

Bro. Paine selected me to respond to the toast, "The Graduate Club," I can hardly conceive. There are those present who could have replied in a far better manner, knowing far more about it. Perhaps he called on me as the Club is in its infancy, having just been born, and I being a physician, am supposed to know more about infants than most brothers. I must be reminiscent in reply that toast. Some, I don't know how many years ago, the alopecic spots on Bro. Goodwin's head warn me not to say how long, this dear brother to my right (Goodwin), whom I have not seen for years, conceived the idea of a Theta Delta Chi Club. A few of us met in a parlor of the Windsor Hotel; Bros. Goodwin, Sam Huntington, Willie Rexford, John Little, Archie Shaw, Tom Lee, myself and some one else, whose last name I do not remember, but whose first name was Augustus W. We decided to hold a graduate dinner and tried to organize a club at that dinner. We held one of the best dinners that the graduates have ever given. But the club idea was cried down, and we formed the old graduate association, which went on for a few years, and out of which grew the old Theta Delta Chi Club that expired some two or three years ago. That club was an experiment, which unfortunately failed, yet I would hardly like to mention that club without paying tribute to Bro. Homer D. Brookins. Bro. Brookins is not present to-night and I can speak without fear of bringing a blush of modesty to his cheeks. Bro. Brookins tried to carry that club on his own shoulders; he worked hard, by day and by night. He lived at the club and spent a good portion of his time there. He was ably assisted by Bro. McIntyre, but their sole efforts could not carry the club on the basis upon which it had been established. Though it died a natural death, it had done much good; it had brought a number of the graduates together and many old friendships were renewed through its influence. A strong interest had been awakened in the breasts of some of the *older* men, and after its death, the want of a club in the city was sorely felt. It has been remarked to-night that no distance is too far for the friendships of Theta Delta Chi to cover, no climate too cold or too warm to keep that friendship alive, and that reminds me that Bro. Paine heard news of the club in far away India.

Where'er we roam, whatever realms to see,  
Our hearts untraveled, fondly turn to thee,  
Still to our brothers turn with ceaseless pain,  
And drag at each return a lengthening chain.

Bro. Paine on his return tried to put new life into the club idea and nobly did he succeed. The club was reorganized, with Bro. Paine as its President, four or five distinguished brothers as Vice-Presidents, Bro. Walkley as treasurer, Bro. Van Inderstine, who I believe is at present on his wedding trip, as Secretary, and a distinguished Board of Governors, among them many of the brothers present. . . . The Theta Delta Chi Club is now an established fact. We have taken a room in 27th street,

over Brown's Chop House, where we shall be ready in a very short while to receive all Theta Deltas. We have started on a modest scale, on the principle of not undertaking anything that we could not pay cash for. I hope that every graduate in New York or in the vicinity will become a member of the club and there again renew his interest in the fraternity. He will always find there a warm welcome; he will find no cynic motto, "What is Friendship but a name?" We know, brothers, that friendship is a name, the name of one of the most loyal passions that God has instilled into the breast of man, higher even than that of love, for friendship engenders love and love is hence but a part of friendship. The handshake you will receive at the Graduate Club of Theta Delta Chi has sentiment and meaning in it, no cold formality. The answering glance that the friendship in your eyes will kindle in our eyes will be true and kindly. There you can go to renew all the old memories of Theta Delta Chi, there you can form new interests and make new friendships.

"Long, long may our hearts with such stories be filled,  
Like the vase in which roses have just been distilled;  
You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,  
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

"Doctors of Divinity in Theta Delta Chi," Rev. J. Macbride Sterrett, Chi, '67:

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BRETHREN:—I fear this applause may be rather premature; that you may find that you might better have saved this expression of appreciation. It would be all right, if you could save yourselves by such quick-wittedness, as an old Irish woman did. She begged a shilling from a gentleman, and, as he put his hand into his pocket in apparent response to her request, she exclaimed: "May the richest blessings of heaven *follow* you all the days of your life," and then, as she saw that he had only taken a pencil from his pocket, immediately added, "and never overtake you." Brothers, we have in the midst of boasted modern democracy some obsolete forms of tyranny. Here I have, right by my side, a most veritable tyrant, called Mr. Toastmaster. He gazes round upon his set of sleek, well-fed subjects, knowing that at a mere word from him, any one of them will gladly offer himself a sacrifice in speech-making, or his fellows in speech hearing. But one thing is still beyond the power of this tyrant. He may give you a text, but he cannot make you stick to it. I shall use mine very freely, inasmuch as he himself changed my toast from "Our Theta Delt Bachelors of Divinity," which he whispered to me was to be my topic, only a half hour ago, and now he calls upon me to respond to the toast, "Our Theta Delta Chi Doctors of Divinity." I think our toastmaster has treated you badly in calling upon a mere nobody from nowhere to respond to any toast. In more classical language I am a mere *ouden* from *Utopia*. For I came from that politically anomalous place where

no one is a citizen ; where all inhabitants are treated as minors, as the wards of the government. I am a "man without a country" and without a vote. I live in the political hub, or rather hub-bub of the country. But, after all, this is no matter here. You don't want me to talk politics, and I come to you not as a citizen, not merely a man or a clergyman, but as a Theta Delt brother. And I'm not here to talk shop—to make an intellectual effort. If you want that you must come to Washington and hear one of my long, dry lectures on philosophy, or one of my shorter and dryer sermons. I shan't talk to you about Theta Delt Doctors of Divinity, of whom I am the least. Moreover, I shan't talk to you about *Bachelors* of Divinity. For I'm not a bachelor of any kind now. I used to be a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Divinity. And when some friends asked me twenty-five years ago what my "B. D." degree meant I replied that it meant "Be Dad." No, I have not been a bachelor for many years, and I'm sorry for any old bachelors here. An English curate, who had ten children, was asked by his bishop how many children he had. "*Better than a dozen*," he replied." Now, I shan't tell you how many I have. I will only remark that I am to have eighteen to greet me at my thanksgiving dinner on my return home tomorrow.

Brothers, young and old, married and unmarried, I'm glad to be with you to-night. You know how hard it is for a college professor to get away from his classes. His students miss him so much. I had to choose between coming to this Convention and attending our church congress held in a neighboring city last week. You know what our church congress is. It is a free-speech convention. It is a voluntary, non-legislative body of the brightest men in our church—high, low and broad churchmen who thus meet together to discuss differences in doctrine and all questions of "modern thought." It is indeed an intellectual feast. I wanted to attend very much. But as I said, the students would not stand being cheated out of lectures on mental and moral philosophy on two succeeding weeks. So I had to choose between the two good things. That's why I am here. I chose the Convention and banquet, not because it would be a greater intellectual treat, but because it would be a greater *heart-warmer*. I do not believe that most of us men in middle life who are well-equipped for our professions ; who have our work well in hand ; who know the world and keep up with modern thought,—I don't believe that we need a sharpening of the intellect so much as a warming of the heart. And I don't know of a church congress or a convention of any sort that is such a heart-warmer as one of these Theta Delt gatherings. I've been with you in session and I've got what I came for. If I had gone to the church congress I should have returned home with "the big head," now I shall go back with a big heart, and the world will be better for it.

Brothers, I love Theta Delta Chi very much, just how much I am

ashamed to confess to any but to brothers. I know some other fraternity men who seem amazed that a dignified, middle-aged clergyman and prosy professor of philosophy should take such an interest in a mere college fraternity, and should be running off once a year to meet a lot of college boys. They think that I might better be attending to my duties. But I believe that it is my duty to keep my heart warm. Yes, I love Theta Delta Chi because she has helped to keep my heart warm these many years. I can't tell you how many of the tenderest sentiments have gathered round her in these thirty years. I cannot tell you how much she has done for me—how much I owe to her—how much that is not of worldly goods and honors—though she often bestows these, too—but of good of soul—of the best part of my essential, my spiritual self. And as I look into your faces, old and young brothers, to-night, I see how much she has done for you all. And as I sat with you through the two days Convention I thought with pride of how she had ennobled you. You all have the Theta Delt mark on your faces. Her influence shines out in your beaming countenances. You might have been very good men if you had never been made Theta Deltas. But you would not have been as good men as you now are. Your initiation was a real conversion. There then entered into you a regenerating power of brotherly love that has been moulding you into men of finer sentiments and stronger moral fiber.

A noble inspiration comes constantly to every one who is a member of our beloved fraternity, an inspiration that cheers, strengthens and elevates. I was so anxious to have my sons become members of our beloved fraternity, not only because I thought they would make good fraternity men and help the fraternity in many ways throughout life, but because I desired that they should share in my fraternal heritage and enjoy the good gifts and blessings that Theta Delta Chi bestows upon all her devotees. I am sure they will get more moral training and finer moral traits out of their fraternity life than out of any part of the college curriculum and that they will be more generous and noble men for being Theta Deltas.

I'm glad to call you brothers and to know that you are brothers in the real spirit. Bro. Harstrom has just told you how he let his best girl in through the key-hole just long enough to see from the gallery what a fine set of fellows you are. I wish I could bring my best girl, the mother of four Theta Delt boys, in to see you. I always tell her on my annual return from these gatherings of what a choice set of brothers I have met. Yes, I'm proud of you all. Theta Delta Chi is not a literary society or a moral or religious club. But it has that divine element that stimulates, ennobles, moralizes and spiritualizes and enriches the whole life of its members. Its divine friendship is not such as springs from nor fosters confederacies of vice.

We have felt the divine power of Theta Delta Chi friendship in our

hearts. We have experienced its reality, its firmness, its loyalty, its fidelity till death. She has been a real *alma mater* to us all.

A great patriot once said, "It is hard for me to separate the love of God from love of country." He felt that in loving his country he was loving his God. I find it hard to separate my love of God from my love of Theta Delta Chi. I am sure that the more and better I love you, my brothers, the more and better I love God. St. John said, "He who loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen."

Brothers, I believe in the reality of Theta Delta Chi as an emanation and manifestation of the divine love. I am a realist, not a nominalist, in my philosophy. I believe that the ideal has a far higher kind of reality than any time and place phenomena. Family, state and church are not mere collections of individuals. The real in them is the ideal, the universal element. The Athenians were not mere fools and idolaters in believing in *Athena* as the patron goddess of Athens. Athens was far more than the sum total of citizens living in one place. There was a real, ideal, universal element above and within them binding them into one, giving them a common purpose and spirit and potently influencing them in their deeds. The things that are not seen are eternal—the really real things. Theta Delta Chi is a reality to us all, brothers. We shall not become fools and idolaters by giving her a local habitation and a human form. But we shall recognize her divineness in her overshadowing, her attendant, her permeating influence. We would be worse than idolaters not to recognize the splendid inspiration that has come to so many brothers—that comes to us all more or less from Theta Delta Chi—*alma mater*.

One of our good brothers who is also a good church member (not Bro. Jake) said to me to-day that he was often puzzled to know why he got his heart so warmed up and felt such an inspiration at a Theta Delt meeting, when he often failed to have this experience at a church service. The one was never a cold and formal affair, while, alas! he often found the other one to be so sometimes. I shan't take the long time necessary to explain this puzzle without hurting the brother's feelings.

In looking through Baird's book on "College Fraternities" I was shocked to have him express the opinion that an eastern man will regard his fraternity as but an *episode* in his college career and will have but a languid interest in the work of his fraternity outside of his own chapter. Brothers, that is not true of any Theta Delt. That pains every loyal brother. Look around our board to-night and see the brothers to whom Theta Delta Chi was such an epoch in their college life that they have never gotten over it. Some are here who for thirty, for forty and some for nearly fifty years have kept the altar fires aglow in their hearts and will keep it there till they die. Young brothers, don't you accept such belittling scepticism. Don't you believe that you will ever be less of a

Theta Delt than you now are. Let the presence of so many older brothers here to-night give assurance to your faith that our friendship is too divine a reality to thus die out. As you leave your colleges you will find bands of brothers throughout the larger university of life, and plenty of opportunities for keeping warm the heart, to give the lie to the statement that our fraternity is but an *episode* of college life. We believe in, because we have experienced, the divine origin of a friendship that never dies—all one body we, from the Alpha to the Omega charge. The line holds unbroken across the river of death. In life, in death, the grip of this friendship holds us close and keeps our hearts warm.

“Our Incorporated Charges,” Prof. E. W. Huffcut, Beta, '84:

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS IN THETA DELTA CHI:—After the ennobling and inspiring sentiments to which we have listened on this occasion, I am sure that our Toastmaster in proposing to me this toast has not intended that I should preach to you a common-place every-day sermon in drab and gray upon legal or business affairs. It is true, as he has said, and well said, that every one of us who feels that deep and abiding sentiment for Theta Delta Chi that should be the heritage of all of us, must regard it as his duty, daily and hourly, to work without ceasing in every possible way for the advancement of the fraternity as a whole and for the upbuilding of his own charge. I believe that this can best be secured, so far as the material aspects of success go, by the incorporation of the charges, by the accumulation of chapter house funds, by the erection of chapter houses and shrines, around which we may gather day by day in our college life and around which we may assemble in reunion when we visit our Alma Mater, our old fraternity, and our old charge. Each charge ought to have a permanent abiding place which shall become dear by the traditions of the passing years, so that when the fathers return, they may see their sons kneeling at the same shrine, on the same spot where they knelt and took their vows of allegiance to this noble fraternity. It is well and becoming that we should incorporate ourselves for this business purpose, that we should build our chapter houses, and that we should take our material and social stand in the college world as one of the foremost fraternities in this land.

But, sir, I believe in the incorporation of every one of these charges, in a larger and nobler sense, into that spirit which is the dearest heritage of this fraternity. I believe that we should be incorporated into that eternal friendship, whose mystic, deep and subtle ties will bind us to the ideals of our brotherhood, whether those ideals be exemplified in splendid houses or in the modest home of the young and struggling charge. These are the things that make a fraternity,—not the material evidences of financial prosperity, but the internal evidences of a loyalty and devotion and friendship and love, which shall not end this side of the

throne of God. These ideals mean that every man who becomes a Theta Delt should become first of all a true and chivalrous gentleman. I was deeply touched by a reminiscence, which I read only the day before yesterday in one of the New York papers, of that noble and chivalrous member of this fraternity, and that brilliant light of the literary and dramatic world, John Brougham. John Brougham was a poor man; he loved his art and he loved his friends, and they were all of wealth or riches that he possessed. John Brougham went over to Greenwood one day and selected a plot of ground in which when he should have walked across the stage for the last time, he might repose until God raised him to the resurrection. But one day there died in the city of New York a woman whom he had known and honored upon the stage, a beautiful and accomplished actress who had come across the sea to make her way in this new land; she died penniless and alone with no friend in this great metropolis to do her honor, and John Brougham took the body of that dead actress and tenderly laid her ashes upon the very spot which he had intended for the repose of himself. To-day John Brougham's body lies crowded upon a corner of that lot, but the nobility and chivalry of which he was so fine an example, and of which our brotherhood should always be an exponent, is forever manifest in Greenwood Cemetery by the fact, that this true gentleman made way even in his grave for a woman who died penniless and alone.

It is to the incorporation into this noble and gentle spirit that I urge the charges of this fraternity to give their attention. It is to the creation of character that I urge them, such character as we love to honor around this board, when brothers who have left to us the traditions that they built up in the past come to renew with us the blessed memories of our fraternity. It is that when we see a brother who comes to us from the far distant land of eternal sunshine and flowers, and who brings us the noble and eloquent message to which we have listened, we may feel that there is behind the message itself a character and a heart such as should be possessed by every Theta Delt, and without which such sentiments and such eloquence are indeed impossible. It is that when our distinguished friend without a country, but with countrymen and brothers-innumerable, comes to us from the hub and hubbub of his Washington residence, he may preach to us a moral philosophy of true brotherhood such as I think seldom falls from his lips as he sits in his chair in the University at Washington, though it ever shines in his life and deeds. It is that all these brothers, aye, and I look into the face of Theta Delta Chi's Mark Hanna when I say it, that all these brothers may give themselves as unceasingly to the prosperity and welfare and upbuilding of this fraternity and through it of humanity, as has this brother, whom the fraternity has the good fortune to make not only its Mark Hanna, but thrice its President.

I know not how to cease upon this theme. I preach it to our boys at.

Beta every time occasion serves. I want the boys of Beta to feel that back of them stands an array of character such as they may well emulate, to which they may indeed achieve, but which they can neither emulate nor achieve, unless they are willing to give themselves up first of all to be men and brothers and idealists according to the traditions of the fraternity to which they owe their allegiance. As the Beta charge, so do all the other charges that have a history, look back with pride upon the men who have honored their charge in the past, who have labored for it, who have struggled perhaps to secure for it a charter;—as noble old A. B. C. Dickinson struggled at the Hotel Astor in this city over twenty-five years ago to secure a charter for the Beta charge, when a considerable number of members of the fraternity alleged that they did not want to give a charter to a set of boys in roundabouts and knickerbockers; as Brother Sterrett struggled to secure a charter for his Washington charge, when Beta thought that the part of wisdom was not to give it, but when Beta could not withstand the eloquence and loyal passion of Bro. Sterrett. And these men, who struggled in that way to secure your charters, and scores of others have struggled in the same way to leave you charges of which you may justly be proud; having laid down this work, they have struggled in after life to give you a body of alumni of whom you may also justly be proud. Remember, as they have done unto you, so is it your duty to do again to those who shall come after you. They have transmitted to you this precious heritage; guard it, enlarge it, transmit it to your successors, so that the fraternity of the future may be grander and nobler, if that be possible, than the fraternity of the past.

I regret, sir, that we have not with us to-night a brother whose heart throbs ever with a passionate devotion to this fraternity, but who has now taken up a journey to the far West to seek health for an invalid wife; I refer to that noble exemplar of the virtues of the fraternity and of private and public life, Brother Lewis Halsey of the Xi. But while he is not with us in person, he is with us in spirit, and he shall speak to us in that noble spirit of his, through this poor voice of mine. I close with this sentiment, which I trust every member of the brotherhood may take home with him as the ideal of his fraternity life and the pledge of his undying loyalty:

“ By the stars that shine above us,  
By our glorious Shield,  
By the hearts of those who love us,  
By our friendships seal'd,  
Swear that we shall ever cherish  
Theta Delta Chi,  
That her name shall never perish,  
Nor her memory die.”

"Old Hobart," William G. Raines, Xi, '70 :

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS :—I hardly know how to begin to give expression to the thoughts called into being by the sweet and tender sentiments so eloquently voiced by each one of the orators of this evening, and which now seem to rise and throb and swell through every artery of my being. The lad from Washington set me to thinking with his pleasant stories, though I don't now remember the stories, but he dropped a thought into my mind I shall not soon forget by his statement that "It was and is the Constitution of our fraternity that held, that holds us all together;" and that thought is "Not so, dear hearts, not so!" It is not the Constitution, firm though it be, nor the ritual, beautiful though it be, but it is friendship, love, charity, the three inseparable in one, so beautifully crystallized in the poem of the evening, that lends its stamp divine, its bond indissoluble, to this fraternity. I am sorry that dear old "Jake" Spahn has gone away, for he set me to thinking also. I would like to have told him something about a philosophy of this world's existence of which he may not have heard—something, perhaps, of the great God himself, his "God of order and of organization," and my God of Love. Any unit, a drop of oil, will best illustrate my thought; it is a perfect sphere comprising a thousand other particles or spheres, distinct yet all intermingled, themselves composed of a hundred thousand smaller spheres touching one another, yet together forming the single drop—the one great sphere that derives its completeness and its perfection from them all, and hides within itself the principle of lubrication. So is it with this world of ours; it is but a particle which, together with a million others like it, make one complete whole, and permeating each, all in all, is the principle of life—God himself. Thought is but a form of motion. Forget it not, young men, that when I wave my hand or you wave yours, we touch, in time, the stars! So do our thoughts, both good and evil, sweep through the firmament to where He stands who weighs their worth. Forget it not! Words—mere words, you say? Not so! True, words are but the yardsticks with which life's draper, Intelligence, measures human thought, and yet through them, through your stories, and through your speeches, and through your poem, have you one and all appealed to my heart this night.

One day, a few years since, my dear wife's eyes a sunbeam caught, and she and I ever kept it fast imprisoned "in the round tower of our hearts" until God released it. When but three years old this little one became for a brief time a member of an infant class taught by Mrs. Mary J. Holmes, the authoress, who gave her as a first lesson a little card bearing the words "God is Love." Home she brought it, and, after a week's careful drilling by her mother and myself, returned to Sunday School and recited it "God loves me." Mere words? Not so! God spoke in her sweet tones; they are travelling through the Universe, and have

reached you to-night! Those words comprehend all there is of God himself.

One day, not long ago, I stood for a moment before the almost breathing statue of Nathan Hale in yonder park by city hall, and thought: could life now animate this splendid piece of bronze, this patriot hero, turning to the Past and looking down upon his fettered limbs, would once again regret that "but one life" could he give to his country; then, turning to the Present and beholding the splendor of the great city about him, and conscious of the still greater magnificence of the Imperial Republic stretching out far, far beyond his vision, his speaking soul might well exclaim, "My Country, liberty! thou art still worthy of the sublimest sacrifice!" To-day, with memory as my sole companion, I took my way a little further on for the first time in nearly thirty years to the old banquet hall at the Astor House, where those were wont to meet in olden days of whom but one, dear old Boynton, is here to-night, whose lips, like yours, and yours, and yours, and mine, perhaps, were ever touched as with a live coal from off the blazing altar of our fraternity; with reverent step I entered where once I had sat with John Hay, Mark Smith, John Brougham, who yielded up his only heritage, the grave, as we are told to-night, that the weary might have rest, and as memories of Jack Johnson, Logie, Schuyler, martyrs to friendship, patriotism and love, and a hundred more of "Old Hobart's" boys, so good and true, crowded hard upon the remembrance of the kind reception of me by the Grand Lodge yesterday, the thought swept down into my heart's deeps, "Dear old fraternity! thou art still worthy of my life's devotion!"

"The Black, White and Blue in the Crimson," Samuel R. Hayter, Iota, '96:

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS:—As the Toastmaster said, it is getting late, and I shall not keep you except for a very short time. I shall speak first of the Crimson, which has been dragged in the dust on the football field during the last few weeks. Harvard cannot play football, nor can Yale; but, brothers, Harvard now has 27 men who are holding the Black, White and Blue, and are pushing our colors to the front. Next June, 15 brothers from the class of '97 will take that flag all over the country, and the brothers from the class of 1898 will do the same when their time comes. There are probably more Theta Deltas at Harvard from the fraternity at large than in any other university in the country. I do not know the exact number, but I feel quite certain that there were in the year 1895-6 at least 50 Theta Deltas in Harvard University, and half of that number were members of other charges. These men, I am sorry to say, have very rarely appeared at our club house. We did not know them very well, and for that reason Iota has been more or less criticized, but I feel as a past undergraduate member of the

charge, that the reason why they were not better known is for them to explain. We were there, we had a charge house at 20 Ware street, and gave every brother who came the right hand of welcome, but we could hardly be expected to go around and hunt up the brothers from other charges. I am certain that Iota's feeling toward the fraternity is one of extreme loyalty. Fraternity life at Harvard, as every one knows who is familiar with the University, is different from that at any other institution in the country. Harvard is like a large city, and offers many diversions, so that the fraternity life cannot be the centre of attraction, as it is in smaller places; yet at the same time I think Theta Delta Chi stands well to the front at Harvard. The brothers of the charge take a warm interest in the fraternity and are, in every manner possible, trying to bring about the best results in the University. Theta Delta Chi was until recently the only fraternity at Harvard that had connections with its sister charges. As far as I am personally concerned, I have always had a very warm feeling towards the fraternity, and now that I am located in New York city, I shall as a graduate, take an active interest in the business of the fraternity.

"The Theta Delta Chi Sons of Eli," Frederic Carter, Epsilon Deuteron, '90 :

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS :—There seem to me to be occasions on which actions speak, and not words. Nearly one-fifth of this assemblage came from New Haven, not because they were sons of old Eli, not one jot, but because they were sons of Theta Delta Chi. Words, you say? Yale has had no use for words since last Saturday (when Princeton defeated Yale at football). But if you look upon our faces you will see there pleasure and joy and satisfaction, because we can join with you in this reunion of our beloved fraternity, where there is everything of victory and absolutely nothing of defeat. I could talk all night in this vein, and so could every other son of Eli who is a member of this fraternity, but—there are others. It seems to me that in this hour, when Bro. Coleman's song is so fraught with meaning,

" Hand in hand thro' college days,  
Brothers we have wended,  
Let us not then part our ways  
'Till life's mystery 's ended,"

in such an hour, we should let the ideals taught by Theta Delta Chi ever remind us that our associations in Theta Delta Chi end but with life. The ideals we pursue, the plane we have reached, the bond that joins us, are necessary adjuncts to us now. Tell me, would it not make a great gap in each now rounded year, if these opportunities of reunion were denied us? That thought is so potent, so deeply seated in my heart tonight, that I cannot find words of my own to give proper expression to it. It seems to me that this thought has been firmly, and finely, and

deeply, aye immeasurably graven in the words of one of our home poets, Oliver Wendell Holmes, who said these words of and to his college class at reunion. Far better can they be said of us! Far deeper is the response in our hearts! Far better tested have they been in our nearing fifty years of progress!

“ Ah! ours is friendship true as steel,  
 That war has tried in edge and temper,  
 That writes upon its sacred seal  
 The priest's ubique—omnes—semper.  
 The laughing years have clenched its knot  
 Too fast for mortal strength to sunder;  
 The lightning bolts of noon are shot  
 Without fear of evening's idle thunder.  
 Too late! Too late! No graceless hand  
 Shall stretch its cords in vain endeavor  
 To rive the close encircling band,  
 That made and keeps us one forever.”

“ Theta Delta Chi in 'The Great and Growing West,'” Edwin D. Ingersoll, Alpha, '56 :

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS.—A friend of mine said that one of the special attractions of Heaven to him is that there are no clocks there. “ Time shall be no longer,” but I know there are clocks on earth and I shall try and not forget it. I made seventeen speeches yesterday and out of consideration for the crowd I staid away to-day. I am only going to make this one, and that doesn't count, as Rip says. Our ringmaster has taken the liberty of changing the phraseology of the toast that he gave me and on which I have been incubating a speech for a long while. So if you get the wrong speech, pardon me and put the blame on him. It takes some moral courage for a man since the election to admit that he comes from Colorado. Nevertheless I am a resident of Denver and of Colorado, and I'm proud of it. My ambition is to spend the balance of my days there and let my bones rest there in sight of the perpetual snow and all that beautiful scenery, in a climate unmatched on this continent. They gave Bryan 126,000 majority; they did worse than that, they voted by a small majority against the constitutional amendment that would have allowed the state to pay its debts with the money in the treasury with which it was intended to pay them. They are all wrong on the silver question, but they are going to be brought around in a way neither you nor they imagine. One camp in Colorado is going to produce 12 to 15 million dollars in gold this year. Prosperity is coming in spite of them, when they believed that their only hope was in election to the presidency of the man who was elected to stay at home. I want to make only one suggestion to you capitalists; I shall not ask you to invest one dollar in Colorado through me or through my company, but I do want to

suggest one thing, and that is, that there never was so good a time to invest there and help to remove the bitterness now prevalent as at present. The people of Colorado are going to be prosperous in spite of themselves. Calamity howlers will go out of business, and you can all help to bring this about.

I want to say something about Theta Delta Chi in the old Alpha in the days of grand old Dr. Nott and of Bill Merriam. I shall only tell one story and that is a true one. About the close of the term, good old Dr. Nott used to get hold of William and say in his very earnest, serious, fatherly way, "William, you are the worst man we ever had in this college; you belong to the worst fraternity, you are doing more for the injury of the younger men than anybody in the institution and we cannot have you here any longer. We do not want to disgrace you and have not sent you away, but you must not come back." The day before the next term opened the first man on the campus, smiling, as sure of a welcome as ever, was Bill, and he would rush up and embrace the old doctor with all the assurance in the world. "William, I told you you must not come back, we cannot have you here any longer. What did you come for?" "Why," he said, "Doctor, they won't have me any longer at home, so what can I do?" That was Bill Merriam in the old days. Ten years ago, when I had not met a brother nor given the grip in twenty-five or thirty years, I got an invitation to a Theta Delta Chi banquet and went. And then and there I made up my mind that I was old enough and never would be any older, and ever since that time I have been going the other way. My body is in better condition now than it was then and will endure a great deal more. I never had many brains, and what few I possess work quite as well now as they did then. I want to help you celebrate your fiftieth anniversary next year and hope, if that be possible, to have even a better time than I have had now. I want to say to you in all sincerity and soberness that it has lifted me beyond conception to meet you brothers here and look into your faces. I believe that this is not only the largest number of brothers ever collected at a Theta Delta Chi banquet, but that there are more brains and more character represented here than have ever been represented before on a similar occasion. You are raising the standard. Some of us have had children or have raised children and we know that when babies are healthy, they want bread and milk, and roast beef, and sometimes they need soothing syrup; while sometimes a surgeon must be called in. This organization has employed a man who is both a wet-nurse and a healthy provider when the children are healthy and hearty and all right; and he knows, also, how to discipline or apply the knife that is necessary. You had better work done while he had charge of your Grand Lodge this year than has ever been done before, and it has been the kind of work that is going to bring about and sustain the highest good of this fraternity. I never was worth much to the fraternity, but it has been worth a

great deal to me and through the experience that I have gained at the Convention I may now be able to give some help to others. My only son is a leader in one of the strongest fraternities in this country, and for years he has asked my advice and I have been able to aid him. My only daughter, who I wish could have been in that balcony during those two minutes, is a member of the Grand Lodge of one of the best sister fraternities in this country, and it never happens that a question comes before her as a member of that Grand Lodge, that she does not come to papa and want him to help her. The experience and knowledge I have gained in this fraternity have helped me to steer that fraternity to better success and she thanks you for it all. It has done me more good than I could begin to tell you to be with you yesterday and to-night. My presence has made me feel younger and better, and I hope I shall be a better man.

"The Future of Theta Delta Chi," George Lawyer, Psi, '85.

MR. TOASTMASTER AND BROTHERS.—It would seem to-night, after all the eloquence and wisdom which have been imparted, that it were idle to say more concerning the merits of our beloved fraternity. I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, nor an oracle, nor a soothsayer, nor am I better qualified than you to tell of the mystic future of Theta Delta Chi. Patrick Henry, when addressing that magnificent assembly in Virginia which framed our rights and eventually made us a nation, declared that the only way to judge the future is by the past. Judging Theta Delta Chi by this high standard, what must we attain for Theta Delta Chi in the future? What must that future be? A momentous question. An order based upon friendship, which is the very heart and essence of the infinite God himself, can have but one future, which ends but in God. The world has recognized this attribute of friendship, both in a formal and an informal way. You perhaps remember that in old Westminster Abbey amid the long-drawn aisles and the fretted walls where orators and poets lie, where the Mansfields and the Chathams repose, is a plain marble slab, erected to the memory of a man simply for friendship's sake. Greater and more eloquent is this tribute, than that which marks the resting-place of some king or queen or titled personage. But what is friendship? Is it the simple coming together as brothers in Theta Delta Chi during our college course or our pleasant intercourse in after years? Is that to be the end, is that to be the future of our fraternity? I think not. I will not detain you, but my dream, my fondest dream for this order would be, that in the dawning of the 20th century we may make an onset into the future which shall render Theta Delta Chi a potential, living force in the civic life of our land. We need the very blood of Theta Delta Chi in the civic life of this land to-day. The country needs it sorely. We want the brotherly love which is being inculcated here and among us to be infused among the outside world, to show them what we are and to make them better. The speakers who

have preceded me have expatiated upon every conceivable point and discussed at length the merits of Theta Delta Chi, so that any extended remarks would perhaps be superfluous. But let me warn you, as in the dawn of this glorious 20th century you step upon the threshold of your second half century of existence, not to forget some of the errors of the past; remember all of the successes, but forget not the errors; remember them all, and when you come to the end of the first fifty years of your life, may you be prepared for the second half century and be able in that period to achieve even more glorious and grander results. Remember that fifty years is but a speck of time. It is but the twilight in our life, but let it not be the twilight that sinks into the darkness and blackness of night, but that twilight which breaks away at dawn into the brightness of the rising sun. So to-night I bid you, as we step upon the threshold of another fifty years of life in the face of Father Time, to exclaim with one accord: "Men may go and men may come, but Theta Delta Chi goes on forever."

"Omega Charge," Drunk in silence.

Thus ended one of the most remarkable banquets ever held, and a most fitting close to a convention which must pass into history as a perfect type of what such gatherings should be. The representative character of the attendance was striking. As usual there were some present who have not for years attended and this adds to the charm. We regret our inability to give the list of those present. Epsilon Deuteron was represented by 22, while Pi Deuteron was a close second with 21. Beta, Xi, Phi. Zeta, Iota and Rho Deuteron also were largely represented. Among the older graduates present were Rev. James Demarest, Alpha, '52; Edwin D. Ingersoll, Alpha, '56; James R. Mellon, Pi, '65; Howard Martin, Rho, '73; J. Dale Wilson, Upsilon, '69; S. P. Hatfield, Omicron, '62; F. V. B. Goodwin, Pi Deuteron, '82; W. C. Hawley, J. H. Cuntz and Morris R. Sherrerd, Delta, '86; F. A. Herendeen, Xi, '86; N. R. Webster, Eta, '81; Mason D. Pratt, Nu Deuteron, '87; Charles N. Gunn, Epsilon Deuteron, '90; H. D. Clark, Jr., Epsilon Deuteron, 92, and many others whose names we are unable to recall. The orchestra was furnished by the New York graduate club, and was a great addition to the occasion. Just before the end of the banquet the Rev. Dr. Wightman

wrote the following sentiment and handed it to President Hars-  
trom. It is a fitting close to this account of the great banquet  
of 1896 :

“Theta Delta Chi as exhibited to-night stands for  
The best thought,  
The best sentiment,  
The best manhood,  
The best effort, and  
The best hope of the world.”

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### THE CHICAGO BANQUET.

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The seventh annual dinner of the Central Graduate Asso-  
ciation was held at the Victoria Hotel in Chicago on the evening  
of November 28th. After the election of officers, as they appear  
on the fourth page, forty brothers gathered around the banquet  
table, which was beautifully decorated with a handsome Theta  
Delt banner, the handiwork of Bro. Osgood T. Eastman's wife.  
A mandolin and guitar in the hands of Bros. Barker and  
Graves discoursed sweet music at intervals during the exer-  
cises. Bro. W. T. Chandler, the retiring president, presided,  
and after the substantial things had received proper attention,  
introduced Louis Spahn as toastmaster. We of the east know  
what a jolly all-around good fellow our “Only Jake” Spahn  
is and it is easy to understand how his brother Louis filled  
this position with great credit to himself and intense satisfac-  
tion to his hearers. He kept the entire company in a roar of  
laughter.

Geo. M. Lovejoy read a humorous poem on “I Have  
Troubles of My Own, Don't Mention Yours.”

M. N. McLaren made the hit of the evening in response to  
the toast, “Never Touched Me.” He traced the expression  
from David and Goliath through all the ages down to the  
present time in language sparkling with wit and heartily ap-  
plauded.

Other toasts were responded to as follows :

"There Are Others, but None Like Theta Delta Chi."—  
John M. Curtis.

"Tell Them You Saw Me and I Was Looking Well."—  
W. C. Dreier.

"You Are in the Hands of Friends."—Dr. J. P. Houston.

"You Can't Lose Me."—Charles S. Thompson.

"I Will See You Later."—C. C. Roberts.

The toasts were all responded to in a happy manner, and thoroughly enjoyed. Bro. George H. Jones, of Sigma Deuteron was present, fresh from the convention and carried the news to the eager throng. Bro. John M. Curtis, an ex-president of the Grand Lodge, who has not been seen or heard from in a long time was present. Letters of regret were read from a number of the absent brothers. The good work done by THE SHIELD was highly commended, and every brother present urged to support it loyally. The banquet was a flattering success, and after a thoroughly enjoyable time adjourned to meet the last Saturday in November, 1897, giving a vote of thanks to Bro. Chandler, whose generosity provided the substantial things which make wit and smoke. A more enthusiastic and loyal set of men it would be hard to find than the Chicago Alumni,—and they usually attract some brother who has been out of touch with the fraternity. The result is new life and zeal which shows itself at once in a subscription to the SHIELD. This banquet was scarcely ended before one of the brothers had sent in his subscription for the SHIELD and catalogue. In proportion to their numbers the Chicago men are better supporters of the fraternity organ than any other city. It will be noticed that the Beta Charge had a large representation in this gathering. The Beta boys are all alive and deeply interested in the good work. We are indebted to Bro. Ryan for the facts from which this article is prepared.

The following brothers were in attendance :

Beta—H. A. Beidler, '85 ; J. T. Manierre, '91 ; M. N. McLaren, jr., '91 ; J. F. Barker, '93 ; W. C. Dreier, '94 ; E. D. McConnell, '94 ; E. C. Ryan, '94 ; T. T. Hubbard, '95 ; G. W. Collins, '95 ; C. D. Dreier, '96 ; Herbert Groves, '98.

Gamma Deuteron—W. W. Woodbury, '94; R. W. Hyde, '97.

Epsilon Deuteron—J. B. Beckett, '93.

Iota—C. S. Thompson, '87; Horace Canfield, '90; F. C. Thwaites, '93; B. R. Atwood, '94.

Iota Deuteron—R. P. Ward, '95; Geo. W. Hunter, '95.

Kappa—W. M. Lawrence, '73; Geo. M. Lovejoy, '82; Guy C. Pierce, '96.

Mu Deuteron—Osgood T. Eastman, '86.

Xi—J. M. Frost, '84.

Omicron Deuteron—W. H. Marble, '83; J. P. Houston, '84.

Pi—C. C. Roberts, '71.

Rho—W. T. Chandler, '71.

Sigma—J. M. Curtis, '64; W. W. Salmon, '86.

Sigma Deuteron—J. L. McNab, '96; G. H. Jones, '97; J. K. Hollister.

Tau Deuteron—W. C. Rucker, '97.

Chi—Louis Spahn, '79.

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## THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

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The action of the convention in regard to the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary is eminently satisfactory. There being some reasonable doubt, owing to conflicting evidence, as to whether the fraternity was actually founded in 1847 or 1848, made it seem proper to select a date which could in no way be criticized. As Thanksgiving week has many objectionable features it was decided that Washington's birthday week in February, 1898, would be an auspicious time. The Grand Lodge have decided to postpone the regular 1897 convention to the same date. The next event in our history, and its greatest will, therefore be celebrated at that time. The executive committee having in charge the entire matter consists of Clay W. Holmes, chairman; Carl A. Harstrom, Rev. J. Macbride Sterrett, Dr. J. P. Houston and Edward C. Ehlers. This committee will be assisted by the advisory committee appointed last year. Bro. William L. Stone, historian of the first period,

has his history all complete. Bro. Duncan C. Lee, historian of the second period, has his part well under way. Bro. Lewis Halsey prepared the semi-centennial ode, all of which await the celebration. The committee will begin the work of preparation early in the year so that it may be well in hand before the summer vacation. The March SHIELD will give an account of what is to be done, as far as the committee can decide up to that time.

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## RHO DEUTERON'S CHRISTMAS REUNION.

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It is certainly a pleasure to record even this brief account of the little Christmas gathering at the charge rooms on Wednesday evening, December twenty-third. The cramped condition of our quarters prevented our having as many brothers present as we could have wished and the invitations were therefore limited. The rooms had been prettily and appropriately decorated with greens, and in one corner stood a Christmas tree, gaily trimmed and festooned with all sorts of sugary and glittering things.

After the brothers had gathered together and spent an hour in social chat over by gone college days, Bro. Brown called the assemblage to order and announced that a communication of importance would be read by Brother Fulton. This was to the effect that the charge had considered the matter of taking a suite of rooms in the dormitory about to be erected near the new site of the Columbia University, and after further and due deliberation would likely take definite action within the following month. The building in question is to be a ten story structure, erected as a business venture by men most of whom are officially connected with the college, and will accommodate several hundred students. Special advantages are offered to fraternities in the form of suites of rooms with private halls. They comprise sleeping rooms in connection with parlors, and lodge rooms, conveniently arranged, so as to admit of com-

plete privacy to all the members of the charge who may engage these rooms. The idea is entirely new I believe, and will certainly meet with success. Although the plans have just been published, two of the leading fraternities have already signified their intention of subscribing to it, and as Theta Delta Chi is rapidly coming to the front at Columbia, she will thoroughly consider the matter, and if the scheme is feasible, will do likewise. An informal discussion then took place, during which it became evident that the idea met with hearty approval of all present. In a later number of the SHIELD, I hope to give a full account of the new dormitory system, and the advantages which will accrue from it to the fraternity world at Columbia.

Refreshments were then served and the contents of the "flowing bowl" were not allowed to spoil by long standing.

A basketful of Christmas gifts was brought forward, and as Bro. Santa Claus could not be there in person he delegated one of the other brothers to attend to their distribution. The various little trinkets were evidently selected with especial reference to some well-known trait, characteristic of the recipient, or for some other equally good and worthy reasons, as Bro. Carter can testify. The opening of each package was prefaced by a few words of explanation, and the exhibition of their contents evoked much laughter and merriment.

The success of the affair is attested to by the fact that our guests vowed one and all, they would come again to our next reunion, and we do not intend to let them wait until next Christmas. Great credit is due to Bros. Brown, Ehret, as chairman and the other members of the committee.

Among the graduates present were Bros. Carter, Epsilon Deuteron; Wallace, Sigma; Valdes, Tombo, Wettlaufer, Pi Deuteron; Van Iderstine, Jewett, Sergeant, and Uhlig, Rho Deuteron, and others. Bro. Harstrom had intended coming but unfortunately was prevented from attending.

G. W. K.

## Our Graduates.

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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.

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Rev. Lewis Halsey, XI, '68, is again called upon to make a change in his field of labor. His host of friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Halsey is suffering from serious lung trouble, which makes an immediate climatic change necessary. Good fortune always attends a man of Bro. Halsey's character and ability. Just at the time when such a change seemed imperative a call came from the First Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona. A mild climate, such as exists in Arizona being just what Mrs. Halsey's physician had recommended, the call was accepted and on the 1st of November Bro. Halsey presented his resignation to the West Baptist Church of Oswego, to take effect December 15th. For four years Bro. Halsey has had the most delightful relations with the West Baptist Church, winning his way deeply into the hearts of his people, and were it not for the urgent family reason before stated, he would have certainly continued many years to enjoy his successful pastorate, which has been marked by spiritual growth and material prosperity in the church. This is the more satisfactory as at the time Bro. Halsey accepted the pastorate there existed two opposing factions in the church, which bid fair to result disastrously. The natural attractiveness of Bro. Halsey's pleasant face and christian character, coupled with his earnest efforts, soon broke down the existing barriers and the church has been entirely harmonious since his advent. Not only was Bro. Halsey dearly loved by his own congregation but the citizens of Oswego learned to appreciate him. He was largely interested in good work outside his own field and often addressed conventions and other religious gatherings in various parts of the state. The West church only accepted his resignation out of deep sympathy for his family affliction. On Friday evening, December 4th, a farewell reception was tendered the doctor and his family at the church, at which not only the church and congregation were present but also all the pastors in the city. After an exchange of friendly greetings and a short musical program the following resolutions were offered by a committee from the church:

WHEREAS, Circumstances which affect the physical welfare of our pastor's family, require them to sever their formal relations with this church and society, and

**WHEREAS**, We deem it justice to our feelings of regret at the necessities for a change and, in view of our appreciation of their labors for us in the past, be it

*Resolved*, That we, as a church and society, representing the activities of the church and all its organizations, do make this formal expression of our thanks to Dr. Halsey for his faithful labors as a pastor and friend, and to the members of his family for all their efforts to strengthen the spiritual and temporal affairs of this church and society ;

*Resolved*, That we extend to them our wishes for their future happiness and success in their new home ;

*Resolved*, That we congratulate our brothers and sisters of Phoenix, Arizona, on the acquisition of such helpful workers as they have secured in Rev. Dr. Halsey and family.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished our pastor and family, and that copies be furnished the papers of this city."

Before any opportunity was given for reply after the unanimous adoption of the resolutions, the committee addressed Bro. Halsey personally and presented him with an innocent-looking parcel, offered to him and his family by the church as a tangible expression of their personal esteem and appreciation of his labors. Dr. Halsey was overwhelmed by this added evidence of love, which proved to be a \$200 roll of greenbacks, and found it difficult at the moment to express his feelings, which overcame him. Recovering himself he made a touching farewell address. Following this, remarks were made by a number of the visiting pastors expressing a most cordial fellowship and sincere regret at Dr. Halsey's departure from their midst. Dr. Halsey with his family moved to Phoenix, Arizona, December 15th, and here he will likewise win his way into the hearts of a new fold. It is the earnest hope of the SHIELD, which we know will be echoed by every brother who knows Bro. Halsey, that the change may result in the complete recovery of Mrs. Halsey at an early day. This change is at a great personal sacrifice, since it necessitates so great a removal from all the friends and associations of a lifetime as to preclude any frequent meetings with friends. Arizona is a long way off, but some brother may chance to stray into that far country, and if so he should visit Bro. Halsey, who will certainly greet him with much fervor. The SHIELD extends sympathy for the cause of removal and bids Bro. Halsey and his family God-speed. In the lonesome hours of new and strange surroundings the memory of dear friends whose hearty good wishes are extended will help somewhat to cheer the passing desolation. We hope Bro. Halsey may visit us through the pages of the SHIELD and have many good things to tell us of the blessings which have come to him as a result of his enforced change.

Daniel B. Pond, Zeta, '57, died very suddenly on September 9th from an acute attack of Bright's disease, after an illness of a very few days. His death occurred at the state institution for the deaf. He was attacked

during a meeting of the board of directors, of which he was president, and so severely that he could not be taken home. His wife and family, who were summering at Saunderstown, were telegraphed for and remained with him till his death. He leaves a wife and three daughters to mourn his sudden death. Bro. Pond resided at Woonsocket, R. I., and was buried there. A portrait and biography of Bro. Pond were published in Volume V. of the *SHIELD*, but since this volume is out of print we append an interesting account of his life, which contains some facts not before published. Bro. Pond was a classmate and intimate friend of Bro. Wm. L. Stone. The following account is taken from the *Woonsocket Reporter* of September 9th.

"Daniel B. Pond was born in the town of Smithfield, Oct. 21, 1830, his parents being Eli and Maria (Bullard) Pond. His ancestors, the Ponds, came to this country from England in 1630 or earlier, and his great grandfather, Eli Pond, was a lieutenant in the Continental army in the war for independence. He attended the common schools until the age of 10, when his parents moved to Mendon, Mass. Here he continued at school until 15, subsequently becoming a pupil of Prof. James Bushee's school at the "Old Bank Village," and later of the manual labor school at Worcester, Mass. Afterwards he entered Phillips' academy at Audover, Mass., to fit for college, in which institution he continued for two years, and then finished his preparatory course at a private institution in Concord, Mass., remaining there one year, during which time he made the acquaintance of Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau. He next entered Brown university for a classical course, Francis Wayland being then president. He graduated in 1857 with the degree of A. B., the celebrated Barnes Sears being president. He next entered the law school at Albany, N. Y., from which he graduated with the degree of LL. D., and was shortly afterwards admitted to the bar of the supreme court of New York. About that time he was engaged as attorney for the township corporation of Ceredo, Va., for a brief period, and then came east and entered into law partnership with P. P. Todd, Esq., in Blackstone. In 1859 he was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of Massachusetts. About that time a law and collection office for the United States was opened by the law firm of which he was a partner on State street, Boston, he having full charge for one year. He then removed to New York, where headquarters were established in Wall street, with seven clerks employed, and where claims against southerners aggregating \$1,000,000 were entered for collection. This was in 1860. The following year the war began and destroyed the business. He engaged in the manufacture of ordnance for the government, being at the time frequently brought in contact with President Lincoln. He in 1862 came to Woonsocket and began the manufacture of cotton warps in what was known as Harris No. 1 mill, afterwards building what is known as Pond's mill on Bernon street, where he was engaged in manufacturing for several years. He

was the first cotton and woolen manufacturer in the state to shorten the hours of labor. Mr. Pond was from the beginning successful, making \$100,000 in a few years, but the failure of debtors caused a suspension of business, and he then divided his last dollar with creditors. This was in 1873, and he then resumed the practice of his profession, at the same time taking an active part in politics on the side of the laboring class against corporations.

"His political history embraces an election on several occasions to the council, and an election for the years 1864 and 1866 to the lower house of the general assembly, for the years 1867, 1868 and 1869 to the senate, which office he resigned Jan. 6, 1870. While in the house he formulated the enactment for the division of Woonsocket from the town of Cumberland, and was the first senator elected from the new town. He was also town solicitor for 1879-80, when there were claims against the town for damages amounting to \$60,00, not one of which was ever recovered. He was chairman of the board of trustees of the Consolidated school district and chairman of the board of trustees of the fire corporation, as well as one of the engineers of the fire corporation. He was appointed chairman of the committee to draw up a new charter for the fire corporation and obtained the necessary legislation by which it was effected in 1869. He served on several committees, was chairman of the board when the transfer of the fire corporation was made to the town in 1884, and served on the committee for the erection of the town asylum.

"Mr. Pond represented his party and delivered an address on the occasion of the Garfield memorial services in Woonsocket, Sept. 26, 1893. He was also on the committee to locate the soldier's monument, commissioner in the laying out of various highways and chairman of the committee appointed to superintend the construction of the Summer street school building. Mr. Pond was a candidate of his party for the office of general treasurer of the state in 1880. He was re-elected first councilman and president of the board in June, 1887, but re-signed the office to accept that of high sheriff of Providence county, to which he was elected by the general assembly in grand committee at the May session in Newport. He was a member of the board of assessors of taxes for 1886, 1887 and 1888. Mr. Pond drew up the original charter for the city of Woonsocket, and secured its introduction in the general assembly at the January session of 1888, from which it was continued to the May session and passed with slight changes. He was the candidate for state senator in April in 1889 and elected the first senator from the new city of Woonsocket by 286 majority. In the fall of 1889 he was elected mayor of Woonsocket by 442 majority. He was re-elected mayor four years in succession, always with large majorities, these being the years 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893.

"He was a commissioner from Rhode Island to the world's fair in Chicago in celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus.

"He was at the time of his decease president of the board of trustees of the state institution for the deaf.

"On Monday, Aug. 21, 1896, he was appointed by Gov. Lippitt a commissioner from Rhode Island to the Tennessee centennial.

"He was a director of the branch of the Old Colony Co-operative bank located in Slocomb's block in this city and one of the trustees of this bank, the headquarters of which are in Providence.

"As a member of the Sons of the Revolution one of his last public acts in this city was, in the name of this organization, to present to the high school a copy of Stewart's portrait of Washington. This was on Friday, June 19. The speech he then made, which was published in full in the *Reporter* of that date, breathed the spirit of patriotism in every sentence. The following were the closing sentences of that address: "I leave the portrait in your charge. May its benign face, as it looks down from these walls upon you and your successors in the school, be a reminder of the exalted and noble character of Washington, and an ever present suggestion of what we owe to him and to all the patriots of the revolution, for the priceless boon of liberty which they secured for us at so great a cost of hardships, and treasure, and the sacrifice of precious lives."

"He was also a member of the Sons of Brown society and was the speaker at the recent banquet at St. James hotel.

"In politics the subject of this biography was a republican from the organization of the party until 1872, since which time he has acted with the democrats. He has labored hard to keep the party one of respectability and purity. He has been chairman of the democratic state central committee, chairman of its executive committee and was chairman of the democratic town committee until he declined further service.

"Daniel B. Pond married Isadore Verry, only child of James Verry, Esq., and Nancy (Nolen) Verry. The children of Daniel B. and Isadore V. Pond were Verry Nolen and Clarence Eli, unusually bright and interesting boys, both of whom died young, the shadow of whose loss has never been entirely removed; also three daughters—Isadore Maud, Nannie May and Grace Verena Pond.

J. Prescott McKinney, Chi, '69, after a life-long residence in Rochester, has removed to pastures green and is now located in Hartford, Conn., where he has secured the desirable position of manager of the advertising department of the Pope Manufacturing Co., makers of the famous Columbia bicycle. Bro. McKinney has always been a loyal Theta Delt and an enthusiastic supporter of the SHIELD. He was a contemporary of the editor in college and the friendship thus formed has always existed. His faith in the SHIELD is indicated by the Columbia advertisement which appears in this number. The editor has been a Columbia rider for years and can vouch for the solidity and excellent quality of these wheels, and now that so genial and loyal a Theta Delt has become interested, we cry "Long live Columbia." As we live not only to love but

help each other, every Theta Delt should take special interest in Columbia wheels. If you want to get any information write Bro. McKinney, in care of the Pope Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn., and you will be well cared for. Bro. McKinney resides at No. 236 Laurel street, Hartford, where he will be glad to welcome any Theta Delt brother.

Geo. P. Hitchcock, Mu Deuteron, '92, was recently elected principal of the Fitchburg, Mass., high school. This is the first time that a resident of Fitchburg has attained this honor, which is a distinction of which Bro. Hitchcock may well be proud. He graduated from Amherst in 1892. The following year he was sub-master at Ansonia, Conn. For three years he has been an assistant teacher in the high school at Fitchburg. This school has 708 pupils and twenty-four instructors. It is no small honor which has fallen to Bro. Hitchcock and the SHIELD extends congratulations.

Rev. Louis E. Durr, Theta, '92, is located at Dresden, Ohio. For some time Bro. Durr was the only active member of Theta and it was largely through his efforts that the charge was kept alive.

F. V. Coville, Beta, '87, spent a part of last summer in Oregon, studying the great sage plains. At a meeting of the National Geographical Society in Washington in October Bro. Coville presented a most interesting article on the "Vegetation of the Great Sage Plains of Oregon." Bro. Coville is becoming very prominent in Washington scientific circles owing to the good work he is doing in the Department of Agriculture.

Gonzalo de Quesada, Pi Deuteron, '88. Probably one of the most active men in America just now is Bro. Quesada. He is located at the Hotel Raleigh, in Washington, where the Cuban Legation is quartered. Mrs. Quesada is president of the club "Hijas de Cuba," which recently held a fair for the relief of Cuban sufferers. Should Cuba gain her freedom and become a republic Bro. Quesada will play an important part in her political history, as his loyalty to his mother country is phenomenal.

W. D. Bloxham, Epsilon, '54, has again been elected governor of his native state, Florida, by a largely increased majority. It is now nearly thirty years since Governor Bloxham first became prominent in the state as a candidate for lieutenant-governor. For more than twenty-five years he has been in the public service of the state, as secretary of state, governor, surveyor-general and comptroller. That his acts during this extended period have been approved by the citizens of Florida is best attested by his almost unanimous selection to enjoy the distinction, unusual in Florida, of a second election to the highest office within the gift of the people.

Edward J. Todd, Sigma, 70, died in Carlisle, Penna., Nov. 4, 1896, after several years of failing health. He was born in Carlisle, March 6, 1850. He entered Dickinson College in 1866, remaining there one year. In 1869 he entered the Sophomore class at Princeton, where he com-

pleted the course and graduated in 1870. After graduating he entered his father's law office in Carlisle, and in 1872 was admitted to the bar. He did not follow an active life, however, as plenty of means made it unnecessary. In later years he was employed as an assistant in the office of the prothonotary. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Todd Hospital, founded through the generosity of his mother, in memory of his father, General Lemuel Todd. Appropriate resolutions were passed by the bar of his county. The editor remembers "Ned Todd," as we all knew him, as one of the most active of Sigma members in 1866, when there were a host of other good fellows—now nearly all gone to their last home, and with tears of sadness we pay our last respects, although we have never seen him since those palmy days when he was a freshman at old Dickinson.

Edward W. Byrn, Sigma, '70, of Washington, D. C. In July last was issued the fiftieth anniversary number of the Scientific American. The editors instituted a contest for a prize essay for this number, offering a cash prize of \$250 for the best essay on "The progress of invention during the past fifty years." The competition was open to all, and many essays were received. The prize was given to Bro. Byrn, whose essay clearly distanced all competitors. It is full of valuable statistics and general information, and has already been received by the scientific world as authentic and absolute in its data. Bro. Byrn has received many compliments on his able article, all of which are fully merited.

A. W. Hobson, Lambda, '89. Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Bro. Hobson to Miss Florence Harris of East Machias, Me., which will occur on the evening of Christmas day at the bride's home. After a short wedding tour they will make their home in Rochester, N. Y., where Bro. Hobson will be hereafter located. An increase in the territory covered by Bro. Hobson in his work makes this a more central point than Elmira, where he has made his headquarters for the past year. The SHIELD editor deeply regrets this change of base, as Bro. Hobson has been a frequent and most welcome visitor in our sanctum for a long time, and we shall miss his sunny visits. He is still engaged with Silver, Burdett & Co., the Boston book publishers, and has been wonderfully successful. In his travels through the state he has stumbled upon a number of isolated Theta Deltas and awakened them to new zeal, securing a number of subscribers to the SHIELD. Further news from Bro. Hobson will appear in the March SHIELD.

E. D. Ingersoll, Alpha, '56, is one of the old type of enthusiastic Theta Deltas one likes to meet and see more of. His presence at the convention was much enjoyed. Brother Ingersoll is at present spending much time in Brooklyn, where he is assisting his son in the establishment of a new business, in the line of supplying the citizens of Brooklyn with pure Momone spring water. They have temporary offices at 160 Fort Green place, with residence at 233 Cumberland street, Brooklyn.

Whether Bro. Ingersoll expects to give up his business interests in Denver we cannot state. He will spend the month of January there. We wish he might become a permanent resident of the east.

Duncan C. Lee, Psi, '91. The SHIELD is pleased to note that Professor Lee is meeting with flattering success in his work at Cornell. A recent copy of the Evening Post says:

"The class in extempore speaking this year is the best the university has ever had, and shows the success of Professor Lee, who has devoted himself particularly to securing what he calls the "extemporaneous effect." The sort of work done may be judged from the last session, a public one, in which C. H. Rammelkamp delivered a supposed founder's day address on Ezra Cornell as a benefactor; S. H. Wells, supposedly chairman of a thirtieth anniversary celebration, gave an address on Justin Morrill and his services to education; W. H. Edson delivered a supposed speech of Ezra Cornell in the state senate for the centralization of the land-grant fund, and the others gave similar addresses on topics connected with the university. The debate with the University of Pennsylvania this year will find Cornell represented by men better trained than ever before, and it will give another opportunity of comparing two distinct schools of speaking."

E. M. Naile, Upsilon, '72, who has not been heard from in years, was discovered by Bro. W. C. Hawley, through his badge which Bro. Naile recognized. It is needless to say that he was properly awakened and enthused by Bro. Hawley. He is connected with Ayers & Bro., 421 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, shippers of coal. His residence is Norristown, Penna.

W. C. Hawley, Delta, '86, is superintendent of the water works in Atlantic City, N. J. He attended the convention. The class of '86, Delta, had a most delightful reunion at the banquet, not having met before in some years. This is one of the pleasant features of such gatherings and we wish for more of them.

Morris R. Sherrerd, Delta, '86, who has for some time past been resident engineer for the water department of Newark, N. J., was recently made superintendent in addition, and receives a proportionate increase in salary. Bro. Sherrerd has been very successful in his work and is evidently master of the situation.

J. H. Cuntz, Delta, '86, has recently recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Willis S. Paine, Chi, '78, is deeply bereaved in the death of his wife, which occurred December 20th, from typhoid fever. The sympathy of his many companions in Theta Delta Chi is extended in this his sudden bereavement.

Lucien G. Chaffin, Zeta, '67, made himself known at the convention. For many years he has not taken an active part in fraternity matters.

Bro. Chaffin is engaged in newspaper work and is located in the Potter building, New York city. His residence address is 250 West 88th street.

Frederic V. B. Goodwin, Pi Deuterou, '88, is again on deck on his old stamping ground. Some years ago on account of failing health he spent some time in France and Brazil. At present he is connected with the Standard Tire Company of 150 Nassau street, who are patentees and manufacturers of a new form of wagon tire, which bids fair to be an immense success. He is treasurer of the company.

William G. Raines, Xi, '70, has changed his residence and is now living at 148 West 125th street, New York city.

Charles Raymond, Omicron, '60, a classmate of Bro. Webster R. Walkley, has been heard from through the efforts of the central graduate association and Dr. J. P. Houston. Bro. Raymond is postmaster at Evanston, Ill. It is over thirty years since he has been present at any Theta Delt gathering, and naturally has lost touch with things of the present day. We guarantee, however, that our dose of "central graduate reunion" will rouse all the latent fires. It always does.

George M. Lovejoy, Kappa, '82, is engaged in the insurance business in Chicago. He has recently been appointed general western special agent for a large foreign insurance company.

Harvey W. Thayer, Eta, '95, is instructor in French at the Maine State College.

Joseph B. Reed, Eta, '83, has been made register of probate, Cumberland county, Maine.

Frederick C. Stevens, Eta, '81, has been elected to Congress from the fourth district of Minnesota. During Bro. Stevens' college career he was very popular, and excelled in all branches, both as a scholar and an athlete. He always had great interest in politics. After his graduation he read law in Bangor, Me., and then moved to Minneapolis, where he has lived ever since.

Frederick C. Ferry, Iota Deuteron, '91, is studying mathematics at Clark University, Worcester, Mass.

James E. Peabody, Iota Deuteron, '92, is an instructor in the Boston English high school. His address is 343 Broadway, Cambridge, Mass.

Rev. Lynn P. Armstrong, Iota, Deuteron, '93, delivered an address at the centennial exercises of the town of Savoy, Mass., last summer.

John P. Huntington, Iota Deuteron, '94, is studying law in the office of Halsey & Briscoe, at Norwich, Conn.

Lewis E. Lee, Iota Deuteron, '94, who has spent the last two years at McCormack Theological Seminary in Chicago, is now a senior at Lane Seminary in Cincinnati. He is assistant at the Second Presbyterian church, of which his brother is the pastor.

Olcott O. Partridge, Iota Deuteron, '94, is taking a special course at the Harvard law school. His address is 81 Oxford street, Cambridge.

John H. Peck, Iota Deuteron, 95, is at the Harvard law school. His Cambridge address is 48 Irving street.

Herbert Q. Towne, Iota Deuteron, '94, is in his third year as instructor at Worcester Academy, Mass.

George W. Hunter, Jr., is studying history at the University Chicago. His address is 615 55th street.

Wilard P. Millsbaugh, Iota Deuteron, '95, is at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York.

Edmonds Putney, Iota Deuteron, '96, is at the New York law school.

Sylvester C. Deming, Iota Deuteron, '96, is at the Columbia law school.

Philip H. Dater, Iota Deuteron, '96, is at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His address is 69 Montgomery street, Boston.

Henry J. Spooner, Zeta, '60, was born at Providence, Rhode Island, August 6, 1839; received his earlier education and was prepared for college mostly in the public schools of his native city; graduated at Brown University, Rhode Island, in 1860; studied law; entered the Union army in 1862 as Second Lieutenant in the Fourth regiment, Rhode Island volunteer infantry; serving in the armies of the Potomac and the James, and mostly in the Ninth army corps; and soon after the battle of Antietam was promoted to First Lieutenant and Adjutant of the same regiment; was mustered out of service in 1865; and later, in the same year, was admitted to the bar, and has since been engaged in the practice of law in Providence, Rhode Island; was Commander of the Department of Rhode Island, Grand Army of the Republic, 1877; was Representative from the city of Providence to the General Assembly of Rhode Island, by seven successive elections, from 1875 to 1881, inclusive, serving upon Committees on Judiciary, Militia, etc., and Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives two years, by successive elections, 1879-1881; was elected to the Forty-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy occasioned by resignation of Nelson W. Aldrich, elected United States Senator; was elected to the Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Congresses, and was re-elected to the Fifty-first Congress as a Republican.

John A. Pratt, Sigma Deuteron, '94, is Principal of the High School at Prairie-du-Chien, Wis.

H. M. Trippe, Sigma Deuteron, '96, is with the United States Geological survey at Camp McAllister, Ind. Ter.

F. W. Thomas, Sigma Deuteron, 95, is teaching at Chippewa Falls, Wis.

H. E. Bolton, Sigma Deuteron, '95, is taking post-graduate work in the University of Wisconsin, History and Economics being his specialty,

Fred D. Lyon, Kappa, '92, is practicing medicine in Dorchester, Mass. His office is on Bird street.

H. J. Perry, Kappa, '92, is a member of the medical staff of the Boston City Hospital.

A. C. Downs, Lambda, '92, is a civil engineer in the employ of the Metropolitan Water Commission of Massachusetts, and is located at Clinton, Mass.

Seward A. Simons, Beta, '79, of Buffalo, was recently appointed a member of the Board of School Examiners by the Mayor.

George H. Lane, Kappa, '66, died at his home in Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 27th, 1896, from an injury to his spinal column received in falling through a elevator shaft in the Model Mills, on Water street, Sept. 30th. He also fractured both legs below the knee. He was taken to the City Hospital, and after a few weeks an operation was performed and a part of one of the lower limbs removed. About three weeks before his death he was removed to his home and seemed to be improving nicely. The spinal complication, not before discovered, then appeared, and he began to grow rapidly worse and failed rapidly till the time of his death. Bro. Lane was born in Troy, N. Y., June 22, 1842. His early education was received at Liberal Institute, Clinton, N. Y. He attended Tufts College, where he joined the Kappa charge. After leaving college he went to Rochester, where he read law for a time. In 1867 he joined the editorial staff of the *Union and Advertiser*, where for eighteen years he did good work. For six years he was Under Sheriff of Monroe county. On the 20th of March, 1866, he was married to Ella L. Scranton. A son and daughter are left with his widow to mourn a kind and loving father. Bro. Lane was an enthusiastic Theta Delt, a good citizen, and much thought of by his many friends.

George Randall Keene, Lambda, '86, died in Hyde Park, Mass., Aug. 10th, after a brief illness. For many years he was a teacher in Boston schools, and for the past six years sub-master of the Quincy school. He was married to Miss Addie M. Merrow of Pittsfield, Me., Dec. 30, 1886. One child, a son, and the stricken wife are left to mourn his untimely death. Bro. Keene was a distinctively christian gentleman. He united with the church when twelve years of age and lived a consistent life, being always a zealous worker in any department when help was needed. His estimate of how to live, and make the world better thereby, is clearly expressed in the following, which is taken from a letter written about a year ago : " Beyond prosperity or reputation there is a success, even in worldly lines, that I covet ; and I believe my life is tending in that direction. It is my life work to take the discordant, un-American, irreligious, ignorant and dangerous elements of our society and organize them ; make them patriotic, and teach them to think. I feel proud of my work ; I feel that I and my associates are working at the right end of a problem

which some people and organizations are attacking from a wrong direction. And if I can train several hundreds or thousands of young men into Christian, American citizens, strong in thought and fearless in action, who but for my influence would grow up to curse society with crime or anarchy, will it not be a success?"

Frank J. Metcalf, Lambda, '86, was recently re-elected President of the Epworth League of Washington, D. C. The Australian ballot was used, as a novel and interesting feature, which it proved to be. Mrs. Metcalf is one of the vice-presidents of the same league.

Geo. R. Bliss, Jr., Mu Deuteron, '96, who assumed charge of the Ashland, Mass., High School in September, has been obliged to relinquish his position on account of ill health.

John Wenzel, Lambda, '93, has formed a law partnership with his father, Mr. Geo. T. Higley, under the firm name of Higley & Wenzel, with offices in Rogers' Building, 209 Washington street, Boston, and at Ashland, Mass.

Ozora S. Davis, Omicron Deuteron, '89, graduated from Hartford Theological Seminary in 1894, and received a fellowship on which he took two years' study abroad. He received the degree of Ph. D. from the University of Leipsig last June. Returning to this country he accepted a call to the pastorate of the Congregational Church at Springfield, Vt., and was ordained to the ministry Sept. 14th. On Nov. 17th Bro. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Grace Emeline Tinkes of White River Junction, Vt.

Barron Shirley, Omicron Deuteron, '92, was admitted to the bar July 31st, and is practicing law at Franklin, N. H.

E. S. Watson, Omicron Deuteron, '95, recently accepted the position of principal of the Somersworth, Mass., High School.

C. A. Davis, Omicron Deuteron, '95, recently received an appointment to the position of Professor of Mathematics and English, in the English and Classical Institute, Rutland, Vt. Address, 101 Center street.

Preston Shirley, Omicron Deuteron '96, is a reporter on the Winchester, Mass., *Spy*.

J. W. Edgerly, Omicron Deuteron, '96, is studying medicine at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City.

Nathan Fellows Dixon, Zeta, '69, was born at Westerly, R. I., Aug. 28, 1847; was prepared for college at Westerly and Phillips Academy, Andover; was graduated from Brown University in 1869; studied law under his father, Hon. Nathan F. Dixon, and at the Albany Law School; was admitted to practice in New York, Rhode Island and Connecticut in 1871; was appointed United States District Attorney for the District of Rhode Island by President Grant in 1877, and reappointed in 1881; was elected State Senator from the town of Westerly in 1885, and success-

ively up to and including 1889; was elected to the Forty-eighth Congress, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the election of the Hon. Jonathan Chace to the United States Senate, and was elected April 10, 1889, to the United States Senate, as a Republican, to succeed Jonathan Chace, resigned.

John Dahl, Tau Deuteron, '91, of Minneapolis, has been re-elected to the Minnesota State Legislature.

F. C. Stevens, Eta, '91, of St. Paul, Minn., has been elected to the United States Congress by a large majority.

Le Grand Powers, Kappa, '72, has been mentioned as a possibility for a responsible position on the Government Statistical Bureau. His "Purchasing Power of Gold," compiled and published before the recent election, has received most favorable comment from all parts of the world. Bro. Powers has done good work in his own State, and we certainly wish for him a more extended field, as we believe him entirely capable of filling any position in the gift of the Government.

V. G. Curtis, Kappa, '66, is now Superintendent of Schools in St. Paul, Minn.

A. M. Frazer, Tau Deuteron, '91, is with the General Electric Co., in the Minneapolis office.

Arthur L. Brown, Zeta, '76, has been appointed, by President Cleveland, United States District Judge for Rhode Island. Judge Brown was born in Providence, Nov. 28, 1854; graduated from Brown University in 1876; from the Boston Law School in 1878, and was admitted to the Providence Bar in the same year. In 1879 he entered the law office of Spooner & Miller, and later became a member of the firm. He is considered one of the leading Constitutional lawyers in the State.

Rev. N. T. Dyer, Omicron Deuteron, '73, has received a call to the pastorate of the Congregational Church, at Ashburnham, Mass.

J. M. Frost, Xi, '84, is Superintendent of Schools at Hinsdale, Ill.

Wm. B. Perry, Mu Deuteron, '92, is spending his last year at the Harvard Law School. After graduation he will open an office at New Bedford, Mass.

#### WILLIS—DAVIDSON.

Nathaniel Pliny Willis, Psi, '92, was married on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 14th, to Miss Almira Barnum Davidson. The wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents in Cooperstown, N. Y., and was largely attended. Many prominent people from distant points were present. The bride's father, the Hon. Andrew Davidson, is Assistant Secretary of State. After the wedding a reception was held. Mr. and Mrs. Willis enjoyed a two weeks' bridal tour. Upon their return they settled down in their own home, and will reside at Cooperstown, where Bro. Willis is engaged in the practice of law, in which he is already meeting with flattering success.

## CRAMPTON—TULLY.

Henry E. Crampton, Pi Deuteron, '93, was married to Marion Maude Tully at eight o'clock P. M., Oct. 27th, at the home of the bride's parents in New York City.

## BABCOCK—CRANDALL.

Stephen M. Babcock, Kappa, '66, Professor of Agricultural Chemistry in the University of Wisconsin, was married to May Cornelia Crandall, at the home of her parents in East Winfield, Wis., Tuesday, Oct. 27th. The newly married couple will reside in Madison, Wis. Prof. Babcock is one of the foremost men in this country on all questions pertaining to agricultural chemistry, and one of the ablest professors in the university.

## BARRETT—WHEELER.

Nelson T. Barrett, Chi, '92, was married to Florence H. Wheeler of Buffalo, Wednesday evening, Nov. 25th. They will reside in Buffalo.

## STOCKBRIDGE—WHITE.

W. M. Stockbridge, Beta, '88, will be married to Miss Louise White of Washington, D. C., Jan. 20, 1897. It will be a distinctively Theta Delt wedding. Rev. J. MacBride Sterrett will perform the ceremony. Bro. W. F. Willoughby will be best man, and Bros. Emery M. Wilson and W. L. Stranahan will act as ushers, and the Chi Deuteron charge will attend in a body.

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### In Memoriam.

CHARLES WALTER BOGERT,  
Pi DEUTERON, '93.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in His infinite love and wisdom has pleased to call to Himself our beloved brother, Charles Walter Bogert, and

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

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

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

For the Charge,

JOSEPH G. GEOGHEGAN, '97.  
CHARLES E. MORRISON, '97,  
CHARLES R. NEIDLINGER, '98.

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DANIEL B. POND  
ZETA, '57.

Since it has been the will of God to call from this world our beloved brother, Daniel B. Pond, we can but bow to the decree of a wisdom above our own; but we desire to express our heartfelt sense of bereavement, and to extend our sympathy to those by whom our brother was held dear.

For the Zeta Charge of Theta Delta Chi.

GEORGE L. MINER,  
ROBERT S. EMERSON,  
CHARLES W. LOW.

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## HORATIO HUNTINGTON JOHNSON,

KAPPA, '64.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and love to call unto himself our beloved brother, Horatio Huntington Johnson, who died in Belfast, Maine, August 4, 1896; be it

*Resolved*, That we, the members of Theta Delta Chi, while humbly submitting to the divine will of God, deeply mourn our loss and extend to his bereaved family and friends our most sincere sympathy.

*Resolved*, That in the death of our brother Kappa has lost a valued and esteemed member and the fraternity one whose loyalty and uprightness of character commanded the respect of all.

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the Grand Lodge, to each charge and to the SHIELD for publication.

HORACE A. DAVIS,  
F. B. WILLIAMS,  
I. R. BANCROFT.

## BENJAMIN KIMBALL RUSS,

KAPPA, '60.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to call unto himself our dearly beloved brother, Benjamin Kimball Russ, of the class of '60, who died suddenly November 6th, at Gorham, N. H., from a paralytic shock, we, the members of Kappa Charge of Theta Delta Chi, wish to bear testimony to the honor and esteem in which we hold him. From the time of his initiation as a charter member of Kappa until his death his loyalty was unswerving and we now, sincerely mourning the loss of so noble a brother, deem it due his memory to laud the warmth and constancy of his friendship and his manly christian qualities; be it

*Resolved*, Therefore, that we extend to the many who suffer affliction in his death, our sincerest sympathy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the SHIELD and to the *Tuflonian* for publication.

HORACE A. DAVIS,  
S. P. CAPEN,  
I. R. KENT.

SAMUEL TUCKER,  
KAPPA, '68.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father hath seen fit to remove from this life to the life eternal our brother, Samuel Tucker, who died July 26th, 1895, at Billerica, Mass. ; be it

*Resolved*, That we, the members of Kappa Charge of Theta Delta Chi, while humbly bowing to the will of God, hereby declare our deep sorrow at the loss of one who was bound to us by the closest ties ; and be it

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our heartfelt sympathy with the members of the bereaved family ; and be it

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and to the SHIELD for publication.

IRVING R. BANCROFT,  
EDWARD D. JOHNSON,  
FRANKLIN B. WILLIAMS.

HENRY CLIFFORD MESERVE,  
KAPPA, '81.

[Died at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, May 27, 1896.]

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call to the halls of the Omega Charge our beloved brother, Henry Clifford Meserve, Kappa, '81, and

WHEREAS, We feel that the beauty and nobility of his life as a man and as a brother call for the expression of our deepest respect and love ; be it

*Resolved*, That we hereby bear testimony to our sorrow at his loss and extend to those whose bereavement must be even greater than our own, our heartfelt sympathy ; and be it further

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

For the Charge,

ALARIC B. START, '97,  
I RICH KENT, '99,  
ERNEST G. MARBLE, '99.

Hall of Kappa, Tufts College, Massachusetts, December 7, 1896.

# Editorial.

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THE present number closes Volume XII. The editor had fully intended to close his labors with this volume on account of physical inability to fairly cope with the labor of editorial work. Being now the senior editor of the Greek press both in years and occupancy, a certain added responsibility is placed on our shoulders. The Convention would not listen to our retirement at the present time. As a matter of fact the editor's personal feelings were in sympathy with the work, and owing to the willingness of the Convention to co-operate in every way towards the maintenance of the SHIELD, we have consented to continue the work another year. An assistant has been provided who will be paid from the Grand Lodge treasury if the regular funds of the SHIELD fall behind. It is hoped, however, that many new subscribers may be secured and that the graduate brothers who have sufficient means will not limit their contributions to the subscription price, but chip in a little extra so that we may not be obliged to fall behind. When one stops to think that for eight years this work has been performed without any substantial remuneration, it seems only fair that those who enjoy the results of our freely-given labor should help to pay the bill, and not leave the editor to make up the cash balances, as has been done in the past. Now is the proper time, also, to send in the next year's subscription price. Those who are prompt will save us the labor and expense of making out bills. The next volume will be of greater interest than usual owing to the semi-centennial information, which can only be kept track of by reading the SHIELD. The year 1897 should be a banner year.

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WHAT a Convention ! It would be impossible to portray on paper the sense of satisfaction every attending brother must

have experienced. To those who were present for the first time it must have been a revelation, as it was a delight to the few old timers who were present. The one striking feature of conventions for many years past has been the absence of any large proportion of the older alumni. This is doubtless due to the time of holding the conventions, which has prevailed for so long a time as to become a custom. At last the influence of the graduate contingent has been felt and the next convention will be held in February—during "Washington's birthday" week. We believe that the result will be a pleasant surprise to the undergraduate delegations. There are two prime factors in the convention theory. The most important is the enactment of such laws as will best enable the fraternity to keep pace with its continued prosperity. The second, and in many ways quite as important, is the commingling for a brief season of the under-graduates from all the charges with the alumni, who at no other time have the opportunity of meeting the representatives of the active element of the fraternity. Nothing seems better to unify the principle of brotherhood inculcated in the charge life than to meet and fraternize with the older alumni in whose hearts the vestal fires have burned for years. It renews the zeal of the old men and electrifies the young men, who return to their college life full of new and better ideas and resolutions. This Convention did much to make it memorable. The business was transacted with an order and promptness which would have graced any parliamentary body, and the good will and harmony prevailing throughout was remarkable. Many good things are entitled to separate mention. For the benefit of those who could not be present, but are always interested in the welfare of the fraternity, we will endeavor to mention the important features as they look to us, personally and editorially. If you as a reader have different views the SHIELD urges you to express them for the benefit of others. Every question has two sides. The editor can not fairly handle both sides, so he clings loyally to one side and expresses his views. If right endorse them, if not, your criticism will be welcome.

THE prominent afterthought of this Convention with the editor is the time and place of holding the conventions. As to the time it hardly seems necessary to say anything, as the way is now fairly open to a change for the better. If the next convention is successful in this particular it will be easy to make a permanent change. Quite as important a question is that of holding the conventions always in the same place. When the fraternity was strictly an eastern institution, with all its charges within reasonable distance from New York and Boston, it was perhaps all right to make these two places the headquarters. We are of the opinion, however, that there was another reason which really played a more important part. We believe that it was thought that by holding the conventions in these large cities a greater number of resident alumni could be induced to attend. Experience has shown this to be a mistaken idea, and were the conditions now existing no different from those of the past we should favor a change by way of experiment. As it is, however, we are doing an injustice to some without favoring anyone. It will be noticed that there are a few regular alumni attendants. Bro. J. R. Mellon, J. Macbride Sterrett and N. R. Webster are perhaps the three most regular, and we will vouch for the fact that they would be just as likely to be present if the convention was held in San Francisco instead of New York or Boston. What we want is the presence of more alumni. Now in New York, where there are about two hundred of the older alumni, we get perhaps five at our sessions. The fact is that the convention is a regular thing and they do not think anything about it. New York is a large-sized town and there is so much business on hand that they can hardly set it aside for anything. Now take Washington as a desirable point. There are about forty resident graduates there. They are so enthusiastic that they meet every month, nearly, at an informal dinner and average an attendance of twenty. Suppose the Convention were to be held there. We wager that at least thirty would attend the Convention and the whole forty would be at the banquet. This would do the boys good and be an inspiration to the resident members. Look at Chicago, where they have-

a rousing graduate association and are all awake to the advancement of the best interests of the fraternity. While many of the western residents would attend a convention held in Chicago they can not afford to come all the way to New York, so they are deprived of the privilege. As it was eminently fitting that the semi-centennial should be held in New York; this question was not brought up, but at the next convention it will certainly be presented, and it is an important one. It has a bearing on our future welfare. There seems to be no good reason to adhere to the tenets of our ancestors in this particular and many reasons why we should not. We are in favor of opening the circle and taking in Washington and Chicago. That will give us each place once in four years, or perhaps it will be better not to have a regular routine but go when it seems most desirable. We have a year in which to talk it over. Discuss it and then be ready at the next convention to argue it.

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EVERY Theta Delt knows what a loyal enthusiast our brother James Macbride Sterrett is. He is one of the few who are present at the conventions as a matter of duty, and never misses a banquet except from necessity. Bro. Sterrett introduced an amendment to the Constitution and one which should have been in effect many years ago. It provides that the graduate delegations to a convention shall consist of two members, thus making the representation of graduates and undergraduates equal. This change seems to be good on whichever side one looks at it. It opens the way to the attendance of more graduates. There are many loyal alumni who are always ready to answer any call to duty. If one receives an invitation to a convention, he reads it carefully, thinking meanwhile how he would like to attend and lays it aside on the desk, where it is buried beneath business and forgotten. If on the other hand a letter comes telling him he has been appointed a delegate to represent his charge at the convention he says to himself, I will go. It will be a good time to renew the old associations. So it becomes a fixed fact and the convention is favored with his presence. While the present character of the

deliberations at a convention is lofty in conception, no one will deny that increased graduate representation will tend in every way to make the conventions more successful, and not only this, but will awaken renewed zeal among a large body of our valued alumni who are now lukewarm, because they do not come in contact with the boys often enough. What we want is to meet each other, alumni and graduates, as often as possible. By all means, then, let us have two graduate delegates from every charge.

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AN EXTRA large edition of this number has been printed and a copy will be sent to many brothers who are not subscribers. This is done by the request and co-operation of the Grand Lodge, hoping thereby to secure large additions to the list. Will the brothers who receive this as their first copy bear in mind the fact that every member should be a supporter of the fraternity journal as a matter of principle? The subscription price is very small, but every two dollars counts towards the large aggregate necessary to maintain the SHIELD. Try it for a year. You will certainly find something in it to interest you.

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FOR ONCE the menu cards of the convention banquet were not plenty enough to go around and the SHIELD editor was forgotten in the rush. We have a complete set of menu cards in our souvenir collection and would be delighted if some good brother who was present and secured one would donate it to the SHIELD collection. The editor has probably the largest collection of fraternity souvenirs in existence and expects to present it to the General Archives when a suitable receptacle is provided.

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IT SEEMS that there are others beside the editor who have a kindly feeling for the ladies who are barred out from the banquets. There was a balcony in the banquet hall and a little bird which flew into the room as the brothers were assembling saw a bevy of ladies in the balcony who were permitted to gaze

upon the assembled throng for a few brief moments. They had been admitted upon their sacred promise to retire as soon as grace was said. We will never divulge the secrets imparted to us by the little bird, but it was cruel to deprive the loyal sisters of a more lengthy stay. What they saw did Theta Delta Chi no harm and what they would have heard if they had been permitted to remain during the entire banquet would have been no discredit. While we do not argue for the admission of ladies to all the banquets of the fraternity, we do think it would be a handsome courtesy to the loyal true-hearted wives of some of our faithful brothers if they were privileged guests at the semi-centennial banquet. Take our honored president's wife, for example. Those who had the pleasure of meeting her at the convention must have recognized the fact that she is all over a Theta Delt, and there are others. The editor still pleads for the privilege and he finds some of the brothers who are quite as earnest. At all events the ladies should be allowed to look on.

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AGAIN we are enabled to report in full the banquet speeches through the generous self-denial and brotherly courtesy of Rudolph Tombo, to whom the sincere thanks of every brother are justly due. It is such work on the part of many of our brothers which makes Theta Delta Chi what she is. Bro. Tombo when in college was always one of the active moving spirits, a leader in all charge affairs, and now although engrossed in business, his time fully occupied, he sets aside his personal interests and does good work for the fraternity. His reward is sure to come some day, and this taken together with the personal satisfaction one has in being able to do yeoman service for the general good, makes each of us feel that we are of some account in the world. We might speak of other workers, but the brothers know who they are and love them for the good they are doing. Certain it is that Bro. Tombo comes in for a goodly share of our warmest regard. The SHIELD is glad to accord thanks for this and much other kind assistance which is being continually done by Bro. Rudolph Tombo.

THE editor deeply regretted his inability to remain at the banquet. For eight years Thanksgiving at home has been sacrificed for the convention banquet. This year it seemed a family duty to deny himself the personal pleasure and celebrate the day with the family—and so we lost what many others lose each year on the same account. We sincerely trust that the change in the date of holding conventions will be found so acceptable to everybody that we may never have another convention Thanksgiving week.

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WM. RAYMOND BAIRD has decided to issue a new edition of his "American College Fraternities." The book will go to press in January. It will be up-to-date in every particular. Every fraternity man should have a copy of this work, as it will contain much valuable information. The manner in which the editor obtains his facts is such that it can not help being a fair and impartial record of college fraternities. Those who desire to obtain this book should send their orders to the editor of the SHIELD now. The price of the book is two dollars. It costs no more to obtain it through the SHIELD, and by sending your order in that way the treasury of the SHIELD receives a benefit. We would like to receive a large number of orders.

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IT is a noticeable fact that each year our convention banquets become more interesting and enjoyable. The attendance increases each year and the feast of reason and flow of soul is ever growing better. This year's banquet capped the climax, but it is only a type on a small scale of the next banquet. The semi-centennial banquet will be such a gathering as has never been seen before, and the brothers should begin now to calculate upon being present. It is a feature of all our banquets, which is to be regretted, that the brothers hold off till the last minute and then rush in. This places the committee in charge in an embarrassing position. Every plate contracted for has to be paid for and the committee have to be very careful not to exceed the certain attendance. At four o'clock on the day of the banquet when the convention ad-

journed, only 104 tickets had been sold. The committee had to make their arrangements at noon, when less than a hundred tickets were issued. President Harstrom was in a quandary as to how many plates to order, because the price of the tickets had been placed at the exact cost of the plates. Preparations were made for 120. When the banquet hour arrived there were 140 brothers present and the late comers had to submit to some inconvenience which was not the fault of the committee, who did everything in their power to make it pleasant for everybody. Next year the banquet will be larger and late comers may not fare so well. Bear it in mind and speak early.

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DO NOT forget the book of poems, written by our founder, Abel Beach. "Western Airs" is its title. It is a handsome little book containing a portrait and autograph of Bro. Beach. Every Theta Delt should have a copy. The price is only one dollar and every copy sold will aid Bro. Beach materially. The editor has a number of copies he would be glad to receive orders for and the whole amount received will be turned over to Bro. Beach. Order a copy, it is a Theta Delt book and you should have it.

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A LOST BADGE. Bro. Samuel C. Fairlee, of Canandaigua, N. Y., lost a Theta Delt badge about Sept. 20th, either on the Fall River boat Priscilla, or on Warren street, in New York city. On the back of the badge was engrossed: "A. C. Lyford, Darthmouth, '85." Should any brother ever hear of this badge, Bro. Fairlee would be glad to get track of it.

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THE attention of the recently initiated members of the fraternity is invited to the Catalogue. There are a number of copies left yet which the editor would like to dispose of at once as a relief to the SHIELD fund. As long as the issue lasts they will be supplied at one dollar per copy. This affords a good opportunity to get one at less than the cost of printing. Will the charges please note the fact and send for as many copies as are wanted immediately for their new initiates. Years

hence the book will be a valuable souvenir of early days. Every brother should have one, but it will be necessary to send for it now as the edition is nearly exhausted, and when they are gone no one can procure it. It is hardly probable that another one will be printed for a number of years.

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DEAR BROTHER HOLMES :—Please put me down as a graduate subscriber to the SHIELD. I wish to take this opportunity of saying how much the SHIELD meant to me while I was in college and how much more it must of necessity mean now that it will be the chief connecting link between me and the fraternity. I feel that I owe you personally a vote of thanks for what you have done for me through the pages of the SHIELD. Please accept this expression of my gratitude along with something more material, two dollars, the subscription price.

From yours sincerely,

THE above letter from a member of the class of 1896, was a delight to the editor. It recognizes that which the SHIELD has always aimed to do. Our readers do not imagine that we would be willing to spend so many hours for mere personal glory. It is not fun, neither does it bring any material reward, but if young men in college can get from it the good portrayed in this letter then the labors of the editor are not in vain. The only real trouble with the material prosperity of a fraternity magazine is that as the boys graduate they drop their college interests and with them the magazine. If we could add to our subscription list each year the names of the graduates as permanent subscribers, the SHIELD would at once become not only a self-supporting but a paying fact, and its scope and usefulness could be greatly increased. Now we assume that there may be others who really feel what this enthusiastic brother does, but they do not express it materially, and so the SHIELD languishes. Will the brothers not consider that they have a vital interest in the SHIELD and its work and do missionary work for the year 1897. New subscribers and supporters are wanted to make our efforts effective. If each reader will try to get one new subscriber, some must succeed and as a result many subscribers will be obtained.

ATTENTION is especially directed to a notice of Bro. J. Prescott McKinney, in graduate personals. He is one of the old time brothers well known by many Theta Deltas, and has always lived at Rochester. He has made a change now which may be of interest to SHIELD readers.

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AMONG the items promised for this number was a biographical sketch of Bro. Tom A. Reily of Sigma. Owing to pressure of convention matter it will be held for the March number, as well as other articles. In the meantime, however, any of the old Sigma boys who knew Tom would cheer him in his sadness by sending him a kindly word of remembrance. He is helpless from a stroke of paralysis, entirely dependent upon his faithful wife for everything. His address is 63 Riverside St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

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WE are sure every brother who has so anxiously awaited the appearance of the SHIELD, will overlook the long delay in its appearance when we state that the illness and death of the editor's aged mother has been the cause. After four weeks suspension of work we hasten its completion. There is much matter which awaits the editor's preparation, but we confess our ability to do any further work on this number, and therefore present what we have already in shape, and the rest will be used in the March number.

## Exchange Cleanings.

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The chapter house question seems to be assuming unusual prominence in the fraternity journals just at present, one urging increase in chapter membership for the sake of being able to maintain a house. An editorial in the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta distinctly deplors this policy. It goes so clearly to the root of the whole matter that we give it entire, for while we believe that a large chapter, if composed of congenial men, is a great advantage, there are serious dangers to be apprehended if the main object in rushing is to gather in contributors to the poor fund.

The discussion as to the size of chapters opens up afresh each year and all sorts of opinions and inquiries flow forth. The outcome is usually the falling back on the principle stated in the words: "It depends." We are all convinced that the extremes should be avoided lest the fraternity become a "society" on account of its largeness, or on the other hand fail of the association of various types of men and of a wide influence through its smallness. That it is hard to maintain close and congenial association among thirty or forty men is sure, indeed cases have been known in chapters of this size where some members have not met the new men until after the entering delegation had been initiated. Ordinarily a chapter above twenty-five would seem to be in danger of losing the particular charm of Greek life. We have known many persons in various fraternities who testified that their most delightful and nearly ideal association was in a chapter ranging in number from eight to fourteen. It does not follow from this that a larger chapter may not prove congenial; it is true, however, that congeniality may best be preserved within the smaller limits.

The chapters of our fraternity have been more prone to go to the other extreme. We have in mind now a case where a charter was surrendered because of the chapter's unwillingness to initiate any men who were not "of the best families." Not finding enough of the pure "Knickerbocker" stock available, it died of fewness,—a disease which frequently proves fatal. That we are in no special danger from oversize is evident from the fact that last year our largest chapter numbered but twenty-two; our smallest chapter had a roll of five. The average number of members in a chapter did not quite reach the figure twelve. We are content, if not indeed pleased, with this showing. It bespeaks a healthy conserva-

tism, shows that the average chapter is on a safe basis, and, "so far as we know," resulted in no case from a prudish spirit. At all events, we feel secure in advising our chapters not to be influenced toward largeness by a desire for a house, either rented or bought. We have recently seen advice looking toward decided increase of average chapter membership, based upon the plea that greater numbers would be needed in order to support a chapter home. In one case it was given in the magazine of a fraternity whose special attractiveness to the outsider has consisted in its careful selection of men and in a consequent uniformity and congeniality. It will be better to do without the wood and stone and to have the closer bond of spirit. We urge our chapters to place the emphasis where it belongs on good and helpful fellowship. After this has been sought first, other needed things will be added. Larger chapters are possible and proper at Minnesota and Northwestern than at Kenyon or Rennselaer; but in no case should size be determined by a desire for real estate. The best property is genuine brotherhood.

On the same question of membership we give an extract from an article on Washington and Lee University :

Fraternity life at Washington and Lee means more than it does at many institutions. Too great exclusiveness, possibly, marks the fraternal relation. A man is thrown constantly with his fraters. As a rule, members of the same order room and board together, and the relation between them is the closest possible. This close intimacy makes the men more careful in the selection of new members, and accounts to a considerable degree for the comparative slowness with which the "goating" in the fall is done. There is an almost total absence of the promiscuous "rush" seen in the fall campaign in many colleges. New men are watched, and frequently several weeks of the term roll by without an initiation. This slowness does not in the least detract from the interest and expectancy of the student body. There is seldom any clash among the chapters. Each fraternity has its distinct standard, and this fact is recognized by all. Four or five of the best chapters sometimes display the same taste and center on some one man, but these cases are rather rare.

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The October number of the *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi* contains a finely executed portrait of George Frederick Rush, the retiring editor. His successor, William C. Gretzinger, makes his bow very modestly but gets out a very interesting number which is a credit to him and to the fraternity. Among other pertinent matters he makes this statement :

It will be our purpose and endeavor to maintain the *Shield* upon a most dignified and conservative basis. Hence, no hickerings of any sort

will be allowed in its columns. It is also our purpose to "edit" the chapter letters. By this we mean to reserve the right to improve wayward English and obscure rhetoric, and also mean to use the blue pencil in cases where the chapter letter does not comply with the policy of the magazine, nor conform to the principles of the fraternity. \* \* \* \* \* Remember that this is growing to be more and more an age of altruism, and the spirit of good fellowship between fraternities is growing stronger as the years go by. Bigoted prejudice no longer prevails between Greek-letter men, and the enemies of the Greek system are, therefore, losing the ground upon which they formerly stood in their unwarranted attacks upon the American college fraternity.

The chapter house question has its share of attention, and the editor urges that "Those chapters that have not as yet taken steps toward getting under the roof of a chapter house should get into line at once. They cannot scramble fast enough to suit the fraternity at large."

In a very clear-sighted editorial on the relation between college and fraternity he says :

To graduate from any respectable institution to-day means work, it means hard, downright study; it means digging of the hardest kind. This high grade of scholarship exists to-day particularly in those institutions where the college fraternity is found. It reaches its zenith in the great universities of the country, and careful investigation shows that it receives its chief inspiration in the chapter halls of the small colleges and in the fraternity houses of the large institutions of learning.

That fraternity reaches its highest ideal which works in the interests of the institution which fosters its members. A chapter of a fraternity should unselfishly and willingly give its best men, its best thought, and its highest endeavor toward elevating the scholarly tone, the athletic standing, and the social atmosphere of the college under the shadow of which it falls. This means non-interference in college politics. By this we do not mean that a chapter should not support its man for a college office, especially if he be the right man for the right place, but it has reference to the low, debasing habit of forming miserable scheming cliques; it opposes the midnight caucus and the purchase of votes. We want to raise our voice and our pen against any of the mean, petty things in the college world that savor of pothouse politics.

In the December number the editor discusses the pledging of preparatory students and the use of pledge buttons :

The pledge button is a subject that is more or less before the fraternity. There are some chapters that are thoroughly conversant with its use and its purpose. This is particularly true in the small college where pledging prevails very largely, especially in preparatory schools imme-

diately connected with the institution. In some colleges where preparatory schools are located the rush for coming freshmen is so great that it becomes necessary for a chapter to pledge preparatory students in order to hold them. In these schools a pledge button is used. This is usually a gold or silver stick-pin, fashioned after the official badge of the fraternity. We notice that the makers of Phi Kappa Psi jewelry have such pins among their wares, although there is no authority from the fraternity for the manufacture and sale of such pins; nevertheless they are sold and used. Now, we have no objection against putting a mark of some kind on a pledged man, although we wish that the plan of pledging preparatory students could be abandoned. We believe in the Dartmouth and Beloit plans, that no man is ready for a fraternity until he is fully matriculated, which is usually done after a man is in college a given period. This gives him a chance to look around and get acquainted, and enables him to size up and be sized up. We do protest, however, against engraving on these pledge pins the monogram of the fraternity, on the ground that a man wearing such a badge is liable to be taken for a full-fledged member of the fraternity. This has very frequently occurred within our knowledge.

It seems to us that it would be far better to omit the monogram and place thereon instead some other emblematic design by which it might be known that the wearer is a pledged Phi Kappa Psi man. The stars, the book and lamp, or any other emblem from the official badge would answer just as well. We claim that the words Phi Kappa Psi belong to no man until he has been introduced and ushered into the sacred precincts of the fraternity. If a pledge button is needed, then let us have one that does not mislead the public and stamp the wearer as a Phi Kappa Psi man before he is one in reality.

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The Midsummer number of *Delta of Sigma Nu* appears in a new cover, which while it more closely resembles the general run of cover designs, lacks the elegant simplicity which was the distinguishing characteristic of the old one. The editor pays his compliments to the SHIELD in two places, in one he speaks of "its enamelled cover of heaven's own blue," in another he reprints entire the review given in our September number, with this preface:

That sterling fraternity magazine, the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD, thus mildly roasts the Delta for its variegated illustrations. To suit the taste of so exemplary an autocrat of fashion as our esteemed contemporary would have been our pleasure in this issue, but we saw his criticism too late, and so this Delta, like the other, goes tremblingly to the table of Editor Holmes, as spotted as Jacob's coat.

We do not wish to turn the knife in the wound, so it may not be well to refer to the fact that the coat of many colors which attained such prominence in history is usually spoken of as the property of Joseph, not Jacob, and that it must indeed have been gorgeous in green, blue, violet and bright orange, to equal the Delta. But ink does not make the book, and from one of the chapter letters we give this excellent bit of Greek philosophy :

Our general conduct is probably in keeping with that of many other chapters, but we have introduced one feature into local government that would doubtless be productive of rich results to others. A standing committee is appointed at the beginning of each semester ; its duty is to notify every initiate that an examination will be held at some date, reasonably distant, on the Law and Ritual of the fraternity. A second thought proves it a wholesome plan. Of course every initiate knows that he must become familiar with these forms ; he wants to and he intends to with utmost sincerity, but in the great majority of cases he will wait until to-morrow, and so continue until he and his chapter both suffer from his ignorance. Let him learn it all, learn it now and learn it well. A man cannot be a fraternity man until he knows what a fraternity is ; he cannot be an effective worker until he knows what he is working for.

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The chapter house question has been discussed on general principles by all the journals, the *Arrow of Pi Beta Phi* particularizes in a communication from one of the chapter at Leland Stanford University :

After one year's experience in co-operative house-keeping are we wise enough to speak oracularly on the subject ? Perhaps so, for we are not so firmly established that we have forgotten the hard things, the mistakes, and the ways out of them.

We pay thirty dollars a month for our unfurnished house. For convenience, however, we pay the entire year's rent during the nine months of the school year, making forty dollars a month during those nine months. We are especially fortunate in having one of our girls living near. Her mother gladly became our chaperone and brought much of her furniture and one of the girls furnished her own room, besides bringing a piano and book cases.

So with much management, by hook and crook we furnished our rooms, bought a stove and kitchen utensils and a carpet or two.

We have hired two servants—Japanese, both of them. One, our cook, received twenty-five dollars a month. The other, a Jap student in the

University, waited upon the table at breakfast and dinner, gave an hour at morning and evening cleaning, and all day Saturday. He received ten dollars a month, and roomed elsewhere.

Our whole expense a month amounted to twenty dollars apiece. There were ten of us during most of the year. Perhaps you think we could do this because we live in California. Coal, however, is the only difference that makes. Our coal bill from November to April averaged fifteen dollars a month. Vegetables and fruits the year around are extremely cheap, but meat is expensive.

Our chaperone had nothing whatever to do with our domestic management. This was in the hands of two different girls each month. One, the house president, ordered the meals, kept the table and table linen, saw that the house was kept in order and that the expenses were not running too high.

The house treasurer collected the money from each of us, gave receipts for everything, paid our house bills and kept the account books carefully.

By our plan there was a complete settling at the end of each month before affairs went into another girl's hands, and each girl vied with her predecessors to make her month best at the least expense.

There was one occasion when our cook was very unruly, and had to be dismissed with great dignity. Once a fire broke out in one of the rooms and all our Fiji neighbors had to come to our rescue. But these things passed away and we can laugh at them now.

There is one danger to consider. If many of the girls leave at the end of one term, it may be difficult to manage the house with only a few at the beginning of the next term. Although a few enthusiastic Pi Phi may build up the chapter, the home can not be kept out of debt with less than eight girls, and in a college where a pledge exists not to initiate or pledge girls for six weeks, the first two months are hard for the inmates of the house.

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The question of secrecy or non-secrecy will not quite down in the women's journals, and the leading article in the *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal* is a very calm discussion, from the standpoint of one who favors the present order of things, of the arguments advanced against secrecy, and in a few common sense words she condenses the whole thing in a nutshell:

No one supposes that a fraternity has discovered some secret of priceless value, or on the other hand that what is so carefully guarded from the knowledge of the uninitiated is of dark or sinister omen. It is usually known, we think that the secrets of a fraternity are its motto, form of initiation and other simple matters which do not concern anyone ex-

cept the people concerned. The non-fraternity mind does not usually concern itself about this at all and probably would not were the pledge of secrecy to be removed from fraternities. We do not think that the matter of secrecy either hurts or helps us with any one outside the fraternity. Its benefits are to be found in the effect produced within the fraternity.

On the subject of the chapter in college politics is another very sensible utterance :

It might be added that in the long run the tendency which leads the members of a certain fraternity to cast a unanimous vote on some subject of class politics, regardless of what the individual convictions of the members may be, or would be were they not subordinated to the desire to have the fraternity represented on whatever ticket is to be elected, defeats its own purpose. It is a familiar fact that while a fraternity which is not content to be represented on various committees and tickets only when its candidate is the "best man for the place," but constantly intrigues to secure such representation may for a time be successful, but in the end the sentiment of the better element of the class or college, which when students once begin to think, is also the sentiment of the majority, is roused against the offending chapter. Aside from the right or wrong of the case, the question is important, for the employment of anything but straightforward, honorable methods in either politics or inter-fraternity dealing cannot help but react against the chapter which offends.

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Beta Theta Pi has a distinctively convention number for October. It is rather difficult to condense from the annual address given by Hon. John S. Wise, but we give some extracts, regretting that lack of space will not allow still more freedom in quoting :

I am no pessimist and no alarmist, but every patriotic citizen must realize that from time to time the same influences which in the past have produced feelings of discord are likely to be at work again ; and that even at the present moment there are clouds upon the horizon which, although they may be no larger than a man's hand, should be watched and guarded by vigilant lovers of our common country. \* \* \*

Fate cast me in the army of the Confederacy, and, with the others who had thrown their whole souls into the struggle, the hour of defeat was very bitter, and the feelings which it engendered were very deep. The command of General Lee that we should lay down our arms, renew our allegiance to the Union, and thenceforth look upon the men of the north as brethren, fell upon dull ears ; the magnanimous conduct of Grant, disbanding his armies and pronouncing that the era of peace and

fraternity was restored, made little impression upon ears that were tingling with the passions that were still alive.

With the return of peace I ceased to be a soldier, and once more became a boy, resuming my studies at the University of Virginia. Shortly after my arrival I was initiated as a member of the Omicron chapter of this fraternity. As the chapter was organized, it was little more or little less than a squad of ex-Confederate soldiers, who felt as if they had not a friend north of the Potomac. It was not long, however, before, to our great astonishment, a letter came through the mails, addressed to the Omicron chapter of Beta Theta Pi. If I remember rightly, it was from the Miami University. It was filled with every tender sentiment of fraternity which a generous boy can express to a distant brother. It asked us to write and tell them what had become of the old members; which of us were alive; what we needed; how they could help us; and made many other suggestions of uninterrupted fraternity and kindness, without one allusion to the bitter separation which had existed for the whole period of war. The letter was a revelation to the men who heard it. The voices of the great leaders had failed to touch a responsive chord in our hearts. Although we had laid down our arms, our hearts were sullen toward our former adversaries; we had refused to recognize the restored condition of things; but the college boy, speaking to the college boy, had touched the feelings which had been silent under much more powerful pleas.

The letter had, I undertake to say, produced more effect upon the people to whom it was addressed than all that had been said by all the public leaders of the time. Like the tender note of the blue bird, at the break of dawn, it was as sure a signal that the night had passed, as if it had been the thunder of the sunrise gun. I look back to it as marking a great change, not only in my own feelings, but in those of my companions.

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Assembled here together, representatives of every section, let us, standing with clasped hands, make the resolve that the teachings of fraternity of our college days shall be carried with us into the life which lies before us; that we never will consent to look upon ourselves as men of the north, men of the south, men of the east or men of the west; that we never will accept the idea that, because we are of one section or another, there is any antagonism between us and our brethren in other sections; that we never will be content with the claim of any citizenship less than that of our whole country, or of any fraternity narrower than the limits of our whole land.

Occasionally one of the journals blossoms out with a short story in which fraternity life and loyalty form the chief incidents in the plot, but that printed in the November number is decidedly the best we have ever seen. The "Beta girl" has

always figured very largely in Beta song and admiration. She is now returning the compliment, for according to the editor's confession the story is written by a "Beta girl."

From editorials we take the following :

Speaking of "chapter-houses" and "chapters," few of the members of the college fraternities, we venture to say, know the origin of either term. There is in the Century Dictionary a particularly succinct and accurate account of the word "chapter" as applied to an assembly of monks. The quotation is credited to the Catholic Dictionary, and reads as follows :

"It was and is the common practice of monks to assemble every morning to hear a chapter of the rule read, and for other purposes. Both the meeting itself and the place of meeting gradually obtained the name of capitulum, or *chapter*, from this practice. The assembly of the monks of one monastery being thus designated the *chapter*, it is easy to understand that assemblies of all monks in any province, or of the whole order, came to be called provincial, or general *chapters*. A general chapter, in the case of most of the orders, is held once in three years."

By analogy the term came to be applied to the members of any society or brotherhood residing in one locality.

The "chapter-house" was originally the building attached to the monastery or cathedral, where the chapter met for the transaction of business. For instance, attached to the cathedral of Worcester, in England, is a beautiful chapter-house, octagonal in shape, and provided with a central pillar from which lofty arches spring to meet those from the sides of the building. Chapter-houses were, in the case of the religious orders, never used as dwelling places, but simply for places of assembly and the transaction of business. The word, in its old sense, might be applied to the meeting halls of the college fraternities.

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The principal article in the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* is a biographical sketch of Joseph Reid Anderson, the founder of the *Palm*, and it is seldom indeed that one finds so comprehensive and well written an article as this. Indeed, so closely do the two seem connected that it might almost be called a history of the journal itself. It is a record of such devotion to the fraternity and self-denying work for its upbuilding as to make any Greek proud that such men are to be found upholding the fraternity idea. Under the caption, "A Catalogue at Last," the announcement is confidently made that the catalogue of the fraternity will be ready for delivery by March 15th, 1897.

On the chapter-house question the *Kappa Alpha Journal* takes perhaps the most radical ground of any of the fraternity organs. The chief officer of the fraternity in his report on "Affairs of the Order," and the editor, make respectively these plain statements:

It takes a certain number of members to run a house. A very small chapter cannot do it, unless its members are exceptionally able to write cheques. We have a number of chapters that are at present too small, perhaps, to acquire, or run, chapter-houses. They must change their policy, or habit, of numerical "conservatism," if they are to escape from this present precarious status. Twenty years ago few chapters anywhere occupied houses. All fraternities in this respect were about on an equal footing. But the times have changed and years hence those fraternities only will have a respectable standing whose chapters occupy houses. Mere cliques of six or eight men will not, as in the past, be dignified with the name of chapter and the possession of a charter. The possession of a chapter house is, in my opinion, in the near future to become at many colleges the test of a chapter's ability to exist.

The fiat on the chapter-house question has been issued. (See the K. C.'s report in this number.) Our most faithful and efficient chief executive has now sounded the note of advance. Sloth and shiftlessness have received their death blow in our chain of chapters and henceforth the penalty for chronic indigence will be the charter itself. In the advance of progress we will find no place for the drone chapter, and in due season such may be prepared for the official guillotine. Because chapter houses are new in the south is the sole possible excuse for their scarcity. The dormant southern nature recoils from innovation; it clings pathetically to the antique and the obsolete and repels the suggestion of novelty. Hence the necessity of vigorous methods to produce reforms in our too conservative section. Every chapter must now awaken to the demands of the time or fall by the wayside. \* \* \*

Swarming time has already been announced, so let the drones be prepared.

With this number is begun a decided innovation, of which we let the editor tell his own story, meanwhile appreciating very thoroughly the courtesy which gives the SHIELD and its editor the honor of first representation in the new department:

With this issue is inaugurated a feature which has been contemplated for some time, namely, supplying information of a personal nature concerning the representative exponents of Greek-letter journalism. Outside of the immediate sanctums where courtesy of exchange mingles in friendly intercourse the various autocrats of Hellenic newspaperdom,

very little is known of these sundry periodicals and decidedly less of these oracles themselves. This department is therefore dedicated irrespective of clan or affiliation to those interested in fraternities as an adjunct to education and cultivation. The accompanying likeness is that of Mr. Clay W. Holmes, whose paper, the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD, has long been generally recognized as a periodical both generous and representative.

The SHIELD acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend the nuptial ceremonies of our late esteemed editorial co-worker, Mr. John Bell Keeble, of Keppa Alpha. The ceremony will take place at the bride's home, in Union Springs, Ala., on Wednesday evening, January 6th., when John Bell Keeble and Martha Emogene Frazer will be made one for life. After a short bridal tour they will be "at home," at 601 Fatherland street, Nashville, Tenn. The SHIELD wishes for Mr. and Mrs. Keeble many years of domestic bliss and prosperity and hopes to be able some day to present in person the congratulations which are now most heartily accorded.

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Another retiring editor, John Edwin Brown, gives up the control of the *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta* on account of the demands made upon his time by the profession which he has chosen, and pronounces his valedictory in the October number. He is one of the veterans, for as he says :

• The editor is keenly appreciative of the kindnesses he has enjoyed at the hands of the fraternity. For ten years he has held a seat in its official circle, seven of them as editor and manager of the *Scroll*. Mr. Holmes, of the Theta Delta Chi SHIELD, is the only fraternity editor whose services date back as far as this.

While we congratulate Mr. Brown on the success in his profession which makes the step necessary, we regret to lose him from the editorial circle where he has kept up an even standard of excellence most creditable to himself and to the fraternity.

The perennial chapter house question comes up for considerable discussion, and there are half-tone cuts of four of the houses occupied by the fraternity, including the new one at Cornell. It is evident that the editor is very strongly on the affirmative side, though he admits the "undeniable fact that with respect to this question, Phi Delta Theta is not as well off

as it should be." An examination of the ten-year index shows that the chapter house question has been discussed in the *Scroll* since 1889, and that chapter house projects have been started by forty-six chapters during recent years. If all of these projects had been successful, the fraternity would have reason for congratulating itself, but unfortunately, too many of them have failed or work on them has been suspended."

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The account of the recent Grand Conclave practically fills the November *Caduceus*. Among the items of legislation noted the following will be of interest as marking the future policy of the fraternity in these directions, and showing an increasing tendency toward conservatism :

A second matter of importance which was freely discussed at the Conclave was the attitude of Kappa Sigma toward general class and professional fraternities. It is a hobby of the editor that they should be put completely under the ban, and some months ago he advocated such a course in these pages, but the Conclave was unwilling to go thus far. However, a resolution was passed giving to the chapters the power to prohibit a member from uniting with one of these fraternities whenever the chapter deemed it against the best interest of Kappa Sigma. This is a step in the right direction and may prepare the way for stronger action at the next Conclave. It is hoped that in the meantime the full force of the resolution will be appreciated by every undergraduate Kappa Sigma and that he will govern himself in accordance therewith.

Nothing reflects more credit upon the Conclave than its refusal to wipe out the numerical restriction upon institutions from which may come petitions for charters. It is this restriction that acts as a complete check upon any radical extension move that might creep into the fraternity policy. It is a guarantee that every future chapter of Kappa Sigma will be located in a college possessing tone and stability, and which by the size of its student body will furnish each year some suitable material for chapter membership.

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The distinguishing characteristic of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* is straight, plain talk on two very closely related subjects, electing men, and extension. Under the head of extensions the editor indulges in what might be called a confession of faith as to the objects and policy of the fraternity. He says :

Sigma Chi exists only for the benefit of its *own members*. It is the sphere of our organization to make men and gentlemen of its members.

and to prepare them to become influential and powerful in those other societies which are especially organized and adapted to treat with the great sociological problems now before the American people. In what way it benefits its members it is not the province of this article to discuss. Every one acquainted with the Greek letter fraternity system understands and appreciates those benefits without an expression of them at this time.

The main enjoyment in a fraternity connection comes from the individual chapter of which a man is a member. Having congenial friendships there a member takes pleasure in the prominence, strength and national standing of the fraternity. He is proud to think that he occupies a position to which but few attain. He takes pleasure in knowing about the other chapters. He likes to know that our fraternity is represented in only first-class institutions. The fact of limited membership is an inspiration to him. It was said at one of the Chicago banquets that joining the Masons is like joining the human race; we like to feel that joining Sigma Chi, on the other hand, is joining a selected few. And the Masonic order exists for only one purpose, to do good in the world. Universal extension is the best means of accomplishing its aim. And if Sigma Chi exists for the same purpose, then universal extension is not only advisable but necessary. But on the other hand, if it is true that Sigma Chi exists for itself, then broad extension is not necessary. Of course there is a feeling of satisfaction in belonging to a fraternity which has the power of numbers, but the larger the membership the smaller the proportion of acquaintances. The more chapters we have the less we will know of one another. As we gain extensively we may lose intensively; and it is a question as to which is better. Some fraternities proceed on the one and some on the other idea. There are fraternities whose aim is to make every member of each chapter acquainted with those of all others; and they accomplish that and more, the active members become acquainted with a large proportion of the alumni. Of course that is quite a desirable thing, but I am hardly prepared to say that it is worth the price paid for it, i. e., a rigid restriction as to the number of chapters. I quite agree to the proposition that a certain amount of extension is advisable to prevent stagnation; but after a certain point is reached that extension should be made more conservative. When that point is reached an organization can afford to most carefully consider a proposed field, and grant charters to none but first-rate fellows in first-class institutions. And the fact that we can do good to the applicants or their colleges should not enter into the discussion. The question to be decided is can they do us good.

# Charge Letters.

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

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## BETA.

### CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Beta closes the Fall term with five new men on her charge roll. They are: G. G. Reynolds, Elmira, N. Y.; R. S. Persons, East Aurora, N. Y.; J. B. Nolan, Reading, Pa.; C. H. Stevens, Buffalo, N. Y.; F. R. Pendleton, Philadelphia, Pa.

The addition of these men gives Beta an active membership of twenty-two, exceeding last year's number, which was, up to that time the largest in the history of the charge.

The charge feels very much honored by the election of Bro. Smith, '99, to the office of Treasurer of the Grand Lodge.

All the brothers who attended the convention, returned with greater enthusiasm for Theta Delta Chi than ever. Several of them visited the Epsilon Deuteron charge before returning and have been sounding the praises of our New Haven brothers ever since.

Five of the brothers were present at the Xi initiation in October, and from their report we think the fraternity is getting its share of good things at Hobart.

Besides the official visit of Bro. Harstrom, Beta has been honored by visits from Bro. Ehlers of Rho Deuteron, Bro. Pardee of Psi, Bros. Colton and Morrison of Xi and Bros. Simons, Hoyt, Parker and Goll of Beta. We enjoyed all these visits very much indeed and trust that they may be repeated.

Our new charge house is nearing completion, and we expect to be able to occupy it the latter part of next term. We feel sure that it will be a comfortable and dignified abode for Theta Delta Chi at Cornell.

Beta feels very fortunate in having Bro. H. R. Tobey on the senior ball committee and Bro. P. M. Walter on the junior prom. committee.

With best wishes to all the brothers in Theta Delta Chi,  
C. M. ODDIE.

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### GAMMA DEUTERON.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

In this, the first charge letter of the college year, it is a pleasure to report that it has been a prosperous one so far for both Gamma Deuteron and "Michigan."

By the return of Brother Williams, '96, for graduate study and the affiliation of Bro. Paul D. Wright, Epsilon Deuteron, '96, who is here taking law studies, our charge began the year at Ann Arbor fourteen strong.

Owing to a combination of circumstances our rushing season has been somewhat prolonged, but we now have five of the most highly desirable men in college ready for initiation, and in consequence feel that we have reason to congratulate ourselves over our work.

Gamma Deuteron has been quite successful in university politics and inter-fraternity combinations this year, and we find Theta Deltas well represented among those receiving the various university honors.

Bro. Williams has recently been made valedictorian of the graduate law class.

Bro. Sutphen is a member of the music committee and a soloist on the Glee club.

Bro. Wehrle has succeeded in gaining a position on both the Banjo and Mandolin clubs, and in all probability will catch for "Michigan" on the 'Varsity nine next spring.

Bros. Dean, Sackett and Huggett all played on their class foot-ball teams.

Bro. Huggett has been recently elected a member of the sophomore social committee.

Bro. Green is athletic editor on the "Michigan Daily" and a member of the "Wrinkle" board.

Bro. Wright has just returned from the convention and a visit to the Epsilon Deuteron charge. He reports a very pleasant and profitable time.

All in all the prospects are that Gamma Deuteron will have a very successful year, and she extends to all sister charges warm fraternal greetings and best wishes for future prosperity.

CARL MUNSON GREEN.

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### EPSILON DEUTERON.

#### YALE UNIVERSITY.

It is my great pleasure to introduce myself as Epsilon Deuteron's charge editor and to write my first letter to the SHIELD.

During the past term we have been quite fortunate in the number of our visitors. The visit to be longest remembered was that of the Cornell men who, on their way to Ithaca after the convention, consented to put up at New Haven for a brief stay with us.

Although the convention and banquet are now past history, they are still subjects which the brothers talk over and over on account of the good time they had and the large number of brothers they met. It was a source of great pleasure to us that we were able to have so many of our charge at the banquet. We had almost our entire charge, besides a number of graduates.

The men who have been representing us so far this year in college organizations are Bro. Jackson on the Glee club and Bro. Lanphier on the "Yale Scientific Monthly."

Last year we "ground" out eleven men as Theta Deltas at graduation. Of these Bro. Jackson and Hupfel are back taking P. G. work.

Bro. Paul D. Wright is now at the University of Michigan taking the law course there. He came to New York to take in the convention and at the same time paid us a visit.

Our New Haven brothers are a goodly number and are often to be found with us. Bro. Ladd, Zeta, who has obtained a position in New Haven, is also a frequent visitor.

We extend to all Theta Delts the most cordial invitation to drop in and see us any time at "The Tabard."

R. KREMENTZ.

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### ZETA CHARGE.

#### BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Zeta has a message to send that will be of encouragement to all her sister charges and of interest to every Theta Delt. It relates to the increased interest that the alumni resident in and about Providence are taking in the active charge.

This new interest was brought about at the beginning of this college year. Some of the older members of the charge thought that something should be done to arouse more enthusiasm among the resident members of the fraternity, and feeling that with such a list of famous alumni Zeta could ill afford to let interest be lost, it was proposed to arrange small informal receptions for Theta Delts, the first Friday evening of each month. A alumni committee was appointed and a "smoker" arranged. There was a light spread and plenty of the wherewith to smoke. Some dozen of the alumni dropped in and a pleasant time was enjoyed.

This was simply a starter, and alumni who have never before visited the charge's new rooms have been in and expressed a revival of their old-time enthusiasm.

Arrangements are being made by a committee from the charge and the alumni for a dinner to be held January 14th, either at the Narragansett Hotel or at the Providence Athletic Association. This dinner is to be in place of the regular Freshman banquet, and will be given in honor of Brother Arthur L. Brown of Zeta, '79, in compliment to his recent appointment by President Cleveland as judge of the United States District Court of Rhode Island.

Since Zeta's last charge letter she has received three new members to introduce to the Theta Delts of the country. Brother James B. Bush is a resident of New Orleans; Brother Millens B. Burt lives in Providence, and Brother Nathaniel W. Myrick comes from Spencer, Mass. They are three as fine

men as the Freshman class could furnish, and owing to the competition of two, three and even four other fraternities in the rushing season, Zeta felt cause to be proud of her success.

Zeta sent a large contingent to the 50th convention in New York, as is probably pretty generally known to Theta Delt. Considering the fact that it is quite a little journey for a college man to make shortly before examinations the delegation of nearly ten active members was considered a credit to the charge.

In compliance with the suggestion at the convention that the alumni be sent letters at least once a year telling of the condition of the charge, Zeta has chosen Brother Myrick, 1900, Alumni secretary.

It may not be out of place here to mention the financial standing of the charge. The report of Brother Emerson, '97, as treasurer, rendered December 1, 1896, showed the assets of the charge to be over \$700, and the liabilities about \$70. The active members are almost without exception square with the books and the financial outlook is bright.

Members of Zeta are taking more or less important positions in college affairs. Brother Stone, '97, is manager this year of the Hammer and Tongs society, and is engineering the production of a new Brown opera to be given some time in April. Brother Merchant, '97, is one of the Symphony Society's leading violinists. Brother Emerson, '97, has been chosen business manager of the 1897, Liber Brunensis. Brother Miner, '97, is editor-in-chief of the *Brown Daily Herald*. Brother Lyons has recently won the college track bicycle record. Brothers Myrick and Burt have been prominent players on their Freshman eleven this fall.

The charge wishes to extend not only an invitation but an appeal to visiting Theta Delt to call on the charge any Friday evening in the Hall building, Weybosset street. The rooms, new within the past three years, are always open to Theta Delt, and it does the charge good to hear of the outside fraternity from Theta Delt visitors.

GEORGE LELAND MINER.

## ETA.

## BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

With great pleasure Eta extends a "Happy New Year" to all her sister charges and alumni, and sincerely wishes the best welfare and prosperity of the fraternity in all its various branches. This is by far the most important season of our college year, when we take into the fraternity new brothers to help build up and sustain the high standard of perfection which we as a fraternity have acquired.

Eta honored seven men in the class of nineteen hundred with an initiation, and takes great pride in introducing to the fraternity, Bros. William J. Abbott of Rockland, George B. Gould and Charles H. Potter of Bath, Fred B. Merrill of Bethel, Philip M. Palmer of Westbrook, Henry A. Shorey, Jr., of Bridgton, and Malcolm C. Sylvester of North Bridgton. We took great pleasure in welcoming at our initiation our most honored President, Bro. Carl A. Harstrom, also Bros. Joseph B. Reed, '83; Merton L. Kimball, '87; Henry C. Hill, and Albert C. Shorey, '88; Wilmont B. Mitchell, '90; Edward H. Newbegin, '91; Will O. Hersey, '92; Byron F. Barker, '93; Bert L. Bryant, '95; Robert E. Soule and Angus G. Hebb, '96, and Bro. George M. Woodwell, Omicron Deuteron, '84. Of our new brothers, Bro. Abbott represents his class on the college jury, and he is also manager of his class football team, on which Bros. Merrill and Sylvester did good work. Bro. Palmer is on the board of directors of the "General Athletic Association."

The football season which has just closed was very successful and one of which every Bowdoin man feels proud. Bro. Frank A. Stearns as captain, made a very creditable record. Bros. Aldro A. French, '97; William D. Stockbridge, '99, and Theodore Gould, '98, played a good game throughout the season. Bros. Albert C. Eames and Ralph L. Wiggin, '98, played as substitutes.

It has been our great misfortune to have had two of our most loyal brothers absent this year. Bro. Donald B. McMillan, '97, was taken sick with typhoid fever near the beginning of the year, and although he is improving very rapidly he will

not be able to return until next fall. Bro. Benjamin J. Fitz, '97, has been out of health for some time, and is in college at Colorado Springs. He has derived much benefit from the change of climate and hopes to return to Bowdoin at the opening of the spring term, fully recovered. We have missed these enthusiastic brothers and await their return with anxiety.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome again to our midst, Bro. Frank H. Swan of Westbrook. Bro. Swan was obliged to leave college in '95, through illness. He has entered the class of '98, and taken his old position among those at the front. A new literary monthly, "The Bowdoin Quill" will make its appearance in January. Bro. Swan represents us on the editorial board.

The George Evans Debating Society has lately been formed at Bowdoin, Bro. Lucien P. Libby, '99, acts as secretary and Bros. Ralph M. Greenlaw and Lincoln L. Cleaves, '99, are on the Executive Committee. Bro. Libby also represents us on the Orient board and Bro. Cleaves with Bro. Winford H. Smith have been chosen for contestants in the Sophomore Prize Declamation. Your correspondent is battling with the business management of the college annual.

In our delegation that graduated last spring, Bro. Philip Dana is in the cotton mills of his father at Westbrook. Bro. Walter A. Fogg is in the office of the Portland Transcript. Bro. August G. Hebb is in the employ of the Equitable Life Insurance Company. Bro. Robert Newbegin in the law office of his father at Defiance, Ohio. Bro. Robert E. Soule is at his home in Freeport. Bro. Charles T. Stone is principal of the high school at Denmark.

Your correspondent considers himself most fortunate in having been sent as one of the delegates to the fiftieth convention. The enthusiasm and inspiration to be derived from a Theta Delta Chi convention cannot be equaled. It was a great pleasure to be present at the largest and best convention in the history of the fraternity, and to form new friendships never to be broken, to obtain new ideas and renewed energy to aid in the advancement of our most beloved fraternity, Theta Delta Chi.

C. C. WILLIAMSON.

## IOTA.

## HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Charge life at Iota has been unusually intimate this fall. This has been due in part to the establishment of a Theta Delta Chi table at Memorial Hall, where we are all brought together three times a day—at least such of us as come to breakfast; but more than this, there has been a real revival of fraternity spirit; the balls click in the pool-room from early afternoon to two o'clock in the morning, and "Town Topics" becomes dog-eared the first day.

In all departments of this complex university life of ours Theta Delta Chi men are among the leaders. Our delegates to the convention enumerated the high scholarship honors which Theta Delta Chi men won at commencement. This year we are maintaining the standard. H. W. Beale, '97, was awarded one of the scholarships of the first class, of which there are but twenty-one in the academic department of over 2,000; and the third man of '97 on the Phi Beta Kappa is a Theta Delt.

Upon the debating team, which is to meet Princeton next Friday, one of the three men is prominent in our charge. I clip this account of his career from the Boston *Herald* of Dec. 14th:

"Sydney R. Wrightington, who will open the argument for Harvard, was born in Fall River, Feb. 8, 1876. He has always lived in that city, and prepared for college at the B. M. C. Durfee high school, graduating with the class of '93. He entered Harvard the same year, joining the class of '97. He has never taken a very prominent part in debating, although he has been a member of the Harvard Union. His college society is the Theta Delta Chi. His favorite studies have been in English composition and debating, the two courses being known as 'English 30,' and 'English 6.' "

Senator Dallinger, 3d year law school, who is the most prominent example of the college man in politics in New England, is one of the more recent accessions to our number. His work on "Nominations to Public Office" is now in press.

In athletics, Beecher, Burley, Sand, Wilder and Ring are

prominent in the Lacrosse practice. At a meeting of the team, some weeks since, Burley was chosen captain; Elliot, 1900, was on the freshman foot-ball squad.

F. L. Beecher, '98, represents us upon all the musical organizations of the university, and Waterhouse's wonderful voice is still the delight of the vesper girl.

Of the graduates of '96, many are still in the university. P. N. Booth and C. D. Booth are in the law school; Gifford and Rice are in the medical school; and the present editor is in the graduate school. News comes also that S. R. Hayter, '96, is secretary of the Brooklyn Board of Charities, and Horace Canfield is in the law school of the University of Michigan. Of our other graduates Sand and McLaughlin are in the Harvard law school, and Moore, Stone and Garcelon are practicing law in Boston.

By far the most pleasant event in the charge this year was the royal welcome we received on our visit to Kappa, which we uncourteously returned by beating them at billiards; may they come down for revenge some time. We would renew our welcome to all visiting brothers.

BRUCE WYMAN.

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### KAPPA.

#### TUFTS COLLEGE.

The college year is well under way at Tufts, and the incidents of the rushing season are things of memory alone; but the results, in the shape of five new Theta Deltas, are becoming more and more satisfactory reminders of our autumn's work. The brothers that we wish to introduce are J. P. Clark, 1900, J. O. Burrage, 1900, G. Hodges, Jr., 1900, R. L. Kendall, 1900, and Coleman Tousey, '98.

Kappa, as usual, made the initiatory move in the little social world of Tufts; this time by a reception to the faculty and freshmen, held at the house, on the evening of September 25th.

The Evening Party association has Theta Deltas for its most active and prominent members, and the marked success of the

opening party attested the good work of our representatives. The most pleasant social occasion for us, however, was the evening that Iota spent with us a short time since. We cannot have too many opportunities to meet, in such merry fashion, the brothers from other charges that show us the universality of the Theta Delt good fellowship. Brother Sand of Iota defeated Brother Clark at billiards, but we have decided not to "lay it up" against him.

Brothers Davis, who was captain of the eleven, Knowlton and Rowbotham have represented us on the college gridiron, and Brother Davis won a solid reputation as the best end-rush that Tufts has ever had.

The college publications, under the editorship of Brother Start and with Brother Perry as business manager, are enjoying a most successful year. Brother Williams is also on the staff as alumni editor, and the correspondent is bending beneath the burden of the athletic editor's cares.

The visit of Brother Harstrom, though short, was of inestimable value to us and, for our part, we wish that the convention's rulings might establish more frequent "visitations" from him.

Just now the boys are turning their attention to whist, and we are holding a tournament among ourselves in preparation for the inter-fraternity contests this winter. We hope to give a good account of ourselves.

I. RICH KENT.

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#### LAMBDA.

##### BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

The hopes expressed in Lambda's last letter have been fulfilled, and it is with great pleasure that we present to our beloved fraternity fourteen new brothers—brothers in every sense of the word; for they are already true, worthy, loyal Theta Delt. Every man that we wanted came our way, among them two professors' sons, and now we can boast of a charge of thirty-four men, leaders in college work and college life. The college glee club, which is composed entirely of

Theta Delt, with the exception of one member, still maintains its high standing under the direction of Bro. Baldwin. In fact, Lambda has obtained the lead in Boston University, and with the continued growth of the intense fraternity spirit manifested by the brothers, we hope to hold that position. Our brothers have shown a great interest in the late convention, and the excellent reports brought us by our representatives have done much to help us. As I was reading the biographical studies in the June number of the SHIELD, the thought came to me of the great honor bestowed upon a man when the friendship of Theta Delta Chi is pledged him. Being in such a central position we are thrown with a great many alumni brothers, and they always leave with us a feeling that it is good to be a Theta Delt. President Harstrom's visit was enjoyed immensely, and the enthusiasm aroused by him will last through many a day. His suggestions were kind and helpful, and we have adopted them as far as it lay in our power to do so.

Bro. Sanborn, '96, could stand no longer the trials of a bachelor, and is now enjoying the bliss of married life.

Bro. Thorne, '96, who last year was president of the New England Inter-collegiate Debating League, has returned to his home in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Bro. Albert Candlin, '91, superintendent of schools in Southington, Conn., is entering upon the study of law.

Bro. Geo. R. Jones is a member of the Massachusetts legislature.

I need not renew our invitation to brothers visiting Boston, for a brother is ever welcome and our latch-string is always out.

EDWARD S. UNDERWOOD.

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#### MU DEUTERON.

##### AMHERST COLLEGE.

Mu Deuteron has not been represented by a letter in the SHIELD since last March, when Bro. Beverstock, '96, wrote his valedictory. Your little postal card reminder of our duty

to the SHIELD comes just at a time when we are plunged into the depths of work and anxiety. It is the last week of the term before final examinations, and the uncertainty of our ability to cope with these successfully is gradually causing the brothers to assume a look of unmistakable misery, which increases as the days go on. Then again there are silent messengers coming to us through the mail, informing us that we have almost exhausted our allowed number of absences from church and chapel or, what is worse, that we have entirely cut up or cut over in the spiritual course, considered in Amherst the most important. And—we are told that he who cuts over will by that very act separate himself from college.

But in spite of these gloomy forebodings we expect that every Mu Deuteron brother will turn up smiling at the opening of the winter term. We are already waiting for the weekly Saturday night "stag parties" in the parlors which are a feature of the Theta Delta's life at Amherst during the winter term.

We of the senior class feel the passage of time keenly now that the last class has gone which was in college when we were freshmen. Ninety-six graduated, bringing honors to themselves and to the fraternity, and have gone out into the world to win more permanent laurels. Two of the eight commencement speakers last June were Theta Deltas. Four of our youngest alumni are teaching, one is in the Divinity School at New Haven, one is studying the sciences in Columbia, one is in a bank, and the three others are still waiting to find their bent. Two of our brothers did not return this year, and we miss them sadly, Bros. Lyman and Pratt, both of '99. Bro. Lyman has entered freshman academic at Yale and Bro. Pratt is now in a large wholesale shoe house in Boston.

Our delegation from the class of nineteen hundred was taken in during the month of October, and all are showing themselves worthy to wear the shield. They are: William Brooks Baker, Danvers; Frank Ellis Boggs, Marlboro; William Endicott Clapp, Danvers; Edward Tracy Clark, Washington, D. C.; Edward Scribner Cobb, Newton Center; Frank Church Dudley, Marlboro; Frank Arthur Morris, Monson.

We now have 31 active brothers in the charge. Our freshman delegation, composed of seven men, is the smallest that we have had in some years. But it is our policy now to keep our charge more nearly the size of the others in the fraternity.

Bro. Cobb, 1900, brought honors to us at the very start by winning the Porter prize, given for the best work in a special set of entrance examinations. This is the third time in five years that Theta Deltas have captured this honor. Bro. Dudley has shown foot-ball ability and promises to make a speedy bicycle rider for the track team. The others are all doing well and we hope will rise into prominence in various lines before they graduate. Now as to our other delegations. In the senior class, Bro. Merriam is business manager of the paper, and another of our seniors is on the editorial staff; Bro. Kidder is on the banjo and mandolin clubs; Bro. Tyler captained the foot-ball team during a great part of the season, and played a game at tackle which won him much praise from the critics of the foot-ball world. Last spring he covered the first bag on the 'varsity nine. Besides this we hold three important chairmanships of class day committees. Of our junior delegation, Bro. Fosdick played on the foot-ball team and was on the boards of the junior annual, Bro. Barnum is secretary of the foot-ball association and won a place in the mile run at the inter-collegiate games at Hanover last spring; Bro. Ward was also on the track team, and Bro. Walker is on the Glee club. In our sophomore delegation Marsh is leading his class, and Bro. Flaherty is a class platoon captain. The others are all-around good fellows, to mention one would be to slight the others.

We have been fortunate this year in having Bro. P. C. Phillips, '88, with us. He has come back to Amherst after an absence of nearly ten years to take the position of assistant professor of hygiene and physical education. This department takes a prominent place in Amherst. The venerable Dr. Hitchcock, the head of this department, who has been loved and respected by a score of classes, has retired, so that virtually Bro. Phillips now has entire charge of all the work. It

is getting so much a matter of course for Mu Deuteron men to be called back into the faculty that we are wondering who the next one will be.

During the spring and fall we have had the pleasure of entertaining brothers from Iota Deuteron, Eta and Omicron Deuteron. We enjoy these visits and only wish that we could have more of them. The short visit which we had from Bro. Harstrom inspired us all with love and reverence for our beloved president. The announcement that he had been re-elected was greeted with great enthusiasm.

The report which the delegates to the convention brought back made everyone reiterate the imprecations upon the fate which kept him away. Several sinking funds have been started, and next year we hope to be represented by a large delegation.

We lead all the other fraternities in town in one respect, and that is the number of dogs which we own. A pair of bull terriers, Rex and Brandy, and a pure blooded English mastiff, Captain, share our joys and sorrows at the house. They cause about an equal share of amusement and vexation.

The house has been entirely repainted this fall and now presents quite a handsome appearance. It is our opinion that every Theta Delt who finds himself anywhere near Amherst had better come around and have a look at it.

F. STUART CRAWFORD.

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#### NU DEUTERON.

##### LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Nu Deuteron now numbers fourteen men. The outlook is very bright, and we are looking forward to a very prosperous year.

Since the foot-ball season closed the brothers have settled down to steady work. There has been very little going on during the past quarter except the convention.

Bro. Sigison, '95, has been appointed inspector of lamps at Buffalo.

Bro. Russell, '96, is with Walbridge & Co., of Buffalo.

Bro. Quigley, '95, is manager for the Prudential Life Insurance company.

Bro. C. H. Vansant, '95, is assistant engineer to J. R. Franklin, Newark, N. J.

Bro. A. S. Clift, '95, is with the General Electric Co. at Schenectady, N. Y.

Bro. E. G. Steinmetz, '95, is with the Electric Storage Battery Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Bro. W. T. Hutchins, '96, is with the Pennsylvania R. R. at Dunmore, Pa.

Bro. Heilig, '91, was married in Baltimore last fall.

Bro. F. W. McCall, '90, is on the board of supervisors at Binghamton, N. Y.

Bro. John M. Beaumont, '92, is assistant superintendent of schools of Scranton, Pa.

Bro. W. R. Okeson, '95, is with the South Penn Oil Co., at Mannington, W. V.

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#### RHO DEUTERON.

##### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

We have moved into new rooms this fall and are getting things pretty well in place. Our new rooms are centrally located and are more pleasant than those we had last year.

We have lately initiated Arthur W. Beal, Ludwig Lindenmeyer, Hugh P. Tiemann, and Frank G. Dresser, all of whom are from the class of 1900. We feel certain that they will prove to be loyal Theta Delts. Bro. Lindenmeyer is a brother of Bro. G. H. Lindenmeyer, '88, and Bro. Tiemann is a grandson of the former mayor of this city, who bears the same name.

Just before the convention Bro. Harstrom paid us a very welcome and enjoyable visit. We were glad to see the delegates who came in on Tuesday night after the first day of the convention; several of them made very interesting speeches.

We were very fortunate indeed in having Bro. Carter with us and his talk on Tuesday evening was exceptionally fine. If any of the charges want to enthuse their new men it is only necessary to send for Bro. Carter.

Bros. Dodd '91, Hicks '93, and Ehlers '92, have been in to visit us.

Not long ago we received a very acceptable letter from Bro. Tuska.

Bro. Van Iderstine '94, was married quite recently. We have just heard of the engagement of Bro. Gillette '92.

Bro. Slichter, who graduated last spring, has been in to see us. He is with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, where Bro. Mora also is.

Bro. MacGahen '96, is at Pittsburg with the Westinghouse Electric Company.

Whenever any of the brothers are in New York we would be glad to have them drop in to see us.

F. SECOR DICKERSON.

#### PI DEUTERON.

##### COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Perhaps very few of the charges had as good an opportunity of enjoying the convention as did Pi Deuteron. All of the active members of the charge attended the sessions and twenty Pi Deuteron brothers were present at the banquet. We had the pleasure of meeting many of the delegates on the evening before the convention at an informal reception held at our rooms and again on Tuesday evening on occasion of Rho Deuteron's reception. Bro. Harstrom made a visit to the charge shortly before the convention, a visit which we thoroughly enjoyed as we have his previous one.

Since the last "SHIELD" letter we have initiated seven men and take great pleasure in introducing the following brothers: Leslie C. Shattuck, Allan Scott and Herbert M. Holton, '98; Dean Stratton, George G. Wood and Nelson P. Mead, '99, and Francis W. Poyntz, 1900. Bro. S. Neidlinger, who left college last year, has returned as a Freshman. This brings our active members up to fifteen.

In college life the brothers of the charge occupy a prominent position. Bro. Morrison '97 was elected President of the Athletic Association, making the third time in succession that

this office has been held by a Theta Delt. Bro. C. P. Schmid is secretary of the senior class. Bro. Holton is President. Bro. Neidlinger Vice-president, Bro. Shattuck Treasurer, and Bro. Scott Historian of the Junior class. Four of the brothers are on the Glee Club and three on the Mandolin Club. We also have three men on the lacrosse team, three on the foot-ball team, while several of the brothers are on the track team.

We are deeply grieved to announce the death of Bro. Charles W. Bogert '93. Bro. Bogert did not finish his course at college but graduated from the New York University as a civil engineer, with the class of '95. He was one of the most popular men in his class both at the city college and at the university, and Theta Delta Chi has lost in him a faithful and loyal brother.

Bro. Harrington '95 has affiliated with Iota. Bro. Wilken '95 is at the New York Law School as is also Bro. Wright '96. Bro. Wagner '96, is at the Columbia Law School. Bro. Wheeler '96, is at Harvard. Bro. Strobel '96, has entered business. Bro. Corbett '93, Epsilon Deuteron '96, is at the New York Law School.

CHARLES R. NEIDLINGER.

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### OMICRON DEUTERON.

#### DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

The present year has brought Dartmouth new buildings, an increased teaching force and the largest entering class in her history. We of Omicron Deuteron have had our share in the general prosperity. All of the brothers are back, society interest runs high, our 1900 delegation is second to that of no other fraternity.

Our annual initiation and banquet occurred December 11th. Of the graduate brothers, Bro. Adams, '77, and Bro. Foster, '85, of the faculty. Bro. Aiken, '87, who recently has been called to the position of secretary of the college Y. M. C. A. Bro. Tuxbury, '91; Bro. Shirley, '92; Bro. Wilson, '95, were present. Bro. J. M. Boyd officiated as toast-master. We had hoped that Bro. Harstrom would be with us, but his inspiring

letter went far to offset the disappointment that his enforced absence occasioned. Our gathering was a large and enthusiastic one, and we think we gave our new brothers a glimpse of the meaning of the bond of Theta Delta Chi. The new brothers are as follows: Nathaniel H. Barrows, C. Thornton Bodge, Edgar R. Cote, William H. Cook, Harry B. Davis, Harry S. Fairfield, Jasper M. Gibson, Elias Mayer, John H. Putnam, Arthur S. Roberts, Charles W. Rogers, Roy R. Sawyer, Sidney F. Stevens, William Stickney, Embart H. Sprague, Charles Whelan.

Our record on the gridiron is, Bro. Kelley, left end. Bro. Macandrew, full back, and Bro. Putnam, left tackle. Bro. Ryan, Bro. Connelly, Bro. Whelan, Bro. Rogers, and Bro. Mayer, played on the second eleven.

We have three men on 'The "Lit :"' Bro. J. M. Boyd is editor-in-chief, Bro. Ryan business manager, and Bro. Day assistant business manager.

Bro. Tent is our representative on the banjo and guitar club; Bro. Gary, on the dramatic club.

Four men in '97, have received class day appointments: Bro. Poor is class president, Bro. Schwarm, marshal, Bro. Johnson, assistant marshal, and Bro. Ryan delivers the address to the president.

JOHN WILLIAM MERROW.

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### SIGMA DEUTERON.

#### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

After the long period that has elapsed since our last letter to the SHIELD, Sigma Deuteron is glad to again extend her greetings to all the charges and to all Theta Delta Chis.

It is with a good deal of pleasure that I say Sigma Deuteron is to day most prosperous.

Five men have thus far been added to our roll, Brothers Seiler, Adams and Ferris, of 1900, and Cate and Brau—Laws '99, all of whom we are pleased to introduce, and let me say that they are worthy in every way of being called brothers in Theta Delta Chi.

So together with the sixteen old men who returned, we have twenty-one active members, who are doing all they can to advance the interests of Theta Delta Chi.

The usual interest is this year manifested in the musical clubs and we have our share of the "spoils." Bro. Seiler, 1900, represents us on the glee club and also on the university orchestra, while we are represented on the mandolin and banjo clubs by Bros. Ryan, '98, and Ferris, 1900.

At present the student body and especially Theta Delta Chi are interested in the outcome of the annual joint debate, which takes place on next Friday evening, December 18th. This is "the" literary event of the year and next to football, it arouses more college enthusiasm (unless it be the beating of the Yale freshman crew by fourteen lengths) than any other event or series of events in the college year. The debate this year is between the two literary societies—Athenae and Philomathia, or more properly speaking, between Athenae and Theta Delta Chi, since Philomathia's team is composed of Bro. Brazeau, '97, Bro. Compton, '98, and your humble servant. We expect many of the old boys back and if we win there will be great rejoicing.

Mingled with the interest in debating is the interest in the outcome of next Saturday's game with the Carlisle Indians at Chicago. The game on Thanksgiving Day between Wisconsin and Northwestern, which ended in a tie of 6 to 6 closed the season in a way which was not at all satisfactory for Wisconsin. The season was thought to be over, but when the Carlisle Indians challenged the western champions and the Chicago Press Association gave that much-desired title to Wisconsin, our boys quickly went into training again. What the result of Saturday's game will be no one can tell, but we are all hopeful that Wisconsin may still bear herself in a manner befitting the "western champions." Theta Delta Chi is represented by Bro. Gregg, '98, at quarter and Bro. Bran, Law, '99, at sub-right end, both of whom are strong players.

Sigma Deuteron was favored by a visit from several of the Tau Deuteron brothers, who came down to witness the Minnesota-Wisconsin game on November 21st. We all enjoyed

their visit, and after the game we did what we could to comfort them in their hour of affliction.

Not content alone with our system of inter-charge correspondence, we have lately put in practice a scheme of monthly correspondence with our alumni, which has thus far proven a grand success. We are thus enabled to keep in close touch with our old men, and as the names are changed among the brothers each month our own men come into direct correspondence with our enthusiastic alumni. This can not help but make them realize more and more the glories of Theta Delta Chi.

Bro. Kendall, Beta, '78, came up from Chicago to witness the Wisconsin-Minnesota football game. Whenever he visits us we understand more fully the truth of the old saying—"Once a Theta Delt always a 'Theta Delt."

Alpha Phi has recently entered the university. They are a fine lot of girls and everything points to a prosperous future for the chapter.

GEO. B. NELSON.

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PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

The first pleasant duty of your new correspondent in writing his maiden letter to the SHIELD is that of introducing to the fraternity the men whom Phi has deemed worthy to wear the shield. They are Bros. John W. Stokes, 1900, of East Hampton, L. I.; James C. Heckman, '99, of Philadelphia; Richard L. Young, 1900, of Philadelphia, a brother of Bro. Young, '99; John D. Larkin, 1900, of Buffalo, a brother of Bro. Larkin, '99; Herbert N. Warbasse, 1900, of Newton, N. J. They are all good men and are quickly catching the spirit that Theta Delt do.

Our delegates to the Convention, Bro. Stewart, '69, Bro. Marsh, '97, and Bro. Jones, '98, returned with glowing accounts of the splendid time they had and assured us if any of us wanted to have his love for Theta Delta Delta Chi more deeply fixed in his heart—why just attend an annual convention.

The football season which has just closed, under the management of Bro. Bishop, has been one never before equaled by Lafayette. We have beaten U. of P., tied Princeton, and defeated everything else we played, having only ten points scored on us the whole season.

Phi still holds her large share of college honors. Bro. Marsh is leader of the glee club. Bro. Jones is assistant manager of the glee and banjo clubs, of which the Bros. Larkin are members. Bro. Davison is business manager of the *Melange*. Bro. Bishop is manager of the football team and Bro. Bunnell is president of the sophomore class.

Of our last year's men Bro. Twitmyer is studying law in Bethlehem; Bro. Ahbe is mining engineer for the Minnesota Iron Co., Minn.; Bro. Lobengier is studying law in Pittsburg.

Phi extends a hearty Xmas grip to all the brothers and most sincerely hopes that if any of them get down our way they won't fail to drop in and see us.

JOHN LEAVITT GRIGGS.

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CHI.

ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

Our college year opened with those usual preliminary signs of activity, that foretoken so much hard study and large investments in midnight oil. The freshman class was somewhat lessened in numbers by a change of courses in the free academy, so that no classical students were graduated last June.

About seventy students, however, presented themselves for matriculation, who were unmistakably freshmen. They were allowed to enter the institution on terms of good behavior. The loss of President Hill has, without doubt, contributed to the depletion of the class so far as non-resident students were concerned. President Hill's place is filled for the present year by Dr. Lattimore, who evidently has the good of the college as much at heart as his predecessors.

Our foot-ball team in spite of its hard work in the field, has had a rather unsuccessful season, piling up a long line of de-

feats. Chi is represented in foot-ball by Bro. Wilson, who has always shown himself ready to risk his mortal frame in the dangers of the gridiron, for the glory of the home team.

On the Glee and Mandolin club we are represented by Bros. Wilson and Craig. The club held its home concert the 11th, which proved successful in all respects. It will soon start on a three weeks' tour through Ohio and Southern Michigan, where it will be followed by our best wishes,—if not by the police.

Bro. Rippey, '98, is on the junior prom. committee, and is also one of the "Interpres" board.

President Harstrom paid a short visit to Chi in the early part of November. We have also had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Willis S. Paine, Chi, '68, Bro. Brouer, Pi Deuteron, Bros. Partridge, Morrison and Watson, of Xi, and Bros. Cunningham and France of Psi.

Chi was represented at the New York convention by the alumni, Willis S. Paine, toastmaster; Jacob Spahn, orator, and J. M. Sterrett, with Bro. Hamilton, '98, undergraduate delegate.

Our corresponding secretary for the coming year is Bertram E. Wilson, 774 E. Main street, and our charge editor, Charles G. Orwen, 155 Mansion street.

This seems to complete the achievements of Chi since our last letter.

CHARLES G. ORWEN.

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#### CHI DEUTERON.

##### COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

It is our privilege for the first time, to introduce to you six new brothers selected with no little care and deliberation from the academic department of Columbian University with but one exception, and this initiate (a brother of one of the members of the Bowdoin charge) from the scientific school. Our new brothers, we believe, are all sterling men and worthy exponents of the shield and the emblems it bears. They are: William S. Manning, '99; William D. Sterrett, 1900; Arthur

P. Spear, 1900; Melville W. Lindsay, 1900; Jesse H. Wilson, Jr., 1900; Gilbert W. Kelly, 1900.

Three of these new men were already closely connected to Theta Delta Chi—one had a father, two brothers, and a first cousin in the fraternity; another had an uncle; and a third a brother, as already stated. We had practically the pick of the college men.

Chi Deuteron is well represented in class politics, the football team, and on the college paper. Kelly is one of the strongest men on the eleven. We have four class presidents, and the assistant editorship on the college illustrated weekly—the only student publication issued.

In short, it may be said that the "Infant" is in a healthy state—and with an enthusiasm for the blue, the black and the white that at times approaches exuberance.

Bro. Davis has been elected president of his class in the law school—an honor of which he has every reason to be proud. He has also been awarded the gold medal for passing highest in the law freshman examination.

Bro. Pyne continues to be a professor in the Columbian academy, and is also assistant professor of Latin and Greek in the academic and scientific departments of the university.

Bro. Gorton is now studying at Princeton.

VICTOR LOUIS MASON.

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## PSI.

### HAMILTON COLLEGE,

Owing to the fact that the class of 1900 was so small, and that the majority of the men came on pledged to some fraternity, we were able to secure but two men out of the thirty-five, Bro. Bushnell, of Kansas City, Mo., son of Albert Bushnell, Psi. '71, and Bro. F. M. Weston, of Oaks Corners, N. Y.

We are few in numbers, yet what we lack in this respect we make up in others. In the fall field day Bros. F. H. Cunningham and W. E. Danford of '99, took the accustomed number of points; four firsts, two seconds and one third.

Psi was well represented on the foot-ball team by Bro. F. H. Cunningham, '99, at tackle, Bro. C. J. France, '98, at quarter, and Bro. W. E. Danford, '99, at guard.

This has been one of Hamilton's most successful years in foot-ball, being beaten but once, by New York University, score 6 to 0, and that by a fluke.

During November we were honored by a visit from President Harstrom, of the Grand Lodge. I do not need to say that we enjoyed his visit. He puts new life and spirit into those he meets and makes them greater believers in Theta Delta Chi than ever.

We will soon have a new hall of physical science at Hamilton. The president has announced that the necessary money has been raised, and work has been begun on the foundation.

We were represented at the convention by Bro. George, '97, and Bro. C. G. Cunningham, '98, as undergraduate delegates; and Bro. George Lawyer, '85, as graduate delegate.

Last June at commencement Psi had a large gathering of her alumni. Among those who visited "The Home of College Days" were: Rev. R. L. Bachman, '70; Albert Bushnell, '70; John H. Cunningham, '66; Rev. W. B. Lucas, '66; A. G. Benedict, '72; E. S. Petrie, '80; S. A. Nixon, '81; Rev. J. B. Lee, '86; J. C. Mason, '86; C. H. Timmerman, '87; J. H. Pardee, '89; J. D. Rogers, '89; D. C. Lee, '91; C. T. Ives, '92; E. S. Fisher, '94; J. H. Foster, '95; J. H. Lee, '95.

This term we have received a visit from Bro. C. N. Kendall, '82.

Bro. Thomas F. Nichols, Eta, '92, now occupies the chair of assistant professor of mathematics. He is the first member of the faculty we have had for some years.

With best wishes to all Theta Deltas and a happy Christmas vacation.

W. E. DANFORD.

## College Notes.

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On November 20th the Cornell University Chapter of Chi Psi gave a formal opening of their new chapter house, said to be the handsomest fraternity house in the world, the famous Fiske-McGraw mansion.

The Chi Phi chapter house at Rutgers College was totally destroyed by fire last September. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp.

We are indebted to the personal courtesy of Wm. C. Gretzinger, editor of the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* for the following: "A new secret fraternity was organized by Bucknell University students last week. For some time a vigorous local fraternity has existed here under the name Phi Epsilon; and this is now a chapter of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, which, extensive in the south; is rapidly growing in the best colleges in the north. Representatives were present from the U. of P., Swarthmore and State College when the new chapter was instituted, and it starts out with every prospect of a prosperous and happy life."

There is an awakening that one gets in a liberal institution that knocks out preconceived ideas woefully, and in return he assimilates a bit of learning if he but rubs against the historical walls for four years—for if he cannot become great he will at least have found the reason why.—*Delta of Sigma Nu.*

A chapter is not a mere aggregation of fifteen or twenty men without regard to classes. The ideal chapter keeps its number up to the standard by the addition of a delegation from each incoming class. If any chapter begins the year unusually strong in numbers, it is just as incumbent upon it to see that some of the leading members of the freshman class are enrolled in its membership as though it began with but half the number it has.—*The Scroll.*

The sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, has entered the Woman's College of Baltimore.

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The medical department at Vanderbilt University has been thoroughly reorganized, and now enjoys a \$70,000 building, completely equipped.

The fifteenth biennial congress of Alpha Tau Omega was held at Cleveland, Ohio, December 30 and 31, 1896, and January 1, 1897.

The day has long passed when college fraternities were on the defensive and compelled to exist in secrecy or struggle for the right to live. The two elements which have brought about the improved order of things are a better acquaintance with the real aims and nature of the organizations and the approval of men of unquestioned standing before the public.—*The Palm.*

Alpha Phi has refused six applications for charters during the past year, and at the last convention prohibited the initiation of special students except at two institutions, which are excepted because of "peculiar conditions that confront them."

Phi Kappa Psi proposes celebrating her semi-centennial in 1902.

With the exception of Harvard University, every undergraduate member of Beta Theta Pi is made by the fact of his attendance at any college having a chapter, a member of that chapter, no matter where he may have been initiated.

The fame of the Kappa Alpha Order is not dependent on success in football, election cliques nor the attainment of other college honors, though these things are worthy of endeavor. The Order holds before its members principles, the perpetuation of which is infinitely more important than the gain of any worldly honor, and these principles are to be taught by class to class, by brother to brother, until they are so deeply ingrained in the character that no matter what compromises with the ignoble events of after life may require, the warp and woof of the inner man will remain true. Like all practical folk, we recognize what is before us and do not wish to deliver to the world visionaries or the straight-laced.—*The Journal.*

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Some twenty years ago when the rivalry between the chapters at Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware was intense, the members of one fraternity obtained possession of the constitution of another fraternity and caused it to be printed and posted throughout the town. The fraternity men whose constitution was thus published were much mortified and feared the results, but people who had been hostile to fraternities read the constitution, found it abounded in noble sentiments and concluded that a society with such organic law was a pretty good sort of an organization. This is only one example of how throughout the country the prejudice against college fraternities has melted away.—*Cleveland Plain-Dealer.*

Delta Tau Delta entered Washington and Lee University June 24th. Two petitions came at nearly the same time, the two sets of petitioners knowing nothing of each others intentions or efforts. The petition granted was the one including the local society Phi Theta Psi. On September 30th a chapter was instituted at Brown University.

Thirty years ago seven girls, students at Monmouth College, conceived the plan of organizing a woman's fraternity, similar to those already in existence among their brother students. The result was the society called I. C., which afterward became Pi Beta Phi. The present year is therefore of marked significance to all Greek women, and particularly to those of Pi Beta Phi as the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the first college women's secret society.—*The Arrow*.

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