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ZETA CHARGE BANQUET

IN HONOR OF

JUDGE ARTHUR L. BROWN, ZETA '76.

When the news was issued from Washington last October that the President had appointed Arthur L. Brown of Rhode Island Judge of the United States District Court of the district of Rhode Island there was general congratulation among a wide circle of friends of the new judge. But those who felt most appreciatively the honor of the appointment were fraternity brothers of Judge Brown, of Zeta '76, and in order to show their appreciation the graduate and active members of Theta Delta Chi in Rhode Island, chiefly owing their allegiance to the Zeta charge of Brown University, planned to give a reception and dinner complimentary to Brother Brown, in honor of his appointment.

The dinner was held in the dining halls of the Providence Athletic association on Friday evening, January 15th. Fifty members of the fraternity resident in and around the city of Providence were present.

At Judge Brown's either side were seated his two partners in his chosen profession, the Honorable Henry J. Spooner, Zeta '60, his former partner, and the Honorable Augustus S. Miller, Zeta '71, his present partner.

The dinner proved as pleasant as such an affair, when fifty brothers, united by a common bond of good feeling, meet to

do honor to one of their number, only can prove. The menu was interspersed with some college songs, and when the post-prandial exercises began every one was in his happiest frame of mind.

Col. Spooner had been unanimously chosen toastmaster at the informal reception that had been held before the brothers repaired to the feast, and he introduced the guest of the evening in a particularly appropriate speech. He spoke of the pleasant relations that had been entered into when Judge Brown first began his career in his profession, and in this connection he related several happy anecdotes that kept the company highly amused. Then he went on to speak of the fraternal relations that were engendered in fraternity life at college and have existed so strongly ever since among the members of the Zeta charge.

Judge Brown made a very happy response to his introduction. He gave evidently heartfelt expression of the gratification that he naturally felt at being the guest of his half-a-hundred Theta Delt brothers, and spoke very feelingly of the help and inspiration he had gained from the friendship of those who were connected with him in the fraternity. Some reminiscences of his college days and his later connection with his Theta Delt brothers in the law he related with telling effect upon his audience, and some of the allusions were especially mirth-provoking to the graduate members who knew the Zeta charge of past years.

A pleasing variety to the programme of exercises was given by the rendering of some college music by a Zeta charge trio, consisting of Brothers Lucius H. Newell, '95, Edward S. Roberts, '96 and Arthur C. Stone, '97.

Col. Spooner went on to call upon a number of the brothers for informal remarks. Dr. George Wheaton Carr of Zeta '57, was the first speaker, and his remarks about the charge and fraternity of the older days and the eternal spirit of the bonds of brotherhood in the fraternity year after year were greatly enjoyed.

Brother Miller made a talk that was so entertaining that he was forced to accede to the vociferous demands for another

story. This he told in his own unutterably amusing way:

Brother William D. Martin, Zeta '62, chairman of the committee which had the dinner in charge, read four or five letters from Theta Delt brothers, who expressed their regrets at not being able to attend and who congratulated Judge Brown on this token of his brothers' good feeling.

Brother Walter F. Brown, '73, the toastmaster introduced by saying that there were several reasons why the gathering would be interested to hear from him; because he was a brother of the guest of the evening and because the two large paintings which were hung at either end of the long table of honor in the athletic association dining room were the work of this distinguished brother. Brother Brown paid a touching tribute to his brother and the fraternity by relating a little anecdote told him by a friend of E. F. Benson, the author of Dodo. Mr. Benson's father, the famous archbishop, once said that he was proud of and loved his son, not because he was his son, but because he was the author of a good book. "And so," the speaker said, "I am proud of and love my brother, not because he is my brother, but because he is the brother of us all."

Brother Clifford H. Tower, of Zeta '90, in the course of his remarks paid Judge Brown a pleasing tribute. He said that, because of his connection with the same profession as the judge, he naturally heard many comments on the appointment, in honor of which the present gathering was held. In every case, he said, these comments were in every way most complimentary to Judge Brown as being the right man for the place, fitted in every qualification.

Brother Dr. William F. Morrison, of Boston University, '78, gave an interesting talk on the college life of his college course. He mentioned several secret organizations of which he is a member, and among them all, he said, his college fraternity of Theta Delta Chi had for him the pleasantest and dearest relations of all.

Brother Martin W. Kern, Zeta '92, the second member of the committee of the evening, told an entertaining incident from his own or some one's else experience appropriate to the

success which the committee was able to make of the gathering by the hearty response of the brothers.

For the active Zeta charge, Brother Fred A. Arnold, '97, and Brother Arthur C. Stone, '97, spoke of the present successful standing of the members as individuals and as a charge in college, and expressed the gratification that the younger members of the fraternity felt at being permitted to associate and feel to be their friends such brothers, successful in affairs of the country, state, city; of professional, business and political life, as were gathered to honor their Brother Brown.

After the speeches were over the brothers gathered around the piano and sang Theta Delt songs. One of the favorites was the famous one by the famous Zeta brother, Col. John Hay, "Fill up your Blushing Goblets."

The committee under whose direction the dinner was held was composed of Brothers William D. Martin, '62; Martin W. Kern, '92, and George L. Miner, '97, all of the Zeta charge.

Judge Brown, the guest of the evening, is one of the most prominent members of the legal profession in the state of Rhode Island. His recent appointment was received with numerous congratulations in Providence. The leading daily of the state commented on the appointment as follows: "As an attorney the new Judge takes very high rank, while possessing personal characteristics which have gained him the regard of both attorneys and laymen."

Brother Brown is a thorough Rhode Islander. He was born in Providence, November 28, 1854, attended the city public schools, graduating from the Providence High School with the class of '72. The fall of that year he entered Brown University, then under the presidency of Rev. Ezekiel Robinson. That fall, too, he became a Theta Delt, enrolled as a member of Zeta Charge. He was graduated from the University with the class of '76, and then went to Boston to take a two years' course at the Boston Law School. After his course there he returned to Providence and was admitted to the Rhode Island bar. He opened an office in the old Franklin House at the foot of College Hill.

It was in 1881 that he formed a copartnership with his two Theta Delt brothers, Col. Spooner and Mr. Miller. This firm continued a flourishing and pleasant existence and, when in 1885, Col. Spooner withdrew, the name was changed to Miller and Brown. Three years ago the two ceased to act in full partnership, although they continued to work their important cases together and conjointly transacted all important litigation.

In 1894 the honorary degree of Master of Arts was conferred on Brother Brown by Brown University. This same year he was invited to deliver the annual address before the alumni of the University—one of the most important honors of the commencement week programme. He complied with this invitation and gave a highly successful address before an audience that crowded the big Sayles Memorial Hall.

The election of Brother Brown to fill the position made vacant by the death of the well-known Judge Carpenter was made from a number of prominent attorneys who were aspirants for the position.

His professional career has been one that cannot but be gratifying for himself and his friends to look back upon. It has been marked by application to the legal rather than the business aspects of law practice. As an authority on constitutional law and in election cases he is generally acknowledged to have few peers in the state. As far back as 1891, he figured before the United States Supreme Court in the Sprague or Quidwick company cases, success attending the clients whom he was defending. Since then his career has been a prominent one. He has been counsel in several election cases in the state, and has by a wonderful combination of conscientious and brilliant work made for himself the reputation which called forth such universal congratulations over his recent honor.

The following brothers were in attendance from Zeta charge :

Dr. G. W. Carr, '57; Hon. H. J. Spooner, '60; W. D. Martin, '62; A. M. Bowen, '63; C. C. Haskins, '65; C. S. Sweetland, '66; Judge Arthur L. Brown, '70; A. H. Watson, '70; Jeffrey Davis, '70; Hon. A. S. Miller, '71; E. B. Hamlin, '72; F. M. Mathewson, '73; W. F. Brown, '73; Geo. Briggs, '76;

Julius Palmer, '77; C. S. Tower, '90; E. C. Frost, '90; G. H. Webb, '90; E. C. Stiness, '90; Dr. A. W. A. Traver, '92; M. W. Kern, '92; P. A. Selden, '93; H. A. Monroe, L. H. Newell and W. H. Kimball, '94; G. H. Eiswald, '95; E. S. Roberts and E. B. Morse, '96; F. R. Arnold, R. S. Emerson, G. L. Miner, A. C. Stone, M. H. Merchant, E. W. Shead and H. H. Totten, '98; J. A. Buffington, J. C. Chase, G. H. Davis, C. A. Hull, C. W. Low, N. W. Myrick, J. B. Bush and M. J. Burt, 1900; also E. A. Burlingame, Beta, '94; F. E. Parker, Eta, '91; Dr. W. F. Morrison, Lambda, '79; W. R. Conant, Omicron Deuteron, '83.

GEO. L. MINER.

CARL AXEL HARSTROM.

It is a pleasant bit of news which the SHIELD has to give its readers, and we are quite sure every brother who knows our beloved President of the Grand Lodge will rejoice to learn what seems to be in store for him. Hobart College is now without a head, President Potter having resigned recently. In casting about for a worthy successor, the wind has blown the net toward our worthy brother Carl Harstrom, and he now stands as the most prominent candidate for the presidency of his alma mater. To those who know him for what he really is, such a preferment is peculiarly fitting. He is a Hobart man in every sense of the word. When in college he was a stirring and active factor in all that was most essential to Hobart. He took a full classical course, and he filled it to the credit of the college and his own lasting fame. He took the "Horace White Essay" prize; the Junior Greek prize; the special prize for Senior debate; election to Phi Beta Kappa, and the valedictory at graduation. This is truly a list of honors which few men get, and anyone may well be proud of. This is not all, however. He won numerous other awards—all indicating that his ability was of a superior sort, and appreciated by the faculty. This is not all which can be said of his college life. Oftentimes a college man who sweeps all the

high honors is not popular with his fellow students, or socially congenial. Carl Harstrom not only received the confidence and esteem of the faculty, but was accorded the position of leader among his fellows, and possessed great influence in college affairs generally. He was editor-in-chief of each of the college publications in turn, was president of various college and class organizations, and a prominent factor in athletics. In fact, he was the most popular man in college. When you can find a man who can take all the honors and still retain the social esteem of his college mates, you have discovered the man who can make a successful college president; and such a man is Carl Harstrom. Follow his subsequent career and the same picture is seen. For twelve years he has been a successful teacher of boys, and to-day is proprietor and principal of one of the best college preparatory schools in the country. The happy faculty he possessed in college has not left him, and he is esteemed and loved by his boys. During these years of training boys, he has not forgotten his alma mater, and each year one or more boys have followed his guidance and entered Hobart College. His allegiance to his alma mater is phenomenal and fully equal to his collegiate record. Prof. Harstrom is a busy man, always on the move. His vacations have been devoted to extensive travel, both in this country and in Europe, for the purpose of studying the most modern systems of education in schools and colleges. For the past two years he has, in addition to his school work, taken time to pursue a post-graduate course at Yale in the line of classical Philology leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Of his fraternity work it may be said that he has kept in perfect touch with his own charge since he left college. Since his election to the presidency, two years ago, he has proven his deep interest in the welfare of the fraternity and his masterly ability to successfully fill the position. No President of the Grand Lodge has ever done more to advance the moral and social standing of Theta Delta Chi, and we look upon him as the one man who can and does command and secure the highest esteem of every active member of the fraternity. To make a long story short, Carl Harstrom is a man of the highest

moral character, of broad culture, a strong churchman, yet liberal-minded, a brilliant writer, a graceful yet forceful speaker, a man whose career from boyhood through school, college and professional life, has been one of uninterrupted success, without a single failure in any enterprise he has undertaken. Who can doubt the ability of such a man to successfully fill the chair of President of Hobart College, or any other for that matter! His life work seems to have been so intimately connected with Hobart since the day he entered her walls as a freshman, that he could now take the reins and guide her to a rich field of success. In the past it has seemed to be the popular idea that the president of a college must be a preacher. Time is gradually developing the fact that the successful preacher is not usually the successful teacher. Two qualities so pre-eminently important are seldom if ever combined in one person. As this fact has developed, attention has been turned toward the successful teachers who seem to have clearer business ideas and more of the attractive quality which wins the deepest regard of college students. The president who can enter into and sympathize with his students in their athletics, and their social surroundings, is the one who wins the hearts of the boys and draws forth their best efforts, while not in any degree detracting from their moral or religious needs. This being true, and knowing from long personal acquaintance with Carl Harstrom that all we say of him is true, we commend him to the Trustees of Hobart College as a man who can, and will if elected President, make Hobart College an institution of greater renown than she has ever been. He will instill into her a new life, and vim of the highest order. We urge any brother who knows the facts herein set forth to make himself heard in Bro. Harstrom's behalf. The election takes place next June, during commencement week.

CUSTODIAN OF ARCHIVES.

This is the title of a new office created by the last convention. It has for many years been the custom to pass the archives over to succeeding Presidents of the Grand Lodge for safe keeping. This was all right when the archives were few and the charges not numerous. As years passed on the number of charges increased, the archives multiplied and the President of the Grand Lodge found himself burdened with a mass of antiquity valuable in itself but cumbersome. It became apparent that something must be done to concentrate and properly preserve the growing mass of valuable records. President Harstrom, after carefully considering the question, recommended in his Grand Lodge report the creation of an office entitled "Custodian of Archives." The committee recommended the adoption of a resolution which provided for such an officer, who should be appointed by the Grand Lodge, and whose duty it should be to collect, hold in custody and complete all the archives of the fraternity. This resolution was adopted unanimously. The Grand Lodge have appointed Frederic Carter, Epsilon Deuteron, '90, to be "Custodian of the Archives." He has accepted the position and is hard at work already. There are several serious problems which confront him in his work, and which the Convention did not seem to grasp. The SHIELD desires to present these problems to the alumni for their consideration, and will endeavor to show facts as they are, and our duty in the matter of aiding Bro. Carter. The Custodian has already issued a circular letter setting forth the pressing needs of the hour, to which we are indebted for some of the points we present.

After a careful examination of the heterogeneous mass of collected matter the Custodian finds no complete file of minutes, no complete record of membership, in fact all records are incomplete, with no general inventory or index. In order to get things into such shape that the records may be kept in proper order it is necessary to spend much time in properly completing those in hand.

The next and a more important need is a safe for the preservation of these archives from fire or theft.

The next or first need, greater than all the rest, is money to procure the safe and to carry on the work of completing the records. The volume of correspondence necessary to do this will be immense. It will take many postage stamps, much stationery, and a type-writer would also be a handy article. The Convention, without asking any questions, voted "that the Grand Lodge defray all the expenses necessary to the custody and preservation of such archives." The Grand Lodge is willing, but unfortunately they are limited as to the amount of tax which can be placed upon the undergraduates for Grand Lodge expenses. The amount already assessed is all that should be called for, and is hardly sufficient to meet the growing demand upon the treasury for necessary and legitimate expenses, therefore they cannot supply the amount needed to do this work without cutting off some of the absolute expenses which the constitution requires, and such a course is not to be thought of. Then, again, it is not fair to ask the present undergraduates to pay for the work which should have been done years before they became members. It is clearly the duty of the alumni to pay the bill, and more than that, the expense of maintaining it should be borne by the graduates. It hardly seems necessary to present any arguments as to the desirability of preserving our archives. It is a lamentable fact that some move should have been made in this direction years ago, but better late than never. It does not seem just to ask any man to devote so much time to the work as it must consume to do the same properly, but Bro. Carter is and always has been a fraternity enthusiast, ready to spend his own time and money lavishly whenever the fraternity seemed to need them, and now accepts this office and its duties without hesitation or a moment's thought as to remuneration for his valuable services. It is not right, but like some others he may be obliged for a time to take glory in payment for service, but some day when the proper time comes the SHIELD will advise and urge a salary for this important office.

Bro. Carter is anxious to get down to solid work at once so

that the records may be completed before the semi-centennial and exhibited to the next Convention—and then we can start out on our second fifty-year period right. All that is necessary for this work is cash—spot cash—and it is manifestly the duty of the graduates to contribute the necessary amount. This is a direct appeal to every graduate reader of the SHIELD. It is your duty to do your share, and brotherly to add something more for your less fortunate brother who can not. This work must be done. The lasting reputation of the fraternity demands it, and your allegiance requires you to do your share. What will you do? Do not wait to be asked personally, but send your portion at once to Frederic Carter, 36 West 31st street, New York City.

REV. W. A. START.

Danger and death are on every hand and lurk in every corner. "Blown up in a Street Car" tells the sad tale which rung the death knell for many people in Boston on the morning of March 4th. Among those riding along in the car that morning who were precipitated into eternity in the twinkling of an eye, was our honored brother, Rev. W. A. Start, Bursar of Tufts College. From the *Tufts Weekly* we take the following account of the funeral:

"The funeral services of the Rev. Mr. Start took place in Goddard Chapel on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Previous to the ceremony in the chapel a short service was held at the residence on Talbot avenue, at which only the family and immediate relatives and friends were present. President Capen offered the prayer and made a few remarks.

"The chapel was filled with the relatives and friends, and with delegations from the various institutions in Boston and vicinity in which Rev. Mr. Start had interested himself. The Kappa Charge of Theta Delta Chi attended in a body, and many prominent ministers and laymen of the Universalist church, to the service of which the deceased gave the best years of his life, were present to pay their tribute to his worth.

The number of offerings of flowers was very large and bore evidence to a wide-spread love and respect. The service was conducted by President Capen and Professor Shipman. The reading from the scriptures was made by Professor Shipman, who spoke tenderly of the high personal characteristics and sterling qualities of the deceased and his earnest, untiring labor in the field of the Christian ministry.

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press of his personality upon the life of the several communities. He resided in North Cambridge during and after his pastorate there for upwards of twenty years. To-day his memory is affectionately cherished in the city of Cambridge. The most conspicuous public service rendered by Mr. Start was in the capacity of secretary of the Massachusetts Universalist Convention. He was elected to the office in 1876 and for eighteen years, with all the energy he could command, in a spirit of earnest consecration, and with untiring industry, he devoted himself to the duties that fell to his lot. Those eighteen years were the most prosperous years the Universalist church in this commonwealth has ever known. During this time many new parishes were created and under his wise and fostering care they so grew and prospered that they are to-day living witnesses to his fidelity and efficiency as an officer of the church. His handling of the financial problems of the convention was both prudent and sound. He was optimistic, but his optimism was not reckless. He advocated no wild schemes which only luck could afford the means of carrying to completion. At the same time he inspired such confidence in his methods of administration that money was not wanting to meet the reasonable demands of the convention's work. Since he gave up the office of secretary of the convention he has been engaged in similar work. He was secretary of the Bethany Home from its inception. He has also been for some years clerk of the Universalist Publishing House. Some two years ago he was appointed bursar of Tufts College, an office which the rapid growth of the college has rendered imperative. In this work he showed much skill and was fast bringing the matters involved in it into system and order. His decease at this time is a great loss to the college. Indeed, only as we begin to search for a man to fill the place which his death has made vacant shall we be able to estimate at their full value the qualities which he possessed. Enumerating some of the traits for which he was distinguished I should say: First, he was sincere. His mind was unclouded. He was pure minded. I never knew him to make a suggestion of evil; more than that, he was incapable of taking such suggestion from others.

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active members. Tom was especially zealous in imparting to the new initiates the proper fraternity spirit. The same genial nature attracted many men in after years and Tom has scores of warm friends of later birth, but none whose hearts beat warmer for him or go out with more sympathy in his present affliction than those who were associated with him at Dickinson in the sixties. In all probability his days are nearly done, but although he may wait a long time before his spirit takes flight, he can do nothing but wait. Such a condition is sad to contemplate and a letter or visit from any of his old Theta Delt friends would be to him like an oasis in the dreary desert. His address is 63 Riverside street, Fort Wayne, Ind.

LETTER WRITING.

To the Sigma Deuteron is due the credit of establishing a custom which should be in vogue in all the charges. We wish to say in connection with this that Sigma Deuteron has a stainless record in the matter of adopting and following out all the recommendations made by the Grand Lodge. When the writer instituted this charge as the representative of the Grand Lodge much pains was taken to outline all the work necessary to make it a successful charge. The report of the President of the Grand Lodge at the last convention gave evidence that the charge had faithfully endeavored to carry out all the suggestions made. This plan of letter writing is that every member of the charge shall write one letter each month to some graduate brother. The charge officers make out the list, and each month each member writes to different brothers, taking the one assigned on the monthly list. The editor of the SHIELD is by courtesy included in the monthly list of names. Every month comes a letter. This month from a senior, and next month from the freshman just initiated, but every one is full of interest, and we enjoy ours very much. The letters are easily composed, and differ much from those which are written by the charges for the SHIELD. We cannot too highly commend this practice. It has two features of great im-

portance. It keeps the graduate brothers in the closest touch with the charge, and makes the writers feel that they know the alumni whether they have ever seen them or not. More than this, the educational benefit which accrues to the boys from this practice is more than they can now realize. To be a fluent and interesting letter-writer is a great accomplishment. It requires practice and there is no better field for the best kind of practice than in writing these monthly letters. In the end it results in a kind of education, in which the college can have no direct part. Here they are at once putting into practice theories which they are being taught. We commend this system to the other charges for their adoption. It can also be said of Sigma Deuteron charge that their graduate members are almost without exception subscribers to the SHIELD. Were it so of all the other charges, what a periodical Theta Delta Chi could publish.

Our Graduates.

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

Rt. Rev. J. D. H. Wingfield, Epsilon, '53. It is with feelings of deep gloom that we announce the serious illness of Bishop Wingfield. May 23d, 1896, he suffered a stroke of paralysis, and has been entirely helpless since that time and confined to his bed. His faithful wife writes "his mental condition is such that he is not able to do anything rationally or intelligently, but when I asked him if he wished to renew his subscription to the SHIELD, he at once said 'Yes.'" Comment seems unnecessary. When such a man gives evidence, which might be called instinctive, to his attachment for the SHIELD, we are led to feel that there must be something of good in it, both for soul and body. Ever since the day we joined Theta Delta Chi, Bishop Wingfield has been spoken of as a great and good man, and as such we have always thought of him. When men of his stamp can for forty years hold a loving and loyal allegiance to the fraternity, we feel that it is a good thing for young men. Those of us who have known Bishop Wingfield during all these years, have only known him to love him and admire his beautiful christian character, and now we grieve at the sad misfortune which has terminated his life work. To his faithful wife the deepest sympathy is extended.

Frank H. Dorr, Theta Deuteron, '91, died at the home of his parents in Somersworth, N. H., Jan. 8, 1897, a victim to consumption. From the Somersville *Free Press* we glean the following history:

"Frank was born in this city June 5, 1869, and was the eldest child of Charles M. and Eunice H. Dorr. He completed the course of study in our public schools and was graduated from the high school in the class of '87. The following autumn he entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he pursued with honor the prescribed work. He was graduated from the course of electrical engineering in June, 1891. The next month he entered the employ of the Thompson-Houston company at Lynn, securing a position for which there were several hundred applications. He remained with this company for a year, when he was engaged as expert engineer by the General Electric company at Chicago. Perhaps the most interesting electrical work he did was in connection

with the World's Fair. The electrical fountains which attracted so much attention were built by Mr. Dorr and were operated by him every night during the fair. He afterward superintended the removal of one of these fountains to the Midwinter Exposition in California and operated it there also. Mr. Dorr, as the only electrical expert connected with the Chicago office of the General Electric company, made frequent trips into many parts of the country and was compelled to work in all sorts of places. It is very possible that the sudden changes of climate to which he was subjected, together with the alternation of outdoor and indoor work, prepared the way for the insidious disease, consumption, from which he was suffering when he returned home the 12th of last May. Everything possible was done to save him. He took a thorough course of treatment at the Pasteur Institute in New York, which seemed at the time to benefit him, but the progress of the disease was only retarded. When it became evident that he could not recover, Miss Sophie R. Maher, to whom he was to have been married in October last, was called from her home in Chicago, and, until his death, helped in the sad but grateful task of ministering to his comfort. He died painlessly, surrounded by his loved ones. The funeral was from the house, Monday, Jan. 11, at 2 o'clock. A large company of neighbors and friends gathered in sympathy and grief." Rev. Geo. H. Spencer, Lambda, '90, who officiated, spoke of him as follows: He referred to his close personal relation with Mr. Dorr during their college days, and testified to the high respect and warm friendship he had always felt for him. After speaking of this death as untimely from human point of view, he urged that faith in Christ, as the revealer of God, enabled us to believe that life is one here and hereafter, and that nothing is lost which has contributed to a larger life. "Frank Hayes Dorr, as a man, was what those who watched his boyhood expected him to be. I will not say he was brilliant, because I wish to say better things of him. Pre-eminently he was *faithful*—faithful in his studies, faithful in his business, faithful in his friendships, faithful in his religion, which was not at all demonstrative in expression, but was a deep-seated principle of living, and had been since he joined the church of his choice as a boy. He had good *judgment*, that rare qualification for life's responsibilities. He was a not a showy man. He did not talk much beforehand about what to do, but when the test came he did the right thing. His employers have said 'He did better than was expected of him and filled every place full.' And he was a *brave* man; not on the battle field in headlong charge, or in grim and stolid resistance, is found the truest heroism. To face death daily, hourly, in prostrate weakness, and to think never of self, but tenderly to plan for the comfort of others, is to show forth a nature tuned to highest things. Somersworth buries a hero to-day. But all is not lost. Every beautiful memory still abides. The depth of your sorrow is the height of your comfort. You could not so grieve were he not so worthy. His

influence is not dead. It lives again in other lives, and who can measure the bounds of even these twenty-seven years as they enter into the divine plan and stretch out through family, friends and associates. Perhaps he lived a long life, for

'We live in deeds, not years—in thoughts, not breaths ;
In feelings, not in figures on the dial ;
We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.' "

The interment was in Forest Glade cemetery. Geo. F. Hill, Fred L. Hayes, M. D., Omicron Deuteron, '92, Edgar M. Horne, and Rev. George H. Spencer, Lambda, '91, acted as bearers.

Dr. George W. Webber, Omicron, '60, died at his home in Millbury, Mass., June 11, 1895. The SHIELD has just learned of his death, and although late in the day, we give the following sketch as a matter of permanent record: George Clark Webber was born in Hallowell, Maine, November 15, 1837. He was the son of the late Rev. George Webber, D. D., one of the makers of New England Methodism and for sixteen years presiding elder, and highly honored by the Maine Conference in many ways. Dr. Webber laid the foundation of his education in the country schools of the towns to which his father was assigned during his early life, as a minister. He prepared for college at the Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill, Maine, and passed his college days at Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn., from which he graduated in 1860. Leaving college he filled the position of principal of Brainard academy at Hadden, Conn., for two years, after which he entered the Harvard Medical School, graduating from there in 1863. He first practiced medicine in Kennebunkport, Maine; in 1866 he removed to Newton Upper Falls, where he continued the practice of his profession, and in 1870 he came to Millbury. At intervals after his graduation from the Harvard Medical School and previous to locating at Millbury, Dr. Webber filled responsible positions as an instructor in the schools of Maine. During the late war he deceased, in response to the call of his country, from 1863 to '65, served as acting assistant surgeon in the United States navy. He was assigned to the United States ship Kensington and later was transferred to the ship Commodore Barney. He was a member of George A. Custer post, No. 70, G. A. R., of Millbury, and his last public words were addressed to the school children of West Millbury, along patriotic lines, on the afternoon preceding Memorial day. Dr. Webber was the founder of the Millbury Natural History Society. He held the position of president at the time of his death, and from first to last has taken a deep interest in the work of the organization. Under his direction a large collection of natural history specimens has been brought together. Dr. Webber was elected a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society in 1871, and retained his connection until the time of his death. He was also a member of the Worcester county branch of

the Massachusetts Medical Society and was for some time its president. While having no formal church membership, the deceased was a man of deep religious convictions and a christian gentleman of the truest type. He attended the First Congregational church and gave liberally of his means for its support. Dr. Webber married Miss Sarah P. Leavitt, in Maine, November 24, 1864. Four children resulted from the union, two of whom, Howard M. and Carrie S. of this place, and the widow survive him. He also leaves a brother and sister, Walter G. Webber of Bath, Maine, and Mrs. S. J. Sawyer of South Norwalk, Conn. The home life of the deceased was of a most beautiful and devoted character and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to the deeply afflicted family.

Raymond D. Hazen, Omicron Deuteron, '96, was united in marriage December 24, 1896, to Miss Katherine L. Chamberlin of White River Junction, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. Hazen reside in New York city, where Mr. Hazen has a lucrative position as teacher.

Rev. Charles D. Adams, Omicron Deuteron, '77, professor of Greek in Dartmouth College, has been very seriously ill, owing to internal injuries sustained by a severe fall. He is now improving.

John H. Bartlett, Omicron Deuteron, '94, principal of the Portsmouth High School, Portsmouth, N. H., was one of the successful competitors in the recent Boston Globe contest, in which the six most popular teachers in each of the New England states were given a trip to Washington at the inauguration of President McKinley.

Rev. David Gregg, Pi, '65, in addition to his other active work, has recently written a book which he has entitled "Ideal Young Men and Women," which is published by E. B. Treat & Co., New York. It is divided into three chapters. "A Young Woman's Concept of an Ideal Young Man," "A Young Man's Concept of an Ideal Young Woman," and "Ideal Letter-Writing." Dr. Gregg has just sailed for six months travel abroad.

A. S. Clift, Mu Deuteron, '95, has left the employ of the General Electric works at Schenectady, N. Y., to accept a better position in the Crocker-Wheeler works at Ampere, N. J.

Henry A. Wing, Eta, '80, has been appointed by Governor Powers, of Maine, as lieutenant-colonel on his staff. Bro. Wing was for a number of years editor of the Lewiston *Daily Sun*. He is a democrat, and Governor Powers has departed from the usual practice in appointing a democrat on his staff, as this is the only case in recent years. Bro. Wing has for a long time been a personal friend of the governor, who, in looking around for a newspaper man to be a member of his official family, took Bro. Wing as the logical candidate for the position. Bro. Wing has a great many friends throughout the state, who will be pleased to hear of his recognition at the hands of a republican governor.

Albert F. Hovey, Phi, '95, is with the H. F. Jones Electrical Co., in Buffalo. His house address is 34 Cottage street.

Henry G. Thomas, Eta, '58, died in Oklahoma, January 23d, 1897, where he had been ill for some time. He was a son of the late W. W. Thomas, an overseer of Bowdoin college, who died a few weeks ago in his ninety-fourth year, and a brother of the Hon. W. W. Thomas, jr., ex-minister to Sweden and Norway. General Thomas was born in Portland, April 5, 1837, and commenced his course at Bowdoin, but at the end of sophomore year he changed to Amherst, from which he received his degree in 1858. A few years later he was admitted to the Cumberland county bar. At the breaking out of the war he enlisted as a private in the Fifth Maine volunteers, served as captain of that company from June to August, and was then transferred to the Eleventh United States infantry with the rank of captain. After the first battle of Bull Run he was appointed colonel of the Second United States colored regiment, and engaged in the actions of Bristol Station, Rappahannock Station and Mine Run. He then organized the Nineteenth United States colored regiment and became its colonel in December, 1863. He was later engaged in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, and other important engagements. He was made brigadier-general of volunteers, November 30, 1864, and transferred to the army of the James. He led a brigade and a division in the Twenty-fifth corps of that army and temporarily commanded the corps. He was mustered out of the volunteer service in 1866, but remained in the United States army as paymaster, with the rank of major, for many years. General Thomas was the first regular officer to accept the colonelcy of colored troops.

Prof. Duncan Campbell Lee, Psi, '91. In the last SHIELD we gave a short sketch of Professor Lee's work in connection with oratory in Cornell and referred to the probability of success in the debate which was soon to take place with the University of Pennsylvania. It is needless to say that the contest resulted in an overwhelming victory for Cornell, which was clearly due to Bro. Lee's ability in training his debaters. The *Ithaca Daily News* in a recent number gave a sketch of Bro. Lee's life and makes the following remarks: "It is with pleasure that the *News* introduces to its readers to-day Professor D. C. Lee who is at the head of the Oratorical department at Cornell and to whom more than to any other single individual Cornell owes her recent brilliant victory in debate over the University of Pennsylvania. In 1891 he was appointed vice-principal of Cascadilla school and in 1893 was chosen as professor of oratory to succeed Professor B. G. Smith. Under his administration this department has had one uninterrupted era of success. The standard of the work in elocution and oratory has steadily been raised, while the work in debate was originated by him and carried out wholly according to his ideas. He has added several new courses to those already given by the department. Under his guidance four of the debating clubs of

the University have been established and from him Cornell's representatives have received the instruction which has enabled them to win against the University of Pennsylvania. Cornell's future in debate certainly looks bright, and we think it is not too much to prophesy that it will not be many years before Cornell will have an unbroken string of victories in debate, as she has in rowing at present."

Arthur Henry Veysey, Gamma Denteron, '93, after graduating at Ann Arbor, spent the next year at the Episcopal Seminary in New York. The following year he taught at the Shattuck military school in Faribault, Minn. The summer following he spent at Paris, France, studying French customs. He returned to New York in October and for the two years since that time he has been at the Theological Seminary. In the meantime he has not been idle in what may develop into his life work, for which he has had such an admirable training. The notice which we give under exchange comments regarding a book which Bro. Veysey has written will indicate the trend of his present ambition. The book is one of the best we have read in many a day. It belongs to the class known as "light reading," but it's a long way in advance of the great mass of such books. Bro. Veysey writes that he is already dramatizing the book. He was being assisted by Professor Wheatcrop of the Empire Theatre school of acting, who died suddenly a few days ago. Other arrangements will, however, be made and in a short time the play will be produced. If the play is as attractive as the book it will be a great success.

Alfred W. Peirce, Kappa, '82, who for twelve years has been principal of Goddard Seminary, at Barre, Vt., closed his connection with the school March 1st to accept the principalship of the Dean Academy at Franklin, Mass. This new position offers many attractions and better financial inducements.

John H. Grotecloss, Jr., Beta, '84, was appointed principal of Grammar School No. 11, in New York City, about two years ago. He was one of the youngest principals in the city, but during his term of service he has inaugurated many improvements in the city schools. He received his early education in schools Nos. 3 and 35, graduating from the latter to the City College. After a brief time at this institution he left to attend Cornell University; in athletics he was very prominent, especially in football and rowing, being captain of both teams for several seasons. He was graduated with high honors from Cornell in 1884. Soon after graduation he was appointed in No. 11, in which school he has remained until the present time, having been successively advanced from third assistant teacher to principal.

F. A. Herendeen, Xi, '87. Bro. Herendeen and his wife sailed from New York March 27th on the Thingvalla line for Christiana, Norway. They will visit St. Petersburg, Glasgow, Berlin, and make an extended trip of combined business and pleasure, returning about June 1st.

Rev. James H. Ecob, Psi, '69. The following clipping from the Chicago *Times-Herald* is of interest: "It was a notable Sabbath when Whitelaw Reid and Charles Emory Smith accompanied Mr. Blaine to church. Rev. Dr. James H. Ecob was the pastor for ten years. He began his clerical labors in Augusta—a small, delicate, art-loving man from Andover—spiritually minded, sensitive as a plant and a sermonizer with an ability that has since made him distinguished. He was preceded in that old Congregational pulpit by Tappan and Webb and Mackenzie. Dr. Ecob went to Albany, N. Y., for ten years more good service in that city as a Presbyterian. In the meantime the wife gained note by a reform work, "The Well-Dressed Woman." Dr. Ecob got out of touch with the old theology and became one of Dr. Briggs' intimates. He is now in Denver in Myron Reed's old pulpit. Briggs is a fighter and repels many earnest people who want light but who love the old anchorage. Ecob is gentle and reasonable and loving. But the man who takes on radicalism in religion has a hard battle to keep his temper and to save the wreckage of the old faith. If he be honest, the angels must weep in sympathy for one sore beset. His questioners press him farther and farther back; he must seek new arguments, and before he knows it he may be unconsciously drawing on the figures and claims of those pronounced "anathema." Dr. Ecob is a silverite; a recent lecture widely circulated reveals the same beautiful diction, the sympathetic love for humanity, the same incisive sarcasm, the same pleading persuasion to turn from sin, with which twenty years ago he crowded Wednesday night prayer meetings on the Kennebec—no easy task, the preachers say." A recent number of the *Outlook* says of him: "After a period of long depression, the First Congregational church in Denver seems to have reached a state of great prosperity under its new pastor, the Rev. J. H. Ecob, D. D., who is well known to the readers of the *Outlook*, and who for many years was a pastor in Albany. In the year that Dr. Ecob has been pastor of the church seventy-three members have been added; the congregations have doubled; the Sunday-school and mid-week service more than doubled; the building has been redecorated, and on all sides are evidences of great prosperity. This will be no surprise to those who know Dr. Ecob. Such men are needed in the great and growing centers of population in the west."

James Giltbert Riggs, Mu Deuteron, '88, superintendent of the Plattsburgh public schools, lectured before the juniors of New York University in the English division recently. His subject was "Tennyson and His Poetry." The lecture was comprehensive, and many of the lecturer's deductions concerning Tennyson's actual temperament were based upon knowledge gained from the son of the late poet laureate, and investigations made at Tennyson's late residence.

Frank P. Eldridge, Iota, '88, is vice-president of the National Sewing Machine Company, located at Belvidere, Ill.

V. O. Taylor, Kappa, '68. On the 15th of September Bro. Taylor and his wife celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary. They were married in Athol, Mass., and on that day the wedding-cake was hermetically sealed in a tin box which was opened at the silver wedding and found to be in fair order. Bro. Taylor has resided at 158 Whitmarsh street, Providence, for many years. When Bro. Taylor was in college and correspondent of Kappa charge the editor was correspondent of Phi charge. We kept up the correspondence for nearly twenty years before we had the pleasure of personal acquaintance. Bro. Taylor rather got the best of the editor, however, on the silver wedding—we enjoyed ours November 2, 1896. Silver weddings never come but once and few see the golden, but we sincerely hope Bro. Taylor and his good wife may be permitted to do so.

W. G. Hartwell, Sigma Deuteron, '95, is now a full-fledged lawyer. He is one of the firm of Rush & Hartwell, attorneys and counselors, Chippewa Falls, Wis. The firm belongs to the Commercial Law League of America. Although deeply engrossed in a rapidly-growing business, Bro. Hartwell writes that he enjoys his SHIELD, because it is the chief factor in keeping alive his interest in the fraternity.

Hon. Willis S. Paine has been spending the winter in Florida. He will return to New York about May 1st.

D. L. Hower, Phi, '92, is prospering and eminently successful in his position as superintendent of the Wayne county schools. He has introduced many new features, such as district institutes, common school diploma examinations, &c., and they are well received. He still resides at Honesdale, Pa. While Bro. Hower is always full of work he is not too busy to enjoy his SHIELD and then write a cheerful letter to the editor thanking him for the treat.

O. M. Salisbury, Sigma Deuteron, '95, is still living at Mazomaine, Wis., and principal of the high school. He seems to be prospering and happy. A New Year's present in the form of a sweet baby girl gives new zest to life, and Mr. and Mrs. S. are correspondingly happy.

William Stranahan, Beta, '91, has just completed a relief map of Ithaca and vicinity, which he presented to Cornell University. Bro. Stranahan has been with the government geological survey for a long time and has done much fine work in his line.

Wm. L. Stone, Zeta, '67, is now writing a history of the 156th regiment N. Y. Vols., raised in Ulster and Greene county. Bro. Stone's life is very much absorbed in revolutionary history. In the fall of '96 he delivered an address at Guilford, Conn., before the "Stone Association" which was replete with revolutionary reminiscences.

Philip H. Dater, Iota Deuteron, '96, is spending the year at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, doing post graduate work in civil engineering.

C. E. Bryant, Pi Deuteron, '98, is now in Toronto, Canada. Address, 141 Roxboro avenue.

Henry S. Morris, Tau Deuteron, '91, is now located at Sisseton, South Dakota, and is cashier of the Sisseton State Bank.

James E. Peabody, Iota Deuteron, '92, Olcott O. Partridge, '94, and Philip H. Dater, '96, attended the annual dinner of the New England Association of Williams alumni, at the University Club in Boston, February 15th.

Edward Bartow, Iota Deuteron, '92, who has been instructor in chemistry at Williams since graduating at Gottingen in 1895, has been appointed an assistant professor at the University of Kansas. He left Williams to accept this position last January, with his wife and two-months old daughter.

Fred E. Kimball, Kappa, '92, has settled down to business and is a member of the wholesale grocery firm of Spaulding, Kimball & Co., at Burlington, Vt. In fact he entered the firm very soon after leaving college. Bro. Kimball's home life is very happy. A daughter was born to them December 12th.

J. G. Robinson, Xi, '91, is assistant rector of Grace Episcopal church, South Boston, Mass. His duties are mainly to visit cases of sickness, poverty and crime, and to care for the welfare of children. The field is large and he is constantly occupied and perfectly happy. He resides at No. 9 Woodward street.

Austin Rice, Mu Deuteron, '94. A striking testimonial to the value of the courses in public speaking at Amherst and the training given by the weekly literary exercises of Mu Deuteron is furnished by the appointment of Bro. Austin Rice, '94, to the Yale lectureship on debating. The intercollegiate debates with Princeton and Harvard have stimulated at Yale widespread interest in debating, and it was felt that the experience of a tried and successful debater would prove helpful to the undergraduate aspirants. A lectureship has therefore been established and Bro. Rice selected as its incumbent. He first came into prominence in the debating at Yale at the time of the Yale-Princeton debate last year when he received a medal from the Yale alumni of New York as a mark of their appreciation of his work. Bro. Rice entered upon his duties March 5th, delivering his first lecture before the Freshman Debating Union. Bro. Rice will graduate from the Yale Divinity School in May.

William B. Shober, Nu Deuteron, '86, has recovered from a recent severe attack of typhoid fever. The following clipping is from the English journal, *Science and Art of Mining*: "The Practical Method of Organic Chemistry. By Ludwig Gattermann, Ph. D., professor of the University of Heidelberg. This excellent translation from the German of a thoroughly reliable book, will be welcome to English reading students, the great majority of whom are not equal to the language of

the original text. The translation of any book, especially scientific, is at once a compliment to the author and his country, and a boon to the new community to whom it is addressed. Dr. Gatterman is worthy of a translator, and Dr. Shober has done his work of translation well. Many really good books lose by being brought out in another tongue; 'Practical Methods of Organic Chemistry' loses none of its value, and gains a new world of readers. Ultimately no book will have quite fulfilled its end until it appears in what appears destined to be the language, good old Anglo-Saxon. The work comprises: General part, organic analytical methods, special part, aliphatic series, aromatic series, pyridine and quinoline series; inorganic part. The work contains some eighty good illustrations, and is got up in printing and binding in the clear and attractive manner which is associated with the eminent publishing firm of Macmillan, now as well known in the United States of America as they have long been in England. Text books on organic chemistry are not too numerous, and a cheerful welcome is assured for Shober's Gattermann." The January number of the *American Chemical Journal* contains an article on the "Action of Sulphuric Acid on Anisol," from Bro. Shober's pen.

John A. Grant, Phi, '86, died at Lost Creek, Pa., February 9th, of pneumonia, after a short illness. He was buried at Pottsville, February 12th. After leaving college Bro. Grant entered the service of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. as a chainman, being successively advanced to transitman and continued till he became division engineer, which position he occupied at the time of his death. He was a young man of fine physique and mental attainments and obtained his advancement solely on the ground of merit and faithful attention to business. He was one of the best known and most popular young men in the Schuylkill region. He was a good Theta Delta, a loyal member of the Phi charge, and a zealous supporter of the SHIELD. Although but thirty-one years of age at death, he lived long enough to make a good beginning toward a successful career. His whole attention was given to the work in hand and he had risen from one position to another, and had his life been spared he must have made a name for himself. He was unmarried, but leaves a mother and several brothers and sisters to mourn his untimely loss.

Rev. Leslie F. Potter, Xi, '93, has changed his location from Mexico, Mo., to Omaha, Neb., where he was called in November to take charge of St. Matthew's church. The church is larger and increases Bro. Potter's work, but as he is young and active he will be able to care for it. His present address is 2202 South 11th street.

Clarence J. Russell, Iota Deuteron, '96, is teacher of sciences in the Pittsfield, Mass., High school.

Clarence W. Dunham, Iota Deuteron, '96, is teacher of Greek in Drury Academy, North Adams, Mass.

George W. Hunter, Jr., Iota Deuteron, '95. His engagement is announced to Miss Emily Mabel Jobbins of Aurora, Ill.

Rev. Lynn P. Armstrong, Iota Deuteron, '93, was ordained last fall, and received a call to the mission church connected with the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian church of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lemuel C. Paine, Alpha, '50, has for many years been a resident of Rochester. He is the honored head of the wholesale drug house known as "The Paine Co." He has been a constant reader of the SHIELD for years.

Rev. W. R. McKim, Theta, '94, was graduated from the General Theological Seminary in New York last June, ordained deacon at Trinity church, Norfolk, Neb., June 17th. During the summer he made his headquarters at Omaha, but did outside mission work. In November he was placed in charge of the missions of Hartington, Coolidge and Wayne. On December 20th he was advanced to the priesthood at Holy Trinity, Lincoln, Neb. His residence is now at Hartington, Neb.

HOBSON—HARRIS.

The marriage of Miss Florence Harris to Albion Wilbur Hobson, Lambda, '89, which took place at the Congregational church, in East Machias, Me., Christmas night, was a brilliant affair. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreen and holly. In the center, under the chandelier, was an arch, formed of holly and cedar. About seven o'clock the guests were escorted to their seats by the ushers, Francis L. Talbot, George F. Cary, John A. Pope and Samuel P. Harris. At the appointed hour the organ pealed forth the March from Lohengrin, under the skillful touch of Herbert Harris, uncle of the bride, and Miss Florence, leaning on the arm of her father, and preceded by the ushers, bridesmaids and maid of honor, walked slowly to the altar, where she was met by Mr. Hobson and his best man, Bro. H. J. Bickford, Lambda, '91, of New York. Rev. M. J. Talbot, D. D., of Providence, R. I., great uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony according to the impressive ritual of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the Rev. H. F. Harding pronounced the solemn words which made them man and wife, after which the bridal party left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March. A reception at the house of Hon. Austin Harris followed the ceremony, and the newly wedded pair received the hearty congratulations of their friends. The presents were many and elegant, especially the table of cut glass dishes of the most exquisite designs. During the evening a bountiful collation was served in the dining room. The house was tastefully decorated with holly and green, a sprig of mistletoe hung from the chandelier, which seemed to be appreciated by some of the guests. The old-time Virginia reel was indulged in, led by the bride and her father. Mrs. Hobson was radiant in white satin en traine, and lace, with the bridal veil of white illusion, and carried lilies of the valley, her only ornament a brooch of pearls and diamonds, gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids, Miss Elsie Hobson, sister of the groom, and Miss Mabel Harris, sister of the bride, were lovely in white with bouquets of pinks, while the maid of honor, Miss Lucy Sanborn, was brilliant in pink with white flowers. The weather was perfect, and all went merry as a marriage bell, the happy pair starting upon their wedding journey amid a shower of rice from the young people. After a trip south and to Niagara, their home will be at 57 South Clinton street, Rochester, New York.

In Memoriam.**MRS. WILLIS S. PAINE.**

All of our brothers in Theta Delta Chi will unite with me in heartfelt sympathy with our dear Brother, Willis S. Paine, in the death of his remarkably beautiful and accomplished wife, an event which occurred on the twentieth day of last December, of typhoid fever, after an illness of but two weeks' duration. As most of the brothers know, she was the niece of ex-Governor Tilden. She was the youngest child of Henry A. Tilden, of New Lebanon, N. Y. She was a grand-daughter of General Jacob S. Gould of Rochester, N. Y., who preceded Colonel Paine's father, Colonel Nicholas E. Paine, but a short time as mayor of that city. And as stated in the newspapers of that city, at the time of the marriage, it was the first time in the history of Rochester that the descendant of one mayor had married the descendant of another. Although I knew her but slightly, yet at the different times when I met her I was struck with the perfect unaffectedness of her character—a trait which, aside from a lovely person, endeared her to all with whom she was brought into contact. Indeed, to quote from an obituary published a few days after her decease, "She was the pet of her brothers and sisters, and her amiable ways won her a large circle of true friends. She was very true in her friendship, though *never demonstrative*. Only her intimate friends knew of her exceedingly numerous and very liberal benefactions, and they only in case they had to be used to distribute money, for she went quietly and modestly about it. She was one of those few of the wealthy that gained the applause of the less fortunate. Indeed, her last days are an epitome of her life. She had gone to the western part of the state to provide for a helpless lady, and while about that business contracted the malady that terminated an unusually healthy life. Mr. Paine, as they had no children, is completely bereaved, and has the sincere sympathy of his very many friends."

Gifted, moreover, with intellectual powers of unusual keenness, possessed of strong and unalterable affections, and manifesting on all occasions the warmest interest in the pursuits and welfare of her friends, she was ever a cherished and animated companion; and those who knew her most intimately ever found her twining herself more closely about their affections, thus rendering herself more essential to their happiness. Truly sincere and consistent in her regard, all felt that they might confide in her with full confidence that they would receive a friendly response. Her love for the beautiful, whether in nature or in art, was conspicuous; and like a highly-polished camera, sensitive to the slightest impressions, her mind received and retained whatever pleasing images passed across its surface.

It was, however, in the home circle that she most shone. As a wife she constantly sought to make her home attractive by all those domestic excellencies which a true woman knows so well how to adopt. In fact, utterly unselfish, her highest pleasure seemed to consist in ministering to the happiness of the loved ones who occasionally gathered around her hearthstone. A liberal hospitality, also, was ever dispensed to friends outside of the home circle; she never seemed happier than when sharing with others the gifts that Providence had so liberally bestowed upon her.

I should, however, be doing injustice to the dead, did I not allude to her christian character. As a member of Dr. Parkhurst's church, she exemplified the doctrine of Christ, who went about doing good; and no one, who knew of her unobtrusive but effective charities, her ministrations of love, and her own religious convictions confided to those who shared her confidence, can doubt that when, in that quiet sleep ere yet she was conscious of having entered the shadow, the veil which hides the unseen world was gently lifted, her Heavenly Father's hand was extended to take her to Himself.

Could the lovely and attractive graces of person and mind combined in her, could the anguish of a fond husband, the flowing tears of affectionate sisters have stayed the shaft of Death, then had not Ruby died.

But she is gone ; and like the short-lived splendors of the morning star, her path is lost in the brightness of the light which shuts her from our vision !

WILLIAM L. STONE.

MT. VERNON, N. Y., Jan. 18 '97.

JOHN A. GRANT.

PHI, '86.

WHEREAS, In His infinite love and wisdom, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call to Himself our beloved brother, John A. Grant, who died Feb. 9, 1897 ; and

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

Resolved, That while humbly submitting to the decree of Almighty God, we deeply mourn the loss of our beloved brother, and extend to his bereaved relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathies ; and be it

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

For the Charge.

RABE F. MARSH, '97.

J. LEAVITT GRIGGS, '98.

EVAN C. JONES, '98.

WILLIAM A. START.

KAPPA, '62.

WHEREAS, A mysterious Providence has taken from us, in a sudden and tragic way, our much loved brother, William A. Start ; and

WHEREAS, Though humbly bowing to the dark decree, and fully trusting in its wise and faithful purpose ; be it

Resolved, That we cannot withhold our lament at the loss of one so loved and respected ; and be it

Resolved, That we desire to assure the bereaved family and their many friends of our common sorrow, and of our heartfelt sympathy for them in their grievous ordeal.

For the Kappa Charge of Theta Delta Chi,

COLEMAN TOUSEY.

ERNEST G. MARBLE.

JOHN P. CLARK.

Tufts College, March 30, '97.

In Memoriam.

GEORGE H. LANE.

KAPPA, '66.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to summons to the halls of the Omega charge our brother, George H. Lane of the class of '66, who died at his home in Rochester, N. Y., December 27, 1896; and,

WHEREAS, We, the Kappa charge of Theta Delta Chi, wish to bear testimony to the esteem in which we hold the memory of our beloved brother; be it

Resolved, That we extend to his family and the many friends who mourn his loss our most sincere sympathy; and be it further

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

For the charge.

ROLAND HAMMOND, '98.

I. RICH KENT, '99.

J. OTIS BURRAGE, 1900.

Tufts College, Mass., Feb. 8, 1897.



Correspondence.

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

BALDWINVILLE, N. Y., }
Feb. 2, 1897. }

DEAR BRO. HOLMES:

I have received the December SHIELD, and read the account of the convention with great interest. I wish I might have been there. I mean to start a sinking fund to insure attendance at the proposed semi-centennial.

I was astounded that, out of 1,500 letters sent out by the committee, they received only thirty-three responses. That was truly a discouraging showing. I suppose that is a fair sample of the lukewarmness with which you have contended for the past eight years. I was a little ashamed to have contributed only a paltry sum, but in the light of events I am proud to be enrolled in the noble thirty-three.

I like the-suggestion of Willis S. Paine first rate: that graduates pay \$5.00 a year to their respective charges. I suggested this very thing to Xi two years ago, when back attending commencement, except that I made the amount only \$1.00 instead of \$5.00. With this money, or for it, perhaps, the charge was to print a letter or communication to the graduates, giving a history of the charge for the year, general items of society news, and college incidents, which would be appreciated by the "grads." This would keep alive the latter's interest in the society and give us more members like yourself, Bro. Mellon and a host of others, or possibly a *few* others who seem to be a *host* in themselves.

I think the sad lack of fraternity spirit in the graduate is due largely to the fact that when he leaves college he is forgotten, and he himself forgets. If he felt bound to send his charge \$5.00, or even only \$1.00 a year, and received in return a resumé of fraternity news affairs, he would keep in touch with his charge and his ardor would continue unabated, instead of as now becoming dormant, to be aroused spasmodically by some great convention or unexpected event.

I sincerely wish such a rule would be adopted. If the society undertook it and required each charge to put it into effect, it would be better for all, because we want not only a loyal and enthusiastic Sigma or Xi,

but every charge, from Alpha to Omega, to vie with each other in friendly rivalry as to which could do most to show that true brotherly love which ends but with the life.

I inclose \$5.00 for the SHIELD. You may consider my former subscription for the convention as holding. If I can do better when you call for the money, I will gladly increase it.

If there is any way that I can assist you by writing letters, etc., call on me.

Yours fraternally,

R. C. SCOTT.

SHARPSBURG, Md., Jan. 30, 1897.

DEAR BROTHER HOLMES :

Your recommendation that Washington and Chicago be embraced in the list of cities where the annual convention is held will meet the cordial approval of a host of brothers who can there avail themselves of the opportunity to be present. Anyone who, like myself, has attended one convention, desires a repetition of the pleasant privilege. Although about thirty years have elapsed since I was present at a convention in the Astor House, it is yet a matter of delight to recall this occasion.

I am also highly gratified that you have been prevailed upon to continue in the editorship of THE SHIELD—a position you have occupied so long, with so much enthusiasm and ability.

Faithfully and fraternally,

CHAS. G. BIGGS.

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 16, 1897.

DEAR BROTHER :

Enclosed find \$2.00, in renewal of SHIELD subscription. You invite suggestions. Hence I offer the following :

Do the undergraduates fully appreciate the interest which the graduates take in the condition of each individual charge of our fraternity? It seems to me they do not, else each charge would be represented by some communication in each SHIELD, giving a few facts regarding the condition of the charge and general college news. It can not be burdensome to write four short communications in each year.

Again : Some of the charge correspondents are very careless in reporting the names of initiates. How often do we read something like this : "Last night we initiated Bros. Smith, Brown and Jones. They are prominent in their classes, and will make good Theta Deltas." Such an item is far better than none, for it informs the brotherhood of the continued growth of the charge. But ought not the new men to be fully disclosed to the brotherhood with whom, by the act of initiation, they have been brought into an intimate relation? It might happen, undoubtedly often would happen, that the initiates reside in a city or section where graduate brothers reside, and such knowledge as would be

given by a report of the initiates' names in full, with class and address, would be for the mutual advantage, in many ways, of the old and new brothers. Irrespective, however, of such advantage, the full report will be of the greatest advantage in later years in writing up fraternity and charge histories.

Yours fraternally,

S. D. ALLEN.

FARIBAULT, Minn., Feb. 13, 1897,

DEAR BROTHER HOLMES :

I hand you my check for subscription to the SHIELD. I have not been a reader, or rather subscriber, for many or even *several* years, but during the brief time that I have been taking it I have read with increasing interest its crowded pages, and I want to express my congratulation on the charming spirit with which its pages are inspired and illuminated. Especially interesting is the latest number, and I wish I could have been there. I seem to hear the voices and see the faces of some of the brothers who spoke, and recognize the source of inspiration of all the speeches at the banquet.

It is strange but true that the genuine Theta Delt never wholly loses the fraternity idea and spirit, however long he may be separated from active participation in the meetings. My experience is that the more serious and sober pursuits in life make the fraternal ties dearer and stronger than ever.

Even theology (of the right sort) has no tendency to undermine the foundation of our fraternity, but rather to show that its rock is eternal, and, as Bro. Raines expressed, is only an extension of the essential principle of God himself.

With best wishes for the success of your most generous undertakings in the interests of the fraternity,

Yours sincerely,

CHARLES A. POOLE, Xi, '72.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Feb. 9, 1897.

DEAR BROTHER :

Enclosed find \$2.00, to pay my subscription to the SHIELD for the coming year; let the good work go on. I am hard up, same as the times, but will endeavor to help the SHIELD with my mite as long as I can raise the dust. I was very much interested in the account of the convention given in the last SHIELD, and was only sorry that I am unable to attend any of the Grand Lodge conventions owing to the distance, etc. I hope the semi-centennial celebration next year will be a big success, and although it seems a big undertaking in these hard times, still I cannot but admire the grit, energy and loyal love for Theta Delta Chi of the brothers, especially those having the immediate charge of the arrangements, in going in to make it as big a success as possible. May they succeed far beyond their utmost expectations.

Yours in Theta Delta Chi,

F. H. WILDER.

Editorial.

THETA DELTA CHI has good reason to congratulate herself on the distinguished honors which are now and then dropping on her loyal and worthy sons. Each year the number grows apace. The SHIELD is proud to record them as she has been able to do from time to time. The latest falls to the lot of a man who has always contributed honor to the fraternity of his early choice. The Theta Delta graduate who does not know John Hay, personally or by reputation, is too far gone for recovery. "Ambassador to the Court of St. James," is the highest gift of the President's appointing power, and John Hay is the recipient of this distinguished honor. We congratulate Bro. Hay upon his preferment, we congratulate Theta Delta Chi upon the honor contributed by so worthy a son. This information comes just as we are going to press and leaves no time for preparing an article worthy the subject. We believe that a sketch of "Our men in politics" would be enjoyed by readers of the SHIELD. Such an article will be published in the June number, and in this article we will speak of John Hay and other distinguished lights of Theta Delta Chi.

WE don't wish to have the brothers think we are gone daft on Sigma Deuteron charge because we have so much to say in this number about her, but somehow we have received more news from there and so make use of it. If the other charges would be as faithful to the SHIELD, there would not be room enough between the covers to print it all. The great event of the year at the University of Wisconsin is the joint debate between the Athena and Philomatheia literary societies. Each society chooses her best debaters. This year it fell to the lot of Sigma Deuteron to have all of them chosen from her ranks to represent Philomatheia. The team was made up of Brothers T. W. Brazeau, F. E. Compton and G. B. Nelson. They dis-

tinguished themselves in debate and won the contest with flying colors. This scores the greatest honor for the Sigma Deuteron charge which has ever been secured by any fraternity at the University. The charge is to be congratulated for its faithful work as is evidenced by the numerous plums which are falling in her lap. The debaters have won a personal honor which will give eclat to their college course. The SHIELD is proud of such records.

THERE are many incidents occurring in the every day life of Theta Delta Chi graduates, which if generally known would tend to serve as a most satisfactory answer to a question often asked, "What is the good of a college society any way among those of us who are settled in life?" Well there are many good things connected with our old college fraternity. The first and greatest is the pleasant companionship of our brothers whom we meet from time to time, and the many pleasant memories recalled thereby. There is another which, while not of general benefit, is of decided special benefit to particular individuals. Politics has decided influence on the position of many subordinates. A recent case came to our knowledge, where a brother was to lose his position, not through his own fault, but on general political principles. This brother is a veteran Theta Delt, and well known. He appealed to some of his brothers who had influence, and his place was saved to him, while a dozen of his fellow workmen who had "no pull" were dismissed. We are of the belief that such influence is much more powerful than that which can be exercised by any secular order. The reason is obvious. Our membership is not large. We know each other better and we are free to say the general character of college society men will average much higher than that of secular orders. So there is much individual good done by Theta Delts for their brothers; the same is true of other college fraternities. As we have often said we consider the fraternal relations of Theta Delta Chi much stronger than those of the secular orders in which we have membership and have proven our belief many times.

WE receive numerous letters from alumni complaining of the quantity and character of the charge letters. It seems to us that the boys in college hardly realize how important a part their charge letters play, in the general interest of the SHIELD itself, as well as the welfare of the charge. Many graduates take the SHIELD solely to get news of their own charge. They are interested in its general welfare and the subsequent doings of their companions. It is utterly impossible for the editor to give the class of news desired unless the charge editors co-operate heartily in the work. Remember that items of news about the charge are very interesting to those who have left college, and no one can tell how great a bearing they have on the interest which the alumni maintain for the charge. No one can expect that the graduate brothers will display deep interest when the charge appeals to them for special aid, unless they have been kept in touch by constant news in the pages of the SHIELD. Charge editors are urged to think carefully on this subject and improve on their letters. The graduate readers themselves can also assist materially in making the SHIELD interesting to all readers by sending in clippings and items of news. The editor is not omnipresent. We will pledge faithful performance of our part if all will help a little, as they are able.

A SERIOUS question confronts the SHIELD. In our days of prosperity we began the system of half-tone illustrations which has been kept up more or less for some years. It adds much to the appearance of the journal, and the portrait of the subject of a sketch, gives added pleasure to the readers. Since the SHIELD is not conducted for profit we can state our case plainly. The income has been slowly dwindling and one by one subscribers have dropped out giving hard times or some other plausible excuse, until it becomes a question of vital importance as to what we shall do. We propose to cut the garment to fit the cloth. We must either decrease the number of pages of reading matter, drop all half-tone work, or secure funds from some other source to pay the expense of

half-tones. It costs practically ten dollars for each half-tone portrait which occupies a page. In some numbers of the SHIELD in the past the cost of the portraits and printing has been more than one hundred dollars. We often print biographies and would like to accompany them with a portrait. Take for instance this number. We could give three or four, and in fact it is not complete without them. One remedy we can see is to go after each man for a "contribution" equal to the cost, but we object to this as it opens the way for ambitious persons to get their biography "advertised" by paying the fee. We can say that no biography or portrait has been published in the SHIELD which has not been solicited by the editor as a means of presenting to the fraternity a record of those who were really a credit to themselves and an honor to the fraternity. Another way is for those who are able financially, and willing personally to help in making the SHIELD a success to contribute of their means a fund which shall be used entirely in publishing portraits of our distinguished men. Has any one anything to offer. If so the editor would be glad to hear it, and to get funds enough to make the SHIELD the peer of her contemporaries.

THE editor recently enjoyed a visit with the Xi charge in their new home, a description of which was given in the last number of the SHIELD. A printed sketch of the delightful home of the Xi boys seems very tame, beside a personal visit. The house itself is comfortable and cozy. Its location is ideal. High up on the bluff overlooking historic Seneca lake with a view which simply puts one into ecstasies, it seems to us that no more delightful spot could be found. When we compare such a charge house with the style of college life in vogue thirty years ago, when we were in college, we wonder that any one can object to college fraternity life as enjoyed in these days. The charge is happy and prosperous. The alumni are interesting themselves in the charge house, and if those who have contributed toward its purchase would visit the boys, they would congratulate themselves on having a part in providing such a beautiful house.

JUST as we are in press we receive an invitation to attend a reception to be given by the Graduate Club of New York, at the club rooms from 4 to 6 o'clock, April 13th, to be followed in the evening at 7:30 by a banquet at the Holland House. Every brother who can attend is assured of a rousing good time. Many old and prominent brothers are expected to be present. The club rooms are at 36 West 31st street, and the Holland House at Thirtieth street and Fifth avenue. Don't fail to come. This is intended as an invitation. The dinner is in charge of a committee consisting of Franklin Burdge, Howard Martin, Frederic Carter, Frank L. Jones, Rudolph Tombo, Jr., and P. S. Dougherty. Frederic Carter is secretary of the committee.

THE annual dinner of the Western New York Graduate Association will be given at the University Club in Buffalo, Wednesday, April 21, at 7:30 p. m. Any brother who reads this notice may consider himself duly invited to attend, and if he does he will surely have a good time. It is possible that President Harstrom may be there, and also the editor of the SHIELD. Further particulars may be obtained by addressing Bro. Henry F. Russell, 261 Franklin st., Buffalo.

THERE are still a few copies of the last catalogue remaining which will be supplied to any new subscriber to the SHIELD, without charge, or to any brother who desires one for \$1.15. Every dollar received from the sale of catalogues remaining on hand goes into the SHIELD fund. There were a large number of the first catalogues, printed in 1891, left over, and if any brother desires to secure one to preserve as one of the archives of the fraternity we will be glad to send a full bound copy for \$1.25. All receipts from this source will also be put into the SHIELD fund.

WE acknowledge with sincere thanks the receipt of a menu card of the last convention banquet from Bro. Frank H. McCall, Nu Deuteron, '91, for our collection. Bro. McCall is

one of the loyal ones who always responds to any request from Theta Delta Chi. At the same time came a photo from Bros. Frank H. and Frederick W. McCall, who might well be called twins, if they are not in fact, as they look alike, act alike and are equally loyal whenever Theta Delta Chi needs them.

THE printed reports of the last convention are now ready for delivery and any graduate brother, who desires a copy, should apply to Frederic Carter, custodian of the archives, 36 West 31st street, New York city.

THE skull masks, which the Chi charge was to present to the other charges, have not all been sent yet, as the supply has given out, and as they are made in Germany, it will take some time to get enough to complete the delivery. The charges which have not yet received them will get them in due time.

THE annual banquet of the Southern Graduate association was held in Washington on Friday evening, March 26th. This is the anniversary of the establishment of the Chi Deuteron charge, and the Chi Deuteron will join in the banquet. A good time is certain, as the Washington Theta Delts are always on hand.

THE fourteenth annual banquet of the New England association will be held at the Parker house, in Boston, on Thursday evening, April 8th. The Hon. W. W. Thomas, Jr., will be orator, Bertram A. Smalley, poet, and Rev. F. N. Upham, toastmaster. As usual, this will be a delightful banquet. The New England association has become famous in this particular. The editor has made a special trip to Boston seven years in succession to attend the New England banquet, and has always felt well paid for his trouble. It is a good place for the alumni to get thoroughly warmed up.

A NUMBER of subscriptions to Baird's American Fraternities have already come in. Mr. Baird is having considerable trouble in securing accurate information about two or three fraternities which have failed to respond to his request for data. This will necessarily delay the book somewhat, but it will be published just as soon as the facts can be gathered. Early subscriptions will secure prompt delivery. If any of the brothers who desire copies will send their subscriptions to the editor of the SHIELD they will be cared for promptly.

THAT Theta Delta Chi conceived the proper idea when the uniform badge was adopted, also the requirement that every brother must procure and wear one, is evinced by the fact that other societies are following suit. Even the ladies are progressive. Alpha Phi has adopted a badge of the medium size, which is uniform, except in the matter of jewels, which is left to the choice of each purchaser. Times change, and we must keep up with the procession or be left out in the cold. We notice that Theta Delta Chi does not usually wait for others to set the pace, but has been first in many things.

THE SHIELD knows no warmer friend or more faithful supporter than Bro. Willis S. Paine of Chi, '68. We mourn with him in the sudden bereavement which overwhelmed him in December, and of which a brief note was made in the last number. It has seemed fitting therefore to place on record in the SHIELD a lasting memorial of the faithful companion of our dear brother, prepared by Bro. William L. Stone. Bro. Paine is so well known to the members of the fraternity as an indefatigable worker for the highest and best interests of Theta Delta Chi, that every reader of the SHIELD will be glad to read this tribute, and treasure the memory of her who was so dear to our brother.

THE SHIELD is favored with some new advertising this year. It is to be understood as a rule that the editor can endorse any advertisement which appears in its pages, because usually the

ads come from parties with whom the editor has had dealings. Many readers use type-writer ribbons. The editor is using the Star brand and finds it one of the best he has ever used and hopes some of the readers of the SHIELD readers may try them. If you should need anything in the line of rubber hand stamps, send to Keeler's Little Joker Co. of Buffalo. We have had stamps made there for years. Then if you want a bicycle saddle insist on having the "Hunt." Bro. Tewksbury of Lambda, '92, is secretary of the Hunt Manufacturing Co., and will be glad to hear from any Theta Delt. Everybody knows that the Columbia bicycle is the oldest and best in the country, and so long as Bro. J. C. McKinney is at the head of the advertising department every Theta Delt should bear them in mind. Then again it should be remembered that every advertiser of the SHIELD merits your remembrance, as they pay money to help support the journal. Give your patronage to those who support your fraternity organ. If you fail to do this we must necessarily lose the advertising, as no one invests money in an ad for fun or love. Don't forget then to call for goods advertised.

Editorial Notes and Comments.

THETA DELTA CHI EDUCATION.

A letter from Bro. Charles P. Schmid, Jr., of Pi Deuteron, contains the following, which merits careful thought :

"We have the bound volumes of the SHIELD and appreciate them. This, I believe, is best shown by the fact that we have passed a by-law which provides for a reading from the SHIELD at each meeting. We have adopted this method of feeding Theta Delta Chi to the younger men. We believe we can make a first-class, red-hot Theta Delt out of the freshmen through the medium of the SHIELD sooner than by any other means short of banquets and speeches. At the same time he will learn something of our history, our bright lights and our love, and through hearing read the lives of such men as Prof. Plunkett, will learn what it means to be a Theta Delt from the heart. We feel and know that Theta Delta Chi would not stand on the highest level to-day, as she does, were it not that the bonds between us all are more firmly bound by one "SHIELD."

In the early days of fraternity life, personal contact was the only means the younger members had of becoming infused with fraternity spirit. Since the days of Greek journalism the fraternity periodical has become a most important factor in giving inspiration to the recent initiates. Bro. Schmid has the true conception of the work of the SHIELD. The fact of the matter is that the fraternity periodical plays so important a part in the economy of existence that some of the younger societies are outstripping the older fraternities who have no publication. They have stood on the rock of precedence, age and aristocracy but it is slowly crumbling and leaving them in the background. The SHIELD has been a decided factor in the advancement of Theta Delta Chi. Every one who aids the journal either by contributing news or funds is therefore doing good work for posterity.

THE FRATERNITY BADGE.

Among the resolutions passed by the recent Convention, the one which requires "every member to procure a badge within

three months after initiation, and wear the same," meets our warmest approval. The simple owning of a badge is not the point aimed at, but the purpose which such badge serves in making brothers known to each other. In the early days of the fraternity a condition of things existed in many colleges which precluded the wearing of badges, and hence older alumni of all societies are more or less disposed to consider the wearing of a badge as not essential, and in fact they oppose it on general principles. This is due to early education. To-day, however, things have changed. The college fraternity badge is an insignia of honor and the man who can wear it may be justly prouder than he who wears the double eagle of the Scottish rite. There need no longer be any fear of "sub-rosa," as that is a thing of the past. Even though the older alumni are averse, from early education, to wearing the badge themselves, we notice that they are always ready and proud to recognize it on their younger brothers. Let every Theta Delt wear his badge. It will find him warm friends in many unsuspected quarters, besides warming the hearts of those who become known to him through the instrumentality of the silent witness. Another very important consideration. The public are rapidly becoming educated to the "college society" endorsement indicated by the mysterious Greek symbol pins, and if every Theta Delt wears his pin the public become acquainted with Theta Delta Chi as represented by the noble men who can wear the badge if they only will, and so the social and moral standing of the fraternity is elevated. Let every loyal brother wear his badge.

A QUESTIONABLE POLICY.

It is to be deplored that some fraternities must seek reputation "even at the cannon's mouth." There is perhaps no class of societies in which the condition of honorary membership is so absolutely precluded as in the college fraternity. The very first principle involved in the founding of a college fraternity excludes all idea of membership *per se*. No man can be a real true fraternity member unless he be the college com-

panion of his fellows. While it is clearly evident that nearly every college society in the land has at some time in its career overstepped the bounds of its contemplated policy and initiated men who were not lawfully entitled to membership, it seems to be the sentiment of some of the older and more conservative ones that the practice is most pernicious to the fraternity system. Two notable instances of roping-in prominent men have occurred in the past few years, both pertaining to the highest officials in the United States. It may be said of President McKinley that he became a fraternity man before he dreamed of becoming the chief executive, as he was initiated in 1892, according to the *Scroll's* statement, but we observe that his quondam fraternity is striving to make great capital out of it, just the same. There must be something peculiarly attractive about college societies to lead prominent men to accept such questionable offers so late in life. We admit the desirable reputation which centers around a Greek-letter membership which comes honorably to a man—but it can only so come when he is in college—not twenty or thirty years after. We hold that honorary membership is a crying evil, no matter where it hits, and boldly put the stamp of disapproval upon any society, however old or influential, which will so far forget itself as to attempt to float false colors or claim unjust honor from the prominence attained by any honorary member. We honor William McKinley as a man, an honest politician and the chief executive of this great republic, but we regret the weakness which he possessed to sail under a flag which he never fought under. We can understand it of his predecessor, but not of the otherwise glorious McKinley. The sentiment of Theta Delta Chi is that she glories only in the honor of such men as Governor Griggs, of New Jersey and Governor Bloxham, of Florida, men who have worn the colors since they were freshmen in college.

COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

The college fraternity supplies in great part the home influences which the student so much needs. In the older colleges the fraternities usually have their own chapter houses, which are veritable college homes for

their members. The young men thus have a common meeting place for social entertainment and enjoyment, the ties of friendship are strengthened there, and elements of good fellowship that broaden and strengthen character are developed in such associations.

The college fraternity inspires the young men, first, with the feeling of pride and ambition. Many a laggard is spurred on to excellent achievement for the honor and glory of his fraternity. Many a wayward young man is held back from evil associations by the restraining influences thrown around him by his fraternity. If he is forgetful of his own self-respect he is not allowed to forget his duty and obligation to the fraternity whose good name he bears.

The fraternity comes to the young man at the most impressionable age in his life. It holds before him the record of successful achievement which its graduates have made, and it inspires him with the laudable ambition to lay his share of honors on its shrine. It brings him into close fellowship with the choice spirits of the whole college world. It develops a spirit of sociability, of versatility, of tact and resourcefulness which is very essential to his own large success in life. Without fraternity influences and associations the student is liable to become the grind or the prodigal. It offers a wholesome restraint against either extreme tendency. It endeavors to make him the all round man; to develop his social instincts while not ignoring the importance of his scholarship. It aims to make him more approachable in his contact with men and more versatile in meeting the responsibilities and opportunities of life. Fraternity feeling may be carried to a dangerous extreme, as it always is when the fraternity is placed above loyalty to the college itself, or when it encourages rivalry that resorts to mean and ignoble methods.

But the leading fraternities are founded on such broad, generous and noble principles that they inculcate honorable ambitions and desires, promote honorable dealings, and encourage personal worthiness and high mindedness.

The above article appeared in the *Syracuse Post* at the time the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity was holding a convention in the city of Syracuse. It does seem refreshing to read such matter in the daily press, because as a rule about all which appears in daily papers is glaring accounts of some escapade which does much harm to the fraternity system, while in reality it does not in any degree represent the true life of the high-class fraternities. It is true that in all communities there exists some deep-grounded prejudice against secret societies. This prejudice is gradually being withdrawn from college societies. This is largely brought about by the noble character of so many of the graduate members of leading fraterni-

ties, whose influence tends to disarm parents who have never attended college, and perhaps reluctantly at first, they consent that their sons may join. Later on they meet companions of their boys and discover that fraternity connection brings friends who are a help to their sons. Graduate members should always bear in mind that their influence and assistance will do more to improve the tone and character of college society membership for the future than any other influence which can be brought to bear.

COLLEGE SPORTS ON COLLEGE GROUNDS.

An especially commendable feature of the athletic agreement between Yale and Harvard is the provision requiring all contests except boat races to take place on college grounds. This is a step which has been zealously advocated for several years by many graduates, the sincerity of whose interest in college sports is shown by their efforts to eradicate the evils which they have developed and which have threatened to bring them into general disrepute. It will probably do more than any other single regulation could do to exclude professionalism, check irrational excitement and restore the wholesome spirit of simple college rivalry in the athletic contests of Yale and Harvard; while under the influence of their example others will almost inevitably adopt the same policy. The *Tribune* has repeatedly said that college grounds were the right places for college sports, and we heartily congratulate the men who have brought a long negotiation to a satisfactory conclusion upon this article of their agreement.

The restricting of college sports to college towns has been opposed in some quarters on the plea that it would largely diminish gate receipts. No doubt it will have that consequence, and it will be a very good thing, in our opinion. The present scale of expenditure may be such as to require the proceeds of a football game in New York attended by 30,000 or 40,000 persons, but if that is the fact it furnishes a good reason for cutting down expenses, not for keeping up the revenue. It is one of the evils of the present system of management that it is exceedingly extravagant. Such lavish outlay for the maintenance of athletic teams is not essential to the highest proficiency, and if it were it would still be objectionable for various reasons, and especially because it has great influence in giving to college sports a place in the estimation of students which they do not deserve. They are too spectacular by far, and if a loss of revenue should render necessary the adoption of simpler and more frugal ways, that change would not be the least salutary consequence of the Yale-Harvard agreement.

The above editorial, taken from the New York *Tribune*, is commended to the reader's careful attention. The action of Yale and Harvard is the first step in the right direction. The American people are enthusiasts and carry their ambition to great excess. This is especially true of college students, who have carried athletic sports away beyond their original purpose and in their crazy rush the older heads of the faculties have been rattled to such an extent that college professors have urged on the contests, apparently with the idea of securing greater notoriety and popularity by the victories won. It is for this reason that the SHIELD has always opposed football contests. Parents do not send their boys to college to become prize-fighters. So long as public games are carried on in large cities for the purpose of securing money and notoriety so long will the SHIELD be outspoken in opposition. When we can have college sports on college grounds, carried on with reason and moderation in a way not dangerous to human life, then we join the throng who favor. Let all other colleges follow the example set by these two leading universities and all will be well.

It hardly seems possible that any readers of the SHIELD can find discussion of the matter of finances so unpleasant as it is to the editor, but if any such there be their attention is respectfully called to the following outburst from the pen of the editor of the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*:

The *Quarterly* regrets that it has ever found it necessary to say things which its friends consider objectionable, for it has been intimated at times that it was to be regretted that the ducking stool was no longer available for public scolds. But in order that such pleasantries may be avoided in future and that all may know how to comport themselves in the months to follow, we would have a few words of gentle discourse with our readers and friends.

The *Quarterly* is not a tract, it is a business enterprise. Soft words may turn away wrath, not printers' bills. The epistolary promise to pay from a considerable portion of our chapters forms a large portion of our assets, and unfortunately a large portion of them have already gone to protest and we are forced to fall back on your guaranty—to-wit: your fraternity honor. We believe the collateral is good, but find it un-negotiable.

N. B.—There are several hundred graduate subscribers whom we hesitate to name, from whom the *Quarterly* will accept silver certificates, stamps or old clothes (if express is prepaid.)

The *Quarterly* is not an intelligence bureau. We have burned our copy of the Constitution, loaned our Catalogue (Vintage of 1878), and cannot furnish lists of the Fijis in Europe, the class, age or relationship of each initiate since 1848, and can only refer such queries to the proper sources. Nor do we maintain a corps of copy readers. Even the worn turns when after a day's labor in the secular pursuit of the elusive eagle which graces our government paper, it finds two or three hundred pages of MSS. with the P. S. appended to much of it, "Written in haste. Revise, edit and correct wherever necessary." Meekness may be a divine attribute, but even its promised heritage of the earth is no compensation for such work, nor does it prevent occasional lapses into primitive, robust expletives.

Fellow Fijis, hear us. We must have a magazine and we all want a good one, a thoroughly representative one, and we want your support. Your subscriptions are all due *now*, to-wit: January 1. Discount the future a bit and pay up now. Collar every alumnus you meet and attack his purse for a subscription. Send us a little New Year's cheer and we will all be happy.

We have the several hundred delinquent graduates, and can imagine a sort of pillory where they might for their sins of omission be pelted with paper wads composed of fruitless appeals to subscribe or of bills for unpaid subscriptions, spattered with the ink which the editor has wasted upon them, and buffeted in the face by disregarded sample copies, but in the spirit of brotherly love which characterizes the editor of *Phi Gamma Delta* we refrain from setting up this instrument of public condemnation. And, after all, we claim to "wear the rue with a difference," for we draw the line at old clothes, of which we have a sufficient assortment of our own.

Beside that, most emphatically and in all seriousness, the SHIELD is glad to be an intelligence bureau whenever possible. The editor frequently falls behind with his work, it is true, but nevertheless one of its *pleasantest* features is the extended correspondence it has brought about with Theta Deltas all over the country.

And, furthermore, the SHIELD joyfully announces that it does command the services of a copy reader, and if any brother has anything of fraternity history, prophesy or ex-

hortation to say unto the edification of its readers, let him not hold his peace because it must needs be "written in haste," if written at all. For while good, clear copy is something for which we have cried aloud and still do cry, yet anything short of an unknown tongue, if it be of value in itself, will be received with thankfulness, revised with patience, and published with pride.

INFLUENCE OF THE CLERGY.

YARMOUTH PORT, Mass., 12 March, 1897.

MY DEAR BROTHER HOLMES :—Enclosed is my subscription for the SHIELD. I believe most sincerely in the work you are doing for Theta Delta Chi. I regret that I have not been able to act upon the suggestion you once made me, that we who are ministers should seek to co-operate with you through the SHIELD for the advancement of the higher life among the brothers. It is not because of our indifference always, believe me, but because the work at our hands, our own parish work, which has the first claim upon us, is always requiring our attention and effort. But we do wish you God-speed in your work.

Please change my address from Cambridge, Mass., to Yarmouth Port, Mass.

Yours very truly,

JOHN J. WALKER.

We are not sure that Bro. Walker will thank us for publishing the above, which is really a private letter, but we are led to do so as a text for a talk. Theta Delta Chi is or most certainly ought to be proud of the long list of faithful clergy who are doing their full share, in all parts of the country, to evangelize it. Many of them have already become famous, the rest are on the way. Now, Bro. Walker is right in one sense when he says "our own parish work has first claim and is always requiring our attention." So it is with all of us. Our own individual work demands attention first—and gets it, but what answer can Bro. Walker and others give when the editor says that all the work he has given to the SHIELD during eight years has been actually stolen from time belonging to his family cares, or to sleep. We have not done this for money, nor yet for glory, but for love of the souls of the boys now in college, and those who have been active during our career. The SHIELD does not pose as a religious paper or a tract-society magazine, but it is or tries to be an exponent of any-

thing which will tend to elevate character socially, morally and intellectually. We believe we can see its effect on the men who have passed out of college during the last four years. Theta Delta Chi is a good college nursery for *men*, good true men. It is not expected or desired that all should turn to the pulpit, but it is hoped that all will carry honor to whatever calling they adopt, and bring to themselves credit, a little part of which may be accredited to Theta Delta Chi. Now, what we ask of our brothers in the clergy is to lend their support to this effort on our part by taking the SHIELD, and now and then give us a word of commendation or criticism, either of which will strengthen the editor and better fit him for his task—which is really a very hard one. It was but a little thing which Bishop Wingfield said, as referred to in another article. He loved Theta Delta Chi and has always been a faithful supporter of the SHIELD, proven by his answer "yes." This does the editor good, because it commends his work. It does not take long to scatter a little seed, and any brother can find time to if disposed. He does not have to wait while it grows—but it will grow just the same, and give its fruit through the pages of the SHIELD. These again scatter the seed, and who knows where the process will stop.

THAT PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS.

We notice that some of our exchanges are discussing the Pan-Hellenic Congress held in Atlanta last November, with quite a little asperity. It has been difficult for them to get any information concerning it from any source but *The Atlanta Constitution*, and many of our exchanges have printed that account in full. We have had no difficulty in getting fuller information, and in this issue we publish a short account, which, as far as we can learn, is unprejudiced and correct in all particulars.

It is an undisputed fact that some of the strongest national fraternities received no official notice of the proposed congress, and no invitation to take part therein. For anything we know to the contrary, none were issued. The Atlanta Exposition offered an excellent opportunity for the organization of an American Pan-Hellenic Association; to bring this about, all the fraternities should have received official notice of the proposed movement. On the contrary, few, if any, received it.

The originators were men wholly unknown in inter-fraternity circles, but were evidently moved by the desire to form an association commen-

surate with the breadth and strength of the American fraternity system. But they did not adopt the plan best suited to bring this about. As it resulted, it was certainly not a national affair, but a local one. Only three of the national fraternities had speakers at the congress, and but four or five others were represented in the election of officers, or by speakers at the banquet. If many of the fraternities were represented, it was "at least by nothing more than a silent presence." We do not question the spirit by which the originators were moved, but the result is not what was hoped for. The organization is really an Atlanta Pan-Hellenic association, and not a national association. It is to be hoped, however, that the officers of the association will devise some means of securing the heartiest co-operation and sympathy of all the Greek-letter societies of the Nation, until it becomes in fact what its originators designed it to be—the American Pan-Hellenic Association.

The above is from an editorial in the *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, and is reproduced for the purpose of expressing some general thoughts. We have not discussed the subject with or without asperity, but will now express our opinion with good will toward all. It has not been our privilege to attend any of the so-called pan-hellenic happenings. We did sanction, and expected to be present at, the world's fair congress, but illness at the time prevented. If the Atlanta meeting had been styled a southern conclave, it would have been decidedly appropriate and pleasant for the southern fraternities to meet as such. As yet we fail to comprehend the practical side of a pan-hellenic association. We do, however, heartily concur in the idea of inter-fraternity courtesies which could be extended in a so-called pan-hellenic social gathering in some central point like New York or Washington, where the leading fraternity spirits might meet and become acquainted. There is nothing which so nicely smooths off the rough edges of fraternity rivalry as personal contact in a social way.

It seems that this gathering perfected an organization and elected officers. A committee was named to draft a constitution, and, as published in the journals, the editor of the *SHIELD* was named as one of that committee. We have not been advised of any such appointment, and as it was without our advice or consent, the position could not be accepted. We can not recognize in an official capacity any pan-hellenic move in which the fraternity does not take part by its regular officers.

We do not desire to be understood as opposing such efforts, because they can do no harm even if they do not accomplish good results. If an invitation came to us, in a regular way, to take part in any such move, we should be very likely to accept, even if some other societies frown upon any move they themselves do not inaugurate.

The above was written for publication in the September number, but omitted by mistake. It would not have been printed now except that we notice in our southern exchanges a call for another so-called congress to meet at Nashville during the Tennessee Exposition. We object to its being called a National affair. It is purely southern and participated in only by southern societies.

TRUE PAN-HELLENISM.

The June issue of the *Psi Upsilon Review*, containing forty pages, is exclusively devoted to an account of the sixty-third convention, which was held during the last week of April, at Ann Arbor. It appears that Alpha Delta Phi was in convention at the same time and place. The Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter gave a Dutch lunch to the two fraternities in convention. It seems as though Mr. Jacob was actually pleased. We cannot understand, however, how in the world he could ever allow Psi Upsilon to mix, as a fraternity, with any other fraternities. And D. K. E., too!—*The Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

The above extract has been going the rounds of the Greek press. As a news item entire we object to it, on account of the opinion expressed in the closing lines. We don't see any reason why Mr. Jacobs should not be pleased. Those who know Mr. Jacobs as does the editor of the *SHIELD*, feel that he is a jealous Psi U, and yet a glorious Pan-Hellenist in the true sense. Like some of the rest of us, he may have changed some of his ideas within a few years past, and probably he does not agree with all the acts of Psi Upsilon—at least we hope not. The *SHIELD* believes that Mr. Jacobs is giving his best efforts to make Psi Upsilon what she should be. We believe no man would be more ready to appreciate the handsome courtesy extended by D. K. E. on the occasion referred to. It was a pleasant thing for D. K. E. to do. Why then should the Greek press "rub it in" on old sores? Such

courtesies, which we are glad to note are in this day becoming quite the proper thing, will do more to elevate the fraternity system, and abolish the old-time hatred than any other course. The millionaire is pleased in his inmost heart when the pauper shows him the courtesy of a gentleman, whether he admits it or not. It is human nature. The same is true of fraternities. Let us all study how we can best prove our own inherent gentlemanly qualities, in the treatment we accord other fraternities.

TOBACCO AT COLLEGE.

The faculty of the Ohio Wesleyan university have begun a rigorous crusade against the use of tobacco by students, and we are told that the issue is either give up tobacco or leave the university. The faculty have a perfect right to point out the supposed evil consequences of the use of the weed at an age when the physical constitution is not mature, or at any age for that matter. But to make it a cause of personal expulsion is rather strong. The students will simply smoke on, but they will try to cover the blue curls of smoke from the vigilant eyes of the "prexes," and many indulgent moralists will in this fail to see that the young fellows are unpardonable or incorrigible reprobates.

The above editorial appeared in the daily press. If all the money which has been spent in the colleges of this country on tobacco in the last twenty-five years could be assembled, it would construct the greatest university on earth. We believe that if the use of tobacco could be and was prohibited in all institutions of learning, that in twenty-five years there would not be one tobacco user where there are now twenty-five. Yes, we smoke. We learned the miserable habit in college, and we are thankful for this much: that in those days cigarettes were not known, so we learned to smoke cigars. If, however, smoking had been prohibited, ninety-nine chances out of a hundred we would never have smoked. In that case we might have had "a brown stone front." Tobacco, football and hazing are three things which might be eliminated from a college education with great advantage. While the measures taken by the Ohio Wesleyan are rather radical, they have the right ideas. It is true that smoking does not prevail extensively in all colleges. We have seen charges where it was

almost unknown. Iota Deuteron charge is one of the best ; out of twenty-two men who were in the charge the last time we visited there, only one had ever smoked. We would be glad to know that none of the boys were learning the habit in college. The day will come when every smoker will rue the time when the habit came to him. If, however, you must smoke, don't—please don't—smoke the vile, health-destroying cigarette. If you must commit suicide, do it up quickly, instead of drawing it out into an agonizing existence of confirmed cigarette puffing.

Charge Letters.

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

BETA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Beta will open the spring term in her new home at No. 15 South avenue. This will be a welcome time for us all after having been in so unsettled a state for the last two terms. We all feel very proud of our new charge house, and a brief description may interest the brothers. It is after the old colonial style with a broad veranda on the south side and a porte cochere on the east. The interior is arranged for comfort and entertaining. A large salon, finished in white and gold, extends from front to rear on the west side, adjoining this is a very comfortable library with a large open fire-place, and beyond is the music room and alumni room. On the second floor are the studies only, eight in number. The third floor contains the bed rooms, trunk room and a very complete bath-room, making in all, what we of Beta think, is an ideal fraternity house.

Junior week has come and gone with all its pretty girls and memories of dances, receptions and the like. Bro. Walter was a member of the Junior Prom. committee, and Bro. Hamilton, '99, very successfully assisted in leading the Sophomore cotillion. Bro. H. R. Tobey is also a member of the Senior ball committee, which event takes place during commencement week,

Bro. Hoyt, '99, is a member of both the Banjo and Mandolin clubs.

Beta greatly enjoyed a short visit from Bro. N. H. Hackett of Gamma Deuteron, who is with Madam Rhea.

Cornellians are all watching the crews in anticipation of the five great boat races which we row this spring.

Beta extends a hearty invitation to any of the brothers to visit her in the new charge house.

Fraternally yours,

C. M. ODDIE.

GAMMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Since the writing of the last SHIELD letter, Gamma Deuteron has added three new men to her charge roll. R. Roy McPeck, Charlotte, Mich.; Frank P. Llewellyn, Chattanooga, Tenn.; John B. Hitchcock, Ware, Mass. All come to us highly recommended by Theta Delts, and they have already proved themselves very worthy to wear the shield.

The winter has been a busy one socially and we have reason to be proud of Theta Delta Chi's share in the festivities. Early in February we were especially pleased to have with us again for a few days, our loyal brother Hackett, who is with the Rhea company. The charge gave a very successful reception in honor of Bro. Hackett and Mme. Rhea, and in the evening our men attended the play in a body. Following closely upon this came the festivities of "Junior Week." The long existing inter-fraternity war over the management of this important social function was happily ended this year by a compromise, and for the first time in years all factions united in giving one ball which proved to be the most successful in the history of the University. Gamma Deuteron was fortunate in having Bro. Sackett on the committee, and in consequence Theta Delts fared particularly well. The charge entertained some sixteen visiting ladies at a four days' house party, and the week was a gay one for Gamma Deuteron. Bro. Hyde, of Chicago, and Bro. Heames, of Detroit, were also down for the occasion.

With these festivities over and the mid-year examinations safely passed, the brothers have again settled down to sweaters and "bohning."

We regret sincerely the loss of Bro. Paul D. Wright, Epsi-

lon Deuteron, '96, who left his law studies here after the holiday vacation to assume a position as civil engineer on the Nickel Plate railway system.

At present there are two other brothers absent—but their return is expected soon,—Bro. Sutphen, who is at home on account of illness, and Bro. Kreis, who has been spending a week at New Orleans taking in Mardi Gras.

Gamma Deuteron will have her share of college honors this spring if the present prospects are borne out.

Bro. Sutphen has been appointed to the reception committee of the senior reception.

Bro. McPeck is a member of the arrangements committee of the freshman banquet, and Bro. Hitchcock will also have a toast at this affair.

Bro. Wilkinson is trying for the 'Varsity track team, and Brothers Wehrle and Dean are prominent candidates for the 'Varsity nine.

The charge was recently honored by a brief visit from Bro. Kendall of Chicago, an "old grad." from Beta. We hope to see him often and cordially invite all other brothers to call.

Gamma Deuteron extends to all sister charges hearty fraternal greetings.

CARL MUNSON GREEN.

EPSILON DEUTERON.

YALE UNIVERSITY.

The past two or three months have gone by quite uneventfully for us of Epsilon Deuteron, except at "Prom." time, in January, when "The Tabard" gave its annual tea. All but one of the seven societies in the scientific school gave teas, as it is a matter of long-standing and pleasant custom, and of course every one is exerting himself during the three or four days of the gayeties to cause our fair visitors to enjoy the best time possible.

Our tea was given the afternoon of January 18th, and we had as patronesses the mothers of four of the brothers and two other New Haven ladies, who received from four to six in the

main parlor of the house. All the first floor was decorated with palms, evergreen, myrtle and cut flowers, and behind a large bank of palms in the reading room was stationed an orchestra.

During the afternoon about two hundred of our friends called, and we tried our best to make all have a good time, and to carry away pleasant memories of "The Tabard."

We have enjoyed several visits from good Theta Delt brothers this term, among them Bro. Bradley of Kappa and our own Fred. Carter, whose presence always brings high inspiration, and fun, to us. The charge is highly pleased at his selection by the Grand Lodge for his new office, and I think the fraternity will agree with us that no better brother could have been selected.

We have initiated a new brother recently, Raymond G. Clapp, '99, S., of Northampton, Mass., and expect to soon take in several more freshmen, and perhaps a junior. Bro. Clapp is a true acquisition, having a splendid record as a pole-vaulter, and is also on the gymnastic team.

Bros. Kremenz and Hess are trying for the "Scientific Monthly" board, elections to which will be announced soon; and Bro. Hupfel is on the second glee club, Bro. Jackson still being a leading member of the 'varsity glee club.

Bro. Davis, '98, S., the captain of last year's freshman team, stands a very good show for making the 'varsity base ball team this spring.

At the same time, we are all working along, trying to do our best for Theta Delta Chi and Epsilon Deuteron, and hope that our efforts will be of avail.

As all Theta Delt should be, we are greatly pleased at Bro. John Hay's selection as minister to England, and feel that President McKinley will have done no better act in all his administration.

With best regards to all the charges, I am, for Epsilon Deuteron,
Most fraternally yours,

ROBERT C. LANPHIER.

ZETA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

The winter term has come to an end at Brown and has left Zeta men some exceedingly pleasant experiences. Perhaps the most noteworthy of our good times has been the dinner which our charge, combined with some thirty-five of our alumni, resident in and around Providence, tendered as a compliment to Judge Arthur L. Brown, a Zeta brother of the class of '79. To say that the occasion was successful is to speak mildly. The dinner proved one of the most noteworthy affairs ever given by any fraternity in this state.

To leave a more extended account to another place it is perhaps fitting to say here that this dinner did much for the active members of our charge. We of course trust that it increased the interest of our graduate brothers, but we have experienced a decided benefit from the event which will influence the spirit of the charge for some time at least. Very few of us who are in the active charge at present have in any degree realized and appreciated the pride which we have cause to feel in our alumni. And when we sat down to dinner with such men as our guest Judge Brown; the toastmaster the Hon. Colonel Henry J. Spooner; the Hon. Augustus L. Miller, Judge Brown's law partner; Dr. George Wheaton Carr, Col. A. M. Bowen, and many other men who are distinguished in the political, professional and business life of the city and state, we undergraduates had a new feeling of inspiration and love for our charge and our fraternity.

In college our charge has been figuring more or less prominently in the different departments of work and play. Bro. Arthur C. Stone of the senior class is exceedingly busy in his capacity as manager of the Hammer and Tongs dramatic society, superintending the production of the new Brown play, "The Game King," to be staged at Keith's opera house this spring. Bro. Stone may be prevailed upon to take part in the play, a part for which he last year showed himself finely fitted. Several Theta Delts will probably sing in the chorus of the new play, among them Bro. H. H. Totten, '98,

Bro. J. B. Bush, 1900, first tenors; Bro. Miner, '97, second tenor. In our winter athletic meets several Zeta men have figured prominently, Bro. Lyons, '98, has run in relay races; Bros. Merchant and Miner, both of '97, have figured prominently in the semi-final matches in fencing for the championship of the senior class, and Bro. Hull, '99, has, by his work in the meets and the training, shown promise of developing considerable speed this spring on the track team.

All in all the term has been a happy one for Zeta. The meetings have been fairly well attended and various little schemes are in progress, such as a "frat. whist tournament," to add interest. We only ask for an increasing fulfilment of the interest which our alumni brothers have shown.

GEORGE LELAND MINER.

ETA.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

With great pleasure I wish to introduce to the fraternity Bro. Henry U. Cobb, who was initiated into the Eta charge of Theta Delta Chi, Friday evening, March 5th. Bro. Cobb is a member of the class of 1900. He has made himself quite prominent in the musical circles of the college, having become a member of the college orchestra and also of the glee club. We are confident that in Bro. Cobb we shall find true friendship and loyalty to the best interests of our beloved fraternity. At the initiation we had the great pleasure of welcoming the following brothers: Bro. Horatio S. Card, '88, and Bro. Angus G. Hebb, '96, both of whom are in the Bowdoin College Medical School; Bro. Albert C. Shorey, '88, editor and publisher *Brunswick Telegram*; Bro. Wilmot B. Mitchell, instructor in rhetoric at Bowdoin, and Bro. Bert L. Bryant, '95, assistant instructor in chemistry. Eta has a number of brothers in the medical school this year and it is a great pleasure to have them at the club and often at our meetings.

For some years it has been the custom of the freshman delegation to give a "set-up" to the fraternity. The delegation of 1900 were true to the old custom and on the evening of Feb-

ruary 4th the event took place. Teams were provided and a sleigh-ride participated in. It terminated in a shore dinner at the famous old "Jake's," where society "feeds" are wont to be partaken of. A few days after Jake was heard to remark: "The world is growing better. I had a crowd of Bowdoin students down the other night and not even a bottle of beer was indulged in." The world may or may not be making rapid progress in improvement, but Theta Delta Chi is ever pushing upward, and it is at these banquets and informal sociables that we receive renewed energy and enthusiasm to aid us in building up a spotless character.

In this northern climate we are barred from all out-door sports during the winter months. Our only athletic amusement is the gymnasium work and this fully occupies the time of our athletes. Our second in-door meet, which takes place very soon, promises to be as successful as our first, and we are looking forward to it with much interest. Bro. Aldro A. French and Frank A. Stearns, '97, with Bro. Ralph L. Wiggin, '98, are acting as assistant instructors in the gymnasium.

In the class elections held recently Bro. Aldro A. French was elected marshal of the senior class and Bro. Eugene L. Bodge was elected toastmaster of the senior banquet. The juniors elected Bro. Frank H. Swan chaplain of Ivy Day exercises and Bro. Edwin E. Spear was elected first on the committee of arrangements. Bro. Lincoln L. Cleaves was elected secretary and treasurer of the sophomore class. In the freshmen election Bro. Charles H. Potter was chosen historian for the freshmen banquet.

Among other elections may be mentioned Bro. Frank A. Stearns, captain of the senior athletic team; Bro. Lincoln L. Cleaves, '99, scorer of base ball association, and Bro. Royal S. Cleaves, '99, secretary and treasurer; Bro. Winford H. Smith, '99, secretary and treasurer of the foot-ball association; Bro. Philip C. Haskell, '99, secretary and treasurer of the tennis association; Bro. Carl V. Woodbury, '99, acts as secretary and treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. It appears that in our delegation of '99 we have an abundance of financiers.

This is without doubt my last letter to the SHIELD. In my

feeble efforts to set before the fraternity the condition of the Eta charge I think I have been fully repaid, for I have had but to record success and prosperity.

We recognize that we are not wholly perfect and yet we are aware that never were the charges and the fraternity in a more flourishing condition than they are to-day. And now I lay aside my duties as charge editor, trusting that my successor will find as much pleasure and profit in the work as I have. With best wishes from the charge, I am,

Very fraternally,

C. C. WILLIAMSON.

IOTA.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Should any graduate doubt the great revival of Theta Delta Chi spirit at Iota there are several material facts to evidence it—a new cloth on the pool table nearly destroyed in two months; two or three years of Truth and "Town Topics" literally torn to pieces on the library shelves, and three cords of wood burned in the fire-place largely from artistic motives. Some of the members suggested that the pool dues be charged to the house after midnight. To his serious loss our financial dictator objected with the Parthian suggestion that he intended to charge lodging to the accounts of these same members who preferred sleeping on the settle by the fire to their cubicles at home. Perhaps the passion for pool is explained by the most successful tournament which we have been conducting just among ourselves, in which P. N. Booth gave us all handicaps and yet won. However, to prove that our prowess in this regard is not confined to our own halls. H. A. L. Sand has surprised the college by winning his way past many favorites until only one man remains to face him.

Several men have passed through their probationary period of serfdom this winter to find their names upon our glorious rolls at last. We would introduce to the fraternity brothers H. B. Priest, L. H. Bigelow, G. H. Breed, J. T. Harrington and H. P. White, men whom we have chosen out of all Harvard to be of us.

There is no news of great importance about us this winter and of course we continue to distinguish ourselves in more ways than we know, not that we are self-satisfied, only self-sufficient. The man who unquestionably has brought greatest honor to us this year is S. R. Wrightington. To win easily in the debate against Princeton has only aroused his ambition in this regard ; for he is one of the men chosen from all Harvard to win back the supremacy we so hardly lost ; for a man to represent the University twice against all comers is almost unprecedented. Burley is making a mark as captain of the lacrosse team.

Only one bit of graduate news comes to hand and that a very pleasing one. The engagement is announced of Miss Helen Josephine Sproat, the daughter of the late Charles Sproat, of Taunton, and Mr. Edward Muzzey Moore, of Cambridge.

We hope at the New England banquet to learn of all our men who are of the world outside Harvard, which is a very incidental place to us now.

To the reunion of April 8th we all look with pleasurable anticipations. It is rumored that one member is to write a story of the conviviality under the caption "The world through glasses," but this is denied.

We would renew our invitation to all visiting brothers and to all New England brothers we will say "au revoir."

BRUCE WYMAN.

IOTA DEUTERON.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

As far as a SHIELD letter has been concerned Iota Deuteron may have been judged dead by the fraternity at large, yet we have been progressing in many ways up among the snow-clad hills. Our charge now numbers nineteen (19) active Theta Deltas. We have initiated during the year nine (9) fine men who have taken their share of honors in the classes of 1900 and '99.

Our graduates from '96 were all high-standing men in their class and have gone out into the world to positions which we

feel they will fill very acceptably. Bro. Dunham, '96, is teaching in Drury Academy, North Adams, and we enjoy having him call on us at intervals.

The annual sleigh-ride and banquet of the charge took place on February 6th. We spent a very pleasant evening at The Idlewild, South Williamstown, and our festive board was graced by the presence of several graduates.

We enjoyed a short visit of Bro. Bishop, '92, last month. He is now studying at the Hartford Theological Seminary and will graduate in June.

Bro. Taylor '99, is on the glee club, also Bro. Doolittle, 1900.

Bro. Dunbar, 1900, is the violinist on the mandolin club.

The candidates for the base ball team have been called out and of course Bro. Goodrich, '97, will occupy the first corner as faithfully as he has the past two seasons.

Several brothers are trying for positions on the class ball teams and the athletic team.

Everybody seems greatly pleased with the work of the last convention and with the men chosen by the delegates to fill the offices of the fraternity.

We are now looking eagerly towards the New England banquet in April.

The height of good fellowship existing here to-day gives promise of great things for our charge and for the dear old fraternity.

With sincerest hopes for the advancement of Theta Delta Chi,

RALPH W. DUNBAR.

KAPPA.

TUFTS COLLEGE.

This letter is written amid the gloom cast upon the whole college, and especially upon the charge, by the sad death of Bro. W. A. Start, '72, in the terrible accident of March 4th. The charge attended the funeral in a body; the ushers were chosen from among us, and Bro. Sanford was one of the pallbearers.

The winter is passing quietly, but with many incidents that have interest for Kappa. Our own particular social events have been two very successful dancing parties at the house, which put another stout pillar beneath our already firm social position.

Tuesday evening, March 2d, was graduate night at the house, and a large number of the "grads" were with us. Bro. E. H. Capen, '60, and Bro. William B. French, '70, gave an interesting discussion of the arbitration treaty. If the "grads" enjoyed the occasion as much as we did, the evening was certainly a success.

Kappa was very much in evidence at the minstrel show given by the students on the evening of March 5th. If a "bright, particular star" were to be named, Bro. Donaldson would have the "call" on the distinction, while Bros. W. S. Clark, Tousey, Mason, F. W. Knowlton, Hammond, Town and Williams brought credit to themselves and us in various roles, and Bro. Davis, as usual, was the efficient pianist.

We expect to give Kappa a good representation at the New England banquet in April, which will undoubtedly be as successful as ever. The sophomores are awaiting the unknown date of their class banquet, at which Bro. Mason will preside as toast-master.

Illness has forced Bro. A. B. Start to resign from the editorship of the college periodicals, the boards have been made separate, and Bro. Johnson fills a position on *The Tufsonian*.

Athletics are beginning to claim a part of our attention. Bro. Marvin and Bro. Williams and Bro. Sanborn, Lambda, '96, who is taking P. G. work here, are candidates for the 'Varsity nine, with excellent prospects, and several others are sure of places on their class teams. Tufts hopes to make a respectable showing in track athletics this year, and several wearers of the shield will represent her on the Worcester team. The correspondent was elected secretary of the N. E. I. A. A. at its recent meeting.

I. RICH KENT.

LAMBDA.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

This month finds the fellows "plugging" for spring exams. The word "flunk" is on every man's tongue, whether he intends to do so or not. But I am glad to say that with most of our brothers in B. U. it is merely a possibility and not a probability.

The 8th of April is the date of the New England banquet, and as Lambda has it in charge this year I would like to take this opportunity to urge all to come that can. We wish to make it a perfect success.

For the benefit of the brothers in the surrounding charges who may have seen, in a late edition of one of the Boston dailies, an article telling of a complete victory won over Lambda charge by her old rival fraternity here at B. U., I would say that on the occasion of that victory no brother was present to oppose our worthy rivals. They had the field to themselves, and a glorious victory it must have been. At the meeting in question the holding of class day was decided upon, and our brothers took so little interest in it that they did not even care to be present at that meeting. I would say, though, that the article was not written by our "ancient rivals," but by a reporter.

Lambda life last month was so devoid of happenings that I have little to tell. We are in the race and will be in at the finish, and we have no reason to fear the loss of first place.

Fraternally yours,

EDWARD S. UNDERWOOD.

MU DEUTERON.

AMHERST COLLEGE.

The past term at Amherst has been one largely devoted to the pursuit of knowledge, and the cultivation of the social side of college life, for which pleasant pastime the close proximity of Smith College at Northampton gives us special advantages. For the greater part of the term we have been snow and ice bound, but, just as the term is closing, winter has sud-

denly packed its "grip" and left for parts unknown, and George, our ever faithful janitor, with his usual keenness in grasping the situation and forethought in providing for our every want, has installed our old friends, the piazza chairs, in their place of honor after a long season spent in the depths of the cellar. The brothers have not allowed them to stand alone, and we have been enjoying the summer weather to the fullest extent in anticipation of the genial twilight gatherings next term. This entirely unwarranted advent of summer has badly demoralized the brothers in their "plugging" for finals. But we all hope to weather the storm.

Our annual reception, when we receive the faculty and our friends in the senior delegations of the other fraternities, occurred on Saturday, March 13th. The chairman of the reception, Bro. Cobb, has been working hard all the term, and the result was that we had the assurance from our guests that ours was the most successful and hospitable reception which has been given in Amherst this year. We had as guests at this time Bros. Carter, '97 and '98, from Iota. On the 3d and 27th of February two informal dances were held in the parlors, at which times about fifteen of the brothers essayed to dance and incidentally had a large amount of informal enjoyment.

The junior promenade came this year February 19th and was the most successful and brilliant of the long series of these events. For several days the brothers all went around with a wonderful attention to their personal adornment, and a carefulness of demeanor which betokened the instant probability of meeting some of the fair sex at any corner of the house. All the well-known dens were carefully renovated, and all traces of loafing discarded; the merry laughter of female voices and the more subdued sizzling of the afternoon tea urn were substituted for the noisy jollity of musty-story tellers and ceaseless puffing at the blackened brier or would-be-colored meerschaum.

The Theta Delt girls have responded nobly in return for our hospitality, and a half a score of pillows have been added to the already large stock of the various window seats about the house.

The happenings in the college life have not been numerous or important this term. The most exciting, perhaps, was the freshman class supper, which was held shortly before Washington's birthday. The sophomores stole the special train in which the freshmen were going to Brattleboro; but, being side-tracked somewhere, did not reach that city until after the youngsters had arrived by way of another railroad, and were prepared to sit down. The battle which ensued, when the enraged sops tried to storm the dining-hall on the second floor by a wild rush up the stairs, throws into the shadow all hitherto published accounts of the battle at the pass of Thermopylæ. But finally the besiegers withdrew, and Bro. Boggs and the others were allowed to give their toasts undisturbed.

At the farewell gymnasium drill of the senior class the other day, Bro. Phillips, '88, who next year is to be at the head of the Department of Physical Education, was given a handsome present by the class, in token of their appreciation of his work with them as assistant this year.

Bro. Fosdick, '98, has been elected assistant baseball manager, and next year will manage the team. He received only a few votes short of a majority on the first ballot, with three opposing candidates, representing the leading fraternities here.

Bro. Baker, 1900, after a close competition lasting for two terms, has received an election to the board of *The Student*. For almost ten years now we have never been without a representative on the college paper.

Word has been received that Bro. C. M. Pratt, ex. '99, after a year's experience with the cold, cold world, has decided to come back and join 1900. We shall all welcome him most royally.

Bro. Kidder, '97, has been elected a member of the *Φ. B. K.* society, and will have to represent the scholarship of the senior delegation. We hope that the '98 brothers will do better than this at the first *Φ. B. K.* drawing next term.

Although Bro. Tyler has not yet gone into training, there is not a shadow of a doubt that he will be seen on first base in the first championship baseball game with Williams. His graduation will leave a big gap in the athletic circles of Am-

herst, and no two men in college can hope to take his place. Throughout his four years he has been the strongest tackle on any football team in the Triangular League; he has held the college record for the high jump; has always taken places in the weight throwing contests at the inter-collegiate meets; and has played on the baseball team. This is a record which we think few have equalled.

For the first time in some years the banquet of the New England Association of Theta Delta Chi comes during our Easter vacation, so that we expect to have a much larger representation there than ever before. Indirectly we expect to reap a large benefit through the enthusiasm which the brothers will bring back.

There are many rumors going about as to the future destiny of the present seniors: pictures of fair maidens, large postage bills, hints at expected wedding presents, visions of good positions and large salaries, are all indications that the '97 men of Mu Deuteron hope to start out on a successful and happy career when the portals of Amherst shall have closed upon them next June. As yet we have been unable to get any reliable information concerning these prospects; but perhaps your next correspondent will be able to chronicle something more definite.

We are looking forward to entertaining many visiting brothers from the other charges next term. They are only too welcome to all the advantages that our house affords as long as they care to stay.

F. STUART CRAWFORD.

NU DEUTERON.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

I take great pleasure in writing this my first letter to the SHIELD. Since our last letter we have passed very successfully through our mid-year examinations and are once again settled down to the regular work of the term.

We are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the coming base-ball season. Bro. Gorman, '99, is captain of the

team. Last year we had four regular men on the team and one substitute. This year besides these brothers, we have two freshmen, who are the most promising of the new candidates, so we expect to be represented by at least six regular men on the 'Varsity this year. On the track team we will be represented by Bro. Hornor, '99.

We have our full quota of college offices. The presidency of the senior and sophomore classes is held by two of our brothers. We also have the manager of the banjo club and the athletic representative of the sophomore class.

Together with our friends the Delta Tau Deltas we gave the college at large a smoker last evening. The entire undergraduate body was present and all had a fine time.

Bro. Pomroy, 1900, gave the brothers a smoker last week in honor of his twenty-first birthday.

Bro. Heilig, '91, and his wife who has the interest of Theta Delta Chi at heart, recently entertained the charge at their home in Allentown, Pa.

Bro. Okeson, '95, who is in the employ of the South Penn Oil Co., W. Va., has returned to his home here to wait until the weather is such that work may be resumed.

Bro. Richmond, '96, has recently bought out his partner in the coal business at Chattanooga, Tenn., and is doing a flourishing business.

Bro. Ansley, Beta, '98, paid us a short visit a few days ago.

Bro. Gass, '98, has left college to accept a position in Washington, D. C.

We would be glad of a visit from brothers who happen at any time to be in this vicinity.

J. WESLEY GRACE.

XI.

HOBART COLLEGE.

Just a year ago we were moving into our new charge house, and so far we are well pleased with the change from the old dormitory life. It now is a pleasure to entertain visiting brothers, and we wish that more of them would come.

Dr. E. N. Potter resigned the presidency of Hobart at the first of the year, and it is expected that a new president will be elected at the June meeting of the trustees,

Brother Carl A. Harstrom, of the class of '86, is the leading candidate so far. The great question, however, is that of clergyman vs. layman. Every president in the history of Hobart so far, has been a clergyman, but it is believed by a large number of the alumni, and also we think, by many of the trustees, that a layman would build up the college faster, and infuse new life into old "Hobart."

Bro. Harstrom seems to be the ideal man for the position. He is wonderfully well qualified by nature and experience for this office, has traveled widely, visited the principal colleges of Europe and America, and has achieved a great reputation for skillful organization and executive ability. He is a liberal minded man of broad culture who would honor Hobart, and honor our fraternity, if he should be elected our next president.

During the past week have occurred the annual class elections, and Xi has received her full share of honors. Bro. Watson was elected member of the Athletic Council, and was also chosen by the junior class to receive the "Paddle" at the class day exercises next commencement. Bro. Colton was elected "Paddle Orator" for the senior class. Bro. Partridge, 1900, was elected vice-president of his class, and your humble servant is assistant manager of the base ball team.

We will graduate two members, Bros. Colton and Bliss, both of whom will take $\Phi. B. K.$

We have recently enjoyed visits from Bros. Ansley, Hamilton, Hoyt and Feigenspahn of Beta, also from Bro. Woodruff of Chi, and Bros. Davis and Elliott, two of our graduates of the classes of '94 and '95. Bro. Davis was on his way to Europe for a year's travel and rest.

We have lately established Monday evening of each week as our "Charge Night." On this evening all the boys make it a point to be at the house, and this is our weekly "At Home" for whist, pool, spreads, etc.

We expect to have a rousing big re-union of our graduates

and a banquet at next commencement, and if dates do not conflict, we heartily invite all brothers every where to join us and participate in the festivities at that time.

Fraternally yours,

H. T. MOORE.

OMICRON DEUTERON.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

We are enjoying our usual prosperity here at Dartmouth. Shut in as we are from the outside world during the winter months, society interests are always prominent.

Our meetings have been unusually interesting and our literary work has been up to the standard. Our usual prize debates were hotly contested and showed our strength in this line of work. This together with a contest in original orations and a whist tournament have been the principal features of our weekly meetings.

We have recently purchased a billiard table and its effect in bringing us together is most gratifying.

In the preliminary debates for the choice of eight men from whom the three who are to represent us in the Dartmouth-Williams debate are chosen, Bro. Ryan was one of the successful competitors, while Bro. Hilton obtained a place as substitute.

In the college mid-winter debates, Bro. Ryan was one of the four debaters chosen from the senior class.

Bro. Snow has been elected president of the college Y. M. C. A. for the ensuing year.

Bro. Gary represents us in the dramatic club which will soon present Sheridan's "A School for Scandal."

Dartmouth's base ball prospects are bright. A large number of men are in training and we hope to accomplish that which we have not done for several years—win a base ball championship. Bro. Putnam, who is captain of the 1900 team, will doubtless fill "Jack" Abbott's place behind the bat. Bro. Watson is sure of his old position at first base. Bro. Rowe will again cover second base, and Bro. MacAndrew's

prospects of holding a position in the out-field, are good. Bros. Mayer and Stickney will doubtless obtain positions on the 1900 team. Bro. Johnson is base ball director for the senior class, Bro. Gary for the junior class, and Bro. Mayer for the freshman class.

The outlook in general athletics is good although in '96 we lost several valuable men. The presence of good material in 1900, and a general spirit of work will insure us a good showing.

JOHN W. MERROW.

PI DEUTERON.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

In indulging in the overworked expression that "our charge has never been in a more prosperous condition," I feel as other SHIELD correspondents have doubtless felt, that this is in no wise an exaggeration. Not only are we doing well in competition with our rivals, but since Bro. Harstrom stirred us up on his last visit, we have learned what are a Theta's duties, and are improved as a consequence.

On May 15, Pi Deuteron, in conjunction with the New York Graduate Club, will hold a banquet, at which we propose to celebrate, in a manner befitting the occasion, the 15th anniversary of the founding of our charge.

All our men, however, slight their interest in athletics may be, are anxiously awaiting the advent of our spring games, which will take place May 8. We have most excellent reasons for believing that a good share of the laurels will fall to the lot of Pi Deuteron, for we will be represented in the track events by men who are generally acknowledged to be among the best in college. Bro. Grassi, '99, is showing up particularly strong, and should he fail to capture the sprints there will be much surprise.

An endeavor was recently made to arrange a skating contest with Columbia University. Why the event never came off can be best explained by the wearers of the blue and white for C. C. N. Y., did her share.

The lacrosse team is at work at indoor practice, and from all

appearances, the team of '97 will excel that of '96. For this we are greatly indebted to Bro. Strobel, '96, captain of last year's team, who left matters in a most progressive condition. The candidates for the team are showing up quite well, our only fear being for the attack men, who though quick and good stick-handlers, lack confidence and experience. Among the Theta Delt candidates, Bros. Holton and Neidlinger, '98, and Grassi, '99, will surely get places, while Bros. Steele, Stratton and Schmid, '99, stand a very good chance.

Four new men have been chosen to wear our shield, and we feel that we could have selected none more worthy of the honor than Bros. Waldemar Timme, O. J. A. Grassi, '99; A. L. Howe and E. T. Schaefer, 1900. Bro. Howe is the son of Bro. A. J. Howe, Chi, '69.

Our annual, the *Microcosm* is due April 15, and will certainly eclipse anything C. C. N. Y., has ever produced in this line. We shall be very pleased to exchange annuals with any of the sister-charges. Bro. C. Schmid, '97. is secretary of the *Microcosm* board.

Very fraternally yours,

CHAS. R. NEIDLINGER, '98.

RHO DEUTERON.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

The mid-year examinations have passed and we are beginning to get back into the regular routine of work. Already we have begun to look out for rooms for next winter. Rho Deuteron hopes to have rooms in the dormitory which is to be erected near the new site of the University. But rumors have been floating around and I am afraid that the dormitory will not be finished in time.

The buildings at Columbia's new site are being rapidly finished and everybody thinks that they will be fine. The authorities say that everything will be ready for us to begin work there next October.

We have recently initiated John S. Holbrook and we feel that we added to our number one who is a brother in every sense of the word. Bro. Holbrook is in the class of 1900, in the school of architecture.

Bro. Tiemann, who is musically inclined, plays with both the mandolin and banjo club.

Bro. Ehret is trying for the track-team. We hope that he will be successful.

Bro. Millspaugh, Iota Deuteron, '95, who is at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, was in to see us not long ago.

Bro. Carter comes in to see us very often and we are always glad to see him.

Bro. MacGahan, '96, has recently paid us a visit. He has just recovered from an attack of typhoid fever.

We hope that every Theta Delt, who can, will come in to see us. Rho Deuteron is always glad to see friends.

F. SECOR DICKERSON.

SIGMA DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

To tell the truth at the outset, the charge editor of Sigma Deuteron is at somewhat of a disadvantage because there exists a scarcity of fraternity news.

Since the last letter to the SHIELD, we have taken in no new men, but we have been busy assimilating our freshmen and teaching them in our own little way what Theta Delta Chi means.

The outcome of the 27th annual joint debate was most gratifying to Sigma Deuteron, for on January 8th, Philomathia, represented by three Theta Deltas, won the unanimous decision of the judges, from Athenae—the oldest and strongest debating society in the university. Never before in the history of our fraternity, have we experienced such happiness.

Sigma Deuteron was pleased to have our beloved brother Harstrom, chosen for a third term as president, pleased because we are interested, yes enthusiastic for the fraternity's welfare, and we are sure everything will be done within his power to make Theta Delta Chi the best and grandest fraternity in the college world.

Friday evening, Feb. 19th, occurred the "Junior Prom." given by the class of '98. Although other "proms" have

been great successes, this seemed to cap the climax. The large gymnasium was prettily decorated with flowers, palms and southern smilax, the side entrance being fitted out as a grotto in which a miniature electric fountain played. Another beautiful feature was an electrical display in the shape of a United States flag. This was so nicely arranged and so finely operated that the flag seemed to wave to and fro. Bro. Ryan represented Sigma Deuteron on the committee and in addition we sent our usual delegation.

An interesting event happened in the month of January when Bros. Winter, Eta, '80, and Bryant, Eta, '63, opposed each other in our supreme court. Both spent the evening at the house and we enjoyed their visit thoroughly.

With the second semester, has come in the hustle and bustle connected with spring athletics. Last year's victory at Yale has given rise to an unusual enthusiasm in our crew for this year. A large rowing tank has been constructed and earnest and consistent training has been going on for some time. The prospect is good and the early training will undoubtedly show good results. Sigma Deuteron will be represented on the freshman crew by Bro. Seiler, on the base ball team by Bros. Gregg and Greenwood. In track athletics, Bro. Watson, '99, will try the bicycle wheels, Bro. Bean, law, '99, will try for the dash.

During the past few weeks coasting parties have been quite the proper thing here in college. Madison's hills afford great opportunities for this sport and you may be sure the Sigma Deuteron brothers did their duty.

Last week we enjoyed a pleasant visit from Bro. Van Tuyl, Gamma Deuteron, '96, who represents Wright, Kay & Co., of Detroit. He is a fine fellow and a good Theta Delt.

With greetings and best wishes from all the boys to all the charges.

Yours in the bond,

GEO. B. NELSON.

TAU DEUTERON.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The last SHIELD, among many other good things, brought me two surprises ; one, that I was listed as charge editor, and secondly that Tau Deuteron's letter was missing from its columns. Now the SHIELD is, I presume, as it ought to be, "infallible," and so the boys hastened to conform to its statement by electing me editor. For the missing letter we apologize—its absence is due to a misunderstanding between the last editor, who was ill at the time, and one of the brothers supposed to fill his place.

Tau Deuteron has added to the ranks of loyal Theta Delts the following, whom I beg to introduce through the SHIELD to to the fraternity : Oliver Eggleston, 1900, Spring Valley ; Percy Lawrence, 1900, Minneapolis ; Jay Pike, 1900, Lake City ; Milton Stewart, 1900, Duluth ; Earl Pillsbury, 1900, West Superior ; Frank Farmer, 1900, Spring Valley ; Emory Brace, 1899, Minneapolis. Without claiming this delegation to be superior to any other presented by our sister charges, Tau Deuteron feels particularly proud of them and strong. "Rushed" and initiated during the first term, we enjoyed a short and decisive campaign with this apparent advantage that the initiates come early together and find their place in the charge.

We find that here in the great "central" west, where changes are more frequent and life more unsettled the best interests of the charge call for a membership of twenty or twenty-four to allow for those who move away or drop out, as one or two from each class generally do.

The SHIELD has given so full an account of the convention and the subsequent festivities that I need only assure you all that even at this distance we have caught some of its spirit and enthusiasm.

Tau Deuteron's fifth annual banquet, which took place at our club house on University Avenue, February 19th, was a very happy and successful affair. We must say that for a young charge, among brother Theta Delts, many who are necessarily of other (older) charges, we have a body of alumni

unsurpassed in the loyalty they manifest for the charge. I can not refrain from referring here to Bro. Seward D. Allen, of Duluth. Though interested in a large law practice and the active politics of the Zenith City, he never misses the opportunity to visit us on these occasions, and some of us boys begin to think we don't know what fraternity enthusiasm means after having been with him for a time.

As a charge grows older it gradually learns that "election to office" is not quite so important a factor in its existence as it formerly seemed. And yet a live interest and active share in the doings of the college is essential to the best standing and influence of the charge. At present we are distributed as follows: Bro. Pfaunder, editorials, "Ariel"; Bro. Savage, editor "Gopher" and also associate editor "University Magazine"; Bro. Pratt, treasurer junior class.

Bro. Gray has been elected to Nu Sigma Nu and Bro. Thomas to Delta Sigma Delta.

Bros. Pratt and Lehman represented us on the junior ball association this spring, Bro. Pratt being treasurer of the association.

The charge opened its doors to its friends on February 5th in the way of a dancing party held at the club house. A most enjoyable time was reported by all and the press gave us a very flattering write up.

Bro. Frederick Knights, Zeta, with "The Wizard of the Nile," made us a very pleasant visit while playing in the city.

Yours for the charge,

SOREN P. REES.

PHI.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

It is very hard to realize that we are so near the spring vacation and that almost two-thirds of the college year is gone, but lengthy reviews and threatening examinations tell us that it is only too true.

March finds us in a very flourishing condition, with [bright indications for the future.

This is the term of the year which is usually put down as being the most monotonous and uninteresting of any. But as a rule we do not find it so ; the fact that nothing is going on outside only tends to keep us closer together inside, forming stronger friendships and benefiting each other in many ways.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Bro. J. G. Stradling, 1900, of Edgewater Park, New Jersey. Bro. Stradling is a splendid man and makes a loyal Theta Delt.

This balmy weather has brought the base ball candidates out, and we are getting ready a team that will make a splendid record this spring.

Bro. Holmes dropped in on us not long ago and we spent a very delightful evening together.

The college has decided to do away with the old-time Calculus play and instead has formed a dramatic club, which will have charge of and produce all plays. Among the officers and members are Bros. Marsh, Garver, Jones T., Jones E., Heckman and Griggs.

We intend having one of our customary smokers in the near future and heartily invite all the brothers living near by to be present.

Bro. Bunnell, who left college last term, is now attending the Boston Institute of Technology.

Bro. Twitmyer, '96, is studying law at the University of Pennsylvania.

Bros. Okeson and Wettlaufer, of Nu Deuteron, were down to see us last week.

Phi extends a cordial welcome to all brothers who come to Easton.

JOHN LEAVITT GRIGGS.

CHI.

ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

As the second college term draws to a close, the faces of the student body are assuming that apprehensive look that always precedes the momentous period of examinations. How different from the scene of a few short weeks ago, when the im-

perious "sophs" and vain freshmen were trying to assert the supremacy of their respective forces, and our halls re-echoed with shouts of victory claimed by both classes alike. The accounts which found their way into the newspapers, however, have been greatly exaggerated, as there exists no serious rivalry between '99 and 1900. As the contest remained undecided, good will has been restored, if indeed it was ever really lacking.

As yet the University of Rochester has no president, but is still under the supervision of Dr. Lattimore, with very little change since last year. The glee and mandolin club continue to give concerts in Rochester and vicinity, and are doing exceptionally good work.

Our base ball and track teams are in training, and contain several new men who are likely to take first rank in athletics. Of these, Brown, 1900, is our best runner, and our hopes for the high jump rest with Davis, '99.

Affairs with Chi are going on with renewed interest. Our meetings are often attended by graduate brothers and the true Theta Delta spirit is manifested.

Arthur Anderson, '97, secured the election to vice-president of the senior class.

Within the last few weeks we have pledged another new man and expect to secure several others in a short time.

Rochester alumni have adopted the custom of the Washington Thetas of holding a monthly "Dutch Treat." This plan seems to work admirably, and keep the older alumni in close union and sympathy with the fraternity.

We expect that Chi will be represented at the coming banquet at Buffalo.

Joseph E. Webster, '94, was recently admitted to the bar.

Wishing the SHIELD all success, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES G. ORWEN.

CHI DEUTERON.

COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

The exciting days of inauguration are over and Chi Deuteron is settling back into the even tenor of its way.

It did our hearts good to welcome the Theta Delts, who made their presence in the city the occasion for a visit to 1509 H St., our only regret being that so few, comparatively, could be with us.

We are just now rejoicing over the good fortune that has befallen our charge president, Brother Victor Louis Mason, '97. He has been appointed confidential clerk to Secretary of War Alger.

We are all one in Chi Deuteron, and could not more be elated if each had received a special honor for himself.

To digress for a moment from news relating strictly to the charge, Theta Delta Chi has been honored and the hearts of her sons of Chi Deuteron rejoiced by the appointment of Bro. John Hay as "Ambassador to the Court of St. James."

Bro. Hay has warmly befriended the local charge as well as the fraternity at large, and we feel a very personal interest in the high honor conferred upon him. He will prove a worthy successor of such men as James Russell Lowell and Thomas F. Bayard.

Since the last letter to the SHIELD, we have taken in Bro. McKinney, 1900, whom we take great pleasure in introducing to the other charges.

By the time this goes to press, we shall have had the annual banquet, in which Chi Deuteron unites with the alumni association in such an evening as Theta Delts know so well how to enjoy.

EDMUND KEMPER BROADUS.

 PSI.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

Second term is passing away as smoothly as last, and Psi is still prospering.

The sophomore hop occurred the evening of the 18th. Ninety-nine has always stood high in anything she has un-

dertaken and the hop was not an exception. The gymnasium was decorated in the usual manner, with buff and blue, the college flags, and banks of evergreen ; but above all was the banner, won under the leadership of Bro. Cunningham, in the inter-class base ball contest last spring.

Psi was well represented at the hop by Bros. C. J. France, C. G. and F. H. Cunningham.

Work on the new Science Hall is being pushed as much as the weather permits. Nearly all the 1,300 tons of stone necessary are already on the spot, and it is expected that active operations will commence about the 15th of March.

The decision in the Fayerweather will case, which reached here January 14th, occasioned much rejoicing. Hamilton's share will be between \$140,000 and \$150,000. The decision this time is final and the payment will be made the first of March.

There is every prospect that the New York Inter-collegiate Athletic union will be formed between Hamilton, Union, Hobart and Colgate, Syracuse and Rochester having declined to enter if the limit is fixed at more than two hours. The feeling seems to be that we ought to make a good showing, even if we do not take the pennant. Psi is pretty sure of having three men to represent her on the track team.

Recently we received a visit from Bro. Lotus N. Southworth, '79, of Utica.

W. E. DANFORD.

Exchange Cleanings.

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

The leading editorial in the *Caduceus of Kappa Sigma* is so clear and outspoken in its treatment of a most important subject that we reproduce it almost entire :

In one or two colleges in the country there are at the present time contests between the non-Fraternity element and the Fraternities. To some extent Faculty influence seems to be behind the non-Fraternity faction. Whether or not in any case the "nons" are right in their apparent conception that they are unjustly treated by the "arrogant Fraternity set," we are unable to say. In the main, they are probably moved by mere fancied grievances, and having nothing of tangible righteousness in their opposition to college Fraternities. But to the truly conservative Fraternity such a state of affairs presents a problem, and a serious one. Success in one or two small and insignificant colleges may lead the non-Fraternity element in our stronger institutions to wage war against the Fraternity system. That such a contest would be woefully one-sided, and that the "nons" would be speedily vanquished is not to the purpose by any means. The college Fraternity wants no contest with any element in student life. One of the highest aims of the Fraternity is to have its chapters composed of such men that no attack from outside sources can possibly be made upon it, and it is the main purpose of this article to show that the development in any college of an organized non-Fraternity element can be wholly averted by the Fraternities at that college.

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To-day, therefore, the dealing on the part of a Fraternity with the whole college world, and more particularly the policy to be pursued toward the non-Fraternity element, is a problem demanding serious attention. The college Fraternity has long since justified its existence—has become a real factor in college life, and in most cases earned the unqualified approbation of college authorities. Its position may, therefore, be said to be absolutely secure. But, as we have stated, a single contest waged by non-Fraternity men with even partial success may lead to unpleasant consequences. * * * In the first place, get rid of unpleasant nomenclature. The non-Fraternity man should not be spoken of as a "barbarian." He is generally as fair a representative of nine-

teenth-century civilization and education as his Fraternity brother. Often his failure to be a member of a Fraternity is because of personal inclination. He is, therefore, to be treated as on a social and civil equality with the Fraternity brother, and not spoken of or pointed at in derision. It is simply upon lines of close companionship that your bearing toward your Fraternity brother is to be different from your attitude to the mass of your fellow students. The closest personal friendship will doubtless be formed within the Chapter hall, but genuine intimacies with non-Fraternity men, if they are the proper sort of fellows, are not to be despised. These non-Fraternity men ought to be made to feel that they have the respect of the Fraternities. In athletics and in the class room they should be accorded proper consideration. In those places merit alone must predominate.

Further, a Fraternity Chapter should avoid combinations and cliques. Pan-Hellenic leagues are worthy when tending only to promote true inter-Fraternity comity: when used simply to dominate class and college politics they are curses. Honors, to be honors indeed, must be fairly earned: those gained by "log rolling" are mere shams. Every Fraternity Chapter must remember that it owes a duty to its college as well as to itself. An insistent avoidance of these colleges combinations will appeal to the innate sense of righteousness which lies within the breast of non-Fraternity man and Fraternity man alike.

With every Fraternity member and every Fraternity Chapter adhering to these tenets, the non-Fraternity element in a college will have respect for the Fraternity system, and will not by a single word attack it. A carping few, indeed, may "wail and gnash their teeth," but their own individuality will cause their efforts to die of their inherent weakness. Perhaps in a few very small colleges where the Fraternity system has become congested we will still hear of unseemly struggles, and find that Faculties are fighting the battles of non-Fraternity men. The only and proper solution of such cases will be the prompt withdrawal of the Fraternities from the institutions. And that such a course would be a welcome one to many Fraternities no one will deny. Chapters in these weak institutions, established as they were in the days of Fraternity infancy, have in most instances become sources of weakness, and any struggle to hold them certainly will not be entered into. The game is not worth the candle.

The founding of the new chapter at Bucknell is the subject of articles descriptive of the University and the new chapter, and so admirably does an editorial reference to one feature of the work preparatory to this founding fit in with what has been said concerning true inter-Fraternity comity that it might almost be called a continuation of the editorial on that subject:

In connection with the founding of Alpha-Phi Chapter an incident of

true inter-Fraternity courtesy and friendliness was brought forth that we think the whole Fraternity and the Greek world should be made aware of. Mr. W. C. Gretzinger, the editor of the *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*, is the Registrar of Bucknell University. In the course of the thorough investigation made by the supreme executive committee, prior to the establishment of a chapter, members of the committee were brought into correspondence with Mr. Gretzinger.

This true Fraternity gentleman gave the committee all desired information, and in every way was generous and courteous to Kappa Sigma during the time when such kindness was a genuine favor. Phi Kappa Psi has a strong chapter at Bucknell. The natural inclination of a smaller man would have been to have shown scant courtesy to Kappa Sigma. Editor Gretzinger's course stands forth, therefore, as an illustration of the true manliness of a broad-minded Fraternity leader and a crowning example of the sort of Pan-Hellenism that is both practical and righteous. That Fraternity rivalry can be maintained on a friendly, and at the same time dignified basis no one will deny, and all will agree that such a condition strengthens the whole college Fraternity fabric.

One of the most interesting chapter histories it has been our lot to read for many a day is carried through the January and March numbers of *Beta Theta Pi*. The chapter in question is Eta Eta, located at Denison University, and the life of the quiet village, "with the citizens keeping track of the movements on the hill, the students inclined to respect the well defined opinions of the citizens," is clearly set forth. So also is the small college which, in one of the seasons of depression, "followed the common western plan and sold its birthright for a mess of pottage, giving up the name 'Granville College,' which meant something, for that of the first person who would put ten thousand dollars into its depleted and impoverished treasury."

They were first organized as a chapter of Kappa Phi Lambda, a society which has since entirely disintegrated. Life could not have lacked interest about the time of "swinging out" under such circumstances as these:

Despite the eagerness for the charter, there had been a good deal of worry about the "swinging out," because there was a college statute which forbade the formation of any society without the consent of the president, given after an examination of the constitution of the proposed organization. There was consternation in staid old Granville when the

cabalistic emblems of Kappa Phi Lambda sparkled in the sunlight for the first time. It was the theme of conversation, both on the hill and in the village. In a city there would be little interest attached to such an event; in a village like Granville it created a tremendous sensation. In due time came a summons from the president, and there was much anxious questioning as to the best method of procedure, and anxiety increased because one of the members was a ministerial student, who was receiving aid from the Education Society. It was determined that if expulsion was threatened, all would leave Denison and go to the University of Rochester. One of the boys actually sold out part of his furniture in his excitement. When the hour for the meeting with the president came, the chapter filed into the office, a solemn and defiant band. The president read the law, and asked whether there was willingness to comply with the requirements. The spokesman for the chapter replied, "We are ready to show you our constitution, but it will be necessary to initiate you as a member first." Instead of becoming angry at this unexpected reply, the president saw the joke, and nothing came of the interview; so that the badges were worn all the rest of the college year, although there was a pronounced feeling of opposition from faculty and students, except a small band of the latter, who were planning for a chapter of Sigma Chi.

Equally stirring it must have been when the president declared open war:

The fraternity men made reply, showing that they were leaders in class and literary society work, that class spirit had never been marked at Denison, and that the so-called factitious distinctions were nothing more than what are found at every school, where men of brains and spirit show up to the disadvantage of those of less calibre. But it was too late. The fiat had gone forth, and Beta Theta Pi was condemned to *sub rosa* life for nine years.

The college lost heavily by this measure of repression. There were many removals. Wooster gained a small army of fraternity men, and other institutions increased their rolls by additions from Denison. Looking backward, it is easy to see what Denison sacrificed by its short-sighted policy during the seventies. The personal bitterness of these years was intense, and I have vivid recollections of one commencement season when there were black eyes and lawsuits as accompaniments of the more sober delivery of orations, as members of the senior class filled their places upon the stage, and then hurried to the mayor's court, where they gave testimony as witnesses.

Oftentimes in the *sub rosa* initiations there were curious make-shifts, as, for example, when one member initiated another student all by himself. When he came to the obligation he looked for a Bible, but not finding one, and not daring to go out to borrow one, lest he arouse sus-

pcion, he swore in the new brother upon a copy of Hadley's Greek Grammar.

Reminiscences, however, do not prevent vigorous treatment of questions of present policy, and as will be seen, the two important matters of extension and proposed legislation on financial methods are handled very freely :

As to extension, it looks as though it were hopeless for any set of petitioners to apply. Since 1890 but two new chapters have been established, viz : those at Yale and Leland Stanford. The fight over the admission of the Yale chapter became almost bitter in its intensity, and the path of the Leland Stanford petitioners was by no means strewn with roses. We have during this time revived inactive chapters at the University of Chicago and the University of Pennsylvania. The existence of former chapters at these institutions was, however, a strong if not determining point in their favor. What their fate would have been without this advantage, is quite doubtful. During this same period, applications for charters have been rejected from many institutions, some of them of prominence and unimpeachable standing. And we much doubt to day whether there is a single educational institution in the United States from which an application for a chapter would be received with universal favor in the fraternity. Whether this policy is a good or bad one is immaterial. The fact remains that for nearly six years the fraternity has practically stood still in the the matter of extension, and the clamor against undue extension has no foundation in fact. The undergraduates are responsible for this condition of things, and they may well ask themselves whether they are prepared to see the fraternity restricted entirely within its present limits. We are very sure that the large majority of the alumni would prefer to see a policy of cautious and slow but steady increase again inaugurated.

Let us consider the position of our Treasurer. He handles at the utmost the paltry sum of but \$6,000 per annum. It is paid out about as fast as it is received for just eleven items :

He is placed under a relatively heavy bond, even though the amount of money he has on hand at any one time would hardly tempt an office boy to take it, and now it is proposed to put him under a system where-by he is to be compelled to secure from the president of the fraternity an order or warrant for every sum expended.

There is, moreover, in the proposed system, a curious and illogical requirement. It is not the President of the *Convention*, who heard the legislation enacted which authorized the expenditures to be made, and who should know the intentions of the convention regarding the same, who signs the orders on the Treasurer, but the President of the *Trustees*, who probably has not attended the convention, and who secures his in-

formation about the authorized expenditures from precisely the same source as the Treasurer, viz: The published minutes of the convention.

The whole system proposed is such a manifest absurdity, considering the resources and position of the fraternity, that it strikes an outsider as grotesque.

The mania for legislation, which students of political science have seen grow until it finds vent in enactments which attempt to cover all possible future circumstances, has at last attacked our fraternity. In the older days it was sufficient to elect an honest gentleman to the office of treasurer, and trust him to do his best, like the rest of us, for the advancement of *B Θ Π*. Now it is proposed to select a Treasurer, and then show our distrust of him by requiring him to give bonds, hamper him by every possible delay in paying him money, annoy him and wound his self-respect by requiring him to submit every proposed outlay to an officer in a distant place, who cannot possibly know what he does about the situation, and then wonder that a faithful officer resents such implications against his character and reputation.

As will be remembered, Kappa Alpha has started upon a crusade the aim of which is a chapter house for every chapter, and in view of this fact an editorial in the January number, entitled "Associate Members," is decidedly significant.

No innovation of late years has proven a happier inspiration than that providing for "associate members." Associates are alumni who continue their active membership, being accorded the usual privileges of active members, with the possible exception of voting on new members. This arrangement has been productive of a two-fold advantage in that means are provided not only for the fostering of alumni enthusiasm, but for supplying chapters with mature counsel. The system is of especial value to city chapters, and its chief beneficiaries so far have been Eta [Richmond College, Richmond, Va.], Alpha-Nu [Columbia University, Washington, D. C.] and Alpha-Lambda [Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.] Eta's recent revival was rendered successful by the active enlistment into her ranks of eleven alumni resident in Richmond. Alpha-Nu reports four of her last year's membership maintaining their old relations and recognizes their services as invaluable. Alpha-Lambda finds in the privilege a means of keeping her chapter house. Now that all of our progressive chapters are arranging to supply themselves with homes, this provision in itself ought to prove an immense factor in either buying or renting.

A paragraph from the report of a meeting of the New York Alumni Chapter, when read in connection with this editorial, seems to indicate that the trend of opinion among the grad-

uates is rather in the direction of strengthening the already large number of chapters, many of which are in the smaller colleges, than to toward extension of any sort :

The question of establishing chapters at Northern colleges was informally discussed, but the consensus of opinion was decidedly in opposition to any such step. The reasons for such opposition were, briefly, that ours has been intrinsically a Southern fraternity, that there would likely occur confusion on account of the existence of another organization of the same name, that we could not expect to meet the old-established fraternities on an equal footing, and that the lines of social distinction are not similarly drawn in the North as in the South. In case, however, such a movement should ever be definitely determined upon the New York alumni may be relied upon to aid in carrying out the plan.

It would be interesting to know just what is meant by the statement that "The lines of social distinction are not similarly drawn in the North as in the South," for another contributor, writing in defence of the small college, says: "Few, we take it, will disagree with us when we state that the most valuable service a college (academic) education can render to finish the youth into a gentleman," and winds up his article with the conclusion that "The Kappa Alpha order does not need new chapters at 'metropolitan seats of learning.' The experiment of assimilation would be a very dangerous one. There is almost nothing to gain; there is very much to lose. Let Northern extension and other kinds of extension alone for a time."

Recent numbers of the Greek journals seem to be giving considerable attention to ribbon and class societies, some merely from the descriptive standpoint, others judging them by their influence upon the regular Greek letter fraternities. *Phi Kappa Psi* treats these sporadic growths at Stanford descriptively :

No Pan-Hellenic society has been formed, but the following class societies, composed of members from the leading fraternities, serve as a meeting-ground for them: Freshman, Phi Upsilon; Sophomore, Theta Nu Epsilon; Junior, Skull and Snakes (Sigma Sigma); Senior, Snake and Key. Membership in the above societies is by election. Theta Nu Epsilon needs no description. Phi Upsilon is similar to Theta Nu Epsilon in that its members are not known until the end of the freshman year.

Sigma Sigma has open initiations; that is, for three days before Memorial Day each year they initiate their candidates on the "quad." The candidates are made to do all kinds and sorts of ridiculous things, such as blacking shoes, wheeling baby carriages (if there is some particularly youthful-looking individual, he is made to ride in the carriage), selling gum, candy, etc. Many are seen with their coats on wrong side out, and their trousers turned up to their knees. These, however, are only a few of the many ways Sigma Sigma has of initiating. On the evening of Memorial Day exercises are held in the chapel, at which Sigma Sigma and her candidates occupy prominent seats. After the exercises, the candidates are blindfolded, marched from the chapel, and placed in coaches along with the Sigma Sigmas. As the coaches whirl away to some neighboring town or mountain resort for the secret initiation and banquet, the familiar Sigma Sigma yell is heard resounding in the "quad" and over the campus:

Rah! rah! Sigma! Rah! rah! Sigma!
 Rah! rah! Sigma! Skull and Snakes!

Of the "Snake and Key" very little can be said, except that the members are obliged to wear the pin at all times, which often places them in a queer position—for instance, when bathing or retiring for the night.

Perhaps the fact that the Phi Psi wandering upon the battlefield in the story entitled "Pink and Lavender and Blue and Gray" at first mistakes the dead Phi Psi for "probably a Theta Delt," may excuse us for criticising the atrocities of dialect in which its writer indulged. In the name of the English dictionary, is it the lately renowned Chimmie Fadden or a southern gentleman, for that he was a Phi Psi presupposes that he was a gentleman, who says "'tain't" and "shure 'nuff," with an "h" in the sure? Still there is no lack of discussion of more serious matters. One phase of the question of extension would perhaps cause an almost fatal shock of surprise to certain faculty members, but there is no doubt that Editor Gretzinger is right when he says:

To our mind any institution is, in a degree, more or less injured by having a petition for a chapter refused by one of the existing national fraternities. Only to one inside is known the care, the scrutiny, and the rigid examination that a fraternity exercises in considering a petition from any set of petitioners or from any institution. Whenever a fraternity places a chapter in one of the higher institutions of learning to-day, the standard of that institution so honored is raised in the eyes of the

Hellenic world, for no fraternity plants a chapter now unless it does so with the view of extending its lines of work and of broadening its own standing at the same time.

Neither will the question of dignity in initiations down, and speaking of recent notorious performances at Northwestern University he expresses himself vigorously :

Such conduct on the part of college students cannot go by unnoticed. It should be especially condemned, for the reason that the young men who planned the performance, and those who made public fools of themselves, were members of a well-known college fraternity. The "horse-play" days in the college "frat." are of the past. The perpetuation of the custom referred to savors of barbarism and points out a weakness in fraternity ritualistic work which forces the members to resort to nonsense in order to impress the initiate with the importance and greatness of the fraternity he is joining.

A fraternity initiation should carry with it all the dignity and solemnity that the human brain can conceive. A fraternity initiation should be of such an impressive character that the initiate will carry away with him noble thoughts and lofty ambitions.

As might be expected, the leading article in the March number is entitled "Wisconsin Alpha—Redivivus," and so completely is Phi Kappa Psi "off with the old love" that only the reader who keeps history in mind would realize the long story told in that one word, "redivivus." So completely is this history ignored in the enthusiastic rejoicings over the new chapter that all manner of well-worn quotations come to mind. It is not a case of "The king is dead, long live the king," for the defunct chapter seems distinctively "unwept, unhonored and unsung." Neither does it seem quite appropriate to use certain other hackneyed words, "Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note," even though we hope that the "corse" which has caused so much crimination, recrimination and general unpleasantness has been finally disposed of, notwithstanding its ghost may still walk to occasionally point a moral.

The recent entrance of the University of Chicago by Sigma Chi is signalized in the *Quarterly* by an account of the establishing of the chapter, by one of the most interesting and intelligently handled articles upon the university itself that we

have ever seen, and by a history of the development of fraternity life under the somewhat peculiar conditions which prevail there. One of the speakers at the banquet gave such a singularly happy characterization of the purpose of that fraternity that we venture to expand its proportions sufficiently to take in all the Greek organizations which are worthy the name. It was: "Sigma Chi exists for the free and unlimited development of American gentlemen, coined in the mint of good fellowship from sterling metal wherever found, and current wherever courage, good manners and true-hearted companionship are loved among men."

Certain statements in the chapter letters, whether or not intended as figures of speech, seem rather inconsistent with the leading editorial. We give the extracts from the letters first.

On the night of December 23, 1896, we gathered for the last time in our Clifton avenue rooms, and midst the bleat of the goat and sulphurous satanic smells initiated — —.

We beg to assure his brothers throughout the country that he is a wonderfully skillful rider. He rode Sir William at a constantly accelerating velocity, until he was flashing through the realms of a vividly-imagined eternity at a tremendous pace, but finally emerged in a most graceful manner, and with comparatively few noticeable scars, into the light of the Grecian world.

The editor has recently witnessed an excellent example of the perverted conception which he fears may be prevalent among undergraduates as to the uses, objects and forms of initiations, an example which spoke most eloquently of what an initiation ought not to be. We deprecate the thought that these words are to be seen and read by representatives of the Greek world. But what are we to do? Is Sigma Chi to live forever under the system doubtlessly in vogue in too many of our chapters? There must be a reform in this thing, and the humiliation of a public confession is far preferable to the continuation of a baneful perversion of our initiatory ceremony. During the month of October, 1895, the editor, with others, was invited to be present at a certain initiation. He attended and witnessed a performance which can be properly qualified by only one word—repellant. He returned to Chicago and entered his protest in an editorial. At various times since, the *Quarterly* has contained communications and editorials on this subject; the fraternity magazines have quite generally approved the editor's sentiments; and a great many active and alumni members have expressed their approbation, while the chapter referred to, so far as its opinion has been made known, has been in accord with the editorial mentioned. But a year afterward

that same chapter invites a number of persons to be present at an initiation and regales them with a spectacle which would have been grotesquely absurd if it had not been offensive and positively cruel. Where in the world did that chapter get its theory of an initiation into Sigma Chi? Its alumni members present were the most unsparing of all in their condemnation of the exhibition. We do not wish to be understood as criticising the individuals who compose that chapter and who conducted these several initiations. They are but the victims of a pernicious system from which it is our duty to rescue them. The editor is happy to think that these several so-called initiations are not fair examples, but yet they illustrate an ever-present possibility. Other chapters may or may not indulge in the same excesses. Whether they do or not is of no importance in this discussion. There is nothing to restrain them. And the two perversions referred to show the possibility of an absurdly erroneous construction of our ritual in the absence of restraint. We must eliminate even the possibility of such a strange misconstruction.

It should be the object of the initiatory ceremony to prepare the candidate not only to receive the oath and charge, but to appreciate them and to understand that he is assuming obligations such as the world does not require of all men. The "charge" contains the sublimest of human sentiments, promises the candidate consolation for the past, comfort for the present and hope for the future. The candidate is admonished to live uprightly and to conform to the highest type of manhood. In beautiful phrases he is taught his duties to the order and to his brothers. Does all this mean anything? Are these sentiments thrown together to please the ear? Is it our purpose to accomplish these noble ends? If it is, then those sentiments are entitled to a more dignified setting than they sometimes receive. It is an incongruous conglomeration of the sublime and ridiculous to deliver that noble charge as a climax to a nonsensical performance. What part in the preparation for a reception of the obligations and admonitions contained in our ritual is obtained by handcuffing and blindfolding the candidate, tying a rope around his waist and prancing him up and down the room until his tongue lolls out from exhaustion? I have been informed of an initiation into one of the Greek letter fraternities where a candidate undergoing the above procedure had to endure terrific blows from barrel staves in the hands of his "brothers." Every time he turned a corner he received a terrific whack from a staff in the hands of some irresponsible student. It is hard to comprehend how any set of men could be so lost to all appreciation of the situation as to have indulged in such procedure.

Every respectable educational institution in the land is making unmitigated efforts to free itself from hazing. And yet in the secrecy of the halls and houses of the chapters of the various Greek letter societies are doubtless enacted "jokes" as inhuman as those of the rattle-brained hazer. The "tests" to which a candidate must submit are

often not only cruel, but positively dangerous, and if the Greek letter societies cannot eliminate this element from their initiations then it is to be hoped that the faculties of the various institutions will take the matter in hand themselves and exercise a salutary supervision over these ceremonies.

Another matter of grave import discussed in this number is the proposed incorporation of the fraternity, and a great many arguments pro and con are given, the editor being decidedly opposed to the plan as it at present stands, one feature of which is that the fraternity at large shall own the chapter houses. In relation to this he puts a very pertinent question :

The great objection, however, to holding and controlling by the fraternity of all real estate is this, i. e., each chapter which now occupies a house, or will occupy one, is indebted to the energy and generosity of its own alumni. They have sacrificed time and money for the securing of property. They do this more for the advancement of their own chapter than for the benefit of the fraternity at large. They form a corporation, put in their money, and then control the property as they see fit. I do not believe they would be so ready to do this if they knew that after their money had been given, they would have absolutely no voice in the control of the property purchased. As things now stand a limited number of persons organize and become incorporated—the persons donating are the members of the corporation and they select their own trustees or directors and formulate their own policy. If there is an occasion to do so, they mortgage the property or do whatever the necessity of the hour demands, being under no obligation to consult any other authority than their own, and being governed entirely by their own wishes and the exigencies of the occasion. Under the proposed plan they would have absolutely no voice in the control of the property—except by courtesy. They would build the house and the fraternity would take charge. Would our alumni be so ready to give their time and money only to have the fruit of their efforts pass beyond their control?

The striking feature of the *Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta* for January is a discussion on the fraternity man in his relations to the non-fraternity man in which the participants are two men who never joined a fraternity, one who in his last year joined in a petition and was initiated after graduation, and another who became an active Tau when he had been a year and a half in college. They all write so frankly and dispassion-

ately that we condense their arguments so as to give as much of the gist of them as possible.

I. The fact that I had not had an opportunity to join was, I believe, the main source of my embarrassment. Rightly or wrongly,—in many cases, it must have been the latter,—there was always the feeling, a sort of sub-consciousness never fairly put into words and admitted to myself, that these men looked upon me as one below their standard. I felt, too, that if I were not careful they would think I was anxious for an invitation to join. The fraternity seemed to constitute a sort of college aristocracy, and, while the standards of admission were as diverse as the poles, one fraternity always recognized members of another as fellow aristocrats. I now recognize that this must have been grossly unjust to many, perhaps to most of the fraternity men; yet the feeling was very real to me and to others. * * * I recognized fully that in a large college it is not practicable that every deserving man should have a chance to join a fraternity. * * * One final word; make the non-fraternity man feel, if possible, that you value him as much as you would if he were a member of some other fraternity.

II. My first suggestion would be that fraternity men avoid any unnecessary appearance of secrecy. Doubtless the average fraternity man has fewer real secrets than his non-fraternity brother often imagines. Yet it is easy for fraternity men to congregate together outside of their hall and talk in whispers, when perhaps the subject of discussion is one that they would willingly announce to all the world. The natural curiosity of the human heart chafes under the notice of these subdued conversations. Thus if the public parade of secrecy could be diminished or eliminated, it would be a great stride toward the goal of harmony.

Then too, I would suggest that fraternity men should avoid the appearance of narrowed sympathy. Where men are bound together by obligations and congenial companionship in secret organizations they are very apt to lose much of their interest in those outside of their circle. Even men by nature of broad sympathies soon find themselves yielding to this tendency. Non-fraternity men notice this very quickly.

III. At the university which I have especially in thought, the greatest embarrassment comes to the non-member on class-day, when he realizes that he has no place to take his mother, his sister or his *fiancee*. His guests do not understand what it means not to be a fraternity man, and quite naturally they ask him why he does not take them to the grandstands or into the social gatherings. What can he say? To the writer it would seem that no greater opportunity offers itself for fraternities to close the gap that exists, than to arrange their class-day festivities so that every college man may have a share in them and thus be allowed that happy satisfaction of feeling himself not ostracised but admitted to the best that there is. As it now is only a few non-members attend the receptions, the greater number not being invited. Why could not the vari-

ous chapters agree upon some plan whereby each member of the college should receive two tickets for at least one spread? Some such little courtesy shown by the societies would do a great deal toward putting an end to campus feuds and make Greek-letter fraternities popular among non-fraternity men.

IV. It would be well to discard the name which in many of our colleges is given to the uninitiated. Had the college societies at the outset taken Latin names this fault of nomenclature would have been avoided. But, wisely and well, we all agree, our mottoes were chosen from the Greek language and our pins are faced with the tortuous letters that puzzle many lookers. In classical literature and in history *Barbarian* was antithetical to *Greek*. It seemed natural to apply the term to those who did not belong to the Greek societies. But now more, perhaps, than in the day of Athens' glory, the word *Barbarian* has some undesirable meanings; even the dictionary so allows. Nor is the name elevated in its meaning when it is shortened into "Barb." At the risk of offering a rather cheap play upon words, it may be said that this abbreviation seems to put between Greeks and their outside friends a social barrier, not easily passed, and suggesting unpleasant experiences with a certain kind of fence widely used in our Western country. Even though our non-fraternity friends have never protested consciously against the name *Barbarians*, it must be clear to every knower of human nature that another word would be appreciated. Names promote sentiment. If you can fasten the name "Force bill" upon a certain attempt at legislation, you will influence public thought about the measure. We, therefore, make bold to suggest that the names *Barbarians* and *Barbs* be discarded; for language, like a man, may sometimes sneer.

Phi Delta Theta entered the Case School of Applied Science in December, 1896, so quite naturally the leading articles in the February number of the *Scroll* are an account of the school and of the installation. Then comes a sort of panoramic account of the twenty-fourth biennial convention. It is a series of dissolving views of "a rousing reception at the station from what seemed an innumerable multitude of Pennsylvania Zeta men, each bent on walking off with some delegate's hand baggage;" the men who "looked most dilapidated when the week was over;" "outbursts of enthusiasm;" the "dramatic resignation and unanimous re-election" of the editor of the song-book; "a certain drowsiness in the air" on Friday morning; the weather; an initiation; occasional references to "important business" such as the recommitment of the

proposed constitution, code and other general statutes to be again revised; the withdrawal of two charters and the granting of one. A biography of the retiring editor, John Edwin Brown, gives the history of so much hard work for the fraternity that one might almost write his name and Phi Delta Theta progress interchangeably. The new editor, Hugh Th. Miller, says very little for himself by way of salutatory, but makes this statement of intention for the future on behalf of the fraternity:

Since the convention at Bloomington, in 1889, the energies of Phi Delta Theta have been devoted chiefly to internal improvement. Her chapter roll will never become stereotyped. So long as there are institutions of high grade, well-endowed and favorably situated, attended by large numbers of good men, so long will she hold herself ready to consider carefully applications that may come from these institutions. And whenever schools she has entered fail to justify the expectations cherished when the chapter was instituted, or become unfavorable fraternity soil, just so often will she withdraw any charter now upon her roll. Action in either direction indicated would conduce to internal improvement. But among the measures on the present program of the working members of the fraternity, alumni and undergraduates and officers, two or three are writ larger than the rest. These are: cordial inter-fraternity relations, chapter-house building and organization of the alumni.

The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* is largely given to reports of the fifteenth biennial congress, and the banquet, and contains portraits of a number of A. T. O. notabilities who were present. Among the items noticed in the report we find that an official pledge button was adopted, and a whistle was also given the solemn sanction of the legislative body. The report says: "The challenge is the music to words which compose the name of our fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega. The response is the music to their secret meaning and is to be given in staccato," while in editorials we find the statement that the members of Ohio Beta Mu chapter have whistled it for some time, and the whistlers all seem to have survived. The following paragraph is decidedly significant:

In the course of congress an instance of irregularity in initiation was developed in a certain chapter, and was strongly condemned by all present. In order that there might be no mistake in regard to the attitude of the fraternity toward this practice, a motion was introduced Bro. Ehle,

and unanimously carried, declaring that we, as a fraternity, are decidedly and unreservedly opposed to "lifting" or the election and initiation of aliens who are members of other Greek letter fraternities.

One of the chapters reports what might be worth consideration by chapters who complain that their alumni drift away from them after graduation :

We are trying an experiment in our chapter, the result of which is being looked for with considerable interest. We have started what might be called a chapter paper for the benefit of our alumni. Realizing that there are many things of fraternal interest which can never enter our college paper, we have adopted this method and each month we prepare a paper or circular letter containing points of local interest in the chapter, subjects discussed under the good of the order, etc. This is copied on a copying machine procured for that purpose.

Judging by the frequent comments which it has called forth, the blue cover of the SHIELD has had a disquieting effect upon the editors of certain Greek letter journals. We can hardly imagine their emotions upon beholding the brilliant crimson in which the January number of *Phi Gamma Delta* is clothed. Visions of the red flag of anarchy float through the mind, we wonder if we are to be called upon to divide the supply of ink which we may have on hand, or the avails of the subscription list, but our fears seem groundless when we discover the tone of the contents, which are dignified and conservative as of yore. It is largely a convention number, and the speeches at the banquet ring true and clear with fraternity loyalty and honor. One man, who has long been active in shaping the policy of the fraternity, uses these stirring words :

We find Aristotle, centuries ago, going back to the individual citizen in his discussion of the principles of government. And so it is in the fraternity. The permanence of our life, of our ideals, of our order depends upon the individual man. Be not deceived then by the prestige of your chapter, born of conquests, successes and spoils into the conviction that the mere esteem and standing of your fraternity, and the glorious record of the past will bear you on to continued success in the fields of your endeavor for progress—only attained by persistent struggle and continued attrition, and as the chain is no stronger than its weakest link, as the plane of business or professional life, is too often determined by the meanest man in it, so in fraternity you will find that the position of your chapter in your respective institutions is reflected by the men

you initiate, and in the search-light inquisition of fraternity competition, your *tendon Achilles* will be disclosed to the world. So choose well your men and choose MEN. Men in every respect, men you can live with, trust your honor with and the honor of your fraternity. Men who in the hour of depression and travail, and they come to every chapter, will rise to the emergency, not skulk from it. Not men whose enthusiasm weakens at temporary loss of prestige and instead of rising to meet it are likely to be borne down with it. And as men bear your burdens like the Greeks of old. A chapter of such men is stronger than a thousand. When back to back you meet the enemy in competition for men or in the reverses of chapter life every man becomes a force and every chapter a power of great magnitude. And in your chapter life live up to the highest principles of our order. See to it that every man performs his set task, and in financial dealings, in compliance with the constitution, in your dealings with the government of the fraternity, be honest, scrupulous and sincere.

From a summarized account of Bishop McLaren's response to the toast, "Memories," we take this:

Third, the bishop spoke of fraternity life as supplying something that a man can carry away and hold for life. College ties are mostly ephemeral. Men change. The old professors pass away. The only permanent element is the secret penetralia where perpetual vows were spoken, and men swore to be true to each other for life. This is what endears Phi Gamma Delta to her old men. Here, to-night, is the oldest living initiate and his address reveals the reason of his presence. It is the remembrance of the earliest days when he was a fellow student with our founders. The old college has gone from those academic scenes, the old professors are dead, nothing remains but the old fraternity. Such memories are very humanizing and precious.

This suggested to the speaker, he said, what had long been in his mind with regard to the relation of the old men (not with the very oldest, perhaps, but the men of forty or fifty) to the counsels of this fraternity. He was quite prepared to concede all possible vim and push and *elan* to the young men, but the undergraduate of to-day ought to bear in mind that in legislating and moulding the character of the contemporaneous Phi Gamma Delta, he was also under bonds not to impair that which the older men had handed down to him. Remember that it is old Phi Gamma Delta—a veritable antique—which secured and maintains the loyal interest of your gray-haired brethren! He sometimes thought it would be wise to put more power into their hands that their experience might join hands with the enthusiasm of the younger men.

The *Alpha Phi Quarterly* is publishing a series of articles entitled "Practical Suggestions for Chapters," and somebody with a very level head has written one headed "The Initiate":

There is no more critical period during the four years' active relations with a fraternity than the time immediately following initiation. It is critical for the chapter and for the initiate, and when means are found for satisfactorily solving this problem, the fraternity has made a long step towards proving its superiority.

"Rushing," as it is practiced by most if not all of our fraternities, must bear the blame for many faults, but its evil effects are nowhere more deplorable than in the attitude it compels the freshmen to assume towards the chapter. So much attention is lavished upon them that they not unnaturally come to believe that the fraternity was made for them—that the original members had them in mind twenty or thirty years ago and founded the organization as a proper setting for their brilliant wit and beauty.

This attitude at initiation time must remain unchanged as long as the chapter is willing to grovel in the dust every time there is a butterfly flutter on the college horizon. Hence it is that our initiates are wholly unprepared for the change that takes place after they are full-fledged members of the chapter.

They find suddenly that there are grave subjects as well as gay; that there are duties and responsibilities, and that each new sister has a share to bear. It is this fact that causes them to question whether the fraternity is all they have thought it to be. Of course it is all and a great deal more than the freshmen can understand at this time, but the change from bonbons to rock candy is a bit too sudden and they are convinced for a time, at least, that they have made a mistake. If they can be set right at this point, their value to the chapter is assured.

The first and most difficult lesson for the initiate to learn is obedience. She should at once accept the fact that she is a babe in the chapter, and should be willing to be instructed and even commanded by those older and more experienced than herself. There may be methods used which she does not approve, but she will, if she be wise, leave their reform to her elders; and in case they do not recognize the errors, she will wait until she herself becomes an elder before she attempts to thrust her ideas upon the fraternity. Her part now is to study the fraternity as a whole and her chapter in particular, and preserve a discreet silence concerning all things she believes should be at once reformed. She can profit by the Irish judge's charge: "All we want from you is silence and not much of that."

In the second place the freshman should study the constitution, government and policy of the fraternity. Ignorance concerning these things is not to be forgiven in the fraternity woman and the proper time to study

them is during the first year. Then when these are mastered she should cultivate a reverence for the precedents of her organization that will give her a proper degree of conservatism, and at the same time show her what progress is necessary to meet the present demands. She should remember that a leaven of conservatism is a thing to cherish among her most precious fraternity ideas. It will save her many times from danger to herself and to the chapter.

Again she must become reconciled to an entirely new estimate of herself by her chapter and the other fraternities in college. Henceforth she must remember that she is not simply Aurelia or Agnes or Annie, but she is an Alpha Phi. Her success in any department of college life will reflect credit upon her chapter; her failure will disgrace it. The little badge which she is permitted to wear is her talisman, and woe to the freshman who wears it simply because she may and has no appreciation of what it may represent in her life. The measure of her success after graduation is determined in no small degree by the measure of her success in the fraternity.

To assume and preserve this attitude toward the organization that has honored her with an election does not mean that she shall become a non-entity for a year; the fraternity that makes semi-serfs of its under-classes can never thrive; but the attitude of respectful obedience, earnest intelligence, true modesty and sisterly sympathy during the freshman year, develops useful sophomores, discreet juniors, efficient seniors and invaluable alumnae.

There is such an embarrassment of riches in the *Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma* that it is difficult to choose from among its many good things. There has been a long silence on the subject of extension, and now that it is taken up it is in this conservative fashion:

Since the establishment of Beta Iota (at Swarthmore) in June, 1893, the prevailing sentiment of the fraternity has been so strongly against extension that discussion seemed unnecessary.

In point of numbers Kappa Kappa Gamma has no immediate need for further extension and the only case where the admission of a new chapter seems advisable is when that chapter promises to strengthen the general fraternity and prove a distinct advantage to the other chapters. None of us are altruistic enough to argue that a chapter should be granted to petitioners for their own sakes, no matter how valuable the fraternity might be to them, but when the petitioners give promise of being an added strength to the fraternity we should have no hesitation in granting them a charter.

What institution, then, will give us such chapters as we desire to add to our roll? They are very few.

Only those institutions should be considered that are of the first rank, those whose curriculums are broad enough to insure a liberal education and whose faculties contain men of ability and reputation. Such institutions, in the long run, are sure to attract the best class of students. The financial condition of the college should also play a part in the question of granting a charter, particularly in a new college. It is not wise to place a chapter in a college which, however prosperous at present, has no permanent endowment and runs the risk of future contractions. Everyone can recall instances where chapters were established at colleges of apparent promise but later declined with the decline of the college. In the same way, the locality of a new college should be considered for if there is some well established institution already in the neighborhood, the older college is likely to get the better students and to interfere with the growth of the newer applicant for educational favor.

The college to be entered should have enough students to give the new chapter latitude in the choice of its members. It should not be necessary to elect every other girl to membership or even one girl in three. Following out the general rule that four girls be elected from each class, a simple mathematical calculation will show that where one fraternity already exists among the women of the college, it is not prudent to enter with the intention of maintaining a chapter of carefully selected members, unless the classes contain, on an average thirty-two girls. This seems to be narrowing the matter down but those who have studied the girls in different coeducational institutions will admit that this point is worthy of consideration.

In a discussion upon strict adherence to parliamentary forms in chapter meetings *Kappa Alpha Theta* makes use of a somewhat novel argument, which really brings up the "woman question" at large, for what is "woman's world?"

Looking at the question from the standpoint of utility, strict adherence to parliamentary law seems to be necessary. It is unfortunately true that students in women's colleges receive much excellent training which women in co-educational institutions fail to get; the former are thrown entirely upon their own resources, they must do everything for themselves; not infrequently the presidents of their societies are called upon to introduce distinguished men and women to large audiences of faculty and fellow-students. The skillful way in which they perform such duties bespeaks previous training and attention to the universal canons governing such proceedings. On the other hand, women in co-educational institutions do not take the most prominent positions in class and society organizations; many of them could not conduct a meeting of any kind properly. Undoubtedly our little worlds are more like the great outside world in this respect, but graduates of women's

colleges are better able to take their places in the woman's world, and the ability to do this is becoming necessary in this day of organized work on the part of women.

That the college girl's world is considered on the whole a pleasant place may be inferred from the opening words of the undergraduates' department :

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"

"To my Fraternity, sir," she said.

"And *why* are you going, my pretty maid?"

"I have great expectations, sir," she said.

Thus singeth she who is newly initiated into the mysteries of Fraternity life !

What, then, are those expectations and hopes,—what is the Fraternity to mean to her during her college career and throughout her whole life !

First of all, she looks forward to her Fraternity not as an organization which exists solely as a united body of "kindred spirits," but as a link between personalities that are all the more individual and original because of the bond of union between them. It is also her hope that her Fraternity shall be to her a means, and not an end—a means by which she may attain more easily to a closer approach to her ideal of all that which is most scholarly, womanly and life producing—not "the only thing" in her college life. To say that would seem to her to limit the influence of her Fraternity to the four years spent within college walls, rather than to accord to it a far-more enduring and steadily widening range of possibilities.

She does not expect to play the role of a Columbus and discover a *perfect* land. Nor does she, at the same time, wish that her Fraternity's opinion of itself may be that the ideal set at its beginning has been fully realized. Far from it ! She would discover it to be indeed a growing institution—one whose impulses are continually pressing forward to larger fulfillment day by day, and year by year.

The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* is again a visitor to the editor's table after a long absence. Some years ago the size of the *Quarterly* was changed from the regular magazine standard, to an odd mongrel shape, which barred it out as a library book. As we did not care for any exchange which could not be bound and associated with others, it was quietly dropped. It now seeks us and as the size has come back to something reasonable in proportions we are glad to welcome it. What it

has been since last noted in these pages we can not state. The present editor is Thornton B. Penfield of Brooklyn, and the magazine is conducted by the Executive Council.

The journal itself is not pretentious but carries a look of solidity which we trust will continue with acquaintance. The opening article is a biographical sketch of the Hon. Elijah B. Sherman, President of the fraternity. His portrait indicates that the description given is true. He looks like a good man. He is sixty-five years old and still hangs on to his society zeal. No wonder he has been successively elected. Any fraternity ought to be glad to have such a man at its head. The general make up and contents of the journal are like others but in all departments it is good.

"A Cheque for Three Thousand," is the title of a new book which presents itself for popular favor. It is written by Arthur Henry Veysey, of Gamma Deuteron, whom we are glad thus early to welcome as an aspirant for Theta Delt honors, at the hand of the literary public. This, his first effort, came from the press March 1st. Four days afterward a second edition was put under way. We have read the book. An advance copy came for review. We sat down to give it a hasty examination. Before two pages were read we forgot all about our editorial prerogatives and never stopped till the whole book was devoured. So unusually original in its style, full of life and with its incidents so clearly defined, it is intensely interesting. It is not heavy with deep laid plots and still deeper counter plots, which make one shudder to follow closely, but rather it attracts one by its simplicity of style and its lifelike conditions—which remain constant to the finish. It is original in its character, the kind of a book which leads a reader to exclaim "It is so interesting and yet so funny." Its style is brusque yet vivacious, intensely dramatic, yet perfectly easy and natural.—Transformed into a play it would captivate the most obtuse. The book merits a hearty reception at the hands of every lover of good books. We commend it to Theta Delts and hope every brother will encourage Brother Veysey by saying a good word for it. It is published by G. W. Dillingham Co., cloth bound, \$1.00, at which price the SHIELD will be glad to fill all the orders we can get.

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The new gymnasium of Miami University is said to be one of the finest in the west.

At the University of North Carolina the fraternities are not allowed even to pledge men until October of the sophomore year.

The Phi Kappa Psi Club of the city of New York has been legally incorporated, and permanent quarters have been secured at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 28th street.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has established a chapter in Tulane University, initiating six men in the academic and six in the medical department. There were already eight Sigs in the medical department.

Among the items of interest brought out in the reports given at the convention of Phi Gamma Delta, it is shown that the forty-four chapters initiated during the year an average of five men per chapter. Two preparatory students were initiated and two men expelled. Fourteen chapters occupied houses.

The advertisement of the some time in the future forthcoming catalogue has been withdrawn from the pages of Beta Theta Pi, because of the many annoying delays which have hindered its publication, and though partly printed its completion is still a case of "hope deferred" which has made many Betas painfully sarcastic.

The Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* thus congratulates itself over a confusion in nomenclature: There is a "Phi Kappa Psi Society" at Smith College. In response to a communication, Miss Adeline F. Wing, the secretary of this society, writes that it is a local affair, connected in no way with any other society bearing the same name. It was founded in 1892, and its object is chiefly literary. The membership is limited to fifty. Our only comment at present is that the dear sweet girls at Smith "know a good thing."

The trustees of Washington and Lee University have given Kappa Alpha permission to erect a memorial hall on the campus in honor of the founders of the fraternity.

Phi Kappa Psi has taken possession of a new chapter house at Syracuse University.

According to a late report nine chapters of Phi Kappa Psi own real estate aggregating in value \$95,400. This is mortgaged for \$32,325, leaving \$63,075 as the actual investment.

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Alpha Tau Omega imposes a fine of five dollars for failure to
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Swarthmore is to have a new college song book.

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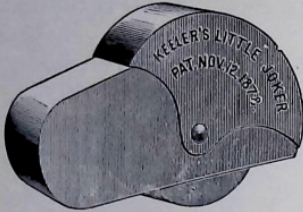


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HON. JOHN HAY.

Reception and Banquet Given in His Honor by Graduate Club in New York.

There has been little mention of the Graduate Club of New York city in the SHIELD since its re-organization. It was the idea of those who took part in this move to begin quietly, and without a flourish of trumpets, and in a modest way consistent with dignity to build up an organization which might reflect credit not only upon its organizers, but the entire fraternity as well. The invitations which were issued called for a reception at the rooms of the Graduate Club on the afternoon of April 13th, and a banquet to be given at the Holland House on the evening of the same day. Owing to the inborn modesty of our distinguished brother, the Ambassador to England, and certain public or political reasons, no mention was made of the fact in the invitations that this reception was to be given as a farewell token of brotherly love to Bro. Hay, but such in reality it was.

As the brothers came to the club rooms for the reception they were pleasantly surprised to find them artistically decorated in the national and fraternity colors, with profuse floral decorations, among which Easter lilies predominated. The place of honor was given to the historic fraternity flag. The brothers came singly and in groups. The guest of honor,

Bro. John Hay, Zeta '58, came early and was warmly greeted by the brothers then present, and informally presented by the reception committee to all who came after. Among the well known brothers who served to make the gathering of deep interest to the younger members were Franklin Burdge, Col. Wm. Lamb, Rev. J. Macbride Sterrett, Luman P. Norton, President Harstrom, W. R. Walkley, Col. W. M. Rexford and others. More than an hour passed in social enjoyment, when the honored guest was obliged to take leave of the brothers to meet other engagements. At the time of his departure the rooms were crowded, but soon they had all vanished en route to the evening's banquet. More than one hundred brothers had at least called to greet Bro. Hay, some old friends and many new ones. Scores of others there were who would have been delighted to come, but were detained by various causes. It has always been characteristic of Theta Deltas to pay loyal fraternity honor to her distinguished alumni, and to none more than our genial, whole-souled brother, John Hay. This occasion was no exception to the universal rule.

The banquet followed the reception and was given at the Holland house at 8 p. m. The banqueters entered the hall to the spirited strains of Sousa's directorate march, played by the orchestra. After grace said by Bro. J. Macbride Sterrett strict attention was given to an attractive menu. The menu cards were charmingly beautiful, the covers in hand-painted floral designs, with an embossed badge in the center, inside a song-poem, by Bro. Hay. A boutonniere was laid at each plate. During the program of the dinner a low murmur was heard at the entrance of the dining hall which attracted immediate attention. All eyes were turned that way and they beheld Ambassador Hay entering, escorted by Col. Wm. Lamb and Seward A. Simons. The scene that followed was an inspiration to every one present. As one man the gathered host rose to their feet with a spontaneous outburst of welcome, every voice tuned to its highest key and every napkin swinging in the air. This vociferous cheering continued till Bro. Hay had taken his seat. After some minutes quiet was re-

stored, when Bro. A. G. Hetherington, the toastmaster, arose and opened the exercises of the evening by a flowery speech, glittering with wit, and terminated by introducing the guest of honor.

[The stenographer's manuscript of the opening remarks was lost in the mail.]

John Hay, Zeta, '58 :

I think that our presiding officer has clearly shirked his duties and his responsibilities. I should have been delighted to listen to a speech of an hour or two in praise of my own loveliness if he had only indulged us that far, but as he has given me notice to be brief and follow his example, I shall have to do it.

I came here from another imperative engagement, because I was anxious to see you all, if only for a moment, and to reinvigorate my somewhat wasted energies by this bath of perpetual youth that one finds in Theta Delta Chi. I am very sorry, indeed, that I cannot spend the remainder of the evening with you, as I should gladly do. I can only say, "Hail!" and "Farewell!"

It is always the greatest pleasure for me to be with the brethren under any circumstances. I shall be glad to remember in the coming years, perhaps, that some of the last few moments which I passed in my own country were spent in the company of my brothers.

I had a delightful hour with you this afternoon, and I am glad once more to look into your faces, and to bid you farewell, health, happiness, and prosperity from the bottom of my heart. [Great applause and cheers.]

As soon as Bro. Hay had spoken he retired, followed by the eyes and loudest voice of every brother in the room.

The toastmaster then called upon the secretary, Bro. Frederic Carter, for the letters of regret. Among the many sent in, one from Hon. H. H. Eddy of Denver, Colo., attracted special attention. Bro. Eddy was President of the Grand Lodge in 1877. His letter follows :

DENVER, Colorado, April 9, 1897.

Frederic Carter, @ Δ X, Secretary, etc. :

MY DEAR BROTHER :—Permit me to extend through you to the committee and to all those others who will put their legs under the mahogany of the Holland House during the evening of April 13th, my sincerest regrets at not being able to join them.

The invitation of the committee came to me a fugitive. It has been wandering about upon the snowy plateaus of northwestern Colorado,