim of the SHIELD to discuss personal controversies, but we feel it our duty whenever the character of any member of Theta Delta Chi is maligned to defend him. For this reason we are led to speak of our good brother, Rev. Rufus S. Green, Psi, '67. It is quite probable that the malicious attacks which have been made on him recently by the religious press have met the eyes of readers of the SHIELD. If so, we ask their careful attention to what we have to say on the subject, and we know whereof we speak. Dr. Green was called some years ago to a church in South Orange, N. J., of which another Theta Delt was a trustee. During his pastorate there he entrusted some of his funds to this brother for investment in certain stocks. The investment proved fortunate, and from it Dr. Green secured a return which enabled him to spend a number of subsequent years in doing good work without receiving sufficient direct salary to compensate him.

In 1893 he was tendered the presidency of Elmira Female College, which he accepted. Just about this time the need was felt by the general assembly for some religious newspaper which would better convey to the immense reading community of the Presbyterian Church information in regard to the benevolent and missionary work of the church. It was decided to issue a paper at a very low subscription price, which would be within the reach of every member of the church. Dr. Green was selected as one of the editors, and that he faithfully did his work the writer well knows, because he spent hours and days with him in efforts to make the enterprise successful. It is needless to note that this periodical was not well received by the old style, stereotyped religious newspapers and magazines of the church.

Dr. Green's connection with Elmira College was not satisfactory to himself, because he had accepted the position with the expectation that the members of the denomination would

render the necessary aid to build the college up and put it in proper shape. Unfortunately the church did not stand behind the institution, and he was unable to make them open their pocket books; not, however, because he was unfaithful in his efforts. Feeling that no good could be accomplished, he resigned his position on the first of January last, and resolved to engage in legitimate commercial business. He immediately dropped all clerical titles, and as Rufus S. Green accepted the presidency of the Investment Association of New York, for the purpose of dealing directly and honestly in stocks and other desirable securities, by actual purchase and sale. Upon resigning the presidency of the college he offered his resignation as editor of the *Assembly Herald*, but it was not accepted.

The religious press immediately and virulently attacked Dr. Green, and the animus may be readily understood by our previous reference to the *Assembly Herald*. The editors of these periodicals are no more perfect than other people simply because they edit publications in a religious field, and newspaper jealousy is just as powerful there as with the secular press, and therefore we boldly assert that these men have improved what seemed to them a good opportunity to knock Dr. Green out in the first round. Dr. Green has manfully defended his position, and they have refused him a hearing, with a very few exceptions.

Without entering into any discussion of the merits of this case, we simply desire to state that Rufus S. Green is known personally and intimately by the editor of the SHIELD, and no act of his thus far recorded is sufficient for one moment to shake our confidence in his absolute integrity and honesty of purpose. The very fact that he dropped all clerical titles would prove that he has no desire to trade on the strength of the church or its influence. He is simply a man among men, trying to secure a living by honest business methods. As such we are inclined to think that his position is much to be preferred to that of the men who are endeavoring to malign him at this time. We urge every member of the fraternity to stand by him through thick and thin. He deserves it, and while as before stated, the SHIELD is no place to air controver-

sies, it ever stands ready to defend the character of any brother who is unjustly assailed. It might be well to add that this article is written entirely without the knowledge of Dr. Green, and for the sole purpose of lending the editor's testimony to the character and uprightness of one of the best men who was ever enrolled in the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

THE SHIELD has often wondered how it was that so many Theta Delts could go to foreign countries and yet not feel the need of the SHIELD to keep posted on home and fraternity affairs. During the eight years we have edited the periodical not a single subscription has been received from any foreign land until the present time. Frank Briscoe, Gamma Deuteron, '95, is the hero who breaks the record. He has been spending a year in Berlin, and writes as follows :

"It has been the better part of a year that I have been buried over here in this land of beer and music, and have not had so much as a smell of Theta Delta Chi in all that time, so I want to find out what is going on and look forward with great pleasure to receiving this year's SHIELD, for which I enclose two dollars. If you know any Theta Delts who are coming over here this summer I should be most delighted to see them and do the honors of the town as far as possible."

Bro. Briscoe certainly deserves the credit of doing his part and we have no doubt he will get his money's worth out of the SHIELD. His address is Alvenslebenstrasse 15, 11 Treppen bei Schwarz, Berlin. This scores another point for our "western charges." The eastern men, some of them at least, will have to get up very early in the morning to equal the enthusiastic loyalty of those western boys, for whom the SHIELD fought long and hard. Thus far they have all been loyal to Theta Delta Chi. We are made glad by such letters and efforts as those of Bro. Briscoe. If more similar enthusiasm were shown, the editor's general spirits would be much better.

WE are pleased to give in this number a descriptive letter from Bro. Hackett, who has visited many of the charges, and distributed much Theta Delt enthusiasm. We are sure that

those who have had the pleasure of meeting him this season will enjoy it. Bro. Hackett represents our type of a "jolly good Theta Delt," a man among men and always a gentleman.

BRO. BEACH'S book of poems should be in the possession of every Theta Delt. It is a delightful souvenir of one of the founders of the fraternity. The price is only one dollar, and the book can be procured from the editor of the SHIELD. We hope the brothers will not forget to order a copy, as Bro. Beach will be materially aided by its sale.

THE Buffalo Theta Delts held their annual banquet at the University Club on the evening of April 7. Nineteen were present. Hon. Daniel N. Lockwood presided. The editor expected to be present, but was prevented by illness.

THE statement was made in the last SHIELD that the diamond was the emblematic gem of Theta Delta Chi. This is an error. The ruby is our emblematic stone. It was selected and adopted at the second annual reunion of the New York Graduate Association, held at the Murray Hill Hotel, Jan. 27, 1877. The reasons were stated at length for its selection, and the motion made by the Hon. Charles R. Miller.

THE history of the Kappa charge was promised for this number. Owing, however, to the establishment of the Chi Deuteron, and the reasonable necessity of inserting an account of it in this number, a lack of space prevents the promised article. The labor of securing accurate data for the history of an old established charge is so much greater than for a new one that it consumes more time, and the article is not yet fully completed. The summer months, however, will give ample opportunity for the careful revision of the same, and it is promised for the September number.

THE burning of the chapter house of Beta Theta Pi at Pennsylvania State College, when the records and charter were destroyed, serves to emphasize the fact that every chapter, whether occupying a house or not, should have a fire proof safe. This has been urged by the SHIELD for some time, and we are glad to note that some of our charges are already provided with them. A small safe is comparatively inexpensive, and in cases like this would prevent irreparable loss.

CHI DEUTERON.

(Air—"Hold the Fort.")

Meet we here with inspiration,
 Filled with thoughts divine,
 Crowning hopes in consummation,
 Brothers! thou art mine.

CHORUS :

Rise! Chi Deuteron created,
 Spread thy wings and soar!
 Faithful, true and consecrated,
 Live! for evermore!

Friendship's bond to-night doth bind us
 Forged by fires above,
 Making chains that will entwine us
 With their links of love.

CHORUS :

Helpful each to one another,
 Steadfast, strong and true,
 Colors of the royal brother,
 Ever keep in view.

CHORUS :

Forward then! our infant chapter
 Armed with shield to-night;
 Seek thou in the Great Hereafter
 All that's true and right.

CHORUS :

March 26, 1896.

E. W. BYRN.

Editorial Notes and Comments.

FOR THE CHARGE EDITOR.

The magazines all ring the changes upon the chapter letter. One says: "Who first wrote a chapter letter is not down on the annals, but if heredity counts for anything he wrote on both sides of the paper. Spencer and Weisman may dispute as long as they like, all editors of fraternity magazines know that acquired traits are transmitted, and not only from father to son, but from secretary to secretary. If there is any magazine which has received no double-faced contributions, let it come forth, that its sisters may put it on a pedestal, and then turn to worship its contributors."

The SHIELD cannot assume this lofty position, but at the risk of being accused of heresy, we do not hesitate to say that we regard writing on both sides of the paper as a venial sin, if only the paper be substantial and the writing plain, compared to using a lead pencil or pale ink on a thin, flimsy paper which does not throw a single line into relief. The letter written on both sides of the paper may try the patience, but the illegible one tries the eyesight, and patience is much more easily restored when worn out than eyesight. But the letter written on one side of good white paper, with a stub pen and ink that is black, not brown, in a clear unflourished hand, is an absolute joy. We do not ask that it be written so that "he who runs may read," we have no occasion to read letters when engaged in that sort of exercise, but only that with reasonable attention "e" may be distinguished from "i," "n" from "u," and so on, especially in the spelling of proper names. The man who will write such letters deserves a pedestal, and we are prepared to erect one large enough to hold a representative from each chapter and keep it in permanent repair.

CHAPTER RECORDS.

The subject of chapter archives is one that is growing in importance with each year, and they cannot be too carefully kept. It may seem to the secretary who records some transaction that because he and all the other active members understand the most trifling details, only the barest outline is necessary for the record, forgetting that in a short time the membership of the chapter will have changed entirely, and what might have been a bit of interesting and valuable chapter history will be nothing but dry bones, a skeleton—and as poor reading as skeletons in general are poor company. The writing of such a history is not unworthy the best work of the most brilliant writers in the chapter. It need not be rhetorical, but if it is so written as to give something of the atmosphere in which the boys live and work, we venture to say that many a visiting alumnus in after years would find it more interesting than any other entertainment which could be offered him. If this seem to impose too great a burden upon the secretary, why not try the keeping of a "log book," something which is successfully done in some families, and let every member make such entries as he pleases? In this way many matters of interest would be preserved which would not be recorded in a formal history written up at stated intervals as a matter of duty. The suggestion in regard to the chapter catalogue no one can appreciate whose soul has not been vexed by the lack of definite information available when a catalogue is undertaken. It would infinitely lessen the labor of compiling if each chapter kept a catalogue of its own members, kept track of changes of address, changes of business, items of special interest, and revised it even once a year. Every chapter of every fraternity publishing a journal is supposed to have its charge editor, or chapter correspondent. Why could there not be a regularly appointed catalogue editor as well, and a chapter catalogue which would not only be a convenience to the chapter, but a trustworthy basis to start upon when a general catalogue of the fraternity is needed?

CHAPTER FINANCES.

The matter of chapter finance occupied much attention, but should have received more. The convention left its unalterable impress on this question, however, and we think it can be safely said that the problem is at last settled. Hereafter the chapter that presents itself at convention with arrearages of indebtedness, is likely to have an unpleasant time of it. The fraternity has intimated in no uncertain way that any branch of our order which cannot, or will not, meet the small charges placed upon it by the fraternity at large, has but one alternative. We regret that it did not state this in so many words, for the fraternity would have gained in moral courage by the mere saying of it, and it would have felt the necessity of making good its engagement. But the weaklings who can not keep up the pace, or wilfully set one of their own which is not in accord with honesty and fair dealing, are by this act, save in cases of exceptional necessity or misfortune, only worthy of expulsion, and the sooner we assume that unqualified stand, the better. Thanks to the invigorating policy of the Columbus convention, there is at the present time no more than one or two such chapters, and the sooner they are served with this *ultimatum* the better for all parties concerned. We believe that in these instances the Grand Chapter should send some strong member to labor with them and tone them up to a proper appreciation of their obligations, and in case this is not effective, to present the other alternative. There is no *via media* between honesty and dishonesty; between honor and dishonor, and we thank Providence we are rapidly reaching a plane of uniform solvency.

The editor of the Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* speaks his mind as above in the last number. This question may not seem to the undergraduate to be serious, but it really is one of the most vital subjects in fraternity existence. Promptness in business is one of the essentials of success, without it no man can prosper. Why, then, should the boys who are in college to learn, not be taught that particular thing which is most necessary for after life. The man who says "To-morrow" is on very dangerous ground, "as the twig is bent the tree will incline." We sympathize with the college boy who as a rule only has money twice in a term,—at the beginning and end. We have been there, but were taught to carefully and promptly look after all expected obligations before we began to let our money run riot on billiards and ice cream. It is for this reason that we have taken a decided stand on this question. We would go further than Phi Gamma Delta. The charge which

does not meet promptly its fraternity obligations should be suspended from the privileges of convention, and on a second offense should lose its charter. There are few exceptions to this rule. When good reason exists, any intelligent body of men, such as compose fraternity conventions, will speedily extend merited charity and be lenient. The same rule should apply as between the individual members of the charge and the charge as a body. Financial obligations should be met promptly.

COLLEGE ADVERTISING.

This is a period of colossal advertising. From the pulpit to the soap dealer, we find that men are crying their wares upon the great market of the world. Soul-cure and corn-cure are side by side in this. Only two professions seem to be comparatively free from this, and these are the professions of medicine and of law. And yet even these are not entirely free. One of the most recent, and at the same time stupendous, methods of advertising has recently been adopted by great institutions of learning. This method might be called the peripatetic method. Football teams, baseball clubs, and glee clubs are sent out on tours. It is an open secret that many students are attracted by these means that would be lost if the institution relied upon the more dignified and legitimate ways of securing attendance. All of these organizations are in a certain way meritorious, but there is grave doubt if they are kept within well-defined and proper limits. In other words, to be plain, we think that the authorities of many institutions of learning have attached too much importance and have given too much encouragement to these things; and we believe that if it were not for the fact that they recognize that the institutions are widely and well advertised by their so doing, they would adopt a different policy. If this is true then the various college authorities who permit and encourage such things are doing wrong. As so often said here, it is a bad day when the centre rush of the football eleven is the hero of the student-body and faculty, when he has no greater merit than in being able to buck center with telling effect. Higher standards must be raised and should receive greater favor. It is bad to be an old fogy, and we may be guilty of such a thing, but nevertheless these are our views.

The above is an editorial from the pen of Editor Keeble, of *Kappa Alpha Journal*. We have long felt that the college methods of the present day were seriously faulty. We agree perfectly with Bro. Keeble so far as he goes, but we make bold

to express more strongly the disapprobation we feel and would note the same in two relations : 1st, as to the college ; 2d, as to the student.

In the days when the writer was a student no such thing as inter-collegiate athletics existed. Students were attracted by the educational merit of the institution. We had base ball for exercise, and gymnastics, but no glee clubs except such as discoursed sweet music for mutual enjoyment to while away the hours of recreation. In those days colleges prospered and students were graduated who have made names for themselves and reflected great honor upon their alma mater. How changed are things in the present day. The particular thing of honor seems to be position on some glee club or foot ball team. We hear very little of such contests as the inter-collegiate debate between Cornell and U. P., which, by the way, is due almost entirely to the efforts of Bro. Duncan Campbell Lee. Such contests are indeed honor-producing, but sad to relate they fail to attract like a Yale and Princeton foot-ball scrap. Have colleges degenerated so seriously that they must sanction this method of popularity? It does seem as though the college faculties had gone "stark mad" with excitement. There is certainly no well-defined business or educational reason for permitting such conditions to exist. But there is a still worse feature on the side of the student, or rather his parents. A father sends his son to college to secure an education. The son is immediately upon entry tested to see if he has any sort of "stuff" in him for college advertising purposes. He is found to be a good foot-ball player or banjoist, and is at once elected on the team or club. We leave it for the reader to say which interests him most, his regular studies or practicing for the club. It is needless to follow up this boy's course. He is favored by the faculty because he is a good advertising medium, but how about the boy's own subsequent interests and the father's money which is paid to educate his son. Clearly injustice is being done both to father and son, and the college faculty has it to answer for. The truth of the matter is that this state of things is now the fashion. The world moves by the caprice of its fashionable devotees. It

does, however, seem too bad to prostitute the cause of education by such methods. Would that we had more Duncan Campbell Lees to inaugurate the old style of competitive debate, which the better fits a student to baffle professional obstacles.

MISUSE OF THE LODGE ROOM.

It is a common practice with many chapters of every fraternity to use their chapter halls for convivial and other social purposes. Is this custom conducive to the best interests of those chapters? Let us see: A chapter announces a dance for such and such an evening in its rooms. Some three or four hours of merriment are passed. A meeting is held, say the next night. Can that degree of dignity and sobriety essential to the conduct of a truly fraternal gathering be maintained? Is the idea of levity and social enjoyment ever totally eradicated? The result is that the hall comes to be associated predominantly with unrestraint and utter informality, the meetings become disorderly and puerile, and a state of general disorganization likely results. Parallel with this misuse of the meeting place is the habit of some chapters of indulging in a general hurrah after chapter adjournment. This practice is similar in its results and serves most effectually in rendering impossible a dignified regular meeting. The fruits of these indiscretions—for such they undoubtedly are—are particularly effective upon the youthful membership.

The above is from an editorial in *Kappa Alpha Journal*. It embodies two propositions. The first referring to use of the lodge room is emphatically true if such a condition of things exists in Kappa Alpha. The same would apply to any fraternity. The writer has visited every charge of this fraternity and is pleased to note that the "lodge room" (where all meetings and initiations are held) of every charge is held sacred to those purposes and never under any consideration is the sanctity of this room invaded. Those charges which do not have regular houses have a parlor or social room, as it is called, where all the social exercises are held. The fraternity which varies from this rule in the least particular must be puerile in its ideas. As to the second proposition about a general hurrah after adjournment, we must qualify this statement and take issue with the idea the editor really wishes to convey. Now there is an idea of social education embodied in fraternity

life which must be properly carried out. This point can be best illustrated by citing a fact. There is at least one charge of our fraternity which holds its meetings on a certain night every week. After the business has been completed the session is adjourned and all the brothers repair to the parlors and have a social meeting. It is just as obligatory to attend this and no brother can leave till the social part is complete, except for very good reasons. The object is to enable the brothers to cultivate every phase of fraternity existence. It does not signify whether this social session is what our brother editor is pleased to call hilarious or not. It certainly should be cheerful and pleasant enough to be attractive. Music, singing and other exercises, a lunch or as you will, only so that every one has a good time. There is nothing which will bring the brothers into closer touch. For the time being "Fraternity" is supreme. The effect of such systematic and congenial association is lasting in its benefits.

ABOUT FRATERNITY PERIODICALS.

It may be well for the fraternity world to contemplate the rapid development of the fraternity periodicals, and stop and inquire in all seriousness, "Is not this the pace that kills?" Certainly in a spirit of rivalry that has grown up and actuated by that common temper of humanity, the Greek press has become a stupendous and expensive enterprise. No fraternity seems satisfied to lag behind, and one typographical improvement but gives place to another, and then the feature of illustration, until to-day there are fraternity magazines that in finish and general appointments are to be favorably compared with other more pretentious publications. It is a well known fact that these magazines are published almost entirely from the money received from the active members. Now and then some man who has never tried the work imagines that the journals of this kind should be self-supporting, and he dreams of alumni subscribers and revenues from advertisements and all that; but when he comes down to try it he finds that his experience is the same as those whom he thought negligent in the matter. The history of all magazines is nearly the same in this regard. The pages of these different publications are hand bills of financial complaint. The fraternity magazines need not expect to be self-sustaining. The question then is, does the end justify the outlay. The fact that the best magazines now are not those that have formerly been the best, coupled with the fact

that those that were the best have not only been surpassed but have dropped from their former standard of excellence, is proof in a certain way that the pace has been too expensive. A fraternity magazine is very hard to hold to any standard. The inquiry that is intended to be made here is this: How long will the fraternity world continue to expend so much money in magazines? This is a problem that will have to be solved, and that right early. This much is certain, that there will be little improvement in years to come. It is a very grave question in our own mind, whether it is wise to maintain such expensive publications. And yet it is very hard to keep slow in the race when others are going at such a rapid gait.

Editor Keeble of *Kappa Alpha Journal* thus discourses in an editorial in the December number. We have no doubt that his remarks are practically true in regard to nearly, if not all, of the present list of publications, excepting only the SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi. Perhaps we enjoy the distinction of being supported by the alumni. It is true that two-thirds of the income is derived from that source, and the publication is conducted largely in the interest of the graduates. We cannot endorse all that our friend asserts. It is not at all difficult to hold a fraternity magazine to its own standard, although it may be hard to keep pace with all the others, which are spasmodic in their efforts. It seems a little strange that Editor Keeble should write just as he does because his own journal has become famous for its never changing qualities. We cannot recall a single change since he has edited the *Journal*. Always regular, of equal size, uniformly good, and the same can be said of the SHIELD. It will probably not be possible for any fraternity magazine to be self-sustaining, as its field is limited, but that does not bar out this useful adjunct to fraternity education. There are many loyal men in Theta Delta Chi who come to the front with contributions when called upon, and the same possibility must exist in every other fraternity. We cannot spare the fraternity journal. No one, however, is entitled to criticize even the most unpretentious one, as the aim is creditable whatever the appearance of the journal.

THE PROFESSIONAL STUDENT.

In Exchange Notes may be found the remarks of the editor

of the *Rainbow* on the initiation of professional students. The fundamental idea of a college fraternity is the initiation of *college students*. It implies that only men of education are eligible, and further that only those who are regular students of a classical or scientific course should become members. Were this not so, then the necessity of professional fraternities would not have arisen. We have no desire to exclude the professional student from the brotherly companionship of his fellows, but he is provided for in the regular, established fraternities, which were founded for the professions to which they are allied. There are legal fraternities for law students, medical for the students of medicine, dental and pharmaceutical. Then again Phi Beta Kappa has a particular representation which is distinct and special. It is not considered improper for the members of a regular college fraternity to join Phi Beta Kappa or the professional society. Theta Nu Epsilon is the only conflicting society, and it is a violation of fraternity equity for a regular Greek letter man to join it. If these relations between college fraternities and professional societies are correctly stated, then the reverse ought to be and is equally true. The professional student who has not previously been a regular college attendant is not entitled to membership in a regular college fraternity any more than the day laborer, who never saw a school of any kind. We will concede that the college graduate who afterward becomes a professional student, is by right eligible, but the man who spends from one to four years in college without becoming a fraternity man, is, as a rule, very poor material for subsequent membership. There may be exceptions where this rule will not closely apply, but we assert positively that the man who was not solicited by some good fraternity during his college course is not proper material for membership. The editor wishes to be understood as believing that no professional student should ever be received into any college fraternity under any circumstances. An absolute rule of this character may deprive the fraternity of a *few* good men, but it will save the introduction of *many* poor ones. The prevalence of the custom of receiving professional students who have not been college men will lower the standard of the

fraternity idea. We further believe that none but college graduates should become professional students. This rule would elevate the professions and save much that is little more than charlatanism.

Psi Upsilon has a fight on hand. The Omega local fraternity at the University of Chicago, which has been refused entrance into Psi Upsilon at the general conventions, has at last attained its desire. The charter of the old chapter had never been returned, and the alumni took the matter into their own hands, initiated the Omega men under that charter and started them off as full-fledged Psi Upsilon. Certain members of Psi Upsilon hotly contest the validity of the action, and ask the other fraternities at the university not to recognize them as members of Psi Upsilon. The local men have plenty of backing, and it promises to be a strong fight.

The above clipping from one of our esteemed contemporaries is reproduced, not to flaunt others' misfortunes, but to deprecate the repetition of such facts, even if true. We have no knowledge of the truth of the statement, but if it be so our sympathy is extended to Psi Upsilon. Such things cannot occur without creating bad blood, and result in damage to the fraternity involved. Psi U will probably take the matter in hand and correct the evil speedily. It is to be hoped that the press will not help to spread such discussions.

CHANGED THEIR MINDS.

Down at the University of Chicago the little feeling that existed against secret societies has been removed entirely. The faculty has not only removed its objections but desires the best of the fraternities to know that if they come now they will be welcomed. The latest addition to the Greek colony is Alpha Delta Phi, which is about to absorb the "Lion's Head" Club in establishing its new chapter. The fraternity waited for the assurance that the faculty's attitude was altogether favorable to secret societies before granting a charter. That assurance was given, and an invitation was practically extended to other fraternities to come in. The crowds now at the university are Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Nu. Aside from the Greek letter fraternity chapters are the Omega Club, which has petitioned for

a chapter from Psi Upsilon, the "Lion's Head," most of whose members will be taken by Alpha Delta Phi, and the Melancholy Club, a local organization whose badge is a skull over a black enameled shield bearing the initial M. There is another Greek letter crowd at the university, which, because of the severity of its initiation, is running sub rosa, and is not at all welcome. The life of the fraternities there is now on a healthy basis, however, and it is probable that the favorable attitude of the faculty will soon cause a big increase in the colony of Greeks.

The above appeared in the Chicago *Times-Herald* of recent date. Evidently quite a change has come over the spirit of their dreams. Well, let such fraternities as desire enter the university. There is one however, which will probably linger long before it seeks an entrance, and that is Theta Delta Chi, at least if the SHIELD can exert sufficient influence against it. Our opposition is on the ground that the highest and best type of fraternity life cannot be maintained in any institution of post-graduate character.

ABOUT CHAPTER HOUSES.

One question that is agitating the fraternity world at the present time is the chapter house question. Every fraternity seems to be entered in a sort of Olympic contest; and each is striving to surpass the rest in the number and splendor of chapter houses. There are as many different kinds of chapter houses as there are different ways of building houses; and there are several different theories as to what a chapter house should be. In order that the question may be simplified it may be well to give a summary of the main ideas on the question. There are three main divisions of chapter houses. In the first place there is the hall where the meetings of the chapter may be held and where every sort of convenience may be found for initiation, and perhaps a hall or parlor where receptions may be given; then comes the club room idea, where the chapter not only has a place of meeting but also has a place to assemble at any time for social intercourse and pleasure. In this class we find parlors, reading rooms, smoking rooms and other places of amusement. The third class is where all the other two are combined, but where the members also find a home, the members living there continually. Which then is the best and which one of these classes will the fraternity world adopt as best suited to develop the highest ideals of fraternity life? By the highest ideals of fraternity life is meant the ideal that contributes the most to the noblest aims of the fraternity, and at the same time does not contribute in the least to destroy the best ideals of manhood. It will not do for a fraternity to commit itself to an idea on this question without deep study; for there is rarely any going back when once a policy of this kind is adopted.

From the editorials in the December number of Kappa Alpha

Journal we clip the above extract. To the careful thinker these are wise remarks. The chapter house idea has of late years become a "fad" and it is a very dangerous one. The question is one of such grave importance that we have avoided it. There may be places and conditions where the chapter house becomes an absolute necessity through the competitive influence, but we shrink from the establishment of a house where it can not be planted entirely free from debt by the alumni of a charge. Pages might be filled with arguments on either side. The fraternity which first inaugurates a chapter house at an institution where a good dormitory system exists, is likely to do grievous wrong to the other societies not as well able to establish houses. The subject should always be carefully considered and never decided unless a clear future is assured.

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.

While the undergraduate brethren are in fullest knowledge of the late acquisition to our roll, it is our pleasure to announce for the information of all members of the fraternity that on Thursday, March 26th, the Chi Deuteron Charge of Theta Delta Chi was established at Columbian University, in Washington, D. C.

This ceremony took place at the rooms of the new charge, No. 1509 H street, under the administration of the President, who conducted the initiation ceremonies.

A full account of the exercises, list of initiates, etc., will be found in this number of the SHIELD.

I wish, however, to bespeak for the new charge an immediate place in the affections of the brethren—believing as I do, that Chi Deuteron is a credit to Theta Delta Chi—and the men full of promise as worthy exponents of our traditions, policy and responsibilities.

On April 10th your president attended the annual banquet of the New England Association and found no lack of interest in the assembly on all appertaining to the fraternity. A Grand Lodge meeting was held during the Boston visit and Zeta received official visitation in April.

The itinerary is arranged for visits to Iota Deuteron and Delta during May, and also visits to Phi on May 14th and Nu Deuteron on May 15th.

During the early part of June our western charges will be visited and the return made by June 15—in order that any important matters of our last few college weeks may receive prompt attention.

We advise all graduates who read this notice to write either the Grand Lodge or the charges, *or both*, of any men of their estimation, who will appear at college for entrance exams next month. Don't put it over till fall. Give the seniors one more chance to size up their successors and maybe help in the rushing season. We desire to co-operate in this work.

On the evening of May 9th I attended the annual banquet of the Epsilon Deuteron charge.

Great enthusiasm was evinced when Bro. and Prof. Wm. H. Brewer jotted down the date of the semi-centennial and then urged the younger brothers to attend. In fact, wherever I was privileged to meet the brethren, the same desire and intention of helping in the semi-centennial exercises is expressed. I make no appeal, but I do wish to say that you will lessen the perplexities of the committee if your answers to the blanks sent out receive early attention. The answers are necessary to measure our course—the fulfillment of the pledges is put far enough in advance—partly that the answers may be tabulated and our plans guided thereby. Surely all will see the force of the value of our knowledge of those who will assist us.

The minutes of the Convention proceedings are ready for delivery. Copies can be obtained from the secretary. Let our latest legislation be reviewed and an understanding of our condition be wide among our graduates.

I desire, further, to state that I shall be at Norwalk all the summer after July 10, to receive your letters, questions—and visits, if you can spare them—and to give prompt attention to all fraternity matters submitted during the college vacation.

Trusting that you all may find valued benefits in the approaching rest and that we all may take up our work in the fall with renewed activity and zeal, I remain,

Faithfully yours

CARL A. HARSTROM,
President.

GAMMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Since our last letter to the SHIELD life at Gamma Deuteron has been comparatively unproductive of events of general interest. We haven't been asleep, however, but have initiated two new freshmen, Bros. Frank Arbuckle and Charles Wehrle, of Toledo, O., and have three others pledged.

It is with deep regret that we are obliged to record the death of Bro. W. M. Miller, '91, formerly with Delta. He is the first to leave our family circle to join the Omega charge.

May 21-23 is the time for the "May Festival," which is given every year under the auspices of the Choral Union. It has come to be one of the great society events of the year with us, as well as being a rare musical treat. It draws hundreds of visitors from the neighboring towns, of whom Gamma Deuteron usually has her share. This year will be no exception, for some of the fellows expect their mothers and sisters, and others their "friends," so that we shall probably have a very lively time for the few days. We are planning for a house party on the evening of the 20th, which will be a good send off for the rest of the time.

The annual banquet of the charge will be held about the first of June, at which time we hope to have with us Bro. Harstrom, of the Grand Lodge.

This year we lose by graduation Bros. McColl, Holmes, Williams and Van Tuyl.

A few nights ago we received a very pleasant visit from Bro. Pollard, Omicron Deuteron, '95, who was in town on business.

Bro. H. W. LeClear, ex-'94, is engaged in a very successful photographic business in Lansing, Mich.

Fraternally yours,

H. H. VAN TUYL.

EPSILON DEUTERON.

YALE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter to the SHIELD affairs have been very prosperous with Epsilon Deuteron, and we have all been enjoying to the full the good-fellowship of our life together here.

We were all much gratified at the very successful installation of the new Chi Deuteron charge at Columbian, and the reports of those brothers who have met the members of it are in every way most favorable.

Shortly before the Easter vacation, which came for us during the first week in April, Bros. Hopton and Jackson, '96, S., were elected to the Sigma Xi, the high-stand honorary society of the Scientific school, and we consider this a very great honor, as only thirteen men were selected in all, and only ten from the Sheff. Senior class of 175. Since the holidays Bro. Jackson has received another piece of good fortune in the shape of an election to full membership in the University Glee Club. As he expects to be back next year for P. G. work, he will have the opportunity of enjoying this the more.

Bro. Davis, '98, S., who was appointed early in the season to the temporary captaincy of the Freshman nine, made so efficient an officer that he was elected permanent captain about two weeks ago, and the team seems to be prospering under his management.

Your humble correspondent received an election last month to the editorial board of the *Yale Scientific Monthly*, from which Bros. Hopton and Mansfield, '96, S., have just retired.

We have enjoyed most pleasant visits from a number of brothers from various charges during the past three months, and we hope that many more will drop in at "36" whenever they are near New Haven.

As the Senior portion of the charge will leave us so soon, to be scattered far and wide over the country, we decided to have a banquet at the Hotel Majestic next Saturday night (May 9th), and we hope for a gathering that will be long cherished in the hearts of all present. Bro. Carter, '91, will act as toast-master, and we have received acceptances from a number of other brothers, so that we expect about thirty-five to be present. With best regards, I am, for Epsilon Deuteron,

Most fraternally yours,

R. C. LANPHIER.

ZETA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Now that in the warm weather and pleasant days of the spring term studies are almost a secondary consideration, fraternal feeling and harmony among the Zeta Thetes is evinced in a higher degree than perhaps ever before. The spirit of concord among the upper classmen is encouraging and the younger members of the Zeta charge are imbibing large amounts of Theta Delt patriotism.

Apart from the enthusiasm over the splendid work of the base ball team at the opening of the season, the interest at Brown for the past few months has centered in the production of a melodrama entitled "Florida Water," in which Thetes have taken a prominent part. The story of the play sets forth the adventures of Ponce de Leon and his followers at the fountain of youth, in the course of which frequent opportunities are given for specialty dancing and topical songs.

The play was presented in the Providence opera house for the three nights beginning May 1st, with a matinee performance May 2d. All the performances brought out crowded houses and the play was favorably criticised in the local papers. Special mention was made of Bro. A. C. Stone in a dance as Minnie He He, an Indian maiden. The Standing Army, of which Bro. Henry L. Smith was a member, were commended as clever comedians. The success of the music was in a large measure due to the efforts of Bro. F. M. Knights, who was musical director. In the chorus were Bros. H. H. Totten, M. H. Merchant, J. A. Buffington and Charles Hull.

In general athletics several Thetes are preparing to capture the laurel wreath. Bro. Shead, who has tied the amateur record for the forty yards dash in a trial heat, is training for a number of spring meets, where he is certain to make a good try for first place. Bro. Hull is also training for short distance running. Bro. Lyons is a promising member of the bicycle team, and his fellow Thetes think he is capable of "a few." Bro. Davis is catcher on the Freshman nine.

The Glee Club is still keeping up its high standard under the instruction of Bro. Knights.

Several Thetes from other charges have dropped in on Zeta for a friendly visit. Others who come may be sure of a cordial reception.

Fraternally,

E. B. MORSE.

ETA.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

These days of the spring term, so much enjoyed by all, are flying by much more rapidly than we can realize. Amid all the pleasure of the close companionship with those who are bound to us by the firmest ties, there is yet sadness. We are now beginning to realize that our senior brothers are soon to leave the "Whispering Pines," and dear old Eta. But it is a consolation to know that they will stand ready to aid Eta, and Theta Delta Chi, in all its undertakings.

Athletics take a very prominent part here during these weeks, so suitable to every kind of outdoor sport. The base ball team, under the captaincy of Bro. Robert L. Hull, '97, has begun its work and is proving itself a credit to the college. In the league of Maine colleges, Bowdoin is sure of the foremost place, and we are confident that the pennant is surely ours this year. Eta is well represented on the team. Bro. Hull, as catcher, is playing a good game, and Bro. Eugene L. Bodge, '97, is winning laurels in the box. Bro. Theodore Gould, '98, is holding down first base, while Bro. Robert E. Soule, '96, sticks fast to third. Bro. Ralph M. Greenlaw, '99, is continually making star plays in left field.

There has never been so much interest manifested here in track athletics as there is this season. Our first indoor meet was a grand success, and closely contested. There is a fair prospect that within a very short time Bowdoin will have as good an athletic field as can be found in New England. Already the land has been purchased and work begun on the track. With a good athletic field, Bowdoin will be among the first in track athletics.

We have been enjoying very much the presence of Bro. William F. Garcelon, Iota, '95, who has been coaching our track team for the Worcester meet. Bro. Garcelon is a fine coach, well liked by all the men, and a loyal Theta Delt.

Tennis tournaments are in progress and there is much enthusiasm displayed among our tennis players. Bro. Philip Dana and Walter W. Fogg, '96, Bowdoin's champion tennis players of last season, are getting down to work and are confident of a victory this year.

The provisional commencement appointments of the class of '96 have been announced, and Bros. Philip Dana, Walter W. Fogg and Robert Newbegin are the fortunate ones from our senior delegation.

Bro. John H. Morse, '97, has recently been elected President of the Maine Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Many of us are making our plans to attend the "Semi Centennial" next fall. We expect to meet many of the brothers from our sister charges, and a goodly number of the alumni.

Our delegates to the New England banquet report a fine time, a good banquet and rapid progress of Theta Delta Chi.

With best wishes of Eta to all her sister charges,

Very fraternally yours,

CASSIUS C. WILLIAMSON.

IOTA.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

The annual banquet of the New England Association of $\Theta \Delta \chi$, held under the auspices of Iota, at Young's Hotel, April 10th, proved an unqualified success. About sixty Theta Delts were present, nearly half of whom were from Iota.

The speeches averaged better than in past years, Bro. A. P. Stone, '93, excelling himself as toastmaster.

Bros. Waterhouse, '97, and Starkweather, I. Med. of the Glee Club, gave solos, and the evening passed very pleasantly.

The following day we had the pleasure of a short visit from several of the brothers, among others Bros. Mansfield and Hopton, of Epsilon Deuteron, and Barker, of Zeta.

Harvard won the Whist Tournament with Yale by a good margin. Bros. Thwaits, Whitmore, Morrill and Booth were Iota's representatives on the team.

Five Iotas are represented in this year's Lacrosse Team: Beecher, Burley, Sand, Horne and Wilder.

Contrary to custom there will be no spread at the club house this year, as the number of graduating brothers is unusually small.

The affairs of the charge are promising, and we would renew our welcome to visiting brothers.

Fraternally,

E. F. CHAMPNEY.

IOTA DEUTERON.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

Spring has again aroused old Williams into activity after her somewhat dormant existence of the winter. The studious side of our college work is turned down, and the physical and social elements receive the greatest share of attention. Base ball is, of course, the leading topic, and a topic upon which we are not at all unwilling to talk, as the team which represents us this year promises to make a good stab at the pennant. We have opened the season very propitiously by beating Harvard and Yale. Bro. Goodrich, '97, will again be found at the old stand on first base.

A series of class games has been arranged for a cup, and while the quality of the play is not always exceptionally good, the excitement always runs high. Iota Deuteron has a representative on each of the teams, Bro. Putney on the senior team, Bro. Hawkins on the junior, Bro. Dunbar on the sophomore, and Bro. Taylor on the freshman.

The athletic team is working faithfully and getting into form for the meet to be held with Syracuse University at Albany, May 11. Bros. Dater, '96, and Putney, '96, are our representatives on the team, of which Bro. Hawkins was recently elected manager for the coming year.

The brothers keep our tennis court warm almost continually, and we expect Bro. Deming to help keep the tennis championship with us for another year.

Bro. Pratt, '98, has been elected to the Lit. Board.

We have a new brother to introduce, H. H. Rowland, '99.

Bro. Abbott, '99, has left college, but expects to be back next year to swell our 1,900 delegation.

Although we have more than once been led astray by hatching our chickens before the eggs are laid, still we consider the prospects for next year very favorable and already feel fairly sure of several men.

We celebrate our fifth anniversary some time during June, and expect quite a number of the alumni to be present. We feel more than satisfied with the firm footing we have obtained here during our five years existence, coping with the old, long established fraternities, and consider that they haven't so very much the advantage of us.

Bro. Nutter, ex-'97, is in business in Bradford, Mass.

Bro. Cartledge, ex-'97, now studying medicine in Baltimore, starts soon to spend a few months in England.

F. M. PEAKE.

KAPPA.

TUFTS COLLEGE.

We have the pleasure of introducing to the fraternity Bro. George Walter Rowbotham, '97, of Boston, whom we have initiated since the last publication of the SHIELD. Bro. Rowbotham happens to be a very good athlete. He played half back last fall on the 'Varsity foot-ball team and is quite a man on the track. As a good all-around man he is well worthy to wear the shield.

We have lately received a very appropriate and much appreciated gift from Bro. Sumner Robinson, Kappa, '88, in the form of two heads—a large moose head and a deer head—both beautifully taxidermed and mounted. Bro. Robinson shot the beasts himself in the woods of Maine last fall. We think that they add very much to the general appearance of our rooms.

Perhaps the most enjoyable feature of our year in the fraternity has been the night which we devoted to our graduates. All the graduates of Kappa were invited to be present, and a large number came, though of course many who would have liked to come were prevented from doing so by distance. Bro. W. L. Hooper, Kappa, '77, furnished the most interesting attraction of the evening by giving us a very comprehensive talk on the X rays. After we had indulged in some slight refreshments the younger men all took back seats and allowed the older men to have full sway. With reminiscence, story and song they made the evening one long to be remembered. Graduates' night is an established institution with us and we heartily recommend it to all the charges.

Our annual series of fraternity base ball games has begun on the field and we are trying very hard to avoid coming out at the foot of the list.

As this is the last SHIELD letter that your present scribe will write it may be well to take this opportunity to tell the fraternity how Kappa stands at present. The year that is now drawing to a close has been perhaps the most successful year that we have ever experienced. What we mean by success is a happy realization of our fraternity ideals. The men whom we have chosen this year have fitted well. Every man in our charge has found his place and has contributed his share towards making things glide on smoothly and agreeably. Our charge has been almost a perfect unit and as a unit it has succeeded.

We believe that in proportion as we succeed in this way as individual charges the fraternity at large grows stronger and her position in the college world becomes more and more assured.

ROLLIN B. SANFORD.

LAMBDA.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

As, in the course of human events the brothers of Lambda have seen fit to honor me with the position of charge editor, I can do no better than to follow in the footsteps of my worthy predecessor and faithfully chronicle the happenings of Lambda

life in B. U. It certainly seems as if Bro. Marden, '77, had inspired Lambda, for we are undoubtedly "pushing to the front," and once there we are going to stop awhile.

The principal event of the past month, and one which is still rankling in the breasts of all members of the University, is the violently distorted decision rendered by the judges in the debate between our college and Bates. By that decision Bates was given the championship for '96, and what seemed to us a sure thing was unfairly denied us. The debate was particularly interesting to Lambda, because Bro. Thorne not only took part in it, but is president of the "New England Inter-collegiate Debating League." Our faces, however, are gradually resuming their natural shape after the effects of the lengthening process inflicted by the result of the debate, and we are arriving at the conclusion that there is no use in kicking against the pricks.

The evening of May 13th is the date set apart for "Alumni Night." All alumni brothers within reasonable distance of Boston have been notified of the fact, and we expect to have a pleasant and profitable meeting. We intend to show our alumni brothers how Lambda now does things, and they will doubtless tell us how affairs were carried on in their day. Lambda is proud of her alumni brothers, and although inclined to exalt them, yet she feels that where exaltation is due there it should be accorded. Such a shining light as Bro. Baldwin right in our midst should be a great incentive to Lambda to produce a few more such men.

Our friend Alpha Phi is soon to tender a reception to Bro. Baldwin, who has lately taken unto himself a wife. Lambda has always affiliated with Alpha Phi, and Bro. Baldwin has adhered to the custom of the charge, for he has married an Alpha Phi sister.

I am very glad to report that Lambda is in a very prosperous condition and is ready to appropriate the cream of the next year's freshman class. We got the best of the present freshmen, and made no mistakes in our selections from that class. Fraternity spirit at B. U. is away above par and competition between our fraternity and the other college fraternities is cor-

respondingly strong. But we are now in a position to more than hold our own. We may even well be aggressive.

We are now in quarters of which we are proud, and we extend a cordial invitation to all brothers who may happen our way to drop in and see us.

Fraternally yours,

EDW. S. UNDERWOOD.

XI.

HOBART COLLEGE.

The spring term finds us in our chapter house. Its description, with the names of the brothers who have contributed to enable us to occupy our new home, has been sent to the SHIELD. It gives us pleasure to make this report and to especially thank all who have aided us pecuniarily and otherwise.

At our coming reunion, Tuesday, June 23, we expect to be honored by the presence of a very large number of graduate brothers. Some of the oldest members of the charge have already signified their intention of attending.

During the past few months we have received visits from Bros. Hobson, Lambda, '89; McKinney, Chi, '68; Hubbard, Beta, '97; Smith, Beta, '99. Bro. Slosson, '63, has returned from Colorado Springs, where he has been for several weeks.

Bros. Chouinard and Watson have had the pleasure of visiting Phi, Chi Deuteron and Beta while on the recent trip of the Hobart base-ball team, and meeting a number of the brothers of those charges.

Bro. Colton, '97, has been re-elected to the board of editors of the college paper, and subsequently was elected editor-in-chief.

Fraternally yours,

W. S. WATSON.

OMICRON DEUTERON.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

With the close of the present term we lose from among us Bros. Lakeman, Harris, Edgerly, Whittaker, Shirley and Hazen. Bro. Lakeman has a commencement part, the English

oration. Four have class day parts. Bro. Shirley is class prophet, Bro. Harris delivers the address to the president, and Bro. Edgerly the address to the Old Chapel.

Bro. H. O. Aiken, '87, has been secured through the efforts of President Tucker to fill the position of General Secretary of the Dartmouth Y. M. C. A. Bro. Aiken was very popular when in college, and a phenomenon both on the athletic field and in the class room. He is assured an enthusiastic reception from Dartmouth men. We clip the following from the *Dartmouth*:

"Prof. Aiken was born in Amherst, N. H., and is a member of the famous Aiken family which has been so closely connected with Dartmouth in the person of the late Prof. Charles A. Aiken, '46, who for seven years filled the chair of Latin language and literature. Fitting for college at the Randolph (Vt.) High School, Prof. Aiken entered Dartmouth in the class of '87, and graduated with exceptionally high honors. He was an earnest student, devoting his chief attention to Latin, and as an athlete gained a most honored reputation. For four years he was connected with the 'varsity base ball team, filling the position of pitcher a greater part of the time, and during this period he was the strongest player in the college. In addition to his success in his studies and in athletics, he was an accomplished musician and a most prominent member of all the musical organizations of the college. Since graduation Prof. Aiken has devoted himself to teaching, and during the past three years he has been an instructor in Latin in the Hill School, Pottstown, Penn."

Bro. Johnson has been elected President of the Y. M. C. A. for the ensuing year. Bro. Snow is treasurer.

Bro. Ryan is managing editor of the "*Lit*" for next year.

The college whist tournament was won by our champions, Harris and Day. Psi Upsilon took second place.

General literary work reaches its minimum during the summer term, but our meetings have been made very interesting during the present term by readings and anecdotes from popular authors.

The Dartmouth Press Club recently gave a banquet in honor

of Gen. C. H. Taylor of the Boston *Globe*, and noted alumni from Boston. Bro. Shirley responded to the toast, "The Dartmouth."

At the time of writing, the base ball outlook is most promising. The team has just returned from its first trip, having won four games, Harvard twice, Tufts and Trinity, and lost from Brown and Wesleyan. We are represented by Bro. Watson at first base, and Bro. Rowe at center field.

Bro. Gary and Bro. Gilman, '98, are doing good work on their wheels, and are sure of winning points in the coming meet.

Bro. Smith, '99, our strong man, is doing good work at putting the shot.

Bro. J. W. H. Pollard, '95, is making us a short visit. His headquarters are in Chicago, where he is salesman for a Hav-
erhill boot and shoe firm.

Bro. E. R. Davis, '95, has recently graduated from the Thayer School of Civil Engineering.

JOHN WM. MERROW.

PI DEUTERON.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Our spring vacation has just ended, and from now on till the finale in June, grinding will be the order of the day.

Pi Deuteron can look back upon the collegiate year, now closing, with both pleasure and satisfaction. Theta Delta Chi has kept well to the front, and we have taken our due proportion of honors in all the social, athletic, and political affairs of college life. While our quarters are not all that we would desire, we hope to improve upon them next year.

At our last initiation we added to our number Bros. George W. Steele, '99, and George Schmid, '98. We take great pleasure in introducing these two brothers to the fraternity, doubting not but that they will prove leal Theta Delts.

We are particularly fortunate in the attendance of graduate brothers at our weekly meetings. During the last few meetings we have enjoyed the presence of the following: McKim,

Theta, '94; Wallace, Sigma, '90; Carter, Epsilon Deuteron, '90; Jones, Pi Deuteron, '88; Meehan, Delta, '98; Wettlaufer, Pi Deuteron, '88, and Hackett, Gamma Deuteron, '98. Bro. Hackett gave us a very interesting account of his visits to the various charges of the fraternity, and of the doings of his own charge.

Bro. Wettlaufer has presented the charge with a beautiful rug.

Bro. Harrington, '95, was delegated to represent the charge at the New England banquet. He reported a very enjoyable affair.

The four fraternities, in co-operation with the literary societies of the college, are publishing an annual, the "Microcosm," which promises to be a decided success, and the best annual ever gotten out by the college. Theta Delta Chi is represented upon the Microcosm board by Bros. Morrison, '97, and Wright, '96.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs gave a concert at Carmel, N. Y., on the evening of the twenty-fourth of April; Bro. Strobel, '96, is leader of the Mandolin Club.

The present incumbent of the office of charge editor was one of the three delegates elected to represent C. C. N. Y. at the I. C. A. A. convention.

The Senior Class appointments are as follows: Bro. Strobel, '96, class dinner, post-graduate, chairman and assistant marshal commencement; Bro. Wright, '96, class dinner, post-graduate, marshal class day; Bro. Wagner, '96, commencement, class dinner, memorial.

In conclusion, I express the hope of the charge that all the brothers may pass a pleasant vacation.

OSCAR WAGNER.

RHO DEUTERON.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

The dedication exercises at the new grounds were a great success, the whole ceremony coming off without a single hitch and about 4,000 people being present on the occasion. Bros.

Slichter, Uterhart, Dickerson and Luqueer were among the marshals.

The Schools of Medicine and Mines wore no gowns, as the sentiment in the professional courses is decidedly against them.

We have lately initiated Frank S. Dickerson, and I am sure that all Theta Delts who meet him will congratulate us on our latest acquisition. Four of us graduate this spring, but nevertheless, the charge will be more numerous than at the commencement of the college year.

The '97 Columbian has just appeared, and Bro. Fulton seems to be very proud of it. It is a very creditable year book.

The seventeenth annual exhibition of the New York Microscopical Society was held on April 14th, at the Museum of Natural History. Its great success is due entirely to the efforts of Bro. Kosmak, who is on the exhibition committee, and did all the hard work essential for its success. His special exhibit was the "Dermal Armor of the Sturgeon."

Bros. Sergeant and Slichter are working together on their graduation theses. The theme is the testing of gas engines.

Fraternally yours,

PAUL MACGAHAN.

SIGMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Very pleasant and prosperous has been our first year in Theta Delta Chi, and very promising for the future. We have taken in four new men and this year lose but three from the graduating class. Next year some of our old men will be back and we expect to have twenty-two to start in with next fall, thus having the house full immediately on returning. We have already several men of the incoming class pledged for next year. So you can see, brothers, that everything looks bright for Sigma Deuteron.

Our members who graduate this year are Bros. H. H. Trippe, graduating from the civil engineering course; G. M. Dahl, from the law school, and J. L. McNab, from the civic historical

course. These brothers will make three more loyal alumni for Theta Delta Chi, as they have always been zealous in its interests while with us in the charge.

The latter part of the year is always of more lively interest and this has been no exception. Early in the spring there was great class rivalry between the Freshmen and Sophomores, manifesting itself in competition for athletic honors, in the Sophs putting glue on the dancing floor at the Freshman party, in the burning of effigies and display of pennants, etc. Then came the great Junior Promenade. It was an unqualified success and the finest party that we have ever had here. Bros. Tillotson and Greenwood were on the committee. The home concert of the Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs was a success in every way. The clubs showed very careful and conscientious training and gave a very enjoyable program. We have two men on the Mandolin club, Bros. Barrows and Ryan. A very interesting series of indoor athletic meets were held.

On March 27th Psi Upsilon was installed in the University, a charter having been granted to the local society of Rho Kappa Upsilon.

Of course the topic of interest now is athletics. Our baseball team is the best we have had for years. The team will take quite an extended eastern trip, playing Michigan, Hobart and Cornell. Bro. Gregg plays short stop. In track athletics Wisconsin is fast coming to the top and we confidently hope for first place at the intercollegiate contest in Chicago. Our crew is composed entirely of men who rowed in last year's crew, and is very strong. We compete with the Yale Freshman crew on June 18th, at New Haven. We are thus the first western university to send a crew east.

More interest is being shown this year in military affairs than ever before. An artillery squad has been formed and we shall soon have a sham battle. Bro. Barrows is captain of one of the companies, To-morrow Bro. P. D. Vroom, Delta, '62, who is inspector of the U. S. Army for the Northwest, will be here to inspect the battalion. We shall do our best to entertain him.

In literary lines as well as in athletics, Wisconsin is growing in strength. We won lately joint debates with the University of Minnesota and with Northwestern. The defeated teams admitted themselves beaten and grant the U. of W. the highest rank in debating of any institution in the west.

In the joint debate between the two literary societies, Athena and Philomatheia, Bros. Brazeau, '97, Compton, '98, and Nelson, '98, are to represent the latter. This is one of the highest honors that could be granted us. With it also comes a great responsibility, but one which we feel confident our brothers can bear.

Bro. G. H. Jones, '97, is on a joint debate between two of the engineering societies. He has also been elected vice-president of the University Y. M. C. A.

We have lately had some recreation and "lots of fun" playing base ball, having organized a fraternity team. We played the Sigma Chi's and beat them 30 to 4. We have other games to play later on.

It is a truly sincere welcome that Sigma Deuteron extends to our new charge at the Columbian University.

Sigma Deuteron will hold her first annual banquet on Friday, June 19th. This will enable more of our alumni to be present than if we were to have it on May 15th, the day of our initiation. We will, however, commemorate the event suitably on that day. We extend to every Theta Delta a hearty invitation to be present on the evening of the banquet and hope we may have many of you with us.

Fraternally yours,

E. A. STAVRUM.

TAU DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The last month of the school year and for three of us of our college course, has come and all are busy with preparation for the finals. Bro. Hughes, '96, and Bro. Pratt, '98, have just gone to the Vermilion range to spend a month, Bro. Hughes with the intention of remaining, having been offered a position

by the company. Bro. Bayless, '99, leaves soon for northern Michigan, where he has secured a position for the summer.

Bro. McDermott, '96, goes to Dixon, Ill., after commencement to accept a position as secretary of a bicycle company located there. As for the rest, none have any very definite plans.

Three of our newly-married brothers have rented cottages for the summer at Lake Minnetonka, and the rest of the brothers who are to be in the twin cities during the summer are now planning to rent a large cottage near them and form a Theta Delt colony for the summer.

Of past events there are few to note. Tau Deuteron entertained Bro. Hackett, Gamma Deuteron, during the week the Rhea company was here. The boys were all sorry to see him go. We only wish more of the brothers who are going through would make this their headquarters instead of stopping at the hotels. Being so far removed from the rest of the charges we seldom see many except the brothers living in town, as this seems to be out of the route Theta Deltas take. The "House" will be open all summer; there are to be two visitors' rooms and we want them used.

In athletics we have done little this spring. There are quite a number training for field day sports and some very promising men among them.

In base ball we have done little and that little has not been to our credit in that line. There has not been much to attract good men and the advisory board has limited the "trip" to the state.

In the charge circles there is little to note. On March 22 we initiated George Pratt, '98, who is taking the mining engineering course.

Bro. G. H. Johnston's mother has just died, a severe loss to him and harder at this time as he has only just recovered from a long sickness.

With this one exception the brothers have escaped all affliction during the college year.

Wishing all a pleasant vacation I remain
Yours in Theta Delta Chi,

W. D. HARTMAN.

PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

As charge news is very scarce from this quarter just at present, I will simply state that Phi still continues to prosper. All the brothers returned to resume their studies this term, which fact we note with much pleasure.

Commencement is drawing near and we are beginning already to mourn the hole this will leave in our ranks. We lose by graduation Bros. Twitmeyer, Lobingier and Ahbe. They are all popular college men and more than that, earnest and loyal Theta Deltas.

The *Melange*, our college annual, published by the Junior class, which promises to be one of the finest books ever published at Lafayette, will be out soon. Theta Delta Chi had her share in the honors.

The annual banquet will be held on Monday, June 15. We expect a large delegation of alumni to be present and anticipate a very delightful evening.

Bro. Voight, '94, one of Lafayette's most popular athletes, paid us a short visit not long ago.

Phi wishes all the brothers of the different charges a very pleasant summer vacation.

Very fraternally,

RABE F. MARSH.

CHI.

ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

While the writing of a SHIELD letter is a very pleasurable duty, the meager amount of news from Chi at this time is rather suggestive of a postal card.

We shall hold our annual banquet in June, and all are looking forward to a "feast of reason and a flow of soul" worthy of the occasion.

Bro. Glass, captain of the football team for last season, graduates this June.

Bro. Hyde of '99 is pitcher for the baseball team.

Bros. McNall, Hamilton and Rippey were selected to try for soph. ex.

Bro. Orwen was chosen one of the editors of the *Campus*.

I might mention a fact which, although not a fraternity matter, is felt here by all. This is the resignation of Pres. Hill, who will leave the University at the end of the present year. While connected with the institution he has been a great factor in the advancement of the college, and has come into such close relationship with the student body that his resignation is regretted by all alike.

With best wishes for the welfare of the SHIELD,
CHARLES GIFFORD ORWEN.

CHI DEUTERON.

COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Starting with thirteen members and holding our weekly meetings on Friday might be interpreted as indications of a dark future for the fledgling of Theta Delta Chi, whose charge letter appears now for the first time on the pages of the SHIELD.

It would not only be premature but uncomely for us to announce that we have begun our new life with every prospect of longevity and success—if the composition of Chi Deuteron is such as to warrant a prediction of this nature, it sounds better and has more value when uttered by the lips of others. And, moreover, success can never be measured by the future, only by the past. In introducing ourselves to our brothers through the SHIELD this much we feel at liberty to say, we are under the affectionate and mature tutelage of a large number of brothers from nearly every old charge in the United States—brothers who have been weighed in the balance of Theta Delta Chi, some of them for a score of years and more, and never found wanting. And what this means we all know.

What little we might have written to introduce ourselves and to exhibit the results of our first election we have been anticipated in by the circular letter of Brother Harstrom of April 18th.

For the encouragement and kind words of welcome that we received on the night and day following our initiation from nearly every charge, we wish to extend to our brothers the most cordial and sincere expressions of our appreciation.

While we are not yet fully settled in our quarters, it would be esteemed a great favor by Chi Deuteron if any brother would notify us of an expected visit to Washington.

VICTOR L. MASON.

PSI.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

Various matters of interest in the charge and college have occurred during the last quarter. The matter of greatest importance which has happened to Psi is the expulsion from the charge and fraternity of Messrs. F. and P. A. Rose. For the past two years and a half they have been like a millstone hanging about our necks. They retarded all efforts to advance the best interests of the charge. They prevented our getting men; and were exceedingly disagreeable to the members of the charge. They flaunted their disloyalty and hatred of Theta Delta Chi openly before the members of the other fraternities. In view of these circumstances it can be imagined how gladly we expelled them when compelled to do so by the Grand Lodge. Since their expulsion we have been a united and happy lot of boys.

As commencement draws near our thoughts naturally turn to our chances of getting in a goodly number of men from 1900. We are absolutely sure, even at this early day, of one man, and are angling for two more. With the whole charge pulling together as it is now there is a bright prospect before us.

Having no seniors we can hope for no graduating honors.

Bro. D. G. George, '97, has been elected to the Hamiltonian board; he, also has been chosen response for '97 at the campus day exercises, by the graduating class.

Bro. J. R. Bachman, '98, has been elected corresponding secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Bro. C. J. France, '98, is taking an enforced vacation; he will be with us again in the fall.

Bro. J. E. Bristol, '98, writes us that he will be with us, probably next year.

Bro. T. C. Cheney, '99, was chairman of the class cane committee.

Bro. F. H. Cunningham, '99, has succeeded in making first base on the 'Varsity nine. He and Bro. W. E. Danford, '99, are in active training for the spring field day which occurs May 21.

The absorbing topic at the present time is baseball. The prospect of winning most of the games played is very flattering. The freshman class has developed some excellent material.

The freshman class held its annual banquet at the Butterfield House, Utica, May 2. A party of twenty "sophs" tried to break it up, but were unsuccessful.

The "night gown" parade, a custom established last year, occurred at 10.30 p. m. April 29. It was a huge success. About fifty members of the college, dressed according to custom and armed with dinner bells and tin horns, serenaded Cottage and Houghton seminaries, and several prominent people.

It has been an acknowledged fact for some time that the present system of running the *Lit* is extremely detrimental to its success. Since 1867 the custom has been to appoint a board of editors, consisting of one man from each fraternity regardless of literary merit. President Stryker took the matter into his own hands recently and proposed the following plan :

1. It shall be edited by Dr. Stryker.
2. The associate board of editors shall consist of four men from the senior class appointed because of their literary merit.
3. It shall be published seven times a year.
4. The board of editors shall be appointed in April or May of each year and shall receive a compensation of \$50 a year.

The college after a week's deliberation rejected the plan. If it had been submitted to a vote at the time of proposal it undoubtedly would have been adopted. It looked feasible and impartial. Maturer thought on the part of the college brought to light what the students deemed defects. The magazine is meant to be a student publication purely. Dr. Stryker's plan would have made it an organ of the faculty. The plan adopted by the college follows

the line of his, but keeps the control of the *Lit* in the hands of the students. It is as follows :

1. The board of editors shall consist of four members, three from the senior class and one from the junior class. 2. The board shall be nominated by a committee of six, consisting of three from the old *Lit* board, and three members of the faculty ; the nominations shall be ratified by the student body. 3. The minor details shall be left to the new board.

We have received recently a copy of the *Columbian Call* containing a picture of Chi Deuteron charge. They are a noble set of fellows. Judging from their looks we predict a conservative and prosperous charge.

Psi is deeply interested in the prospect of Governor Griggs being chosen vice-president on the Republican ticket. Psi is a Republican charge and will hail with delight a Theta Delt vice-president.

CARL G. CUNNINGHAM, '98.

Exchange Cleanings.

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

The editor of the *SHIELD* has never been particularly enthusiastic over the college annuals which according to prevailing custom are issued by the junior classes of nearly all colleges. Whether this is because the custom did not prevail during his college days, or because he has so long ceased to be a boy, is difficult now to determine. At all events, it has never seemed worth while to give much space in the *SHIELD* to review them. We are delighted, however, to note the fact that there exists a junior class at Tufts College which has broken away from the custom, and in lieu of the usual batch of nonsense, under the respectable guise of a junior annual, have issued a beautiful and valuable work which will add much to the reputation of Tufts College, and make this particular class famous for their lasting good sense. The book is a *History of Tufts College from 1854-1896*. It is a book of 382 pages, constructed in the most recent library style, gilded top and untrimmed leaves, tastfully bound, printed on good substantial antique paper, and altogether a very handsome volume. There is not a single caricature in it, but instead handsome half tone views of the college, the fraternity houses, and portraits of nearly all the professors. Its dedication at once conveys to the mind of the reader a hint of the good, sensible construction of the entire book. "To those who have made the history of Tufts College, those who have written it affectionately dedicate this book." This is a most striking and appropriate sentiment. Eighty-eight pages are devoted to a well-written and reliable history of the college, one hundred and sixteen pages to biographical sketches of the members of the faculty, forty pages to fraternity statistics. This is

followed by a directory of the alumni, with brief historical notes and an index of names. A board of twelve, consisting of ten editors and two business managers, have issued this work. To the editor-in-chief, Bro. Alaric Bertrand Start, and Bro. Franklin B. Williams, an associate editor, much of the success of the production is due. Bro. Williams compiled the directory of alumni, and Bro. Start prepared and arranged the historical part. Now we have a faint idea of just what a mountain of labor is involved in producing such a book, and have no hesitation in saying that Tufts College ought to be very proud of a band of young men who can get up such a magnificent monument to their alma mater. What we admire about it is the plain, substantial style which pervades every part. There is nothing flashy or giddy about it anywhere. It is such a book as any literary man is delighted to place in his library. We compliment Kappa charge upon the possession of such able members, and feel sure that President Capen is very proud of them.

The December number of *Kappa Alpha* notes the re-establishment of the Rho charge at South Carolina College. In an article on "an ideal to be attained," from the pen of *Kappa Alpha's* chief executive, we find the following :

"There are a few subjects that this fraternity expects every man who takes its vows to consider. No man can rightly conceive the ideal of character this order seeks to perpetuate without a cleanliness of mind. The founders of Kappa Alpha were sure this purity of purpose and action was to be found among the gentlemen of the South. They did not deny the same cleanliness of heart to New England and the North, but it seemed to them (and it seems so to me to-day) that the ideal of that land differs some from that of our own. We are sad, we cannot deny, that so licentious have many of our foremost men become, so carefully have their actions been copied by the youth of our towns and cities, that the Southern gentleman is coming to be in such disrepute that every reprobate can lay claim to the title. The honor of being known as a Southern gentleman now is claimed by the bankrupts, the drunkards, and carnal profligates of the South. Ante-bellum ownership of persons does not now make the gentleman. We recognize now the characteristics of refinement and honor. The path pointed out by the Kappa Alpha fraternity leads to that. The order invites attention to the glory of a chaste life; it frowns upon the prevalent carnality, knowing that sensual gratification is destructive to the purity of soul. Chapters are to require a cleaner living. The Kappa Alpha fraternity is not a social aggregation for pleasure; it is not a benevolent order entered into for pecuniary profit

and protection; rather it hopes to be, and is, a union of certain persons of congenial nature into a brotherhood for friendship, for giving and receiving aid in modeling their lives after the better conceptions of the mind. As such it cannot tolerate drunkenness nor lying, cheating nor gaming, nor vice in any form in its membership. With the chapters rests the enforcement of the laws prohibiting such. The duty of suppressing vice is due not only to the chapter individually, or the chapters collectively, but also to the two thousand alumni that the order has sheltered, and the whole world. The initiatory oath can never be forgotten; there can be no release from its conditions; at college and in after life it is equally binding. Our fraternity is not a make-believe; it is real!

We heartily commend these remarks to the attention of every reader, especially the latter portion.

Under current topics we find some items of interest referred to elsewhere. The differences between Delta Kappa Epsilon and Psi Upsilon are aired. We cannot approve of so much public discussion in regard to the affairs of other fraternities. All of the journals except the SHIELD have had more or less to say about this and similar differences. We prefer to let other fraternities fight their own battles. It does not help matters for us to put our oar in, because we must necessarily side with one or the other. It would seem to be wise not to parade such matters before the public eye. It does no good and may do much harm. From a communication on Kappa Alpha matters we glean the following about the financial status of the *Journal*:

The *Journal* may be expected to become more self-supporting. Last year it cost the order \$1,121, or at the rate of \$2.25 per copy for the average membership to be supplied. Its receipts from "ads" were but \$29 and from subscribers \$66.30, total \$99.30. It is not to be expected, of course, that a fraternity journal, appealing to a limited public, will be wholly self-supporting, but it is clear that under the new provision better results may be expected. There is reason to hope that "ads" will be obtained to the amount of \$150 or \$200 a year.

It would seem from the fact that \$66.30 was obtained from subscribers, that only about forty of the alumni actually subscribe for the *Journal*. If this be so the *Journal* cannot be doing for Kappa Alpha what the SHIELD is for Theta Delta Chi. Our alumni by actual subscription are the supporters of the SHIELD. By it they are kept in touch with fraternity matters. It really seems to be the proper sphere for any fraterni-

ty journal's best work. Of course the undergraduates receive a certain benefit from a publication, but they could exist without it. Periodicals are most needed to keep the alumni in touch with the undergraduates and fraternity affairs in general.

The college man in politics brings out some good points. The closing paragraph is worthy careful thought:

The college prepares a man for independent thinking and impartiality as nothing else can. It in one learns to make just estimates and to love truth for its own sake. The educated man has every advantage of equipment for the work of life and his opportunities are the broadest. To show that he is capable not only of generous impulses, but of common gratitude, he must use all he has as wisely and freely as he can for the common good.

In an editorial on the subject matter of the *Journal* we find this :

Hereafter let all understand that the editorials do not bind anybody, but only express the private opinion of the writer. If he says that the order is committed to a certain policy by its actions, it only means that in the mind of the editor such conduct is a committal.

The curse of the press is the fact that writers are bound to write what they do not believe. As for us, when we cannot express our personal convictions, then the process of writing is going to stop short.

The pages of the *Journal* are open to all, the editorial department is the editor's own, and in that nothing but his convictions and opinions will ever appear so long as we have control.

These are exactly the sentiments of the editor of the SHIELD. Since we give so much of our time for the good of the fraternity with no other reward than the knowledge of having done our best, we feel that the privilege of freedom of speech should be accorded us. We express our personal views, and if others object no harm is done. The Greek press is reviewed quite extensively in this number by someone who has not before wielded the pen in two years. This is evident from the remarks made about the SHIELD, in which he recalls what he is pleased to consider a "bad break" on our part several years ago. He has forgotten that the editor lay sick in bed when those "advertisements were sandwiched" and the printer ran things to suit himself, to the surprise of no one more than the editor. This goes to show that one mistake is remembered

distinctly, while a thousand good things may be forgotten or ignored.

When the above was written we hardly expected that a farewell must be spoken to conclude the article. The March number of the *Journal* announces that Vernor M. Jones is now editor and manager. There is a pang of sadness in parting even with a competitor. John Bell Keeble, although a young man in years, is not young in ability and experience. For more than eight years he has faithfully served Kappa Alpha. For two years he was associate editor, then followed two years as editor-in-chief, and for the last four years as editor and manager. He has wielded a ready and able pen, and done more for Kappa Alpha than may be realized by that fraternity. The following extract from his most excellent valedictory indicates the true feeling which possesses a Greek editor :

"It is with no slight pang that I say to the boys "Good-bye," knowing full well how easily we drift away from each other when once we sever ties of this kind. It is with reluctance that I retire from the circle of Greek editors, who have been rapidly growing in cordial regard for each other. Especially do I regret to part from Clay W. Holmes, of the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD, for whom, not having seen, I cherish a deep respect and a warm personal regard."

We can echo this sentiment with much fervor. No journal which greets us has had more of interest in it than that of Kappa Alpha, and we have always quoted liberally from it. Bro. Keeble believes in the abolishment of sub-rosa chapters, and the perpetuation of anything which tends to make men good and noble. So do we, and in him we have found a hearty co-worker. It is not only Kappa Alpha which owes much to John Bell Keeble. The whole fraternity system has been much benefitted by his honorable and high-minded position. So we bid him farewell with deep regret. May his life be long and happy and his professional career as successful as has been his work on *Kappa Alpha Journal*. To his successor we extend the hand of hearty fellowship. If he maintains the high standard set by his predecessor, there can be no question about his success. We hardly expect to have the privilege of eight years' association, because in the natural order of events

it will soon be our turn to say a valedictory. The responsibility of a veteran editor is more than we feel equal to.

Editor Jones' first number is a good one. The frontispiece portrait of John Bell Keeble tells us that the veteran is but a boy, so to speak, but what are men? Nothing but boys grown a little older, and happy is he who can carry his youth into old age. The portrait of a person gives no indication of the age of the heart or brain, so one who did not know this man would little suspect his capacity or present successful position in his profession. There are many things in the number we would like to note, but having already exceeded our limit, we refrain. The editorials are good, and one is referred to under comments. The exchange comments are directed entirely to the sorority magazines, which is all right, because it is well, as a first move, to get into the good graces of the girls. Their pens are small but oh! how sharp and pointed their remarks are sometimes. The Greek press at large can glean much from their sparkling pages. The only regret we have is that so few sorority publications reach us.

Both in the January and March numbers of the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta the question of "The Man Without a Chapter" is discussed, that is, the alumnus whose chapter has become extinct. The editor says:

One of these problems relates to our treatment of the many Deltas who now have no chapter home. Hundreds of our alumni are as men who have been compelled to surrender their own firesides, and who, if they keep up family ties at all, must stir memory and enthusiasm by occasional visitings to the hearth stones of their brothers. It will be the result either of their worthy loyalty or of the general fraternity's winning hospitality, if our chapterless brothers do not become practically dead to the order. But so far a most commendable spirit has been shown. We urge our members everywhere to make our chapterless brothers feel that they have a large and welcome place in the fraternity.

It would not seem that there need be any question as to the treatment of such members. They do not in the least occupy the position of "poor relations," even if they have no chapter fireside, for they have a place of their own at the broader

hearthstone of the fraternity at large, and often by virtue of their recognized standing and influence in the fraternity are a very active force in carrying on its work.

On the initiation of professional students he preaches this sound doctrine, which commends itself to every fraternity desiring a healthful growth :

In November, 1889, the Arch Chapter passed the following resolution :

"Resolved, That the Arch Chapter looks with disapproval upon the initiation of men directly from the professional schools, *i. e.*, Law, Medicine, Theology, etc., and most emphatically discourages the initiation of all such professional students."

It may be well to push this strong motion before the fraternity again. We commend it to those chapters that are accustomed or tempted to initiate men from the professional departments. Although the motion has not the force of a rule, our thoughtful members will give it due heed.

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It may be that in very rare cases the initiation of men from the professional courses is justified. But the college fraternity idea has always meant the organization of men with the regular, symmetrical, liberal education of the prescribed course. The idea should not be so urged as to forbid the affiliation of men initiated elsewhere, who enter the special departments; nor yet should it keep the Greek-letter societies from entering schools with a technical name, but a broad curriculum. Of the latter prudishness Psi Upsilon gives us an example, when it explains its refusal to enter the Massachusetts Institute of Technology by saying, "When it comes to tacking the word 'Institute' to our roll of universities and colleges, we really can't, you know. Not yet." While, therefore, the regular college fraternity idea will not drive organizations to either of the above-named mistakes, it will, *as an almost invariable rule*, forbid the initiation of merely professional students.

Here is a powerful argument on one of the most vital of all the questions which agitate the true fraternity system, absolutely nullified by a discourteous allusion to a superior fraternity and one with which Delta Tau Delta can never hope to compete. We publish it, not to criticize our brother editor, but in the effort to show him the fallacy of his reasoning and the mistaken position he assumes. As a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity the editor has his personal views on this question—no matter what the fraternity may have done, He does not approve of all the moves made by his own society and his labor on the SHIELD is to produce arguments, along the line of his own views which may induce his own and other

fraternities to follow a higher plane. As the child has no right to criticize the acts or opinions of a father, so Delta Tau Delta is altogether out of place in attempting to throw ridicule upon the older fraternity for assuming a position which is or should be the true idea of all the "old line fraternities." Because some of the younger societies in order to get chapters enter any institution which styles itself "college," "university" or "institute"—or because some strong and leading fraternity enters what may seem to be an institution below its standard, or refuses to enter some "institute" or "institution" for good reasons of its own, is no criterion for other fraternities to criticize or ridicule. We are out of all patience with this style of editorial work, be the man great or small who attempts it. Psi Upsilon's position is entirely correct, because it is her own position and she believes in that policy. No matter what we of other societies may think, it is none of our particular business, and we might better let them alone. Our idea would be to try to run our own fraternity on the true lines as expressed in her creed, rather than spend any energy in the effort to correct the ideas or policy of other societies which seem to us to be incorrect.

So far as the editor's remarks on the initiation of professional students goes we agree with him perfectly and allude to it elsewhere.

The *Sigma Chi Quarterly* for February is one of the most entertaining of the journals which have come to the editor's table. If called upon to characterize its style by a single word that word would be "frankness." The editor lifts up his voice and cries aloud for contributions of material for a song book; and also for contributions to the pages of the *Quarterly*. On the latter subject he delivers himself after this vigorous fashion:

No person can be successful in this position without the active aid of a large part of the members. If Sigma Chi wants a first-class magazine, and I understand she does, her members must aid the editor. One unacquainted with the work of this office would be surprised to learn with what difficulty contributions are secured. This is the more surprising

when one recalls what a comparatively insignificant amount of time is required to write an article of a thousand to two thousand words. The editor is not attempting to shirk any duty which is rightfully his, and he considers it his duty to write each number from beginning to end if necessary; but for the sake of variety, and for the sake of attaining some degree of proficiency, won't some kind person please assume the responsibility of contributing something without being held up. And if any person has any ideas to propose, or suggestions to make, for goodness sake let such person come forward with his offering.

We do not wish to reduce our friend Crozier to any further depths of despair, but nevertheless feel it our duty to warn him that however it may be with Sigs, we have found that Theta Deltas, even when "held up," do not always have articles for the SHIELD concealed about their persons.

The subject of reform in initiations, which was begun in the November number, is continued at length in this issue. There is an article by an alumnus of '94 which seems to be one of those honest confessions which are good for the soul. According to this:

Initiations are generally divided into two parts: the rough work so-called, and the solemn or ritualistic part of the ceremony, and when the former is indulged in, a chapter should not fail to absolutely separate the two parts; otherwise the result is to entirely destroy the effect of the latter, the beautiful and impressive part of the initiation. * * * The rough work being of a discretionary character, is very apt to be misinterpreted by a chapter. The true idea of this part of the initiation is not to injure a candidate, not to belabor him until he is black and blue, not to shock his nervous system. Too much care cannot be exercised in handling a candidate during his initiation, and those in authority should see to it that his helpless condition is not imposed upon by the brothers, especially by the younger members of the fraternity, who are ready to give the candidate the benefit of their past experience.

The opinion seems to be growing and has already obtained the consent of many that the "rough" work of any or all kinds should entirely be dispensed with, as being unnecessary to the successful initiation of the candidate. In one of the most successful and satisfactory initiations, both to the chapter and to the candidate I ever witnessed, the rough work was entirely omitted, and the ritualistic ceremony, as it then remained, was made as solemn and as impressive as possible. While I am not of the opinion that this is always, or even in the majority of cases, the best policy, I do think that great discretion should be used in putting a candidate through his tests.