

The editor in commenting on this article quotes at length from the SHIELD, and is evidently coming to our position, though he seems to experience some difficulty in believing that Theta Delta Chi is blameless in this respect, for he says :

Mr. Clay W. Holmes, editor-in-chief of the SHIELD, says that he has attended a great many initiations into Theta Delta Chi, and that he never saw any of the objectionable features criticised in the editorial appearing in the November *Quarterly*. We congratulate Theta Delta Chi upon the attainment, but we are inclined to surmise that it was the presence of Col. Holmes, as he seems to be more familiarly known to the editors of the Greek press, rather than custom, that caused all of those initiations to be conducted in the manner suggested as the proper way. We hope not; but Mr. Holmes is a man of mature years, has been a wheel horse for decades, and knows all about his fraternity, so that it is only natural that his presence should lend dignity to the initiatory ceremony.

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I am inclined to think that my personal preferences coincide pretty thoroughly with the ideas of Mr. Holmes, and the initiation as he conducts it would probably be most satisfactory to me. * * All I say is, that I think any one who understands the true inwardness of our organization, and appreciates its purposes, will agree with me in wishing to eliminate "kidism," roughness, nonsense and fun from initiations, including under those heads anything that would tend to destroy the solemnity of the ceremony.

While it is very kind to imply that the presence of the editor of the SHIELD may lend dignity to initiation ceremonies, and we herewith make our best bow, we are constrained to add that in our opinion a chapter which belabors a candidate until he is black and blue has not outgrown its first pair of knickerbockers.

And just here, apropos of the reference to "Col. Holmes," qualified as it is by reference to the Greek press, a plain man named Holmes rises to protest. He is not sure where the title originated, but suspects that it may have been with some of the southern editors, for military titles are popularly supposed to abound in that part of the country. Be that as it may, though sometimes accused of being a fighter, he is not a military man. While he has in addition to the degrees bestowed by his alma mater a somewhat large and varied assortment of titles from which to choose, and a well populated graveyard of others which have fallen into abeyance and been decently

buried with "ex" inscribed upon their tombstones, he does not use any of them except in matters of business connected with the offices and responsibilities which they represent. It is too great an undertaking to try to live up to the title of colonel, and he respectfully declines to make the attempt.

Fire seems of late to have a peculiar spite against college and fraternity belongings, and the editor apologizes for the tardiness of the December number of the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* on account of a fire which completely destroyed the printing office much "set up" matter being included in the ruin. The leading article is a well written account of Amherst College and Massachusetts Alpha, the chapter having been founded June 7, 1895, and a writer in the editorial column compares this entering of New England to Cæsar crossing the Rubicon! A peculiar feature of the editorial department is that several signed communications are printed here, as if it were a sort of general correspondence column as well. According to one of these a "fight for New England" has begun; while another argues in rather wholesale fashion for large chapters, though the phrase "if she could" indicates that even he has not perfect faith in the ability of Phi Kappa Psi to gather at one fell swoop all the good men, leaving the rest of the fraternities to gradual extinction.

It has been a hobby of the writer's that it was the duty of Phi Kappa Psi, where she could, to take all of the best men in each class, on the principle that those who are not for you are sure to be against you.

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The small chapter is always struggling to maintain its position and each new member exerts an undue influence, both on that position and on the chapter character. In fact, with a small membership it is impossible for the chapter to preserve a distinct character. The loss of four or five members in a single year is no uncommon event; and when the three or four who are left have initiated four or five new members to make good the loss they find themselves outnumbered in their own chapter by a new element and are forced to conform to its ideas. And yet the members of many small chapters wonder why their chapter has so many ups and downs.

The February number contains an effusion which runs in this fashion:

Phi Kappa Psi !
What emotions fill my
Soul at mention of thy name !

We should think it would take more than two exclamation points to express the emotions filling the souls of certain prominent Psis at sight of the caricatures staring at them from the editorial pages. Distinguished members are represented in all sorts of attitudes, from that suggestive of a liberal dose of the particular brand of the famous "Peckinpaw's Pills," known as the "High Old Time Pill," to that of the gentleman of pugilistic tendencies who puts a Phi Kappa Psi chip on his shoulder and dares anybody, Greek or barb, to knock it off. These works of art appear to be printed by way of inducement to attend the Grand Arch Council in Cleveland, and that there may be no mistaking them are distinctly labeled with the name and some prominent characteristic of the victim.

In the secretary's annual report he says :

A careful perusal of the reports of the various chapters composing our order, will show that the fraternity is in a flourishing condition. Many of the weak spots apparent two years ago have been strengthened and today the fraternity presents a solid front of thirty-eight chapters, all active, loyal and successful.

While I am glad to be able to congratulate the fraternity on its progress, yet we are not without our weaknesses. Many vital questions will be suggested for the cure of our defects.

The tables of figures for the year ending Dec. 15, 1895, deserve high praise. They show in compact form the names of active members, the year of initiation, class, residence and profession. There is a list of transfers, and a table of relationships, while the general summary gives the average number of members per chapter as 14, and without mincing matters in the least, the total number of dismissals and expulsions as 6. Curiosity led to a little counting up in the table of professions, and we find that law is easily in the lead with 174, business comes next and medicine third, engineering in its different branches claims 75, teaching and the ministry have each about 50, 5 are to be missionaries and 2 announce their intention of entering politics. We would like very much to see such an outline of the plans of our own members.

In *Beta Theta Pi* for March William Raimond Baird tells of some of the difficulties in the way of the catalogue maker, a recital which goes to prove that the only practical catalogue, in these days of rapid increase in membership and frequent changes, is the simple form adopted in our recent issue. We thought we had met with every sort of experience, but must confess that we were never reduced to quite such straits as these.

Indeed, the chief drawback to the prompt compilation of the catalogue lies with the tardiness and inattention of the members themselves. About the only way to get a prompt and accurate report out of a man, and be sure of it, is to assume that he is dead and send a letter to his address directed "to any relative or friend of the late deceased John Doe." That nearly always brings a remonstrance. Another good way is to send a man the record as you have it, and tell him that you will publish it in that form and then misspell his name, or state some important fact incorrectly. That generally brings an answer. When one thinks of it, however, what a shame it is that such devices have to be resorted to in order to secure information which should be promptly furnished, and which it is to the member's interest to furnish.

The editorial pages are chiefly given to the discussion of comparison between fraternities, and the question is treated in a decidedly liberal way.

Among the questions most frequently asked of the editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*, and we presume that the editor of each fraternity journal has a similar experience, are those which indicate a desire on the part of the undergraduate to find some standard whereby other fraternities may be compared with our own. Which fraternity is the oldest, the best, the largest, the most radical, the most conservative? Which has the greatest number of distinguished names on its roll, which owns the most property? All of these are questions which exist perennially, and blossom with the ripening of the corn and the opening of the chestnut burs and the colleges.

The alumnus of several years' standing finds it difficult to assign a reason for such seeking after comparisons. His experience in life has taught him that the value of fraternity membership lies not in the possession of a large chapter roll, or great numbers, or the allegiance of persons prominent in the public eye, but in the manner in which, at the formative period of his youth, it assisted in the development of his character. He cares not one whit whether general this or senator that is a member of his fraternity; he feels no pang of jealousy when he learns that a rival order has become the owner of a splendid property, or given a great and much advertised celebration. The things he cares for are the

friendship of his college days which his membership in the fraternity brought about and cemented, and the unselfish devotion to the fraternity which was fostered at the expense, perhaps, of the strong tendency to selfish indulgence.

We do not mean to say that the alumnus does not feel a glow of honest pride upon learning of the elevation of a worthy brother to some position of trust and honor. Indeed, we believe such sentiments are far more common than is suspected.

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But we do mean that after college halls are left behind that the jealousy of other societies, and the tendency to make comparisons with them or perhaps to belittle them, is speedily lost.

The *Delta* of *Sigma Nu*, dated January, appears in April, and the editor makes the following announcement :

The *Delta* makes its first appearance for eleven months. Its failure to be published regularly was predicted in the last issue. In a circular issued last September the Grand Recorder explained the matter fully, as it then existed. In December preparations were made for an issue of the magazine, but numberless difficulties have delayed it until now. If this long interim has caused the brethren to grow impatient, it has also had an appreciably good effect upon the delinquent chapters, for funds have been coming in very nicely, although many still owe large amounts of back dues. The editor has had more to contend with than should have fallen upon his shoulders, and has only the consolation of knowing that the editors of several other fraternity papers have had the same hard row to hoe.

The number is largely composed of chapter letters, in the proportion of 39 pages to 7 of other matter. There are several illustrations, and in these the fancy of somebody, whether the printer or the editor, has evidently been allowed to run riot. There are some fine looking men in the group entitled "Georgia Sigma Nu Convention," or rather, they would be fine looking if they did not seem to be "incarnadined with gore," for this plate is printed in the most brilliant red, whether to signify that they painted the town with that sanguinary color or not the editor does not state. Probably there is no subtle distinction in the choice of colors, but the group representing the Indiana Convention is presented to the world in deep, dark, melancholy blue. We are told that it is reproduced from a flashlight picture, and the proverbial horror of such situations

seems to have overcome some of the men at a critical moment, for a few have an expression of wild despair, others of undying sorrow. A chapter group composed of men who would be, if faces are any criterion, a credit to any fraternity, appears in bright, greenish blue. Beside these misfortunes, the really artistic cover, of heavy white enamelled paper, bearing in good, honest black ink the coat of arms of the fraternity, is ruined by rolling the book for mailing. It is true that Sigma Nu is not the only fraternity guilty of this, but it would seem that a book worth printing at all is worth sending out flat, and the editor of the *Quarterly* is an enthusiastic worker who deserves to make his infrequent bow to the public in the best possible way.

The forty-ninth annual convention is given the place of honor in the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* for March. The delegates seem to have mingled business with pleasure in about equal quantities. Mention is made of "Syracuse girls"; a tally-ho ride, a smoker, and the regular banquet are chronicled; there were formal public exercises, a reception at which both ladies and gentlemen were present was given at the house of one of the best clubs in the city, and the sororities represented at the University gave receptions.

Accounts are given of six successful graduate reunions, one of which, that of the Rhode Island Association, seems to have been quite unique, from the first notice, reading: "Query—Quid significat hoc postal card? Answer—Shun omnes engagements for Friday evening—Septimo die February:" to the "Deke Fork and Carver" a manuscript which was passed around the table on the eventful evening.

The editorial pages are largely given to a protest against the spirit of comparison which "has been particularly rampant of late," a protest which closes with these manly words:

Good, healthy competition is always productive of beneficial results. Nothing is better for a chapter in maintaining a high standard than the material assistance furnished by one or more worthy rivals, and, as a test in determining the relative position and worth of a fraternity or chapter, comparisons are often essential, and figures and statistics neces-

sary. But they should be truthful and fair. When this comparison degenerates into a distortion of facts and a perversion of honest argument, it is time to stop. Admittedly every fraternity has its poor men, its poor chapters, its weak spots. But isolated instances do not make generalities, nor should a society be bolstered up by magnifying those weak spots of its adversary. Let us be honest about this thing, and also get over the idea that we, and only we, are the elect, and the only elect. We would recommend to some of these worthy scribes the following advice of our Convention-poet :

"Ye think ye're each the real elect;
Ye form your cliques and a' that;
I say ye're simply just yersels—
Na more, na less for a' that."

It is easy to understand why the first thirteen pages of the *March Scroll* should be given to the poems of the late Eugene Field, for Phi Delta Theta was both proud and fond of him, and it would seem that no more fitting memorial could have been devised. Considerable space is given to the meeting of the Pan-Hellenic Society in Atlanta, to the Gamma Province Convention, and the Atlanta Phis who were brought into prominence by this event. The attitude of the fraternity on the subject is very clearly outlined in an editorial which says :

We do not, however, see what function there is for an official Pan-Hellenic Association. A college Pan-Hellenic society may regulate certain affairs within the precincts of its own institution, but a general society can never hope to regulate the diverse interests of the general fraternities which might compose its membership. Every previous effort in this line has failed, and we doubt if we shall hear again from this organization.

However, the men who met together had an enjoyable time, and at future affairs which assemble large bodies of people we shall probably have other Greek-letter reunions. These affairs are bound to be merely social, and not legislative, in their functions, and as such we will welcome them. We believe they do good, and our members will be glad to take part in them. But Phi Delta Theta as a fraternity has no interests to be furthered by the legislation of a Pan-Hellenic society. The Greek world will rise by that sense of honor which is inherent to the members composing it.

A plea is made on the lines which Theta Delta Chi has already laid down for a uniform and not too expensive badge, and somebody has taken pains to compile statistics on this subject, showing that of an active membership of 1,060, only

542 own badges. A brief record of Phi Delta Theta's representation in athletics during the year has the somewhat astonishing title, "Haberdashery," and we are moved to ask if this word were chosen because of the secondary meaning given it by the dictionary maker, "trifles." We should think it would make the foot-ball captains tear their six-inch locks with rage to have their triumphs chronicled under a title so closely connected with "thread, needles and other small wares."

In the April number the chapter house question is taken up by an alumnus, who tells how a small house costing \$4,000 was built on the plan of giving notes for \$100 each :

Many gave their note the first or second year in college, which is well, for if they fail to return another year they are on the list of donors. It is well to have them give while in active chapter life. As an old guide remarked, "The best time to kill bears is when they are around;" so, too, the best time to get a man to give is when he is full of the spirit of chapter life. Unless a Phi is interested in the fraternity while in the chapter, it is doubtful if he ever will be, for the tendency is to drift away as one becomes occupied with the cares of a busy life. So the plan of forming a chapter house association and having every Phi give a note of \$100, made payable \$10 annually, is, I believe, an excellent one, since in this way, if we are inclined to drift away from the fraternity, the treasurer will call us back \$10 worth until our note is paid.

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This is the scheme of the Illinois Zeta chapter house, and while it is not claimed to be the only plan by which a chapter house can be built, our experience teaches that it is a good way to create interest; an excellent method by which to generate the true Phi spirit, and not altogether devoid of that which quickens and recalls the spirit of the alumnus.

The January number of *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*, which makes its appearance on our table the last of March, may certainly be characterized by the word "vigorous." Various important matters are handled without gloves, beginning with the forty-seventh general convention and some of the subjects discussed there. The results of the convention seem not to have been entirely satisfactory to the editor, for he says :

The forty-seventh convention will go down to history chiefly for what it did not do. * * * It sacrificed itself on the altar of the issue of "personal dignity," and mortified its flesh with sackcloth and ashes before a fetich of conservatism and the straight jacket of its own

swaddling clothes. * * * There is a class which clings to the old way as the only possible good way; we admit that the onus of proof ought always to lie on the side of those who advocate change, but there is such a thing as sitting on the escape valve of an engine too long, if one values his own comfort, for it oftentimes leads to an explosion. There is at least danger of getting one's trousers burnt. And the voices demanding change in some matters have become too loud to be unheeded longer. We are lingering on in the arms of the past, in conditions which our order has outgrown these many years.

He thoroughly approves, however, of the action taken in regard to extension, and it would seem that Phi Gamma Delta has adopted a plan similar at least to that which we have found to work so well:

The provision adopted regarding the granting of chapters is a notable advance. In future a body of applicants for admission to our order will be required to establish claims for a charter by the strongest possible showing, and while the necessity of endorsement by the chapters may lead to the rejection of many bodies which to the majority might seem desirable, it is the only just and equitable way of enlarging our borders. The result of this provision cannot be other than to inspire a more intense enthusiasm on the part of our chapters and a study of the relative merits of different institutions seeking admittance to our ranks. There is no more reason why a charter should be granted without the unanimous approval of our chapters, than that a member should enter a chapter without that sanction to his eligibility. It may be death to extension, but it will induce compactness and unity of feeling and sentiments which no other legislation could have produced.

We also find under editorials a brief, but to the initiated, significant reference to finance:

Just one word on the matter of finance. The Columbus convention provided that all subscriptions to the *Quarterly* shall be due and payable on the first day of April, and that in the event of the failure of any chapter to pay subscriptions when due, a penalty of ten per cent. should be added. A penalty is also affixed to the failure of a chapter to submit its correspondence. The *Quarterly* finds it necessary to stand upon this platform without modification. Other affairs will not permit the *Quarterly* to be turned into a collection bureau, and we trust that we may be relieved from such onerous and unpleasant duties during the year to come.

In the April number, which, by the way, comes out very promptly, the same frank confession and hearty exhortation is continued, and among other statements we read that "The

catalogue lingers on, and the *Quarterly* has on several occasions had a requiem high mass said for its soul, and been administered the extreme unction." We congratulate the *Quarterly* that these extreme measures seem to have had so reviving an effect, and trust it may be many a day before the *requiescat in pace* is written over the mortal remains of so good a journal. This number is entitled "Chicago Number," and is given largely to a history of the Chicago graduate chapter and some of its members. It is profusely illustrated with portraits of Chicago Fijis. The editorials are brief, and perhaps the most notable is the eminently conservative and sensible one on the chapter house question :

While the *Quarterly* has not ceased in its advocacy of the chapter house under conditions which seemed favorable to its development, we have possibly, in our appreciation of its advantages and uses, neglected the abuses which may, and too often do, follow with it. In particular we refer to the danger of a chapter being involved in heavy financial expense which may lead to its ruin. The strife and competition between chapters leads to extravagance in the form of heavy rentals and expensive furnishings, which, not infrequently incurred in the prosperity of an enlarged chapter roll, have to be shouldered by a diminished one. The only chapters we have lost in recent years have succumbed to this evil, and we would most earnestly urge all chapters, when contemplating this change or the incurrence of new expenses, to seriously weigh their probable ability to meet them, or better still, confer with recent alumni in the matter, in order that the ebullient enthusiasm of youth, which knows and fears no obstacle, may be checked by the experience of more dignified years.

The growth of a healthy sentiment on the subject of the age when a young man is best fitted to become a member of a fraternity is shown by an editorial in the January number of the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma :

In one of the chapter letters contained in this number of the *Caduceus* the correspondent makes reference to the fact that some fraternities have adopted a policy of taking in men from the sub-freshmen (really preparatory) department of the college. A personal query from the same correspondent as to the advisability of such a course on the part of $\kappa \Sigma$ impels us to state in no uncertain manner, through these columns, that the Supreme Executive Committee is utterly opposed to it, and that only a most liberal construction of our constitution would place such action

in accord with that instrument. Many men are taken into fraternities at too late a period in their college life, but many more too early. The man who comes in too late leaves college before he has become thoroughly acquainted with the workings of a fraternity, its traditions and real scope, but by reason of a long college life, he understands the general purposes of a fraternity; he has observed the peculiar tendencies of the several ones at his particular college, and has united with the one of his mature choice. What he lacks in the way of knowledge of the minute details of his fraternity he partially makes up for by the consciousness and full realization of his obligations, the thorough development within him of the idea of fraternity and human brotherhood. What shall we say of the boy, hardly more than a child, who has become one of a true fraternity? Oftener than not he fails to appreciate his obligations. His initiation into the bonds of Greek fellowship is looked upon as a college lark, and the sense of great duty which should predominate in the true fraternity man is wholly lacking. But more, the preparatory or sub-freshman departments are segregated from the real college; there is often a want of close union and sympathy between the older men in the college and the boys of the "prep." These elements will no more harmonize in fraternity life than in the ordinary life of the campus. A fraternity chapter taking in the one element must eventually drift away from the other.

The influence of the fraternity upon its members is most ably handled in the leading article in the March number. What the writer has to say of chapter influence is well worth careful study by every conscientious fraternity man.

This influence of the chapter, in the hands of the right kind of men, is most important and beneficial; but exerted in the wrong way it becomes a dangerous weapon. Then the question arises, "How am I, as a part of that chapter, as an individual member to exert my influence?" There is but one answer—by precept and example. When a man becomes a member of a fraternity, or assumes the responsibilities of membership in any organization as for that matter, he is supposed to be man enough to conduct himself in a manner becoming that organization. Every chapter is influenced by the fraternity as a whole. Its ideas will be high or low just as the ideas of the fraternity of which it is a part are high or low. Likewise, the individual member is influenced by the chapter as a whole. The old saying "birds of a feather flock together" holds true here as elsewhere. In every chapter there are one or two men who are recognized as leaders. They are looked up to and admired by the younger members, respected and followed by all. If these be men of the proper stamp, the chapter will almost invariably be the same; but if they be wild, harum-scarum fellows, the chapter is more than likely to follow in their footsteps.

Another thoughtful article is "Our Relation to Non-Fraternity Men," which like the first is not limited in its application to Kappa Sigma, but may be called a contribution to general fraternity ethics. Indeed, the whole number is an illustration of the only sort of Pan-Hellenism which will ever be at all practical, a recognition of the fact that there are certain great principles underlying every fraternity worthy the name, certain similar objects which all have in view, and certain courtesies to be observed which do not interfere with the individuality or lower the dignity of any fraternity any more than the interchange of diplomatic courtesies lowers the dignity or does away with the distinguishing characteristics of nations.

The editor of Alpha Tau Omega *Palm*, worn out with delays in issuing the magazine, announces that he has made arrangements with a new printer, and reminds chapter correspondents of the fine imposed on delinquents, though there would seem to be little need of this, as forty out of forty-one chapters are represented in the March number.

It appears that an amendment to the constitution, fixing the time of meeting in June or July instead of December, and extending its possible limit to five instead of three days, received a majority in the last Congress, but failed of the necessary two-thirds affirmative vote. One of its supporters gives notice of his intention of bringing it up for further consideration at the next Congress, and makes some very good arguments in favor of the time clause when he says :

Our fraternity is not the small organization of ten or fifteen years ago, it is not at a stand-still nor is it in a state of wild reform ; but it is in a healthy, growing and expanding condition, in such a state of prosperity that we all should be careful to meet the requirements and demands for its continued success. The session of Congress should be marked for deliberation and due consideration prior to action upon any measure ; should be systematic and orderly in the transaction of business brought before it, or recommendations suggested by resolution or otherwise.

* * * * No matter of substance or form should be hurriedly set aside or passed over by Congress, for it is the deliberative body of our fraternity, the example for the guidance of chapters and the exhibition to the outer world of what it is composed and capable. Many matters

of importance were disposed of at our last Congress by reference to the table, upon motion of some one who scarcely heard the reading *for the want of time*.

The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is one of the advancing journals of the day. Like everything else the Greek press must have its ups and downs, and peculiarly so because the work of conducting fraternity journals is largely one of love. It takes money to rouse the ambition of writers as a rule, but in the case of the Greek press no such base motive is present. As a result many good things are to be found in the journals of the present day. The high tone of the editorial articles and the fraternal spirit portrayed therein are doing much to educate the fraternity system and if the good work can enjoy another decade of advancement proportionate to the last, Greek letter societies will rule this country and in a kindlier way than the present one-man-behind-the-throne power of the present day. Editor Burger does not strive to make much show, but his magazine touches the spot. The December number dwells quite largely on the Atlanta Exposition. Evidently the Sigs were "in it" and he has a perfect right to make the most of it, which he does in a very pleasant way, which hurts no one's feelings.

The March number gives an account of a convention held at Atlanta during the Exposition and an extended notice of the Pan-Hellenic Congress, which we comment on under Editorial Comments. In Exchange Gleanings we find a very pleasant mention of the SHIELD and in Odds and Ends the following :

Clay W. Holmes, the genial editor of the SHIELD, is now the sole proprietor of "Frostilla," a sure cure for chapped hands, salt rheum, chafing, sunburn, etc. The *Record* hopes that the same success which attends Mr. Holmes in his control of the SHIELD will also attend him in his new line of work,

which we reproduce for two reasons : First, to assure our fellow editors that it is not a paid advertisement, thereby hoping to save the editor from the same rebuke which was once showered upon our head, and secondly, to correct the error therein. It is not a *new* thing—but has been the editor's business for ten years or more and to its success is due our ability to spend

so much time on editorial work for the SHIELD. Just the same we desire to thank Editor Burger for his friendly publicity, which is duly appreciated. Frostilla is in many senses a Pan-Hellenic article, because in our editorial efforts to elevate Theta Delta Chi we have not been guilty of trying to belittle any other fraternity, however weak. Our knowledge of the general fraternity world is such that many times we could have administered very black eyes to other fraternities, but far be it from us to poke the under dog. This seems to be the spirit of the Greek press now with very few exceptions.

The SHIELD is one of the very few magazines honored with a notice in the January number of the *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and appreciates the compliment, though we are given this cruel stab :

A short time ago Theta Delta Chi and Sigma Delta Sigma, a local society of the University of Wisconsin, formed a mutual admiration society. Sigma Delta Sigma began it by saying to Theta Delta Chi, "You are the people." Theta Delta Chi replied, "Yes, my dear, your opinion does you credit and proves that the same remark might be made about you." Then they embraced and cried in unison, "We are the people." This is a brief but accurate account of the formation of the new charge of Theta Delta Chi. It is also a review of the last number of the SHIELD.

While the tone of this might lead us to fear that our frequently expressed admiration for the *Key* is not returned in kind, strict candor compels us to say that even the number which deals in such sarcasm at our expense is a decidedly good one. The issue for April continues the discussion of the college woman and her place in the world in a very interesting fashion, and the position taken on honorary membership is thoroughly sound. We quote briefly :

The fraternity has its limits—its definite function. The very breath of its body is a close community of interests, personal affection and intimate relations.

It cannot, therefore, consistently include among its members those who have nothing really in common with it and whose interests at best must be superficial. The only possible reason for honorary members is to add to our own glory, not to give anything additional to them. A reason which, to say the very least, lacks dignity. It is not so much the

world's honors as the private affections which primarily affect us. Let us have no confusion of values. When from its own members the honors come we will hail them with joy and pride, but to try to graft them on by election is about as effective as the proceedings of the Roman soldiers, who by a large majority voted their asses to be horses.

We must confess, however, that for us the number is marred by the worse than flippant allusion in Exchanges to what always has been one of our sacred rites, the toast drunk standing and in silence to the Omega charge :

Most fraternities are satisfied with planning for this life. Theta Delta Chi extends its operations to the world to come. The last toast at a banquet is always given to the Omega Charge in silence and standing. If this is merely a bit of sentiment it does no harm. Sentiment is so rare a thing that one can afford to have it even a little sentimental rather than leave it out altogether. The feeling linked with the Omega charge, however, seems to be more than sentiment. Witness the following verses.

Here are given several verses from the poem which was quoted in the historical address given at the last convention, the last one being :

Which not for this life only
Enjoins us to have care,
But says, beyond death pointing,
'Omega Charge is there.' "

There are philosophical difficulties in the way of the acceptance of this creed which to an outsider seem formidable. If Theta Delta Chi has solved them, as is probable, she should take her place among the deep thinkers of the century. Such light should not be hid under a bushel.

If the influences brought to bear upon us in this life have their fulfillment and fruition in the world to come, as poets, philosophers and prophets have all taught us, then we are formulating no new creed when we drink this toast, for it is one which is as old as the belief in immortality. We also submit, with all courtesy to the *Key*, that it has come to be a well-established canon of the criticism which is ranked as a fine art that ridicule and criticism are by no means synonymous, and that sneering at what others reverence is not considered good form from a literary standpoint or any other.

One of the first things we notice upon opening the *Trident* is the following, which is taken from an editorial :

The editor of the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD, in his comments on the methods of chapter extension, congratulates his fraternity on the fact that the unanimous consent of every active chapter is required for the admission of a new charge, adding that to the best of his knowledge this fraternity is the only one to have such a provision. Delta Delta Delta has had this method in successful operation since the convention of 1892, and as a result the chapters have been characterized by a spirit of unity which is highly commendable. We understand, however, that a movement is maturing to substitute for this method a scheme whereby the Grand Officers will have full power in the admission of new chapters, Nothing but harm can result from such an action, and at the risk of being told that the *Trident* is opposed to all so-called progress, we would caution the chapters in regard to making this change. Theta Delta Chi is the leading college fraternity and if this plan of admission has proved advantageous to a fraternity so much older than our own we ought to profit by its experience.

There is an interesting description of Adrian College as seen from the standpoint of a student member of Delta Delta Delta, and of course more or less discussion of the woman question, always conservative in tone, however. The chapter letters are particularly graphic and spicy in style. If we were to draw a comparison between such chapter letters as these and most of those written by the members of the men's societies, it would be that the young women's letters have more of that quality of intimacy which makes the reader feel as if given a glimpse into the real life of the writer as it is lived in the chapter. To the alumnae they must be like a series of instantaneous photographs.

The *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, while giving a clear idea of Alpha Phi affairs in particular, contains much of general interest to college women, and among the editorials we find a suggestion which might be worth acting upon by other societies :

The November *Quarterly* discussed the idea of examinations of this sort, and one chapter, at least, has carried out the suggestion. Others may have done so, but they have not been heard from. The questions, which were confined to the fraternity history, were carefully made out and the papers examined and marked by the president of the chapter. The showing in respect to a knowledge of specific facts was very good. The question as to the reason for joining the fraternity brought out some interesting answers. If it were safe to generalize from one set of papers,

the conclusion would be that personal friendships and the standing of the chapter rather than of the fraternity as a whole, are the determining factors in making a choice. Perhaps this is only to be expected, for the average Freshman is so taken up with her point of view as to lose sight of the thing that she is viewing, and it is not until she becomes a junior or a senior, or has attended one or two conventions, that she begins to realize that the chapter is but a part of a larger whole.

To the careful attention of Kappa Sigma we commend the following :

One thing we would suggest to Theta Delta Chi. We would call its attention to the fact that the discovery of the letters $\Theta \Delta X$ upon the ceiling of the innermost chamber of the largest pyramid in Egypt gives a strong case for the antiquity of this fraternity, and also adds a plausible theory as to the purpose of the pyramids. How insignificant then would appear the boasted age of Kappa Sigma! This infant, founded in 1365 or 1400, but yesterday as it were, would better retire to the nursery, and in about 4,000 years it can begin to talk of being old.

For the next two years the *Kappa Alpha Theta* will be under the management of the chapter at Cornell University, and the new editor makes her bow in the February number. This issue illustrates the conscientiousness which is characteristic of all the women's journals, the ethical side of fraternity life appeals very strongly to them, and they are always questioning if they are making the right use of their opportunities. Directly in this line is an appeal to the alumnae which is quite as applicable to the members of any fraternity, and is so well worth consideration that we reproduce it entire :

The journal should be and is one of the strongest factors in the unification of the fraternity. The chapters look to it to help them to come more closely together in their work for the common end and through it they often gain their only personal knowledge of the alumnae of whom they have many times heard with pride and whose words of advice and criticism would be most eagerly welcomed. Our keen interest in personality is one of our strongest incentives to action and the alumna can do more than any one else to make the student of to-day the ideal alumna of to-morrow and she can do it simply by showing the interest that she feels. From her broader, deeper experience she can encourage those who are taking her place in the active chapter and trying to keep the tone of the fraternity high and pure as she helped to make it, and she knows best how to recognize and discourage evils apt to arise partly from

inexperience or an undisciplined enthusiasm and an inability to see from any but the standpoint of the student. And through her the student will realize that the fraternity is not merely a temporary expedient but is worth belonging to and working for after college life is over.

Will not each alumna who reads this feel that this consideration is a personal appeal to her in the interests of the fraternity through our representative magazine and may we not have encouraging results in contributions and subscriptions to the journal? Without aid in both these directions it can never realize our high hopes and become, as it should be, one of the most powerful means for the development of the best that is in the fraternity.

From a quarter where one would least expect it comes a plea for the preservation of an animal long known to fame, but whose extinction is coming to be considered desirable by many who are best acquainted with his habits, the goat. A correspondent of the *Arrow* argues with an ingenuity worthy of a better cause for "mock initiations" and says that :

To an outsider, fraternity means mystery symbolized by some terrible initiation rites ; and an initiate is an outsider during the comic portion of the ceremony. She feels as though fraternity is not what it is represented, and that the whole thing is a delusion if the initiation does not have some element of horror. * * * Many of the merriest, pleasantest associations of our fraternity life are connected with that mock ceremony, held possibly "far from the madning crowd" in the woods by moonlight.

We hope to be pardoned if we suggest that the girls read their Shakespeare, and lay to heart the warning of Bottom, the weaver, when the players meet "in the palace wood, a mile without the town, by moonlight," and he gives his famous warning, "Masters, you ought to consider with yourselves ; to bring—God shield us !—a lion among ladies, is a most dreadful thing, for there is not a more fearful wild fowl than your lion living, and we ought to look to it." The beast Capricornus, of the Theta Nu Epsilon species, for instance, had not appeared at that time, but we submit that he is regarded as a "most fearful wild-fowl," as horrible as the lion, and, girls, "You ought to consider with yourselves," before you bring him in "among ladies."

The SHIELD some time ago made mention of "Pushing to the Front" by Bro. O. S. Marden, of Boston, and predicted its success. We learn that the book has already seen its fifteenth thousand and is being most favorably received in foreign countries. It has been adopted as a text book in many public schools and by the Epworth League. It has been noticed by such men as Gladstone and Sir John Lubbock, who have written personal letters of praise to Bro. Marden. This is but the beginning of the good work which our worthy brother is capable of. The beginning of the year witnessed the introduction of his second great book, "Architects of Fate, or Steps to Success and Power," which is meeting with even greater favor than the first one. This book is already reprinted in London and Edinburg. Rev. Bro. David Gregg, pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian church in Brooklyn, says of this book:

The book pleases me greatly. It is not only equal to but in advance of "Pushing to the Front." It gives us the sifted wheat of human life. It introduces us to the select world of great men and women, that we may breathe an atmosphere that is electric.

The book communicates a life that is rich, pure, enthusiastic and grandly broad. It is a book that will go through the world demanding an incarnation. It is bound to have a thousand editions, for it is a book which our boys and girls will translate into life.

We have read the book and it is all that Dr. Gregg says of it. It is an inspiring, character-building book for the young, with its lessons drawn from the lives of great men and women who have been successful from the purity of their own lives. This book deserves a place in every American library.

William Raimond Baird announces that he has in preparation a new and revised edition of "American College Fraternities," which will be issued this fall if a sufficient number of advance subscriptions can be secured. This publication is the only real statistical authority on Greek-letter societies, both local and national, and it is very desirable that revised editions should appear frequently. We approve of the publication because its editor is always anxious to publish the statistics of every fraternity exactly as it exists. The opportunity is offered every society to edit its own history. The editor of the SHIELD will prepare all information for Theta Delta Chi. If those who desire copies will inform the editor of the SHIELD at once he will report the same and supply the books when ready. Every charge should have one.

College Notes.

Chi Phi has moved into a new house at Rutgers.

Delta Psi has withdrawn from Rochester University.

Psi Upsilon held her convention for 1896 at Ann Arbor, Mich., May 6-8.

The dedication of the new site of Columbia University was one of the most significant events of the year in educational circles, and it is a matter of no small satisfaction that Theta Delta Chi had four representatives among the students who had the honor of acting as marshals.

It is possible that society influences at Yale may be somewhat modified in the near future, as the students themselves are giving the matter serious consideration. The essay which won the junior exhibition prize was a severe arraignment of the sophomore societies in particular, and of their influence upon the life of the University.

The plans of two Scientific School societies for new structures to cost together probably \$100,000, accent the material factor of the secret societies in Yale life. The various secret societies in the University now hold real estate worth probably not less than \$400,000. The rapid construction of dormitories by the "Sheff." societies in a department where no general dormitories have as yet been built, and partly in consequence of that fact, has also its strong suggestion of future social problems in the outworking of that large and important branch of the University. The Yale Scientific School society, Chi Phi, will soon begin work on a dormitory on the southeast corner of Wall and College streets, this city. It will be four stories high and will accommodate about twenty-five undergraduates, with the upper floor reserved for graduates. The plans for the dormitory, which will cost about \$60,000, have been drawn by a New York architect.—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

Delta Tau Delta has withdrawn from Franklin and Marshall College.

The medical fraternity, Nu Sigma Nu, has entered Syracuse University.

The Colgate chapter of Beta Theta Pi has purchased a new chapter house, three stories high, finished in hardwood, and having accommodations for sixteen men.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon club of New York city is moving into a house on West Thirty-fifth street, which has the advantage of being larger and more centrally located than the old one.

The trustees of Northwestern University have decided to erect a twelve story office building on its Grand Pacific Hotel property in Chicago, tearing down the old building. It is estimated that the new building will give the university \$100,000 a year in rentals.



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Washington and Lee University, with only about two hundred students, has eleven fraternities.

Kappa Alpha (Southern) has entered Stanford and Delta Upsilon has granted a charter to a local society which has been known for two years as Alpha Upsilon.

The standing of the fraternities in general with the authorities is peculiar. Though in opposition to the doctrine of the Society of Friends, under whose influence the institution is conducted, and, though entirely without sanction (perhaps I may say forcing their way in), the fraternities, by showing themselves to be an *aid* to college discipline, college life, and college spirit, have overcome the old opposition to such a degree that, while not officially recognized, they are held to be an important factor in college life.—Swarthmore letter to *Caduceus*.

At Boston University the senior class may organize a society for men's rights. There are more women than men in the class, and at a recent meeting the tyrannical majority overruled the minority and ordained that the cap and gown should be adopted. The men, with masculine indifference to the picturesque, are strongly opposed to the idea.—*New York World*. Has the "new woman" turned the tables so soon? After all the hue and cry about her deplorable tendency to masculinity of attire has she actually imposed gowns upon the men against their will? Verily the power of the co-ed is immeasurable.

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WINTHROP LIPPITT MARVIN.

As the columns of the SHIELD are always open to record the success of a Theta Delta, it seems fitting that a few words should be said relative to the rapid rise, in the literary world, of Winthrop Lippitt Marvin, Kappa, '84, who occupies to-day the foremost journalistic position in the Republican party in New England—that of head editorial writer and associate editor of the *Boston Journal*.

Winthrop Lippitt Marvin was born in Newcastle, N. H., in 1863. He is the oldest of the six sons (four of whom are Theta Deltas) of Col. Thomas E. O. Marvin, a prominent lawyer of Portsmouth, graduating from the High School in that city, where he received two gold medals for scholarship. Desiring a thorough preparation for his college work, Mr. Marvin went to the Roxbury Latin School and studied there for a year. He entered Tufts with the class of '84, and had not long been on College Hill before he was pledged to Theta Delta Chi.

During his junior and senior years at Tufts, besides being the college correspondent Mr. Marvin was a regular enrolled reporter of the *Boston Advertiser*. This life, while containing some excitement and pleasure, was very arduous for a college student in the midst of hard studies, and it was seldom that the reporter reached his room on College Hill until after midnight. Nevertheless, Mr. Marvin did good work both as a student and reporter, and graduated in high standing with the

class of '84. During his college course, his interest in Theta Delta Chi was often manifest, and he became one of its most popular and influential members.

After graduation from Tufts, Mr. Marvin was engaged as a reporter on the *Boston Advertiser*. During his first summer of journalistic work he acquired considerable knowledge regarding the management of a daily paper by conducting the work of several different employees while they were away on their vacations. This experience was of much value to a young journalist, and it greatly assisted Mr. Marvin in preparing the way to higher achievements. While connected with the *Advertiser* he occupied the positions of reporter, exchange-editor and night city-editor. In 1886 he received an offer from the *Boston Journal* and accepted, serving on this paper as night-editor until 1887, when he was appointed an editorial writer. Mr. Marvin continued in this position until the month of April, 1895, when he was placed at the head of the editorial department and was also made the associate with the general manager, positions which he now occupies.

Few people who read a large daily paper realize the great amount of labor bestowed upon it. Of all the departments, none is as important as the editorial page, which comments daily on passing events. While the entire editorial department is under the direction of Mr. Marvin, he devotes his own attention to the writing of the political editorials. He has a thorough knowledge of the political history of this and other countries, and few politicians have an equal faculty for remembering political statistics. One need but visit Mr. Marvin in his office to comprehend the truth of this statement. He is obliged to devote a great amount of time to answering the questions of people of all descriptions, from senators and governors to people of the laboring classes. Mr. Marvin is particularly well versed in the shipping industries, and his interest in this department was early stimulated by a love for everything that pertained to the sea. He has a practical knowledge of ships possessed by few men outside the regular employment of marines, and he could board any vessel that sails the sea and instruct the uninitiated as accurately as the captain him-

self. Much of his knowledge and interest results from the exceptional advantages of his boyhood home, Portsmouth, with its navy-yard and numerous wharves.

As the editorial writer never signs his articles, it might be of interest to know that Mr. Marvin is the author of two recent editorials which have attracted much attention. One was in relation to the Venezuelan dispute and appeared on the morning following the publication of the President's message. Although the *Journal* is strongly Republican by policy and Mr. Marvin is strongly Republican by belief, the editorial upheld the attitude of the President in terms convincing enough for the most critical. The other editorial was the means of launching in New England the boom of Tom Reed for the Presidency.

Mr. Marvin's work has not permitted him to attend as many of the Kappa gatherings as he would have liked, yet he was present at the house-warming of the new charge house at College Hill, and he has attended every commencement since his graduation. He is as strong a Thete as ever, and is always glad to greet the many Thetes that call upon him for advice. Personally Mr. Marvin is modest, and it is without his consent, and even knowledge, that this sketch appears in the SHIELD. He is very popular, has a host of friends, and no enemies, although a person in his position could make many of the latter if he were so inclined.

In June, 1885, Mr. Marvin married Miss Nellie Meloon of Portsmouth, and they have one son, David Patterson Marvin, a bright and lively little fellow. They reside at Winthrop, Massachusetts, where Mr. Marvin is able to enjoy his chief sport and pastime, yachting. He owns a fine cat-boat and is a member of the Winthrop Yacht Club.

Mr. Marvin often refers to the happy times that the mystic words "Theta Delta Chi" always arouse in his memory. He frequently remarks with amusement that he was surprised, beyond words to express, to find a young fellow at the College Hill depot on his first arrival who grasped his valise, carried it up the hill for him and afterwards insisted on putting down his carpet. Mr. Marvin expected, as nearly every freshman

did in those days, to receive entirely different treatment from the spirited Sophs, but his calculations were pleasantly upset. Not until this same polite Soph pledged him to $\theta \Delta X$ did the significance of such unheard of kindness dawn upon him.

While it is the ambition of Mr. Marvin to have the controlling interest and management of a paper, even if smaller and less pretentious than the *Boston Journal*, his present position is highly honorable and advantageous for so young a man.

R. K. M.

THE GRADUATE CLUB OF THETA DELTA CHI.

The old Theta Delta Chi Club of New York City made its mistake in being over-zealous. It tried to give its members too much at the start and discovered its mistake too late. The abandonment of the club house was a sore blow to many of the brothers and it was hoped that the suspension would be but temporary.

Since that time the question of fraternity life in New York City and the question of a home for Theta Delts living in that vicinity has been discussed with seriousness by many of the brothers. It has been felt that the suspension of the old club did not mean that the necessary conditions did not exist, that there was not a vital need for such a club in the city of New York, that the brothers would not support and maintain such a club. So strong was this feeling in favor of the formation of another club on somewhat different lines that it was determined that an effort should be made in that direction.

At the dinner and reception tendered to Governor Griggs, of New Jersey, at Delmonico's, February 14th, 1896, President Willis S. Paine, of the New York Graduate Association, by whom, in connection with the New York charges, the reception was given, called together those who had assembled for the dinner and in a brief but telling speech explained that it was his desire and the desire of many of the other brothers

that a new Theta Delta Chi Club should be organized in New York city; one to be run upon most conservative principles; one which should take for its cardinal principle, "No expenditures without the money in the treasury;" a club which should, at the beginning, at any rate, charge but a small annual due, so that it should simply mean to the members a rallying place for Theta Delts; so that it should be a club which all could join and which all could enjoy; which should have for its object the furtherance of the interests of Theta Delta Chi and the encouragement of brotherly intercourse among those located in New York city and vicinity. President Paine's speech was greeted with much applause and a motion was unanimously carried authorizing a committee to take the matter in hand.

A paper was passed among those sitting at the tables during the dinner and about sixty applications were secured for membership in the new club. Frequent allusions were made to its formation in the speeches made that evening and much enthusiasm was shown.

The task of perfecting the organization of the new club fell naturally into the hands of the few most interested in its formation. Though a man of many and important interests, President Paine gave to this task his personal attention and displayed the greatest interest and enthusiasm in the work. The articles of incorporation of the "Graduate Club of Theta Delta Chi" were prepared and a splendid list of incorporators was secured. We would not care to say too much in their praise; "comparisons are odious." A dozen clubs could be incorporated at the same time in New York city, each with as many signatures and each inspiring an equal confidence. The fact that these particular names were chosen does not signify that they were thought better than others. Their choice was partly a matter of personal acquaintance and partly a matter of chance. It is a matter of congratulation, however, that a board of governors has been secured for the first year which will inspire confidence of a wise and conservative management of the club's affairs. Their names are as follows: Willis S. Paine, Webster R. Walkley, James Cruikshank, Charles R. Miller, William M. Rexford, Carl A. Harstrom, Franklin

Burdge, John Albert Chrystie, Rufus S. Green, Daniel S. Dougherty, Arthur L. Livermore, Robert Van Iderstine, E. A. DeLima, Frederic Carter, Frank L. Jones, Edmund H. Jewett, Frank N. Dodd, Charles O. Seymour.

It was a matter of regret that Governor Griggs did not feel able to become a member of the Board. The following letter, however, shows the Theta Delt in him :

" STATE OF NEW JERSEY, }
" EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
TRENTON, March 16, 1896. }

" *My Dear Mr. Van Iderstine :*

" I have your letter of 11th inst. and in reply would say that I appreciate very much the honor of being selected as one of the ten honorary members of the Theta Delta Chi Club, and would be glad to accept of that distinction. With reference to becoming one of the incorporators and board of governors, I think it would be better if I did not assume any position requiring any activity, as I am so busy that it would be impossible for me to attend to the duties, and I dislike to belong to any body where I do not do my share of the work.

" Very sincerely yours,

JOHN W. GRIGGS."

Shortly after the full list of incorporators had been secured and the papers filed with the Secretary of State, the first meeting of the club was held. The members at this time were, according to law, only those who had signed the articles of incorporation. This list of eighteen members was quickly increased, however, by the election of the sixty (less those incorporators who were present at the Griggs' reception) who had made application for membership. At this meeting the organization of the club was perfected, constitution and by-laws adopted, committees appointed, etc. The following officers were elected : President, Willis S. Paine ; Vice-Presidents, James Cruikshank, Charles R. Miller, Arthur L. Livermore, Rufus S. Green, William M. Rexford ; Secretary, Robert Van Iderstine ; Treasurer, Webster R. Walkley ; Assistant Treasurer, Rudolf Tombo, Jr.

On behalf of the board of governors and the members of the club the secretary appeals to all Theta Delts to lend their support, moral and financial, to this new undertaking. No subscriptions are asked. It is only desired that all Theta

Delts who can shall *join*. And most of those who join and pay to the treasurer the small amount required as initiation fee and dues will not be doing so much a philanthropic or sentimental act; at least it is not intended that they should; if a member lives in the vicinity of New York or comes to New York a few times in the year, he will get many times the worth of the money invested—if he is a good Theta Delt and cares to keep up his friendship with his brother Theta Delts.

This leads naturally to the subject of rooms. "Where are you going to locate?" has been the question most often asked. The instruction given to the committee on rooms by the board of governors was substantially as follows: "When the time comes to determine what rooms you shall recommend to this board, first go to the treasurer, find out how many members have qualified by paying their initiation fee and dues, then report rooms that can be leased for a sum that will not exceed the amount we have in the treasury." So the question of the rooms cannot be answered by the secretary or by the committee until the response is received from the fraternity at large. The necessity will be readily seen, therefore, of a prompt response from every brother who is interested in this new undertaking and wishes to see it succeed, in order that rooms may be secured which will be creditable to a Theta Delt club.

The entertainment committee, it is understood, will provide, at frequent intervals throughout the year, inexpensive entertainments, with the purpose of bringing the members together, in the form of smokers, "spreads," dinners, etc. With Bro. Carter as chairman of the house committee and Bro. Livermore as chairman of the entertainment committee, the members will be well cared for.

The following is the portion of the by-laws bearing on the question of dues, etc.:

"ENTRANCE FEES AND DUES.

"SECTION I. The annual dues of members shall be as follows: Resident members (those residing within the limits of New York, Westchester, Kings, Queens and Richmond counties, and the cities of Jersey City and Hoboken) ten dollars. Non-resident members living within a radius of one hundred miles from the city hall in New York City, five dollars. Non-resident members living elsewhere, two dollars.

SEC. 2. The dues of members shall be payable on the first days of July and January in each year.

SEC. 3. The entrance fee shall in every case be an amount equal to one-half of the annual dues of the member proposed.

SEC. 4. Every non-resident member who shall become a resident member shall pay to the treasurer an amount equal to the difference between his original entrance fee and the entrance fee for a resident member at the time of his admission as a non-resident member."

The club has issued its first "Club Book" in tasteful binding, containing the articles of incorporation, constitution, by-laws, and names of the board of governors, officers and committees. This has been mailed as far as funds would permit to brothers living in the section of the country around New York. If any reader of the SHIELD has not received a copy, a line to the secretary will give him one by return mail.

The board of Governors hope to secure rooms early in October. We ask every Theta Delt who wishes the club success to send his name at once to the secretary.

ROBERT VAN IDERSTINE, Secretary.

20 Nassau Street, New York City.

BETA'S NEW CHARGE HOUSE.

For several years it has been evident that the home of the Beta Charge, at 120 East Buffalo street, must soon be given up for more commodious quarters. The old house was a good one and, when purchased, entirely adequate; but new conditions have arisen and the charge has been forced to arrange for a larger house.

Under the enthusiasm of one undergraduate, W. C. Dreier, '94, a fund was started in 1894, and soon was sufficiently large to warrant a general movement for a new house. Professor Huffcut, as trustee, engaged himself actively in the work, and at the meeting of the trustees of the Beta Association, incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, held at the 1896 commencement, plans were approved and a building com-

mittee empowered to proceed with a new house. Ground was struck early in July, and the building is now well above the foundation.

The site for the new house is contiguous to the University campus on the west, fronting on South avenue and the old Ezra Cornell homestead. West avenue runs between the new site and the property and house of the D. K. E. fraternity. The house will be in the fraternity district, and it is acknowledged that it will be one of the most desirable pieces of property on the University hill.

A complete account of the building of the house, with descriptions, may be expected in a later number of the SHIELD. It will suffice now to say that the house will be made of brick and stone, will have individuality all its own, will be beautiful in outline and detail, and will accommodate the Beta very comfortably. Its features will be a large salon, a dining-room, a library and a guest chamber on the first floor; studies on the second floor; sleeping rooms and baths on the third floor; with the lodge rooms and the culinary equipment in the basement.

The entire cost of the site and building will be \$18,000, exclusive of furnishing. The chairman of the building committee is Professor E. W. Huffcut, '84; treasurer, Luzerne Coville, M. D., '86.

D. C. LEE.

XI'S NEW CHARGE HOUSE.

The Xi charge has at last acquired a house, in which it has just become settled. Each of the four fraternities at Hobart now occupies a house of its own. An idea of the exterior appearance of the new charge house may be gained from the accompanying half-tone (which is, however, a poor picture). The house stands on the edge of the College campus and crowns a steep eminence rising a hundred feet above Lake Seneca. The view which it commands is unrivalled.

Now for a description of the building itself. It is of brick and cost \$15,000 to build. There are two stories and a base-

ment, beside the mansard roof; ten rooms, including kitchen and dining-room in the basement, and four rooms each on the first and second floors. The ceilings are high, and the double parlors measure each 16 x 18 feet, with folding doors between. The house is heated by steam and has a bath-room on both first and second floors. It compares very favorably with the other fraternity houses at Hobart.

The expense of securing and furnishing this house has been met by a subscription among the graduate members of the charge. The brothers mentioned below are those who have subscribed, so far, the order of the names corresponding to the amounts of the respective contributions: S. Douglas Cornell, '60; R. Goodrich, '58; H. L. Slosson, '63; H. E. Henderson, '58; F. A. Herendeen, '86; A. P. Guion, '90; P. G. Chamberlin, '75; J. C. Beecher, '73; W. E. Hills, '91; H. B. Cone, '69; C. A. Harstrom, '86; W. A. Howe, '85; T. M. Partridge, '87; W. G. Raines, '70; R. C. Scott, '70; H. C. Chase, '86; J. O. Chase, '88; P. M. Davis, '97; Lewis Halsey, '68; C. C. Hoff, '90; Alexander Mann, '80; C. C. Palmer, '91; J. S. Sheldon, '78; A. H. Viele, '64; J. P. McKinney, Chi, '69; L. H. Elliott, '95; C. S. Arnold, '75; C. H. Hibbard, '76; G. R. Brush, '92; M. N. Gilbert, '70; G. W. Smith, '57; Cameron Mann, '70; D. O. Parce, '93; J. G. Robinson, '91; L. F. Potter, '93; W. O. Waters, '84.

THE UNIVERSALITY OF THETA DELTA CHI.

Read at the Annual Banquet of the Phi Charge, June 15, 1896

Where beat the waves against a lonely shore,
 Bound by a trackless waste of sea,
 Upon an island in the watery main,
 A youth once stood in awful agony.

How anxiously his gaze did linger long,
 Upon each rolling billow far and near;
 How mockingly they answered his fond hope,
 To bring the sail to quell his trembling fear.

Alone and wrecked upon that rocky isle,
Despair had filled his soul with awful dread,
When suddenly his eyes beheld a sail,
As downward rushed the western sun to bed.

The stately ship came grandly, nobly on,
The joyous tempest in his soul rose high,
"But what's her name that hence with him doth fly?"
Behold! 'twas that of Theta Delta Chi.

Again, amid the Arctic's frozen zones,
This gentle youth, unmindful all of fear,
Amongst the perils of the glaciers' thrones,
Did struggle for a lofty name so dear.

Onward did he battle through snowy fields,
Where ice peaks upward rise into the sky,
Flashing back the cheerless glistening sun
From off their hoary, lofty summits high.

Unfalt'ring still he onward pressed his way,
The Pole to gain, not doing which, to die,
When lo! it burst upon his wondering view,
And o'er it blazing, "Theta Delta Chi."

Again that youth did dare the Simoom's blast,
Beneath the torrid rays on Afric's sands;
No cooling draught to quench his parched lips,
No friend in all that waste but Bedouin bands.

But when again, despair his soul enthralled,
As if by some enchanter's stroke, unseen,
There rose up from the bosom of the plain
The longed for, welcome sight, the oasis green.

And there! oh, joy! beneath a clump of trees
A sparkling, rippling brook went babbling by,
And, as he gazed into its limpid depths,
He saw the name of Theta Delta Chi.

He stood upon the gory battle-field,
Where men for principle would do or die;
He heard the mighty shout of victory,
Mingled with that of Theta Delta Chi.

He searched the dusty tomes of scholars deep,
Which, in dark archives piled, do mould'ring lie;
E'en there, amongst the sages' occult lore,
Was breathed the fame of Theta Delta Chi.

He wandered through the halls of monarchs great,
 Whose sep'rate strength could combined powers defy,
 And saw emblazoned on their 'scutcheons bright
 The magic name of Theta Delta Chi.

He mingled with the Nation's honored great,
 In legislative halls he heard the cry
 Go thundering forth, which set a people free,
 The thrilling cry of Theta Delta Chi.

He with the chaplet decked the hero's brow,
 And, as a thousand plaudits rent the sky,
 Full well he knew 'twas not a fulsome praise
 Which honored thus great Theta Delta Chi.

The laurel which the noble poet crowns,
 Whose lofty notes swell proudly, sweetly high,
 Was linked and twined, and e'en more lustrous made
 By classic gems of Theta Delta Chi.

He heard the mighty strains of music grand
 Swell upward with increasing volume high,
 And 'mongst the chords in sweetest melody
 The gladsome sound of Theta Delta Chi.

And as the circling years go rushing on,
 Which bring that youth to man's allotted days,
 E'en then he'll vaunt the glories of her fame,
 And tune his voice in lofty, proudest praise.

And when with trembling age he sinks to sleep,
 The last fond name he'll utter with a sigh,
 E'en as the portal of the future opes,
 Will be the name of dear beloved Phi.

—MARK L. HYNDMAN, Φ, '82.

THE CHI BANQUET.

The annual commencement reunion and dinner of the Chi charge was held at the Powers Hotel, Rochester, N. Y., Monday evening, June 15th. The bill of fare, which was most elaborate, consisted, with the list of toasts, of three cards which were bound together with white, black and blue silk cord. The list of toasts was headed "And now here's wisdom." Toastmaster, Dr. E. M. Moore, Jr. Toasts, "Wit

that flows spontaneous from the soul." The Rochester Daily *Union and Advertiser* of the next day characterized it as by far the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of Theta Deltas ever held in the city.

The banquet was held in the private dining room of the hotel, where the following alumni, in addition to the active members of the charge, sat down to the board: Hon. Willis S. Paine, '68; A. P. Little, '72; C. W. Curtis, Beta, '88; F. M. Bottum, '71; D. G. Meyer, '94; S. E. Barrett, '95; C. R. Barber, '79; J. P. McKinney, '69; N. T. Barrett, '92; Fahy Galligan, '94; Willard R. Doolittle, '98; James P. Fleming, Eta, '92; Thomas Blossom, '71; I. E. Harris, '92; Joseph R. Webster, '94; E. Mott Moore, Jr., '71; Maj. Jacob Spahn, '79; T. T. Swinburne, '92.

After the banquet the post prandial exercises were placed in charge of Dr. E. M. Moore, Jr., '71. The toasts were all informal. Among those who responded were Col. Willis S. Paine on the "Old Chi"; Freeman E. McNall on the "New Chi"; Major Jacob Spahn on "The Monogram Badge"; Frank M. Bottum "The Alumni"; Charles W. Curtis, Beta, '88, "Other Charges"; Walter M. Glass, "Athletics as They Are"; Willard R. Doolittle, "The Ladies"; James A. Hamilton, "Our Undergraduates."

At the conclusion of the exercises a magnificent monogram badge, composed of selected diamonds of the first water, surrounding a ruby, the emblematic gem of the society, was pinned by the toastmaster, Dr. Moore, upon the breast of J. A. Hamilton, who has been elected presiding officer of the Chi. This badge is said to be the handsomest college society badge in existence. At the same time Dr. Moore placed on the third finger of the left hand of Mr. Hamilton, to be also worn by him as such presiding officer, a ring composed of a revolving scarabeus with a Theta Delta Chi shield upon either side. The toastmaster also exhibited a proposed gift from the alumni of the charge. It is a Phi Beta Kappa key, upon the reverse of which is a Theta Delta Chi shield of pearls and brilliants, which will be presented to the first of the Chi undergraduates who may be elected a member of the honorary society.

THE IOTA DEUTERON BANQUET.

The fifth anniversary banquet of the Iota Deuteron charge was held June 20th at the Greylock Hotel, in Williamstown. Bro. Lawrence A. Hawkins, '97, was toastmaster, and after an excellent supper the following list of toasts was given :

Iota Deuteron Edward Bartow, '92.

"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers."

Poem James B. Pratt, '98.

"And now, kind friends, what I have wrote
I hope you will pass o'er,
And not criticise, as some have done,
Hitherto, heretofore."

—*Sweet Singer of Michigan.*

The Wide, Wide World George W. Hunter, '95.

"Making all futures fruits of all the pasts."

"The Class" Henry C. Taylor, '99.

"We are men, my liege,"

'Aye, in the catalogue ye go for men,'"

"Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings."

History Olcott O. Partridge, '94.

"Mark now how a plain tale shall put you down."

The Ladies Edmonds Putney, '96.

"Eyes that make heaven forgot, and lips of balm."

The Good Things Coming Clarence M. Abbott, 1900.

"2 B or O 2 B?"

"'Tis not the difference of a year or two

Makes me less gracious or thee more fortunate."

Theta Delta Chi Charles E. Hibbard, '92.

"For while the eternal stars night's purple robe
Begem, while swings in space the pendent globe,
Friendship must live. Ah! may its impulse high
Still guide and guard the Theta Delta Chi."

Bro. Nathaniel R. Webster, *H*, '81, who fortunately happened to be staying in Williamstown over Sunday, Bro. Henry R. Russell, *M*^a, '96, and Bros. James W. Anderson, '93, and John A. Sampson, '95, also responded to toasts. After the banquet was over the fellows adjourned to the charge house, where they sang college and fraternity songs till the small hours.

THE PHI BANQUET.

As usual the Phi charge had a most enjoyable banquet during commencement week. The editor had expected to be present, but illness prevented. The following newspaper account tells the facts :

"The annual banquet of Theta Delta Chi, held at the United States Hotel, was a very successful affair. The following alumni were present : Frank W. Stewart, '69, Easton, Pa. ; Howard F. Smith, '72, Elkhart, Ind. ; H. D. Michler, '76, Easton, Pa. ; E. L. Meyers, '92, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. ; W. A. Jones, '92, Easton, Pa. ; Wayne Dumont, '92, Phillipsburg, N. J. ; E. C. Chamberlain, '93, New York City ; George Honness, '93, Newark, N. J. ; O. G. A. Barker, '95, Evansburg, Pa.

The toastmaster was Frank W. Stewart, and toasts were responded to as follows :

- "Our Alumni," O. G. A. Barker, '95.
- "Our Charge," J. Leavitt Griggs, '98.
- "Our Shield," E. A. Meyers, '92.
- "Our Doctors," E. C. Chamberlain, '93.
- "Theta Delta Chi," W. A. Jones, '92.
- "The Ladies," Edwin B. Twitmyer, '96.
- "Music," W. R. Davison, '98.
- "Our College," F. O. Bunnell.
- "Fraternity Life," H. F. Smith, '92.
- "Vale, Vale, Vale," Rabe F. Marsh, '97.
- "Omega," standing and in silence.

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.

William D. Bloxham, Epsilon, '54, is the democratic nominee for governor of Florida. *The Sun*, of Gainesville, Fla., in speaking of him, says: "He was born in Leon county, and has always made that part of the state his home. He is the only man that has ever held the office of Governor more than one term since Florida was made a state, the only one that has received three nominations for the office of governor, and the only one that has held an office directly from the people after having served as Governor. He was a graduate of William and Mary College, in Virginia, was a member of the state legislature in 1861, was a captain in the Confederate army, was a presidential elector in 1868, was lieutenant-governor in 1872, was a member of the state democratic executive committee in 1876, was secretary of state from 1876 to 1880, was governor from 1880 to 1884, was appointed minister of the United States to Bolivia in 1886, was surveyor-general of Florida from 1886 to 1896, was appointed state comptroller in 1890, and again in 1892, and now holds that office. A career in the public service like this may well be rounded out by the unusual distinction now bestowed upon Mr. Bloxham by an appreciative people, in view of the fact that he has no ambition for any higher position. To repeated urgings by his friends that he should become the candidate of his party for congressman and United States senator, he has invariably replied that a residence in the Washington climate would be fatal to his health."

W. W. Dawley, Psi '75, has accepted a call to the Central Baptist church of Minneapolis. The following newspaper extract needs no comment: His reason for not being in a hurry to accept the pastorate of the Minneapolis church, says the Duluth dispatch, which in some respects would be more to his liking than the present pastorate, is that he is fond of his present charge. When he went to Duluth, two and a half years ago, there were two factions in the church, and now it is as harmonious a church as can be found in the country. The pastor likes his people and they adore him. When he went there from St. Paul it was with the understanding that a new church home was to be built, as the present house of worship is far from attractive. Owing to the hard times,

the work of building has been put off, and there is now no certainty as to when it will begin. Mr. Dawley says that if he could get a new house of worship right away, he would remain; but he feels that he is not able to do his best work under the present circumstances. During the short time he has been here he has received 159 new members. He is recognized as a brainy man, a student and a fine preacher. He is a man of modest ways, having no use for the sensational. His people will be averse to letting him depart. Mr. Dawley is about 43 years old. He is a New Yorker and graduated at Hamilton College in '75, after which he taught school and practiced law for a while. Then he took a theological course at Colgate University, and his first charge was at Utica. From there he went to St. Paul, where he remained six years, and then went to Duluth.

Edmund P. Sheldon, Tau Deuteron, '92, for the past six years assistant and instructor in the department of botany at the University of Minnesota, has decided to enter upon the study of law with a view to making that his profession. This decision is a serious blow to the department of botany, for Mr. Sheldon has done most excellent work on the botanical survey of the state, and as curator of the great herbarium at the University has shown rare ability and enthusiasm. Prof. MacMillan and President Northrop express regret that Mr. Sheldon has taken this action, and recognize that the position held so ably by him will be a hard one to fill. He has already, although a young man, acquired an international reputation as a student of plants.

C. E. Fay, Kappa, '68. The *New York Tribune* of Feb. 7, says as follows:

MONTREAL, Que., Aug. 6.—A telegram has been received here from Glacier, B. C., which announces the first ascent of Roger's Peak, the highest portion of the Hermit Range, Selkirk Mountains, by a party of tourists headed by Prof. C. E. Fay of Boston. The altitude reached by Prof. Fay and his companions exceeds that of the Swiss peak which was scaled by Pulzer in 1880.

Frederick W. McCall, Nu Deuteron, '90, was recently elected to the board of supervisors, from his district in the city of Binghamton.

Charles J. Rogers, Alpha, '51, at one time member of the Iowa assembly, is reported dead. He was the first member of the fraternity to own a badge set with pearls.

Frederick E. Bower, Upsilon, '69, whose address is given in the catalogue as Middleburgh, Pa., is now residing at Lewisburg, Pa.

Rev. A. J. Bonsall, Upsilon, '70, is pastor of the Baptist church at Rochester, Pa. His address in the last catalogue is Pittsburg, Pa.

Freeman E. McNall, Chi, '98, will be out of college during the present year, occupying the position of principal of the Union School at Knowlesville, N. Y.

Benjamin G. Estes, Chi, '95, will continue as principal of the Union School at Andover, N. Y.

Joseph Roy Webster, Chi, '94, is on the reportorial staff of the *Union and Advertiser*, of Rochester, N. Y.

Charles M. Everest, Chi, '75, who is vice president of the Vacuum Oil Co., has been spending the summer abroad.

Charles Albertson, Phi, '93, has moved into one of the aristocratic suburbs of Philadelphia. His address is 22 East Mt. Airy avenue, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa. Bro. Albertson still retains an excellent position in the Chief Engineer's office of the Pennsylvania railroad, Broad street station.

Charles W. Pierce, Lambda, '95, has been elected one of the school committee in his native town, Ashland, Mass.

Charles H. Sibley, Mu Deuteron, '91, who has for several years been principal of the Ashland High School has resigned to go into other business.

John Wenzel, Lambda, '91, has been re-elected secretary of the Alumni Association of the College of Liberal Arts, Boston University.

John Hay, Zeta, '58, wrote the stirring Christian Endeavor ode sung at the opening of the national convention held in Washington last July.

John G. Campbell, Psi, '93, graduated from Northwestern University Medical College (Chicago Medical College) last June. At a competitive examination for Internes at St. Luke's Hospital, one of the best in Chicago, he won first place, and began his two years' term of service June 1st.

Jay M. Hulbert, Omicron Deuteron, '85, has received a call to the permanent pastorate of a Congregational church at Clinton, Iowa.

Lucien G. Chaffin, Zeta, '67, whose address could not be ascertained when the catalogue was printed, is to be found in the Potter building, New York city.

George T. Ingham, Alpha, '60, resides in Atlantic City. He is engaged in law practice and is U. S. Commissioner. He was First Lieut. in the 11th U. S. Infantry, Capt., A. D. C. U. S. Vols. and Brev. Major U. S. A. For many years Bro. Ingham has been lost sight of, but Bro. W. C. Hawley has found him out and stirred him up.

Fauntleroy Barnes, Chi Deuteron, has received from President Cleveland an appointment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

George R. Bliss, Mu Deuteron, '96, will be principal of Ashland High School this year.

Daniel B. Pond, Zeta, '57. News reaches us through Bro. Wm. L. Stone that Bro. Pond died very suddenly in Providence about September 5th. No particulars are as yet at hand.

Foye Spencer Baldwin, Lambda, '88, delivered the address before the graduating class of the Ashland High School on "The Rise and Progress of Political Economy." The Ashland *Advertiser* says, "It was a deep studied and weighty address, and wrestled with questions of the life of nations and individuals through the hunter, pastoral and agricultural stages of a national existence. The efforts of a great people to elevate the condition of the poorer classes were touched upon. It was a menace to this nation that 9 per cent of the people hold 70 per cent of the wealth."

Hon. Floyd J. Hadley, Beta, '78, died recently in New York City. A letter from Bro. Dreier, Beta, '94, says: "Neither from the notice nor from a letter which I have from his parents can I ascertain the date of his death, but I assume it was during the last six months." From the newspaper notice referred to we condense a few outlines of his life. His home was in Westville Centre, Franklin county, N. Y., and he represented this county in the legislature for three years prior to his engagement with the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, in whose service he was promoted to be superintendent of the accident department at a fine salary, which he held at the time of his death, which was quite sudden, few outside his immediate family knowing that he was ill. One of his intimate friends writes: "His mind was of judicial cast; he weighed well every question before forming an opinion. His temperament was patient, contemplative, conscientious. There was no kindness which he would not render for a friend, in whose behalf he was ready to enlist his utmost energies and influence. His integrity was pronounced and his promotion was won by his diligence, ability and rectitude." Mr. Hadley was one of the trustees of the Northern New York Institution for Deaf Mutes, and his efforts in its behalf during his legislative term were earnest and effective, and the appropriations which he secured established a precedent which has been of great value to this and similar institutions.

Albert M. Webster, Tau Deuteron, '91, is just entering upon his third year as superintendent of schools at Montevideo, Minn. During the month of July he conducted a large teacher's training school at Lake Crystal, Minn. In a recent letter he says: "My latch-string is always out for visiting brothers. Bros. W. I. Gray and A. M. Frazee spent the winter here putting in an electric light plant. Many were our fraternal reunions."

James Dennison Rogers, Ph. D., Psi, '89, has returned from Greece and Germany, where he has been pursuing advanced Greek study for nearly two years, and will be connected with the Greek department of Columbia University the coming year as instructor. Many positions were opened to Dr. Rogers, but the strong inducements offered by Columbia decided him in favor of that institution. A brilliant future awaits this young and well-equipped Greek.

Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68, who has been spending the summer at Richfield Springs, writes that the second week of August witnessed quite a gathering of Theta Deltas there. Among them were Daniel C. Herr, Phi, '79, who is a prominent lawyer at Harrisburg, Pa.; Robert D. Douglass, Phi, '65, of R. G. Dun & Co., New York; John D. Cary, Psi, '84, proprietor of the "Cary Cottages," at Richfield, and Arthur Getman, Psi, '84. Bro. Herr signaled his departure by sending some beautiful bouquets "to the charming partners of his brothers in Theta Delta Chi," which were very much appreciated by their recipients.

John H. Lee, Psi, '95, has been pursuing graduate study at Harvard since graduation from Hamilton. He will enter Xenia, Ohio, Seminary in September in preparation for the ministry.

Albert W. Smith, Beta, '78, professor of engineering in Leland Stauford, Jr., University, spent the summer vacation in Ithaca and at the home of his sister in Westmoreland, N. Y.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23.—It is said that within the next month Gen. Estrada Palma, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Cuban Republic to the United States, and Gonzalo de Quesada, Secretary of Legation, with other prominent supporters of the revolutionary cause will go to Cuba to consult with President Cisneros as to the future conduct of the struggle for freedom.

Luzerne Coville, M. D., Beta, '86, received the congratulations of many friends and Theta Deltas when in June he was married to Miss Perkins, of Oxford, N. Y., well known to many in the fraternity. The old Beta charge house is to remain in the fraternity it seems, in spite of the moving of Beta into larger quarters; for Dr. Coville has moved to Ithaca and purchased the old house as a home for himself and Mrs. Coville. It will not be strange if the boys find it natural to continue their visits to 120 East Buffalo street and make Mrs. Coville and the doctor many calls. At the recent meeting of the Beta Association Bro. Coville was elected a trustee and later was made treasurer of the building fund for the new house. The members of Beta, as well as the resident Theta Deltas, will rejoice in Bro. Coville's permanent location at Ithaca.

Frank H. McCall, Nu Deuteron, '91, is electrician of the Fall River, Mass., street railway. His address is 183 Winthrop street.

Daniel N. Lockwood, Alpha, '65, and William B. Hoyt, Beta, '81, have enlarged their firm (formerly Humphrey, Lockwood & Hoyt) and now in the Morgan building, Buffalo, you may read on the doors of a long corridor devoted to the use of the firm, "Humphrey, Lockwood, Hoyt, Greene & Yeomans." The firm have a very large and valuable clientele. A brother of Bro. Hoyt, Orson, is a member of Beta, class of '99.

H. M. Hanna, Alpha, '61, attracted considerable attention on a recent visit to New York, and one reporter wittily says: "Like Abner McKinley, H. M. Hanna makes no claim to distinction because of the figure

his brother cut in the St. Louis convention. He was doing business in Cleveland years before Mark, as he calls him, set out to make Major McKinley president of the United States. * * * Mr. Hanna is president of the Globe Iron Works, a Cleveland concern which employs 1,200 men and makes steamships. He is the man who revolutionized the methods of ship-building on the great lakes. He has done more than any other man, probably, to increase commerce on the lakes, and it has made him a rich man. H. M. Hanna looks no more like Mark Hanna than Roswell P. Flower looks like William F. Sheehan. Mark Hanna is short and stout. H. M. Hanna is tall and slender. He is a few years younger than Major McKinley's manager, but is not a whit less alert. He has steel gray eyes, a slight blonde moustache and a business look."

Edwin W. Bishop, Iota Deuteron, '92, was graduated from the Hartford Theological Seminary in June.

Christopher W. Collier, Iota Deuteron, '92, and Lynn P. Armstrong, '93, were graduated from the Yale Divinity School. Bro. Collier received especial praise for his commencement thesis.

George N. Sleight, Iota Deuteron, '93, who is teaching at Salem, N. Y., is father of the Williams '93, class boy.

Paul M. Goodrich, Iota Deuteron, '94, has begun his third year as instructor at Sedgwick Institute, Great Barrington, Mass.

Herbert L. Towne, Iota Deuteron, '94, is an instructor at Worcester Academy, Worcester, Mass. Bro. Goodrich and he spent part of the summer at the Chautauqua Summer School.

Lewis E. Lee, Iota Deuteron, '94, is a senior at McCormick Theological Seminary. His address is 1060 N. Halsted street, Chicago.

William L. Sawtelle, Iota Deuteron, '94, is in his second year at Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, N. Y. He has been preaching during the summer at Osceola, N. Y.

G. Hamilton Wright, Iota Deuteron, '94, is at Andover Theological Seminary.

Norman H. Hackett, Gamma Deuteron, '98, has re-engaged for the next season with the Madame Rhea Company. They played a long summer engagement which lasted until only about a week before the opening of the fall season. The repertoire for this winter will be Nell Gwynne, Mary Stuart, and Merchant of Venice.

Rev. H. H. Smyth, Theta, '77, who was marked dead in the catalogue, is living at Falmouth, Mass., where he is rector of the Episcopal church.

Arthur L. Livermore, Omicron Deuteron, '88, has been distinguishing himself as a golf player, winning the Knollwood Club cup in a tournament where the Rev. Dr. Rainsford was his closest competitor. The *New York Herald*, in describing the event, says: "It was a great day

for golfing at the Knollwood Country Club, near White Plains, Westchester county, yesterday, and the interest displayed at the links may be judged from the fact that twenty-nine players finished in the tournament for the Knollwood Club cup. The victor, and he had reason to be proud of it, was Arthur L. Livermore, the promising young golfer of the St. Andrew's. His game was very steady, the first round of eighteen holes being made in 95 and the second in 97. The Rev. Dr. Rainsford followed closely after Livermore, coming so near the winner as to make Livermore anxious for his honours, and but for a poor put at the last hole on Dr. Rainsford's part, the silver cup might now occupy a place of honor in the study of St. George's rector."

WALLACE—WELLS.

S. S. Wallace, Sigma, '90, and Miss Helen Alice Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Wells of Leroy, N. Y., were married June 17, 1896. The *New York Telegram* gives the details of the wedding: The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Ramsey, in the Harlem Presbyterian church, 125th street and Madison avenue. The church was handsomely decorated with potted plants and daisies. First in the bridal procession came Miss May Wells, a sister of the bride, as flower girl, strewing daisies and roses in the bride's path. She was attired in white organdie, with yellow ribbons. Following her were four little girls, each carrying a basket of daisies. They were dressed alike in yellow silk, over which was white organdie. Then came the bridesmaids, the Misses E. Boden and C. Finn of Lockport, Bessie Stearns of Brooklyn, and Jean Bromell; the first two wore yellow silk, over which was white organdie, and the other two wore blue, over which was white organdie. Then came W. E. Strobel, Pi Deuteron; A. A. Wright, Pi Deuteron; L. E. Eickwort, Jr., Rho Deuteron; Hugh Peters, A. Fistle and Rudolph Tomboze, Pi Deuteron, the ushers; Miss Ethel Anderson of Leroy, the maid of honor, who wore white organdie, and William Stevens, the best man. The bride and groom brought up the rear. The bride, a tall blonde, wore white silk with point lace. She carried a bouquet of sweet peas, her favorite flower. Eight hundred invitations were sent out, and the church was well filled. A small reception followed the ceremony, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Dr. R. B. Read, of No. 138 West 126th street. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace will be at home after October first at 138 West 126th street, New York city.

HAMBRECHT—BRACE.

The marriage of Kate Barrows Brace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Barrows, to Mr. George Hambrecht took place at St. Mary's Episcopal church, on Tuesday evening, August 4th. Before the hour designated for the wedding the church was filled by a throng of people interested in the marriage about to be solemnized and the pretty ceremonies attendant upon it. The floral decorations of the church were very ap-

propriate, but everybody turned from observing them to watch for the bridal party which soon after 8 o'clock moved up the center aisle as the strains of the wedding march pealed from the organ. The lovely bride was supported upon the arm of her brother, Frederick Barrows, Jr., and the groom was attended by John G. Graham. Rev. C. E. Roberts performed the beautiful wedding ceremony with impressive dignity, and at its conclusion the bridal party passed out of the church preceded by the dainty little daughter of the bride, who strewed flowers before them. The invited guests repaired to the residence of the bride's parents, where they crowded about Mr. and Mrs. Hambrecht with affectionate congratulations. There were traces of tears, too, in some eyes as the enjoyment of the occasion was clouded by the thought that this marriage would take from our town a gifted and gracious lady whose charms of appearance and brilliancy of mind make up a personality which can ill be spared. But it is pleasant to think that her life will henceforth be linked with one of whom we hear nothing but praise for his high character and attainments. After taking leave of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hambrecht left on the train for Chicago, where they will spend a few weeks with the groom's relatives, and then go to Grand Rapids in time to begin housekeeping before the opening of the High School there, in which Mr. Hambrecht is assistant principal.—*The Journal, Tomah, Wis.*

HALLOCK—CHESMORE.

James C. Hallock, Delta, '91, and Miss Alice Chesmore were married on July 20th, in San Francisco.

COVILLE—PERKINS.

Dr. Luzerne Coville, Beta, '86, and Miss Alice Perkins were married on June 23d, and will be at home at 120 East Buffalo street, Ithaca, N. Y. Elsewhere will be found a reference to Dr. Coville's purchase of the old Beta charge house, which is to be their home.

HEILIG—PATTEN.

John Sidney Heilig, Nu Deuteron, '91, and Miss Mabel Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards Patten, were married in St. John's church, Waverly, Baltimore, August 27th. They will be at home at 518 Tilghman street, Allentown, Pa.

KIMBALL—BULLOCK.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage in Wilmington, Del., of Emerson A. Kimball, Lambda, '88, and Miss Annie Cornelia Bullock, June 23, 1896.

BARKER—SPOONER.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of James Francis Barker, Beta, '93, and Katherine Spooner, on Tuesday, June 2d, in Chicago.

In Memoriam.

DANIEL LUTHER LAWRENCE.

OMICRON DEUTERON, '88.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our number our esteemed brother, DANIEL LUTHER LAWRENCE, and

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

Resolved, That, although humbly submitting to the decree of Almighty God, we mourn his death, and extend to his bereaved friends our warmest sympathy.

Resolved, That in the death of our brother, Omicron Deuteron Charge has lost one of its most valued and enthusiastic members, and the Fraternity one whose loyalty and upright character won the respect of all.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of the deceased brother, to the Grand Lodge, to each Charge, and to the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD for publication.

For the Charge,

W. L. HARRIS, '96.

G. E. TENT, '97.

C. L. DAY, '98.

HANOVER, N. H., June 10, 1896.

Correspondence.

As many letters are received which are best communicated to the readers of the SHIELD in their natural condition, this department has been organized. Letters are invited on any subject of interest to the Fraternity. Suggestions or opinions on current fraternity topics and reminiscences, or personal history of any Theta Delt, will be welcomed. The opinions advanced are not necessarily approved by the editor. Everyone is permitted to speak his mind.

CAMP THETA DELT, Aug. 22, 1896.

MY DEAR BROTHER OF THE SHIELD:—Don't you think that a pretty rustic cottage with a tent, inhabited by a half-a-dozen of Thetas, deserves to be called Camp Theta Delt? The only fault with it is its being too much of a single charge affair. Bros. Fauntleroy Barnes, Elliott Dent and the senior Sterrett brothers are all of the X^a charge. We have been up here since the first of July, encamped on a piney bluff at the southern end of the Upper Saranac Lake and within easy distance of the famous old Rustic Lodge, where we have taken our meals, when not camping out in still wilder regions for a few days at a time.

The Adirondacks! None of the many and strong words of praise to this earthly paradise have been beyond its due. We have tasted and tested all its joys and find them incomparable. And now that the time for our leaving draws near we find ourselves reluctant to make the move. Though all the joys of domestic life and all the conveniences and luxuries of civilized life lure us away from this state of nature, we do not want to go. We want to catch another creel full of trout; some more black bass and pickerel. And, now that the deer season has opened, we want above all to kill one fine buck. One of the boys *almost* shot a bear this week and I am sure that some of us shall at least *almost* shoot several before we go. The guides and people about here think that we have captured more than our share of the speckled beauties. But that is a ruling passion with me and I never can get enough, though I always get more of them than any other man who fishes with me. This is not a piscatorial lie either, though I must often plead guilty to that harmless sort of untruthfulness. In the *Magnum Opus* on ethics I shall have a chapter on piscatorial ethics in which I shall maintain the thesis that not only are there times in the life of a fisherman when it is right to stretch the truth—the length, weight, number, etc., of his catch; but also that there are times when it is piscatorially wrong not to tell a lie.

I think that I would better s'op just here, as the SHIELD does not want lies of any kind. All the above is true and all that I might say

thereafter would doubtless be read with a conviction of its inevitable untruthfulness

I did not wish to write more than a mere greeting to the dear SHIELD and to give voice to a feeling and an idea that have been with me all through this season. That feeling and idea have been in regard to a more catholic sort of a *Theta Delt Camp*. How pleasant it would be to have brothers, alumni and active members of the various charges, have a good settled camp for the season in the Adirondacks—where brothers might come and go as they like but which would always have room for one more jolly Theta Delt. We have found ourselves wishing for something like this all summer. It has all been too good to be enjoyed by one charge alone. We have longed to have more of the brethren with us. We have longed to have Bro. Holmes with us so as to be able to teach him how to fish.

Now I believe that it will be quite feasible to have such a camp next summer. Let the brothers who expect to spend any time in the Adirondacks next summer try to arrange through the SHIELD to be together. Let them send in their names soliciting correspondence in view to this in the March number of the SHIELD. The general plan is simple enough and the details could be easily arranged. If I am not in Europe next summer I certainly want to be in such a camp, Camp Theta Delt, in the Adirondacks.

All the brothers join in greetings to the SHIELD'S best friend,
Fraternally yours,

J. MACBRIDE STERRETT.

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CHEFOO, China, June 7, 1896.

DEAR BROTHERS IN THETA DELTA CHI:—Reclining on the K'ang in the inner room of a Chinese house (for I am on a three weeks trip itinerating) shut off by numerous walls and doors from the outer world and from the throng of natives who have been pressing around till far into the night, I settled myself to read by my candle light the home mail which wife had sent out from Chefoo. There were home letters and papers, among them and best of all the SHIELD—for this thrilled my heart and nerved resolution most of all. I had just renewed my neglected subscription. This was the March number, with the account of the feast in honor of Bro. Griggs. All honor to our governor brother. Well may Theta Delta be proud of such a son. The example of such a brother and the tonic of his words will be of priceless value to our fraternity. Every one of us should feel and be more of a man that we can grasp the hand of such a true patriot and call him brother.

I have been living over the college days as I sit here in such far and different circumstances. I read with joy and pride the letter from my own Mu Deuteron, with just a little fear that banquets are coming to mean too much. No fear, perhaps, with such an ideal as at Delmonico's.

Bro. Holmes asked me to write. Well, I thought at first I could not—but when I had sat awhile at the banquet the very Chinese characters would rise up in thousands to condemn me if I failed to enthuse. Before I took up the SHIELD some of my numerous questioners were inquiring about foreign education and schools. That made a seasonable prelude to my after recollections. That is the question that is beginning to stir in China now—foreign methods of education. American missionaries are taking the lead in China in the matter. The next decade cries out for many college men to follow Bro. Tenney, of Tientsin, and become leaders of an awakening nation.

Undergraduate brothers, you who are in professional schools, our brotherhood in $\Theta \Delta X$ should but impress upon us the broader brotherhood of mankind. China has special claim on America. The call comes to you who have received a liberal christian education to bestow this on this great branch of the human brotherhood. We want a Brother Tenney in every part.

Yours in Theta Delta Chi.

GEORGE CORNWELL, Mu Deuteron, '88.

Editorial.

THE SHIELD greets everybody after a rest. The summer has no doubt been a happy one to the undergraduates. After a season of rest and recreation, all is life and bustle again within college halls. What the summer has been to graduate readers is an open question. Some have travelled in foreign lands, others have sojourned in some favorite spot on our own soil, and probably some have held their hand to the plow with no respite from labor. To the editor it has been a season of hard and constant work without a single let-up. It is therefore, with a struggle that the labor of preparing the present number is taken up. We have no apology to offer. Our best can only be given, but at the present time that seems but a poor offering. Weary in body and mind, the task is indeed burdensome. Never before has it seemed anything but a pleasure. Things have changed, however, very materially in a way which, while they do not affect in the least our love for the fraternity, or zeal for its welfare, do materially hamper our ability in the work of producing such a journal as meets the approval of our own conscience. Such as it is we present it, hoping for your sympathy and charity as to criticism.

THE summer has passed and another year has opened. The first class of another century now greets us. Soon we will have left behind us old Eighteen hundred which brought us to light. Another crop is to be harvested, and what shall it be? New faces are presented of young men with characters to be molded. Necessarily they will be largely influenced by those with whom they come in contact. On the other hand, some may possess characters of sufficient magnetism to have an influence upon their elders. It is a very important matter in life of a charge to select its new material with great care.

Look carefully at your candidates. Do not allow personal attractions or social position to influence better judgment. Look at the moral and intellectual bearing of those whom you approach. Remember that our standard is high, and that it elevates any freshman to be selected. Quality, not quantity, should be the motto.

THE semi-centennial is postponed by unanimous action of the committee, resulting from a petition presented by the advisory board. There is no question as to the wisdom of this move. The financial condition of the country is such as to render such a celebration impracticable. The added fact that the protest made at the last convention, which failed to convince the undergraduate delegates, has taken root in the minds of the older graduates to such a degree as to cause a unanimous objection to be presented to the committee at a late day, gives sanction to the protest, and honest dates now rule. The committee will refer the matter back to the next convention, which will by actual chronology be the forty-eighth, for action, and a definite date will then be named. No other course would have satisfied the SHIELD. Right is right and must prevail. Theta Delta Chi has no desire to sail under false colors. The next convention is announced officially in this number. The editor hopes to meet the assembled brothers at this time, and will do so if business permits.

THERE is only one reason why we regret to see the semi-centennial postponed, and that is the fact that our able historian, Col. William L. Stone, has devoted his spare time for some months to the preparation of an exhaustive history of the first quarter century of the fraternity, and it seems too bad, after so much labor on his part, to postpone the presentation of this history to the fraternity. As the Memorial Volume is also to be postponed, it seems advisable to hold the history also. It will keep and be just as enjoyable when the celebration occurs, and we trust Brother Stone may be spared to present it himself. In the meantime, don't forget to bear Brother

Stone in grateful remembrance for his indefatigable zeal and painstaking labor in the preparation of so valuable a document for our posterity. Without doubt the convention will express itself on this matter.

WE publish in this number an account of Xi's new charge house, which came to hand just too late for the June number. With it came a half-tone plate for publication, but owing to certain complications in our printing department, the same cannot be presented. We have included in this number a biographical sketch of Bro. Marvin, of Kappa, which was prepared for the March number, and the half-tone plate was printed at that time. It was held out to be used with Kappa's history, which has been promised for the last two numbers but has not materialized. We do not like to wait longer, so we use the article in this number and the plate serves as a frontispiece.

PARTICULAR attention is directed to the official announcement of the Convention which will be held November 24 and 25. Read it carefully. Mark the date and try to be there. The petition and correspondence relating to the postponement of the semi-centennial celebration will be presented and considered. It does not seem appropriate to publish the document in the SHIELD.

WE HAVE the material in hand for a biography of our dear old chum, Tom S. Reily, and had expected to prepare the same for this number, but a tired brain forbids. Much other writing is omitted for the same reason. We begin now to know how it is with others who have given up the editorial work from lack of time to perform it properly. Our inability is well illustrated in the present number, which would regretfully be presented to our readers did we not know their charity. It may not be amiss to add that the editor has this summer given up the office of Secretary of the New York State Pharmaceutical Association, a position which he had held

sixteen years, on account of pressure of personal business. The same reason will probably soon interfere with this magazine also.

WE ARE glad to note that the editor's convention announcements which were so mysteriously lost at the last convention, finally turned up safe and sound, having been accidentally discovered by one of the brothers in a winter overcoat pocket where they had been deposited without his knowledge, so all doubt is removed of any desire to remove them surreptitiously. The relief is worth more than the documents.

THE ever recurring question: "What good is your college training going to do you?" has vexed the soul of many a young man since last June, and will be asked as long as there are Philistines in the world who question the value of everything which they cannot measure by their own mercenary standards. A few generations ago the college graduate was regarded as a superior being who could hardly be expected to take a part in the hand-to-hand scramble of the world. His learning was considered a positive, even if a somewhat mysterious factor, which compensated for a possible lack of worldly wisdom. People had not yet grown away from the influence and traditions of the days when learning was confined to the cloister. But we have changed all that. Next came the time when, instead of looking up with awe to the man able to read Latin and Greek, there was a peremptory demand to know if he could build a bridge or operate a railroad. He was called upon to make good his place in the world in the face of all sorts of adverse criticism and unfavorable comparison with the so-called "self-made man" for whom his admirers arrogated infinite superiority so far as practical ability was concerned.

The fact that James A. Garfield once drove a canal boat appealed far more strongly to a certain class of minds than the other and much more creditable fact that he worked his way through college. The stump orators and the Wayback Gazette

proclaimed aloud that the whilom canal boat driver had risen to the highest office in the gift of the people of the United States, and it would have been impossible to convince them that it was not the canal boat driver who achieved this honor, but the college graduate, and that there was a wide distinction between the two. The young man who came out of Williams college after four years of hard study under Mark Hopkins, was not the same man who trudged along the towpath. If he had remained simply the driver the world would never have heard of him.

Now the kaleidoscope of public opinion is shifting again. It is true the race of Philistines is not altogether extinct, and there is now and then a voice in the wilderness hysterically shrieking "Degeneracy," but this is fast being lost sight of in the emphasis with which the college man is called upon to take up the duties he owes to the world. No thoughtful reader of the various fraternity journals can fail to be struck with the importance which is everywhere given to the topic in its different forms, and the clear sightedness with which it is pointed out that the day of destiny for the college man in this country has begun. The extract given in exchanges from an address by Justice Brewer, and the fact that two of the leading articles in the Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly deal with this topic, go to prove that it is not only being brought home to the student in general, but to the fraternity man in particular.

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THE chapter which sanguinely awaits the opening of the fall contest without organized, specific plans has no more reason to expect victory than has the general who enters a critical conflict without marshaling and drilling of forces and a definitely outlined mode of procedure. Everything should, as far as possible, be arranged for immediate business at that time. Every college has certain centers from which it regularly draws material. Alumni in these places should be consulted with a view to the cultivation of and the recommending of the most desirable. Preparatory schools which serve as regular feeders should be closely watched and the outgoing good timber should be carefully scrutinized and "sized up."

This is not a plea for hasty action. Undoubtedly the greatest obstacle to the development of the true fraternity idea is the impromptu and im-

mature method of selection imposed upon the fraternity world at large by its "non-self-respecting" element. There are certain bodies which are compelled to rely upon the annual swelling of their ranks by blindly rushing the unsophisticated into their nets by means of noise and misrepresentation. The average tender freshman knows about as much about fraternities as the average football critic does about football, and the most attractive fraternity according to his immaturity and ignorance is the most lavish dispenser of favors and attention, at his expense, and the most conspicuous advertiser. He realizes afterwards that he has mistaken tinsel for the genuine article and ever after bewails fate for casting his lot among the Philistines, or what is very likely, by the aggressive influence commanded by his cult, he himself gradually becomes a typical representative thereof.

It is the same old story of the worthy and deserving suffering for the sins of the unworthy; and the conscientious, self-respecting fraternity finds its cardinal conceptions thereby eternally threatened. By withholding itself from the annual patronizing and groveling process the really deserving finds the desirable material gobbled up by the "hustlers," hence being compelled to combat these existing conditions, it is frequently compelled to acknowledge itself by force of circumstances that which it cordially despises.

Every chapter should provide itself with an intelligent "committee on prospects" with duties in keeping with the above outlined conditions.—*Kappa Alpha Journal.*

The sound, hard sense of this editorial commends itself to any fraternity man. However little the "average tender freshman" knows about fraternities, the members of a chapter who are inviting him to four years of the most intimate companionship know still less about him unless he comes with some sort of credentials. He may be the veriest cad outside the pages of an English novel, but once taken in they have him on their hands to make the best or worst of their bargain. The old days when a freshman was required to take off his hat and say "Sir" to an upper classman are quite reversed during the rushing season, and it must sometimes require heroic treatment before he recovers from the effect of seeing the much dreaded sophomore or even the senior fairly grovelling at his feet. Does not this sentence sound familiar? "We had lively work during the first two weeks, but succeeded in capturing four (or ten) of the finest fellows in the incoming class, whom we take pleasure in introducing to the brothers as true and

loyal Pro Alphas, and chock full of enthusiasm." Of course it does. Its counterpart may be found in the chapter correspondence of almost any fraternity, and translated means that the chapters have taken in just so much raw material to be shaped into good fraternity men if, as a wood worker would say, "the grain is right." * * *

GRAND LODGE LETTER.

Acting upon the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, the Executive Committee of five has determined to refer the question of the Semi-Centennial celebration to the next Conventior. The arrangements for this convention therefore fall into the hands of the Grand Lodge; and in accordance with the official announcement published elsewhere in this issue of the SHIELD, the fiftieth convention will be held at the New Hoffman House, Madison Square, New York City, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 24th and 25th.

After mature deliberation it has seemed best to appoint the usual days in Thanksgiving week as the dates for this year. As far as we can determine there seems to be no time in the year that will suit everyone. There are very decided objections to the week preceding Thanksgiving; and with the change of plans adopted by the Semi-Centennial Committee, we do not feel justified in changing an old custom.

The fiftieth covention bids fair to be the most important convention of recent years. Not only must plans be perfected for the proper celebration of our fifty years of existence, but legislation of great moment is to be considered. Each charge is expected to have a full delegation in attendance; but our graduate brothers are urged most heartily to aid in the good work by their presence and their counsel.

The convention will be called to order promptly at half-past nine o'clock on Tuesday morning. Considering the amount of work to be accomplished, two days afford little time; but it is expected that effective organization and vigorous methods will make up for the deficiency.

The banquet will be given at seven o'clock Wednesday evening. We regret that we can not, at this writing, state positively who will be the officers of the banquet. This will be announced on the invitation cards, however.

It is intended that every graduate brother, whose address is known, shall receive a card, but it is also presumed that every Theta Delt knows he will be welcomed at the convention and banquet, whether he receives an invitation or not. Loyalty of our alumni is a distinguishing trait of Theta Delta Chi. Try, therefore, graduate brothers, to exemplify it by your presence at the big meeting in November.

Since the last number of the SHIELD your President has personally made official visits to the following charges: Gamma Deuteron, Delta, Theta, Iota Deuteron, Sigma Deuteron, and Tau Deuteron. In our annual report we shall make a full statement of their condition. In a general way, it is pleasant to note that Theta Delta Chi has her share, and oftentimes more than her share, of good things. The standing of the western colleges was particularly a revelation to the writer, and he is much impressed with the idea that our eastern brothers underestimate the educational facilities of the west solely because they are not well informed upon the subject. Charges not yet visited this year will be visited during October and November.

The editor requested the writer to send a *long* Grand Lodge letter. Inclination is not wanting, but a rush of work, together with the secret nature of the matters he would like to discuss, makes a long letter impossible at this time. But the interests of the fraternity are not suffering from any lack of attention.

To end as we began, let us have a rousing reunion and convention in New York next November.

With best wishes, I am,

For the Grand Lodge,

CARL A. HARSTROM,

President.

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.]

POSSIBLY if the myth makers could have lived in this present end of the century, instead of giving to Atlas the task of carrying the world upon his shoulders, they would have laid it upon the sororities, for in a much greater degree than the men's societies they seem to be questioning their relation not only to the college world, but to the greater world outside. *Kappa Alpha Theta* for May is a marked example of this. Some of the advocates of non-secrecy make their arguments in this number, one being so radical as to take the ground that "The adoption of non-secrecy is undoubtedly one of the greatest reforms that could possibly take place in the Greek world." She would even reveal the motto and abandon the grip.

Our motto is no mysterious masterpiece of minds endowed with super-human power, as many suppose. It is simply three innocent little words, such as any child might adopt to represent her aspirations. Suppose we reveal them. Must we then cease to strive after our ideals? Is our object in becoming, or our ability to become nobler women gone?

To be sure, with the adoption of non-secrecy, our grip would have to be abandoned. So much the better, for it is meaningless and childish. Which, think you, expresses more true feeling—a good, hearty, spontaneous handshake, or the premeditated pressure which comes after a careful arrangement of the fingers?

Were non-secrecy adopted generally in the Greek world, it would be divided into two classes, the non-secret or good fraternities, and the secret fraternities, or those which have lost sight of their true aim; for the former having nothing dark to hide, would not be afraid of the light of day, while the latter, knowing too well that the exposure of their doings would be their death-blow, remain secret. Thus we should be judged only by our own actions, or at least by the non-secret or better class of fraternities only.

THE *Alpha Phi Quarterly* takes up the other side of the question, and indulges in some plain speaking which would never be forgiven if it came from a man, at least from the editor of a fraternity journal, but we hope it may not be regarded as unpardonable to reproduce it here :

There is oftentimes a period in the experience of the bright, aggressive undergraduate when she goes in for reform. She is suddenly conscious that she thinks, and from the universal social code down to her own fraternity, nothing escapes a test according to her newly-discovered power. The universe is a trifle beyond her reach, so she devotes herself to her fraternity. She has the reform fever in its most malignant type; it has no intermittent quality, and its temperature is unlimited. The hot breath of her zeal is directed against one after another of the time-honored customs of her organization, and if there were no counter currents a few hours would suffice to melt the idols. Usually the last to suffer attack is secrecy; but it cannot escape our youthful iconoclast. She feels suddenly that she is shackled. The grip, signs, passwords and oath are so many obnoxious bolts to the chain; they become meaningless terms to the unhappy captive. And the only trouble is she has a secret of which she does not know the value, hence she wishes to sell it to the first comer, the only price she asks being patience with her loquacity.

The secret fraternity is, or it should be, as a family. It has certain customs and rites which are sacred, and because they are sacred they are not proclaimed from the housetops. It may be well enough for some reform-fevered, world-conquering, humanity-protecting undergraduate to plume herself with feathers of her own manufacture and become a "knight-errantress" to her poor shackled *sorors*, but such delirium must not be taken for far-sighted common sense. The ceremonies have been established from the beginning, and the magnet around which our memories so happily cluster is the altar reared by these same secret ceremonies. What woman is not better for fealty to an oath of truth and friendship? What woman after years of the common lot—toil, struggle, joy, sorrow—is not warmed by "the grip which only the chosen may know?" or "the badge which only the chosen may wear?" No, our grips, signs, password, oath are not meaningless terms to the thoughtful fraternity woman.

Do not imagine, young women, that you are beyond the restraints of your fraternity. You will find in your future experience that the discipline of such experience is among your most prized possessions. Rather than have less secrecy, let us have more; let us guard our secrets with jealous care; let us learn that conservatism is not "old fogyism"; let us not play fast and loose with the heritage given us by those women who have been developed by the restraints of secrecy; let us not be afraid of some suppression. The power thus gained is one of the chief benefits

derived by the fraternity woman. She knows that "silence is golden," and works and thinks and moves, though she speaks little.

THE *Key of Kappa Gamma* manifests less of the spirit of introspection, the only discussion being that upon the question whether members should be required to wear badges. The editor very justly says that "Four articles in the *Parthenon* bearing upon one topic are unprecedented, and prove how much interest is taken in the subject of fraternity badges." All the communications are strongly on the affirmative side, while the editor espouses the cause of the small minority whose personal idiosyncrasies lead them to object to doing something which she admits is in itself and to most people very desirable. She says:

Psi's experience has ranged from a girl who bought three pins in order to have one on each of her dresses, to a girl who said that she so much disliked a badge of any sort that she could not persuade herself to wear the key. Yet one was as loyal a member as the other. Are there not such cases in every Chapter? Why then should the small minority who, for some individual reason object to wearing badges, be compelled to purchase them?

This argument, in an age when the minority is supposed to submit to the will of the majority, seems rather lame. In fraternity life prejudices are supposed to be subordinated to the general good, and in the world at large the person who takes refuge in idiosyncrasies is likely to have a hard time.

THE *Arrow of Pi Beta Phi* has sound, sensible statements in regard to membership and pledge taking:

In choosing our associates we must remember that we choose not only for the immediate Chapter but for the whole fraternity. We must not initiate for the purpose of equaling some rival fraternity in numbers. Better give up a charter, saying that there is no material suitable for the fraternity in the College, than initiate those who are not in full sympathy with our ideals. This ought to modify our rushing and pledging customs. We must realize that it is the members who give character to an organization. * * * * There seems to be a growing looseness in pledge taking among fraternity men and women. In many cases a fraternity is joined because the aspirant for honors desires to be a fraternity man rather than because of his sympathy with the aims and purposes of the

fraternity, and the latter suffers in sympathy with other objects. Nor is this wholly the fault of the initiate. The extent of the fraternity at large, and the flourishing condition of the Chapter, rather than the ideals of the fraternity, have been held out to him as inducements to join. And having pledged himself carelessly his vows are lightly taken. * * * * Let us get down our vows and wiping off the dust and cobwebs accumulated upon them go over them again and again until the duties and obligations they impose upon us are ever before our minds.

Beginning with the first page, and going straight ahead with the May number of *Kappa Alpha Journal*, we were about to make the opening sentence of our review echo what has already been more or less fully expressed by some of the other journals, the opinion that the new editor is entirely successful in the difficult task of keeping the *Journal* up to its usual high standard. We turned a few pages more to "The Greek Press," and found him making his personal bow to the SHIELD and its editor in this wise:

With a few casual exceptions the *Journal* has ever maintained pleasant relations with its contemporaries, but as hitherto mentioned, with none have its dealings been more uniformly congenial than with the SHIELD of Theta Delta Chi. The floral bills of Messrs. Keeble and Holmes must have amounted to quite an item, and the reciprocal "golden opinions" expressed represented a truly beautiful spectacle. The present editor has neither right to demand nor reason to expect a continuation of the former relations at the degree of intensity acquired, but he hereby officially announces himself as a candidate for the office vacated in Col. Holmes' regard, promising his every effort to maintain as far as possible the cordial relations of the past.

We trust that neither our preceding statement, nor the further one that while Mr. Keeble has not by any means vacated his place in the editor's regard there is ample room there for so worthy an editorial successor, may be thought by any one to represent an extravagant bill at the florist's.

Just as sincerely we trust that we shall not be thought over critical when we wonder if the editor noticed the implied assumption in this paragraph of the contributed article, "Some Further Points":

"J. E. W." asks the question, "Were we to undertake an extension into the North, are we sure we would be cordially received?" That, I think, will depend upon who is doing the receiving. Other fraternities

would no doubt object to us. Our record in the South, if it does not display too much conceit to say so, verifies this conclusion. To them we must enter rather as invaders. But by the great mass of non-fraternity element in some of these institutions who would like to enjoy the benefits and pleasures of a fraternity but who are disgusted with those which appear to be loafing clubs or worse, we would be unqualifiedly welcome. They would hail with delight a fraternity which stands for morality, industry, intellectuality and sociability, such as ours professes. And of course it is from this class that we would get our material.

It may be that there are a great many superior men in our northern colleges waiting for Kappa Alpha to come along and gather them into her ark of safety, but certainly this smacks very strongly of the spirit the Pilgrim fathers are accused of formulating as "The earth belongs to the elect. We are the elect, therefore, it is ours."

There is no lack of humble self-condemnation in the editorial upon the need of a confidential periodical :

It has never been quite clear to the writer why our fraternity, which is unusually well equipped in usual routine requirements, has never realized the urgent need of a confidential periodical. The item of expense immediately suggests itself to "the casual thinker." This is a delusion, however, for there is already a sufficiency of the official and private matter appearing in each issue of the *Journal* to constitute an independent periodical. The *Journal* could merely be reduced this amount of space, hence no additional outlay. There is no other fraternity that exhibits such a supreme disregard for the location of its tarnished clothes-line as ours. The front stoop, especially on gala occasions, seems to be the favorite situation ; here our family linen is flaunted in the face of whoever happens to come along.

We do not now recall any remarkable display of tarnished clothes-line upon the premises of Kappa Alpha, nor ever having seen anything in the columns of the *Journal* of a nature to cause the heavens to fall, even if read by all her rivals. We agree that the dignified seclusion of the back yard is unquestionably the place for the clothes-line, and admit the fact that with nearly twice as many chapters as Theta Delta Chi her family wash must of necessity be much larger. But, to change the metaphor, if family differences must be settled, or questions of family policy discussed, is not a special communication from the governing body, bearing simply upon the matters in

hand, of more weight than the confidential periodical which must soon grow to be more or less of an old story?

Just as we go to press comes the September number, and while fresh in mind we note that this is a fair exponent of the Kappa Alpha standard. It opens with a history of Kappa Alpha in the army, which is well timed and finely illustrated. Other contributions on various topics make good reading. We are glad to note that the general appearance of the number is much to the credit of Editor Jones. We rejoice the more, because the Greek press is this season to lose one at least, if not two, of her oldest and ablest editors, and it is cheering to see the new ones displaying ability. Brother Jones is not a new hand at it, or if so he has learned his lesson well. While it may not be our pleasure to know him so long as his predecessor, we wish him quite as much glory and as many bouquets.

The June number of the *Rainbow* is an especially good one. In the Greek press the editor seems to be particularly skillful in extracting the kernel from the nut in the extracts which he makes from the various journals, and takes as the texts for some thoroughly sound sermons in which the practice of lifting in general and certain instances in particular receive vigorous treatment.

A very entertaining article which makes one wonder why nobody thought of it before, is that entitled "Some Local Customs in Fraternity Life." A few disconnected quotations will give a clear idea of its character.

Taking Williams as representing somewhat the typical New England college, the following habits are seen to prevail: Every fraternity has a house and its own table. Every fraternity man has a pin, and it is very seldom that he is seen without it, no matter what may be his dress. * * * Fraternity colors are not worn. An active fraternity man writes: "I have never seen the colors of any fraternity except those of my own." Fraternity yells are never heard, and fraternity songs are used only in the chapter houses.

± Among the colleges of the middle states and the middle west numerous fraternity customs prevail. At Washington and Jefferson whistles are in order and may be heard on campus and street at all hours. Students in

the preparatory department are pledged, and as a rule, wear pledge buttons until their initiation. At Allegheny the different chapters wear colors for three days after an initiation; colors are also worn at ball games, receptions and banquets. Each fraternity has its whistle, and some of the chapters wear hats of a certain style and make.

The University of Michigan has a very distinct type of fraternity life. The most prominent feature is the institution of the "Nine," commonly called the Palladium fraternities, from the fact that these several chapters formerly united in publishing the *Palladium*, the senior annual. * * * The members of the Nine associate more freely with each other than with others, and all inter-fraternity courtesies are usually confined by the Nine to each other. It is considered no breach of fraternity ethics for one of the Nine to lift a pledged man, or even an actual member from one of the unrecognized fraternities; though this is not by any means a common practice and would not, of course, be allowed in Delta Tau Delta. Among each other, pledges are strictly respected by the Nine. In most of the fraternities, freshmen are expected to obey when requested to do anything by an upper class man. They go to the post-office for the evening mail, answer the door bell and the telephone, and, in general, do everything in the way of work that is not done by servants. A senior who wishes an errand of any sort done, simply yells "Ninety-nine," and if there is a freshman in the house he at once responds to the call, and is ready to do his bidding. It is of course to be presumed that the upper class men are not prone to abuse the privilege which this custom allows.

Quite in the same line is the description of fraternity life at Sewanee, where the chapters all own houses, and the members keep their own grounds in order. "Scions of aristocratic lineage, whose hands have heretofore been innocent of toil, become adepts at wielding axe and spade. Every chapter yard has a bed, made in the form of the badge, set aside for the fraternity flower." Sewanee too has found a new use for the football players. Witness the following:

A very picturesque feature is the annual "Grammar School Rush." According to the above mentioned Pan-Hellenic laws, no grammar school "Kyd" can be spiked before the night of his graduation. The fraternities send their football men to the commencement of the grammar school, and when the exercises of the evening are concluded by a formal announcement of the fortunate preps. advanced to the university a wild scramble ensues, in which those "Kyd's" fought over by two or more of the rush squads are often in danger of being torn limb from limb.

The review of the *Rainbow* in our last issue has apparently been misunderstood by the genial editor of that journal. In

personal correspondence he takes exceptions to our comments on his Psi Upsilon article which we quoted. The SHIELD certainly did not entertain the slightest feeling of animosity, and our remarks were intended to illustrate a point. We believe that many editors are prone to preach the faults of other fraternities in a degree which is damaging to the entire system. We deprecate this fact, and in our desire to illustrate we seemed to be as faulty as our brother editor had been, and in so far we accept his criticism as just. The only possible excuse for us would be the boy's who said "you did it first." We are sorry to have made what reads to us as an "odious comparison," but it makes our point with a vengeance, and we trust other journals will take a lesson therefrom. We never read copy after it is once written, and in this way it escaped our "second sense." We trust our apology is sufficient and understood in the intended light.

The question which is as old as chapter fraternities, and will keep its interest as long as the fraternities exist, "What Makes Chapters Successful?" is discussed in the *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, and some of the points made are particularly worthy of attention during the rushing season :

The same underlying principles govern us all, whether we consider the organization consisting of few or many. Like the individual, an institution of any sort must possess a sound character and a well-defined purpose. The individual members of a chapter must have the required stamina and character before they can impart it to an organization.

In every college, as well as every community, certain individuals make public opinion which is accepted by the majority of people as right and proper. Students are always glad to be in good company, and men of ability and character seek their like ; while nothing is more satisfactory to a lower class man than association with a prominent upper class man, who can and will give so much assistance from his experience in college affairs. To be sure, every chapter realizes that to continue in a prosperous condition, the quality and character of its inmates must not be lowered. But if good men are admitted, to be successful much must be considered besides the right sort of initiates, and having these, a thoroughly united and companionable spirit must prevail among the members. No student, no matter how good a class man or what his power may be, who is not or *can not* become companionable, should be ad-

mitted into the fellowship of a fraternity. The chapter must have unity of action, or at least, all differences between members and all chapter plans must be kept in the family circle of the chapter. We have known of chapters of other fraternities, and no doubt the same is true of some of our own, whose every business transaction was an open secret to the college world long before its success or failure was demonstrated by actual application; every cross word or disagreement between members is gossiped out for the ever-ready ears of the "barb." And this by some of the prominent members who would have looked with horror on the least suggestion of the betrayal of any portion of the ritual. Yet matters that were of such vital interest to the chapter's very existence were considered as nothing.

There is an extremely interesting article upon "The Honor System at the University of Virginia," written for the *Record* by one of the members of the chapter located at the university. He takes justifiable pride in saying that student self-government was introduced into this country by Thomas Jefferson, and the problem of its application to American conditions was successfully worked out there.

The boldness of this venture, then so new and strange to the people of the United States, can hardly be adequately appreciated by those who live in these later days. In all the schools and colleges from which the University of Virginia could expect to draw her students, a system of *espionage* and government by fear was in force. Even when under the strictest discipline and most diligent supervision, the students of other American colleges were frequently guilty of disorderly conduct. The records tell how at William and Mary, Jefferson's own *alma mater*, the students would "keep race horses at y^o college and in y^o town, play and bet at y^o billiard and other gaming tables, and keep and fight cocks," even though "under pain of y^o severest animadversion and punishment." * * * A university is professedly a training school where man is fitted to perform his part in the world. Whatever the cynic and pessimist may say to the contrary, nobility of character and true merit are always recognized. If the university prepares man for life's battles, it must therefore do more than impart knowledge of intrinsic value and cultivate the mental powers; it must also assist in this upholding and ennobling character. The young men who constitute the student body are at that formative period of life when their characters are most easily influenced for good or evil. It is, then, the university's most bounden duty to imbue their minds and hearts with honorable sentiments, with a love of truth and right conduct, and with the "sweet reasonableness" of the perfect gentleman. That this is the tendency and result of the honor system, the lives of men who have been reared under its gentle power is the strongest proof.

The Psi Upsilon *Review* for June reaches us in September—but it is not out of place even then. The entire number is devoted to an interesting account of the sixty-third convention, which was held at Ann Arbor, May 6-8. To an outsider the prominent feature was the spirit of courtesy exhibited by other fraternities. Alpha Delta Phi held her convention a week previous. The Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter at Ann Arbor entertained both the Alpha Deltas and Psi U's at their chapter house. The gathering was a hospitable success. This was followed by a lunch given by Alpha Delta Phi to Delta Kaps and Psi U's. Such interchanges of hospitality seem to wipe out the old-time bitter hatred and awake feelings of respect and companionship which are fitting types of the educated society life which college fraternities inspire. We are always glad to hear of these public recognitions and commend them to the careful thought of all fraternity men.

Those who claim that fraternity membership has very little influence after a man leaves college can afford to give due heed to the opinion of Judge Brewer, who as a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States is considered competent to decide questions of the greatest magnitude that can possibly arise. In his address, which is given in full in *Beta Theta Pi* for May he says :

I call you brethren, and indeed we are brethren, not by ties of blood, but by those of association and affection. We constitute one of many similar brotherhoods, extending into every part of the nation, which by virtue of their fraternal power form no insignificant factor in preserving the national unity and life. In unity is strength, but unity, to be a source of strength, must be real and not artificial, in fact, not in form alone.

We are apt to belittle the fraternal influence of these societies. They mean something more than banquets and a good time; they mean fellowship and friendship. They bind heart to heart, and every one of our number is a brother to all the rest. We ask not whether he be from Texas or Tennessee, from New Jersey or New Hampshire; it is enough that he is a Beta Theta Pi. And thus, while enjoying all the good cheer and all the good fellowship which come out of this society, with its large

membership and frequent gatherings, we are at the same time unconsciously welding invisible but potent bands of love to bind the mighty fabric of our national life into solid and immortal union.

He deals with the question which appeals more and more to every thinking man, the duty of the college man to the commonwealth :

This call is above all others imperative to you, college students and college graduates, because you come into the questions of to-day freighted with wisdom gathered from the experiences of the past. And this knowledge, born of what has been, is, as never before, of most profound significance. With all the splendor of its material development this is also the age of cranks. I refer not to those who, like Guiteau and Prendergast, go about with murder in their hearts, but to that multitude who, in ignorance of the teachings of the past, have evolved (or at least think they have) out of their inner consciousness some schemes for the redemption of man and the reformation of society. Some of these schemes are only amusing ; but some are fraught with peril. There is not an ailment of the body, nor an ill of the body politic, that some one is not standing on the corner of the streets, shouting that he has a patent for its cure. In ancient times there was but one Balaam's ass ; now the asinine vocalists are as numerous as the leaves of Vallombrosa ; the very air is heavy with their bray. Their ignorance prompts them to a wiping out of all that has been and is, with the idea of substituting something new and, as they think, better. They fancy that things are so bad that, as in the times of Noah, deluge, destruction and a new start make the only possibility for the race. If there are rats in the barn, set fire to the barn, is the measure of their wisdom.

But is that the best that the centuries have given us? Have the thought and study and accumulated experience of the ages been all in vain? Are there not some rules of life which have stood the test of time? Are the great granaries and storehouses of human learning filled simply with chaff? Has man toiled these thousands of years only to build a charnel house, a whited sepulchre "full of dead men's bones and of all uncleanness?" Shall we confess civilization a failure, and start anew in the struggle for a better and sweeter and a purer life? I cannot believe this. In order to arrive at the wise solution of the pressing questions of the hour, there should be brought to bear both the experience of the past and the wisdom of the present. The call is upon every educated man to become a living and active force in our public life. The scholar in politics is not a delusion but a necessity. The call is as imperative to the scholar as it is necessary to the public.

The June number announces the approaching completion of the catalogue, and that about three-fourths of the number are already taken by subscribers. Most of the editorials have

more or less reference to the work of the convention. There is one, however, which though it would be called by the editor of *Kappa Alpha Journal* a public airing of "tarnished clothes line," shows the trend of general Greek sentiment toward wilful delinquents.

It is rumored that in one of our chapters during the year a sad state of affairs has existed. Having a relatively small membership, four or five of the members have neglected every duty laid upon them, and have failed to meet their obligations in that respect. The faithful members have labored with them in vain. There is a simple, sharp remedy for this condition of things, and that is expulsion. It should be promptly applied. A thorough understanding should exist throughout the fraternity, that the rights and privileges of the fraternity imply corresponding duties which must be fulfilled or membership must cease. A chapter, if not for its own sake, for the sake of its alumni, should suppress any such element as we have mentioned. Lazy and indifferent members we do not want. They reflect no credit upon themselves, and are simply a hindrance to the fraternity.

Not only can a great deal regarding the general workings of a fraternity be learned from the chapter letters, but they are an excellent index of the standard of fraternity life maintained by the different chapters. The long list of letters, forty-six, in the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* is a good illustration of this. Of course there are some of the usual skeleton pattern, but many are so well written from a literary standpoint, and tell so graphic a story of the chapter life and aims that it is a pleasure for even an outsider to read them. The same graphic style characterizes the whole number. There is a finely illustrated article upon "The University of Illinois and Kappa Kappa Chapter," and while the story of the rise and progress of the institution is very similar to that of the other universities established under the land grant of 1862, the story of the early struggle of the chapter with a hostile faculty, up to the time of its reorganization after the withdrawal of this opposition is stirring reading. What is said of the lines upon which the chapter has been built up is particularly noteworthy:

Early in the history of the revived Kappa Kappa, the chapter became imbued with what I conceive to be the true policy of Sigma Chi in the

choice of new men, and from that day to this the only requisites necessary or particularly desired by Kappa Kappa in new men have been that they should be gentlemen and congenial to every man in the chapter, so men have been taken, not for their ability in special lines, but solely and simply because every man in the chapter has felt that he could "brother" the candidate.

And right here comes what to me is the most singular phase of Kappa Kappa's history in the last four years, and that is, that while, as I have said, no man has been taken as an athlete, as a musician, as a society man, nevertheless, the record of Kappa Kappa shows that her members have had innumerable athletic honors, that her musicians have been found at the front in all musical organizations, while the social prominence of the chapter is everywhere recognized.

In commenting on the attainments of the present active chapter I am not maintaining that there is great advantage to a chapter in having honor men, but simply emphasizing the fact that the members of Kappa Kappa, taken in for their manhood alone, in worthy ambition have made themselves athletes and musicians, scholars, orators and society men.

The *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta* for June is decidedly unique. Nearly the whole tumber is given to a historical review of the *Scroll* and *Palladium* from 1886 to 1896. A resume is given of the contents of the journal for each year, sometimes of each number. The writer of the review seems to be a sort of exchange editor, reviewing the journal of his own fraternity, and extracting from it editorials, correspondence, bits from banquet speeches, opinions on class annuals, the story of famous fraternity quarrels and liftings, and even some witty exchange notices which appeared in other journals. The historian cannot help felicitating himself occasionally, as when he gives this characterization to a testimonial entered upon the minutes of one of the chapters, "Probably no more loyal or beautifully expressed tribute to the fraternity was ever written than this." But a great deal of honest pride in his subject may be forgiven a man who has done so much and such exceptionally good work. The SHIELD comes in for occasional mention, as when he quotes from the June, 1890, number in regard to the establishment of the "Chapter Grand," and again in speaking of the sudden advance in illustrative work in fraternity journalism.

The name of Grand Chapter is one not unknown in the fraternity, but as a part of our organization it is no more. We suggest that this be

adopted by Phi Delta Theta as the name referring to the list of the honored dead of the fraternity. * * * The idea embodied in this suggestion is not entirely new, as Chi Psi speaks of her "Immortals," and and Theta Delta Chi has her "Omega Charge," both of which refer to their deceased members.

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That the feature of illustrations came so quickly into prominence, we are inclined to ascribe as a cause a little quarrel to which the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD and Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* were principals. The former to clinch its claim of being the oldest established periodical among fraternities, reproduced the first page entire of Volume 1, No. 1. But this set Delta Upsilon to hunting in her archives, and out in her next issue of her *Quarterly* came Volume 1, No. 1 of her original magazine, antedating Theta Delta Chi by a year. These reproductions were the first among many that since regularly appeared in these and other journals, and for the last year (1891-92) almost all the journals have been given more or less to illustrations.

The *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* is one of the most interesting of our exchanges, and strikes the happy medium between a journal which is interesting only to the members of one fraternity and the general college magazine. For instance, this number contains among the leading articles an address upon "The Reform Spirit," and a discussion of the work of the Civil Service Reform clubs which appeal to any college man, whether a fraternity man or not. Sandwiched between these is a stirring article, evidently by a recent graduate, entitled "When I'm an Alumnus," which breathes fraternity, loyalty and enthusiasm in every line, and is so well worth careful reading by our own members that it needs no further comment :

At the first, let me prophesy. Just after graduation your interest in the chapter will be as strong, perhaps stronger, than when you were active members. You will keep in touch with the boys by letter, by reading the college papers and your fraternity journal, and of course, by going back at commencement. You are interested in every scrap of news about the chapter. If the boys have downed the Thetas, are they not the same Thetas against whom you fought? An account of a fraternity hop is full of familiar names, and the letter accompanying it tells who took whom, and how the college widows are bearing their bereavement. But after two or three years pass, you find few familiar names amid the

college gossip. You see few familiar faces when you visit the chapter. The new men are fine fellows, you can see that, and you persuade yourself that you love the chapter as much as ever, but it is not the same chapter. Gradually, imperceptible, the change comes. When you were in college you felt that your love for dear old Alpha would last as long as life. After the first lustrum of alumni existence, you reluctantly admit that your love, while as warm as ever, is for the old boys who were in the fraternity in your day. You are still loyal to the chapter, of course, but it is not the same chapter, and your feeling towards it is not, cannot be quite the same.

Side by side with this comes a curious change in your point of view. In your college days other chapters, unless very near, were very little more than Greek letters. If you attended a convention you met some outsiders but the impression was transitory. When you thought of the fraternity you thought—and rightly—of your own chapter; if other chapters came into consideration, it was somewhat as a metropolitan divine might give an occasional thought to a mission church in Paraguay. But now you know well men from a dozen other chapters, perhaps better than you know the active members of your own. At alumni banquets, at the graduate club, in travelling about the country, you meet these men, and by degrees you lose your primitive conception of the parent chapter as the center of the whole fraternity system. In a word, the alumnus, at the same time that he is growing away from his chapter, is becoming more and more a member of the fraternity at large.

And now for the conclusion of this whole matter. I have said that our college days are green with promises of what we will do when we are alumni. I have tried to show that once we become alumni we tend to lose somewhat of our interest in the chapter, while we grow more interested in the fraternity at large. Both these tendencies increase as the years pass, till most alumni of a dozen years' standing—there are honored exceptions, I am glad to say—content themselves with reading the chapter letters in the *Quarterly* and attending commencement banquets. The moral is: if you intend to do anything for the chapter, you young Greeks of '96, do it soon. Don't wait till you are old and rich; you may not live to be old, and you are not likely to become rich. The time an alumnus can render the most efficient help to his chapter is in the first few years after graduation. Then he knows its needs, then he feels eager to help it. To the brothers of '96 I would say, the time to keep your promises is not in the distant future, but the days near at hand. You intend to wear your pin always, to grip others who wear it wherever you find them; you intend to keep in close touch with the chapter; to send it good men when you can; to come back at commencement; to write a chapter letter now and then; do not put off these things too long. All too soon the cares of life will dim college memories and make you forget college promises. Whatever you may become will be due in great

part to the inspiration and help you received from your fraternity. You owe it a debt—a debt of honor—and the time to pay it is close at hand. Begin now, help as you can with heart and brain and purse, and your name will be spoken with love in the chapter hall.

The *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma gives the leading place to finely illustrated articles on the University of Illinois and the chapter of Kappa Sigma located there. Then comes a brief description of Columbian University at Washington, and the revival of the chapter, an event which seems to have taken place at some time since the inauguration of our own Chi Deuteron charge, speaking of which, in "Exchanges," the editor says: "This institution has a standing not fully appreciated in the college world, and Theta Delta Chi has realized it." The subject which attracts so much attention in every fraternity, that of alumni support, is handled in this fashion:

The time is far distant when the Fraternity journal will be self-sustaining. In fact, we doubt if that state will ever be reached. It is perhaps an impossibility, when we consider the limited circulation such a work will of necessity maintain. Consequently the general fraternity treasury will always be called upon to contribute a certain amount toward the maintenance of what has become the most important adjunct to fraternity progress, and a proper union of widely-separated chapters. But cannot the amount thus required be confined within reasonable limits? We think it can if the alumni will display a little practical, every-day loyalty. Every man who has left college with a proper appreciation of his $K\Sigma$ obligation, and a real feeling of sympathy and love for his fraternity associations, must want to know how affairs are going on at his *Alma Mater*, how the old chapter, in which he took so much youthful pride and for which he expended so much joyous energy, is now progressing. His only medium for such information is his fraternity magazine, and his duty is to subscribe for it. By so doing he will not only keep in touch with his mother chapter, but he will be rendering substantial aid to his fraternity. This small assistance, so easy to render, will give a ten-fold return by its revival of pleasant memories of former days. We believe the great mass of our alumni to be intensely loyal, and that only a reminder of a neglected duty is sufficient to have them come forward and demonstrate their love for $K\Sigma$ and their interest in its welfare. Especially do we call the attention of these remarks to the Class of '96. With all their fraternity associations still binding them, and their very chapter existence hardly yet broken, they should recognize at once how little would be a subscription to the *Caduceus* in return

for the blessings of a fraternity membership which has so recently been theirs.

The severest criticism that can be passed upon the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* is that in the arrangement of the department called "Personal and News Items" matters of general fraternity interest are so mixed with bits of news about this or that member who is characterized as "all right" or "chock" full of love and zeal, that the busy man who is in search of news concerning his old chums is quite likely to miss it unless he has time to read the pages of the department thoroughly from beginning to end. The body of the magazine is largely given to biographical sketches and Alpha Tau news, though there is an article which sounds the note which is making itself heard in so many quarters, the duty of the college man as a citizen, and what is said of Alpha Tau Omega is equally true of others:

We have never considered it out of place for a fraternity editor to counsel and urge patriotism and the proper performance of the duties of true citizenship on the part of his readers. We consider it part of the mission of every college fraternity in its true and logical development to encourage these. Especially is this true of Alpha Tau Omega. She knows no sectionalism, and aspires to be as broad as the country and nation which evolved and nourishes her. Nothing but good can come of the close association of men from different sections of our land in the honorable bonds of such a fraternity as ours, whose banner is woven from strands that run and interlace from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Maine to Texas. It is a splendid inspiration to be a member of such a noble band.

College Notes.

The Phi Gamma Delta convention will be held in Chicago, October 28, 29 and 30.

The biennial conclave of Kappa Sigma is to be held in Indianapolis in October.

It is said that any Kappa Sigma alumnus present at a convention is entitled to a vote.

The annual convention of Beta Theta Pi was held at White Sulphur Springs, West Va., the last week in July.

For the second time in five years Delta Kappa Epsilon will hold her convention in the South. This year it is to be at Nashville, Tenn., in November.

At Tufts College there is a fully organized non-fraternity faction, with officers and business sessions, and it is said that this has served to unite the Greeks so closely that inter-fraternity strife is almost an unknown quantity.

United States limits have been disregarded in extension by $Z \Psi$, $K A (N.)$, $A \Delta$, Φ and $\Phi K \Sigma$, each of which has a Chapter in Canada, the first being twice represented. To $X \Phi$, however, belongs the sole notoriety of having maintained a Chapter on strictly foreign soil. In 1867 a charter was granted to University of Edinburgh students, which Chapter in its existence of three years comprised a total of only fourteen members, all of whom, with a single exception, were from the United States. All of these save one hailed from either Louisiana or South Carolina. Another even more unique Chapter is said to have existed during the late war among members of ΣX in the Southern army. It was known as "Constantine Chapter," and is said to have maintained some sort of an existence during the intensest period of the war. It was, of course, entirely unofficial.—*KA Journal*.

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There is a petition before the fraternity which is unique in one particular, in that among the recommendations are two, from Chapters of other fraternities, in each of which is expressed the cordial wish that the petitioners secure their charter, and that the fraternity shall enter the institution. In the face of practical action of this kind, any formal kind of Pan-Hellenicism may well be disregarded. It is a striking example of the tolerant spirit of manly rivalry, which has succeeded the active and oftentimes mean hostility of former days.—
Beta Theta Pi.

Sigma Nu has established a Chapter at the University of North Carolina, and another on the other side of the continent, at the University of Washington.

The Beta Theta Pi house at Pennsylvania State College was burned to the ground in February. The fire occurred in the night and the books and clothing of the occupants were almost a total loss.

Several petitions for charters to Sigma Nu have been refused in the last twelve months. The desire has been rather to fortify our internal machinery than to extend our borders. Until the Chapters we already have are firmly grounded in their duties and obligations it is folly to further encumber ourselves. At the same time Sigma Nu can boast of the smallest mortality of Chapters, perhaps, of any fraternity in the United States, 36 living, 5 dead. Still, we desire those 36 to obtain a firm hold that cannot be shaken by ordinary adversity, rather than to turn our attention and time to other fields just now.—
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A new senior honor society, called the Sarcophagus, has been formed at Amherst.

Sigma Chi has taken possession of a new chapter house at Northwestern University.

The sororities, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Pi Beta Phi have recently entered the University of Illinois.

Phi Kappa Psi entered Dartmouth January 24th with fifteen charter members, absorbing a local society.

A summer school is to be opened at Wellesley this year, the term extending from July 8 to August 19.

The University of Illinois is to have a new library building with a capacity of 150,000 volumes, and costing \$150,000 unfurnished.



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Willard H. Austin, Cornell. '93, as assistant librarian, in cataloguing the fine Dante collection presented to Cornell University by Prof. Willard Fiske, found some live bookworms in an edition of the Divine Comedy bearing the date MDXX-XVI. This is the third time only that these rare insects have been found in an American library. Carefully removing the worms, which were eating from front to back, and had only reached the front pages of the Inferno, Mr. Austin took them to Prof. Comstock, of the entomological department. There, after making sure that they were genuine bookworms, they were developed, and having secured the beetles, they were bred from until there were sufficient eggs, bookworms and beetles for the University Museum, and enough more to make Mr. Austin a present of a good-sized vial full of each.—*Beta Theta Pi*.



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When the naturalist studies man, he may classify him very readily among the gregarious bipeds. Men are sociable creatures. So also are bees and ants with reference to their kind and in their own peculiar fashion. The same may be said of sheep and wolves. One must, however, except the fox. This reflection suggests *Æsop*.

Organization is a common phenomenon in the animal kingdom. A more profound view of the vegetable kingdom might perhaps not even exclude the notion of some sort of organization there. The idea is fantastic, yet who shall conclusively determine that it is utterly without foundation? Is it not the believer's most signal tenet to repose abiding faith in a creator whose loftiest power, according to divine revelation, was first exercised in the sudden utterance of the fiat which organized the complications, regulated by certain law, of an interacting yet infinite universe out of chaos and night? That word "chaos" I conjecture to have been in antiquity only the fertile Greek's device for expressing the "Nothing," a very subtle metaphysical factor which, later on, by the amazing necromancy of a Hegelian contradiction, (let us venture to say for want of a more explicit contrivance) held and holds forever in

its unlimited embrace the awful, everlasting and mayhap no less metaphysical "All." There is no task too difficult or too recondite for philosophy. Nor has any perplexity ever dashed the philosopher. Our rules of common sense more than any reasoning based upon the last are here manifestly inadequate. Now since, as this philosopher sagely maintains, the "all" is organized and was always regarded as organized no less within the crudest cultured ken than to the highest speculative faculties of the human intellect, shall it be deemed unreasonable to conclude, from data everywhere attainable without any special effort, that nothing in this stupendous universe exists outside of the unbounded domain of law-regulated organization? There may indeed be wanting, or have escaped our extremely limited sensual and physical means, the faculty to establish as much in the way of a logical proposition for everything which we know or think we know in nature; yet we may firmly believe that all which exists there, stone, stock, living creature, spinning planets to even ruling sun and sister constellations, is subject to law and organized down to the minutest detail. Nor, in all probability, is it any less so subject up in those apparently unconditioned states which transcend every finite power of conception and exist in regions seemingly beyond the scope of any brain but that of Almighty God. When Herbert Spencer, therefore, follows as the foremost latest in the long list of visionaries who have exercised the powers of imagination bestowed upon them by a bountiful (shall I also say favoring?) Heaven to speculate upon the mysterious how, and when, and what, and why and whence and whither of the unfathomable universe, we may crown him too, a victor upon the execution of a remarkable undertaking which is futile at best, even as the Roman Senate decreed to those doughty soldiers Marius, Scipio and Pompey, each, the glory of a triumph, though in these splendid militant instances only funeral dust and ashes supervened upon signal victory as they surely also will in the case of the great philosophising Englishman, after the laurels of success have been safely garnered to his memory and astounding achievements in the complete organization of a rational, logical, cosmic conjecture. Wise generations shall succeed us, wiser

surely in their own conceit than even ourselves. Will they smile, too, upon our Philosophy? Its inadequacy and varifold shortcomings do not impress us as forcibly as, in the progress and discoveries of time, they certainly will them under criticism which need not be too finical upon overabundant proof. Who may foretell what wonders are likely to be performed when we, rolled down the relentless incline of Time, constitute the dead past and are, alas, silent history, sadly reminiscent of defeats and disasters in a battle that is continuous with the night, where our day looks darkness nigh impenetrable in comparison with the shadowless and immaculate light expected of the future ages. Are they not to be, in their due turn, the all absorbing Present, crowning Time then upon the very apex of the centuries and radiantly perfect before their own superior sufficiency? Will they not be forgetful, as were our poor selves before them, of the eternal fact that the progress of all sublunary things (and this includes even learned systems) is in an endless circle around a superior sun which, being only transient itself, must at last, like all the passing rest that exists here below, go out, too, in utter night, and become but interstellar dust and ashes by a final process of convulsion or of dissipation? Such, at least, is the relentless logic of the nebular hypothesis-decomposition, disorganization, dissolution, annihilation! Aye, it is at last death; but death, declare the confident guessers serenely, with a resurrection more beautiful than that of the fabled Phoenix, since out of the flames of destruction shall arise law-regulated organization again, renewing itself higher up in the scale of things; and thus what will ensue here below shall be still more perfect than that material condition which an eternal destiny had but just before superseded in its endlessly revolutionary order. Though the doctrine of evolution to-day seems to supply a complete no less than conclusive explanation of the Almighty's perfect scheme, (with the Almighty, some how, quite left out of consideration) doing this as effectually as the splendidly decisive victories of Marius, Scipio and Pompey in their day left no room to question the unassailable might and superiority of august Rome, nevertheless we know, as I have already ventured to hint that Rome, though still existent, has ceased to be

imperial or world-dominant; and that new generations are bound to follow in the light which is infinite upon the vain hazard and enterprise of rational cosmic solution at the mazy beck of philosophic meditation. They will as ardently (and always) endeavor to penetrate by the keen force of irresistible logic the fathomless regions of what they deem to be the knowable, and to make, concerning it all, new disclosures to newer eyes as the little earth spins ever nearer toward its final goal. These disclosures will likewise always be elaborately conclusive in their promise and assertion. But they will not conclude the subject; because, alas, it would seem to be written that this all-compassing subject shall always transcend any human power applied to resolve it—every human effort sacrificed to determine it. Are not the verities, so called, established by Logic itself challenged now by a higher reason as constituting no sufficient proof of their own right to finality in the decisions left to them by men? In other words, who shall guaranty the veracity of Logic in a world where every percept may be an illusion?

Behold the long list of philosophers from ancient Thales down who have toiled fearlessly at the problem? And did they not display superb confidence in themselves? First there was "Nothing," out of which proceeded the "All." Then there was the atom to form the molecule—the cell to develop into the organism, yet no mind to fix at what stage of this development life came to bridge over the unsounded deeps between matter animate or conscious and matter which was not thus to any faculty of observation possessed by the human being who undertook its investigation. What a splendid array of intellect time marshalled after Thales in the very dawn of classic thought? Here were Pythagoras, Heraclitus, Empedocles, Democritus looming high above the lesser seers on the one hand, physicists; and Socrates, Plato and Aristotle not even yet transcended, psychologists, who, on the other hand, reasoned from that surpassing yet unassailable assumption, the soul, ever magnificently upwards, like the others, to the solution of every problem before the human mind, and yet the problems, one and all, still stand sphinxlike silently defying all solution

and all the philosophers. Observe then the materialism which followed Bacon. He organized the rule of the scientific spirit, induction, that without any sufficient reason, would now antagonize the religious instincts of the human race upon data, the ultimate sources of which are as little fathomed by the bishop-cudgeling Huxley (a Baconian now departed,) as the cause of true religion is benefited by the rabid zeal of an intolerant clergy who refuse to concede any palpably demonstrable fact not in seeming accord with the inquiring Christian's revealed Scripture. The bold data of the fin de-siecle scientists dare to place even the very inspiration of the Scriptures in doubt. Observe the scepticism that grew out of Locke and only omitted culminating in Hume and Berkeley (an idealist by pretense, yet a nihilist in fact,) because our nineteenth century presented for it still deeper depths down which to plunge credulity—that fathomless credulity which is so strangely—so unaccountably inspired by the elastic necromancy of the philosophers with the syllogistic major and minor premises respectively, to conjure forth a coherent system of rational psychology. Here we reach an apology ample and even splendid, for Spinoza, for Hegel and for Comte. We feel a deep gratitude toward Kant and Descartes. Spencer reaps our admiring applause, while even Schopenhauer and Hartman, though they afford the world a pungent, bitter and most unwholesome literary draught, yet should have their fair meed of commendation for presenting under a new view their few sparkling bits of colored glass out of that awful, that wondrous, that hopelessly curious kaleidoscope, the infinite universe. Thus, then, is philosophy organized in its totality by the great dominant minds of the learned world, who, in turn are supplemented by keen minds of lesser degree obedient on the higher trend of speculation, and laboring faithfully if hopelessly in the same recondite sphere. All this magnificent intellectual array has surely made the world of thought more comprehensive and rounded it toward a prouder completion. So have the extraordinary achievements of Strauss and Renan in organizing a system of rational biblical analysis. This has elevated religion so it is no longer the assailable patchwork of unfounded legend and dubious tradition.

Yet in the end the story of the pristine Genesis may be fully as reliable in the Pentateuch as in the philosophers. There is, let me here defiantly declare to the unreasonable devotee of narrow exegesis, an honest criticism, hallowed in motive because it is as just as the very judgment of Heaven. And much of this criticism sprang strangely as a light out of the adumbrations of the Talmud, to reveal at last even the presence of forgery in the Scripture. Upon the latter circumstance, the higher scholarship concerned with the study thereof has now all become agreed. Shall one dwell upon the instructive subject with more than a melancholy hint of warning against contracted interpretations? The familiar compilations of Baring-Gould upon the facts involved, are readily available in innocent reference here to support one branch of the grave charges which have been preferred against the long accepted orthodox literature of Christianity no less than of old Testament theology. Yet out of all the ruin wrought in and havoc made with the *letter* simply, the *spirit* of the Holy Word still rears its majestic form aloft where the intellect may worship it as well as the heart, and where the proof of its own blessed verity no longer admits of any reasonable doubt whatsoever in the honest mind. Lo, here is the eternal Truth itself, which must prevail against all odds, and does so because it is constantly and before every contingency supported by the overwhelming power of the Almighty. Yet he keeps himself ever invisible to the inquisitorial curiosity of human mortals. The thundering God of Sinai has thus strangely become the Savior God of Calvary. Out of that sublime conception sprang the heavenliest two of all the virtues—Mercy and Charity—the only ones in the sweet category of the beatitudes, which make possible their glorious sister, Hope. And, my brethren, these three well constitute all that is sublimest in religion except Faith. So we race of fortunate mortals attain a faculty of toleration broader and more beneficent than this world has ever before witnessed, since it is truly catholic in its proportion. Has this toleration not proven broad enough to embrace and benefit the whole race of created beings? Does it not give even the dumb brute its fair chance

of life toward the pursuit of its own humble happiness, in the statutory organization everywhere among civilized nations of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals? This latter circumstance surely constitutes a most astounding proof of the progress of Christian benevolence. I maintain, also, that from the same broader spirit has been organized that higher civilization among the race of Adam, which promises forever to preclude the reincarnation of Cain, when crime shall exist no more and evil will surely cease to be. This, at least, is my dream of hope. Is it not fitting and worthy a liberal Christian? And if it be but delusion, what more celestial vision can mortal man imagine upon earth than an earth without sin?

Before Thales' day there was the Vedic literature of India and were the fancy flights of the Egyptian hierarchy, each race being equally fascinated by the alluring presence of the mysterious in Nature. The speculating Hindoos, no less than the speculating Egyptians, were impelled by this fascination to make intellectual forays into the nebulous domain of the cosmic origin only to be baffled in their own turn again and again; but never to figure even once as a historical warning-lesson to those later master-minds who bequeathed their own labors to the race of querying mortals which now survives. Similar, as I have said, has been all experience down to our own enlightened day, where every questioning inquisitor still stands unanswered before the portals of the unending Mystery. Man, in his foolish ambition, would equal in wisdom the Almighty himself. It is the proud creature's vain effort to make the infinite submit to his finite powers of conception. And I must repeat that philosophy seems doomed to be blind to the futility of this noble folly of the human intellect, alas, forever.

I might even declare that by a strange and unaccountable fatality the mind of man is unconsciously tempted to take a gambler's chances. It loves to risk its understanding in a game, endless, forsooth, and against unlimited odds, with the boundlessly unknown which surrounds it and which is evermore bristling with insoluble interrogation points. Still, under this conception of human frailty, may it not be said of every man, even the merest clod, that he constitutes the very pivotal

center of the universe? So in charity, my worthy hearers, forgive human presumption. The race must always fare the better as the result of hazardous enterprise, though it appears to be but a wasted gambling venture. What blessings may not the veriest accident unfold? Verily, even America was discovered along a way suspected solely to open up to Columbus not the unknown west, but a new passage to the hoary east, with her costly spices and her priceless mines of Golconda. Who dreamed then of the successful erection of that mighty republic framed of invincible sovereign states whose starry emblem like a bright halo now floats over the greatest nation of the earth?

No man can conceive any potency in chaos. But the conception of fecund power underlies the very notion of organization. The entire philosophy of evolution is perhaps expressed by declaring it to be a system where the organization advocated (not a little nebulously, moreover,) by the teacher thereof consists in the progressive operation of itself under law upon all things without any limitations, while force and matter interoperate upon each other in unlimited space. Such a thing as time is not any longer tolerated to exist. The curious conception under which Time is now viewed (a demonstrably correct conception) would recast the more common conception of itself into the notion of a universal organization of things which are themselves eternally stable and fundamental, such as Force, Space and Matter, and which interact in ceaselessly infinite progression upon each other, where form alone and never any essence changes. Please pardon the abstruse recital; yet what a magnificent subject is afforded here to inspire the imagination of the poet? For the poet, too, is an organizer; the very prince of such on earth, conjuring from the "empty void" and "chaos," beauty and harmony, even as the sculptor shapes from the formless block of marble the ideal of his fancies. Then all the future ages, when that ideal is perfect, shall praise and imitate it. Genius is here might and power at the task of creative organization. What more may one utter of the Godship itself?

Thus is organization founded in the ultimate origin of the

cosmos and in the consensus of that cosmos so far as our faculties can appreciate it. I borrow the strange phraseology of the philosopher again here, I have done so throughout the foregoing review of his profound lucubrations. His truth is as wise as any other. And not all of it is misleading. With him fundamentally rests the vindication for all organization, which is as lofty as Holy Scripture. Every rule of state Polity grows out of the necessity of law-regulated organization. Order, Heaven's first law, is also the very first law of nature. Yet what is order but law-regulated organization? So, too, Government, being order, is likewise a phase of organization. Hence it inevitably follows that anarchy must be chaos and the sure mark of retrogression which is ever abhorrent to a man of normally constituted intellect. In this course of logic we reach once more a broader charity which would even vindicate the right, in minor politics, of the district leader to exist as a party factor in our great republic, we reach no less likewise—a considerate charity which would finally establish as an undoubted, nay even as an undeniable necessity of practical and practicable politics, at election contests the very party "boss" himself whom all good citizens, when he becomes outrageous, indecent and therefore obnoxious, are excused in denouncing and annihilating—if they can! One may, in isolated instances, visit this active creature with the most scathing condemnation; but the system out of which he arises will not dispense with him. His presence is only avoided in any required instance (as we have all found out by successive experiences every where in this unique country) when another of his crafty ilk and supple ingenuity supplants him under the plaudits of his beguiled fellow citizens. Up to the present enlightened hour, these unsophisticated citizens have been able to see no better way out of accomplishing a riddance of one boss, than by marshalling loyally behind another, full of unbounded confidence under a condition of politics where all "bosses" always wave unceasingly the delusive yet irresistible banner of Reform, to tempt their certain victims and rally those deplorable unfortunates to renewed devotion in the sinuous cause of public plunder, out of which the

"Boss" again alone reaps any profit as his dominance continues.

In the politics of the Empire State it is said that John Morrissey was not the worst character. While William M. Tweed preceded Richard W. Croker and Hugh McLoughlin, Aaron Burr and Samuel Swartout, now forgotten, long preceded either of these all potent democratic worthies. The contemptible policy of alliances between opposition party leaders with the object of monopolizing government and so controlling the public offices for distribution among favorites, common now between municipal Democrats and Republicans was older than Cæsar, as old, indeed, as Solon—as old as the hoary crime of conspiracy itself, for what is it but conspiracy? This long and continuous pedigree of organized corruption for place and power only demonstrates how much stronger in behalf of a pure and honest administration of public affairs organization would prove if wisely adopted by the general citizen. Its success in wickedness, despite the sneer of the cynic, is ever full of difficulty; and organization for good may yet be rendered not only possible but comparatively easy. You perceive now, my brethren, that I am one of those hopeful, perhaps deluded creatures who still believe that this world is growing better or can be improved with diligent care. Do not virtuous considerations promise immeasurably greater assurance to the confiding optimist and the hopeful Christian as means to any laudable end, than vicious considerations, if there be a just God? And I most sincerely declare that there is. Yet who shall dare to forecast a millenium in any political respect where the principal feature to recommend it for the race shall repose in the absence of organizers—where mighty Cæsar is naught, where unsurpassed Napoleon would constitute an irreconcilably discordant element and is therefore omitted, while the unspeakable Bourbon and his ilk are left to dominate,—where, upon a lesser scale and still grandly, the mastery of such resourceful leaders as the late Roscoe Conkling, fittingly exemplified in the still active no less than agile Thomas Collier Platt, where even Richard Winstead Croker, already mentioned, whom his gifted fellow Democrat Bourke Cockran sneers at as a com-

mon "sport," reeking of the race-track, shall be out of the question, and unavailable for any purpose—shall indeed be hopelessly impossible as political factors in American Government? I would deem this prophet, with such an amazing forecast, no more visionary than any poet or dreamer who has ever formulated a system of cosmic philosophy to account for the existence of our unfathomable universe out of the depths of his own unaided finite inner consciousness. Yet do not reckon me among those unbalanced minds who find in everything accomplished by any Cæsar, whether his origin arise to world-shaking dimension, upon the soil washed by the yellow Tiber or in the less celebrated precincts of rustic Tioga County, fitting material for unstinted approbation or material in any form fit to offer amid laudations unto future generations by way of salutary example. Cæsar is often—too often—a necessary evil; but evil unmistakably, which may need, alas, for its remedy, the executioner in the resolute form of a Brutus. Cæsar was the victim of the unwritten law. By a parity of reasoning the written law when executed always oppresses; for the law antagonizes individual liberty. Unfortunately, liberty, alone, as the rationalizing philosopher no more than the autocrat is capable of conceiving it, and as each is accustomed to project it forward on the soaring wing of irrefutable syllogism upon the unwary, is a delusion more dangerous than the most malignant vice that has ever been listed in the awful category of evils, even like fire uncontrolled—a mad fury among creatures weak and imperfect because they are at the very best sadly human and wofully fallible. It is the folly of men but too frequently to see things out of all right proportion. They are never perfectly balanced in their estimate of what is good for themselves individually. Order may therefore well be tyranny. It is none the less often a blessing wearing a repellent guise even where seemingly most inopportune. While law must exclude autocracy, the wise autocrat may still cause good law and establish salutary order among a given society. This is the sole excuse for such a striking piece of literature as was composed by Carlyle, when he indited that celebrated prose poem which he curiously made known to the world under the title of Heroes and

Hero Worship. What man of any cultured nation is not a slave of this worship? We all bow to successful strength. And why not? Lo, is not Jehovah all-accomplishing strength? The whole modern doctrine of state-craft breathes between the trenchant lines of that pyrotechnic little essay of an intolerant Scotchman. The exhorter, iconoclastic there, discoursed profound wisdom. All the best principles of political economy, all the wise maxims of police regulation, cold and unsympathetic—relentless even as they are cold, yet truly progressive in their force, assert themselves resoundingly in his magnificent periods. Here, too, repose the true explanations of the rise no less than of the destruction of nations, of the success of false creeds and of the invulnerable prowess of impudent imposters. Hero worship is the key to the minutest comprehension of many of the most seemingly unaccountable national convulsions recited by history. But not all eyes can read the Carlylian essay thus. Seers are as rare as poets. And for a similar reason the natural force which produces results is no more a perceptible causal unit in its characteristic manifestations, than is that other "causal unit of multifarious inchoate and succeedent phenomena," the material universe. Does not philosophy with reverberating voice teach in its own unique parlance that the "unbounded whole" of every force is but the "stupendous synthesis" of "unlimited parts" either "potential," or "ensuing and still to ensue?" Smile not here at the phrasemaking of the scholastic. Seriously speaking, I know of no battle field of liberty anywhere that marked not equally a battle for Cæsar and Cæsarism—neither do I know of any struggle for freedom that was not an enterprise in the dubious final interest of some trammelling force. It is the saddest admission made by Darwin that the best creatures are not always the fittest to survive.

When law and order triumph anywhere over riot and insurrection, I can ever see the towering form of Napoleon, then but 26 at that historical Parisian episode, arise, in spirit, out of the very cannon smoke of the hopeful cause of the French Convention, under the directorate, fighting to quell the danger and commotion which was and is at all times a menace within the sway of unregulated liberty. Order by these assured

tokens is then inchoate in all lawlessness, and therefore what other kind of genius than the awful one of armed law shall suffice to overpower and regulate warring elements, or unruly passions? Thus the blood spilled at Lexington and Bunker Hill was in this sense, too, for force; but orderly, lawful, legitimate and just force—the force of a nobler cause under a new and sublime political dispensation. The due application of such force had been reasoned out in an emergency equally fair to all the men and all the interests conceivable with reference to it. The war of the rebellion was in a similar sense the sublimest apotheosis of force. It exemplified the rule of arms exercised relentlessly without stint of blood or treasure by humble men, who were the blind instruments of faith in a higher law and did not calculate themselves to reap any personal benefits therefrom—who risked the sacrifice of all hope, to wit, life, as this last precious gift does assuredly constitute the whole of hope in every direction open to mortals here below. The force was there applied by a menaced union of states so that the weight of a beneficent hand might fall appallingly upon the crying shame of slavery and strike it dead forever more over American soil. That awful struggle ended in a vindication of the spirit of the fundamental law of our institutions. It was also a vindication, by force, unparalleled and overwhelming, of the law of a free union of coordinated commonwealths, framed upon principles, not for the benefit of any ruling faction or section, to the exclusion of some other, but for the whole race of man existing and to come, sheer as this race, when viewed in the generous light of humanity, may assume the lofty qualities that irradiate the sublimest abstractions again of the poet, or of the humanitarian philosopher.

This grand law, equal to all and always equitable, founded in benevolence and universal in its application, awoke in the mind of Jefferson when he framed the Declaration of Independence as a reason for the resort to arms in 1776. Long after the earth had closed over his remains, and he no less than his works had become glorious history, the spirit of it, like an angel messenger from heaven, came into the north and blessed while it made perpetual, for blessed commemoration, every battle-

field where the south, in its flower and strength, had been mangled and beaten into humble submission. Here it ruled again, the supreme fiat of a just God That God thus exemplified as a reorganizing force in our national polity disclosed himself to be the everlasting God of freedom. Such is the rule of Christian order. The regenerated South has come to know it well; wherefore we of the North now embrace our erring brother in forgiveness, and the Union is once more complete, glorious, invincible and indissoluble. This convention of our beloved fraternity which closes its labors with the present splendid banquet after a most prosperous year, is worthy of the congratulations of all the workers and well-wishers among us. It exemplifies again the beneficence no less than the utility of organization. The convention-officers and each of the brethren who participated in and co-operated with the primal purpose of the fraternity, as this purpose is so felicitously framed in the constitution, are, in a sense, thus also the incarnation of the spirit of law in order regulated by wholesome force. They stand out no less as the banner bearers of salutary organization. While the spirit of loyalty pervades them, and in a broader sense, so long as a similar spirit pervades the ruling masses of that great republic of which we and they are all working parts in a common citizenship, this land of the tars and stripes is indeed safe and shall be indestructible. Its may claim, in justice before the world, an inalienable—a heaven-sanctioned right to unlimited self-preservation. Its banner may—its banner will wave gloriously over vale and steep. Its name shall be revered among the peoples blessed with the light of a maturer political intelligence, east of the Atlantic, west of the Pacific, everywhere! And every man of us therefore so long as his pulses throb will be willing with Spartan alacrity and pride to shed his blood and even sacrifice his dear life and the dearest concerns of that life to maintain orderly free institutions for posterity evermore. I repeat, again, the individual liberty of the citizen has been made by our founders, as by our beloved fraternity, in the blessed behalf of a higher law and of order. It is under the benign impulse, ever safe, no less than conserva-

tive, of salutary social organization. Theta Delta Chi is therefore patriotism in its loftiest potentiality. Under the fundamental statutes of the association, it is likewise social benevolence sublimated to the sphere of pure, single and perfect friendship in fraternity. It is, moreover, wholesome liberty, material as well as intellectual, hallowed, while the best literature lasts to inspire Americans in the glorious equality of a loving college brotherhood. Here it shall labor for the interests of an abiding faith, governed by all that is good, all that is true, in all the virtues that are beautiful. Hail to it forevermore! It is Christian in the benign sense of the Sermon on the Mount. It is universal in the everlasting force of the truth. It is eternal in the fundamental principles of moral ethics.

Let it be here understood by the fraternity that the subject matter was chosen, and the frame-work and original draft of the foregoing oration were the labor of two brief hours before the delivery of the same at the convention banquet, in the Hoffman House, at New York city. About 4:30 p. m., on November 25, 1896, Brother Willis S. Paine, the toastmaster for the occasion, apprised the undersigned that Brother Charles R. Miller, chief editor of the New York Times, who was the grand lodge's selection for orator, would be unable to respond. And the banquet was fixed for 7:30 of the same evening. Brother Paine urged upon the undersigned (then only intending to be an interested spectator at the select literary performance which was about to be had) the duty (sic) of filling the breach so unexpectedly caused by Brother Miller's defection. It is an old experience for the subscriber to be sought in a literary behalf on such a contingency—indeed, on any emergent contingency, and perhaps mostly then by the grand lodge. Hence it happens that he has served at least twice as the convention poet and three times as the convention orator heretofore. This last "election" to the honor, seems, on his part, of course, like unofficially officiating in a draft from the irregular dilettanti reserve, as the serviceable literary factotum who is suddenly settled against perhaps wise rule or strict right

upon the critical domain of Belle Lettres by sheer force of arms. Now, in the latest instance, the best was accomplished within the narrow limits of time and opportunity which were afforded to the hastily improvised literary substitute. Yet he dedicates it for what it and its involved originalities, if there are any, may be worth, to the "old boys" of the fraternity. He loves that fraternity with the ardent and experienced affection which has grown out of a membership now nearing its thirtieth year. May all be charitable in their criticism till he can personally elaborate some still better, and wholly veracious excuse for his and his oration's palpable shortcomings.

JACOB SPAHN.

THINGS THAT ARE NOT SEEN.

A Poem by Rev. J. W. Wightman, D. D., Pl, 1860, Read at the
Convention Banquet.

PROLOGUE.

Faith is the Power of the Resurrection, uncovering the past, and, in its backward look, assuring us that the things that have been are the things that shall be.

Hope is the Spirit of Prophecy, discounting the future, fashioning the bad into the better, and cheering us with outlines of the new creation.

Love, as a foud Perfectionist, is the genius of both Faith and Hope clinging to ideals, remembering only the good, affirming only the true, and painting only the beautiful, as the cherished objects of the Charity that shall never fail.

The mists of the evening fall round us,
The lingering earth light is fading,
The lines that darken are deep and strong,
Our physical life o'er shading.

But mist and shadow cannot obscure,
Nor can darkness fully cover
The pictured faces of friends, secure
In halls where memories hover.

Those faces, familiar, responsive,
Are things that are real, not seeming,
Not ghostlike nor gruesome nor false,
Nor faces of which we are dreaming.

Not painted on canvas insensate,
In colors that tarnish and fade ;
Not catching their beauty from sunlight
Nor losing that beauty in shade.

Not hard white faces in marble cold,
Not fancy-begotten, airy and light,
But living, and restful, and real
Are the memory-pictures around us to-night.

Like music far-traveled and mellow,
Over mountain and moorland's wide sweep
Those faces are echoes in color,
On love-tides borne in from the deep.

The atmosphere pulses about them,
On song-billows swelling, they float,
Not as wrecks from a storm, but as life
O'er the ocean, from lands remote.

We know them, we greet them, we trace out
 The features familiar *lang syne*—
 The outlines, the posture, the movement,
 The thought-shades, the love-light, in blending divine.

Yet strangely transmuted those faces,
 By the play of the life they disclose,
 As substance unseemly in nature,
 To the beauty and grace of the rose.

With pencil of light, in touches of color,
 With chisel keen edged as the truth,
 The soul by its thinking has heightened
 In manhood, the beauty of youth.

Those faces, with genius creative,
 Outranking the masters of old,
 The thought-breathing spirit, as artist,
 Has fashioned to manfulest mould.

The shadings of sorrow, the earth-lines
 Drawn in by the pencil of care,
 The furrows of labor, the crow-feet,
 The bronze of exposure, is there.

For the things that are seen are in touch
 With the life that we live on the earth,
 While the things unseen of the life enduring
 Are stirring and struggling to birth.

As faces prophetic, foretelling,
 The manhood emergent, complete,
 When grace shall evolve into glory,
 And evil shall die in defeat.

These faces, transient, suggestive,
 Lead on to the uplands of thought,
 Unto which out of earth, purified,
 The perfect in soul shall be brought.

Unknown in its scope or its fullness,
 Is the life whose pulses we feel ;
 Scarce in part, do we know through the senses
 What the vision of soul shall reveal.

Throwing off, putting on, in the change
 From the soil-stained condition of earth,
 There shall come to the spirit a Sonship
 Divine, of immaculate birth.

Transformed by the truth, transfused with light,
Bursting up as from deeps unknown,
The glories of earth life shall open
In heaven, as flower full blown.

In vision dissolving, the pictures
Substantial of things that have been,
New graces evolving, are visions
In semblance, of beauty unseen.

In final disclosure appearing
As concept, creative, supreme,
The real, transcending the seeming,
Is the substance of which we dream.

The land best known, where thought takes its outing,
And home has its meaning complete,
Is outlined, not more, in the landscape
Where now are the prints of our feet.

On the fields of the future, projected,
In glow of the morning at hand,
Are the temple and city, enduring,
While the hills everlasting shall stand.

Through reaches unmeasured and boundless,
From the gates of pearl extending,
The landscape, of richness unrivaled
Opens out, in glory transcending.

Through portals of crystal crowding,
Vast throngs o'er the plains enter in ;
They are come out of earth, from service
Their garments white, in blood washed clean.

Among them are faces familiar,
Our fellows, remembered in love,
But touched with divine transformation,
Now beaming, as born from above.

The lost life of mortals emerging,
From the depths of the buried past,
Assumes the perfection of beauty
In the likeness of God at last.

That likeness is love self-revealing,
Greatest of gifts from the throne on high.
Best pulse of the loving devotion,
That throbs in Theta Delta Chi.

THE CONVENTION.

The fiftieth convention assembled at the new Hoffman House, New York city, Tuesday, November 24, and the first session was called to order at 10 a. m., by President Harstrom, with the other members of the Grand Lodge in their usual positions. Bro. Rudolph Tombo, of Pi Deuteron, acted as stenographer, and Bro. Geo. H. Jones, Sigma Deuteron, was appointed assistant secretary. The President appointed Bros. Geo. W. Kosmak, R, C. Lanphier, and W. S. Watson as a committee on credentials, and Bros. Edward C. Eblers and Edwin F. Hicks as a reception committee. While the committee on credentials were preparing their preliminary report, the reception committee introduced Bro. E. D. Ingersoll, Alpha, '56, who gave a spirited address. He was followed by Bros. Frank W. Stewart, Phi, '69; Clay W. Holmes, Phi, '69; Rev. J. Macbride Sterrett, Chi, '67; Jacob Spahn, Chi, '70; F. V. Goodwin, Pi Deuteron, '82; Prof. E. W. Huffcut, Beta, '84; L. G. Chaffin, Zeta, '67; and Frederic Carter, Epsilon Deuteron, '89. The stirring remarks of these graduate brothers seemed to electrify the entire body and introduce an atmosphere of fraternal harmony which pervaded the entire convention throughout all the sessions. Bro. Kosmak reported for the committee on credentials. The following is the list of delegates as reported :

BETA—E. W. Huffcut, H. R. Tobey, O. R. Beckwith.

GAMMA DEUTERON.—W. F. Tobey, P. I. Wright, B. Ben-eicke.

EPSILON DEUTERON.—F. Carter, R. C. Lanphier, J. Hess.

ZETA—T. A. Wilson, R. S. Emerson, A. C. Stone.

ETA—B. S. Bryant, A. A. French, C. C. Williamson.

IOTA—S. R. Hayter, L. F. Sise, H. L. Carter.

IOTA DEUTERON—E. Putney, F. M. Williams, R. S. Chandler.

KAPPA—C. R. Ricketts, H. A. Davis, R. B. Sanford.

LAMBDA—L. E. Baldwin, A. B. Gifford.

MU DEUTERON—C. E. Bell, A. H. Merriam, F. S. Crawford.

NU DEUTERON—W. S. Heister, J. W. Grace, C. H. Vansant.

XI—W. H. Bliss, W. S. Watson.

OMICRON DEUTERON—G. F. Hilton.

PI DEUTERON—R. Tombo, Jr., Carl Tombo, C. R. Neidlinger.

RHO DEUTERON—G. W. Kosmak, C. H. Fulton, S. H. Crampton.

SIGMA DEUTERON—Clay W. Holmes, G. H. Jones.

TAU DEUTERON—J. W. Erf, G. A. Pratt.

PHI—Frank W. Stewart, R. F. Marsh, E. C. Jones.

CHI—Jacob Spahn, W. S. Paine, J. A. Hamilton.

CHI DEUTERON—J. M. Sterrett, V. L. Mason, R. Sterrett.

PSI—Geo. W. Lawyer, D. G. George, C. G. Cunningham.

President Harstrom read the report of the Grand Lodge work during the year, giving in detail all the work done. This report was a surprise. Although necessarily of great length it was listened to throughout with the most careful attention. No such report was ever before given to a convention, and never in the history of the fraternity has such effective and satisfactory work been accomplished. It would be impossible and improper to give in detail the various items embodied, but any brother who wishes to read this most exhaustive and valuable document can ask the Grand Lodge for a copy of the minutes and see for himself what Theta Delta Chi has to be thankful for. The President personally visited every charge during the college year, and in his report gave the exact condition of things as he found them. In a fraternity of twenty chapters this is a vast work for one man to do, and we speak advisedly, as beside President Harstrom, the editor is the only President who has personally visited all the charges since the fraternity received its present growth. This report was referred to F. W. Stewart, E. W. Huffcut, Jacob Spahn and E. D. Ingersoll for consideration. Frederic Carter, F. S. Crawford, and P. I. Wright were appointed a committee on order of business at the opening of the session and made a report, which was adopted.

Following next in order the delegates from the different charges made a verbal report of their condition, all of which

indicated a very commendable advancement. Two charges were withdrawn during the year, Sigma and Delta, both owing to the condition of the institutions, and one new charge was established, the Chi Deuteron, in Columbian University at Washington, D. C. The President announced the following committees:

On minutes of the last convention, B. L. Bryant, R. S. Emerson and E. C. Jones; Auditing Committee, L. E. Baldwin, G. F. Hilton; on Secretary's report, W. F. Tobey, C. G. Cunningham and V. L. Mason; on SHIELD report, C. R. Ricketts, J. A. Hamilton and F. M. Williams. Adjournment was then taken till 2 p. m.

The second session was called promptly at 2 p. m. The report of the SHIELD was read by the editor as follows :

REPORT OF THE SHIELD.

For eight years the SHIELD has taken prominent rank as a fraternity journal, and during these years has not reflected financial discredit upon the fraternity. It is true that its history might have been different, but for the persevering loyalty of the graduate brothers who in its first year of resuscitated existence lifted the burden of debt which hung over it, and then pledged their continued support so long as it might remain in the hands of the new management. Several times it has been necessary to appeal to them, and their responses have always been hearty and sufficient.

The present year we determined to make no appeal, but working under new rules to see if the SHIELD might not be self-sustaining. The figures tell the story. Collections have averaged better than in former years, because those who received the SHIELD were required to pay for it in advance. We might have sent out more copies under the old rule, and would have had more debts to report at this time. Our experience is that debts do not pay bills, and after the SHIELD is once read and laid aside it is not an easy matter to collect the back subscriptions. The financial state of the year's business shows up practically as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Receipts from charges	\$ 320 00	
From graduate subscriptions, etc	435 70	
Total		<u>\$ 755 70</u>
There is yet due from charges \$78, making a grand total of		<u>\$ 833 70</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Cost of printing and maintaining the SHIELD for the year	\$ 809 97	
Leaving an apparent balance of	23 73	_____
With an actual shortage at the present time of		\$ 54 27

The charges, with few exceptions, have been somewhat slow in remitting. The March number only has been sent to those who have not paid. One charge reported that they were ready to pay for SHIELDS when received, but we followed the rule and declined to send until the bill was paid.

The editor has no self-congratulation upon the numbers thus far issued. It has been a laborious task to produce even the mediocre numbers which have appeared. Illness, pressure of private business, and other reasons have conspired to render it almost impossible to do any work. Lack of funds made it necessary to issue a very small number in September, so that the December number might be up to the usual standard. Such as it is, we present it for your consideration.

The future of the SHIELD now becomes a question for your earnest consideration. The editor does not feel physically equal to the task of editing the SHIELD for another year, unless he can be aided in such a way as to insure the possibility of employing clerical assistance to do the largest part of the work. This will necessitate an outlay of at least three hundred dollars, and it is for this convention to say whether such a guarantee shall be made, or whether they prefer to relieve the present management and give it to younger blood.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAY W. HOLMES.

The report of the semi-centennial committee was presented and read by the chairman :

REPORT OF THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

This committee desire to report that in accordance with the instructions of the last convention they entered upon their work as soon as practical thereafter. After consultation Bro. Webster R. Walkley of New York city was selected as the fifth member of the committee, and the following advisory committee was appointed :

Willis S. Paine, Franklin Burdge, Frank W. Stewart, J. P. Mellon, M. N. Gilbert, Osgood T. Eastman, Seth P. Smith, A. G. Benedict, Frederic Carter and Duncan C. Lee.

The committee conferred upon the best methods of soliciting subscriptions, and formulated a preliminary program for the purpose of giving some idea of the manner in which the anniversary was to be celebrated, contingent upon the amount of funds received. Fifteen hun-

dred communications were sent out to the graduate brothers. Thirty-three responses were received with subscriptions amounting to six hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$685). In addition thereto a subscription of fifty dollars (\$50) was made by C. Sidney Shepard, brother of our late brother, Ralph Hamilton Shepard. The largest contribution was two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) from Bro. Mellon of Pittsburg with the promise to make it more if necessary. The next largest was fifty dollars (\$50), and the remaining ones were for smaller sums from five dollars (\$5) upward. Of these six were paid in advance, amounting to one hundred and forty-five dollars (\$145), which sum the committee hold subject to the direction of this convention.

In the preliminary work the committee have spent in printing and postage thirty-three dollars and ten cents (\$33.10). The committee are of the opinion that the expense should be paid from the grand lodge funds, and the subscriptions returned in full to those who made them, and when the work is again taken up the semi-centennial committee should reimburse the grand lodge for the money advanced.

When the time arrived for considering the celebration in detail the committee realized that the sum pledged was in no wise sufficient even to print the memorial volume, and that the prospect of procuring by personal effort a sufficient amount to make the celebration a success was very questionable, owing to the financial condition of the country at large. No remarks seem necessary on this factor in the case, as every person present has probably felt the stringency which was so clearly evinced in the small number of responses. Added to this was the evident fact that on the same ground many persons would be debarred from attending the exercises.

A more cogent reason than this, however, was presented to your committee by Bro. Duncan C. Lee, who after a careful examination of all the records, prepared a petition embodying other important reasons why the celebration should be postponed. This petition was presented to each member of the advisory committee and received his indorsement. The petition was then submitted to each member of the executive committee and received unqualified endorsement. The opinion being unanimous in both committees, and the financial reasons representing a good ground in addition, your executive committee did not hesitate to postpone the semi-centennial, and refer the matter to this convention for their action. The petition and communications are appended to this report as a part thereof.

Early in the season your committee informed Bro. William L. Stone of his selection to prepare a history of the first twenty-five years. The thanks of this convention as well as of every individual Theta Delta are clearly due to Bro. Stone for the manner in which he took up and carried through his part of this work. This history was undertaken at much sacrifice of Bro. Stone's time, and he carried on an extended cor-

respondence in search of historical facts, all of which have been embodied in a very elaborate history which now awaits presentation when-ever the celebration shall be held.

Bro. John D. Cary, to whom was delegated the preparation of the second twenty-five-year period, was unable to take up the work, and Bro. Duncan C. Lee was selected in his stead. Although one of the busiest men in the country, Bro. Lee, out of the kindness of his heart and affection for the fraternity, consented to prepare this history. He immediately took up the work, and in gathering his facts for compiling the history he became impressed with the facts which are set forth in the petition, and in direct line with the protest entered by the chairman of your committee at the last convention, which was set aside by the committee of the whole. Your committee have been much gratified to note that the postponement has been most heartily indorsed by the fraternity at large, and we trust that this convention may see fit to sanction our action. The entire matter is therefore referred to this convention for such action as may seem best.

Here followed the petition of Bro. Lee and all correspondence which was submitted as a part of the report. The report was received and upon motion the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole with Bro. E. W. Huffcut in the chair. The report was taken up and considered seriatim. The action of the committee was fully endorsed. After general discussion it was decided to recommend to the committee the holding of the semi-centennial in February, 1898. The committee of the whole was then dissolved and the convention adjourned. On Wednesday morning the session assembled promptly at nine o'clock and settled down to business promptly. The semi-centennial report was considered. After some discussion it was decided to recommend to the Grand Lodge to hold the next convention in February, 1898, during Washington's birthday week, and that the semi-centennial celebration be held at the same time. It was also moved and carried that Clay W. Holmes be continued as chairman of the executive-committee with full power in the premises, to appoint his associates on the executive committee, and that this committee have full power to make such plans for the proper celebration of our semi-centennial as may seem to them best.

The committee on the SHIELD made a report favoring the

recommendations made by the editor and it was moved that the Grand Lodge be empowered and requested to pay the sum of three hundred dollars for the employment of clerical assistance for the editor. Bro. J. Macbride Sterrett made a report on the Chi charge which was adopted unanimously. The next order was the election of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Holmes took the floor and, after paying a merited tribute to the man who had for two years so successfully conducted the affairs of the fraternity, asked the convention to disregard the custom which has always prevailed of retiring the president after two terms and to tender to President Carl A. Harstrom the heretofore unknown honor of a third term. The convention rose en masse and gave such rousing cheers as would move the eternal rocks, thus paying a deserved tribute to one of the most loyal workers who ever lived. Carl A. Harstrom was declared the unanimous and only wish of the delegates for President. For once Bro. Harstrom failed to respond. His heart was too full. With tear dimmed eyes and choking voice, but the happiest countenance a man ever wore, he said he would tell us how he felt some other time.

Bro. John H. Morse was the unanimous choice for secretary, and Bro. E. S. Smith of Beta for Treasurer.

The report of the committee on minutes of last convention was presented by Bro. Emerson and adopted.

Bro. Frank W. Stewart reported for the committee on Grand Lodge reports. The most prominent recommendation of this committee was embodied in the following:

Resolved, That every member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity be required to procure a badge, within three months after his initiation, and to wear the same, and to keep in his exclusive possession. This resolution was adopted—with the amendment that in cases of special emergency a charge may extend the time to six months.

Bro. J. Macbride Sterrett offered an amendment to the constitution providing that each charge shall send two graduate delegates to the convention instead of one as heretofore. This amendment was adopted and will take the regular course.

The report of the Secretary of the Grand Lodge was received

at this session. It was an elaborate and exhaustive resume of the year's detail work which evidently required much time and labor to prepare. Bro. Mansfield is deserving of much praise for compiling such a report, which will be of great statistical value in future years. Bro. Morse presented the treasurer's report which indicated that the finances of the Grand Lodge were in prosperous condition.

At the afternoon session Bro. Tobey made report of committee on Secretary's report, commending very highly the care and labor exhibited by Bro. Mansfield in its preparation. Among the recommendations of this report was one requiring the charges to communicate by personal letter to every graduate brother at least once in each year with a view of bringing the alumni into closer touch with fraternity affairs.

The auditing committee reported that the books and accounts of the Treasurer were in excellent condition and all vouchers correct. It was moved that the next convention be designated the Fiftieth Annual Convention, thus correcting our erroneous chronological dates. The same was carried unanimously, the present being entitled the Fiftieth convention.

Bro. Willis S. Paine, Chi, '67; one of the indefatigable workers for the best interests of Theta Delta Chi, addressed the convention and presented several resolutions; first, that each graduate member of a charge pay each year the sum of five dollars toward a permanent chapter fund. The resolution was discussed at some length and finally passed as amended. This matter will be officially presented to the charges by the Grand Lodge. The other resolutions were of a vital character and appear in the official minutes. Bro. Kosmak presented a resolution embodying the appointment of a committee to prepare a suitable funeral ritual to be used in such cases as are appropriate. The President was empowered to appoint such a committee, who will present a draft of their work at the next convention. The regular work of the convention having been completed a vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Harstrom for his impartial and courteous manner of presiding over the convention, and for his successful year's work; to Bro. Mansfield for the painstaking care with which he had performed his

duties; to the proprietors of the New Hoffman House for their courteous and liberal treatment of the convention; to the New York Club for music to be furnished at the banquet. No further business appearing the convention adjourned after singing one of the good old Theta Delt songs with a vim seldom if ever equalled.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

Every one sighed when the gavel fell for the last time because the convention was over.

The Fiftieth Convention is clearly the best convention ever held. There were 183 registered attendants at the convention and many forgot to sign the roll. There were over 200 present.

During the sessions the following brothers were announced by the reception committee and addressed the convention: Howard Martin, Rho, '73; Samuel P. Hatfield, O, '62; J. R. Mellon, Pi, '65; W. C. Hawley, Delta, '86; Rev. J. W. Wightman, Pi, '60; Hon. W. S. Paine, Chi, '67.

Everybody was charmed with the witty speeches of Bro. F. D. Ingersoll, of the Alpha, who took an active part in the first day's proceedings. It was soul inspiring to hear our gray headed veteran dating back almost to the founding of the fraternity. Everything he said had the true ring to it.

The work of the reception committee was eminently satisfactory, something new in the convention work but a good introduction due to the happy thought of President Harstrom, and the ability of the committee he was so fortunate as to secure.

Did anybody ever attend a convention where the meetings were so promptly called and the time so thoroughly improved? The Editor's record of attendance at conventions will compare favorably with most, and he unhesitatingly declares that he never saw so much work done at a convention, and with absolutely no friction. No deliberative body was never presided over with any more grace or dignity. The SHIELD puts up Bros. Harstrom and Huffcut as a pair which it is impossible to beat. They are parliamentarians in every sense of the word.

It was a pleasure to sit in the fiftieth convention. As usual Bro. N. R. Webster, Eta, '81, was on deck. He does not often say much but he is always on hand to support any good measure or contribute his share. One of the pleasant features of the convention was the reception held by the genial partner of Bro. Harstrom's joys and sorrows—mostly joys however. Mrs. Harstrom is all over a Theta Delt—brothers and brother-in-law all Theta Delts, a great family. By the way it is currently rumored, and without doubt it is true, that the self-same sister Harstrom is a continual and valuable aid to our President in his good work for the fraternity. She loves the fraternity and is never happier than when she is helping in the work.

The flag of Theta Delta Chi floated proudly from the flag staff of the Hoffman House during the convention.

The editor enjoyed every minute of the convention and hopes that those who were not there who read this effusive account will be inspired to attend the next one.

CONVENTION BANQUET.

As the Fiftieth Convention will go down in history as the most successful yet held, so the banquet which took place on Wednesday evening, November 25th, at the New Hoffman House, was by all odds the largest and most successful ever given. One hundred and forty Theta Delts gathered around the festive board at seven o'clock. The tables were set in the form of a horse shoe and beautifully decorated with flowers and set pieces of fruit. Owing to the great rush of late comers the one hundred plates originally set left forty to be provided for at improvised tables. The orchestra was located in one corner of the hall behind a screen and discoursed sweet music during the progress of the dinner. The menu cards were by odds the neatest in many particulars of any the writer has seen in years, the cover, a handsome shade of blue, with an appropriate but chaste design embossed in white. The dinner itself was prob-

ably like all others. The editor was unable to be present and passes it by with regret. After the completion of the regular courses, the Hon. Willis S. Paine was introduced as master of ceremonies, and after making some humorous remarks, relating a number of incidents of undergraduate happenings at the two colleges which he attended before graduation, spoke as follows: "The most complimentary thing that we can say of ourselves, is that Theta Delta Chi has ever inculcated those principles of Christian morality which make the college man in after life a man among men.

"A true Theta Delta Chi is one whose moral conduct is such that none need desire to ascertain his moral condition with means analogous to the marvelous X rays, invented by Roentgen, which illuminate the heretofore secret portions of the living animal frame.

"An acquaintance of mine told me of his frequent visits at one time to the studio of a famous sculptor. He said the sculptor constructed a frame about a bar of iron which he called a 'back bone.' He filled this frame, supported by this back bone with the composition commonly used, and then moulded the body and limbs into a resemblance of the human form. After this was done, he clothed this form by adding garments precisely as a man would dress himself. In this way the artist followed nature, and the statue was a great success.

"Every true Theta Delta Chi has a back bone which is the foundation of his character, and this is his absolutely sterling integrity. He is incapable of untruth; he will not lie to cajole a friend; neither will he prevaricate to deceive an enemy. He is the antithesis of the man, who according to the Jacobite poet during Scotland's great civil war, sung these words:

'God bless the king, the nation's great defender.
God bless,—no harm is blessing, the pretender;
But who's the pretender, and who's the king,
God bless us all, that's quite a different thing.'

"Forty-nine years ago our fraternity sprung, like our patron goddess Minerva, into being bearing a shield. During that period three thousand five hundred men have proudly worn that emblem, and have, to some extent at least, inculcated the

principles of our order, which are founded on the rock of morality, cemented by an unselfish friendship. A year from this time, we are to celebrate the golden jubilee of our existence.

"I now with great satisfaction introduce to you the poet of the evening, the Rev. Dr. James W. Wightman of the Pi Charge, class of 1860, who has had before him to plume his wings for a lofty flight up Parnassus steep all the models in literature the members of Theta Delta Chi have produced during our long existence, and you shall hear from him no doubt the blended harmonies of all in an effort worthy of our fraternity."

Bro. Wightman delivered the poem, which appears in this number.

The toastmaster then introduced that prince of good fellows, Bro. Jacob Spahn of Rochester, who delivered the oration in his usual effective and stirring manner. The oration is published in the preceding pages of this number.

Bro. Rudolph Tombo read letters of regret from Hon. John Hay, Zeta, '58; Governor W. D. Bloxham, of Florida, Epsilon, '54; Rt. Rev. A. M. Randolph, Epsilon, '55; President Geo. Williamson Smith of Trinity College, Xi, '57; Rt. Rev. M. N. Gilbert, Xi, '70; Prof. Wm. H. Brewer, Epsilon Deuteron, '89; Abel Beach and Andrew H. Green, Alpha, '49, and many others.

The health of the surviving founders was drunk and a song was sung.

The toastmaster then introduced the speakers of the evening in his own happy style, beginning with "The Grand Lodge."

President Harstrom responded as follows :

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS.—My reputation as an after-dinner speaker has been made in Theta Delta Chi and nowhere else. It rests upon two points which Bro. Paine recognized in calling me up first; brevity is the first point and a habit of getting away from my text is the second. I have done so much talking during this convention, I am going to be brief now; and I am also going to wander from my text as I have done on twenty-four preceding occasions when called upon to respond to this very toast. If I could borrow for five minutes an abridged edition of the very extensive vocabulary commanded by Bro. Spahn, I would clothe my thoughts in words that would give you a toast of which I am sure I myself should be proud. My sentiments are right, but I

have not at my command the language to express them. However, I should feel that my heart were cold and my brain dull indeed if I could not indicate to you in some way my appreciation of the very great kindness and courtesy that have been shown me throughout this Convention. Words may fail me, but my heart speaks aloud; and it promises you the best work that heart can give. We have had two or three things during this Convention that seemed to me particularly remarkable. We have accomplished a vast amount of business, business of great importance, business in the discussion of which there has been sharp debate. We have had from our venerable brother of the Alpha inspiration such as no Convention within recent years has had. We have had from the graduate delegate of Beta, familiarly called during Convention the "buzz-saw" (by a brother who ran up against him in argument and found he was monkeying with something) and the "balance-wheel," we have had from him a restraining influence that has been of immeasurable value to me, and I am sure, to us all. We have had from many brothers exhibitions of sentiment that do us all proud, and I want to confess right here that I, too, have on the sly, given way to a little sentiment. Some of you know, that during the past few days we have had three Theta Delta Chi sisters in the house. Without the consent of any other member of the fraternity, even against the well-defined notion of many on that subject, and acting entirely upon my own authority, I told those girls that they could sit in yonder balcony for two minutes to see the kind of crowd we have in Theta Delta Chi. I hardly think they needed this demonstration, for they know by reputation what Theta Delta Chi is. But still I wanted them to see, and I want everybody to see and know, that I am proud, and that we are all proud of what we see here to-night, because here we have the exponent of Theta Delta Chi.

Bro. Herendeen proposed three cheers for Mark Hanna, No. 2, which were given with a will.

Victor L. Mason, Chi, '97. "Our Baby Charge":

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS.—It has been my privilege to be an original member of the "Baby Charge." It has been my further privilege to attend this Convention as a representative of that charge and to have instilled into me a great deal more enthusiasm than I ever had before. I have noticed one thing especially during the progress of the Convention, a tendency on our part to strengthen and increase the ritual. The ritual is absolutely necessary for our initiation ceremony; without it, the latter would be but a farce. It is moreover absolutely necessary to the Constitution itself, that Constitution which cements our society and is the mortar of our fraternity spirit. But it seems to me that we can go too far in this direction and thus defeat the very object for which we created the ritual, though the changes made have my hearty support. Before our charter was granted, there were a great many charges opposed

to us, which believed that there were good grounds for opposition. We did not quite appreciate this at the time, but have learned to do so since. The hearty, open-armed reception that we received on the night of our initiation was a revelation to us. Congratulations were received from every charge in the fraternity, and among other compliments we were referred to as a Southern Beauty. This rather tickled our vanity and even went further than that, it made us feel a little bit conceited. We have since learned that our ignorance then is only exceeded by our spirit of loyalty for Theta Delta Chi. I think we have little to fear in regard to our standing in the future, as we are being aided by the alumni from various charges residing in Washington. Though Chi Deuteron can never hope to become the banner charge of Theta Delta Chi, our prospects are bright; we have good support, excellent men and great hopes. (An infant's essay on the human body.)

THE TOASTMASTER.—We have just heard from the "Baby Charge," the last charge chartered by the Grand Lodge. I think it would be very appropriate to ask a response to the toast, "The First Charge Chartered by the Grand Lodge." I was very much interested in the establishment of that charge and received the charter in New York City from John Adams Johnson, the first president of the Grand Lodge. I took the charter to Rochester, collected some good Theta Delts from Geneva, went to Hamilton and established the Psi charge. I shall ask Bro. Clarence L. Barber, Psi, '76, to respond to this toast.

Clarence L. Barber, Psi, '76, "The First Charge Chartered by the Grand Lodge."

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS.—It has been my misfortune during the twenty years since college doors have closed upon me to have been separated not only from the college, but from every active association with our society, and I had begun to believe that notwithstanding my wishes I had drifted away from the society. But as I came by the other day and saw those old colors floating from the masthead of this hotel, I came to the conclusion that I had been cured of Theta Delta Chi in the same way that William Travers had been cured of stammering. Now the charge which I am asked to speak for contains a great many men, who are known to you all, or at least to those of you who are keeping up with society matters. There is probably hardly a charge that contains a "Fate" Bachman or a Bob Bachman or a Sam Rewey or a Coats, or a George. Old "Fate" Bachman used to sit around this board and tell stories and exemplify the true man, as no other man could. No matter what misfortune overtook him, no matter what dis-

couragements stared him in the face, he was always the same old "Fate." There was old George, whose life went out so darkly during the hot days of August; a poem in himself, he had met death and was not afraid to meet him again. Then there was old Coats, "old clothes," as we used to call him. If you do not know him, go to the First Baptist Church of the City of Buffalo, look into that face and go away with an impression that will be a continuing benediction. There was old Bob Bachman, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Utica, who attacked the leader of the Republican party in that city and I am sorry to say of the whiskey-ring also, time and again. But he did it with such courtesy, such dignity, such moral grandeur, that, when tendering his resignation it made this leader say to the men who ran the charge, keep him here; Utica cannot afford to lose him, draw on me for \$500 of the salary. You all know Sam Rewey. He was not truthful in his younger days, I am sorry to say. We used to have a train called the tri-weekly, because it went to Utica one week and tried to get back the next. He told us one day in all earnestness that while on the way up, when the train was going a little slower than usual, he got out and walked up to the engine. There he found the engineer suffering from a toothache and soaking his feet in the boiler.

I can assure you that when the Grand Lodge established the Psi charge they did a great day's work. Let me say to you, and I am sure the undergraduates will not take me for a preacher, that it is now, to-day, in your younger days, that you are reaping the grandest benefits from the mystic ties. Why, I have heard preachers say, that religion consists in a state of feeling and that friendship is a tie. I tell you that religion is a growth and that friendship cannot be made in a day. Cherish it as you grow older, for otherwise you will never know what the word means. You will have commercial friendships in later days, you will have friendships in society, you will have friendships for revenue, but the friendships that stand the test of all the experiences of life are the friendships that grow, the friendships that are planted in youth and mature with manhood. Such is the friendship of our fraternity; such is the friendship that you will find in no other field, that will mature in no other way. I have found it here amid the snow and ice of eastern winter and it has followed me into the land of winter flowers that blossom by the shores of the western sea. Cherish it, I say, for never in any field will you find the friendship of Theta Delta Chi.

"The Graduate Club," Daniel S. Dougherty, Pi Deuteron, '84:

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS:—If Bro. Harstrom wished to express his sentiments with the vocabulary of Bro. Spahn, much more do I wish that I had the eloquence of the brother who has preceded me in expressing my sentiments to the brothers here assembled. . . . Why